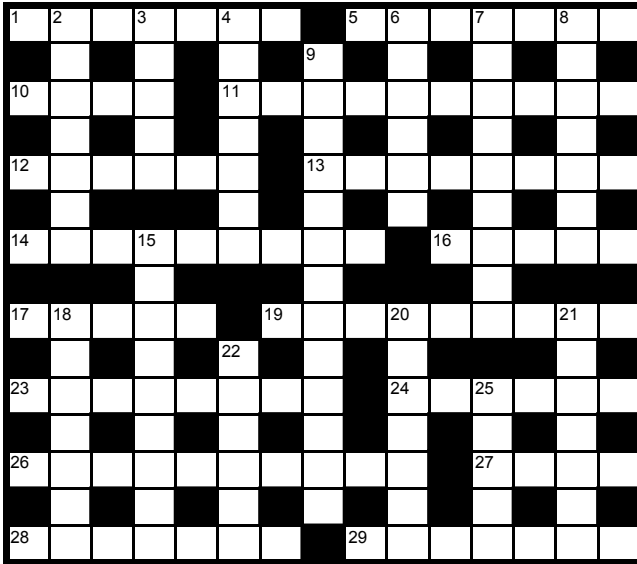


**meta 2, set by Lemminkäinen**



**Across**

- 1 Party contains eleven from the East: small, but most attractive! (7)
- 5 Laugh as heartless steal our safe haven (7)
- 10 Returned A to Z engrossing alien with controversial function (4)
- 11 Zombie admiral, perhaps, took a game then ate (10)
- 12 Screwed up most of Pacman without dying first. Crazy! (6)
- 13 Shapeshifter encountered Elizabeth with a tool for measuring length (8)
- 14 Study of reactions between the more engaging stars? (9)
- 16 Tolkein's farmer who watched over summers? (5)
- 17 Manipulating us with fashionable good character (5)
- 19 Indigineous person has a centre in the centre of Lincoln (9)
- 23 3, 6's "Thou shalt not kill": the gold standard for confusion with nothing bar empty gestures (3, 5, 3, 2, 8)

- 24 3 6's prophet loses nothing when returning 21 (6)
- 26 Dragon planet with one sea, we're told, in company with America: he put the planets in their place (10)
- 27 Celebrated politician is good for a white-wash? (4)
- 28 Slipped south and joshed (7)
- 29 Mind control: a ring beguiles Sue to marry (7)

**Down**

- 2 What about you fifty, as encircles the peeper (7)
- 3 Science fiction writer is foolish Casanova: no, no, but I'm there instead (5, 6)
- 4 Strokes of the whip sometimes come with stars? (7)
- 6 See 3 Down
- 7 Vain grebe is working, working hard (9)
- 8 Luke smashed and Elle lost part of much-maligned stringed instrument (7)
- 9 See 23 Across
- 15 Dig deep and aim to catch one out - best not to put a foot wrong! (9)
- 18 Type of horror Holmes might like the sound of (7)
- 20 Sleeps without one's struggles (7)
- 21 Lose don troubled by fast food (7)
- 22 Circumference of iron-clad ring (6)
- 25 Climb out hiding a place for ghosts that's neither here nor there (5)