

# MOUTH OF THE UNDERWORLD

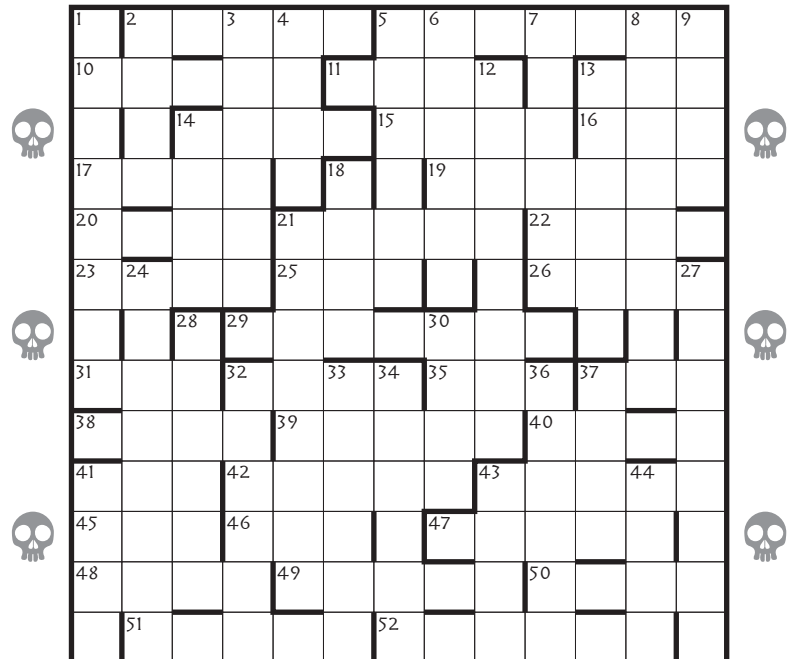
*Only the desolate wailing of dank winds livens this dark shore,  
Eerily howling through rubble and ruins, the remnants of queer crypts.  
Etch a design in the cold sand, murmuring words from an old scroll.  
Pitiful grey wraiths, all who are down in that cheerless and grim world,  
Rise at the terrible call of the strange spell, sending their true souls  
Upward with sad moans, impotent pleas in inscrutable, lost tongues.*

## ACROSS

2. He's infiltrating State Treasury
5. Most tanked water gets endless inspection
10. Championship? Let it slide.
11. Elevated area said to be rocky
13. Seldom unevenly, decelerate along the highway?
14. Decline a long tale
15. Messy place, especially at first, is an eyesore?
16. Peg, called for, leaves
17. Fresno establishment suppresses negative votes
19. Model braces for heavy thrown objects
20. *Highlander* broadcast is a blast
21. Duels strangely took a turn
22. I was aware of outspoken Japanese natives
23. Shifty servant smuggling Belgian flower
25. Pet flounder
26. Nice fat lawn trimmed
29. Register early expression of disapproval in nursery school
31. Endlessly venerate certain singer/artist
32. Utter befuddlement at times
35. Counter highest wagers in poker game
37. Application and résumé returned, in part
38. Deadly virus almost in recession in part of brain
39. Kids facing poverty dealt a low blow?
41. "Pshaw!" exclaimed Greek character
42. Make fun of lookout
43. Reconsider names for clergyman's dwelling
45. Listen to sheep report in country
46. Flipped short little dog's shaggy hair
47. Appeal in play's most prominent starring role
48. Potentate sent back cake
49. Cervantes' sweet word (vaguely clued)
50. Cry out approaching chief Greek goddess
51. Island female spinning yarn
52. Junk I scour for knickknacks

## DOWN

1. Add an element of sex, finally exciting gay teen
2. Eye early Egyptian capital, deserts
3. Change the proportion and mixture of cereals
4. "Zeros" on margins of aptitude test mean "Ones"
5. Gossip was coming back with something cutting



6. Make out even what's missing on "Casual Friday"
7. Talkathon's most merry brought forward for club
8. Upheaval in Alps rends architectural ornaments
9. Boast about European footwear
12. Yes, spots recalled destruction of Sodom around times of divine judgement
13. Stands true, commands attention
14. Actor Cary appearing in novel western
18. Below-par performance is standard for some
21. Carnage of D-Day rocks naval bases
24. Cuckoo finds posh perch sites?
27. Some football players feed nerds trash
28. Place to get notes from fellow composers in audition
30. Rate whittled totem pole
32. Puzzled by birds in flower garden
33. Some nations affected pleasant-sounding words
34. One question allowed by these factions planted in audience...
36. ... "Liberal tax: nice or not nice?"
37. Epicurean journal entry: luscious fruit
41. Get older, losing weight (for pride, maybe)
43. Very minute sphere
44. Disk's reformatted for slides