

# Island 7

## Meta Puzzle: Three Ring Circus

Each answer fits into the three ring grid. Using the colored balls (e.g., the red/yellow balls are Es) as guidelines for lining up the answers, one gets:

GENEVAATEASE  
ESITARSSAFIR  
RSRANKLEDONO

Unused columns, reading around the ring, spell NIR/VAN/ASL/EAD/SIN/GER, which was **Kurt Cobain**.

## The Clowns

Each clue is missing a letter. This letter is the first letter of the entry that actually goes in that number.

	G	N	A	W	S		V	E	L	L	U	M	
X		I		I			J		N		A	E	
Y	E	A	R	S			A	L	T	E	R	E	D
Z		G		E			B		R		V	A	
	Z	A	G	R	E	B		U	H	A	U	L	
S		R					E		S			I	
Q	U	A	R	T	E	R	S	T	A	F	F	S	
U				U			W				A	T	
I	N	C	U	R			O	R	B	I	T	S	
S		O		N			C		U		F	K	
H	A	M	M	O	C	K		R	I	A	T	A	
E		M		U			Y		R		R	L	
D	R	A	F	T	S			P	O	E	M	S	

Matching the letter that's missing to the first letter of the answer gives us a cipherkey (e.g., the first clue gives us G->M).

Decoding CLOWNS the same way gives us **rankle**.

## High Wire Act

Going from letter to letter yields a phrase with a color in it. In each case, a single line is not used.

- Shrinking Violet (OR)
- Cincinnati Reds (AN)
- Chicago White Sox (AX)
- Black Stallion (OC)
- The Thin Blue Line (TI)
- I Am Curious Yellow (OR)
- Earl Grey Tea (EL)
- Florida Oranges (FD)
- Graham Greene (GA)
- Browning Semiautomatic (MM)

Arranging the phrases in resistance order, the two letter phrases spell **COMMAND FOR A GI TO RELAX**, which is **at ease**.

## Trapeze Artists

One group of five consecutive clues: wonder, yellow, erenow, wolves, severe  
 Another group of five consecutive clues: cipher, erinys, tropic, rehire, synced  
 A third group of five consecutive clues: cigars, pumped, depart, tragic, warmup  
 A fourth group, just like the first three: sailor, tibias, tiebar, rollup, rabbit  
 One last group of consecutive clues: sahara, mochas, sitcom, aramis, simper  
 The four clues that connect these five groups: deceit, report, pulley, redraw

These can be placed into the grid by starting in the top row, reversing back to do the next row, then reversing back, etc

The gray areas highlight **sitars**.

S	I	T	C	O	M
S	A	H	A	R	A
S	I	M	P	E	R
T	R	O	P	I	C
R	E	H	I	R	E
S	Y	N	C	E	D
T	I	E	B	A	R
T	I	B	I	A	S
R	O	L	L	U	P
Y	E	L	L	O	W
S	E	V	E	R	E
W	O	N	D	E	R
W	A	R	M	U	P
D	E	P	A	R	T
C	I	G	A	R	S

## The Elephant

frog, come, patsy, Quincy, Pippin, fights, ha ha ha, Sununu, thicken, The Shah, rhubarb, settled, shuffled, hedgehog, push-pull, Stendahl, to the moon, Hoover Dam, This is CNN, lettering, hi-fi stereo, tattletale, handlebars, homophones, white house, Mike Teavee, weeknights, Lost Highway, third degree, hushpuppies, trustworthy, Andy Pettitte, rhinoplasty, Iowa caucuses, prostitution, poet laureate, fenderbender, Rhythm Nation, straightedge, Andrew Johnson, Sleeping Beauty, Lincoln Nebraska, celebrity status, sesquicentennial

The Sunday Times of London reported tension within the Conservative Party in these terms: Michael Heseltine, stung by Thatcherite taunts that he should "put up or shut up," appears ready to emulate Thatcher's gamble when she challenged Edward Heath in 1975. This is a phrase that rings through the english speaking world. In french *je n'y comperais pas trop* challenges "I wouldn't bet on it." Spanish uses *apuesto lo que quieras* for "I'll bet you anything you like." Yiddish ends up being the most forceful with *tokhes afn tish* meaning "buttocks on the table."

Extra letters spell **LAST NAME OF THIS COLUMNIST**. This excerpt is from William Safire's *On Language* Column.

Notes: In a column on patsy, Safire reports some argument that patsy is an Irish slur, although the word is actually Italian in origin. Mike Teavee was Mike Teevee in the first Willy Wonka movie. The flavortext refers to the way this puzzle blocks any further access to additional puzzles.

## Concession Stands

The quotes reads down the columns, but is interrupted by words reading across.

"But as I leave you just think how much youre going to be missing me. You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore because gentlemen this is my last press conference. I have welcomed the opportunity to test wits with you. I have always respected you. I have sometimes disagreed with you but

unlike some people I've never canceled a subscription to a newspaper. Richard Nixon.

The words reading across are People who give to campaigns, starts with D. The answer is **donors**.

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### **Acrobats**

For each font, letters in order spell a word with one extra letter. Words can then be organized in order by the extra letter:

What European capital was included among the first Macintosh fonts and additionally headquarters the World Trade Organization, World Health Organization, and World Wide Web Virtual Library?

The answer is **Geneva**.