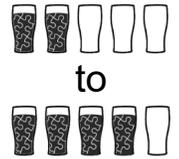


6. Cards on the Table

Spoiler Alert!

Don't do this puzzle before you've finished the Metal!

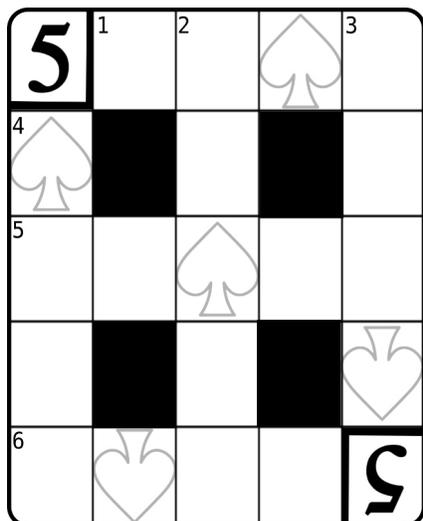


Poirot and Hastings arrive at the Destroyer's location, just in time to see a discreetly dressed man leap into a waiting cab and race down the deserted street. "He got away!" cried Hastings.

"Yes, my dear Hastings," Poirot replied, out of breath, "but it is no matter. I saw his face - he is definitely the butler we met earlier today."

"It's all rather unbelievable," Hastings mused, "to think that that butler was the Destroyer himself. He seemed so respectable. Now, if only I could remember his name... but I must admit I did not pay the least attention to him," he said ruefully.

The two returned to the scene and found it in complete disarray. "He may be gone, but I believe we succeeded in interrupting his plans," Poirot said, examining the room. He bent down and picked up a playing card, the five of spades. "In fact, he left in such a hurry that he inadvertently dropped a clue to his real identity. It's **written across this card**. His name is _____."



Across

- 1. Robot has concealed one and the other
- 5. Possibly near a stadium
- 6. Some of his hamsters are fake

Down

- 2. The last letter in some games
- 3. Warm up for the race
- 4. Hits sharply with rasp by mistake

This puzzle is a mini-cryptic-crossword puzzle. Each clue has two parts: a definition part like a normal crossword puzzle clue, and a cryptic wordplay part. Discovering which part of each clue is the definition and which part is the cryptic wordplay is part of the challenge. Because this is a beginner-friendly puzzle, only three types of cryptic wordplay are used: **Anagram, Double Definition, and Hidden Word.**

In an **Anagram** clue, the cryptic hint is composed of a word or words that are an anagram of the answer, along with an anagram indicator. The indicator is a word or phrase that indicates that anagramming is required; some examples are "mixed up", "confused", "incorrectly", or "maybe".

An Anagram clue for "DATES" might be "Ed sat, ruined fruit". "Fruit" is the definition part, "ruined" is the anagram indicator, and "Ed sat" is an anagram of "dates".

In a **Hidden Word** clue, the answer is hidden in the clue itself. The clue also contains a hidden word indicator; some examples are "within", "partly", "hidden", or "from".

A Hidden Word clue for "DATES" might be "Fruit extract in soda tests". "Fruit" is the definition, "extract" is the hidden word indicator, and the word "dates" is hidden in "soda tests".

In a **Double Definition** clue, the cryptic hint is simply a second alternative definition of the answer.

A Double Definition clue for "DATES" might be "Fruit lovers". "Fruit" refers to one meaning of the word, while "lovers" refers to another.