



ACROSS

- 8 Ineffectiveness (10)
- 9 First on a hike up island* (4)
- 10 I'm back in windy Goa with friend* (5)
- 11 Starting (9)
- 13 ← (8)
- 14 Encourage (6)
- 15 Gold-spinning imp (15)
- 19 It's like—(2, 4) (6)
- 20 Not a problem (8)
- 22 Team track-and-field sport (5, 4) (9)
- 24 Region between India and China, containing Mt. Everest (5)
- 25 Colour (4)
- 26 Cannot be confirmed (10)

DOWN

- 1 Chaotic raid sets catastrophe* (8)
- 2 ☒ (6)
- 3 With ease (12)
- 4 (Medical) blades (8)
- 5 Dark beige (4)
- 6 Petrifying snake (8)
- 7 Rainforest (6)
- 12 Useful (12)
- 16 Interfering (8)
- 17 Function that preserves distance - rosy time (anag.) (8)
- 18 +1 (8)
- 19 Her rat, Alex, hides the mistakes* (6)
- 21 Drink (6)
- 23 Public pubescent problem (4)