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1. 🐝 Red card?
2. Where forgers might strike
4. Tests for purity
10. Captain of a sub?
13. Gerbil snack
14. "The Book of ___ Fett"
15. Strains during a suspenseful film scene
17. Fivers
18. Kvetcher's cry
19. Insolent talk
20. Cake cuts, basically
23. Persian time chart?
27. Gets twisted
28. Cable news anchor Cabrera
29. Grace under fire
31. Cozy quarters
33. "Brilliant, just BRILLIANT!"
36. They're hot when turned on
37. Whence an eponymous Scottish pattern
38. Etna ejecta
39. Lubricate
40. Top tier
41. 🐝 Circulate air through

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1. "The ___ Rabbit" (classic children's book about a stuffed bunny)
3. Be straight (with)
4. Pre-coll. math class
5. Where diners accept dinars
6. Jerk at rest
7. Mugfuls at a pub
8. "Fo sho"
9. "Charlotte's Web" setting
10. "Until next time, Natasha!"
11. Drama award for María Irene Fornés
12. Gray of R&B
14. Agreement to support
16. Airplane and silent, for two
20. Less heated, in a way
21. Jungfrau, e.g.
22. Excite (in THAT way)
24. Holmes inspections?
25. Declares void
26. Go for a pin in the sticks
29. Fast, ferocious feline
30. Redding often played at weddings
31. "Picnic" playwright
32. Time off to nurture
34. ___ reflex
35. Goof

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1. Digs with stakes?
2. 🐝 Amateurish dabbler
4. RPG sorcerer
8. Sasha ____ (Beyoncé alter ego)
14. Swarming bug
15. Give a bug to
16. Expert example
18. Latin for "light"
19. "Sick, brah!"
20. Tuna for sushi
22. Rendezvous info for swingers?
27. "____ if true!"
28. Stephen of "The Crying Game"
29. "Yesterday," as a deadline
30. German spirit
32. "Willickers!"
33. Palindromic twitterer
34. Like for-EV-er
37. Source material for a comic book artist?
42. Industry that projects its assets?
43. Georgetown athlete
44. Bend before a green
45. "____-dokey artichokey!"
46. 🐝 Described precisely
47. "Stay in your ____!"

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1. "Women are the largest untapped reservoir of ____ in the world": Hillary Clinton
3. 🐝 Necessitated
4. Palindromic studio
5. Santa ____ winds
6. Manipulation that causes one to question their reality
7. Certain dramatic rebuke
8. Ski slope tree
9. Bumps up
10. D-sharp equivalent
11. Spot to consume Food & Wine?
12. Loops in, in a way
13. AP exam company
17. Pre-penalties period in some soccer games
20. Planking muscles
21. Brand with Poppin' Lemonade
23. [[GULP!]]
24. Rapper Kool ____ Dee
25. Farm ma'am
26. 🐝 Area inundated in a flood
31. Bruce who played Dr. Watson
35. Emperor after Galba
36. Point of vaccination?
37. Condition for TV's Monk
38. Where Simone Biles won four golds
39. Hector
40. Bourbon relative
41. "Huzzah!"


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1. 🐝 Worked excessively
4. Legal titles: Abbr.
8. Delectable decapods
14. Berry with a cedilla
15. Injury that might
require a TLC Rx
16. Hourglass contents,
metaphorically
18. Dénouement
19. "ME! I'M THE GOOD BOY!" water
20. "___ o' the mornin'!"
21. Jesus' grandmother and
patron of unmarried
women
23. Cries for attention
24. Stand-ins
26. Smart ___
28. Backups' backups
33. Sully, as a reputation
34. Tint
35. Through
36. Bachelorette party
planners, often
39. Greek markets
40. Things you saw in the
dark
41. Performs at a high
level?
42. Roc quarry, say?
43. 🐝 Like the outgoing and
the going-out



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2. Bathtub ___ (drainage
phenomenon)
3. Perturbed
4. Enters gingerly, with
"in"
5. Barely enough
6. Post-reading exchange
7. "Ice Age" sloth
8. Defenses that don't hold
9. "___ Ryders Anthem" (DMX
song)
10. I of V in "Henry V"
11. Certain ally with self-
serving motives
12. Author of both "I Am
Spock" and "I Am Not
Spock"
13. Oozes
17. Not loco
22. Reactor safety org.
23. Giggle syllable
25. Couple of People?
26. Held in check
27. Key ___
29. Barbie's bestie since
1963
30. Like one giving lip
injections?
31. Touched base with a
touchpad
32. Do a juice cleanse, say
34. Mend
37. "The Chronic" Dr.
38. Zugspitze, e.g.

