

Dear Reader,

There are many combinations of things that are happy, delightful even, but this is not one of them. If you like to think of yourself as someone who spins a situation to look on the bright side, this clue might not be for you. This is the first of many warnings to turn around and engage in another activity altogether.

This particular combination of woes is especially unpleasant, so much so that you may not believe it. If you press on, you will encounter gruesome details on cramped conditions, a rotating cast of hostile relatives, secret historical societies, a daring climb and escape, and an untimely lack of lucky lockpicking.

As the sole author committed to turning these events to light, I must go on to share this distressing tragedy with the world. I needn't twist your arm though, you are free to spin your mind towards other, more comfortably pleasing things, such as a warm cup of cocoa or receiving word that your friend did indeed remember to return a book they borrowed more than a year ago.

With all due respect,

Lemony Snicket

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LOOK UP

ORPHAN DANCING
FROM CASE ABOVE

TURN THE PADLOCK

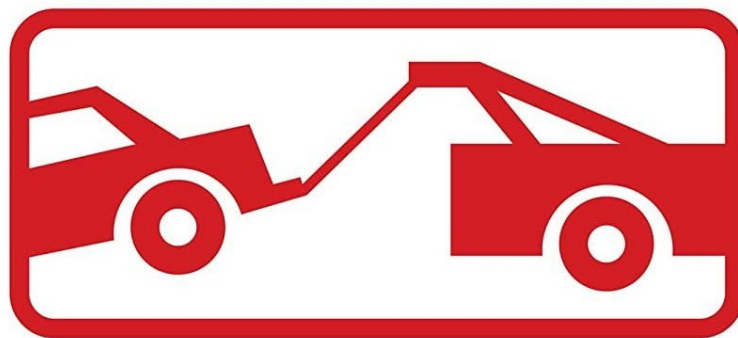
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NOTE IS TAPPED
BEHIND A CERTAIN
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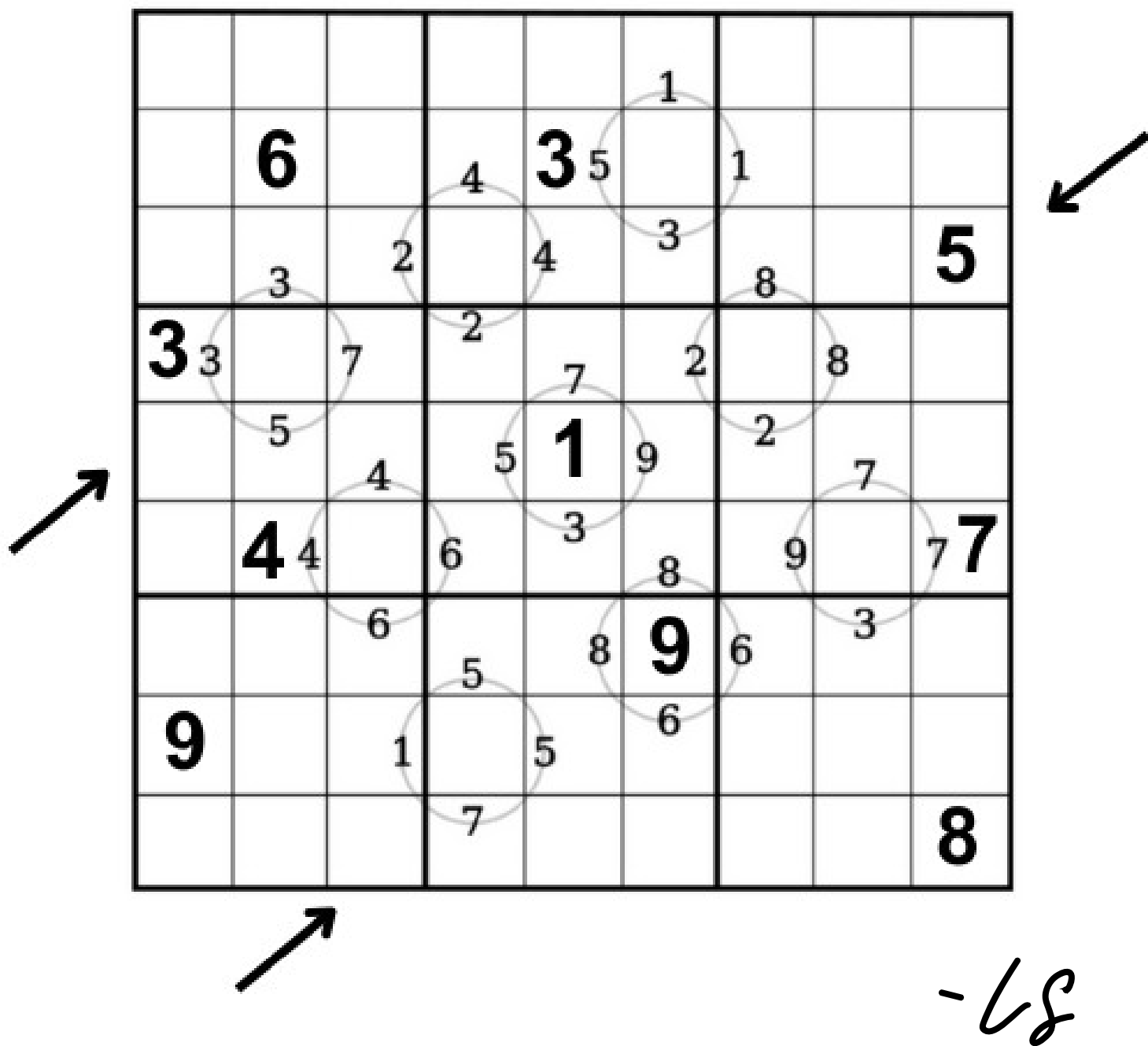
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NORMAL SUDOKU RULES APPLY

