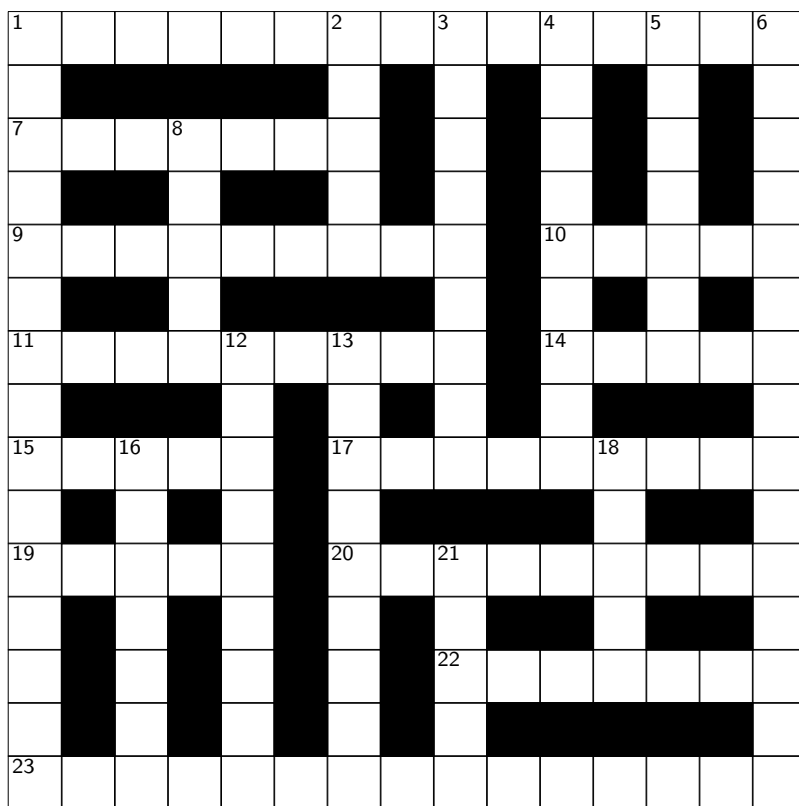


Just Two

By IL



Across

- 1** Unexpectedly sing choruses, enliven empty bar (6, 9)
7 More spacious hopper means I've extra rice initially (7)
9 Use this to retreat from sinister needle (4, 5)
10 Half-lodestone, reversed, switched radio frequency (5)
11 Unleashes plant's fire (4, 5)
14 A lot of beheaded dog (5)
15 Father orders boba tea first (5)
17 Charm for frost: sharp snap (4, 5)
19 I read this yearly, without calling you (5)

- 20** Revolting bare north ground (9)
22 Decanted beer on ticket entry (7)
23 Delirious beatniks swooned secretly (4, 2, 4, 5)

Down

- 1** Embrace The Abyss – pack only inner self, exchange 'Danger Ahead' for unending wild joy (8, 7)
2 We howl aloud without fail (5)
3 Carbonized hot tar with rat roll (9)
4 Castaways played with slime & lizards' tails (4, 5)

- 5** Mom's outside, her torso buried by rising soil level (7)
6 Grass skirts bog, landlords are ubiquitous here (8, 7)
8 Heads up – stench follows oddly moist hands (5)
12 Mini metal mouthpiece morsel (6, 3)
13 Bake no cake, eat little each Saturday (4, 1, 4)
16 Torment shrouds her subject! (7)
18 Corrupt usurper removed our heart, she finally sounds contented (5)
21 Boat missing prow, aft deck cleaved by hungry animal (5)