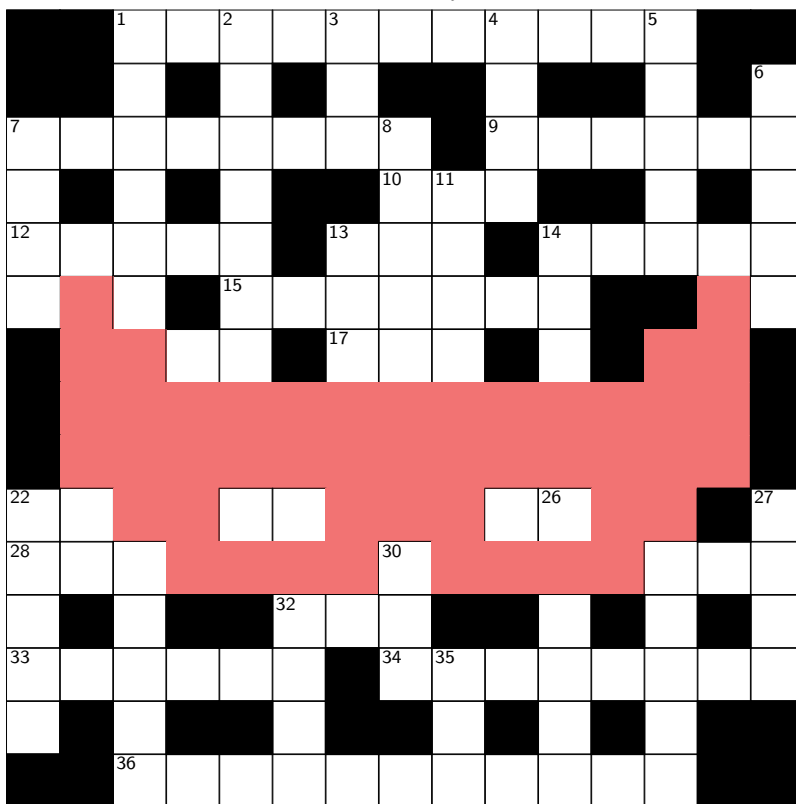


The Masked Hero by Peter Fenner



A masked hero is here to save the day! As their most recent act of heroism they have saved this asymmetric grid by hiding the asymmetries with their mask.

22 of the masked cells are black squares and the solver should deduce their locations. Once the puzzle is solved, the 25 masked white cells will reveal the identity of the masked hero and the name of the supervillain from whom they are saving lives.

Across

- 1 Fantastic Four enter, very delayed
- 7 Using social media like Batman's sidekick?
- 9 Quickly take a break in river
- 10 Wonder Woman in hospital ward
- 12 Ant-Man indefatigably leads attempt to find friend
- 13 Metal ripped without tin opener
- 14 Iron Man finishes off Storm and Invisible Woman
- 15 South American animal starts to awaken, covered in bat poo
- 16 Lex Luthor or The Riddler in: *Return of Egghead*
- 17 Understanding a man doll
- 20 Leonard folds in sheets
- 22 *Simpsons* supervillain's star sign
- 25 Hiding in curtain: a nosy old lady...
- 28 ...A chap, upon discovering, makes surprised sound
- 29 Fight is majority of film
- 31 Country airs broadcast about America
- 32 Measure part of Hellboy
- 33 Deliberate about apprehending Gotham's foremost hero
- 34 Type of job when play ends (*hyphenated*)
- 36 Husband and wife communicate over long distance, putting it in script

Down

- 1 Justice Man (original super hero) returns fire fighter's introduction
- 2 Alter-ego in Hawaiian clothes goes after The Postman: Deliverer of Disease
- 3 Fly in your underwear
- 4 Record alien eating father up
- 5 Mopes about in Surrey town
- 6 Sound of Batman punching the Queen: "Oomph!"
- 7 Thor told to become warmer
- 8 Doctor Strange provides stones
- 11 Withdraw a new cocktail
- 13 Ordinary park, oddly missing tree
- 14 Principal financial interests holding company returned, making important points
- 18 Changing the form of care rendered upon insect attack
- 19 "It hurts too much" concedes Thomas
- 20 Large organ for king
- 21 Enthralled by ex-soldier in wild ride
- 22 Superman (aka Clark Kent, secretly) starts fires
- 23 Bumbling swimmer under Atlantic Ocean heads back
- 24 It may be essential to avoid some manoeuvres when reversing limo
- 26 The Atom parts from crazy uncle over some insult
- 27 Captain America's hidden identity
- 30 Fictional being in Marvel film
- 35 You and I stabbed by tip of Zorro's weapon