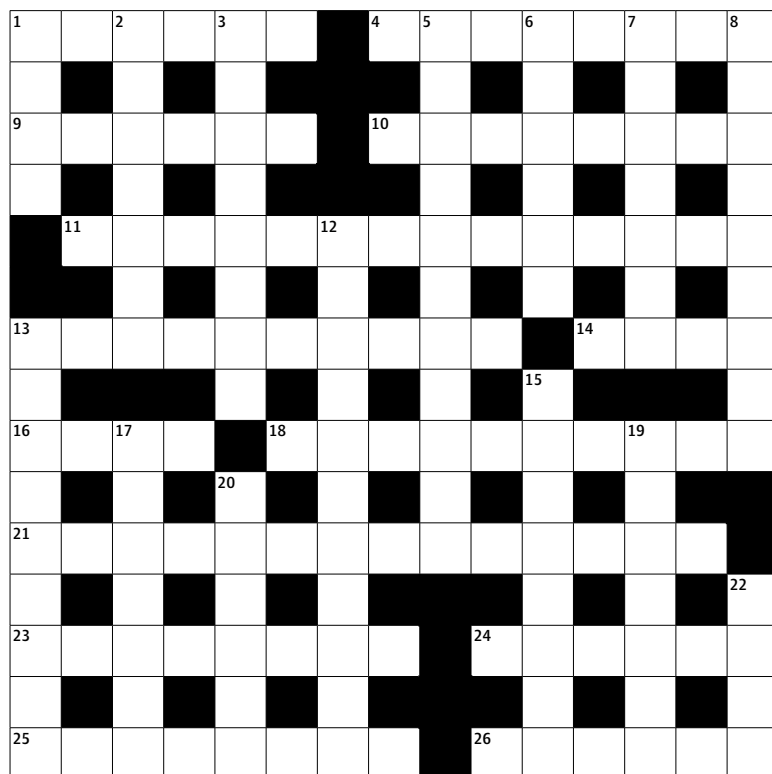


# Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,097 set by Yank



## Across

- 1 Iron Man is a woman (6)  
 4 Criticise character from Athens, thus creating sort of poetry (3,5)  
 9 Snack: portion of spinach *ossobuco* (6)  
 10 Photo, a character from long ago: outspoken rogue (8)  
 11 Engaged in drink, CIA annulled cryptic system of old Rome (6,8)  
 13 Plunderers' music fest in part of Winchester? (5,5)  
 14 Prey for an aardvark: one Contra (4)  
 16 God backflips into canal (4)  
 18 Lifted off around two, say: it may require a shot (5,5)  
 21 Get ogress irritated and annoyed with symbol (2,7,5)  
 23 Smooth talker on X, say (8)  
 24 Arrest in general location reversed (6)  
 25 Sob stories in *Slate*? (3,5)  
 26 Turkish bigwig covers arse, it may be hidden (6)

## Down

- 1 Satisfactory punishment (4)  
 2 Ingredient of comfort food covering rear end of Shakespearean (7)  
 3 Celebrated rugby player offside (8)  
 5 Amoebae and such travelled nautical miles, giving up sex in

retrospect (11)

- 6 Lower, but greater (6)  
 7 Originally, source (excessively loud noise) was a sub (5,2)  
 8 Hustler's damage includes train wreck (3,6)  
 12 Singer wanting cabbage to whip up piece in advance (3,4,4)  
 13 Don't play at stalls where Yanks relieve themselves? (4,5)  
 15 Drunken peer falls into brewski-chugging contraption in drinkers' diversion (4,4)  
 17 E, for Einstein? (7)  
 19 € is based on this Greek character harboured by lone lunatic (7)  
 20 75% of *plátanos* turned into something romantic (6)  
 22 Killer imprisoned in Windsor Castle (4)

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