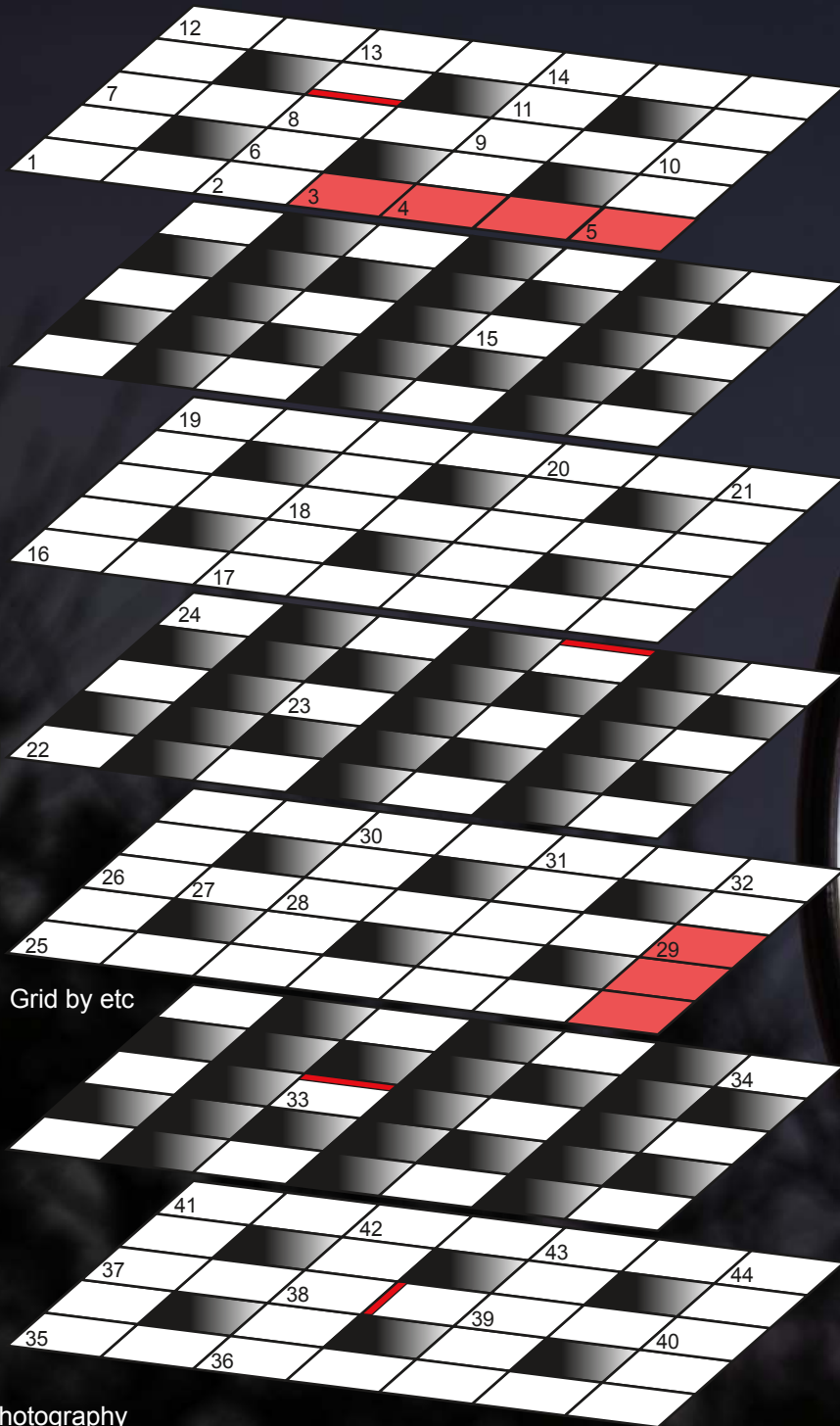


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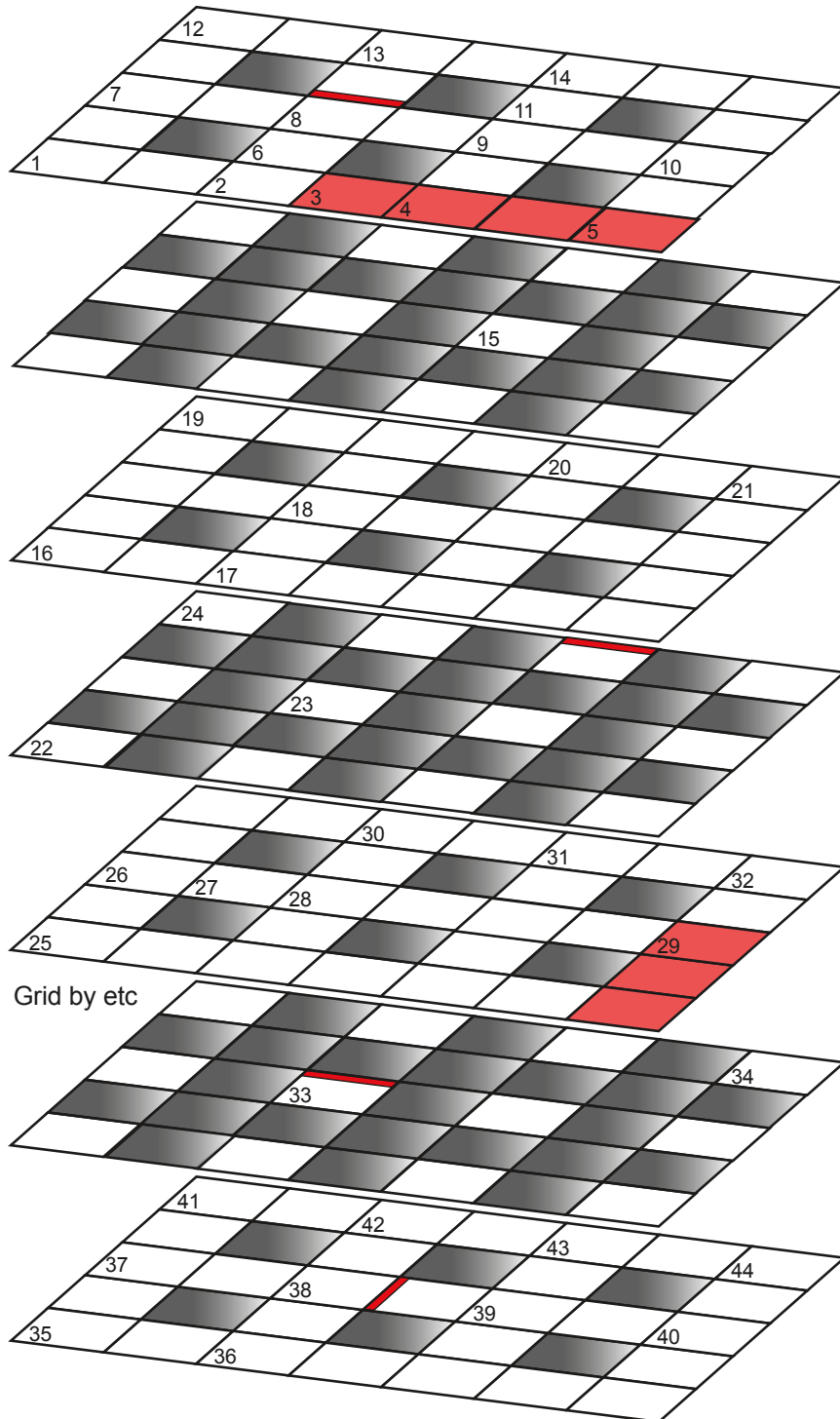
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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
41 <sup>7ac</sup> White in extremis badly wants to capture knight before end of game (7)	42 <sup>32ba</sup> Monitors 'a' rank – rook pinned back left on square (7)	1 <sup>30to</sup> What's essential for communion? Chaplain's forgotten our heroine! (5)	2 <sup>41to</sup> The reversal of logic is a book's intrinsic root (5)	3 <sup>43to</sup> I'd try this curry for spicy unbirthday! (5)	4 <sup>41up</sup> Twice over, sing about Pieces of 8 (7)	5 <sup>36up,2aw-2</sup> Book not having the Sheep caught cheers! (5,3)
6 <sup>35ac</sup> Taxi fare not very much – perhaps rucksack instead provides singular topic for 40 & 7's discussion (7)	7 <sup>35up-3,25ac</sup> Admit going after fish and chips (9)	8 <sup>21to</sup> Outing of French cat owner provides diversion on board (5)	9 <sup>23up-2,18ac</sup> A little female is so curious about summer habit (6)	10 <sup>5d</sup> Battle-axe is weapon putting together Humpty-Dumpty? Not <i>entirely</i> , on reflection (7)	11 <sup>13d-4</sup> Nothing even from Tiger-lily – or, ultimately, Kitty's renewed toughness (4)	12 <sup>5aw</sup> Characters vacating unlikeliest tea-party following grand Victorian ball (5)
