Mini Meta 43
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For each of the first five mini crosswords, one of the entries also serves as part of a five-word meta clue. The answer to the meta is a word or phrase (five letters or longer) hidden within the sixth mini crossword. The hidden meta answer starts in one of the squares and snakes through the grid vertically and horizontally from there (no diagonals!) without revisiting any squares.

**Example:**

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**MONDAY**

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<td>1 With 4-Across, auto-safe feature?</td>
<td>1 He committed the first fratricide</td>
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<td>4 See 1-Across</td>
<td>2 Opera singer Gluck</td>
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<td>7 Infuse (with)</td>
<td>3 Foaming at the mouth, say</td>
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<td>8 They may be filed or buffed</td>
<td>5 Preside (over)</td>
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<td>9 Org. behind many narcotics busts</td>
<td>6 Flat-topped desert feature</td>
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<td>1 The USSR's CIA counterpart, once</td>
<td>1 Country in the Great Rift Valley</td>
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<td>3 One who might eat, drink, and be married?</td>
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<td>1 “Striped” swimmer</td>
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<td>5 Spicy Spanish stew</td>
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<td>6 Target of the wizard Gargamel</td>
<td>3 Irksome soup-eating noise</td>
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<td>8 Carried goods</td>
<td>4 Commander of the Green Army Men in “Toy Story”</td>
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<td>9 Fueled by a Red Bull, say</td>
<td>5 “___ Whom the Bell Tolls”</td>
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<td>1 Find x, perhaps</td>
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<td>6 Unit of regret or sympathy</td>
<td>2 One who makes drone deliveries?</td>
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<td>7 Flirted with falsely, maybe</td>
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<td>8 Coal deposit</td>
<td>4 Madonna and others (in both religion and pop music)</td>
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<td>9 Some NFL players</td>
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