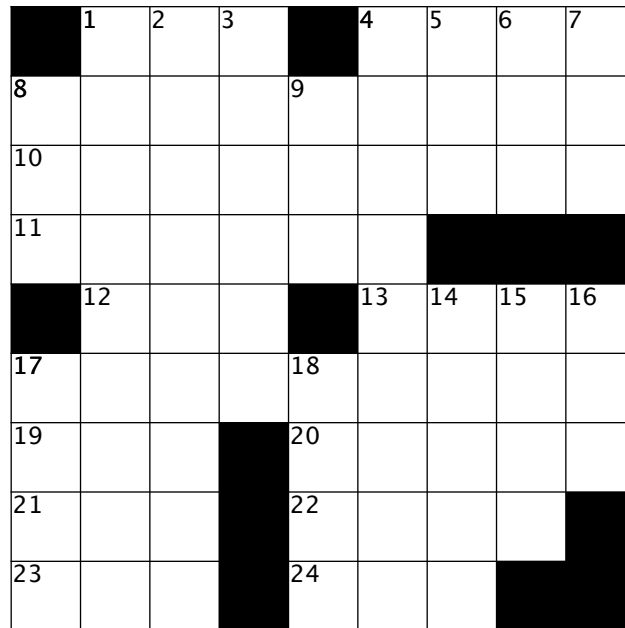


Dragon Drop

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ACROSS

1. Org. with Jets and Panthers
4. "___! The Genetic Opera" (2008 film featuring skilled assassins who reclaim the organs of clients who miss payments)
8. Does a deep dive into
10. "Do. Not. Stop. This is wildly entertaining!"
11. "Things Fall Apart" author Achebe
12. "Who loves orange soda? Kel loves orange soda! Is it true? Is it true? Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, it's tr-u-ue! ___! ___! ___!" (line delivered before a make out session with a bottle of orange soda on Nickelodeon's "Kenan & Kel")
13. Zilch
17. 2025 Rebecca Yarros novel that follows "Fourth Wing" and "Iron Flame"
19. ___ Tac (mint)



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20. Folded tortilla chips with flavors like Fuego, Nitro, and Blue Heat
21. Ball ___ cup (classic children's toy)
22. "Stat!"
23. Mil. rank referenced in the title of a 1967 Beatles album
24. The MLB's Bronx Bombers, on scoreboards
4. Portmanteau genre of 17-Across
5. Vegas-based esports tourney
6. A pop
7. Cal. neighbor
8. Insta post
9. "Rugrats" dad whose name is spelled with consecutive letters of the alphabet
14. "Peachy keen"
15. Style, in probably-already-dated slang
16. _merican _eteorological _ociety
17. Big name in elevators
18. Suffix with Uzbeki-, Tajiki-, and Kyrgyz-

DOWN

1. "I don't want to hear any complaining!"
2. Chicken
3. Singer Ari or singer Annie