

The Village

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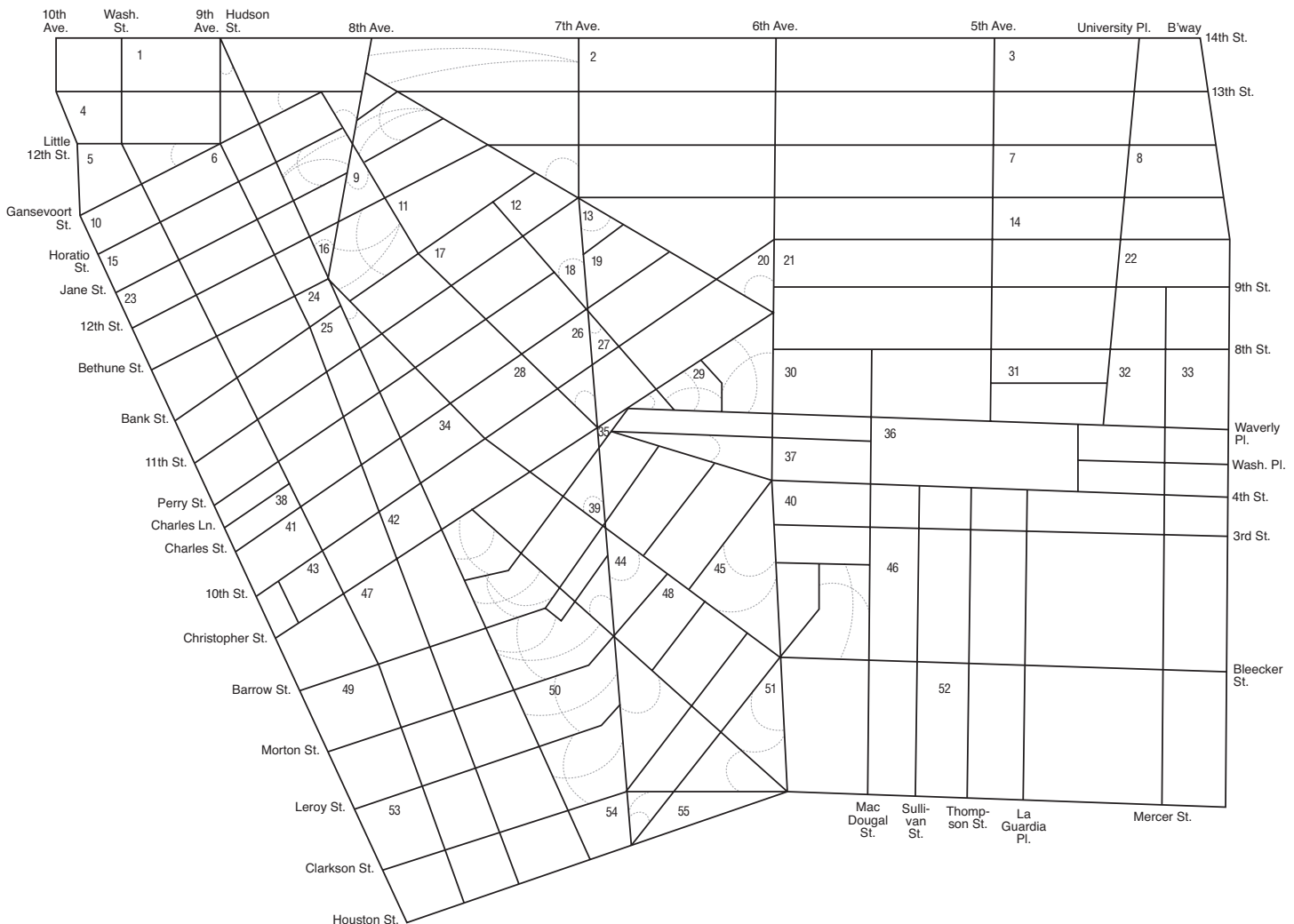
While we get together in Newark, they get together (as a convention) in Central Park. They also get together in front of the lions at the library, and right next to the Empire State Building. And they even get together in the Village, though given its often chaotic geography (see the map below for details) it can be difficult to figure out just *where*. In this puzzle, you will.

Half of the clues for this cryptic crossword contain an extraneous letter (which must be removed before solving). These (appropriately!) extraneous letters:

- (1) Briefly state the identity of each one of the conveners, and
- (2) Indicate where in those clues to find two quotations from a song whose (chorus's) first line provides a more complete identification.

The other half of the clues work normally; however, their *answers* each contain a letter (not the first letter) that must not be entered into a grid "square," but instead must be left on a line segment (where it is "invisible" to all other words crossing that segment). Half of these extra letters will give a solution path many will take advantage of — they spell out an appropriate (and accurate, though misleading) literary quotation. The other half indicate where the Village get-together takes place, and give an appropriate, if fanciful, name for that location.

(Note: The street names included around the edges of the map are intended to give a general idea of Village geography; they do not constitute a complete name guide for the streets of the Village, since not every street has been labeled with a name, and even one that has been might not in reality keep the same name for its entire length.)



