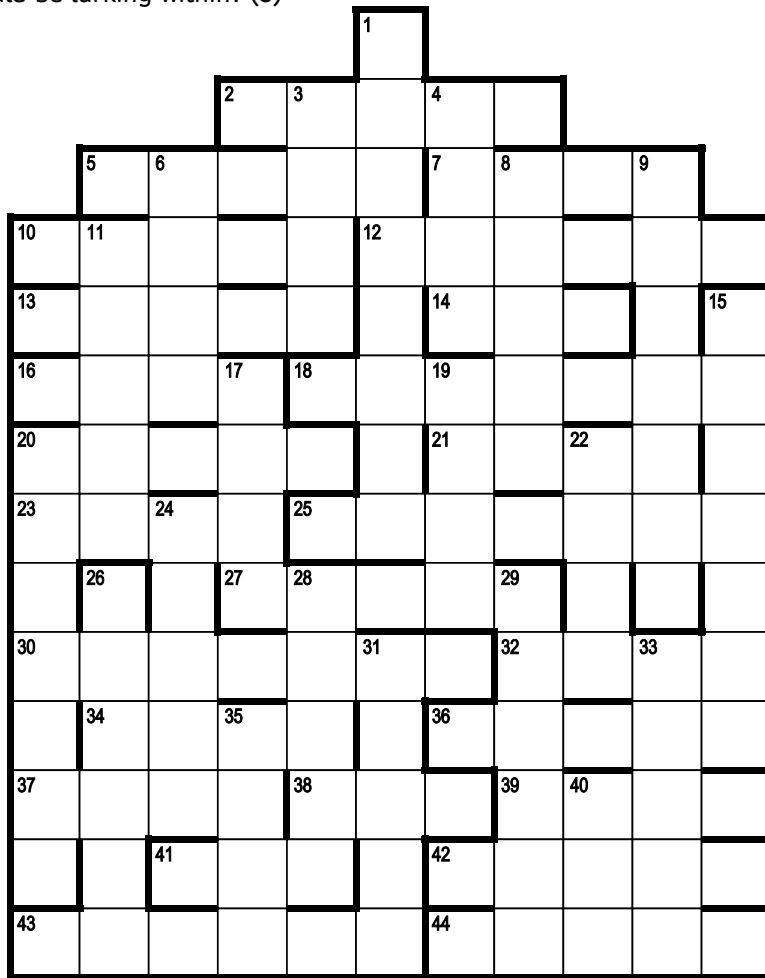


# Cryptic 2024-10: Haunted House

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The house below seems to be haunted with strange creatures walking through these walls! Who knows what else could be lurking within? (5)



- 38 Everything is appalling, essentially (3)
- 39 Move over cycling (4)
- 41 Lump from receding swamp (3)
- 42 Guide read aloud in card piles (5)
- 43 Restricts performances (6)
- 44 Tricks leader to retreat to find those in control (5)

## Down:

- 1 Demolish the panel; it's a problem in the room (8)
- 3 Object to leaders of industry taking employee's money (4)
- 4 Rising temperature hits the object in question (4)
- 6 Prohibits taverns with name covering top of receipt (4)
- 8 Naked quintet dances for free (5)
- 9 Kitten playing with diamonds made with needles (7)
- 11 Crystal god sees somehow without any eyes ultimately (5)
- 15 Hotel tosses out woman having an affair (7)
- 17 Pieces of airplane covering crash site? (4)

## Across:

- 2 While skipping, he cuts half off flags (5)
- 5 Drop the database binary backup regularly (5)
- 7 Attila could be king and lady killer (4)
- 10 Smuggled in handbag: a pendant that's wide open (5)
- 12 Wanting to spike gin cocktail (6)
- 13 I am pursuing study of tough material (5)
- 14 Remain lacking a pen (3)
- 16 Hot-shot browses oddly (4)
- 18 Magical antidote eliminating duke's rust (3,4)
- 20 A medic entertains hospital on demand (2,3)
- 21 Bulk of robbery doesn't begin (4)
- 23 Weakened, the French departing, coming back for Chuck perhaps? (4)
- 25 Movie darling to kick in with a lot of leg (7)
- 27 At first, angry villain cries in pain and swears (5)
- 30 Recklessly, Rambo infiltrates evacuated club to find terror device (3,4)
- 32 Permit treaty to replace Connecticut with ship (4)
- 34 Metal core of gizmo surrounded by carbon (4)
- 36 Clears tables to exercise inside empty buildings (5)
- 37 Captain Hook's assistant returns from insane adventure finally (4)
- 19 Laugh in the middle of trigger warning; soften up! (4)
- 20 Inflammation from nut taken from strange substances (7)
- 22 Rotating leaf produces jumping bug (4)
- 24 Every other jewelry item is unsettling (5)
- 26 Report has Matt getting dangerous substances shortly (6)
- 28 Victor brought up bacon endlessly in short list of words (5)
- 29 Rejects intro of script with jokes about Romeo (6)
- 31 Ponders spices (5)
- 33 Silly verse cut short (5)
- 35 Newton loses weight, gets gas (4)
- 40 Tribute to old Delaware (3)