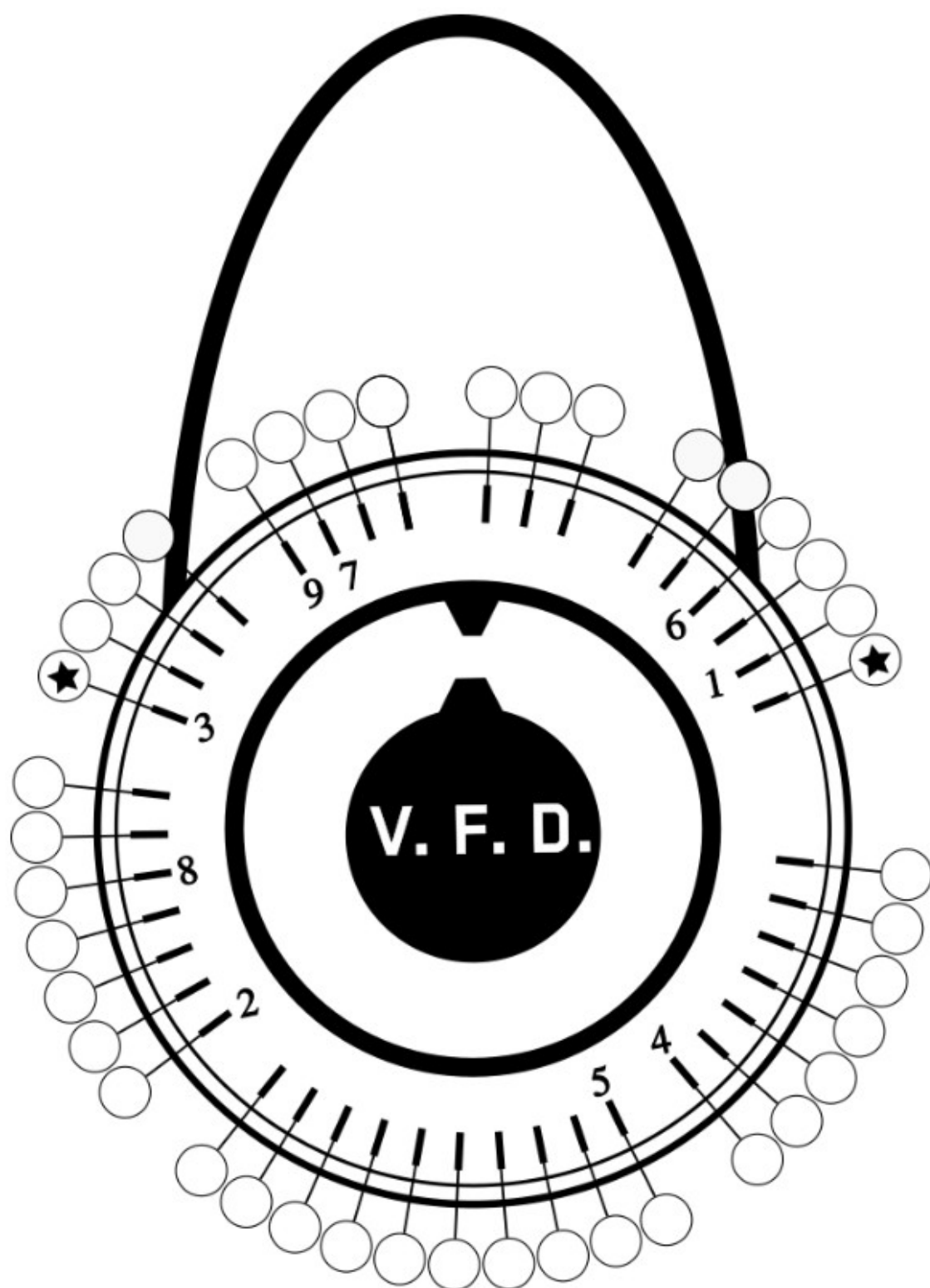
The cells passed through by each wheel must contain the indicated values in the given order. Wheels may have to be rotated into the correct position.



Sign from the lawn underneath the tower where the cage now dangles. Is someone inside that cage?



A note recovered from the back of the plaque



The lock on the cage dangling precariously from the tower.
Who is inside the cage?