

Smarter, More, Be

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In this puzzle, you must Be More Smarter:

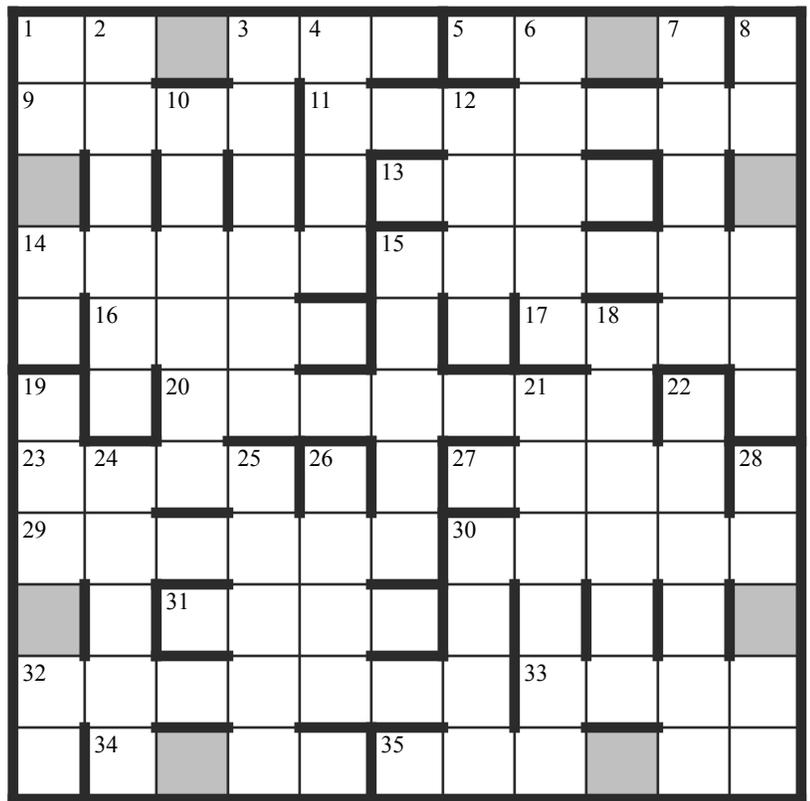
(1) Smarter: Six answers must be altered before entry by changing a bigram (two-letter combination) to a single letter; these bigrams, summed together, will be *twice* the agent that Maxwell Smart is.

(2) More: Six other answers must be altered before entry in much the same way that Sir Thomas More was; the deleted letters, in clue order, will create something that Sir Thomas More created.

To help you out (and disambiguate some of the substitutions in (1)) each clue for a Down answer *not* in (1) or (2) contains an extra word; these words, in clue order, are clues for the altered (1) and (2) entries in clue order.

For each (1) or (2) entry, circle the single letter or new first letter (respectively) in the grid. This will get you, pictorally, to Be exhibiting an important quality that will be displayed clockwise in the shaded squares — if you have made a particular choice for the answer to the ambiguous clue for 28 Down.

Each clue for an Across answer *not* in (1) or (2) has a single incorrect letter, which must be corrected before solving; all the correct letters, followed by all the incorrect letters, will say what two pieces of information about this year's Lollapuzzoola are given by the shaded squares if you make the *other* choice at 28 Down.



ACROSS

1. Thanks Luthor (in two Germanic languages) for moving meditatively (2 wds.)
5. Theo uncovered aged, retro divas' issues
9. Items taken from hospital in altercation depict legendary Chinese dynasty
11. Hug me after excellent race or toast is recalled
13. Brought back town's titles
14. Mention Mr. Jagger's immoral ice-cream additions (*hyph.*)
15. Movie producer got to hire accompanying lighting director from Egypt?
16. Can originally French king kiss Saint's follower in the Virgin Islands?
17. One third of people in and near Berlin capsize
20. Gets detached ones in Paris to sleep with Moose . . .
23. Write, "Susan's cloning an Ivy League school"
27. Former lover sporting kilt shortened the wrong way, in the shape of a multiplication sign (*hyph.*)
29. I mistranscribed dee in Virgil's magnum opus
30. Item seen in a deli from the tight "H" faucet's location
31. Trees, remarkably, saying very little
32. Toast bi female flapper with pagan inclinations
33. West English place where you see fauns move slowly
34. Note peas one ultimately has to get out of a bed
35. Tad initially confused crane with flying reindeer

DOWN

1. Countenances your meeting with Kevin and Herb
2. Photo taken by trim fool shows jelly dishes
3. Colin almost eating Ann's dessert
4. Await that fellow outside of Moravia's borders
6. Crab in front gets behind sneaker
7. Disdain small Gaelic farmer's output
8. Bacchantes and guys spot leader of gun smashers (*var.*)
10. Spring thaw damaged rice coatings, nu? (2 wds.)
12. Cheers for many a character that starts backing sitarist Shankar
15. The successor of Warren, Victor, and Edwin bore offspring
18. Yupik or Inuit struck runner in east Missouri
19. Restrain a road club's uncaring attitude
21. Belief about number that is irrational root
22. Change the magnitude of star Della Fisher looks at, reportedly
24. Pal grasps the Spanish kitchen implement
25. Isn't re-recombining nonactive ingredients
26. Like a chimp, laugh about drink being overturned
28. More diffident community of Hobbits shouted *Fie*
30. One put in a thousand and one nonsense characters from Japan