

# Pinking Shears

**Base Value: 2; Worth 6 points in the Lilac Room**

“This looks like an algebra problem,” you tell Dr Lucky.

“Ooh! I love algebra!” Dr Lucky exclaims. “Did you know that the multiplicative group of any field is cyclic? Let’s say you have a field with 27 elements—there are fields of any prime-power size, you know, so there’s a field with  $3^3 = 27$  elements, and so the 26 non-zero elements make up the multiplicative group, and it’s cyclic! So, let’s say  $A$  is a root of  $x^3 - x + 1$ ; then  $A$  is a generator of this cyclic group...”

At this point Dr Lucky loses you, as his absent-minded mathematical brain wanders from topic to topic, and you look back at the puzzle:

$$\zeta^2\theta + \zeta^2\xi - J\zeta^2 + P\theta + P\xi + M = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$(\sqrt{\alpha + \tau + \eta})^4 = F \quad (2)$$

$$\beta + \iota = Q \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} S & C & E \\ I & G & I \\ N & W & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma - \kappa \\ v + \nu \\ \lambda + \gamma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S \\ T \\ X \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\epsilon^2 + \mu^2 + \delta^2 + \zeta^2 - \epsilon\mu - \delta\zeta + \epsilon\delta + \epsilon\zeta + \mu\delta + \mu\zeta + P\epsilon + P\mu - P\delta - P\zeta + F = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\varphi + \omega}{o + \psi} = Y \quad (6)$$

$$T\pi + U\rho + S\chi = E\theta^2 - R\xi^2 + R\theta\xi \quad (7)$$

$$\beta\theta + \alpha\iota + \beta^2 + \sigma\iota + \beta v + \lambda\iota + \beta\delta + \varphi\iota + \beta\pi + \theta\iota + \beta\alpha + \beta\iota + \beta\sigma + v\iota + \beta\lambda + \delta\iota + \beta\varphi + \pi\iota = U \quad (8)$$

$$\left(\sqrt{A\rho + A\chi}\right)^8 = R \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega + A\psi + B\chi + C\varphi + Dv &= \frac{\sqrt{\omega^2 + B\psi^2 + D\chi^2 + F\varphi^2 + Hv^2 - A\omega\psi - B\omega\chi}}{-C\omega\varphi - D\omega v - C\psi\chi - D\psi\varphi - E\psi v - E\chi\varphi - F\chi v} \\ &\quad \frac{-G\varphi v + V\omega + W\psi + X\chi + Y\varphi + Zv}{-G\varphi v + V\omega + W\psi + X\chi + Y\varphi + Zv} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\theta + \epsilon + o = T \cdot H \cdot E \cdot O \quad (11)$$

$$\sqrt[6]{\kappa^3 + \iota^3 + \lambda^3 + \lambda^3} = B \quad (12)$$

$$A(\kappa + \iota - \lambda + D\rho + L \cdot U \cdot C \cdot K \cdot Y) = \kappa + \iota + 2\lambda \quad (13)$$

$$\eta + \pi^2\theta + P\xi = -A\chi \quad (14)$$

$$(K + D + L)(P\gamma + U\zeta + Z\nu + Zv + L\alpha + E\epsilon) = (H + U + N + T - 1) \quad (15)$$

$$\alpha + Y\tau = A \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{D-\pi\theta}{\alpha\beta-J\iota}=K+D+L \tag{17}$$

$$\iota+\kappa-N=\sqrt[3]{J\iota-W\kappa+W\cdot N+\iota^3+\kappa^3-N^3} \tag{18}$$

$$P=\frac{\beta}{J-\sigma}+\frac{\alpha\beta-J\iota}{D-\pi\theta} \tag{19}$$

$$\epsilon-\zeta=A \tag{20}$$

$$\mu^7+\mu^6\nu-\mu^4\nu^3-\mu^3\nu^4+\mu\nu^6+\nu^7=E \tag{21}$$

$$\frac{V\nu+Uv}{\eta\sigma\rho+N\cdot O\cdot P}=D \tag{22}$$