



AUGUST 2022 – THE EXPANSE Answer Sheet

Welcome to Puzzled Pint!

Tonight

- We're here to help! This is not a competitive event. Ask the Game Control volunteers (GC) for hints as often as you'd like. The goal is to have fun, not to be frustrated!
- You can find complete information about this puzzle set online at: <http://puzzledpint.com>
 - Go to the location page there to find out if your location is running virtually and how to contact your local GC.
 - Look there for online remote solving tools for remote teams, like google-sheets and answer checkers.
- How did tonight go? Email us at Feedback@puzzledpint.com or fill out a brief survey at this QR code link ----->



The Puzzles

- Each puzzle's solution will be a short word or phrase. How do you find it? That's for you to discover!
- Need a code sheet or solving resources? Check out the Resources page on Puzzled Pint's webpage: <http://www.puzzledpint.com/resources/>
- You can use anything to help solve: Use your phone; the internet is fair game! Think your brother might have an insight? Give him a call!
- While each month has a theme, you need no special knowledge of the theme to solve.

About Puzzled Pint

- We're an all-volunteer organization.
- Help us run locally: Talk with Game Control about how you can volunteer.
- Help us run globally: <https://www.patreon.com/PuzzledPint>.

Team Name: _____

Start Time: _____

Team Size: _____

End Time: _____

Puzzle Answers	
James Holden	
Naomi Nagata	
Amos Burton	
Alex Kamal	
Meta: Chrisjen Avasarala	
Bonus: Bobbie Draper	

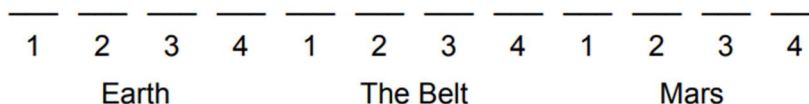


Earth, Mars, and the Belt, the three factions of humanity, are fighting over a shared set of resources. Holden is pretty sure each resource belongs to one faction, but isn't sure how exactly to determine that, or even what the resources really are.

First he needs to figure out which resource belongs to each faction. Then he needs to match the resources with the clues **in the same way that he matched the resources with the factions**, and only then can he figure out what's really at stake here.

Resources	Faction
1 Bruno	
1 Day	
1 Seat	
2 Buckle	
2 Middle	
2 Rover	
3 Bible	
3 Landing	
3 Mother	
4 Bar	
4 Rare	
4 Way	

Clues	Index
Things that ring _____	8
Vehicle _____	3
Cardinal direction _____	10
It might follow "duck!" _____	4
Burrowing rodent _____	3
"The loneliest number", in song _____	5
Where the deer and the antelope play _____	5
What comes before Jose and Diego _____	7
T-bone, e.g. _____	7
Type of mall _____	9
Prepare for an exam _____	4
Pixar movie _____	8





Naomi stares at the wiped drive in frustration, hoping she can scrape any useful information off of it. This particular drive is luckily double-encoded for redundancy, so every piece of data on it should be written twice. Carefully picking it up, she sets to work soldering connections to a debug board, hoping that once everything is in place she'll be able to read out the data that was hopefully only partially removed.

Every clue is placed in the grid, starting at the given clue number, and going in the given direction. Each answer also makes exactly one right angled turn. Every square in the grid will be covered at least once.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48

- 1E** They're often counted at night (5)
- 3S** πr^2 , for a circle (4)
- 4E** Cavort around (6)
- 4W** Labor or Green (5)
- 5S** A grape fate (6)
- 10E** Grandma, affectionately (4)
- 19N** "__ Mouth", band with songs featured in *Shrek* (5)
- 19E** Nimble (4)
- 21E** It can be spun, in multiple senses (4)
- 23E** What a preacher might give her congregation (6)
- 25E** Currency for ABBA members (5)
- 37S** **A** entry on the Puzzled Pint code sheet (4)
- 38E** Soup before sushi (4)
- 40S** Resource in an asteroid (3)
- 41N** A princess, perhaps, to a kingdom (4)
- 41W** Spicy (3)
- 44W** Booze holster (5)
- 45N** Target (3)
- 46E** Where Johnny Cash once shot a man, in song (4)



Amos Burton




Stepping off the ship and onto firm ground, Amos eyes the growing crowd for signs of danger. Shifting focus from person to person, he looks to see who might be **concealing a weapon**, ready to attack him or his crew. Attention is crucial here, as even **one** missed threat could spell disaster, and all their efforts would have been for **naught**. Once Amos has identified all of the dangers, he will realize the inescapable solution to his problems.

