

# Puzzle 239 – Freestyle 204

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## Across

- 1 Hybrid strummed string instrument  
 10 Popular team-based first-person shooter pitting the Terrorists against the Counter Terrorists, for short  
 14 Works of illusion  
 16 It has a "laughing" alarm call  
 17 Round offer  
 18 Direct route  
 19 "And he said, 'Who told thee that thou \_\_\_\_ naked?": Genesis 3:11  
 20 Spanish term of address akin to "bro"  
 21 How a group may be learning, self-referentially  
 23 Bklyn \_\_\_\_, N.Y.C.  
 24 Long, e.g., for short  
 25 Modern slang word meaning "very much" or "a large number of"  
 26 Cry while fervently waving one's hand, perhaps  
 28 "[Moses] took us forty years through the desert to bring us to the one spot in the Middle East that has no oil!" speaker  
 30 One constantly chilling  
 31 It became Universal in 1996  
 33 Tube-blocking order  
 35 \_\_\_\_-major (unofficial designation for some NCAA basketball teams)  
 36 2 or 3, many parents say  
 39 Military officer's promotion in name only  
 41 Red letters?  
 42 Worth of the highest-valued note ever produced by the U.S. for general use, informally  
 44 Unhappiness, to say the least  
 45 House leader  
 47 It's often heard in a courtroom drama  
 49 Waste  
 53 Turner in arenas  
 54 Blues letters  
 55 "OK"  
 56 Belgian city that's home to the James Ensor museum  
 58 Some people do it face-down  
 59 City that's an anagram of a musical term  
 60 Sound like a drone

- 61 "You got it, girl!"  
 64 Gamer's expression of exultation  
 65 Get to back off, in a way  
 66 Wants intensely, with "for"  
 67 They'll have you seeing stars
- ## Down
- 1 Desperate plea for answers  
 2 Classify higher  
 3 "I'm telling the truth"  
 4 Throw some shade at?  
 5 "I can't deal with all this!!"  
 6 Button on many Internet slideshows  
 7 Title character depicted in live-action movies "at the Plaza" and "at Christmastime"  
 8 Wool wax  
 9 Slangy word of hesitation  
 10 Like cats  
 11 Request for the inside scoop  
 12 Lazy response to a trivia question  
 13 Agreeing  
 15 It may be strained  
 22 Betray excitement, in a way  
 27 Concern with North Korea, for short

- 29 "Jack"  
 32 Some dudes with cute and cuddly profile pictures  
 34 Cosmopolitan part  
 36 Preppy footwear  
 37 It might lead to a big break  
 38 There are a lot of irregular verbs in it: Abbr.  
 40 One with a license to fix, maybe  
 41 Cutesy pouty-faced reply to Mommy or Daddy  
 43 What a "sniffer" is used to detect  
 46 National Weather Service output  
 48 Making heads turn, say  
 50 Food that's at the center of an annual Chesapeake Bay festival  
 51 Preferred  
 52 Some cafeteria freebies  
 57 Dance move that looks like a "Dracula sneeze"  
 59 Org. concerned with ergonomics  
 62 Abbr. for an eight-letter word consisting of its first, fifth, and last letters  
 63 Disgusting-sounding German word?

