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Across

- 1 Enormously popular Russian artist known for paintings of ethnographic exoticism (*The Chinese Girl, Balinese Girl, Miss Wong* etc.)
- 5-year-old with morbid fear of being bitten by a horse (traced by Freud to conflict resulting from desire to supplant father as primary sexual partner of mother and consequent envy and fear of adult genitals of rival) (sic)
- 12 "And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof' Genus of hardy desert plant stipulated by Yahweh in instructions to Israelites in wilderness to build ark to hold the tablets of the Law given to Moses on Sinai (sic)
- 13 Beautiful Jewish queen of Persia (and heroine of Purim) in ripping story about thwarting of genocidal massacre planned by archenemy Haman and grisly comeuppance hanged on own scaffold built for hero Mordechai in defining myth of modern state (see 10 down)
- 15 Inscrutable priestly tribe of Israel known for authorship of Torah
- 16 Bad King Saul or Brunswick Kebab Station (initials)
- 17 Clay top with letters ה, ג, ה and "ש" ("a great miracle happened there") associated with Hanukah and miracle of the oil

- 19 Oh, something is missing from counterculture classic about Kent State (with impassioned adlibs by David Crosby on outro) WARNING Cryptic
- **20** Mixed up counterculture supergroup from 60s (*Ohio* etc.) (popular fan initialism) (1, 1, 1, 1)
- 21 Pablo Escobar *or* Pope Eusebius (initials)
- 22 Th ... rchplg by lxndr Slzhntsyn
- 24 Consumed by remorse, regret, guilt and self-hate about actions undertaken in past
- 26 Rocky hill at base of Acropolis where ancient Athenian elite invented democracy
- 28 Spectral Bernhard Goetzke role in 1921 silent Fritz Lang classic *Der Müde Tod*
- 29 Rabbi Schmuley *or* rogue state (initials)
- 30 ... Believe It or Not! Popular US franchise inc. syndicated cartoon panel, museum on Gold Coast and TV show with Jack Palance (in 90s)
- 2 Stylish crimson trousers (initials)
- 33 Initials shared by authors of disparate texts Seven Samurai, Die Himmelspaläste and Ladies Night
- 34 Lola Lola or Lotte Lenya or lava lamp (initials)
- 5 Primordial earth goddess of Greek mythology or fine-dining restaurant at 166 Gertrude St., Fitzroy with mixed reviews of *TripAdvisor* inc. "Rather strange and disappointing - what was introduced as "the main" left me very puzzled - a small slab of pork and a macadamia"
- 36 Tall, hairy, enormously strong extraterrestrial from wroshyr tree-covered forest planet Kashyyyk (in Star Wars universe)

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Across (contd.)

- 40 Neo Viking *or Now, Voyager* (initials)
- 41 Brutalist substrate associated with Australian art (in 50s)

Down

- Divisive tourist attraction located in carpark of Bunnings Warehouse, Ballina in northern New South Wales (3, 3, 5)
- 2 Riven, poverty-stricken, law student hero of Dostoyevsky novel eventually redeemed by punishment for heinous crime
- 3 Giant, sentient, tree-like creatures from the Forest of Fangorn in Tolkien universe
- 4 The sixth hour (initials)
- 5 English heartthrob making headlines spotted wearing thick moustache and channeling Michael Jackson in socks and YSL loafers in London last week (5, 6)
- 6 Immaculate Conception (initials)
- 7 Fearsome Hindu goddess typically depicted naked, blue, with lolling tongue, garland of skulls, skirt of body parts and standing on outstretched body of consort Shiva (embraced by radical feminists in West in 70s)
- 8 Mixed-up US college student (from 50s)

- Nation AKA Nation of Gods and Earths (NGE) founded in Harlem in 1964 associated with Clarence 13X and RZA
- O Country in self-destructive downward spiral toward terminal unviability resulting from internal contradictions, toxic ideology and chronic incapacity to coexist as peaceable world citizen (6, 5)
- 14 Turnblad, Krebapple, May Oliver etc.
- 18 An illegal rave in Munich's catacombs goes horribly wrong and reveals a network of social outcasts living underground in 2021 German TV series (with Lilly Dressen and Mercedes Müller)
- 23 Deceive, cheat, swindle (from racial epithet of colonial era)
- 25 Alain Delon *or* Alan Dershowitz *or* Angie Dickinson (initials)
- 27 Xenophilius Lovegood (initials)
- 31 Divisive US movie director (*On the Waterfront, East of Eden*) known for fulsome cooperation with HCUA in 50s (first name)
- 32 Nightmarish tradition requiring immolation of wife on funeral pyre of husband in subcontinent
- 37 Initials shared by celebrated authors of disparate texts Kapital, Black Square and I Should Be So Lucky
- 38 Eugene O'Neill (initials)

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