

*Dear Reader,*

The word “cross”, which appears early and often in this clue, describes someone temporarily overcome with a bad temper, and once you have read such an irritating word, there is no reason to read further. This installation contains an infuriating amount of things that are cross, enough to make even the coolest among heads vent with steam.

To prevent you from boiling over, it would be best if I didn't mention the simmer of frustrating intersections found in this clue, including obviously unfair sports penalties, meddling children, obscure references to publishing royalties, and a meter you can't easily convert to yards.

Sadly for me, my time is torn and crumpled filling page after page with the irksome and iresome tales of Get A Clue. But your time might be more calmly spent planting a vegetable garden, learning a foreign language, or stacking rocks by a koi pond.

*With all due respect,*

*Lemony Snicket*

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The Baudelaire orphans sat in the quiet train station.

"I wish we were able to find the Quagmire triplets", said Violet.

Klaus nodded in agreement. "I just know they wouldn't have vanished without leaving behind some sort of clue," he said.

"Cafo", Sunny concurred. Sunny, the youngest Baudelaire, was not yet old enough to speak with words or sentences, so by "Cafo" here, she meant, "I concur".

With impeccable timing - a phrase here which means "immediately after Klaus said, 'I just know they wouldn't have vanished without leaving behind some sort of clue'" - the wind blew a copy of *The Daily Punctilio* onto Sunny's lap.

"Egad!", she exclaimed.

"You're right, Sunny!", said Violet, "Someone has marked up this newspaper's crossword section!".

"And look!", said Klaus, "There's a couplet written here! This must be their work! Though, a few of the words seem to be missing".

The Baudelaires knew that Isadora, the eldest of the Quagmire triplets, was fond of writing couplets, and indeed below the puzzles was written:

A patch of land with \_\_\_\_ (1) vibes,  
filled with pairs of \_\_\_\_ (3) eyes.

\_\_\_\_ (4) ful steps tread to and fro,  
Where one may sit and rest \_\_\_\_ (2).

"I wonder if this could be a clue revealing where they've been taken!", said Klaus.

"That's odd," said Violet, "some of these crossword fills don't seem very clean".

"Fnao!", said Sunny.

Violet and Klaus looked at each other and shared a puzzled gaze.

"For once, Sunny", remarked Klaus, "I'm not actually sure what you mean."

"Newons! Ec!", Sunny replied.

"Sunny, are you alright?", asked Violet. "You're starting to worry me".

"Iedyign! Abea! Ro!", Sunny continued. "Enass! Ashyeue! Bivulen!"

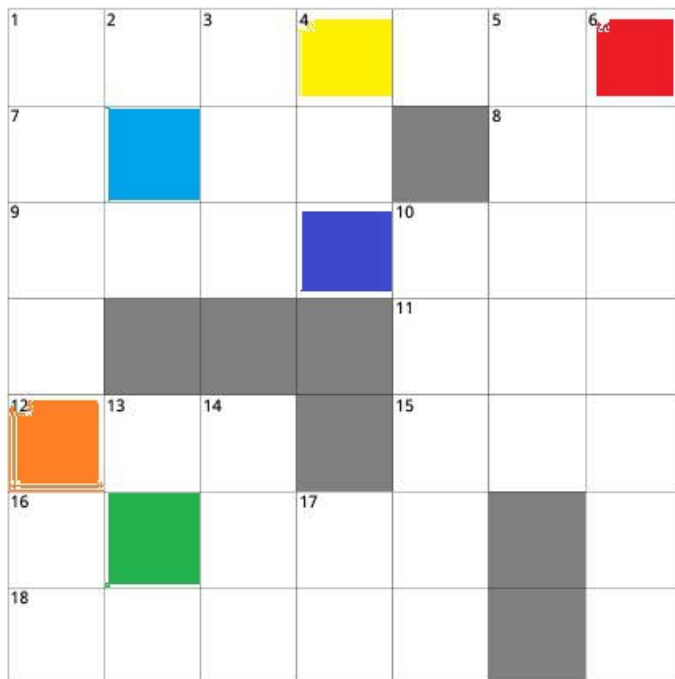
"Oh! I think I might see where you're going with this", Klaus replied. Klaus picked up his pencil and began writing.

**ACROSS**

- 1 Criminals  
 7 ???  
 8 Stephen King  
 monster  
 9 I tell of riches,  
 both bright and  
 unseen,  
 A twist of your  
 fate, what could  
 it mean? (ital)  
 11 Formerly  
 named  
 12 Rapper \_\_\_ T  
 15 Surfer's need  
 16 Station  
 18 ???

