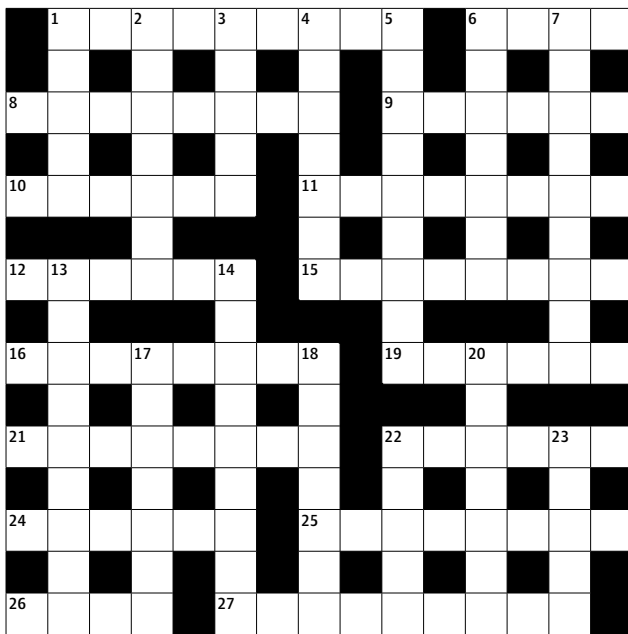


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1,21,20** A treasonous emu I, wandering in to seduce beauty in aria (6,3,2,6,7)  
**6** Spike Milligan's third one (4)  
**8** Strong singer about to go down for high singer (8)  
**9** Head carrying knock, one's exposed (6)  
**10** See 24  
**11** Where a fox may be, one with a camel ultimately burying head in sand? (2,6)  
**12,22down** Entering finale, all three starting in sensational style, unforgettable in opera aria (6,5)  
**15** An image awfully full of love, narcissism (8)  
**16** Sinner finally incarcerated, calling for heavy beating (8)  
**19** Nation today and for ever containing capital in Rome (6)  
**21** See 1  
**22** When foaled, discard horse (6)  
**24,10** Aria where boy's a darling in mezzo-soprano, say? (3,3,6)  
**25** Happy close to death, sang about it (8)  
**26** Man perhaps, one and only, lacking nothing (4)  
**27** Tongue in, well inside case of strawberries, beginning to eat (9)

### Down

- 1** Beast saying prayer? (5)  
**2** Seafood, a smaller quantity in total that's hauled up (7)  
**3** Top broadcaster, free (5)  
**4** See 6  
**5** Terrible start and horrid end in an earlier clue made less shocking (5,4)  
**6,4** Youth using phone catching every second of insane aria (2,5,1,6)  
**7** Performers very inspired by uplifting opera aria (5,4)  
**13** Wrong number held by user, or otherwise (9)  
**14** Silent, as sizeable frame in painting breaks head (9)  
**17** With vigour, cook cut bread (7)  
**18** Pig flying at last, heading for terminal in airport (7)  
**20** See 1 across  
**22** See 12 across  
**23** Goddess of desire, Nephele (5)

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