



NOTE: No knowledge of *MAD MAX: FURY ROAD* is required to solve this puzzle

After overthrowing the tyrants at the Citadel and reclaiming the surrounding areas, **IMPERATOR FURIOSA** reflects on her recent experiences: the battles, the chases, and most importantly - the colorful cast of characters she encountered on her journey. Though many faces were new to her, she couldn't help but think... "Haven't I seen these people somewhere before? There's something familiar about the way they're all behaving..."

In the midst of trying to cope with this strange feeling, Furiosa senses the emergence of a new threat at the Citadel...

A F W	N O T	E M O	N Y	A R N	G H T	I S W	H T T	E E
E O S	D I Y	G M N	A A N	E N V	E M R	E S	A C S	E P X
E M	R T U	D I P	T U	O S U	E S Y	E M N	R T U	R T
G L	G G O	G I N	A B L	I R V	A K M	F O T	I N S	N O R
D E S	N O O	H T	N Y	G I N	I T Y	M R U	D E R	A S S
I K L	D E F	I L V	A I L	A C H	L R	A E S	E P R	A D D
I N T	O R S	C I T	E F S	P P U	O R T	A T L	A G N	B N T
C G I	A P R	A G M	I L N	A D R	E P	S S U	E E H	A F L
E K I	G N	E L R	D O R	K L O	O P R	E R W	N R U	C E T



OK, so I may get crushed by a car - but did you see how I was dropping War Boys left and right with my rifle just before it happened?



What's my gimmick, you ask? Well...I'm super old, but I still kick all sorts of ass. Bet you've never seen that before, sonny.



The actor who plays me is actually a professional motocross rider, which is helpful because I do some pretty sweet bike tricks.



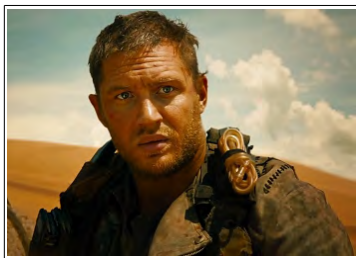
Look at these things on my forehead. I never wear them once in the entire film, even though there are sandstorms everywhere!



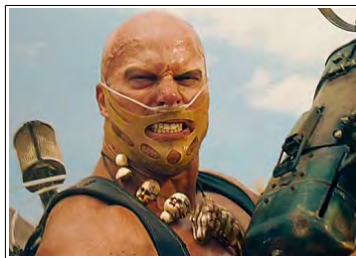
Immortan Joe never did get around to consummating our marriage, and as a result I'm really naïve about basically everything.



Yes, my guitar obviously rocks. But did you know that it also doubles as a flamethrower in a pinch?



I'm as stoic as can be at the start of the movie, but the power of friendship softens me right up by the time it's over.



I'm really strong! What's my secret? Gosh...I'm not really sure, to be honest! I guess I just exercise a lot.



I'm a few weeks away from having a baby, but that doesn't stop me from climbing all over these rigs while they're moving at totally insane speeds



Being an evil dictator is great and all, but oh boy, it sure is expensive! And you have to be very organized and keep good records.



You can tell I'm the main bad guy because I require all these gnarly extra apparatuses just to stay alive. Gross!



Ha! I'll bet you thought I was going to be a villain! But I turned out to be a hero after all. Joke's on you!

SOLUTION: The blurbs below each of the character portraits from the film *Mad Max: Fury Road* are examples of **tropes** - *commonly recurring devices used in various media*. The grid of letters at the top of the page contains named representations of the tropes described by each of the characters, per the website [tvtropes.org](http://tvtropes.org) - "*the all devouring pop-culture wiki*"

To arrive at the solution, players must locate the named trope within the grid for each character. The following mechanics are not laid out explicitly in the puzzle intro, but should become apparent after the players find their first few answers:

- Each box of 2 or 3 letters has its letters listed in alphabetical order.
- Each trope begins on the light blue box in the position that corresponds to the position of the film character in the roster in the bottom half of the puzzle (example to follow)
- From the starting box, the trope can be traced in a path snaking in any of the four cardinal directions (up, down, left, right), but never diagonally.
- Each box of letters is used exactly once.

EXAMPLE: Look at the top-left blue rectangle in the grid of letters that contains the letters **D I Y**. These are the first three letters (in some order) of a trope that corresponds to the phrase accompanying the image of the character Valkyrie in the top-left corner of the roster below:

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What words can we think of that use the letters **D I Y** that might evoke what is happening in Valkyrie's blurb? **DYING**, perhaps?