13 <sup>15up,9ba-4</sup> This colouring red knights injected into Haddock's Eyes again for starters (5)	14 <sup>11to,4ac</sup> Reflecting, with severed head – action of vorpal blade? (6)	15 <sup>11aw,14d-3</sup> 'Leo?': this clue could give THE LION (4)	16 <sup>24up-2,19ac</sup> Coil reassembled with this approach of All the King's Men? (8)	17 <sup>4d</sup> Disinclination to shift horse's tail, trapped aboard one fantastical train (7)	18 <sup>42ac,44up</sup> Nonsense from stockbroker, crazy for Spooner (11)	19 <sup>42up-4</sup> The elderly like blackberry jam on top? You can't do this to it today (4)
20 <sup>42to</sup> Jack not in charge of 1, swirling black cloak (5)	21 <sup>42ba,42ba,43up-4</sup> British charm captivates 4 – one way being from 18 (6,4)	22 <sup>1aw,35up</sup> Our man air crews ordered into lounge (5,7)	23 <sup>1ac,33d,38ba,37up-2</sup> In this kids' school nurses regularly dispensed as hall's gigantic (7-5)	24 <sup>27ac</sup> Was humming tunes, essentially, whenever supplied with cake? (6)	25 <sup>16ac</sup> Unusual sorts, types at intervals withdrawn (7)	26 <sup>31to</sup> Concerned with part of the agony of 22's facelift (5)
