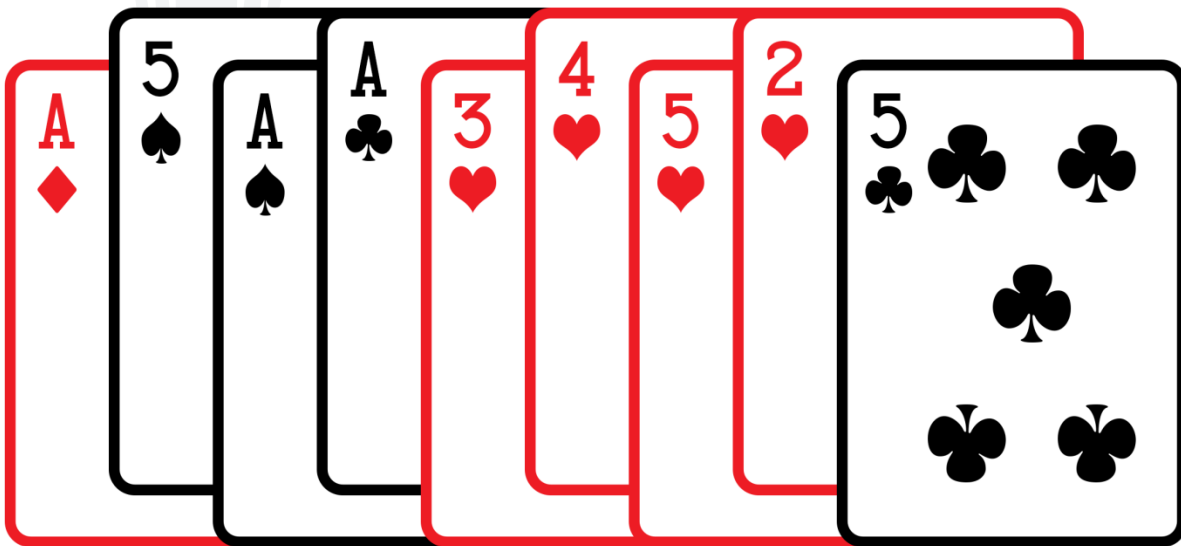


You Think You're Done, Therefore You're Not

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The initial puzzle had cards with face values of 1 through 5 all lined up in a row. Given the low values, the solver should be tempted to index into the names of the suits (Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, and Spades). Indeed, the flavor text hints that the solver should pay attention to suits and reading into the cards.

This gives:

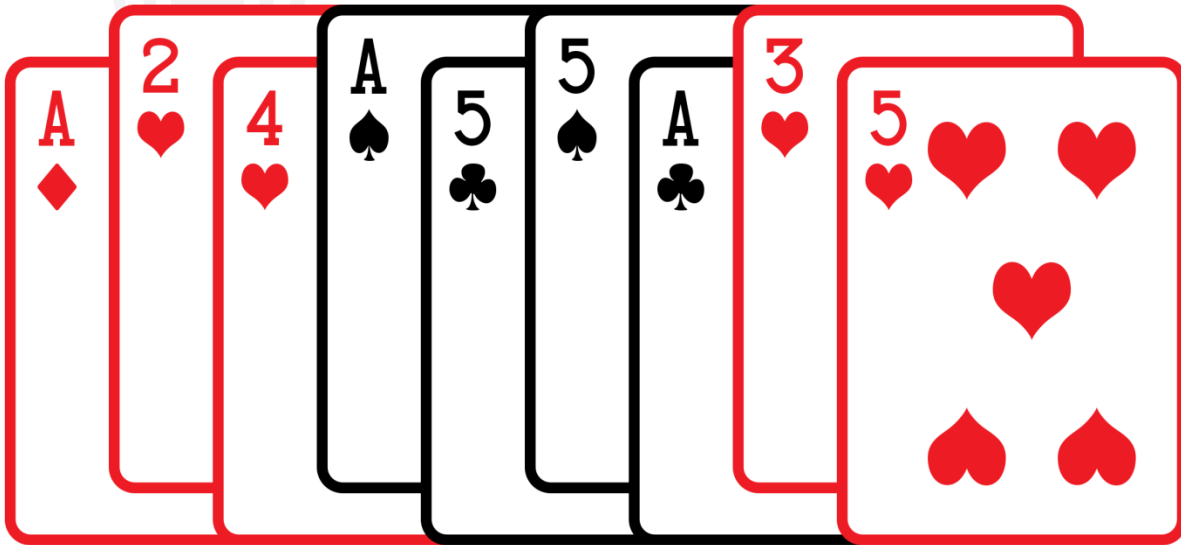


DESCARTES.

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In Wave 3, however, you were told that you were not done (tada!) and you got a new arrangement of the same cards. Apparently we're dealing with *des cartes*, which is French for "some cards". Incidentally, the suits we have in modern playing cards are French suits, which makes this puzzle prettier, in my mind.

So the solver does the same thing with the new arrangement of the same cards, but with the French suits (Trefles, Carreaux, Coeurs, Piques), and obtain:



COUPLETER. That is the French verb for "to write a couplet", which is exactly what we just did with two lines of cards.

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