

How did I think most folks would go about solving this? First, as always, I figured you'd ask "What are the theme entries?" Well, there were no obvious long across entries, so that makes things tricky. However, there was a subtle hint at clue 69-A: [Part of a hurricane where lightning can be found]. Since the title was "Struck by Lightning" and this clue is for the last across entry (a common place for hints) it should have seemed like this was on the right track.

So, where to go from there? There were 7 first names in the grid that had been used as the names of hurricanes. And each one of those names had the letter I, which must've been what the aforementioned clue was referring to.

Lastly, one other observation was needed. The black squares in the middle puzzle resembled a lightning bolt. Using that lightning bolt as a template, you could put it just below each of the I's in the hurricane names and follow it to another letter in the grid. Those resulting letters spelled out **THUNDER**, an apt 7-word answer to this meta.

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12							
I	D	A		I	D	T	A	G		I	R	M	A							
13	B	U	S		14	M	A	R	I	A		15	N	E	O	N	S	16		
17	I	K	E		18	I	T	E	M	S		19	S	C	O	N	E			
20	S	E	X		21	S	E	A	L		22	S	T	O	N	E	R			
		23	P	C	S		25	D	O	R	I	A	N							
27	I	R	E	N	E		29	S	W	I	G			30	F	E	W	32		
33	M	A	C	E	D				34	T	H	E		35		36	E	R	A	
37	P	I	T	T	I	N	G		38	39		40	A	T	M	F	E	E	S	41
42	E	S	E		43	T	B	A					44	B	E	L	C	H		
45	L	E	D			46	A	L	L	A		47	48		49	R	U	S	T	Y
			50	E	51	N	T	A	I	L		52	A	D	E					
53	P	A	V	L	O	V		56	O	P	E	C		58	C	D	C		60	
61	E	L	I	O	T		62	U	N	A	G	I		63	U	D	O			
64	A	G	A	P	E		65	P	E	C	A	N		66	R	A	D			
	67	A	L	E	S		68	S	L	A	N	G		69	E	Y	E			

THUNDER

That's the completed grid, but to get the full experience, I highly recommend you check out the video that Tamara made to go along with it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAxcP-YuNt8>