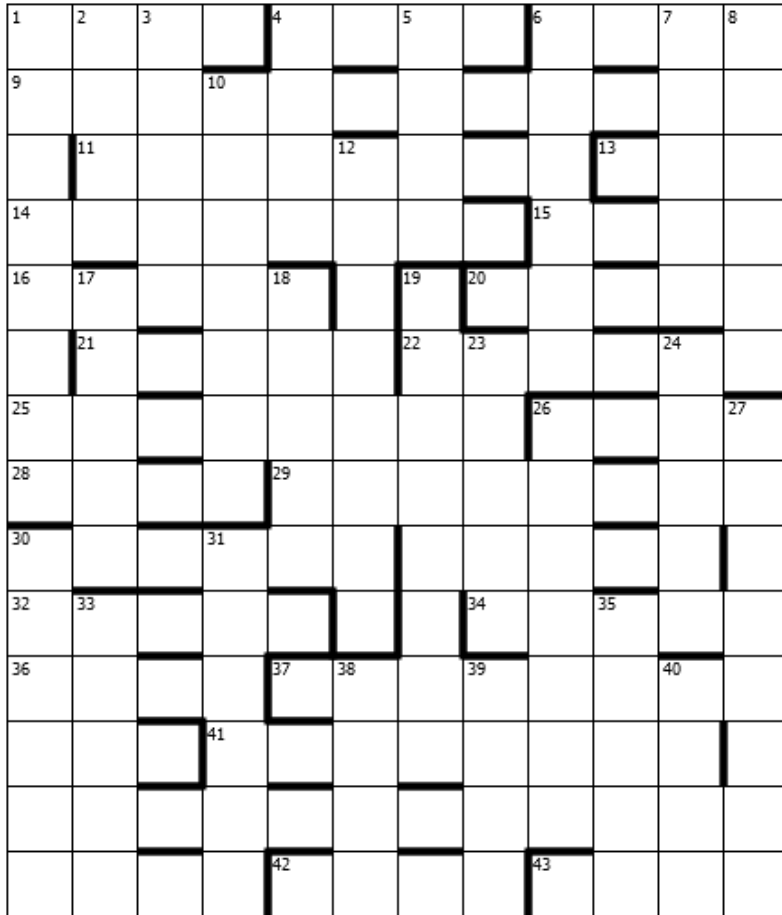


What?

by not Skaldskaparmal



Across:

1. Don't start boring ceremony
4. Pass out suckers
6. Place cleared out to host free LGBTQIA+ event
9. See *instructions* [Skaldskaparmal's note: uhhh, sorry]
11. Strike back with sarcastic takes
13. Retired one from Germany very far southwest of the borders of Greece with Make-A-Wish individual?
14. Couple of highlighters packaged with Super Nintendo and Mario collectibles
15. I presided over country
16. Cited bad ruling
20. Guts of mangled fish
21. If Romeo left, I would go on a rampage -- would become a fool
22. Got an apartment and relaxed after fall's end
25. Owner of a business in a chain hotel is finally here in France
26. Spinning two axes about like a beast
28. Wolf angered, shows tooth
29. Representative blowing top like a volcano
30. Sour after separation, two entered into power couple?
32. Person in university received zero for demonstration

A person described this cryptic to me but I wasn't really paying attention when they explained the instructions. I think twelve across entries go somewhere?

Maybe you can figure out where those entries go, and even where the instructions went?

34. Writing cryptics is complicated without gigantic dictionary ultimately
36. Piece of a game gets created out of bounds
37. Leaders of varsity sport (fencing) change about uniform, getting jumpers
41. Heads of Amazon removed code -- Twitch is freezing
42. Bad measure of central tendency (that's especially bad if you have big outliers)
43. Snoot regularly annoys everyone

Down:

1. Clean offerings poorly prepared repelled god in Genesis (8, 2 words)
2. Bird missed first worm (4)
3. Note current circumventing or gate (5)
4. Religious group stationed around front of castle (4)
5. Piano song for two people (4)
6. Outer shell of smashed piñata (6)
7. One story like *Utopia* (5)
8. Drew discovered lost relic essentially (6)
10. Grannie cooked? Coming over! (7)
12. Investigate doctor careers at hospital (8)
17. Nobel prize winning physicist's auto license was revoked (5)
18. Oscar beset by three hundred and one kinds of bacteria (5)
19. Defined bottom half of circle with curve, but forgot top portion (8, 2 words)
23. Hostesses' basic ingredients mixed to create spirit (5)
24. Twenty outspoken managers (5)
26. Some museum exhibits from Idaho initially aren't remodeled (7, 2 words)
27. I don't believe that Henry's university was included in Time Magazine's latest article (8, 2 words)
30. Look, Dad came back with fruit (6)
31. Chip in ante mishandled by cheat (6)
33. Unfamiliar person dropped nitrogen gas (5)
35. It's hot but not too hot to moor outside the southernmost part of Dakar (5)
38. Smart card controls access to house's entrance (4)
39. Predator twisted center of cut of meat (4)
40. Tees off Parisian summers (4)