Follow The Dejections The answer to the meta is an adjective

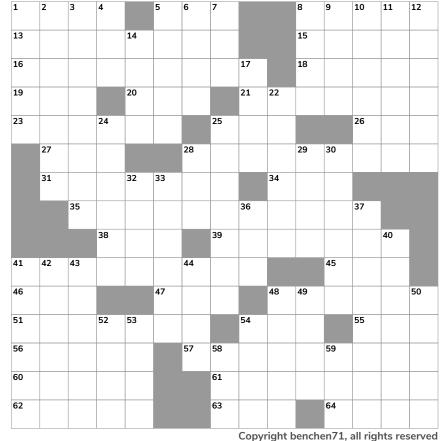
ACROSS

- 1 Provider of insurance benefits and investment services to Canadian performers and screenwriters (abbr.) (it will get easier from here on in, I assure you!)
- 5 Supportive undergarment
- 8 Do the honors at Thanksgiving (it's a bit early, I know, but cut me some slack: I'm from Australia!)
- 13 Once in a ___ (very rarely)
- 15 "Well, thanks for everything, Herc. It's been ___ slice" (memorable Meg quote)
- 16 "Goodfellas" and "Field of Dreams' actor
- 18 Original name of Motown Records
- 19 Young Skywalker's nickname
- 20 4G ___ (mobile phone letters)
- 21 Financial overspend
- 23 Hashtags against sexual abuse and harassment
- 25 "Chandelier" singer (man, that's a bop!)
- **26** Golfing gadget
- 27 German conjunction
- 28 People who puts names on trophies
- **31** "Drivers License" singer, Olivia ____
- **34** Reagan's "Star Wars" program (abbr.)
- **35** Comfy indoor reading places with the potential for lots of sun
- 38 Mai ___ (rum cocktail)
- 39 Governor of Judaea, ____ Pilate (or the knight in the computer game "Trine", if that's more your thing)

- 41 Never closes, as a convenience store
 - 45 Org. associated with Michael Jordan
 - 46 Celestial sphere
 - 47 Italian-style eatery less formal than a ristorante, ___ttoria
 - 48 Bird being counted in the nursery rhyme "One for sorrow, two for joy, three for a girl, four for a boy, five for silver, six for gold, seven for a secret never to be told"
 - 51 "Arrested Development" actress, Portia ____
- 54 Swabbing tool
- 55 Tsuki in Ruth Manley's "The Plum Rain Scroll", for example (I know this is a bit obscure but I *highly* recommend this novel, if you can find a copy!)
- 56 Amazed
- **57** Collections of items where everyone gets one
- **60** What you find under a cow that, perchance, matches 80% of the word "under"
- 61 Military lookout (or a policing drone in the computer game "No Man's Sky"; I hope you gamers out there are appreciating these alternative clues)
- 62 Voice of Shrek, Mike
- **63** Occupational suffix
- 64 "Smooth Operator" singer

DOWN

- 1 Abraham, previously
- 2 Parisian stroller (in the writings of Baudelaire)



- **3** Potentially dangerous eBay button (half the fun is in the bidding, surely!)
- 4 2 down's 41 down chloride
- 5 Only member of the crew in "The Hunting of the Snark" not be be included in the original illustrations by Henry Holiday
- 6 Repetitive learning method
- 7 Industrious insect
- 8 Burt Kwouk's most well-known role (in the Pink Panther movies)
- 9 Get ___ deal (lose out)
- 10 Off the beaten path
- **11** One who appraises
- 12 Makes very happy (but this has nothing to do with the meta)

- 14 Where Venus (the statue with no arms) comes from, apparently
- 17 "You're making ___ mistake!"
- 22 "The Far Side" cartoonist, Gary _
- 24 "Space ___" (David Bowie album)
- 25 Stir-fry vegetable
- 28 Big head
- 29 Just ___ on the map (small town that's probably 10 down)
- **30** Erik the Red, for example
- 32 Gene components
- 33 "Fools!" (often muttered under one's breath)
- 36 ____ compos mentis
- 37 Court summons
- 40 "My ____ aunt!" (expression of surprise or alarm)

- 41 Na
- 42 In vogue
- 43 Rub roughly
- 44 Fussy person
- 48 Everest or Ararat
- 49 Scheduled mtg. (although I nvr drp vwls lk tht)
- 50 It's a problem when the best option for cluing a word comes from Urban Dictionary, so let's just make something up: portmanteau of "easel" and "aisle"
- 52 One with debts
- **53** Sunday talks, for short (I've never heard them called that if I'm being honest)
- 54 "Simpsons" tavern
- **58** Affliction for someone who works a production line (abbr.)
- 59 Bro's sib

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