

Play It Again, Sam

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Being a large mound of earth covered by bright patches of green shrubs, Green Patch Hill is named in accordance to the great tradition of Australian geographical nomenclature. What the name lacks, however, is any hint of the gargantuan gum tree that sits atop the hill. Even sequoias dwarf in comparison to this mighty blue gum. You steel yourself in preparation for the final showdown.

Codes cracked? Check. Bundy's antivirus? Check. Pickelhaube? Check.

Bundy doesn't want the Pickelhaube so you wear it. It looks cool. Pickelhaubes and bowties are cool. Having readied yourself, you approach the very hobbit round door embedded just below the tree. Miraculously the door turns out to be unlocked, without presenting a puzzle, and you warily enter.

"BANZAAAAAIIIIIIII!" ... *dink* ... *THUD*

Having landed an ineffectual glancing blow upon your pickelhaube, a kamikaze dropbear now lies knocked out on the floor. You and Bundy share a mutual look of thankfulness that you entered first and that the koala missed the spike. Speaking of which, what exactly is the proper term for the spike atop a pickelhaube? The pickle?

Tangents aside, while the dropbear may have missed the pickle, what appears to be a newspaper cutting does get caught. Removing it from your pickelhaube, you examine it carefully. Perhaps this will afford you some security clearance as you venture forth.

- *The Fifth Element's* Left Arm (1, 3)
- Faulty guideline (6, 4)
- Red vs. Blue director (4, 5)
- Tradition founded by Epona and Mark Roberts (2, 4)
- Principal smoocher (4, 1)
- Debris that can be read (2, 5)
- Abstruse topic of discourse or discussion (4, 4)
- Fabric made of compressed eskimo fibres (3, 4)
- Indigenous swelling of stem or root (2, 1)
- Megagrams of code used in this puzzle (5, 6)
- Afrezza (4, 5)
- Breakfast food you can confide in (5, 5)
- Precious stone made receptive or aware (5, 1)
- Large metalloid tuba wrapped around the body (6, 4)
- Most pleasant tooth doctor (1, 4)
- Act of giving birth with vesicles (2, 8)