

Bold Choices by Ucaoimhu

This puzzle lets you explore your options at leisure. Specifically, each of the boldfaced clues has two possible answers, one of which must be entered in each grid (the alphabetically first answer to 20 Across goes in the first grid, and the placement of the others can be subsequently deduced). Nonbold clues yield one answer each, which is entered (normally) in both grids. All nonbold Down clues work normally, but in each nonbold Across clue the letter string the wordplay yields has an extraneous letter at (1) the start or (2) the end.

For each type-2 extraneous letter, use that letter and its numeric position in the letter string as coordinates, and circle (in both grids) the letter at those coordinates. Then in each grid, for every letter circled in that grid, shade in all the squares in that grid containing that letter. The circled letters (read column by column in each grid, one grid after the other) will spell out a three-word phrase appropriate to this party; combined with what the shaded-in squares depict, it will also suit the upcoming occasion for leisure that is spelled out by the type-1 extraneous letters.

ACROSS

1. Domain-stealer's husband is loud (4)
4. Author Dinesen is stuffing tailless hake (4)
7. Movie about sci. prefix meaning "of fish" (5)
10. Oakland players misread a line giving Catwoman's first name (6)
14. 51 appearing in young German's stead (4)
15. Uttered a fib of French type, perversely (4)
16. Overindulge Teletubby clad in rich fabric (5)
17. Saint and bishop on the outside sip four drams (4, *abbr.*)
19. Heartlessly fiddle with old airline (3, *abbr.*)
20. **Broken-up host's excitement, with naughty origins (4/4)**
22. Feeling chills in Georgia? Guam is hot (6)
25. **"Additional stuff formed by fire/Spun around half of Trix at the end" in poems (6/6)**
29. Sure to include editor's wordy British references (4, *abbr.*)
31. Letters in Greece or in America (3)
33. Indigent Cro-Magnon's penultimate penny is flipped (4)
36. After insult, lady abandons clog dance music (5)
37. Voice-over pertaining to Spinks's initial reactions to gut punches (4)
38. Sheepish remark interrupts the Italian/Canaanite deity (4)
39. Scent-wearing author Al and baseball player Stan (6)
40. Vacantly nip pigment-smeared little finger (5)
41. At first, savor monarch's flesh (4)
42. German's hat didn't stay put (4)

DOWN

1. Steal two from fine little church (5)
2. Egyptian deity is cloned (4)
3. Mistake *bug* at the start for *big* (4)
5. Cut brooches up (4)
6. Vine that spreads rapidly over most of Duke U. around the 26th (5)
7. Feline face (4)
8. He's too blasted calm (6)
9. Spouse's kin and Weird Al win (2-3)
11. I confused Sal and Ingrid in *Casablanca* (4)
12. Computer components made from cesium-plated plutonium (4, *abbr.*)
13. Quartet from quasi-warm Egyptian town (4)
18. **Uttered exclamation is perhaps "A pivotal bit of molding!" (4/4)**

21. Add S's into "Western" centrally set onto bisected oil's name (6/4 2)

23. Ultimately are dancing nude on piano (3 2)
24. Almost regretting destruction (4)
26. Webcomic featuring stick figures, dock & ox, inverted and uncircled (4)
27. **Condemns (after R&D mixup) Chambers (5/5)**
28. Angry, topless seamstress Betsy (4)
30. Lauds battered toast in Spain (5)
32. 25% of your menagerie turned slimy (4)
33. Detective has endless fun? Bah (4)
34. Timeless pieces written about the fallen Japanese sashes (4)
35. Clay under tip of Block Island (4)

