

Anarchy by Fresco

The grid entries are not the answers to the clues, but all have the same property. Forty clues contain an extra letter in the wordplay. Read in clue order, these reveal a quotation that explains the nature of the puzzle. The author of the quote can be found in the two unclued grid entries. Grid entries for the remaining two clues have an additional property, a description of which can be found by examination of the letters of an irregularly spaced "acronym", consisting of eight of the first letters of the clues. Further instructions will be given when the grid is completed.

Across

- 1 Burnt meal - English sous-chef's first - cooked in living room (10)
- 12 Prince Charles, perhaps, goes to river, seeing bird (4)
- 14 Eastern liqueur mother and I avoid - it could go to her head (5)
- 15 Gold fish is found in seaweed (4)
- 16 Short's drunk by Earl, more than one of them (5)
- 17 See preamble (7)
- 18 Not having date, it's wildly daring to go to club in Glasgow (4)
- 19 Knocked back small, strong drink with caviar, perhaps - it appears on the rocks (5)

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- 20 Pieces of meat for unusually nice recipe that enables one to make burger (6)
- 23 Mineral derivative found with involvement of Arab group - this makes pots (5)
- 25 Close to set up with knight being contained (4)
- 26 Local rain is deluge, not half stormy (4)
- 28 Measured encounter with journalist (5)
- 30 Society pest is involved in stalk (6)
- 31 Being slothful, one is prophetic about weight - it will increase (5)
- 34 Excited, largely, having got hold of new talent (4)
- 36 See preamble (7)
- 38 An instrument to meet the requirements of a raga, for a start (5)

- 39 Gangster's got company as well (4)
- 40 More than two thousand pounds I lost in special annuity scheme (5)
- 41 Extended rest is a right (4)
- 42 This may be seen in wild parties held by drunk eroticist initially (10)

Down

- 2 Eating good meal? Superlative one (6)
- 3 Radar device used by motoring organisation - one that's in operation (5)
- 4 Son possesses drug, and another drug (4)
- 5 Verdicts are given by them when attack's made on Arab rites (8)
- 6 Storyteller's upset by scoff (4)

- 7 Pound, formerly, of barley (4)
- 8 Scholar's batting at no. 11, getting initially easy runs (7)
- 9 Extremity - not at first painful but end's come off muscle (6)
- 10 This bit of France is a sane bit? Could be (7)
- 11 Priest's on river in flat-bottomed boat (4)
- 13 Graduate joining navy consumed a small amount of egg of aquatic mammal (7)
- 20 Weather conditions may be unsettled if scheduled English cricket match starts late (8)
- 21 Comparatively dirty fellow's a winter sportsman not having succeeded (7)

- 22 In exam I ponder endlessly suffering setback, being most unwell (7)
- 24 Rate one sin strangely more unpleasant (7)
- 27 Make one's way with effort, taking in new vernacular language (6)
- 29 Fierce creatures lie about before sun's seen (6)
- 32 Dialect's knockout in most of Europe (5)
- 33 Odds one gets on a couple of horses (4)
- 35 Reminder of voting system given by black parliamentary official (4)
- 36 Ear's part - it's round (4)
- 37 Realise going round old city's safe (4)