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1. Prompt emotional distress
2. Toto, notably
4. Followed gravity's
rainbow
9. Seethed
14. Cause of Snow White's
"sleeping death"
16. Brexit, for one
18. Sources of some roadside
assistance?
20. Arthur Conan Doyle title
21. Trip inits.
22. Top of the pops, maybe?
26. "Scream" director Craven
29. "The Book of ____" (2010
Denzel film)
30. Iraq Invasion pretext:
Abbr.
33. ABA member
34. ____-out (poor excuse)
35. Belligerent-sounding
baseball stat
36. Purveyor of "Common
Sense"
39. Gossiping
indiscriminately
40. Nastily sarcastic
41. Inventor Howe
42.  Aromatic plant used in
gum

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1. Road roller?
3. Quinceañera, e.g.
4. TikTok and Signal, for
two
5. Parts of a beech set?
6. Wispy clouds
7. Fragrant compounds
8. Big round top?
9. Athletic supporters?
10. Slant skyward
11. Digital vid files
12. Spiral-horned antelope
13. ____ ex machina
15. Rebellious Turner
17.  Amplifying on the bird
site
19.  Making a peep?
23. Goddess of witchcraft
24. Concession announcement
25. Hardly a tsunami
26. Bulb units
27. Wharton's Frome
28. Skyy rival, briefly
30. Metaphorical major
conflict
31. Heavenly food
32. Muscat sediment
37. ____ school
38. Maximum quantity

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2. 🐝 Like sober, logical decisions
4. "Be More Than One Flavor" soda
9. Cap'n Crunch vessels?
14. "Avatar" resource with a pretty on-the-nose name
16. Central purpose
17. 35mm camera type
18. Inc., in England
19. _____haw
20. Ewok or Klingon, e.g.
22. IM records
29. TV host Kotb
30. Grinder fodder
32. Peculiar
33. "Geaux Tigers!" sch.
36. Green of "Dumbo"
37. Words mourning one who struggled against systemic racism, say
40. One sandwich short of a picnic
41. Dismissive sound
42. Signs that point to the worst
43. 🐝 Worker receiving halftime pay?

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1. Big cheese?
3. Make a major announcement?
4. Hides in a walk-in?
5. Like effective crossword editors
6. Dark genre
7. "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee" network
8. Lagoon surrounds
9. Potential auction winner
10. Gender-neutral pronoun
11. On the arm of
12. It's very tempting
13. Captain Hook's hand (so to speak)
15. Shenanigan
20. Actress de Armas of "Knives Out"
21. Tip for solving a crossword?
22. Rosebush hazards
23. Was supported by, as a steed
24. Builds on
25. Lilliputian
26. Cosmopolitan establishment?
27. Game controllers?
28. Result of a canal blockage, say
31. Blatant deception
33. Cheery cadence
34. NBC skit show featuring Ego Nwodim
35. No more than
38. Paving goo
39. Bit of resistance

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1. Moped sullenly
2. Affiance
4. Cash-based trading venues
15. Analog X-box setting?
16. Venue for some who dig heavy metal
17. Extreme degree
18. Judo ranking
19. Casey with a countdown
22. "OMG so cute!"
25. Bonkers
28. Burrowing pets
30. It's high in slo-mo
32. Beethoven's "Les Adieux," e.g.
34. Like extremely rapid growth
35. Group that might put you under pressure
36. "I regret to inform ..."
37. 🐝 Fraternity

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1. "This is the world's smallest violin"
3. Site of rapid growth
4. Moxie
5. Section one
6. Moonfish
7. "___ out of ___, highly recommend"
8. Organ scan: Abbr.
9. ___ Dhabi
10. Dodge that sounds like something to dodge
11. Airline with a crown logo
12. Omit in speech
13. Like Vietnamese
14. Vessel opener
20. Roosevelt once portrayed by Olivia Williams
21. Ones who believe the Garden of Eden was in Jackson County, MO
22. Handcuffed, say
23. Heartburn relief brand
24. 🐝 Hot partner?
26. Falstaffian
27. 🐝 Pulsated
28. Cab source
29. No-nonsense
30. Prix ___
31. Citation abbr.
32. Cheerleading asset
33. Raisman with three Olympic gold medals


