

## **Tough as Nails Mini Cryptic #8: Solutions and Explanations**

### **ACROSS**

1. LABOR is the “work” you get from LAB (“scientist’s workplace”) plus OR (“area in a hospital”; i.e., operating room).
4. BRUTE (“nasty person”) is an anagram (“carelessly”) of REBUT.
5. LISTS means both “enumerates” and “inclinations” (that is, LISTS in the sense of “leanings” or “tilts”).

### **DOWN**

1. LABEL (“Arista, say”) comes from LABELLE (“Singer Patti”) “releasing” its last two letters.
2. BOUTS (“fights”) comes from B (“bisexual”) plus OUT (given directly in the clue) plus S (“initially starts,” or the first letter of STARTS).
3. REEDS (“instruments of the orchestra”) is a homophone (“aloud”) of READS (given directly in the clue).