

(6, 3) by Hale

My first creation is here! In solving this puzzle, you will learn, among other things, its name.

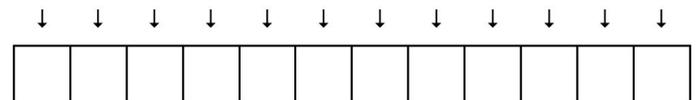
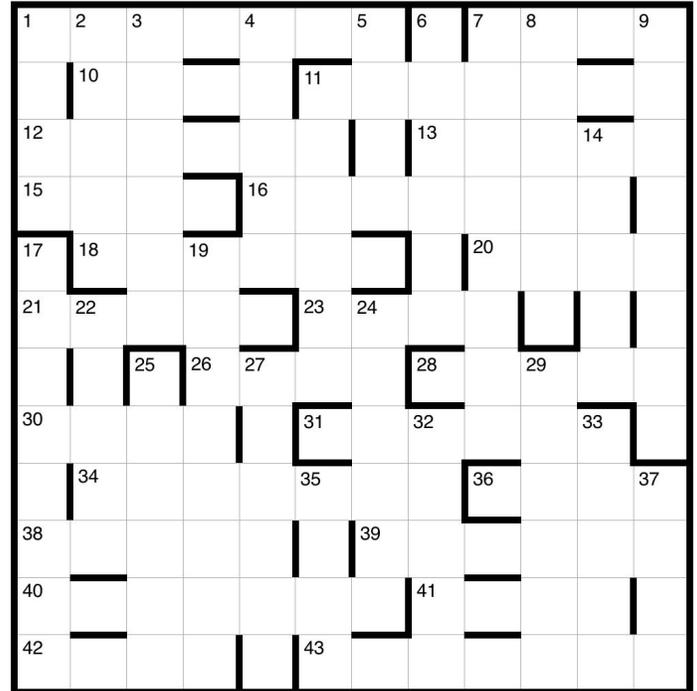
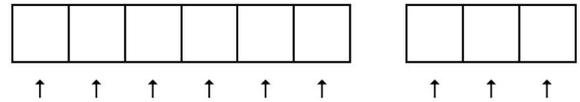
Twenty-one clues contain an extra letter. For each extra letter, let N be the position at which that letter resides in its word. Circle the Nth letter in that clue's entry in the grid.

Nine of these circled letters will be pulled up into the space above its column in the grid; those letters will reveal the title of this puzzle, which has enumeration (6, 3). The remaining twelve circled letters will drop into the spaces below the grid to reveal the name of *another* first creation (albeit one that I had a significantly smaller part in creating). As it happens, this other creation can also be described, in a literal sense, by this puzzle's title.

To help with the partitioning of the grid's circled letters, the clues' extra letters, taken in clue order, spell out a bonus cryptic clue whose answer is the title of this puzzle.

Three clues—two across and one down—contain an extra *hidden word*, to be removed before solving. These words correspond to their clue numbers in an appropriate manner pertaining to the creation named below the grid.

For each of the remaining twenty-two clues, let K be the alphabetical index of the first letter of its answer. The Kth letter of each such clue, taken in clue order, will describe how title's enumeration relates to the creation named below the grid.



Across

1. Create friction, drawing line in the sand (7)
7. Visitor to Hell stacking first stakes (4)
10. Caught in jujitsu choke of the "shame" kind (4)
11. Cover up severe retweet from gig (and return note) (7)
12. Actor Bill's Greek character, at first, raises sea creature (6)
13. Dog scratches robot predator that flies and has keen vision (5)
15. Daddy's shelters: five hundred apartments (4)
16. English scientist's first of four articles about radians (they earn money, at last) (7)
18. Game result: table on a map (6)
20. Make an impression with the unusual clothing scent (4)
21. Grotesque ape-man (without minute, temporary breathing stoppage) (5)
23. Also, I met Todd (4)
26. What you might say if you bred a yak: "Your leg's bare? Touché" (4)
28. Bereft after losing first four, I finally bought a new giant (5)
30. Particular soft Rhode Island Muenster, for starters (4)
31. Little vessel made of strong wood—finished, we hear (6)
34. Half of *Examiner* and half of *Mirror* combined mistakenly (7, 2 wds.)
36. Betrothal features outing on horseback (4)
38. Philosopher sent back in total pain (5)
39. He/she who leads (Messier, Orr, etc.)? (6)
40. Chaos, Tony—pure chaos (7)
41. *Zero Ultima*'s first 2D characters, found in North Lake (4)
42. Peng holds a rope (4)
43. I'm stuck inside the borders of Sihanoukville, southeast of Thailand (7)

Down

1. Fanciful prom results in boisterous frolicking (4)
2. Typical American mountain range spews fire at the end (5)
3. Obit of Bowie under "Changes" refrain (6)
4. Irritate volatile chef, swallowing last of bran (5)
5. Ono starts to intensely read crime fiction (4)
6. Worry a French eccentric—suave, without vice (6)
7. Hypothetical media frenzy in a community college (8)
8. Deny the existence of storm on the Eastern passage in New England (6)
9. *Herbivore Planet*, eh? Original (8)
11. Convertible: an icy cold blue (6, NI3)
14. Carly's modelled spandex (5)
17. Order Pepsi after rending of dumb silver instrument (8)
19. Somehow get Roy, with Mike and the last of them, in shape (8)
22. By the sound of it, oblong fruit'll expose one to danger (5)
24. Position he's in: lie, when the first screams (6)
25. Item filled with candy and flat bread, with half of tuna inside (6)
27. Destroy our pot, for a change (6)
29. Reptile is utterly wild after tail gets chopped off (6)
32. Organized near a field (5)
33. Love Inn rejected slush swimming areas (5)
35. Initially, rank each player using iterations at the gym (4)
37. Sincere regret after tzar's introduction (4)