Cicero Serrata	Giovani Cerrescioli	Sahel Pascal	James Gunther	Suzie Watts
Jojo Yankovitch	Hopi Stoller	Max Evans	Paloma Cervantes	Chris Wordsworth
Bubbles Smith	Ngambo Mbewe	Teri Fletcher	Carlo Vega	Kat Anand
Erica Redd	Larkin Dent	Gladys Geller	Miles Pearson	Sally Jones
Kai Daigo	Moishe Alberts	Carmen Diego	Aldric Almen	Greg Renadette
Tamara Pierre	Chip Layland	Rajat Shivankar	Jeff Riendau	Esmi Lemmox

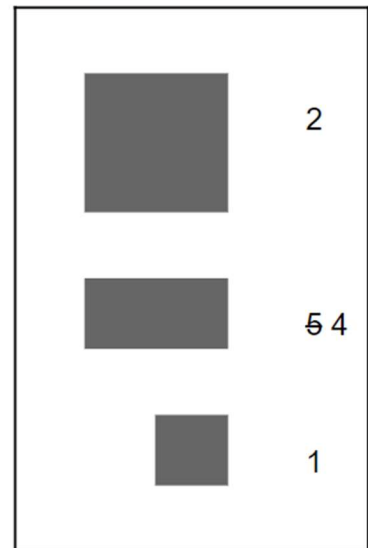


The Rocinante is in an asteroid field in the Belt and needs to navigate through. Alex knows the number and sizes of the asteroids in the field, but the Rocinante could only fully locate one. Help him figure out where the rest of the asteroids are so that he can navigate the ship through the field, careful to **not even brush up adjacent to any asteroids** lest he damage the Roci. Since each **turn** burns extra fuel, he also wants to make as few turns as possible along his route.

Note that any two asteroids cannot touch, even diagonally, and the numbers on the outside of the grid represent the total numbers of asteroid tiles in each row/column. Oblong asteroids can be placed horizontally or vertically.

		2	1	3	5	2	1	1	2	1	1
2		A	E	Y	F	E	O	V	K	E	
2	M	H	B	R	W	V	G	C	M	F	
1	B	G	R	D	O	B	B	U	N	O	
1	S	Y	E	X	V	P	U	K	E	S	
0	D	U	H	C	I	Y	R	F	F	D	
3	G	Q	R	M	R	L	S	A	J	B	
3	Y	U	S	Y	L	R	V	D	V	M	
0	P	O	T	I	K	I	U	V	C	D	
0	I	V	H	Q	G	T	P	N	O	E	
4	O	F	M	V	M	V	T	O	K	L	
2	K	S	V	F	E	E	W	A	D	I	
1	N	A	Z	D	W	S	P	C	N	END	

Asteroid Count





Chrisjen Avasarala (Meta)



Switching artificial gravity back on, Chrisjen sits down and pours herself some whiskey. She goes over the new intel from the Rocinante's crew in her head, trying to reconcile it with the information she's just received. Aha! Each new input from the crew fits with two of the clues she already has, and then everything comes together nicely. Now to relax and have that drink...

James Holden _____
Naomi Nagata _____
Amos Burton _____
Alex Kamal _____

Amos Relaxing locales (4) _____
Naomi Pan or Parker, for two (5) _____
James Aristotle's mentor (5) _____
Naomi Study right before a test (4) _____
James Place to host events (5) _____
Alex Like some particularly vicious squirrels, perhaps (5) _____
Alex Fraudulent medical professional (5) _____
Amos Sign of a dangerous snake (6) _____

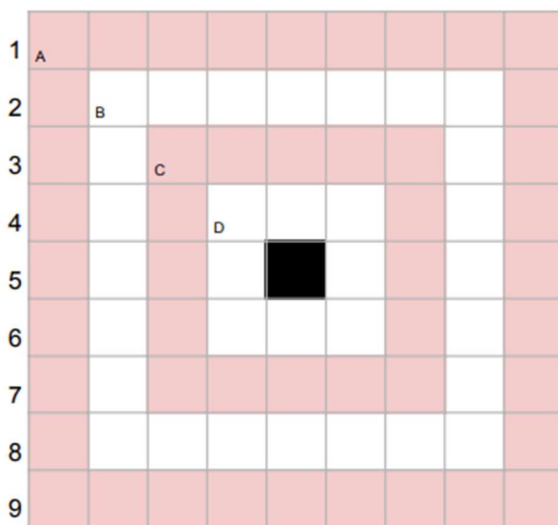


Bobbie Draper (Bonus)



As a Martian marine, Bobbie trains hard every day just in case a time comes when Mars needs to go to war with Earth, and as a Gunnery Sergeant she especially focuses on shooting drills. With all this rigor, Bobbie knows she can take a shot and always hit the bullseye.

The puzzle in the target below has clues for both the rows and the rings. Each ring's clues are entered in order clockwise, each row's clues are entered in order across.



Rows

- 1 Earth or Mars
Mojito ingredient
- 2 Chastise
Theoretical way to move through space faster than light
- 3 Where you might find a box of spam
T-shirt specification
- 4 Big ____, 7-Eleven beverage
Type of scarf
- 6 Third party account
Good Grips kitchen brand
- 7 UK money, colloquially
Data structure
- 8 "I agree with that"
Signs
- 9 Classic board game
Person who might sit near a coxswain

Rings

- A** Delta asset
Armstrong's instrument
Contents of Santa's bag
Overhauls
Baghdad's country
A dodecahedron has 30 of them
- B** Conflict embodied by two Berlins
Self-driving car company acquired by Amazon
Where Nemo lives in *Finding Nemo*
Place to store old stuff?
- C** Falls sick
Blood of Gods, in greek mythology
On the fringe
- D** It might have a special character