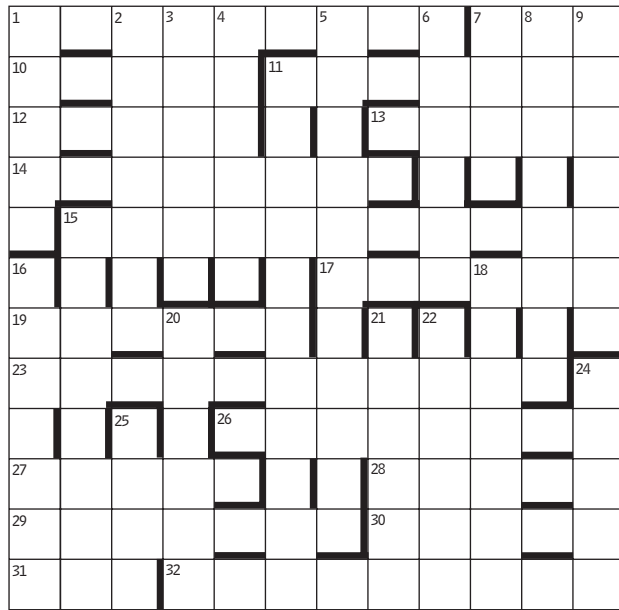


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ACROSS

- *1 Hopeless (9)
- 7 Buoy for tub and at sea reducing risk by half (3)
- 10 Between two blowing final kiss ... there's one marking separation? (5)
- 11 Benign lump, maenad besotted about love (7)
- 12 Middle of samurai fissure stinging (5)
- 13 In Senegal, a mahwa butter place (5)
- 14 As a rule it's on right public walk in US city (8)
- 15 Explain art reproduced round Spain in style of classical sculptor (11)
- 17 Keeping watch on the old island held by English (6)
- 19 Ground meal eaten with milk in a bowl, say – or olpe? (6)
- 23 Out of time with food to be eaten: condiment required (11)
- 26 Severe action ruined one (8)
- 27 Party drink? Saying no to second, close up (3)
- 28 Spending anything? Only a wee bit o' that might make Jock weep! (5)
- 29 Two or three maybe get bowled over in limitless finery (7)
- 30 Musical bar, home territory for Dame Kiri in the main (5)
- 31 E.g. sirloin certainly needs turning (3)
- 32 She'll hear car lock (9)

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Misprints: CHARACTER ASSASSINS
Across 1, dry; seco(nd); 5, angoras; 11, pole; anag.; 12, blanch; lin hanch; 14, moulding; scoter with la for er; 16, highmost; hag + m in host; 17, ackee; ark + (s)ee; 18, bard; 19, shift; anag.; 22, trimester; ref. Michaelmas daisy; 25, swee; 27, name; ref. H. Mubarak; 28, fine; n in this (qv) pun; 30, iodine; 31, saying; ay in in e.g.; 32, late; roti in lanes (rev.); 33, slander; I in SRN + red (rev.); 34, lust; X in sey.
Down 1, seals; anag.; 2, crankle, rank in CA + e; 3, grunt; 4, Tyche; hidden; 6, nilgai; comp. anag.; 7, rum; chain caca(o); 8, chief; at in roo; 9, rede; men in anag.; 10, stutteringly; tatter in singly; 13, handle; 15, taught; anag. less i.e.; 20, frosted; ros(e) in sted; 21, stibine; 23, ampere; 'I'm père'; 24, pot; 26, duck; id in e'er; 27, heath; hidden; 29, ayin.

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DOWN

- 1 Cow died with very old woman in attendance (5)
- 2 Description of mountain group encapsulated in 'easier range' (7)
- 3 Author Sean maybe entrancing mum (6)
- 4 Instruction to pilot preparing to take off on the intercom in good order? (6)
- 5 One may add water to wine, mature – rare to get drunk with that (11)
- 6 Make possible collar with jellied eel around (6)
- 7 Chump is cut from menu introduced by cook (4)
- 8 Maid has to accept angry tirade – it goes on for ever! (8)
- 9 Chap turning up in G & S citations (7)
- 11 Excited about farm coming up, given similar openings? (11)
- 15 North Pole ice is melting – what's prehistoric in part is revealed (8)
- 16 Linguistic process around Italy shapes reordering letters (7)
- 18 Rare badge, one found on loco engines (not English) (7)
- 20 Ohio trail mostly does for natives? (6)
- 21 One with international lingo: mimic is restricted by it (6)
- 22 Whale, increasingly sensitive about end of harpoon (6)
- 24 Lots of pies and curried naans (5)
- 26 Aesthete or games-player? Not he (4)

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