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### Across

- 1** Significant event in presidency of Ronald Reagan (4-6)
- 10** ... *Polka* Fifth generation Hololive VTuber conceived as hyper-active, feral Playboy bunny in bizarre online trend from Japan
- 11** *L'age* ... 1930 surrealist film best known for arresting scene involving star Lya Lys and statue (during performance of *Liebestod*)
- 12** Sinister movement of mid-twentieth century functioning as a stalking horse disguising colonial agenda under propagandistic veneer of socialism
- 14** Nigel Molesworth *or* Norman Mailer (initials)
- 15** Secret affirmation of solidarity and affection amongst Crips in US (1, 1, 1)
- 16** Celebrated, Greek American movie director known for quintessentially 50s amalgam of ponderousness, melodrama and sleaze (also fulsome co-operation with HCUA in 40s) (first name)
- 18** Significant event in life of Biblical patriarch (inspiring extensive body of Christian, Muslim and Rabbinical exegesis) and popular video game about escape to monster-filled basement by little boy named Isaac on over-hearing murderous intention of mother (3, 7)
- 21** Three-sided, V-shaped box on long handle carried over shoulder to transport bricks or mortar (also IAF Commander and war hero known for dynamic leadership during 1967 Six Day War and attack on USS Liberty)

- 22** Shallow inland sea separated from Black Sea by Kerch Strait on eastern Crimean Peninsula
- 23** Ian Smith *or* Islamic State (initials)
- 24** Alan Turing *or* Adam Troy (initials)
- 25** No-one Ever Really Dies (initials)
- 27** Site of deadliest battle in history (1942-43)
- 30** Older, wiser person who helps you through difficulties in life and guides personal growth
- 31** Greatly loved US singer (*In Dreams*) and actor (*The Fastest Guitar Alive*) known for ethereal light tenor and shades (initials)
- 32** Relationship in classical Marxism between proletariat workforce and the product of its labour in capitalist economy (also relation to workplace felt by many sensitive people)

### Down

- 2** *Ubu* ... Insane play by Alfred Jarry opening (and closing) in Paris on December 10, 1896
- 3** Strolled
- 4** ... *of sob* Nickname of 50s singer Johnny Ray due to sad songs and emotional performances inc. falling to knees, tugging at hair and crying
- 5** Torture, torment (archaic)
- 6** Reveal secret sexuality of someone (or self)
- 7** "His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe and faintly falling, like the descent of their last end, upon all the living and the dead" Celebrated 1914 short story by James Joyce with famous ending as seen on *Father Ted* (initials)

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- 8** Itinerant, lordless samurai in feudal Japan (Sanjuro, Zatoichi, Lone Wolf and Cub etc.)
- 9** Site of final great battle between Good and Evil before return of Jesus in Glory to rule world (also 1998 Bruce Willis movie about crack team of blue-collar, deep-core drillers sent into space by NASA to destroy gigantic asteroid on collision course with Earth) (38% approval rating on *Rotten Tomatoes*)
- 12** Greek term meaning seat in particular remains of 5<sup>th</sup> century church on side of highway from Jerusalem to Bethlehem where tradition holds Mary rested on a large rock around which the church was built directly inspiring the domed, octagonal Muslim shrine of 230 years later built over the rocky outcrop at the centre of the Roman Praetorium in Jerusalem where in Muslim tradition Prophet Mohammed may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him ascended to Heaven (and Jesus stood before Pilate in controversial theory condemned as delegitimization and Temple denial)
- 13** Popular first name for boys in China (not Zemin or Zetan)
- 17** Birds associated with Liverpool (or organ destroyed by drinking)
- 19** Putrid, torture porn franchise of Eli Roth
- 20** Island nation in south-western Pacific known for dynamic leader, Russell Crowe and *Raro* powdered orange juice drink (initials)
- 24** Marvelous pinacotheca in Munich
- 26** Popular powdered orange juice drink from New Zealand named after original volcanic island source of oranges
- 28** Ancient capital of medieval Armenia in far north-eastern Turkey known for eerie, ruined churches on desolate plain including domed Church of the Holy Redeemer built in 1035 to house fragment of True Cross
- 29** Influential US lobby associated with Charlton Heston, conservative politics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and Murdoch plan to rule world