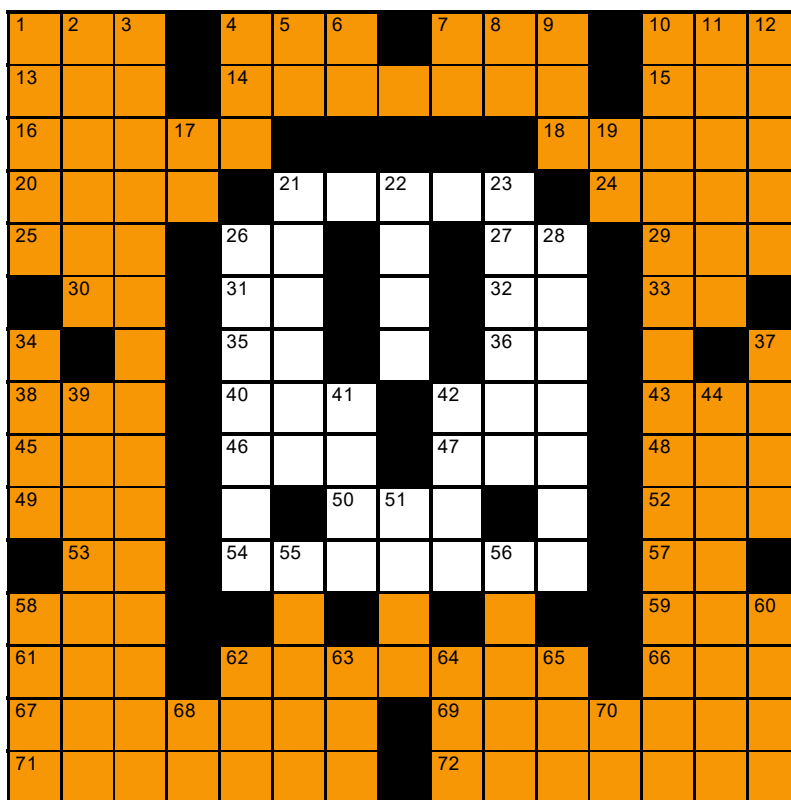


The answer to this meta is not as scary as he sounds.



Across

1. Pepper, for one (abbr.)

4. "Ich __ ein Berliner" ("I am a donut")

7. Cause of inflation

10. Enervate

13. Mad Hatter's drink of choice

14. Ralph Waldo

15. Soul from Seoul

16. Used a pen

18. One way to step

20. "The First __" (Christmas tune)

21. Lowlands

24. Heartless Southeast Asian nation

25. Moo goo __ pan

26. State where I did not go to college (abbr.)

27. The bread of a Q sandwich

29. Letters from Atlanta

30. Where to read about Naomi (abbr.)

31. em / 2

32. The person who identifies as male

33. Silver

35. The knights say this

36. "__ cetera, __ cetera, __ cetera!"

38. Word often punctuated incorrectly

40. Endless nothing (4)

42. Fleischer who went to my college

43. People spent centuries trying to find the testicles of this creature

45. Title of respect in India

46. "Xanadu" singers

47. Terre's counterpart (1)

48. Where four and twenty blackbirds are baked, AND NOT AT ALL RELATED TO THE META

49. What statisticians put on top of an estimated parameter

50. "The Puzzle Palace"

52. I-95, e.g.

53. 95, if you haven't quite gotten the hang of Roman numerals

54. "Yea sure whatevs"

57. Half a state

58. John, to Ringo, Paul, and George

59. "Breaking Bad" org.

61. Birthplace of Albert Einstein

62. Crass, across the Pond

66. Surfing destination

- 67. Cat who sings
- 69. Plaster finishes
- 71. Speeds up
- 72. Baton bearer

Down

- 1. "Every Breath You Take" singer (2)
- 2. Like all the best salami
- 3. Roll with the punches
- 4. Home for a rose or an oyster
- 5. "___ so impressed by the elegance of this grid fill!"
- 6. 45 degrees (3)
- 7. While
- 8. Moon of Jupiter
- 9. Viroid material
- 10. Aloe, e.g.
- 11. Partner of abetting
- 12. Triumphant song
- 17. Opposite of 20A
- 19. Standard unit system
- 21. Elton John tune
- 22. Jack Sprat's diet (5)
- 23. Nice round figure
- 26. "Zoomers"
- 28. Many a meta solver
- 34. Kinda similar to the 18th letter of the alphabet (6)
- 37. Joyitude
- 39. "Saturday Night Fever" star John
- 41. Noodly suffix

- 42. "I ___ shocked as you are!"
- 44. Binary
- 51. Close to no cigar
- 55. Nutmeg State school
- 56. "How many roads ___ man walk down..."
- 58. Overflowing with vegetation
- 60. "Oh, just one more thing ..."
- 62. "___-haw!"
- 63. Undergrad MIT degrees
- 64. Organ attachment?
- 65. Said one interior decorator to another, "How are ___?"
- 68. State where I went to college (abbr.)
- 70. Study of bugs, mainly (abbr.)