

HEXED AGAIN!

This grid was once a plain barred cryptic crossword, until one day it unintentionally offended two powerful wizards from the Order of the Cruciverb.

To get their revenge, they both cast a spell on the seven worst **Across** clues in the crossword, one at a time: the first wizard rewrote each of the seven clues in such a way that it ended up containing its answer, thereby violating The Error That Cannot Be Named. The second wizard, disapproving of this error, decided to "fix" it by removing the offending word from each of the seven clues. Surely now no one could solve these clues!

Of course, like any wizard would, they left evidence behind: every **Down** clue that crosses one of the affected Across clues has been affected by the magic and has a wordplay half cluing a string with one additional letter compared to the definition half. Reading these additional letters in clue order will reveal a phrase that describes what happened to each of the seven affected clues!

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(All the other Across and Down clues are solved and entered normally.)

ACROSS

- Left one Cambridge university for border (5)
- Divers collect copper for agency (7)
- Provided cutting standard for outfit (7)
- Foreign worker, perhaps, is apex; dynamic; tip-top (5)
- Staff undervalue starter in price list (4)
- Measurements of intensive care unit (4)
- Veto corrupt election (4)
- Start to push upper limit for alcohol strength (5)
- Aroma of three sizes of cups containing first samples of espresso latte (5)
- Good man overcoming Bush is kind of smart? (6)
- Mistakes every other gold with silver, at first (6)
- Head cheerleader's followed by fellow that's turning into scumbag (5)
- Stories about grand adventure sequences, primarily! (5)
- Relating to mass of tooth (5)
- Enthusiastic chorus starts in monotonous rap (5)
- Rope in Premier League for push (6)
- Ancient strongman in ultimate circus: confused man carrying girlfriend, maybe? (6)
- Gap in a kerb (5)
- Con's forbidding all love (5)
- What's owed: ...cases of digestive biscuit? (4)
- Short, short actress Alison (4)
- Tuna fish eats into diagonal for one of five singers (4)
- Pass shot to footballer Costa (5)
- Essentially, I'd erase one who mocks (7)
- Son and tricycle start to ride forward (7)
- Mimicry of ζ(3)'s namesake (5)

DOWN

- Re-emus PC multicore setup holding single payment (4 3)
- Serpentine, ruthless... somewhat noble, perhaps? (5)
- Title of man in gate is "Insignificant" (5)
- Sweet-sour absorbed by incomplete marinade (6)
- Firm in faith, having reached the top (7)
- Mother puts off measurements (6)
- Backwards element of company goal: "Opaque admission of faults" (7)
- Plain of birth around new and old city (7)
- Consider turning around man for funny image (4)
- Juicy information of afternoon meal (3)
- Prime German age (3)
- Penalty for auditors: two pairs of buff (7)
- Thief grasps edges of crystal hook (7)
- More troublesome, odd pieces by one who goes down slippery slopes (7)
- Icing top of hot wing (3)
- Regarding sensation, scores broke around New York's capital (7)
- UK, with love (and beer), brought back sports brand (6)
- Vehicle starts to manipulate enhanced solar power—it might go after lights? (6)
- Fat junior, perhaps, taking over senior (4)
- Denies motion that's disparaging (5)
- Superficial detour to get into place (5)
- Tot's neurological disorder (3)