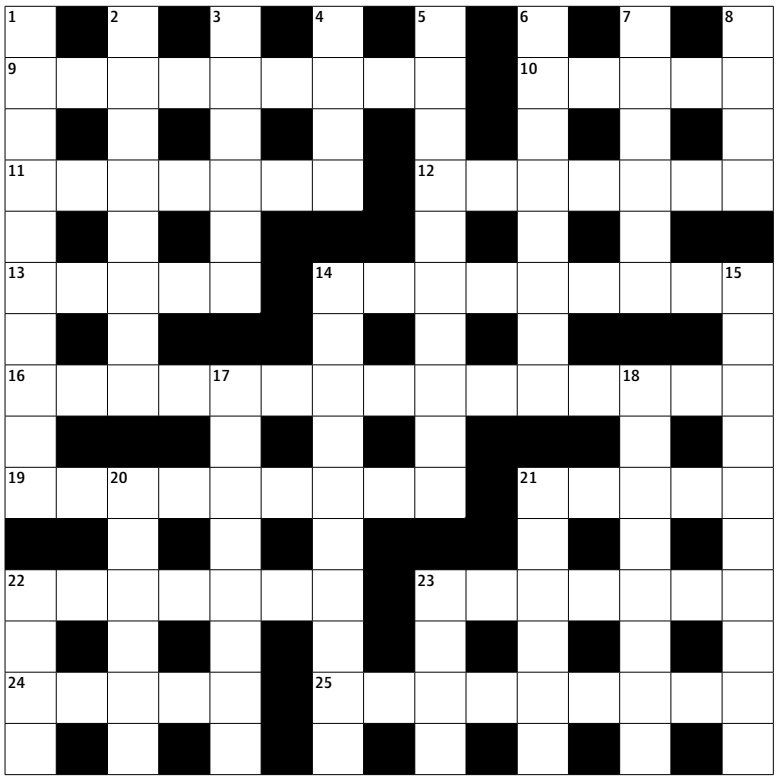
Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,098 set by Imogen



Across

9 One of perhaps 16 having short nap - couldn't be shorter (9)
10 Here's Augusta: important, second in Georgia (5)
11 Behind sailors touring a palace (7)
12 ⸢⸢⸢⸢ (7)
13 Anxious, not at first very worried (5)
14 Imogen has key to get back home for these regular occasions (9)
16 Bad service aboard Trans-Siberian railway, say, a perilous enterprise (7,8)
19 Large quantity of drink: declare it bubbly (9)
21 Murderous monarch, one idolised by daughter (5)
22 Sort of light worried baby (7)
23 Want to catch falcon regularly returning ravenous (7)
24 Island shivering in 4C? (5)
25 Dramatist's concession, filling gaps with a bit of comedy (9)

Down

1 Last mad daring involved in horrendous battle (10)
2 Exploit you reserve for films (8)
3 A second attempt to fix a wrong (6)
4 Plant conifer, not houses (4)
5 Time to wear first shoe? Capable of operating independently (10)
6 Troy protected by unscrupulous Olympian (8)
7 Good advice in most of cricket book, offering much for openers (6)
8 Turning up, agreed to accept kiss: so exciting (4)
14 Old art of singing in church, energy dropping, intermittently lusty (10)
15 Talk about date followed by letter, quick way to seek a mate (5,5)
17 Working together, fit to join lineout (2,6)
18 Barrel carried by dog finally dropped? Shocking (8)
20 Rich, so getting replacement for several groups of singers (6)
21 Greeting wife, giving reverence (6)
22 Kiss cheek (4)
23 Showed sorrow as all of us part (4)

Solution No. 30,097



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