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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-acrossorca-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)