Rules For Entering Answers

Each clue is given with its answer's starting "square" (henceforth called a "block," since it corresponds to a city block) and an arrow indicating which direction the answer leaves its starting block in. For any other block, what sides an answer may cross to leave will depend on what side it crossed when it came in. Four-sided blocks work normally; if an answer comes into a block across one side, it cannot leave except across the opposite side. For blocks with other numbers of sides, the gray arcs (of which a given block may have none, one, two or three) determine the exit possibilities; if an answer enters and leaves a block through two sides, those sides must be connected by a gray arc. (Not every arc in the grid will actually be "used" by some answer, however.)

If an answer may leave a block through a given side, it may go to *any* block that connects with that block on that side. For example, if an answer came into block 18 through its lower left-hand side, that answer could leave through the right-hand side, and thus could go to block 13 or 19. (Corners don't count, though; it couldn't go to block 27, say.)

Clues

- ↓ 1. Puree of bugs contains liquor (8)
- 2. Groan about liver, perhaps (5)
- ← 3. Ovidian work found in quarto Flo venerates (3 2 4)
- 4. Law claims I am in the capital of Peru (4)
- ↘ 5. One's sad whim upset scolds (10)
- ↗ 6. Gabriel embraces individuals from an African country (8)
- ← 7. Paint archer sculpted by a Renaissance man (11)
- ↓ 8. Northbound giant sow (4)
- ↗ 9. Something spotted Dad absorbing a Latin hymn (4 4)
- ↖ 10. Flash Gordon lases deuterium and product of fungi (4)
- ↗ 11. Hard to find, like red meat (4)
- ✓ 12. Not conceited about theatrical section at top of escutcheon (7)
- ↘ 13. Endless annoyance after Spielberg film turns brown (5)
- ↓ 14. Aliens in predicament tossed stuff from ship (6)
- ↗ 15. Dam is blocked by two bringing in some welders to build a bunch of islands (10)
- ↖ 16. Originating in a plant that woman touches, half-bawling (6)
- ↖ 17. Now filling in puzzle diagram with effort (5)
- 18. Rabbi involved in rock's origins (5)
- ✓ 18. Big Philistine barbarian takes in echoing wail (7)
- ↗ 19. Angle flees from poetry in Gaelic (4)
- 20. Be an awful curse (4)
- 20. Knowledgeable athlete assumes senator to be drunk (6)
- ↖ 20. Reactions to cold snob's wending railroads (4)
- ← 21. Ban oil refined in Britain (6)
- ↑ 21. It's raw, wild, and full of excitement (5)
- ↑ 22. Moses-like general suppresses hesitation when retreating (5)
- ↗ 23. A single time in eon preceding the Common Era (4)
- ↘ 24. Horse drops out of game with farmer (7)
- ↖ 25. Depict Wedge-less *Star Wars*, maybe (4)
- ↖ 26. Go win silver with great excitement (4)
- ↘ 27. Beantown lacks time to produce subatomic particle (5)
- ↘ 27. German city had talked about 007 (4)
- ↘ 28. Roosevelt and a cowgirl will give a small party (4)
- 29. Exhibit quiet, pained expression (4)
- ↓ 30. Eccentric fuels own compound with carbon and SO₂ (7)
- ← 31. Models from *Son of the Creature* (4)
- ↓ 32. Swamp beginning of *Coriolanus* in grand swordplay (7)
- ← 32. They are true/false tests for college-goers (5)
- ↓ 33. Very French joint sounded out apprentice chef, perhaps (7)
- ↘ 34. Recite from paper speaking about uncertainty (4 3)
- ← 35. Flightless bird and doe will have affair (4)
- 36. Help about a hundred with sarcasm (4)
- ↑ 36. Author has insightful words (4)
- 37. Hammer a nail to build veranda (5)
- ↗ 38. In the middle, whelp gets hug (2-2)
- ↖ 39. Scrap inside Wally's door (6)
- ✓ 39. Frightful author accepts swat with courtesy (6)
- 40. Had poolside misadventure with composer/director (7)
- ↗ 41. Athenian rival was part-crazy (6)
- ↘ 41. Satisfied by earth in South Dakota (5)
- ← 42. Like sawed-off wand turned into rocket launcher (4)
- ↘ 43. Red leaves torn to bits in storage (7)
- ← 44. Lyonesse won French seafood, as opposed to steak? (4)
- 45. I and bawd/procuress essentially stop ordering pasta (8)
- ✓ 45. Nothing assumes lust will flower (5)
- ↖ 45. Got white limo detailed, and then wed (5)
- 46. 1.05 pounds of gum, mostly, in each (6)
- ↘ 47. Fined because of overt peccadillo (5)
- ↖ 47. Vessels thrown at poets (7)
- ↑ 48. Pine ring holds one of eighty-eight keys (5)
- ↗ 49. Weakly pats firm hands with the ability to draw (13)
- ← 50. Dozen winches dropping last 500 rutabagas, say (4)
- ↖ 51. Flower of Cremona and army cope with ceremony (4)
- ↑ 52. Originally what urbanites labeled as a dance form (4)
- ↗ 53. Water cow, like a fool, the wrong way (5)
- ↖ 54. A very loud cow covered with dirt and grease (9 3)
- ↖ 55. Naughtily spoke and hinted about last of oats sown (6)
- ↑ 55. Frank is overwhelmed by radical change in Danish capital (10)