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1. 🐝 Obscuring, in a way
2. Oiling (up)
4. Genre for Tiwa Savage
11. Pouch
14. Mollusks whose name comes from the Greek for "sailor"
15. "The ____" (Diana Ross musical)
16. Promotes a lack of restraint?
17. Activist ____ B. Wells
18. Streisand, to supporters
19. Canon fodder?
21. Vexation
22. Surrounded by
24. What the deeply frustrated "ride"
29. Kind of code that might be broken in AP Computer Science?
30. Basis of some COVID vaccines
31. Blackballs
33. "Umbrella" singer, to stans
35. Rockefeller Center network
36. Styled with wax
39. "Oh no!"
40. Old-timey stocking stuffers
41. Bloke
42. Citrus hybrid
43. Epoxying
44. 🐝 Writing a jacket testimonial



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1. 🐝 Committing a B & E
3. Question intently
4. Jackal-headed god
5. Certain derivative drawings
6. Common bathtub toy
7. Elevator innovator Elisha
8. It's entered to withdraw
9. Hackneyed
10. Colts, e.g.
11. Rotatable river spanner
12. Sanders's little helper, say?
13. Industry mogul
20. Binary digit or non-binary pronoun
22. Certain blemish
23. Booker T. and the ____
25. Spigoted server
26. Let out, as a line
27. Claimed with authority
28. 🐝 ¿Soil of olé?
31. Hitch or glitch
32. Howard or Spelman, e.g.: Abbr.
33. Chimed
34. Wintour ice?
37. Singer Rita
38. Ending for many heros

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1. Pressing task?
2. Judas or Brutus, notably
4. "Foxy Brown" star Grier
7. "The A-Team" actor
10. Flick, as a joint
13. Pitching stat
14. Hang time
15. Not just a
16. "____, highly recommend!"
19. First periods for athletes?
20. "Boo'd Up" singer Mai
21. ____ yoga (circus arts discipline)
22. Like some clothing with spots on it
26. Not the brightest star in the constellation
28. Tam or toque
31. Make like
32. Grunts
36. Navel division?
39. Program that combats burn-in
40. "Whoa ... deep"
41.  Like gentle soap

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1.  Not clued in
3.  Tubular pasta
4. Sea bird named for a saint who walked on water
5. Iris part
6. Shoe designer Blahnik
7. Wailuku's island
8. Bat mitzvah, e.g.
9. Abed's "Community" bestie
10. Forward's concern
11. Fashion designer Hill
12. Jim who created Beaker and Scooter
17. Giraffe relative
18. Spread with many spreads, maybe
23. Proverbs about aging, say
24. Gets better with age, say
25. Childish retort
27. Uterus, e.g.
28. Knightly gathering?
29. Roguishly wry
30. Reid of "Sharknado"
32. Buckle
33. Rapper with a cool name?
34. "Buona ____!"
35. One to one, for one
37. Sensible trapeze artist's apparatus
38. On the ____ (ducking the man)



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1. Did NOT look forward to
2. Riders on "All the Pretty Horses," say
4. Journalist Curry
7. Do something
10. Wearing a new coat?
13. "Uh, does this mean you're not interested?"
16. Legislation that may go to the House
18. Struck (out)
19. Comedian André
21. Mind a baby
22. Earth-friendly prefix
25. Anytown, ____
26. Inspiration for much TikTok venting
29. Beseech
30. Having a variable identity
34. Certain fridge display, generously
35. "City of God" city
36. Jamaican genre
37. "NOT looking forward to this"
38. Knot-tying vow
39. "Jeopardy!" legend Jennings
40. ____ Gatos
41. Swish producer
42. Decline
43. 🐝 Dishonest and surreptitious

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1. "I triple-dog ____ ya!"
3. Vibe
4. Stubborn sorts
5. "Hell is other people" play
6. Equal slices of pie for G-20 dignitaries ... if one can't make it, say
7. Possible INT or TD
8. Jousting with Jost on "S.N.L."
9. "Put that on my ____"
10. Large white canines in the Arctic
11. Make a private decision?
12. Puccini title soprano
14. ____ but true
15. Draw on a pitch
17. 🐝 Not yet set
20. 🐝 Nincompoop
22. Type, as a PIN
23. Outback journey?
24. Yard section
27. Put the kibosh on
28. Gadot of "Wonder Woman"
30. "Asterix the ____" (French comic series)
31. Consequently
32. Stock-home retailer?
33. "Jinkies!"

