

"Character Sequence" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

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1. The Japanese word for "dog"
4. Winter exclamation
7. Condé ____
11. Comparative suffix
14. Pinch
15. C'est dans la mer
16. Assassin whose dagger was a MacGuffin in "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker"
17. Year in which Thorkell the Tall led the Siege of Canterbury
18. Roman character associated with wine
20. Greek character associated with wine
22. A lot of stupid things have been done to prove it
24. He defeated Lee at Gettysburg
25. Roman character with winged feet
26. Greek character with winged feet
27. Pliny the Elder, for one
29. Cause of many throat cancers
30. R&B singer whose 1998 single "Are U Still Down" featured posthumous vocals by Tupac Shakur

31. River associated with the Beatles
34. Common bird feeder adhesive
36. Comic Ansari
40. Kind of wine often viewed as low-class
41. Letters stylized on some red ballcaps
42. Flightless bird
43. It precedes "New York" in a common diction drill for actors
45. Words before life or room
46. Comedic pause
47. 19/26
48. Brittany, in "Clueless"
50. Skechers alternative
52. Roman character who sprung from her father's head
56. Greek character who sprung from her father's head
60. Using few words
62. Enlightenment-era think tank
63. Roman character often depicted with a big fork
66. Greek character often depicted with a big fork
68. Bit of software implementation jargon
69. Managed
70. Toy company known for die-cast tractors
71. Your two o'clock, roughly

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The answer to the metapuzzle is a former technology company with a name that's either six letters or two, depending on how you think about it

72. Pomeranian sound
 73. Cheer for a toreador
 74. Foam toy maker
 75. Crossword commentator Parker
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1. Like "La donna è mobile"
 2. Singer/actress Peeples
 3. Scanned lines
 4. Joy of television
 5. Like "Porky's" or "American Pie"
 6. Approach hurriedly
 7. "Like, I know - oh my god, I'm not, like, an idiot!"
 8. Baking soda activator
 9. HBO rival
 10. 1987 film about selling aluminum siding
 11. A Sean Penn title, but more casually?
 12. Project
 13. Expands upward
 19. Major commodities trading org.
 21. ____ Buena
 23. They may have knobby tires, high suspension, skid plates, 4wd, etc.
 25. School of thought concerned with the proletariat and the bourgeoisie
 26. What the floor may be made of, in a child's imagination
 27. Permeate
 28. Grunts
 30. Volkswagen compact
 32. Legal citation ender, with "et"
 33. Alternative to com or org
 35. Exploit
 37. Zuider ____
 38. Hogg who, contrary to urban legend, did not have a sister named Ura
 39. "Sacré bleu!"
 44. Evergreen
 45. Yield
 46. Persian faith based on egalitarianism
 49. Soccer manager Wenger whose former team's name was almost identical to this entry
 51. The usual translation of "ipsa," as in res ipsa loquitur
 53. Former for-profit sch.
 54. Course for an aspiring psychologist, for short
 55. Prefix meaning "mountainous"
 57. Tribal leader, often
 58. Who is above the law (in principle, anyways ...)
 59. Seize, as land
 61. Olden times
 63. Voting option
 64. Superfund site overseer
 65. Die spot
 67. Hormuz, e.g.