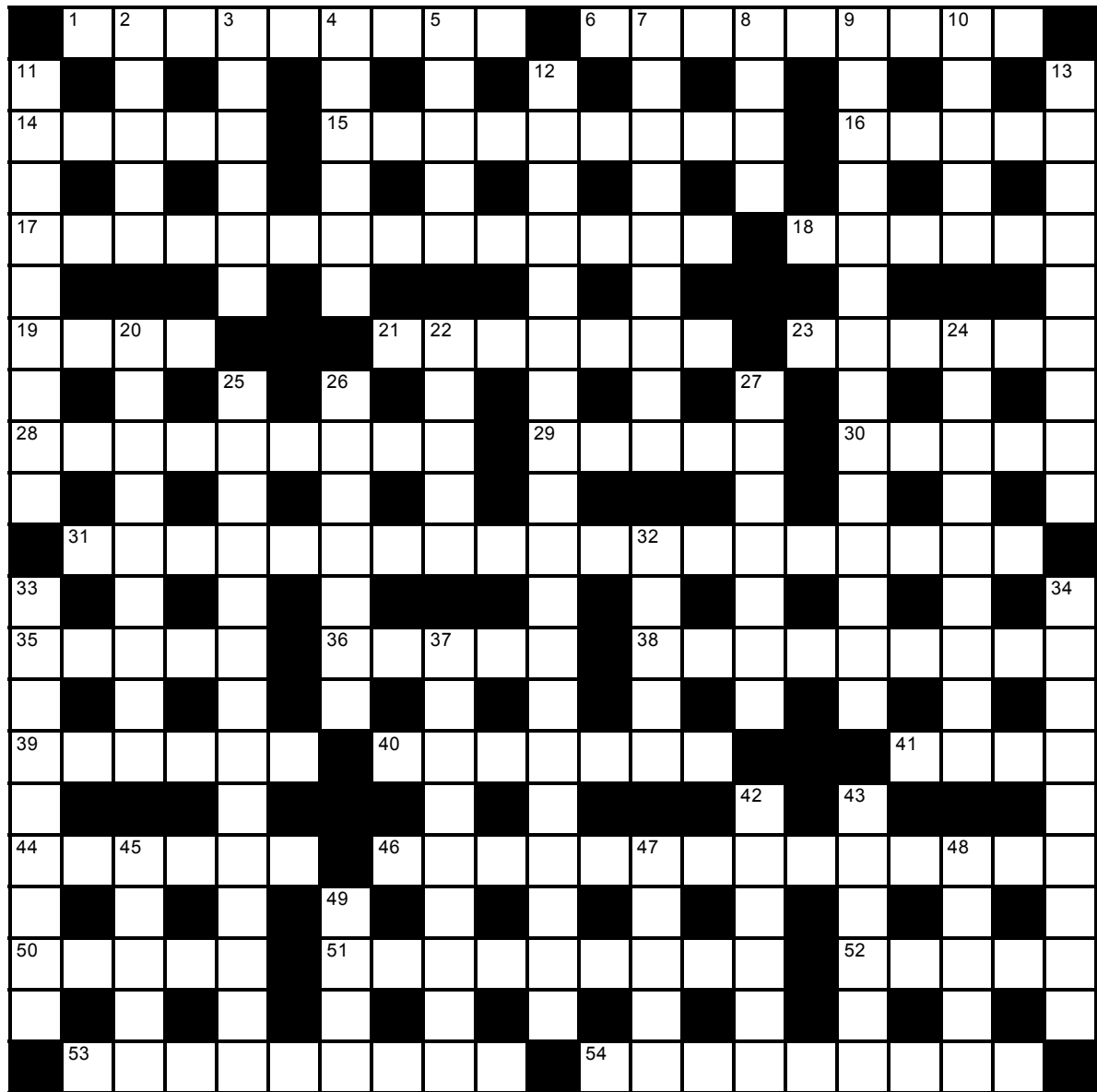


Words and Sorcery

A Dungeons & Dragons - themed cryptic crossword



Across

- 1** Elope to the west following reverse clinch with 10-foot reach (9)
- 6** Chaotic seascape engulfs Daggerford front, leading to derring-do (9)
- 14** Brainy flyer gorges - odds 50/50 (5)
- 15** Losing vision, we hear without stopping (9)
- 16** Bridge guardian's price includes rubies, at first (5)
- 17** Many beasties swam for revolutionary fashionable heretics (5,2,7)
- 18** Devil's death is to come soon (6)
- 19** Ent logman sat regularly among the trees (4)
- 21** Grumpy brawn shortly overpowered hasty pygmy leaders (7)
- 23** Burn brown coal without luminance (6)
- 28** One who cleans Lamia's clothes below her rear (9)
- 29** Turn the orcs, cut them off - teach them a lesson (5)
- 30** We three shall meet again in a bay to the north (5)
- 31** Cultist's caterwauling cap, crimson cardinal (7,6,6)
- 35** Pointed "drunk, as per?" (5)
- 36** Bring us together, finding vigour (5)
- 38** Flawed bell's peal can be cast (9)

Down

- 2** Beware naiads holding ground (5)
- 3** City pollution on the up around lawful evil servants (6)
- 4** To bring peace, Lucifer's soul enters into consideration (6)
- 5** Left near trouble to gain experience (5)
- 7** Pulls up round steep bend into just the right place (5,4)
- 8** Prodigal sorcerer can hide too (4)
- 9** Shaking a medicinal gift suppresses effects (9,5)
- 10** To conjure up is alright during twilight (5)
- 11** Lizardfolk young visit the Nine - tread carefully here! (9)
- 12** Rapid transit loop brings us home (13,6)
- 13** Bound legs can be clubs (9)
- 20** Mother ate a louse in error - we buried her here (9)
- 22** Light neck ornament above head (5)
- 24** Can't be separated, losing inspector while out of sight (9)
- 25** Arrogant dud led party into full-grown firebreather (5,3,6)
- 26** One Roman catapult found back-to-front in much earlier era (4,3)
- 27** Disorganised commerce taking in platinum brought to a halt ... (7)
- 32** ... as a result, eastern sun injured eyes first (5)
- 33** Set up: I blast, she smashes (9)

- 39** Charm a dangerous foe to conceal warships (6)
- 40** Hand ends with her aces folded (7)
- 41** Sage unmade a spell of binding (4)
- 44** Fiendish flying primate with prehensile tail (6)
- 46** Hybrid's strange trick hid length (8,6)
- 50** Alternate selfie naga pitches (5)
- 51** Form email transmission delivers inspirational banner (9)
- 52** A weapon to wave aimlessly (5)
- 53** Idiocy is an offence, that which cannot be exceeded without a firbolg's head (9)
- 54** Master: "Arise, insect!" (9)
- 34** Line captures ruffled tail with one hand or two (9)
- 37** Three learners in pistes entangled will give you something to remember (5,4)
- 42** Church leaders, meek hearts and wise followers demand smiles (6)
- 43** Stabbed snitch turns to journalist (6)
- 45** Dispatches guardians (5)
- 47** Places for disposal of male cat in haste - what rubbish! (5)
- 48** Djinni arguably holds back; you don't want to go against it (5)
- 49** Rising laughing gas envelops last outsider, who eats dirt (4)