

Horror Movie Trope II

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The answer to the meta is a horror movie trope

ACROSS

- 1 Gave a damn
- 6 Excellent use of avos
- 10 Simba's uncle
- 14 ___ of Eratosthenes, an algorithm for finding all prime numbers up to a given limit
- 15 Trent Reznor's band, "Nine ___ Nails"
- 16 ___ d'Azur (French Riviera)
- 17 How expert crossword solvers complete grids
- 18 Indian butter
- 19 Persia, now
- 20 Trio, in Japanese (clearly a borrowed word)
- 22 Snowman in "Frozen"
- 24 "Yes, but is it ___?"
- 25 Italian physicist and scientific director at the European XFEL
- 28 Zambian neighbors
- 31 What the conquistadors sought
- 32 New York mother
- 33 Oscar Isaac's "Star Wars" character's first name
- 34 Capital of Ethiopia, Addis ___
- 38 World's easiest pasta, according to Francine Segan
- 41 English poet who penned the most notorious erotic poem of the 17th century, "A Rapture"
- 42 Asian gambling mecca
- 43 "I can feel it coming in the ___ tonight"
- 45 Middle word of the Napoleonic palindrome

- 46 Ironically funny
- 48 Meandered
- 51 Archipelago east of Madagascar consisting of Reunion, Mauritius, and Rodrigues
- 54 A lot of time (and spelled the US way)
- 55 Actress who played Helen Kimble in "The Fugitive" (mostly in flashbacks, it has to be said), ___ Ward
- 56 Prolonged attack
- 59 Move in water without drowning
- 61 Traditional knowledge
- 63 Guitarist (either ___ Eddy or ___ Allman, take your pick)
- 65 "___ la vie!"
- 66 "Cry 'Havoc!', and let slip the ___ of war"
- 67 G. I. Gurdjieff quotation: "Only help him who is not an ___"
- 68 Greek god of war
- 69 Job detail, briefly
- 70 Puccini opera about an opera singer (how meta!)

DOWN

- 1 CBS forensic drama
- 2 Bugs Bunny quotation: "___ I a stinker!"
- 3 "___ Man" (1984 movie, starring Harry Dean Stanton)
- 4 Exceedingly
- 5 "It wasn't me," for example
- 6 Booking for a band

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- 7 Mao Tse Tung quotation: "He who is not afraid of death by a thousand cuts dares to ___ the emperor"
- 8 Amtrak train
- 9 Cut-rate, slangily
- 10 Chem. or Phys., for example
- 11 Novel by R. M. Ballantyne, "The ___ Island"
- 12 Arcade pioneer
- 13 Regular payment for the use of property
- 21 Relative of the giraffe
- 23 ___ Pahlavi, widow of the last Shah of 19 across
- 26 "I have one card left in this game we are playing!"
- 27 Timber wolf
- 28 Two-band, as a radio
- 29 Cockney exclamation, "Bloody ___!"
- 30 Auto financing co. (and for my Australian solvers, there's a model aircraft club in Greensborough not far from where I grew up that uses this acronym)
- 35 Home of Iowa State
- 36 In the altogether
- 37 Bowled over
- 39 Surface for (outdoor) bowling
- 40 Attracts
- 41 Type of fat that humans should avoid, apparently
- 43 On the loose
- 44 Political force in Belfast
- 47 Capitulates
- 49 Opposite of 5 down, for example
- 50 Prefix meaning "false"
- 51 What you need to trim your 39 down
- 52 Ouzo flavoring
- 53 Single-masted boat
- 54 Fleshy growth from an anglerfish's head that 40 downs its prey
- 57 Guys' partners
- 58 Mark that demonstrates a product has been certified (across the pond from the US)
- 60 Peaks (abbr.)
- 62 Key that might open up an in-game menu, perhaps
- 64 Significant period of history