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Across (contd.)

- 28** *Led Zeppelin* album with *Stairway to Heaven* (also *Toto* album with *Africa*)
29 Abbreviation for graphics
32 American sharpshooter played by Barbara Stanwyck in 1935 biopic
34 Graphically striking insignia used on German flag from 1933 until 1945 (German not Sanskrit)

Down (contd.)

- 31** Short-lived English supergroup with name cleverly reflecting previous membership of *Yes* and *Led Zeppelin*
33 Khmer Rouge or Karl Rove or K-Rudd (initials)

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Across

- 1** Initials shared by scholastic masterwork of Thomas Aquinas, debonair crime fighter played by Roger Moore in *The Saint* and contemptuous Israeli nickname for Palestinian teenager Ahed Tamimi, presently detained in Ofer prison awaiting indictment for assault, obstruction and incitement
2 Supreme leader, ultimate power (Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Walmart etc.)
8 Send an SMS text message which includes a photo of an intimate body part
9 Ernest Borgnine character (not Marty, "Fatso" Judson, Dutch Engstrom or Quintin McHale)
10 Stephen King book with scary clown
12 *St. ...* Town in Cambridgeshire on the River Great Ouse where Colin Wilson had famous epiphany about life whilst hitch-hiking in the rain in the 50s recounted in *The Outsider*
14 Bert and Sid (initials)
16 Islamic holy site in East Jerusalem where the Prophet ascended to Heaven on "Lightening"
18 Charlton Heston character (not Michelangelo, Moses, John the Baptist, General Charles "Chinese" Gordon, Astronaut George Taylor, Detective Frank Thorn, Capt. Alan Murdock or Ramon Miguel Vargas)
20 Code for Illinois International Airport
21 Poignant poem by Percy Bysshe Shelley about enormous ruined statue in the desert
25 Widely used abbreviation indicating extreme mirth (not ROFLMAO)
26 Sinister Chinese secret society operating in America associated with organized crime
27 Capital of Japan during Tokugawa Shogunate

Down

- 1** Characteristic demonstrating inalienable membership of a group from the biblical story about the Gileadites who revealed (and slew) 42,000 fleeing Ephraimites by asking them to say an unpronounceable (for them) Hebrew word revealing their true identity (cf. use of American vernacular "lollapalooza" in WW2 to identify Japanese) (apocryphal)
2 Segregated often raucous party attended on eve of marriage by bride and friends
3 Ancient Egyptian texts often on pottery shards listing hated enemies of Pharaoh using archaic term for an angry denouncement or curse
4 *Gran Turismo Omologato* (initials)
5 Greatly loved Melbourne TV personality (2, 8)
6 Category of British Secret Service agent licensed to kill
7 Poetic term for the dangerous, deserted land on a battlefield between opposing trench lines (2-4)
11 Thomas Aquinas or Tony Abbott (initials)
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15 Derogatory racial caricature in Shakespeare
17 Troubled singer songwriter from Adelaide (*Chandelier*, *Titanium*, *Dusk Till Dawn* etc.)
19 Uncle Martin (initials)
22 Terence Stamp character (not Billy Budd, Sergeant Troy or "The Visitor")
23 50s movie queen (*Picnic*, *Pal Joey*, *The Man with Golden Arm*, *Vertigo* etc.)
24 Dr. No (initials)
30 *Pot au ...* Classic French dish of meat and vegetables slowly cooked in water