

Fr-r-eezing!

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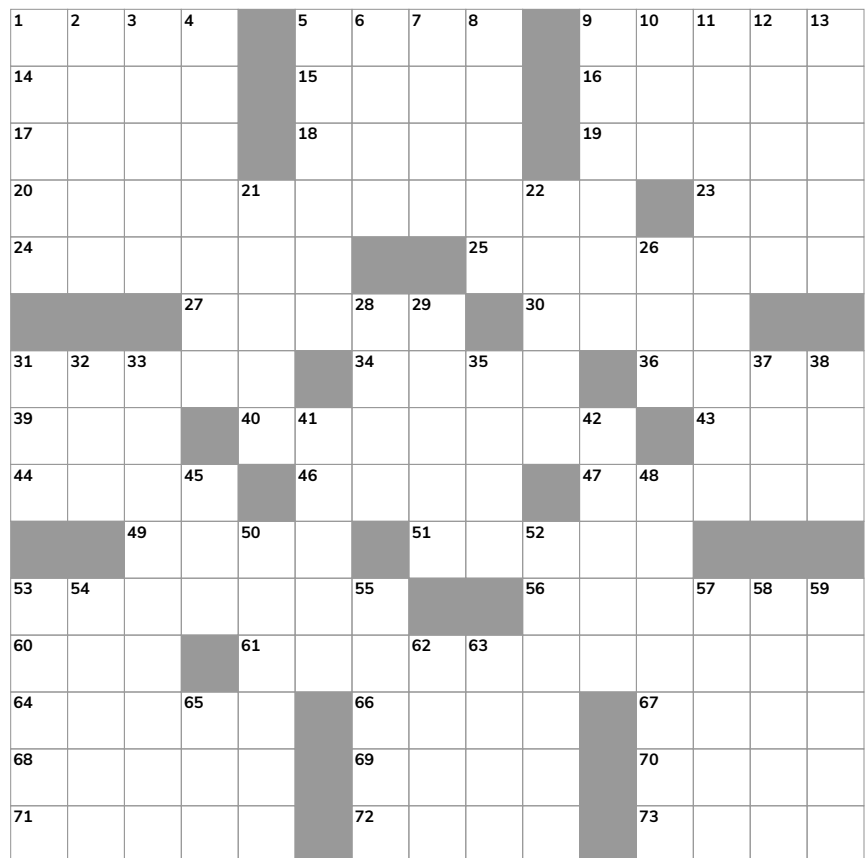
The answer to the meta is an appropriate verb

ACROSS

- 1 "Believe" singer
5 Emulate a beaver
9 Poisonous shrub
14 "A ___ by any other name would smell as sweet"
15 Impetuous
16 Scrabble piece needed to spell "piece"
17 Egyptian snakes
18 Commedia dell'___
19 Judean king who really wasn't all that great
20 Person who derives advantage from something, especially a trust, will, or life insurance policy
23 "I get it!"
24 Morgoth's lieutenant
25 Serve drinks in an establishment
27 Held by a clamp
30 Wheel shaft
31 Tower site of Genesis 11
34 "Night at the Museum" actor ___ Malek
36 "___, I'm no good at being noble, but it doesn't take much to see that the problems of three little people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world." (Casablanca quote)
39 Give ___ whirl
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43 Lake in Quebec?
- 44 "The ___ is Rising" (novel by Susan Cooper and a call-back to an earlier MOAT)
46 Run a spool of film backwards?
47 Sweater type
49 Opposite of "ja"
51 Coffee with all the fun taken out of it
53 "Gold" band ___ Ballet
56 From dawn to dusk
60 NYC congresswoman
61 Movie about a group of young ballet dancers (and Zoe Saldana's debut film)
64 Dame Nellie ___ (there's that sense of deja vu again!)
66 Fedora fabric
67 Cain and Abel's nephew
68 Campaign tactic for those who go low
69 Land in the sea
70 4046.86 square metres
71 "Levv" vocalist Audrey ___
72 Romanov ruler
73 "I refuse to join any club that would have ___ a member." (Groucho Marx)

DOWN

- 1 Sebastian (from "The Little Mermaid") and the rest of his family
2 Gomer's husband
3 Channel for college sports
4 Retain for future use



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- 5 8 down and oats, for two
6 Drug agent (why do I suddenly have a weird sense of deja vu?)
7 ___ spumante
8 Bread ingredient
9 Furless cat breed
10 Vehicle with an open-topped tray behind the passenger compartment, familiarly
11 Plum known for being sweet and full of flavour
12 Hawaiian greeting
13 Tree associated with Lebanon
21 Straight men
22 Broadcast again
26 551, to Caesar
28 Shaken fermented hops beverage for actress Kathryn?
29 "___ and Confused" (movie that was Matthew McConaughey's big break)
31 Make an offer
32 Dwayne Johnson's mother
33 "Billions of bilious blue blistering ___!" (Captain Haddock outburst)
35 "A ___ formality!"
37 Bag in Paris?
38 Bill the Cat exclamation
41 Forearm bones
42 Elliptical shapes
45 Barbie's boyfriend
48 Philadelphia Eagles, for example
50 High-tech office necessity
52 June ___ Cash
53 Kafka character Gregor ___
54 Limericks and sonnets, for example
55 Not up to the job
57 What "The body says what words cannot" is talking about
58 Athenian forum
59 Affirmative responses
62 Danny Ocean's ex-wife
63 Anne Hathaway role with the gift of obedience
65 "Shear me!"