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The answer to the meta is a two-word phrase

ACROSS

- 1 Petty arguments
- **6** "James and the Giant Peach" writer, Roald
- 10 Jacob's hairy brother
- 14 Start of a fitness motto
- 15 "The Time Machine" people
- **16** "The Way You Look Tonight" composer, Jerome ___
- 17 Flat-bottomed boat
- 18 Controls one's emotions
- 20 Pet Shop Boys song "It's a ___"
- 21 Dept. head
- 23 Body art, for short
- 24 Prefix meaning "earth"
- 25 Beaver creation
- 27 "No Time To Die" actor, ___ Malek
- 29 Christmas carols
- 31 Jane Rochester's maiden name
- 32 Pronto!
- 33 The I of the IRA
- 34 "The Orville" creator, ___ MacFarlane
- **35** Flavour enhancer, for short
- 36 Pose a question
- 37 Slalom curve
- 38 Threatening
- **40** Hydrogen, at room temperature
- 43 Whichever
- **44** Food stamp letters (anagram of BET, if that helps)
- 45 Planets, to poets
- **46** Film critic, Roger
- **49** "Then again..." in texts
- 50 Cat's cry

- 51 Site of Hercules' first labour, which involved a lion
- 52 Lake near Milano
- 53 "Monkey Man" actor and director, ___ Patel
- **54** Hard mint candy, Tic ___
- 55 T-shirt size (abbr.)
- 57 Mrs., in Madrid
- **59** Sega rival, for short
- 61 Party with lots of Edam, Brie, Cheddar, Parmigiano, etc
- 64 Swell up
- 66 Victory, in German
- **67** Consisting of two parts
- 68 What you might get after you 36 across
- **69** "Make ___" (Picard catchphrase)
- 70 ___ facto
- 71 Airplane walkway

DOWN

- Places for a relaxing soak
- 2 Caption for a proposal photo
- 3 Creative pursuits with fronds?
- 4 Fruit associated with Newton
- 5 Flower stalk
- **6** Junior high in a 1980s Canadian teen show
- 7 The A of IPA
- 8 Reliable prediction
- 9 Louvre painting, "Mona ___"
- 10 Heart test, for short
- 11 "Peter and the Wolf" composer, ___ Prokofiev

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12 Possible answer to the question, "Whose mermaid tail is that?"

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- 13 Down to earth?
- 19 Hunger games winner who's lost her leader?
- 22 One of 5 for Jacob Collier (at time of writing; he's a prodigy so he may well have earned more since!)
- **26** Verbal equivalent of a shrug
- 28 Things with poles
- 30 Mork's home planet
- 31 What I try to avoid (but fail, like in this very clue), crossword___
- **36** 6 across, for example

38 Where the Kremlin airs their propaganda? (actually this clue shouldn't have a question mark, because they very much do this constantly)

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- **39** Feature of Gabriel's theme in "The Mission"
- 40 Well-camouflaged top secret military missions in the jungle?
- 41 Most importantly
- 42 U-turn from NNE
- **43** Lenny Kravitz song, "___ You Gonna Go My Way"
- 45 Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark, for short

- 46 TV show about tree people solving murders by analysing sap samples?
- **47** Succeed exceedingly
- 48 On-stage hosts
- 49 Prepares for a bodybuilding contest
- **56** Vac preceder that probably involves a helicopter
- 58 Start of a magician's cry
- 60 Eyelid problem
- 62 Sense of self
- **63** "___ Kapital"
- 65 Flowery neckware