In this puzzle, new faces get to meet the old. Specifically:

1. Fails to evict little coxcombs (4)
2. Rod embraces radical worker (5)
3. Radiation is good and bad (4)
4. Reportedly, dad had exploded (6)
5. Sleep-deprived king from Shakespeare
6. Manly Chinese leader besieges church (5)
7. ACLU's misspelled Santa's name (5)
8. Not crazy about an actress named Heche (6)
9. Magic spell primarily caused damage (5)
10. Narrator's personal need to pay for words
11. Head for knife and club after pistol is filled with goo (5)
12. Indicator of omission, when said thrice per diem backwards (4)
13. Huge tub containing sulfur (4)
14. 50% of adults love barely-cold mist (9)
15. Harmonious order, in brief, appears as sty's rearranged (4, abbr.)
16. From the east, savour how Tennessee em-
17. One sort of blood starts to overinflate the blood vessels an Indian leader (8)
18. Yoko takes on Mr. Jennings in a game of chance (6)
19. Is unable to run from yellow songbird
20. Measure pieces of office furniture without excellent finishes (6)
21. Identifies semi-ugly engine noise (6)
22. Fluid that's orange, brown and green (4)
23. Sprite’s first half-wrapping Queen in
24. Neon, surprisingly, was something previously unknown (5)
25. Shoo small feline (4)
26. Place for husband in adulterer's folder (8)
27. Spin done by Ms. Sumac's enthralling old sled dog (9)
28. Nail Mr. Pitt (4)
29. Author Ferber superficially examined head skyward (8)
30. Handyman always ignoring a headless old sled dog (9)
31. Serpent's maw finished person with
32. Anagram "Jeb" to a word that precedes business degree (7)
33. Vocally, an opera house like that shows off a voice above the contralti (5)
34. Endlessly hum ZZ Top in annoying show of enthusiasm (5)
35. Well-pitted fruit don't start chaos and ado (7)
36. Scandinavian always turns north for excitement (4)
37. Leia'd read about protecting an eagle's nest (7)
38. Red, white, and blue dross contains even ado (7)
39. Stereotypical French maid claims I've just started for a tropical isle (8)
40. Nail Mr. Pitt (4)
41. Antiheroes emus do in, oddly, in a German ear (9)
42. Mentioned small problem with used needles (4)
43. Café denizen is warmer when topless (5)
44. Awfully gory, licentious indulgence (4)
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48. Ray catches real fish (5)
49. Gershwin performing with pair from equatorial Mesopotamia (7)
50. Throwing rocks at rat that's about 20 hundredweight (7)
51. Author Potter starts in the middle to make breakfast cereal (4)
52. Encouraging words about Leos (4)
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7. College class where you reckon California's next to I-90 (7)
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