27 <sup>34d,44to</sup> Nice dream in which the Queen's held in Wonderland respect? (6)	28 <sup>22up-2,16aw,19up-2</sup> Not the first amusing moment with Snowdrop's last fishy snack (7)	29 <sup>25aw</sup> Expresses sulkiness when pawn promoted to Queen: is thrashing the result? (5)	30 <sup>17aw</sup> 8, quiet game of skill for two taken over by one (5)	31 <sup>12ac-3,13to</sup> What the Gnat was wont to do in his government returns (4)	32 <sup>12ac</sup> If, in the end, <i>frog</i> footman is <i>fishy</i> , the last of that is mean (7)	33 <sup>20to</sup> Experience a group of multiloquent asters (5)
34 <sup>10d,29up-3</sup> Twin did feel naked ... (10)	35 <sup>10d,40ba</sup> ... twin did jump nude (10)	36 <sup>39up-6</sup> Wiktionary To remove man from board is elevating Henry Cross (6)	37 <sup>26ac-3,28up</sup> Fantastic being supplied with credit to secure ring used in wedding (7)	38 <sup>6aw-2,8d-3,18ba</sup> Open novel for fun? All victims of Queen of Hearts? (6)	39 <sup>32to</sup> Flamingo? It's no monstrous crow turning on Queen (5)	40 <sup>7d-6</sup> Tossed salad of 6 adorns lower half of your moustache (6)

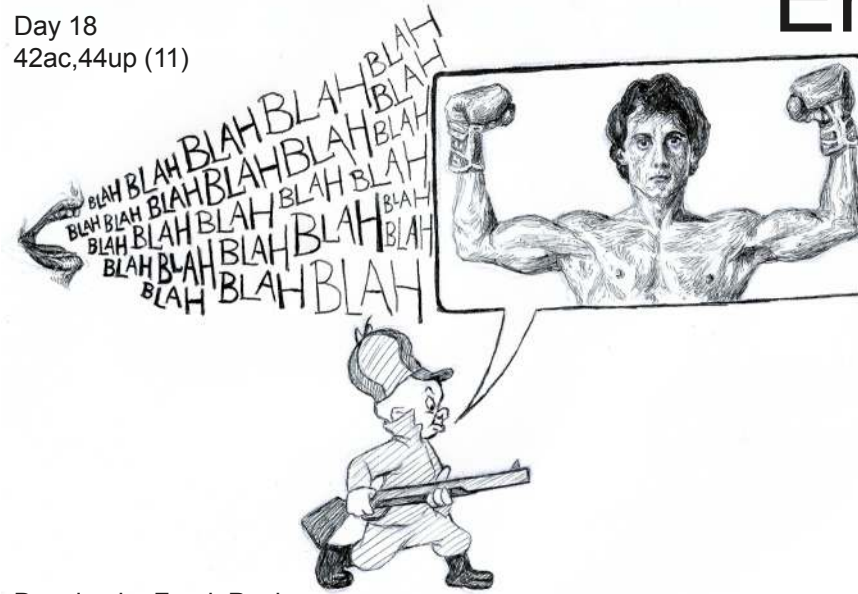
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Day 18  
42ac,44up (11)



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