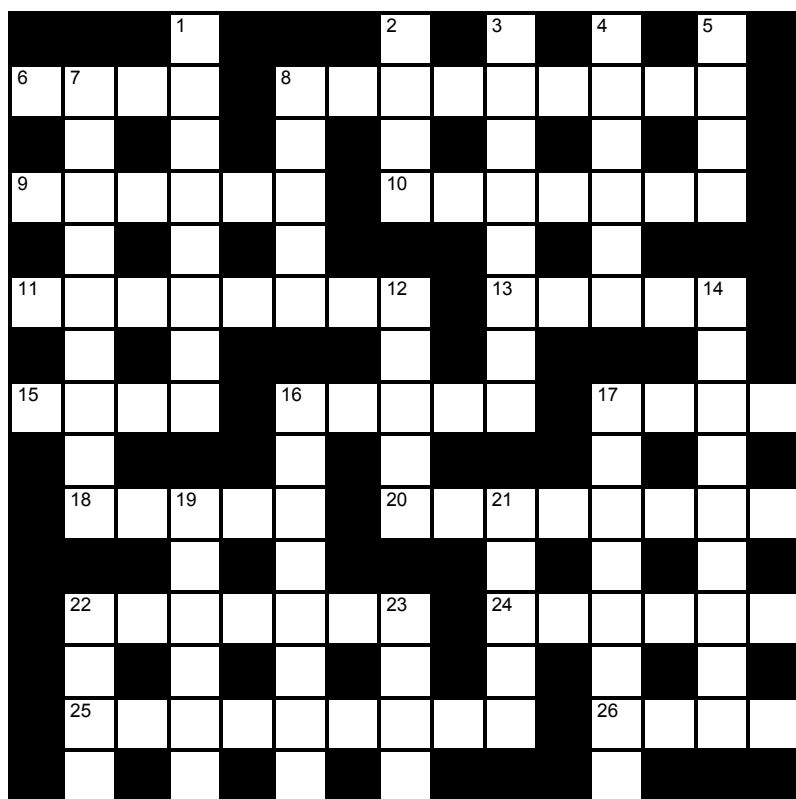


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*These heroes, and heroines, were not assembled by Marvel Comics.*

*Note: 11 across is not in Chambers but is in the ODE and Collins.*



### Across

- 6/2** Heroine's outspoken request for spy chief (4,4)
- 8** Grip handle and pull together restricting pressure (9)
- 9** Third age (6)
- 10/13** Heroine's gear primarily titillating in kinky bra and heels too (7,5)
- 11** Troops guarding king's Canadian vehicle storage (8)
- 13** See 10
- 15** Heroine's farewell (4)
- 16** Goddess Frigga essentially? (5)

- 17** Greek and American cut receives Merkel's approval (4)
- 18** Square with square cut through base line (5)
- 20** All-encompassing hero's gear (8)
- 22** New hero's opening moves (7)
- 24** Heroine trailing on charm (6)
- 25** Week in hotel bar working to provide cover for hero (6,3)
- 26** Club providing Burgundy and Claret perhaps (4)

### Down

- 1** Model houses an Italian above a former Hawaiian smoker (5,3)
- 2** See 6 Across
- 3** Palace presenting Abraham Lincoln's first amendment (8)
- 4** Roger's doctor hard to follow (6)
- 5** European runner hared over uphill section (4)
- 7** Alarm went off, went in, made breakfast (9)
- 8** Hero's mount (5)
- 12** United supporters set about causing chaos as usual (5)
- 14** Ed Balls' constituents

receive thanks and helping hand for 8 (6,3)

- 16** Not a drum, Alice hammered percussion instrument (8)
- 17** Protests taking in English hero and heroine (8)
- 19** Every third cousin and second wife: a large number wanting a cut (6)
- 21** Lid lifted by state rebels (5)
- 22** Pass the fish (4)
- 23** District hospital cuts before long losing point (4)