

Deducers Wild

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This puzzle is a tribute to three characters in a recent film. Three entries (which work normally) will tell you who they are. As for the remainder:

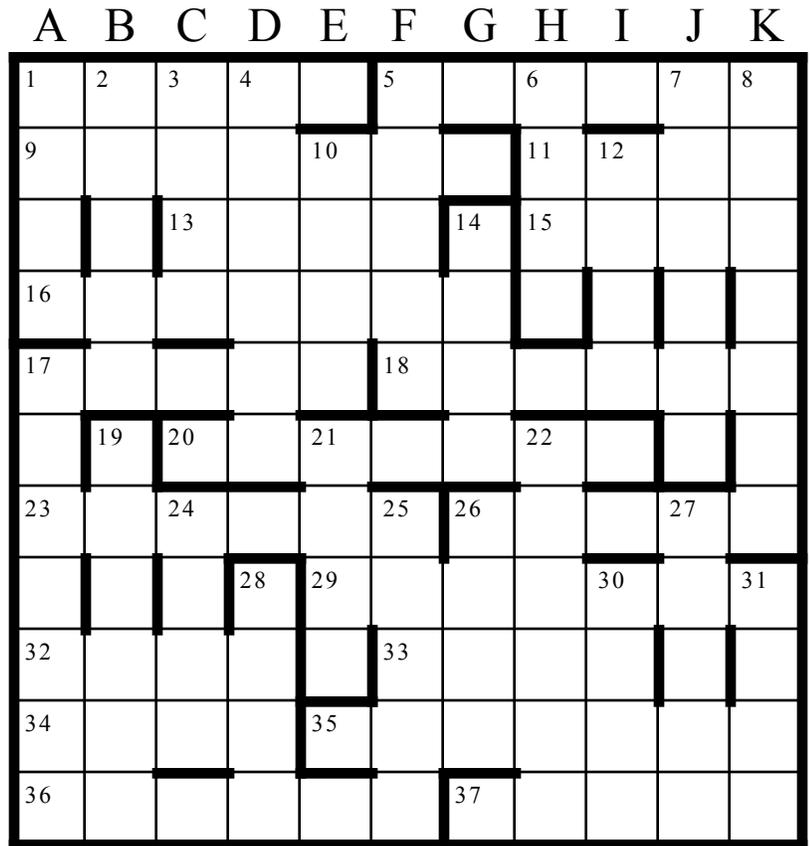
(1) Some clues have an answer that is too large for the given space, and must be entered with one square over-stuffed. Reading these squares in the grid from top to bottom, and applying cold, machinelike logic, you will see that the Thinker has left his distinctive mark (although not as destructively as usual).

(2) Some clues have an answer that will be doctored before being entered (two of the resulting entries are capitalized; one of these is a two-part name). Alternating between the last and first letters of these clues will tell you why the Doctor has done this.

(3) The answers for the remaining clues are entered normally, but in each of these clues the Acquirer has hidden an ill-gotten extra letter, which must be ignored when solving. For the *n*th of these clues, circle the square in the *n*th grid row whose column matches the extra letter. Read the circled squares from top to bottom to see one thing that appears in the movie (as in its source material); read them from left to right to see another thing that also appears in the movie (and has rather less grounding in the source material).

ACROSS

1. Detective embracing, ultimately, no nonsense!
5. Residence is housing little-famed jurist Oliver Wendell
9. Soon Theodore has yours truly ritually designated
11. Small egg of an insect or pet
13. Garland and cross bedecking old eleventh-century pope
(2 wds.)
15. Foremost of cable television providers finally shows
Off-Road Machines (abbr.)
16. Uma . . . going after incompetent left-shoe repairer
17. Juncture points on rigs decayed
18. Old-time Doctor Welby damages about half of cups
20. Margaret, sporting one black French negligee
23. At first, nerds like Ali's n- and m-sounds
26. Piece of cutlery inside of course is a sharp item
29. Improperly, Alice touches holy man with the most delicate fabric
32. Was upright, and also in South Dakota
33. Acapulco Gold coating 50% of Jed's cookie
34. A duo I blasted with sound
35. French mathematician at first looks at people like
André's comely ex
36. Crick's partner was not confused
37. Spot the French rabbi's psychiatrist



DOWN

1. Ira wildly embraces petite Kelly who works with Regis Philbin
2. Comic-book worker supports round pig
3. Is disturbing or upsetting the Italian soprano
4. Kind of tie or relationship between items in oxygen gas above hearth (*hyp*h.) [NI3]
5. Observe end of lathe revolving around ten weapons from Harry Potter
6. Money spent in Iran or Rhode Island by Albert
7. Green markers buried beneath eastern Nevada
8. Utterances that are witty about sin misdirected believers in one underlying principle
10. Slot I repaired works
12. Crafts vehicles with no top
14. Ale-dispenser on top of Natalie's shed
17. Snag wag that's modified cutter with many kedges
(2 wds.) [NI3]
19. Mag slammed aunt's gown
21. *Star Wars* princess that is back inside endless lab
22. Source for lipids does lie in unusual locations
24. Centermost of those inside puts on reversible hairnet
25. Bad loans for Bart creator John French
26. Immediate loss from dice Norm initially cast the wrong way
27. Heard the author dis going to part of a church
28. Valedictory speech about beverage containing iodine
30. Fringing is intended for ladies
31. Saucy term for part of the foot