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To understand why the trick works, print these four numbers across the top of the grid: 23.6, 4.47, 1.33, 12.413; print these numbers on the left side of the grid: 1.7, 16.718, 8.42, 29.2. The number inside each box is the sum of the number on top and to the left of that box. Because of the way numbers are crossed out, the sum in Step 8 is always the sum of the eight numbers above: 97.851.

When decoded, you get: MAGIC.