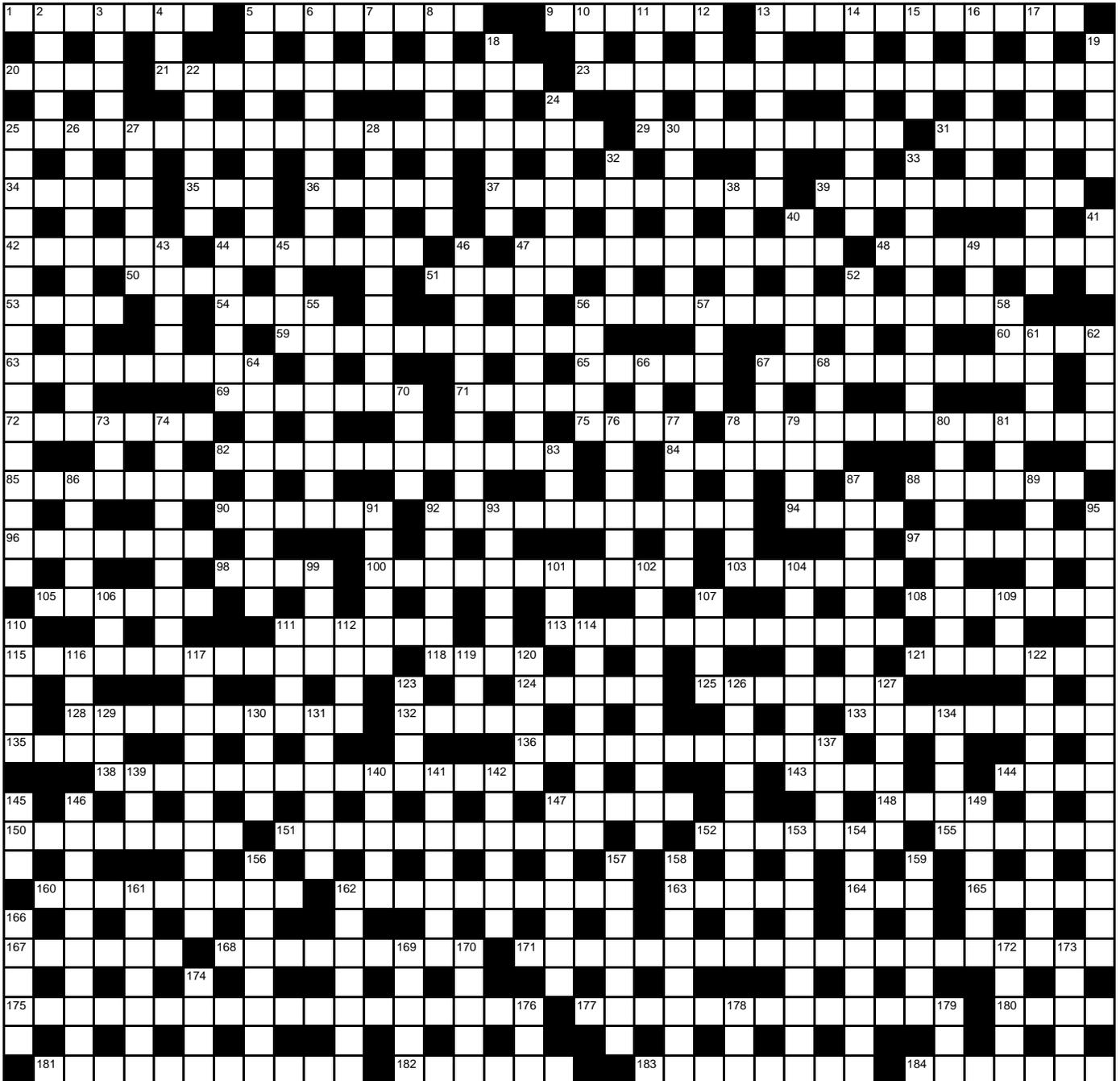




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# Cryptic Colossus



## Across

1. Crimson explosive planted next to vehicle (7)
5. Star skier sat devastated (8)
9. The band squeezed into the room and played a few notes (6)
13. Duration of film about the four-minute mile (7,4)
20. It was in the clergy that he made an impact (4)
21. Crushed rotting apple touched Beth's top; absorbent material used (8,5)
23. Very fast director of church choir may protect building during storms (9,9)
25. Hey! Take a rude vacation, maybe? Proverbially, you can't! (4,4,4,3,3,2)
29. Salt found in treated betacarotene, excess trace elements initially removed (9)
31. Exclusive right given to inventors of patient's heart transplant (6)
34. Slate scattered about Canterbury, perhaps (5)
35. Consumed by categorical arrogance (3)
36. Change announced at the Holy Table (5)
37. Edward isn't flustered by the prevailing air currents (5,5)
39. Carry load properly: steer gently in a clockwise direction (4,5)
42. Lancaster storage — hang a right and you'll get there (6)
44. This is the last two-sevenths of the first four-sevenths of this (7)
47. Though unusually tide isn't out, it's an extremely desperate situation (11)
48. A wintry weather phenomenon, or a flower that appears at season's end (8)
50. Welshman going back inside the church (4)
51. Quick and quiet in middle of sortie (5)
53. Headless type of bed might be terrible (4)
54. Very enthusiastic opera singer returns (4)
56. In there, her tooth cracked, that of the first in line (4,2,3,6)
59. Outsider's odds in the 12:40 (6,2,3)
60. Panorama visible from German car — outside that is (4)
63. Dismiss alien item out of hand (9)
65. Grey article surrounds woman (5)
67. Articulated in a distinct fashion (10)
69. Truck driver to carry soldier with no sign of completed transaction (7)
71. Former legal decision was totally accurate (5)
72. In the blue hospital room, she looks to the heavens (7)
75. Suspend from Shanghai University (4)
78. Englishmen who traditionally perform inside cars (6,7)
82. Play several notes at once; it will really resonate with the audience (6,1,5)
84. The monkey rushes about (6)
85. Steal attention from others after a period of positive returns (7)
88. Hop might give rise to this drink, sometimes preceding 107 (6)
90. Switch from left to right in European capital caused epidemic of crashes (6)
92. Give the house a major tidy-up — on a pogo stick! (6,5)