As luck would have it, players can find the letters **G N** in the cell to the immediate right of the starting point, with the letter **M** left over. If the player (correctly) assumes that this **M** is the beginning of the next word in the trope name, they can continue the pattern until a complete phrase is discovered. Indeed, such a phrase can be found by moving in the following directions from the starting point: right, up, left, left, down, down. This sequence yields the following letters:

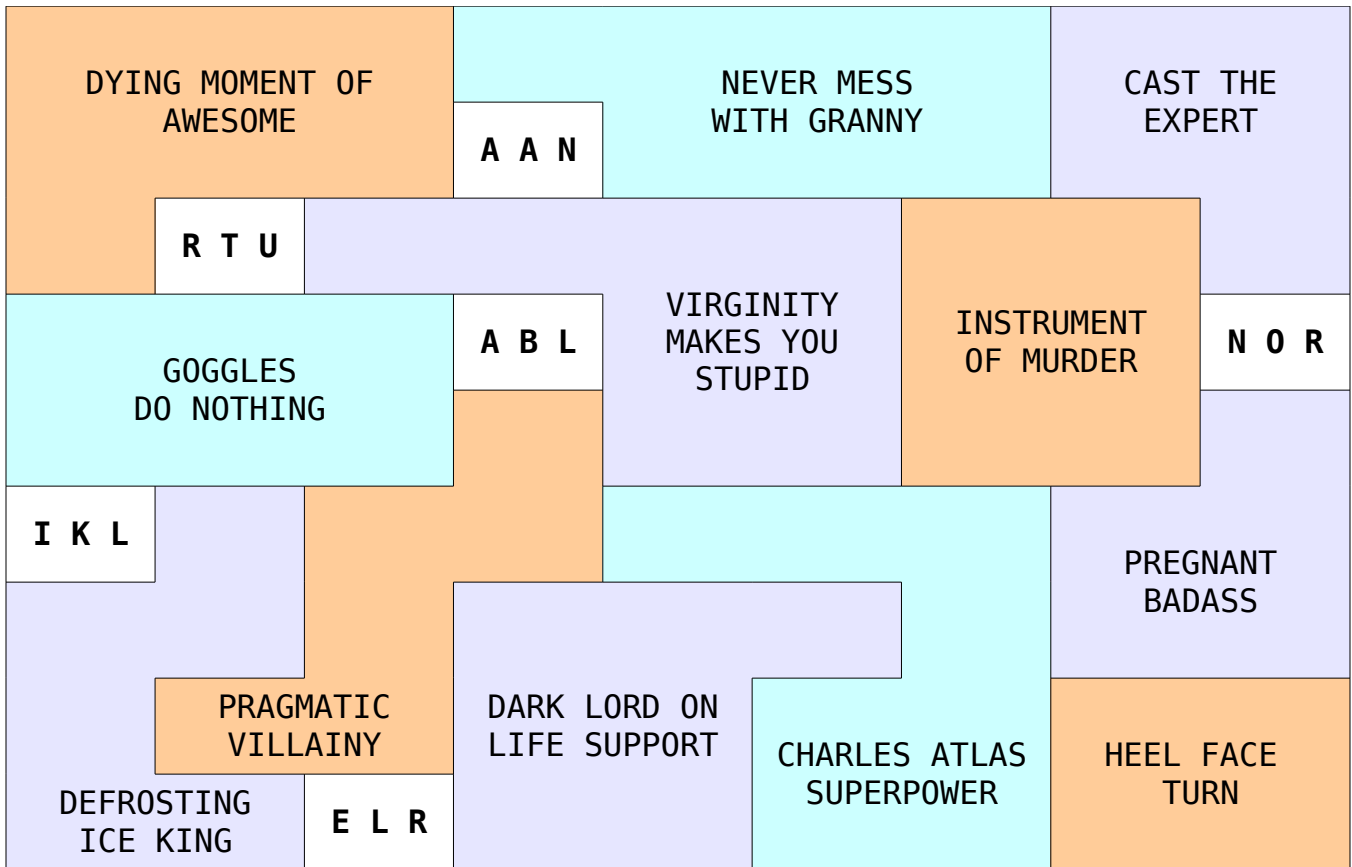
**D I Y      G M N      E M O      N O T      A F W      E O S      E M**

Unscrambling each block of letters yields:

**D Y I      N G M      O M E      N T O      F A W      E S O      M E**

or **DYING MOMENT OF AWESOME**, a trope that describes when a character meets their doom, but is doing something extremely cool at the time. Sure enough, this corresponds to Valkyrie, who is dispatching her enemies with a rifle...just before dying as she is run over by an oncoming car.

The player should repeat this process for each of the remaining eleven characters. Upon doing so, they will notice that there are some unused boxes remaining. Here is the completed grid:



From here, players can apply the unscrambling mechanic one last time to the remaining boxes, considered from left-to-right and top-to-bottom:

A A N    R T U    A B L    N O R    I K L    E L R  
 A N A    T U R    A L B    O R N    K I L    L E R

Doing so reveals the final solution: **A NATURAL BORN KILLER**

This phrase suggests the identity of the villain **Mallory Knox** from the 1994 crime film *Natural Born Killers*.