ACROSS
1. Primary half of appropriate couple
2. Teeter backwards, losing balance at first push
3. Badly organized U.S. stand for foreign autos
4. Tired? Recline, elevate feet
9. Denial holds back Indonesian island tribe
10. Marlowe, in literature, exemplifies dangerous career
10. Chief gone, military directive is to be playful
12. Wrench style for a hex
12. Units EE possesses in abundance
13. At last, I object to the central point
13. Outcome as “fiat lux,” without authority, fails
15. Flexible mat laid on frame of a bed
15. Madman needs to be impenetrable

DOWN
1. Asian character next to another in curious circus
2. Corporate manager makes affectionate sound
3. Arcane text’s key enthralls sorcerers
4. Sounds heard from young, prattling kiddies
3. In danger of melting, like crayons
3. Wise men of Sumerian city stepping into bottomless torrent
4. Most itchy clothes: work for a seamstress
4. Spirit made of fire without smoke
5. Compared to Mr. Hunt, not quite so tall
5. Individual spoken to by Quaker, perhaps
6. River workers prevent stone landing on frostbitten feet
6. Thin film covering aliens spawns endless lore
17. Emotional one takes requests
17. Sharp cry
18. Emanations, singularly primitive, from Id
18. Interior seating order, perhaps
19. Former secretary of state in U.S. loses love, undergoes a flood of emotion
19. Government by clerics, ordained leaders of church
21. Agree with half of digram, but only half
21. This, or, as an alternative, that one
25. Son born of mythological queen to survey (north of Unicorn) eastern edge of Ox!
26. (With “Dr.”) My, he is Strange . . . unipolar protagonist!
28. Cut down on talking in class
28. Maverick that may be seen in Rockford locale
31. Comparatively rough and violent parries
31. Convert perfect fourth to the devil in music, say
33. Ignore the rules and fail the bastard
33. Speeders on I-10, goods laden
34. Crouch down, and get up next to empty cask
34. It’s the beginning of the bitter end for a perfect garden
35. Mother of idealized Greek youth in an abridged version of “Gift of the Magi”
35. Taken from underground, they’re boiled or pickled
36. Communist state makes “Social Text” provocateur
ditch center, move left
36. Prolonged insulator sits, informally, between wire and conductor
37. In bayou, Zorba discovers Greek spirit
37. Milieux presenting music, poetic works
39. As a consequence, follow on what comes before
39. Shifting trust and support
40. Beginnings of Bach invention not two-part
40. Horse driver going west across blue firmament
41. American playwright takes back a French virginal actress
41. Greasy slush prepared, daub without restraint
42. My art’s unusual: frottage
42. Perec novel’s a treat

7. Subject, in oral witticism, of contemplation
7. Traveling up Aral Sea, transcribed Schumann
8. Not haughty, and not famous, person with lots of poise?
8. Questions about IRA, finances, for government allowance
9. Bake tails of eels, cuttlefish, ahi under heater
9. Cub ballplayer first taken from Boston in complex swap
11. 104 in tellurium? That’s topsy-turvy—get out of here
11. Reducing iron with charcoal, produce slag
14. He gets into another bar brawl; cup is shattered and the bender ends
14. Hunter that mauls beasts for spotty children
16. Event in a theater: before removing the guts, cut into patient!
20. Faint repetition
20. Fancy falsehood taking in king
22. A mess, in the theater, that’s unpleasant
22. Something that’s the soul of excitement
23. Disturb fleas while introducing gas to an environment
23. Dreamy Monet captures Gothic author in orchestrated, rhapsodic art
24. Dog’s tail originally indicated location of guidance
24. Greek soldier attacked in my dorm
27. Amusing trip, out and around, eventually returning
27. British rock group that French people finally start to notice
29. Pot boiling, carefree, without lids
29. Soldiers, coming out of defensive position, mixing up with enemy
30. Difficult times for nine held in irons
30. Just peachy, on a superficial level?
32. Feeling applied to one who’s despicable
32. Migratory animals first go a couple of directions
33. A coin we’d once flipped to see Marianne
33. Glandular abscess containing liquid makes an appearance
35. Low place for a runner
35. Orb in deep space around primary object
38. Cats: endless dancing in several scenes
38. Ultimately meaningless anthem sung by distracted chorus line