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Across

- 1 Really big fire
 12 Negative influence on *Beatles*
 13 Lake immortalized by Dr. Seuss in *The Lorax* ("You're glumping the pond where the Humming-Fish hummed! No more can they hum, for their gills are all gummed. So I'm sending them off. Oh, their future is dreary. They'll walk on their fins and get woefully weary in search of some water that isn't so smeary. I hear things are just as bad up in Lake ...")
 14 Of doubtful quality or legality
 15 Person from desolate region in far east
 18 Chuck Schick *or* Chicken Smallhorn (initials)
 19 Mr. Ingmar Bergman (initials)
 20 Iconic Lock Martin role (in cautionary, sci-fi, Cold War classic by Robert Wise)
 21 *Gott ... Uns* Motto of German army in WWI inspiring witty rejoinder "We got mittens too!"
 22 War, hero, matter, vaxxer, depressant etc.
 24 "You don't get to say, "OK, your revenge can be *this* much". No. Payback's a motherfaffer. You cross that line...s***'s gonna happen." 80s heavy metal band with anthemic hit about rebellion used by IDF soldiers with approval of plainspoken New Jersey songwriter (7, 6)
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 28 Exclamation conveying incredulous distaste (esp. in texting)
 29 Great sorrow, distress or affliction
 30 National treasure (not Cate)
 31 What transported Elijah to Heaven (also Dorothy and Toto to Oz)?
 35 Ancient coastal city in northern Israel visited by Francis of Assisi and Nachmanides notable for crusader fortress and national fencing champion, IAF reservist and 2014 Miss Israel Avigail Alfatov
 37 Ode to Ireland (initials)
 38 Isaac Newton (initials)
 39 Supernatural thriller and 1999 box office smash with Bruce Willis as disturbed child psychologist who doesn't realize he is **SPOILER AHEAD** dead (3, 5, 5)
 42 Iconic *Eyehategod* album (initials)
 43 Extremely strong metal used for endoskeleton of T-800 series Terminator cyborg (covered in living tissue) (in future)
 44 Premier Icelandic girl group known for soulful power pop in 00s (*Losing a Friend* etc.)
 47 Premier, vintage synth recording artist from Cornwall with new, retro, space-themed release *The View from Vega* Pts. I, II, III, IV, V and VI available on CD, vinyl, d/l, DiN Bandcamp etc.

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- 48 Something which having received a great deal of attention is revealed upon scrutiny to be of little or no real significance (Hilary Clinton on investigation into email server during 2016 presidential campaign: "the biggest ... ever")

Down

- 1 A group of interconnected things occurring together in a way which produces a particular outcome or effect
 2 Responsibility or duty to do something
 3 *Sic et ...* Abelard
 4 Celebrated US artist known for writing down instructions for creating artwork esp. on wall so anyone can do it
 5 Unnamed, knife-wielding victim of violent crime on beach in racist, colonial era classic by Albert Camus
 6 Best known Nietzsche quote (initials)
 7 "Whose cuisine ... Supreme!!!" Best known Chairman Kaga quote (on *Iron Chef*)
 8 Eastern of two great rivers of Mesopotamia rising in mountains of Armenian highlands, flowing through Syrian and Arabian Deserts, historic cities of Mosul, Tikrit, Samarra and Baghdad before merging with Euphrates and emptying in Persian Gulf
 9 Utah-based, health and fitness subscription technology company offering on-demand, trainer-led, interactive workout sessions in breathtaking locations with 73% negative user comments such as "a terrible company", "lied to on 4 separate occasions", "would not touch them with a barge pole", "avoid the plague" etc., etc.
 10 Frequently (poetic)
 11 Mr ... Amusing nickname coined by Western pundits for veteran Foreign Affairs Minister Andrei Gromyko due to frequent use of Soviet veto in United Nations Security Council during Cold War

- 16 "But if I finish all of my chores and you finish thine / Then tonight, we're gonna party like it's 1699" ... *Paradise* "Weird Al" Yankovic
 17 News on *Ten* is all lies (initials)
 21 Person who has done something bad, wrong or illegal (esp. when not sorry about it)
 22 Permitting entrance; confessing wrongdoing; disclosing truth hitherto withheld etc.
 23 Trotsky, Uris, Russell, Spinks etc.
 25 "..., Wotan, ...!" Haunting aria in Wagner's *Ring* sung by primordial earth goddess Erda warning Wotan ("Flieh' des Ringes Fluch!") of terrible power of ring (German for soft)
 26 Fashion trend in which couples dress alike to broadcast love
 27 Eschatological figure with power to bestow eternal salvation and release from original sin in immutable, cosmological contract axiomatic to Abrahamic religion
 32 Desirable, vibrant district of London previously poverty stricken slum where Krays were born
 33 Gee, mister, something is missing from this perfect life partner **WARNING** Cryptic
 34 European sausage
 36 European sausage (initials)
 40 Popular Hollywood movie star from India known for plucky, exotic roles (*The Thief of Bagdad*, *White Savage*, *Cobra Woman*, *Black Narcissus* etc.) (in 40s)
 41 Psychopathic US music mogul with unusual nickname known for killing Biggie and Tupac (unusual nickname)
 45 Yellow House (initials)
 46 *Love Island* (initials)