There were 4 obvious theme entries in last week's puzzle, each marked by a set of circled letters. Those circled groups each contained a number and a letter, but figuring out exactly what to do with them proved quite difficult for many folks. The solution turned out to actually be quite simple: insert the letter in the position of the number in the other entry that shared a row with each of the theme entries. Doing so spelled out BRIGHT EYED (and) BUSHY TAILED, the solution to our meta.

How were you to know to use the other entry in the same row? That's where the title came in: "Cutting in Line". You were "cutting" (inserting) a letter in another word that was in the same "line".


