

# 2. Climbing Up The Eiffel Tower as told to Ucaoimhu

Don't be so nervous; my aristocratic demeanor isn't *that* intimidating. Anyway, judging from the title, the accusation that I kicked him is simply a case of mistaken identity; unlike many of his characters, I've never even *been* to Paris. Fortunately, doing this puzzle will give you some practice in avoiding such déclassé mistakes.

As you enter Up words, every so often you will need to choose whether to veer right or left (to help you make these decisions, note that the Up words, like the Across words, are arranged with left-right symmetry in the grid). Even if you make all of these decisions correctly, though, there will still be fourteen squares (also arranged with left-right symmetry) where a conflict occurs: Two entries intersecting that square have one letter and a third entry has a different letter. (In one case the difference between the letters is only a tiny mark; please emphasize that mark by enlarging and reversing it.)

In a bow to your much-vaunted democracy, in those squares the letters with two "votes" are "winners", and the letters with one "vote" are "losers"; while the losers do spell out (left to right) the name of a structure in Paris, the winners, more helpfully, spell out the name of a very similar structure a short distance from the victim's home, here in the only city I've ever lived in.

If you take every answer that yields one or more winners, find the positions of the winners in that answer, and circle the letters in its clue in the corresponding positions, then all of these circled letters, in clue order, will tell you how to find my name and title in the grid. If that doesn't give you enough information to deduce what city you are in, applying the same process to the losers will tell you that more directly.

## ACROSS

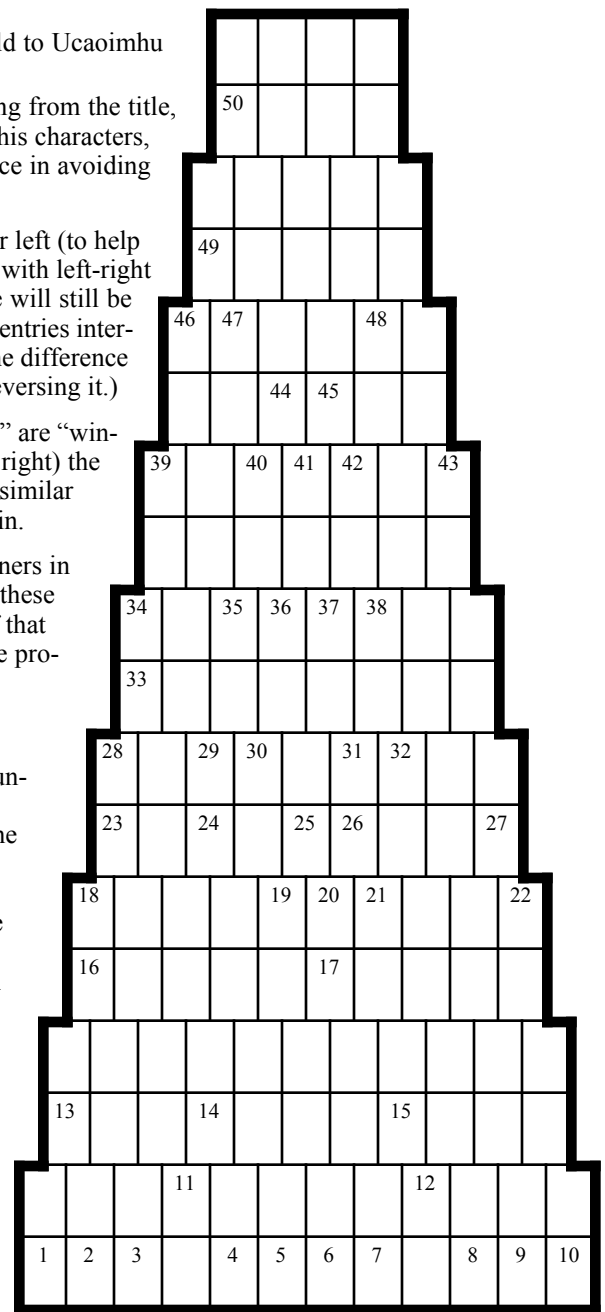
1. Naughty glances discussed in a bygone women's magazine (4'1)
1. Finally, raw art he's polished with abrasive develops a hole (5 7)
7. Rogue misused makeup (5)
13. Walloon's down with (voilà!) Basie, in part (1 3)
14. Vehicles sporting runners and small glowing objects (5)
15. In vocals, go lower to keep together (4)
16. Mirrored sketches depicting grass (5)
17. Crazy panda in supermarket (1 3 1)
18. Scientist's gold medal turned almost black, in a poem (4)
21. Never-uttered conundrum (4)
23. Xenalike person and that woman hug (4)
24. Used oars to travel route, carried on waves (5)
26. Jinxed tailor swallows preservative (4, *abbr.*)
28. Directed at one Italian sports shirt (4)
31. Teacher put back unsatisfactory wig (4)
33. Bird swung around little insect making a hissing sound (8)
34. Report nettles about to engulf camping equipment (4 4)
39. Barely bug for a very short period of time (4, *abbr.*)
41. Voice-mailed Penny (4)
46. Those who inherit charged atoms of scandium (6)
49. Grain used by bakers with passion (5)
50. Soon, a grade of B or lower on the wrong course? (4)

## UP

1. Outer garment a Dr. Dre number perhaps mentioned (4)
2. They drink remarkably bold new beers (5 7)
2. Dropping, ashen, before a couple of

seconds go by (6)

3. Green spot where a ship docks to unload Henry (5)
4. Band together with a member of the Obama family (5)
4. A loner's rebuilt a city in Italy (7)
5. Fad that's beginning to be divisive (5)
6. It exhibits desire to be involved in laughter! (5)
7. Spooner's heavy metal tool for smoothing a body of water in Minnesota (3 4)
7. Notes covered with viscous substance (5)
8. Pull essentially directed towards the bottom of an arm bone (5)
9. Hormone replaced poor dating? No (12)
9. Movie robot that accompanied Klaatu around California in a motorless vehicle (2-4)
10. "Rawhide"'s middle section has to start appearing in answers? That's a laugh (2-2)
11. Earth goddess of extraordinary age before the start of aniquity (4)
12. Young one is kind of blue (4)
18. Mysterious cues pay, for old French people (4)
19. I disapprove of this second-rate fool (4)
20. Star is almost never consuming animal products (4)
22. Byzantine character at last got tense (4)
23. Failed to shun the director of *The African Queen* (6)
25. Widow I ignore embraces actress Kristen of *Knocked Up* (4)
25. Art ultimately to lose vigor (4)
27. Of fewer words than any other Utes in Montana (6)
29. Tries readjusting levels (5)
30. Turning, you and Ms. Derek follow (4)



31. Take on Georgia and Indiana (4)
32. Stir up Nin for free (5)
35. How a Russian denies being normal at this time (4)
36. Runs around earth with a hundred thousand lizards (7)
37. Ones who deal with machines, supporting equipment to protect Chicago (7)
38. Was getting sharper, not starting to be perfectly straight (3-1)
39. Currently worry about subject that's easy (2 5)
40. Chet, Dotty, and Mark (4)
42. Author Ferber, going south and east (4)
43. Sensing, after time, a sharp pain (7)
44. Dwarfs' song ought to follow one employed by horses (2-2)
45. Stun with a new Zen paradox (4)
47. Comedian Margaret longed deep inside to be Cheech's partner (5)
48. A Bobbsey twin loves iPods (5)