

ACROSS

- 1 "I don't know how to put this, but... I'm kind of ___ deal"
- 5 Change leader?
- 10 ___ Verde (island nation off the coast of Africa)
- 11 Range where yodeling is rarely heard
- 12 Longtime newspaper comic
- 14 Trendsetters
- 15 Dead eye?
- 17 "Darrell suspected someone had once again slipped him a spoon with the concave side ___." (12-Across caption)
- 19 Hypes (up)
- 22 Jazzy James
- 23 Implements in a 12-Across panel that, according to 32-Across, aren't meant to resemble anything
- 27 Vessel that often holds the results of b___ing
- 28 Attach, as a boat and dock
- 32 Author of 12-Across
- 34 Like one who just heard shocking news
- 35 Actress Hatcher
- 36 Like matches vis-à-vis lighters, surprisingly
- 37 Glaswegian or Edinburger

DOWN

- 1 Prologue follower
- 2 Thai currency

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- 3 "Please!"
- 4 "Après vous!"
- 5 Shortcut that a plagiarist might use
- 6 Steppenwolf author Hermann
- 7 Oxford or Cambridge, in slang
- 8 What I am, in fact I'm probably the best in the world at being this
- 9 Time saver, in computer programs
- 13 ___ WE STILL FRIENDS? (closing track on IGOR)
- 16 Love in an elevator?
- 18 Stoops (to)
- 19 Prefix meaning "needle"
- 20 Le Fay of Arthurian tales
- 21 Word that, at this point, is probably most likely to be said by a gamer character in a big-budget film written by a room of millennial executives
- 24 Like some universal donors
- 25 Hockey player in Edmonton
- 26 Meadow
- 29 CPU cycle unit
- 30 Bull in a china shop (if the china shop is in Spain)
- 31 "Leave it to me!"
- 33 Like some good steak or some bad chicken