

Decrypting the Corsair Cargo Lock

Use your algebraic skills to determine the numerical values of the stellar navigation symbols and crack the security matrix of the orbital treasure vault.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 THE KEY

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \star & = & \boxed{} & \text{?} & = & \boxed{} & \blacklozenge & = & 21 & \text{?} & = & \boxed{} & \text{⚡} & = & \boxed{} \\ \text{?} & = & \boxed{} & & & & & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

Every symbol is a whole number from 1 to 30. A number in front of a shape means multiply: 2 stars = 2 x star. A small 2 after a shape means square it: star² = star x star. sqrt(shape) is the square root of that shape's value.

2 FIND THE MISSING VALUES

Some shapes in the key are missing. Use these to work them out, in order, and write them into the key.

$$\blacklozenge \times \text{?} = 108$$

$$\blacklozenge - \text{?} = 23$$

$$2\bullet + \star = 25$$

$$2\bullet - 2\star = -20$$

$$\text{⚡} \times \bullet - \star = 85$$

3 CRACK THESE

$$1. \sqrt{\star^2 + \text{⚡}^2} = \boxed{}$$

$$2. (\blacklozenge - \text{⚡}) \times (\blacklozenge + \text{⚡}) = \boxed{}$$

CODE 1

$$3. (2\blacklozenge - \bullet)^2 = \boxed{}$$

$$4. (\blacklozenge + \bullet)^2 - (\blacklozenge - \bullet)^2 = \boxed{}$$

CODE 2

$$5. \blacklozenge^2 + \blacklozenge^2 + \text{⚡}^2 = \boxed{}$$

$$6. (2\bullet - \blacklozenge)^2 = \boxed{}$$

CODE 3

$$7. (\blacklozenge + \blacklozenge)^2 - (\blacklozenge - \blacklozenge)^2 = \boxed{}$$

$$8. 3\bullet^2 - 2\text{?}^2 = \boxed{}$$

CODE 4

$$9. \blacklozenge^2 + \star^2 + \blacklozenge^2 = \boxed{}$$

$$10. (\blacklozenge^2 - \bullet^2) \div (\blacklozenge - \bullet) = \boxed{}$$

4 THE VAULT CODE

Write the ONES digit of your answers to problems 2, 4, 6, 8 (the ones tagged CODE 1-4), in that order. That opens the titanium cryo-chest containing.

Answer Key

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The key

★ star = **15** (hidden) ⬡ hexagon = **27** (hidden) ♦ diamond = **21** ☾ moon = **4** (hidden)
 ⚡ lightning bolt = **20** (hidden) ● circle = **5** (hidden)

Every symbol is a whole number from 1 to 30.

1. $\text{sqrt}(\star^2 + \text{lightning bolt}^2)$ (sqrt(star² + lightning bolt²)) **25**
2. $(\diamond - \text{lightning bolt}) \times (\diamond + \text{lightning bolt})$ ((diamond - lightning bolt) x (diamond + lightning bolt)) **41**
3. $(2\text{hexagon} - \text{circle})^2$ ((2 x hexagon - circle)²) **2401**
4. $(\text{hexagon} + \text{circle})^2 - (\text{hexagon} - \text{circle})^2$ ((hexagon + circle)² - (hexagon - circle)²) **540**
5. $\text{hexagon}^2 + \text{diamond}^2 + \text{lightning bolt}^2$ (hexagon² + diamond² + lightning bolt²) **1570**
6. $(2\text{circle} - \text{diamond})^2$ ((2 x circle - diamond)²) **121**
7. $(\text{hexagon} + \text{diamond})^2 - (\text{hexagon} - \text{diamond})^2$ ((hexagon + diamond)² - (hexagon - diamond)²) **2268**
8. $3\text{circle}^2 - 2\text{moon}^2$ (3 x circle² - 2 x moon²) **43**
9. $\text{hexagon}^2 + \star^2 + \text{diamond}^2$ (hexagon² + star² + diamond²) **1395**
10. $(\text{hexagon}^2 - \text{circle}^2) \div (\text{hexagon} - \text{circle})$ ((hexagon² - circle²) / (hexagon - circle)) **32**

Vault code: **1 0 1 3**