

Quick-Change Partyist

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Oh, no! In shifting so quickly from Mystery Hunt mode to party mode, a transition represented by a sequence of five items you can find in the completed grid, I have overlooked the three intermediate items; that is, for each of those three items, I have put six Down answers into the grid without that item. (All Acrosses, on the other hand, work normally.) For each Down clue, note the position of its corresponding item in the sequence, and take the letter at the same position in the clue; if you read these letters item by item, in clue order for each item, you will get an appropriate message.

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ACROSS

1. Charlie lists . . . um, scouring powder (8)
7. Paintings might be timeless works (4)
8. Hollow echo after 6,500 moving electronic images (5)
9. Old Peruvian's fashionable tailless feline (4)
12. Innocent person wasted a fin (4)
13. Retro author of "The Raven" stops to pester one Wiccan, perhaps (8)
14. Where Gaels are Iroquoian people from the east (4)
16. Doesn't keep peas or pecans in one's mouth (5)
19. Light refracted by ice in the atmosphere around Jupiter and Neptune, entralling a Parisian (3 3)
22. Dr. Mach's weird unit of measurement (6)
24. Ignore the odd pieces of garnet jade columns in Greek temples (5)
25. Slightly perverse bits (4)
26. Barely dirty story about the origin of coelenterates with no digestive tract (8)
30. Israeli airline brought back a bit of lite beer (2 2)
31. That woman's a Greek goddess (4)
32. Bodies of water craft that can sail backwards (5)
33. A mouse eats the beginning of Zechariah's prophetic bk. (4, *abbr.*)
34. South American man and topless Scandinavians dance at the end (8)

DOWN

2. Alien, alien vine
3. A group for music makers like Max (*abbr.*)
4. Charring a circular object under water
5. Actress Russo had to accept one German ran things
6. Safe fort sacked to get easily removable items (*hyph.*)
10. A thing worn by a nobleman or individual in court
11. Old 110-acre quarter of that north Mexican city
13. Spoken performance of Hemingway is sincere
15. Very tired father ingests Ecstasy
17. One judged, after the midway point, to be elderly
18. State Department's head has prematurely terminated Mr. Kent
20. Note about silicate that forms thin sheets
21. Country in Africa exhibits one game played by the Japanese and the French
23. Apply scissors once more to that ewe in back
24. Mr. Knight has one quietly recorded
27. Lye stored in aluminum barn's interior for twelve months straight (2 *wds.*)
28. About the gross clay
29. Lady among Yalies becomes real goddess of discord