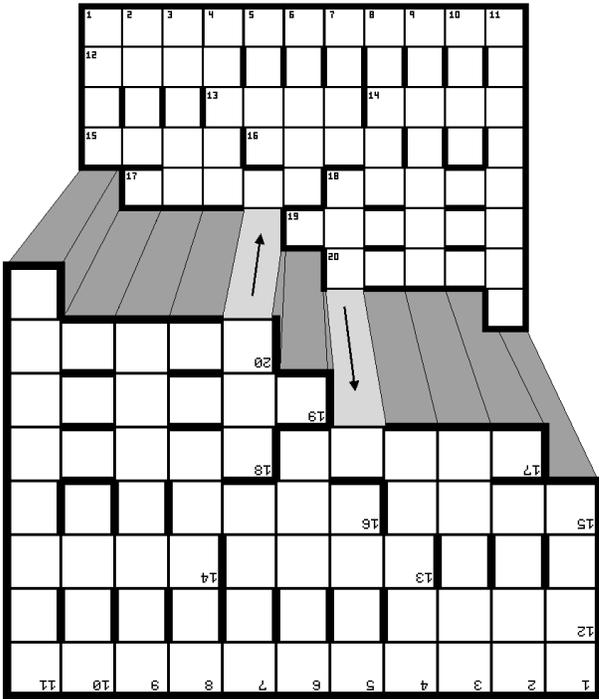


In Any Case...

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In the third part of this four-part series, we see two different perspectives on the same work: one small version in which things go as planned, and one large version in which they do not.



nine of this side's entries are *too small* to fit in the grid - you'll need to stretch one letter between two cells. if you stretch the nth letter of the answer, highlight the nth letter of the clue. (some of these are ambiguous, but will be disambiguated by future information.)

the stretched letters, from left to right, will spell **what happened when the cast found the missing page.**

WERE HOPING FOR INSTEAD
 THE DOUBLE-PACKED LETTERS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, WILL SPELL **WHAT THEY**
 LETTER OF THE CLUE.
 A CELL. IF THE NTH CELL IS THE DOUBLE-PACKED ONE, HIGHLIGHT THE NTH
 TO SQUEEZE TWO LETTERS (OR IN ONE CASE, ONE LETTER AND ONE SYMBOL) INTO
 NINE OF THIS SIDE'S ENTRIES ARE *TOO LARGE* TO FIT IN THE GRID - YOU'LL NEED

The highlighted letters will pair up in corresponding clues - they give you part of a *cipher that converts between small and large letters*. The remaining 26 clues each have one word that is the wrong case: to be able to solve the clues, you must convert that word to the other size using this mapping.

The stretched letters, when converted to their larger counterparts, will tell you **what happened to the missing page.**

across

1. cyber-nations' golden fruit conceals one fay crystal at its center
12. mane relative is not in favor of
13. "gaze and add forevermore", poetically
14. metal slab in the front
15. in french article, he created legends
16. nobleman caned, losing face
17. native to some of rome
18. group, for short, like manga companies (abbr.)
19. face of soldierly nation creates type of tank
20. add more of a vista to newly-created seal (2 wds.)

down

1. device that's boring and totally sound
2. for chum in the uk, ton of fiddlers
3. ignore lack of force in revolt territory
4. lysed borreliosis extract for someone in edmonton
5. huggable bartender
6. frank dich's army unit ate before lunch
7. upset lowlife sailor
8. inheritances missing preface can lead to problems
9. confesses on supple, poorly-written, dismissed letter on disks (2 wds.)
10. timberwolves' group in cycle stop
11. small swallow carrying ten of a headpiece
18. perhaps takes part in chef competition, at first captivated by many an alert

1. MILITARY CAMP TO LISTEN IN, PROBING EMPLOYEE ON VACATION
2. WHAT GOES UNDER A "DEAR...": "SON, I'M GOING TO..."
3. CAUGHT SANTA'S ADDENDUM
4. FORMAT LAST IDEA FOR BOOK
5. AVOID, LIKE BEING IN LOVE WITH TELEKINETIC
6. CHRONICLE LOOKING BACK OVER APPRENTICE ARL OF THE JETSONS
7. GIVE A SECOND CHANCE TO BREAK IN, PRE-DOPING
8. FOUNTAIN NYMPH ORACLE EVACUATED? THERE ISN'T ANY
9. CLEARS OUT REPO #3 OF STUDENT APP CAPTCHA KEYS
10. AUTHOR CANAVAN TO REWRITE UNFORTUNATE DEATH INVOLVING CHARACTERS IN THE INTRODUCTION
11. SUCCESSFULLY SEIZING ANNE'S POORLY-BUILT GIRLDE
18. NEVADA CITY LINES L-BAR RIGHTFULLY ELEVATED

DOWN

- DELI NO. 2
20. SECOND-GENERATION JAPANESE IMMIGRANT'S SOUTHEASTERN
19. EMPTIER VESSEL THAT HOLDS A LITER
18. ASSHOLES ARE REAL DRY AROUND CONNECTICUT
- GUILTY
17. ABOARD HELPLESS YACHT IS DEFENDANT WHO WAS DECLARED
16. GRAB ONE PART AT MIDDAY
15. ICY VET FROM A DISNEY MOVIE PEELS AWAY HIDES
14. HELPED SOUP PRODUCTION
13. ONE HOLDING TEAL COMIC UPSIDE-DOWN, HEADING OUT
12. CAUSE BLUSH IN SOMEONE BEFORE TUESDAY
1. FEW TO LEAVE ENGLISH HEIST, OUT IN SOUTHEAST (2 WDS.)

ACROSS

(If you'd like to solve this on a spreadsheet rather than paper, a template spreadsheet is available at bit.ly/inanycase. This link also has the clues in plain text form, if you'd like to copy-paste them somewhere else.)