94. Expression of agreement bounced off the walls (4)
96. Film, with its expressionless humour, was very dull. Critics slate it (7)
97. Catwater Castle (7)
98. Send the cakes back? That's quite an insult (4)
100. Preserving elegance, her one desirable feature (6,5)
103. Violent kick caused him to flinch (6)
105. Particularly positive support for heavyweight (6)
108. Catch sight of little rascal amongst scattered limbs (7)
111. Stu finally has five points, but they're invisible (6)
113. Blue gin mania at sea? That's unthinkable! (12)
115. Bean-crushing machine broke down; grief enforced (6,7)
118. Sod the racetrack! (4)
121. "Move slowly in the steam ship," he writes hurriedly (7)
124. Bella breaks up record company (5)
125. Finding himself isolated, he stopped the engine (4,3)
128. Running after the punter's daily (6,4)
132. Can be seen in battle, often in Japanese cartoons (5)
133. Business title given to new teen drama (5,4)
135. They only received second-best grades they said, but there was quite a buzz (4)
136. Useful digit for the end of a reference book (5,6)
138. The duo will be singing about a big car for hours, possibly. Are you going? (11,4)
143. The girl likes to paddle, or so she says (4)
144. Blacken the tea (4)
147. Stay on the ground floor, never above (5)
148. Metal spelt the end of Fritz, American company (4)
150. One of the points of the cutting tool sounds like it needs dental work (3,5)
151. "Ram's Ass" beer concoction makes a fool of him (11)
152. Let loose with a television at no extra cost (3,4)
155. Tremble in the Southern French winter (6)
160. Economically cutting back: outwardly shrewd (9)
162. There are rodents in the middle of the pasta! (10)
163. Surrounded by the Eastern tip of Russia and half of Mongolia (5)
164. Bed children often try at first (3)
165. Majestic; appearing before family or after battle (5)
167. Love the selection of fruit (6)
168. They're all performers, minus one perhaps, including first clarinetists and saxophonists (9)
171. Ups and downs in the playground (6,3,11)
175. Play a nine-iron from the senior area? You're just like your father (4,3,3,3,5)
177. Mind-altering Hitchcock film makes sense (13)
180. Sort of number, definitely not 107 (4)
181. I, Larry, chaotically follow the rhythm, but only for a short while (11)
182. Facial photographic effect seen on a late-night flight (3-3)
183. Possibly let trees move to new location (8)
184. Main investigation finally taking place into busted cartel (7)

