

Between a Rock and a Hard Place

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ACROSS

- 1 Adobe files
- 5 Curved sword
- 10 Pro ___ (proportionally)
- 14 Wounded
- 15 Pain relief brand
- 16 Scott Turow memoir
- 17 Noodle notion
- 18 Purple hue
- 19 ___-Pong
- 20 Humorist Bombeck
- 22 Licorice-flavored brew
- 24 Experienced major jet lag
- 27 Until now
- 28 Brian of ambient music
- 29 Seis, doubled
- 30 Former U.K. record label
- 31 Salsa choice
- 33 Roadside bombs, for short
- 35 Unique perspective
- 39 Othello, for one
- 40 Thin and graceful
- 42 Pigeon-___
- 43 Belgian expressionist James
- 45 You, to Shakespeare
- 46 Elevator innovator
- 47 Wrinkly-faced pooch
- 49 Deserve
- 51 Frozen surface
- 52 Green sushi condiment
- 55 Like a first ascent
- 57 Deconstructor
- 59 PBS series since 1974
- 60 Former U.N. leader Annan
- 61 Gnatlike insect
- 63 "Love Train" group member
- 66 Steinbeck's "East of ___"
- 67 Cookies in a facetious doomsday vault
- 68 Uncommon
- 69 Bone-dry
- 70 Belgrade natives
- 71 Song about a community gym

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- 1 ___ Beta Kappa
- 2 Disappointing firecracker
- 3 Alex Honold climbs El Cap untethered until he sings complimentary arias with gestures

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- 4 Kick off
- 5 Dressing ingredient
- 6 "Green Book" actor Mahershala
- 7 The abbess led her group of novices halfway up the cliff before her superior cancelled those instructions and left them hanging
- 8 "Dear ___ Hansen"
- 9 Say from memory
- 10 Coerced to go on a risky climb, the beginner was only loosely tied to the group
- 11 Bernardo's girlfriend in "West Side Story"
- 12 2020 Nolan movie with time (and title) reversibility
- 13 Pond coating
- 21 Angry
- 23 "Brave New World" drug
- 24 "I wanna!"
- 25 Bagel flavor
- 26 Nail a test
- 32 As the climber started to write a note home, we saw her let go of her haul cord
- 34 Clip wool from
- 36 When the climbing jazz combo grooved together, they became wedged in a crack, which also describes sticky climbing situations in 3-, 7-, 10- and 32-Down
- 37 Classic German camera
- 38 '50s Ford failure
- 41 "X-Files" quality
- 44 Dark red gem
- 48 Doodads
- 50 Amnesty Intl., e.g.
- 52 Parties for deceased parties
- 53 Battery terminal
- 54 Less risky
- 56 Narwhal tusk material
- 58 Ireland, to the Irish
- 62 Dollop
- 64 Story's progression
- 65 Nay's opposite