

Endless
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Instructions: Eight of the answers in the grid also appear at the beginning of eight clues. Connect the initial letters of each pair in the grid using a straight line. So, for example, if the answer to 3 down was CLUTCH (it's not), then you would draw a line in the grid from the first letter of 3 down with the first letter of 1 across, since the clue for 1 Across starts with the word "Clutch". Once all eight pairs of initial letters have been connected, the result can literally be described as this $(8,4)$.
Bonus Question: What is formed by the connections made in the puzzle based on the instructions? $(8,4)$


## Across

1 Clutch a dictionary to fully understand significance! $(5,3,7)$

8 Fire up campaign members (3)
10 Almost murder one chap by surprise, close to volcano named "mountain of the springs" (11)
11 Certain Europeans with equal financial burden (5)

12 Crete's first worker held inquisitions, initially to keep things quiet $(3,2)$
13 Coati pelt carries secret information (3)
14 Potions mixed with love? Exclaim, "It's a disaster!" $(6,9)$
17 Headmaster requested us to return for each lady's inauguration of Batman, as an example $(6,9)$
21 Spasm from nonconformist iconoclastic characters (3)


23 Character from Athens intentionally written this way for a melody, say (5)

25 Drugs after quiet morning? What a disgrace! (5)
26 Gophers follow trail of birds (11)
27 Overact, withholding age (3)
28 Stress the importance of a purpose behind fundraiser for housing? $(5,4,1,5)$

## Down

1 Old lady managed, being carried by extremely gifted grad student (7)
2 Take up hickory salad without turkey or cabbage (7)

3 Piece of stretchy licentious material (5)
4 Locally employed method: fellow to work after dealership is vacated (3-3-3)
5 After-hours salon session top-to-bottom, following an orange-red coloring (7)
6 Improper to sleep in the middle of sex (5)
7 Small non-profit returns concerning discount (7)
9 Can: it holds number one back medicines (7)
15 Gets comfortable with stormy sea noise around boat's stern $(5,4)$
16 Technology at primary election count? Do it over again! (7)

17 Grew angry about true metamorphosis (7)
18 Let mere destruction create a symbol for Massachusetts $(3,4)$
19 Rebels take back pawn to exploit knight $(5,2)$
20 Tip top treatment brought back after essentially proven to perform better than needed (7)
22 Atomic explosion kills a thousand animal species (5)

24 Era begins after court gathers about Mediterranean island (5)

