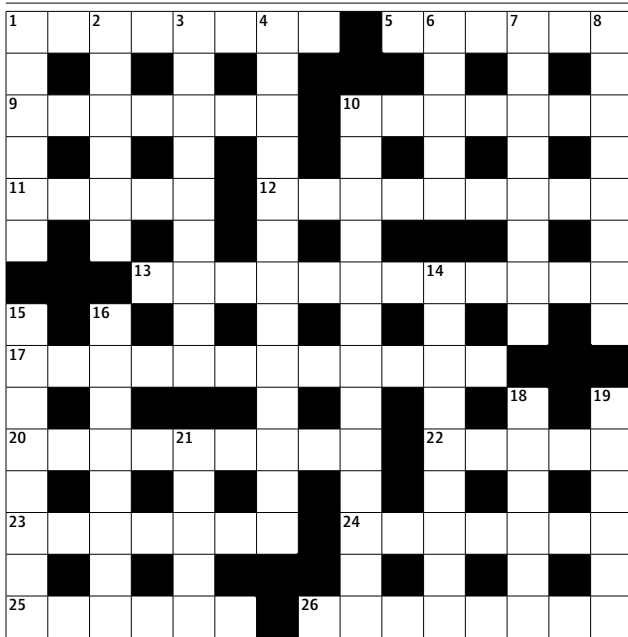


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,204 set by Orlando

Across

- 1** Devastating grouse: Orlando is ghastly (8)
5 A second test dismissing one of the stars (6)
9 Plea to songwriter? Heavens above! (4,3)
10 Support stockings at first carried by runaway (7)
11 Leave tongue but finish off fruit (5)
12 Popular judge restrains European power very well (2,3,4)
13 It's easily done in Madeira, perhaps (1,5,2,4)
17 Change of heart about bumpy road (12)
20 Petty officer stole two shillings taken aboard (9)
22 Guy on shed from town in Somerset (5)
23 Arctic shrew's confession is heard (3-4)
24 Stand back before entrance (7)
25 Picked up by the ears, fancy rodent? (6)
26 Flock sees lamb stew (8)

Down

- 1** Best flight controller? (6)
2 Lead in unleaded fuel's oddly effective (6)
3 Resist entertainer, turning our heads (5,2,2)

- 4** Manlier gender bender making German work (6,7)
6 Healer hailing from Rome? (5)
7 Dramatist with cane holding soldier up (8)
8 Kilometre not mile? Sick as a parrot! (8)
10 Goat, perhaps, identifies missing person (13)
14 Excellent pastries going up in flames (5-4)
15 Police trap a couple of bishops engaged in crime (8)
16 No cassette and vinyl recording, no sound at all (3,1,4)
18 Exquisite European clothes at university (6)
19 Helping to make Gaia the New Age goddess (6)
21 One out of three at the table sound asleep? (5)

Solution No. 26,203

