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| 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 4 | | |
| 3 | | | | 4 | 5 | | | 7 |
| | | | | | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 9 | | | 5 | | | | |
| | | 6 | 4 | | 1 | 7 | | 9 |
| 7 | | | | 9 | | | | |
| | 5 | 1 | 6 | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 3 | | | |
| 9 | | | 5 | | | 1 | 8 | |

Puzzle **293**, difficulty rating: **Hard**

Each number (from 1 to 9) must occur exactly once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 sub-region. Several numbers are already filled in for you: those are your hints. Your goal is to fill in every blank square.