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1.  Underskirt
2. Agreement
4. Swindle
10. Start to many "Twenty Questions" questions
14. Checked out, in a way
15. Walking stick
16. Biblical figure in a hairy situation?
17. Zest
18. Word with power or down
19. Ricky, to Lucy, say
21. Puckish
23. Sound evidence of sound sleep
24. Roll the tape
27. Start to scope
29. "___ she blows!"
32. Outmoded
34. Anger
36. Get up
37. Part of a place setting
39. Theater section
40. Most reliable
41. 32-Across, 32-Across-ally
42. Picks up
43. It could foil a foil
44.  Very satisfactory

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1. Spud
3. Boba ingredient
4. ___ Rica
5. Recording
6. Dropped connections?
7. Au ___
8. "From a different perspective," in texts
9. Extra credit
10. Winter craft
11. They cause dough to rise?
12. Ridiculous
13. Takes care of
20. Show parodied on "30 Rock"
22. "Well, howdy!"
25. "___ Doggfather" (1996 Snoop Doggy Dogg record)
26. Glassware in a lab
27. Took care of
28. Scent on one's way?
30. Come up
31. Flat fees?
33. Give a hoot
35. Lyrical
38. "The highest form of literature," per Hitchcock

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1. Core
2. 🐝 Dangerous place
4. Pedometer unit
8. ____ school
11. Toe treatment, briefly
12. Looked good?
14. Power couple?
15. Amber ingredient
17. Hawaiian hand gesture
19. Passover dinner
22. Special guest, maybe
24. "How strange!"
27. Ice skating jumps
28. Very short putt
29. Wrap dresses
33. Entered quickly
35. "Great" detective of kid lit
37. "____ we forget"
38. Expense
39. "Quiet down!"
40. "Calvin & Hobbes" conveyance
41. 🐝 Fore-warmed?
42. Greek character found in Ithaca

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1. Stubborn
3. Route
4. "Me Day" locales
5. Expert operator, informally
6. Icelandic epic
7. Strike zones?
8. Above, poetically
9. Corrosive cleaning agents
10. Dune makeup
13. Inflicted on
16. Requirement
18. Wow
20. Ruby, e.g.
21. Pyramids, for example
23. Comedian Margaret
24. "Addams Family" cousin
25. Fly high
26. Only country whose flag is non-quadrilateral
30. Transit option
31. "So relatable!"
32. Bit of bird food
34. High degree
36. Angelic instrument

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1. Long-limbed
2. Prone to laughing
5. Great tune
8. S. American country
11. Org. with an Atlanta HQ
14. It fits in a lock
15. Steamed bun
16. Language related to Thai
17. Gets by without problems
20. Aromatic cooking surfaces for salmon
22. Depilatory brand
23. Word with family or line
25. Many descendants of Abraham Van Helsing
27. "With love's light wings did I o'er-perch these walls; For ____ limits cannot hold love out": Romeo
28. Sushi fish
31. T-shaped birth control option: Abbr.
32. MGM mascot
35. Droned on at somebody
38. Tref oil?
39. ____ apple (laryngeal prominence)
40. Jewel holders, sometimes
41. 🐝 Taking one's sweet time

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3. Fleur-de-lis flower
4. Supporter
5. Fear of poachers
6. Like some wine barrels
7. Certain high-end handbags
8. These are irregular!
9. Croak
10. Hands-on players on the field
11. Duplicates
12. Thank you in Thuringia
13. Gear teeth
18. Quarter back?
19. Certain Stooge
21. Decorating with embedded material
24. She collects rent
26. Offspring
28. "S.O.S." group
29. Loo
30. Machu Picchu builder
32. One of many on a 23-Across
33. Simplicity
34. Mine finds
36. Male turkey
37. Vast expanse