

## 1.5 LEGENDARY

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end up jumping back or forth in time again. *Damn, it happened again.* The sun is shining. It seems to be Monday. Your pint is gone. The etching on the table is gone. There is someone else sitting in your chair. You slide awkwardly off their lap, apologising profusely for your sudden materialisation. You remember Doctor Who's advice and stroll to the library, enjoying the pleasant weather. It's much nicer out when there aren't gaping holes in the very fabric of existence.

When you get to the library, you sit at a computer and type "Time travel broken time help please" into the library search engine. The search yields one result: *The Philosophy of Time Travel* by Roberta Sparrow. There's one copy available. You hurry up the stairs and scan the aisles for the right one. In a nearby chair, a girl with frizzy hair is talking quietly to someone who has their back to you. The girl meets your eyes and smiles. You ignore her and duck into the aisle, scanning the rows of books for *The Philosophy of Time Travel*. You sit The Device down on the ground and run your fingers along the spines of the books. *The Philosophy of Time Travel* is not there. There is a fresh gap where it should be. "Damn it!" you shout.

"Shhhh," hushes the frizzy-haired girl from behind a shelf.

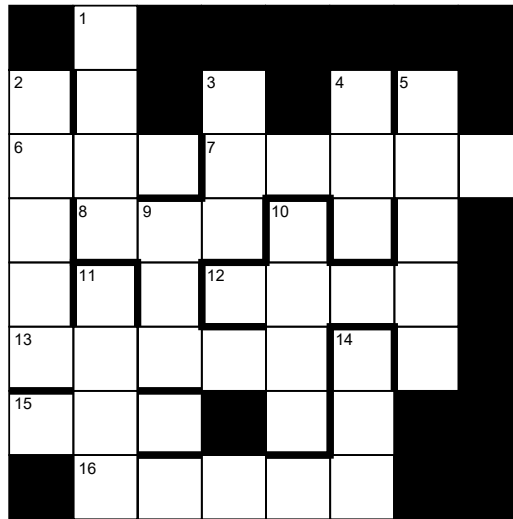
You sigh and reach for The Device. It's not there. You search the aisle but The Device is nowhere to be seen. Then you realise what's happened. The Device has jumped forwards or backwards in time *without* you!

"Damn it!" you shout.

"Please!" says the girl, appearing at the end of the aisle, "this is a library! If you must be here, could you at least be a little quieter."

"I'm sorry," you say.

"Here," she says, tossing a paper your way, "if you need something to keep you occupied, try these crosswords. Something tells me everything will turn out OK in the end." Something about her tone seems very convincing. You decide to stay in the library, do a crossword, and see if The Device comes back, or if someone returns the book. You drag a chair into the aisle and start looking at one of the crossword puzzles you have been given. It's very confusing. After some time, you feel yourself drifting off to sleep.



1. Owner of *Red Lightning*
2. TM06
3. \_\_\_ First Movie
4. Misty Meets \_\_\_ Match
5. Deduce from clues
6. Power of \_\_\_
7. Mightyena, for one
8. Slaking, for one
9. What Gary's fossil turned out to be
10. \_\_\_-en-scène
11. That last battle seemed to \_\_\_ on forever
12. What Ash might message his mom before sleeping
13. Machop's signature move: \_\_\_ Chop
14. \_\_\_-Will Hunting!
15. Inventor of the Pokédex
16. One of the first moves seen in the game