## Down

2. In the stadium, you can look up and see an entire period of history (5)
3. Clergyman's residence in which the old woman settled (5)
4. Tip the garbage can up (3)
5. Call that vegetable a thing of beauty? I suffocate on it (9)
6. Group of political experts consider Sherman (5,4)
7. Local paper used to clean up (3)
8. Acceptable level of support (8)
10. Tail-end trouble (3)
11. US soldier in raincoat has supernatural powers (5)
12. Dissuade from ascertaining without excavating (5)
13. It's catastrophic, and could bankrupt us, we said (7)
14. He appreciated fine details, especially attractive cravats (8)
15. Not any inert gas about (4)
16. Am I nuts, perhaps, to be giving a big wave? (7)
17. European peak consisting of substance that can be seen above cape (10)
18. Yacht race series could be a target (7)
19. Make a harsh sound, but sound impressive (5)
22. Rule broken beneath the French shrub (6)
24. He stood captivated as cab reversed into US Central Bank (7)
25. Twisted Deck, huge Irish hit, could aid in stellar sightseeing (11,5)
26. All ivory nut creation worked on without pay (11)
27. Servile chap in the office always eyes manager (3-3)
28. Everyone who turned up: at 22:00, move to the music! (10)
30. He flies over a mound, south of the A6 (7)
32. Encountered and let out spirit (6)
33. Revive and later persuade him to agree (5,5)
38. Over the top, I'd say back, just like the last time (5)
40. She just gave birth to kittens, a male one of which climbed up in front of her (6)
41. Notice the agent (3)
43. Black bird Vera confused prior to the first of November (5)
44. Abundance of money allows him to break the law (6)
45. Cry out, "Time's up!" (4)
46. Naval vessel club given the slip, perhaps (10)
47. Is around in fragments, but hasn't been seen for millions of years (8)
49. Pale water-dwelling bird loses its head (3)
52. Shock: bananas go up (4)
55. Thinking long and hard about the situation in the house (8)
56. Moor forms part of the athlete's cross-country training (5)
57. Can yesterday's result really be so small? (4)
58. She's been here since the beginning, or possibly the day before (3)
61. Does nothing, but is said to be worshipped (4)
62. Seize the remainder, we hear (5)
64. Visitor from the Blue Planet might be a girl, then (9)
66. She produces 107, but no more than one a day (3)
67. They see many advantages in doing it for the money (4)
68. Handy implements if you're having a row (4)
70. This Spanish team is the genuine article (4)
73. Her Twitter page has plenty of humorous content (3)
74. Fix part of mother in the performance (9)
76. Two accounts, identically analysing at first a tree (6)
77. Mediterranean country musical report (6)
78. Less generous than the average queen (6)
79. Talking about short marsupials, but it was all just a trick (4)
80. Helps himself to drink, though he can't help himself (9)
81. Share of profits reduced (3)
83. Adorn with Spanish title (3)
86. Step one: inside take lead role (5)
87. Event in which participants must carry a seat above their heads; seen on the piste (9)
89. Battered fruit, therefore inexpensive (5)
91. Festival relating to a point of the compass, but not north (6)
92. Very knowledgeable person sat outside vehicle (6)
93. Warden called emergency room (6)
95. Monarch's seed is in command of the ring (11,5)
99. Security chain (4)
101. Beast seen only in foreign uplands (3)
102. Composite charged particle creating facial colour (10)
104. Their cat could perhaps be more talkative (8)
106. Hiding in a coffee shop? It's just not on (3)
107. As sure as these are these, she gives encouragement (4)
109. This Antipodean bird is no more, but they said it could do your lawn (3)
110. Scour the woodland (5)
111. Reverse so I can unfasten it (4)
112. Dispatched a small coin, he said (4)
114. Insignificant people whose unpleasant smell never fades away (8)
116. Look! Ball coming right, amongst the opposing team (4)
117. Creating a quality scale for a DNA sequence (10)
119. Vase said to require work to obtain (3)
120. Around fifty appears reasonable for this natural gift (5)
122. Inform me of the objects in your possession, and that kind of thing (4,4,3)
123. Crawl forward a short distance (4)
126. Please pass me my jacket — the one Dad used to wear — from the top floor (4-2-4)
127. Mural whose temperature is reported to drop below zero (6)
129. He was a real donkey at the start of assembly (3)
130. Cue sport syndicate (4)
131. Turbulent tale in which a thousand drown (6)
134. Guzzles beer while walking over rolling hills (5)
137. Lion's cry sounded unadulterated (4)
139. Bird call announcing major shift in power (3)
140. Mark given to students in American class (5)
141. As a professional extinguisher, he likes to dismiss staff (7)
142. Beetle, for example, whose chopped-up section had nothing removed (6)
145. As potassium amalgamates, find out why (3)
146. Only cleaned one edge with the brush, but any problems were quickly dealt with (5,5)
147. Makes loud noise with contraption used to fan the flames (7)
149. Bear offspring outside her angel-faced one (6)
153. Determine the answer a digit away (6,3)
154. Highly restricted, appearing in no other publication (9)
156. Maybe crush Leo: he's got very bad posture (8)
157. Quietly, as directed, Ian first plays the Grand (7)
158. Kill off a considerable number over a large area (8)
159. Sports grounds in general cost a diabolical amount (6)
161. Get together or purge, somehow (7)
162. "Victoria Cross? There's nothing in it," the comrade said emphatically (7)
166. People do this to get rid of a number of birds and animals, sometimes even 107 (5)
169. May trap insects or be trapped in the middle of traffic signals (5)
170. Rebuke as a result of southerly chill (5)
172. There's no hiding Trevor's endless ascent (5)
173. Letter mentioned in the taxing lecture (5)
174. A long way from home, Nadal on familiar terms begins his return (4)
176. A flat, perhaps, or what you need to enter it (3)
178. Reportedly an alternative deposit (3)
179. He's sheltered from the wind (3)