

Look After The Theme And The Meta Will Take Care Of Itself

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The answer to the meta is something that would be of benefit in solving the meta

ACROSS

- 1 "I know a man with a wooden leg named ___"
- 6 Add to the staff
- 10 Software you can try before you buy
- 14 Broadway star ___ McDonald with six Tonys
- 15 Canadian actor ___ McCormack known for his roles in "Will & Grace" and "Travelers"
- 16 Squashed circle
- 17 City backstreet
- 18 Japanese soup flavouring
- 19 Singer ___ Simone
- 20 Common pollinator
- 21 Avoid doing, but in a sly way
- 24 "Stop", for example
- 25 Playful aquatic mammals
- 26 ___ del Fuego
- 29 Toaster waffles
- 31 Flinched
- 33 What you should find 'twixt cream and scone (and I will not enter into any correspondence to the contrary!)
- 36 Taj Mahal locale
- 37 ___ West, who said "It is better to be looked over than overlooked" (which is probably too vague a meta hint to be of any real use, sorry!)
- 38 Medically-induced state, sometimes
- 39 Fish eggs
- 40 Burgled (in 1920s slang)
- 44 Two-time Oscar winner Dianne ___
- 45 Wolflike
- 46 "You can't treat me like this: I'm a ___ customer!"
- 49 Present
- 50 The latest in ___ mistakes
- 53 GPs
- 56 Sous ___ (cooking method using prolonged low temperatures)
- 57 British prep school
- 58 Manicurist's board
- 60 "___ After" (Cinderella movie that treats the story as historical fiction)
- 61 Program like a 30 down
- 62 Numerals like MM and DCLVI
- 63 Depend (on)
- 64 Digits on which to play "This Little Piggy"
- 65 "Under ___" (in which Tommy Lee Jones plays a truly excellent baddie)

DOWN

- 1 Swedish automaker
- 2 Sal, in a song about the Erie Canal
- 3 Run in neutral
- 4 Uno + due
- 5 Steven Soderbergh movie with a strong female lead and a non-linear storyline
- 6 She-Ra's male counterpart
- 7 Optometrist's focus
- 8 Ascend
- 9 Study of the environment
- 10 Tori
- 11 Facebook party notice
- 12 Country estate
- 13 Six kings of Norway
- 22 "Zounds!"
- 23 Oklahoma native
- 24 Mlle., in Madrid
- 26 Skier's transport
- 27 Abu's evil counterpart in "Aladdin"
- 28 Raison d'___
- 29 Pass, as a law
- 30 Computer whiz
- 32 Prophet from Judah who ministered in Israel
- 33 "Livin' On A Prayer" band Bon ___
- 34 "Preach it!"
- 35 Filly who is now all grown up
- 38 Egyptian Christian
- 40 Blues singer B. B. ___
- 41 Omission
- 42 Pixar movie about a boy who becomes Earth's ambassador
- 43 Matt and Ross of "Stranger Things" fame
- 44 Where you might taste a Tokay
- 46 Flat block of stone, brick, or concrete
- 47 Earworm time: "Oh no, not I, I will survive / Oh, as long as I know how to love, I know I'll stay ___"
- 48 What you have to do while singing "The Lonely Goatherd"
- 49 Units of heredity
- 51 "Am ___ early?"
- 52 Network point
- 53 "Distracted boyfriend", for example
- 54 Factor in a sniper's calculations
- 55 "Auld Lang ___"
- 59 "___ aussi" (which is definitely not French for "I am from Australia!")

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