

# DIVERSIONS

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## Mystic Stars | February 1-7

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**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK:** New business alliances will now take extra time to be established: over the next ten weeks expect fresh job offers or creative work partnerships to be complicated by failed permissions, lost paperwork or slow financial progress. All will eventually work to your advantage, however: wait for group proposals to become reliable. After late March social relations may also be affected by vague or unrealistic promises: expect new friends to be emotional unpredictable. Remain committed. Before mid-summer vital relationships may be temperamental or highly passionate. Take your time.

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**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19)  
Travel plans and unique cultural experiences may provide fascinating entertainment in the coming weeks. Early this week watch for loved ones to introduce plans for highly creative activities. New ventures or social proposals will be easily finalized: ask others for firm commitments. Later this week a past financial mistake may demand quick attention. Colleagues or work partners may avoid taking responsibility. If so, offer extra dedication: your efforts and integrity will be rewarded.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20)  
Employment regulations may soon be the topic of intense discussion. Early this week watch for work partners and authority figures to provide greater business freedom or added financial benefits. Only short-term gains are, however, highlighted. Remain quietly cautious. After Wednesday many Pisceans will experience a sudden improvement in recently strained relationships. Friends, lovers or close relatives will subtly ask for your approval. Be receptive.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20)  
Romantic partners will now benefit from a clearly outlined course of action. Home decisions or recent family plans may be affected. Some Aries natives may also experience a sudden increase in business negotiations or workplace improvements. Stay alert. After mid-week study financial documents or governmental announcements for obvious clues. A new approach to relations with authority figures may be needed. If so, react quickly to last minute proposals or fast changes.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20)  
Group events may this week offer confusing moments or rare misunderstandings. After Monday watch for friends or co-workers to express subtle criticism or doubt. Refuse to be drawn into emotional triangles: no meaningful progress will be made. Later this week a past business associate may ask for detailed records or unexpected legal permissions. Remain quietly detached: this is not the right time to challenge authority or probe for complex answers.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21)  
Early this week a friend or relative may ask for help with a delicate family triangle. Key areas may involve speaking on behalf of others or explaining the conduct of a close friend. Strained family relations may be bothersome. Remain emotionally distant, if possible, and expect minor disruptions. Thursday through Saturday accents powerful dream experiences and vivid memories. Loved ones will not understand your observations or revelations: wait for improved attitudes.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22)  
Long trusted friends or lovers may this week offer unreliable explanations of their recent comments or social activities. Wait for further information to arrive. In the coming weeks the long-term intentions of friends and lovers will be slowly revealed. After Wednesday some Cancerians will experience a compelling wave of nostalgia or moodiness. Allow old emotions to surface: this is the right time to make peace with the past or review yesterday's family decisions. All is well.

**LEO** (July 23-August 22)  
Recent financial restrictions or business limitations will soon be revised. Late Tuesday marks the start of an intensive wave of career evaluation and workplace negotiations. Study all documents closely for misinformation or wrongly defined terms. Contacts are now extremely important: stay alert. Thursday through Saturday highlights unique romantic proposals and invitations. Someone from the past may reappear or offer new beginnings. Trust your instincts: passions will be high.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 22)  
Before mid-week social decisions may demand special consideration. Pay close attention to the needs of shy or withdrawn friends. Loved ones will expect leadership and carefully planned group events. Go slow. Delicate sensitivities are involved. After Thursday a complex business project or financial negotiation will require added information or an extended time schedule. Remain determined: workplace advancement and job improvement will soon be an ongoing theme.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 23)  
Early this week long-term relationships may require a detailed clarification of home duties, daily habits and social promises. Let loved ones set the tone. At present, your energies are best used for business or financial planning. Later this week a distant relative or friend will need your encouragement. Key issue may involve unexpected career changes, job promotions or new workplace skills. Advocate a creative approach to recent setbacks: a fresh outlook is needed.

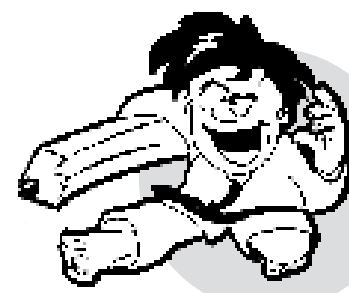
**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22)  
Business discussions with loved ones may this week bring forth highly creative ideas or rare revelations. Someone close may be hoping for a new workplace or financial role. Listen carefully to all comments and respond honestly. Newly expressed emotional will soon initiate long-term adjustments. After Friday some Scorpios will begin a brief phase of family debate and home expansion. All will work to your advantage, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid fast decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21)  
Previously despondent friends or relatives will now provide cheerful moments of distraction. Humor, witty comments and rare social antics may all be on the agenda. Enjoy group activities but maintain a safe distance. For some Sagittarians private family anxieties may soon surface. Go slow. Later this week marks the beginning of several weeks of financial or job speculation. Business proposals may arrive without warning. Trust your instincts: your ideas are accurate.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20)  
Social contacts may this week lead to valuable business information or unique job openings. Offer a charming demeanor and meet as many people as possible. In the coming weeks, your newfound confidence will be admired by fellow workers. After Thursday a powerful wave of romantic passion and new attraction arrives. Recently stalled relationships will move rapidly forward: expect loved ones and trusted friends to press for concrete decisions and new promises.

## SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephams Group



Level: **1** 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3 x 3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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Solution to this week's puzzle.

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## Brewster Rokit: Space Guy!

BY TIM RICKARD



## Crossword

NOTE: This puzzle uses the numeral "8" several times in answers — such as "DON'S" meaning "DONATE." These are not errors.

- ACROSS**
- Villain
  - Latin I verb
  - Map book
  - Business transaction
  - Bananas
  - Clear a winter windshield
  - Give
  - Expand
  - Was bold
  - Containing sediment
  - Divide
  - \_\_\_ double take; look twice
  - Teacher's group: abbr.
  - Commotion
  - Lack of empathy
  - Weaken; impair
  - "...the frost the punkin..."
  - "\_\_\_ a Rock"; 1965 hit song
  - Pain
  - With 45 Across, timely greeting
  - 1st name in country music
  - School for priests: abbr.
  - "Sport of Kings"
  - \_\_\_ nothing
  - See 39 Across
  - Don and family
  - Contraction
  - Nov. 1 honorees
  - Finally
  - Choose
  - Breakfast item
  - Locks
  - Trumpeter Al
  - External
  - Consumer
  - Actor Gross
  - Precede in time
  - Oscillate
  - Was patient
- DOWN**
- Strange
  - Storm or Prizm
  - Hightailed it
  - Gladdens
  - Confuses
  - Fruity cocktail
  - \_\_\_ in the ointment
  - Declare
  - Inserted
  - Whistler
  - Old Italian money
  - Maple genus
  - Put to sleep
  - Natural
  - French region
  - Prima donnas
  - In readiness
  - Lung disorder
  - Part of the "Old MacDonald" refrain
  - \_\_\_ the iceberg; tiny evidence of a thing hidden
  - AOL or Qwest
  - Gives in
  - "If I Had \_\_\_"; Lyle Lovett hit
  - Martin and Steenburgen
  - Lift with effort

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## Solutions

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- Everyone
- Literary initials
- Lying flat
- \_\_\_ Guinness
- \_\_\_ out; eliminated
- Greasier
- Value too highly
- On
- Guided journey
- Overdue
- Uncomplicated
- Melt
- Show affection
- Furious
- Deli purchase
- Knight, for one

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