

It's Behind You ...!



*We're off to the Pantomime! What will you find?
First, 13 "A" clues of a general kind;
The answers each lead you to something you know
Or think about when at a holiday show.*

*Next eight Panto titles, alone or in pairs
(Like Goldilocks followed - of course - by Three Bears).
But so you can find them (it's tricky you see)
Each of these answers is marked with a "B".*

*Then seven more pantos, each given a cast
Of people and objects from first down to last.
To aid you a little and help you do better
Each panto's been given its own coded letter;*

*Solving "D" anagrams, puzzles and puns'll
Lead you (perhaps?) to the panto Rapunzel ...
That's just an example! I'm sure it won't trouble you:
The Pantos are coded from "P" down to "W".*

Please feel free to send electronic copies of the puzzle to friends and family who might be interested in having a go as well (download available at <https://tinyurl.com/christmas-puzzle2024>).

When you have worked out the answers, send them by email to: abdemonpuzzles@gmail.com. Closing date: January 10th, 2025, with the winner to be chosen at random from the entrants with the most correct answers.

The General Answers (A)	The Lonely Titles (B)	The Pantos (P – W)
1.	1.	P.
2.	2.	Q.
3.	3.	R.
4.	4.	S.
5.	5.	T.
6.	6.	V.
7.	7.	W.
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1	Hot, wet chickweed - swift salad! (6, 5, 2, 3, 4: S)	33	Scripted to appear twice (4: S)
2	English explorer is getting warmer (7, 4: V)	34	Loses bearing in a confusing Arabian souk (8: R)
3	In which ogre enticed every other character to leave (5: R)	35	Boy drowned out by a lot of noise (7: R)
4	Change in travel arrangements (8: A)	36	Ditch King - it won't upset Londoner's choice of leader (4, 11: B)
5	Put on ring ... (5, 6: A)	37	In which pageantries are made up (6, 5: A)
6	Whisk in jam, then swirl about (3, 7: W)	38	Not put back despite overwhelming objections (7: P)
7	In favour of shortened music award at the end of June (9: A)	39	Made a mess ... (4: A)
8	Lass takes older chap around party town (4, 6: Q)	40	... so cunningly hid shoe dye (2, 3, 2, 3: A)
9	Soccer war erupts (9: S)	41	Or not? (2, 2, 2, 5: A)
10	Pub where you get last round? (8: A)	42	Darling, in distress without her Romeo (6: S)
11	The Wise Men have a hold on this ... (5, 4: R)	43	Shipwreck leads to an oil spill at first (10: W)
12	... for great wealth is about a key partner (10: B)	44	Hope Eastern sweetheart was heeded at first (6, 6: R)
13	Primary character - an unusual nature, to evoke motherhood (4, 2: S)	45	Amazingly, we won this! (4, 5: B)
14	I'm really extremely good, misbehaving only when a parent catches me! (5, 9: P)	46	Hits mark (9: A)
15	One bad bet is how you lose everything (5, 2, 3, 4: B)	47	After mutiny, we're quits (nearly!) (6, 9: W)
16	Tossed in rowdy local? (8, 4: S)	48	Plot unravels during close observation (9: A)
17	Girls set us up with Youth Leader (4, 7: P)	49	How to hold up without being recognised? (5, 4: Q)
18	Bishops take an Italian coffee with eleven ingredients (5, 5: W)	50	Cramped American washroom (6, 4: Q)
19	Breakfast already eaten, they might reheat sherbet in desperation? (3, 5, 5: B)	51	Vettriano and the Borlottis in sit-down? (4, 3, 3, 9: B)
20	Then received first service, short and inaccurate (3, 3, 3: S)	52	Gets unusually hot stuffing fish (7: S)
21	Copied in, signed and initialled (7: P)	53	I swallow a fork prong (7: A)
22	Pincer movement? Delightful! (6, 8: P)	54	Direction I'll have read out loud (4, 7: Q)
23	Plan, if intact, is still all at sea (7, 5: W)	55	One way to scare mice (3, 6: A)
24	Simmered every so often (4: V)	56	Just think of the crazy day we two wink (5, 7: R)
25	Savage goes after wild animal (5, 4: V)	57	Whizzed too far in a tornado? (3, 6, 2, 2: S)
26	Off to ogre's home? (11: B)	58	Travel on the Fourth of July (5: V)
27	Play around with oboe's lilt now and again (10: V)	59	For whom No. 1 bus stops, unusually (4, 2, 5: B)
28	Farm building houses old impecunious nobleman (5, 6: P)	60	Pants following liver damage (4, 4, 6: W)
29	Offer man fish tonight - it's fresh! (7, 2, 10: Q)	61	What a learner driver often does? (6: A)
30	I grasp spells of transformation (5, 7: P)	62	Outlaw who's out of order (5, 4: Q)
31	Crude apprentice, no longer in charge (5, 3: V)	63	Scottish town comes back to mind (5: V)
32	I'll dance in pantomime, without hesitation (10: P)	64	Sang merrily when daft verses were composed (3, 5, 6: B)