

## The Courteous Cryptic #3 by anto, @sarhanis on Twitter

Difficulty: crazy tough

All starred clues are a 15-across and do not feature a definition.

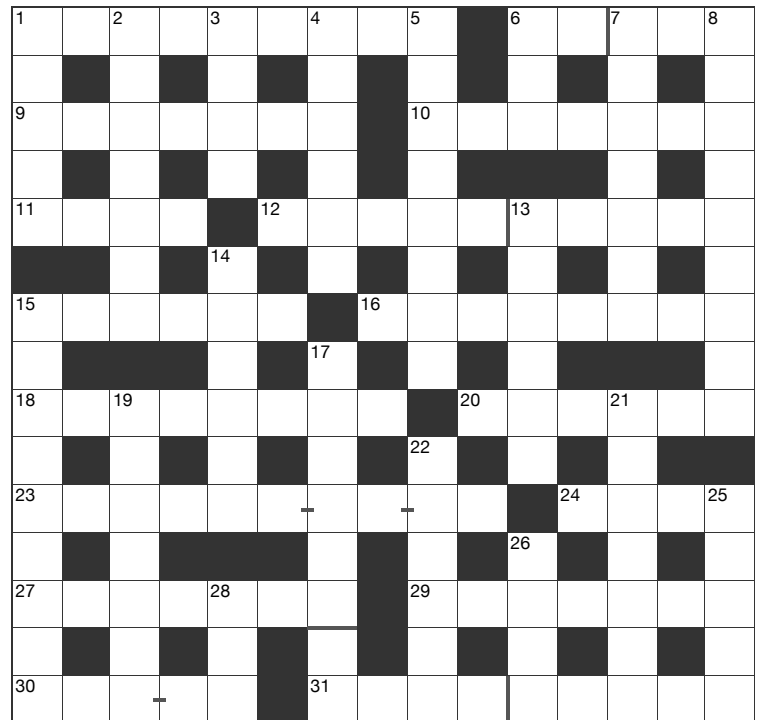
All hashed clues feature within their respective answers a particular 15-across that has silently and nonchalantly infiltrated many other 15-acrosses. As such, the sneaky 15-across within the hashed clues' answers is left unclued.

### ACROSS

- 1 15-across or ca-51 (9) \*
- 6 String along Putin puppet state of 23-across (2,3)
- 9 Stentorian circle round about square (7)
- 10 Bauble of high birth for cow rent is daft (7)
- 11 A libidinous stretch in the same place (4)
- 12 Aggressive poker player singing useless blues needs musical help for murdering Tool (5,5)
- 15 Promontory to New Guinea avoids fuel externalities (6)
- 16, 24 Undermine character? (8,4)
- 18 Offering endless wind instrument (8) #
- 20 "Luckless bastard" said aloud (6)
- 23 Expecting emblematic words about her, Abe doffs his hat (6-2-2)
- 24 See 16-across
- 27 Specialised 15-across separates potassium from nitrogen (7) \*
- 29 Spirits everywhere thinking foreshortened artistic style is essential to dreamtime (7)
- 30 Dispute bankruptcy as November draws in (3-2)
- 31 Precisely this person is not one to review *Her* (4,5)

### DOWN

- 1 US state under red chief (5) \*
- 2 Decapitated: dead on arrival (7) \*#
- 3 Alcohol-free yogurt in solver's possession (4)
- 4 Daily eruption on Etna puts paid to E.T.A. (6) \*
- 5 Travel means tiny break gets tinier (8)
- 6 Second-rate interferes with perfection (3) \*
- 7 Unending number outplays a 21-down hit (7) \*
- 8 Organised talk near Flanders (9)
- 13 Sunbathe soundly (6) \*
- 14 Desire bloody, off-putting day glow (6)
- 15 Idiot generator incarnates Vulcan as exemplar (9)
- 17 Figure out trigonometric function on time: about noon (6,2)
- 19 5-across (7) \*#
- 21 More or less below range (7) \*
- 22 Get vomit to a bin (6)
- 25 "Cut nada, zilch — OK, Homer?" (5) \*
- 26 Lush Wednesday Island number (4)
- 28 Pop is one such expert (3)



### ABOUT THE COURTEOUS CRYPTIC

- The underlined words in the clues are all indicators or instructions.
- Any word without an underline is a definition, synonym, abbreviation, linking word or fodder for an indicator or instruction.
- The thicker lines in the grid are for the word breaks in the answers and because this crossword is ever so courteous.