

# BABA YAGA'S YARD Solutions: INFORM, BLUE'S CLUES, CINNAMONS

Answers that result from the mortar are indicated by gray lines at right (clue explanations refer to the original answers before being ground up). Answers affected by the hut are entered normally, but clashing V's and I's result in chicken footprints as shown.

Clue explanations (\* = anagram; "" = homophone):

**ACROSS** 2. STAN(FOR)D 8. suSIE'S Taking 12. "roan" 13. FANNED A\* + OX 14. W + ARM(L)Y 15. B(mall)OX + I 16. S + UNLESS 18. PRETEENS moving E to end 20. RU(FF)LE 22. V + ARIES 24. SH + RUG 25. SERVE TOP\* 28. PLE(THOR)AS 30. IS used twice 31. CHIC(-k) 32. double definition 33. "vile" 34. S + HER\* 36. VET'S IDEAS\* 40. EVE ADIEU\* 42. FR(-u)IT + O 44. O + VOIDS 45. (-e)LEGANC(-e)\* 47. EARP + LUGS 48. A (HE) AD 50. SAGE(S)T 51. I LOCATED\* 52. HERO & ELVES\* 53. C(L)AMP 54. DUELED\* 55. BR(IDLE)RS

**DOWN** 1. DRESS\* holding US 2. H(-e)AVEN 3. WE SORT\* 4. LANA reversed 5. FIERY METAL\* 6. ALSO HEN\* 7. RED RICE\* 9. sANITArIum 10. ONE IS TO\* 11. M(-ot)IVATI(-o)N\* (VITAMIN) 17. A + SURGE\* 18. IN A STUPOR\* 19. "cereal" 21. SULU + MUC(-h) rev. 23. I ARRIVE\* 26. PA(HYGIENE\*)D 27. CHE + ESE 29. IS LEFT\* 34. SAD OPUS\* 35. R + TRIBE rev. + H (REBIRTH) 37. BUILD\* + B holding M 38. VI + VALET rev. 39. POETS\* holding CA 41. MEDUSA\* (AMUSED) 43. RODIN\* holding O 46. SO MR. T\* (STORM) 49. ACRE\*

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| 1  | D  | 2 | S  | 3  | T  | 4  | A  | 5  | N  | 6  | F  | 7  | O  | 8  | R  | 9  | D | 10 | M  | 11 | A | 12 | I |
| 12 | R  | H | O  | N  | E  | 13 | A  | N  | D  | E  | A  | N  | F  | O  | X  | N  |   |    |    |    |   |    |   |
|    | 14 | S | U  | W  | A  | R  | M  | L  | Y  | C  | 15 | B  | I  | L  | O  | X  | V |    |    |    |   |    |   |
| 16 | E  | N | S  | L  | 17 | A  | W  | E  | 18 | P  | R  | E  | T  | E  | N  | 19 | S | E  |    |    |   |    |   |
| 20 | U  | S | E  | 21 | F  | U  | L  | A  | U  | I  | 22 | V  | A  | 23 | R  | I  | E | S  |    |    |   |    |   |
| 24 | S  | H | R  | U  | G  | Y  | 25 | S  | T  | E  | 26 | P  | O  | V  | E  | R  | T |    |    |    |   |    |   |
|    | 27 | C | 28 | P  | L  | E  | T  | H  | O  | R  | A  | 29 | S  | 30 | V  | S  | I | S  |    |    |   |    |   |
| 31 | C  | H | I  | C  | R  | 32 | R  | A  | N  | D  | Y  | T  | 33 | V  | I  | A  | L |    |    |    |   |    |   |
| 34 | S  | E | 35 | H  | R  | 36 | S  | E  | 37 | D  | A  | 38 | T  | I  | V  | E  | S | L  | 39 | T  |   |    |   |
|    | 40 | E | A  | U  | 41 | D  | E  | V  | I  | E  | N  | 42 | F  | R  | 43 | I  | T | O  |    |    |   |    |   |
| 44 | A  | S | I  | M  | O  | V  | M  | R  | L  | 45 | G  | L  | A  | N  | 46 | C  | E |    |    |    |   |    |   |
| 47 | P  | E | R  | T  | U  | R  | B  | S  | 48 | A  | H  | E  | 49 | A  | D  | A  | C |    |    |    |   |    |   |
| 50 | S  | A | G  | E  | S  | T  | U  | 51 | D  | V  | E  | T  | C  | O  | L  | A  |   |    |    |    |   |    |   |
|    | 52 | H | E  | R  | E  | S  | L  | O  | V  | E  | 53 | T  | R  | O  | M  | P  |   |    |    |    |   |    |   |
| 54 | D  | E | L  | U  | D  | E  | 55 | B  | R  | V  | D  | L  | E  | R  | S  | S  |   |    |    |    |   |    |   |

Nth letters of the Nth clues whose entries are affected by the mortar spell SIX CROSSINGS; the letters where these pairs intersect in the grid give the answer INFORM. Nth letters of the Nth clues whose entries are affected by the hut spell MIRROR TRACKS GO UP; the letters in the squares mirroring those containing tracks (shown in blue above), read upward, give the answer BLUE'S CLUES. Finally, the Nth letters of the Nth clues affected by neither spell the additional cryptic clue EVIL CONMAN'S SMUGGLING IN SPICES (NINE), which may be parsed as CONMANS\* holding IN, yielding the nine-letter answer CINNAMONS.