## Expansion Team

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The rooms in this new location are so spacious! In six special squares, the crossing Across and Down entries will each supply an entire word; enter both words in size order to form one phrase (the same in all cases) stating what creature is luxuriating in the open space in this square.

This same phrase can also be derived from LOLLAPUZZOOLA by a certain (partly twisty) process you will have to deduce. In each clue to an entry not crossing any special square, one word must be altered before solving by putting it in all capitals and then applying this same process; where the $n$th word is altered, circle the $n$th letter of the $u n$ altered clue. The circled

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| 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | letters, in clue order, will spell out a location very near to this one. If you then take all the distinct letters in this phrase, in an order you can deduce from where you found them, the result, written twice, will state what all these creatures collectively are.

## ACROSS

1. Got briefly embarassed holding picnic, originally (abbr.)
2. Barrier and net enclosing eggs from Francophone Belgium
3. Firstly, bacchanal obstructs Rutger the actor/freight worker
4. Rabbit bites little old George on $E R$
5. Cover of proglottid that others initially inflict upon . . . ( 2 wds.)
6. . . . pedestrian captivated by canzonet? Foo! Tosh! ( 2 wds.)
7. San Francisco energizes unenergetic, shorter rejects (var.)
8. Run by some state whose bottom says Serit ut alteri saeclo prosit - something coined in South Africa
9. Favor having entirely gas-filled sphere
10. British term for sedan - and also acorn, oddly (2 wds.)
11. Discern silicone sneaking past Yaphet at the start
12. Dragonets on the outside with small pigs

## DOWN

1. Alternative radicals can buzzword amidst chaotic EU core
2. Depicter effectively keeps someone stewing?
3. Nonfresh Red Sox slugger Trinitro makes six yen and zero pounds (hyph.)
4. Binding colossal disheartened one-time hosts ( 2 wds.)
5. Have (say) microcard or Cygnus residents near Florida wrapped with $40 \%$ Lycra slings ( $2 w d s$.)
6. Instances of waking up a pair of Roman-American ladies
7. Deity with hooves and claws sporting orange trousers
8. Bonus old piratical mobs chiefly obtained!
9. Break cookware up
10. Game and royal citron of ancient Nubia, reportedly
