The answer to the meta is a hero

ACROSS
1 Piece by Marina Hyde, for example (check her out on The Guardian; she's bitingly hilarious!)
5 "Good" cholesterol (abbr.)

8 Strait-laced
12 Palm fruit
1368 across, for example

15 Fence opening
16 Ramones single that opens with " $T$ wenty-twenty-twen ty four hours to go"
19 Printer's measures
20 Gland near the kidneys

21 Printer's measures (the other ones)
22 Central American orchid $\qquad$ (Euglossa dilemma)

23 Pesto ingredient
25 Use as a dinner table

28 Estonia, once upon a time (abbr.)

29 Locations
33 Hooptown USA
35 Not more than
36 Government payment
37 Aural blockage, perhaps
40 Reply to "Are not!"
41 Idle member of Monty Python?

43 Scrape, as a windshield

44 Road Runner sound
45 Sicilian hot spot
462.54 centimetres

47 Horse holders
48 Character who crosses the moat and storms the castle while Fairy Godmother sings "Holding Out For A Hero"

50 Pod occupant
51 "What do you call cheese that's not yours?" "cheese!"
54 Mouse-catcher on a farm, perhaps
58 Sound of satisfaction
59 Flammable gas
63 Ornamental pond fish

64 Author $\qquad$ Tolstoy

65 Obelix has a crush on her in Asterix the Legionary (the word also means "Universal remedy" if you're not an Asterix fan)
66 Shad delicacy
67 CCM luminary Grant
68 May birthstone
69 Sum up

## DOWN

1 Garfield's foil
2 Minor chess piece
3 Zeta followers
4 Lion's home


5 Language almost all of the OT is written in
6 Nerds
7 Professional wrestler Brock

8 Golf org.
9 Assign stars to, say
10 Any thing
11 Drugs, familiarly
13 Carved gemstone
14 Places to graze
17 Dance craze with a repetitive name

18 Bottom of the celebrity barrel
22 With 53 down: Chinese cabbage
24 Succotash ingredient

25 Cosmetician __ Lauder

26 Not together
27 Poison of plant or animal origin

28 At peace
30 Oscar winner Marisa

31 Industrial city on the Ruhr

32 Train stations
34 Lowest point
35 Wolf killer in a fairy tale
38 John (four-time role for Keanu Reeves)

39 Exclamation heard in 31 down

42 US "cabbage"

47 Enjoy a favourite book again

49 Billiards ace Willie

50 Group of experts
51 "The Lion King" queen

52 Throat-clearing sound

53 See 22 down
54 Valley of Weeping (Ps. 84)

55 Creole vegetable
5635 down target
57 Told a falsehood
60 Battering device
61 Not divided
62 Golfer's standard