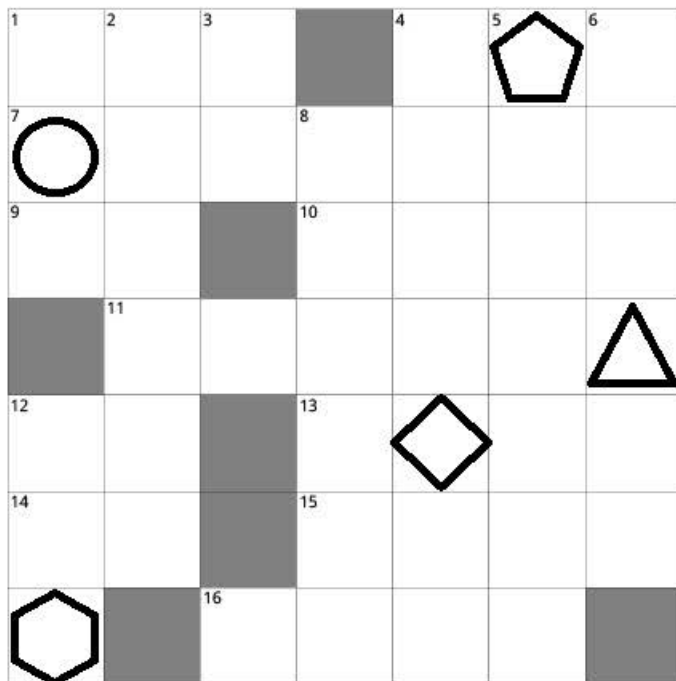
**DOWN**

- 1 Football faux  
 pas  
 2 El primer  
 numero  
 3 Road goo  
 4 "Salem's \_\_\_"  
 (Stephen King  
 novel)  
 5 Sommelier's list  
 6 Prominent part  
 of a church  
 10 m and j, for two  
 13 100 yrs.  
 14 Clean Air Act  
 org.  
 17 PC spec



**ACROSS**

- 1 Darth Vader,  
before all of uh  
... that
- 4 Head of a  
serpent?
- 7 Covalent \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Someone who's  
from way out of  
town, for short?
- 10 At all
- 11 Do harm to
- 12 ???
- 13 "That's \_\_\_!"  
(response to a  
false  
accusation)
- 14 With 3-down,  
what a guy who  
knows a guy  
may have
- 15 Sell
- 16 \_\_\_ beetle

**DOWN**

- 1 Alternative  
slang for a fiver
- 2 The very idea
- 3 See 14-across
- 4 ???
- 5 Sauron's  
concern
- 6 Came to terms
- 8 A fleeting  
sensation that  
time can't  
erase,  
The present  
feels the past's  
embrace. (ital)
- 12 Still mooing

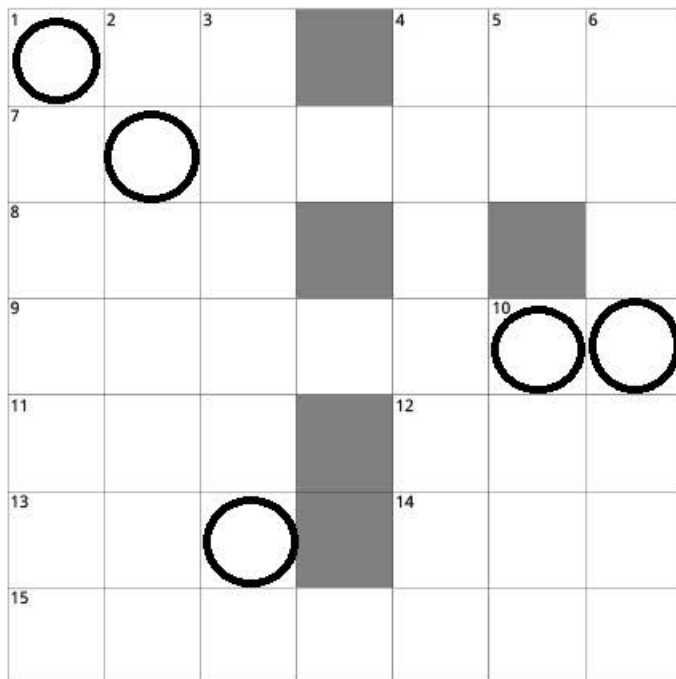


**ACROSS**

- 1 Start of a social media app  
 4 "\_\_\_ T" (perfect)  
 7 "In the \_\_\_\_"  
 (Miranda musical)  
 8 Bouncer's request  
 9 Ride for some meddling kids, with "machine"  
 11 Manufacturer for writing and lighting  
 12 Voyage's beginning?  
 13 Place for many N.Y.C. arrivals  
 14 End of a student's email address  
 15 All at once, in Lyon

**DOWN**

- 1 Monopoly player, maybe  
 2 ???  
 3 Public display of public displays  
 4 We slip through the cracks and vanish with haste,  
 Our quarry taken, with no time to waste.  
 5 What a close game might end with  
 6 ???  
 10 Cincinnati sluggers



**ACROSS**

- 1 Grabbed a stool  
next to
- 7 Eire, to the  
locals
- 9 ???
- 10 ???
- 11 Bound to the  
light, yet always  
behind,  
Echos of form,  
but never  
defined.
- 12 Language-obsessed bird
- 13 One who put  
down the bear?
- 17 Romance  
language

**DOWN**

- 1 Snoozes in  
Seville
- 2 Feature of the  
United States'  
smallest  
national park
- 3 Taylor Swift's  
S.O., for one
- 4 Disney rubber
- 5 Middle Eastern  
salad (in one  
spelling)
- 6 Email receivers  
of old, for short
- 8 ???
- 14 " \_ Lit." (course  
for rigorous  
readers)
- 15 Letters found in  
a Boston  
address
- 16 "I don't know, I  
don't really feel  
like it."

