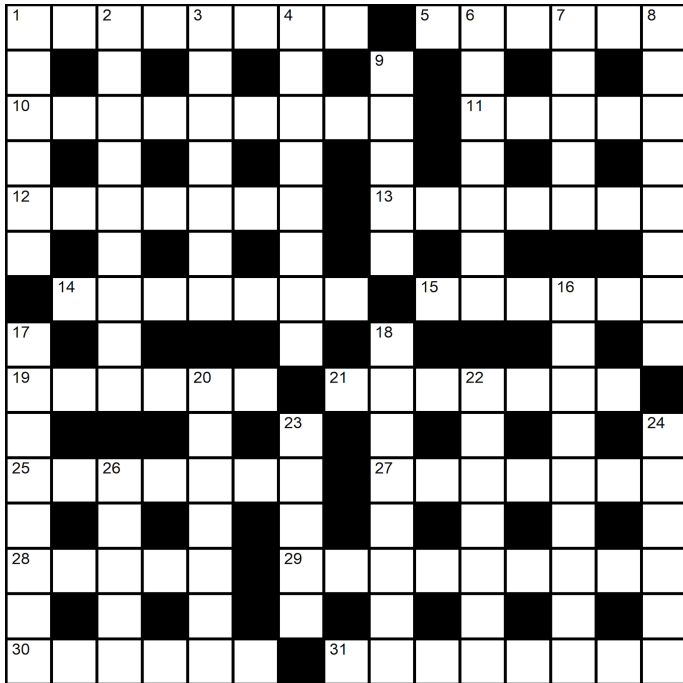


Genius No 277 Set by Soup



The puzzle is a safe. Solvers must reveal its contents using four dials, applying each to a quarter of the clues. Dial by dial in clue order, certain letters give a property of 23 cells to be highlighted:

Dial 1 clues: extra letter indicated by wordplay

Dial 2 clues: first letter of an extra word

Dial 3 clues: letter omitted by wordplay

Dial 4 clues (normal): clue's first letter

Across

- 1 Almost limitlessly whole, with zero mass, as is Arnold Rimmer (8)
- 5 Fellow welcomed by criminals lacking basis of moral fibre (6)
- 10 Style of art seen after sculpting metal (9)
- 11 Rents shelves (5)
- 12 In the end, people want a kebab which'll be possible to swallow (7)
- 13 Trampled and thumped mercilessly in the head by two short men (7)
- 14 Chinese No. 1 visiting electronic component compound (7)
- 15 Burned some King Edwards (6)
- 19 Steel core in lead casing for this object (6)
- 21 Employer wasted time, passed over everyone (7)
- 25 ___ exemplify 'ruin'? (7)
- 27 Remembering a name is tricky with this! (7)
- 28 Bad weather in Kent caravan site (5)
- 29 Have more than one rum - but long, not neat (9)
- 30 Years after Christ's birth, wise men discovered Proverbs (6)
- 31 Psychic debunker with screen turned on to max (8)

Down

- 1 Stuck moving forward at first, eventually was busily active (6)
- 2 Boiling heat? Linger, taking more time (9)
- 3 Punch with seething rage on top part of car (7)
- 4 Tools to dispose of board (3-5)
- 6 A perfectly reasonable, intrinsically rational inference – from what goes before? (1,6)
- 7 Stood opposite transport café (5)
- 8 Get up, Ed - and, in getting up, reveal poison (8)
- 9 Fast trumpet concerto's closing slow passage (5)
- 16 Beau's legs toned with exercise - no working out needed (9)
- 17 I advanced to south of island in Ian Smith's land (8)
- 18 Travelling up Great North Road by electric vehicle, husband exhibits fatal flaw (8)
- 20 Bird, arachnid and insect (7)
- 22 Generation eschewed speech, inward, vacuous, emotionless and lazy (7)
- 23 Thread evenly uncoiling from the end (5)
- 24 They transport compost: it's dug into the soil (6)
- 26 Country east of Cyprus, bright and open to the north (5)

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