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Sidocar tries to understand how the bank schedules its workers, but the system is hopelessly convoluted. He infiltrates the back office and finds telltale evidence of the bank's unorthodox method for determining shifts.

S	R	S		T	V	I	D	O	L	
P	I	T	T	Y	E	M	E	N	I	
A	C	R	E	P	H	I	L	I	P	
T	H	I	R	T	E	E	N			
T	E	A	R	O	M		L	B	S	
E	S	T	A	R	E	M	I	L	E	
R	T	E		M	O	N	I	Q	U	E
			C	E	N	T	A	U	R	S
G	R	O	A	N	S		T	E	R	A
P	O	I	N	T	E		A	F	E	W
A	T	L	A	S	T		Y	D	S	

ACROSS

1 ____bsns (puzzle hunts, for example)

4 Star of certain screens

10 Actor Brad. The first letter is noted in position N, where N is the number of limbs 27A have.

12 Arab League demonym

13 40,468,56428.22 square centimeters

14 Ira's first cousin once removed

15 Number of Ts in this puzzle

17 Where you might pop in for a cuppa

18 A short ton is 2000, for short

21 Spanish 101 word

22 Novelist Zola. Contains the letter noted in positions 3 and 8.

24 Hwy.

25 Best Supporting Actress in 200X. The fifth letter is noted in position X.

27 Half-horse hybrids

28 Responds to a pun. The letter at the 26D of this word is noted in positions 1 and 5.

31 SI prefix

32 Particularly stiff shoe

33 "I think you've had ____ too many"

34 When my love will have come along

35 Three fts?

DOWN

1 Spray (paint)

2 Most wealthy

3 Make stripey. Contains the letter noted in positions 3 and 8.

4 Blood designation that sounds like an error

5 Very strongly stated. The Nth letter of this word is noted in position N.

6 Hacker voice utterance

7 It's close to Home (abbr.)

8 The hidden demon inside this clue. The central letter is noted in the Nth position, where N rhymes with 33A.

9 Mouth part

11 Latin phrase starter that's a homophone of 31A

16 Bedevils. Contains the letter noted in positions 3 and 8.

18 One way to 29D

19 Fuzzy. The first letter is noted in position N, where N is the 28D value of this letter as calculated at MIT.

20 Playground devices that take two to operate

23 Certain car model

26 Advent

27 Punta ____

28 College app score

29 With 15A, process which, when applied to the noted sequence, reveals what Sidocar found

30 It's slick until Dawn comes along

Clues 10A, 22A, 25A, 28A, 3D, 5D, 8D, 16D, and 19D ask the solver to note specific letters in their answers in specific positions. The letters in order are:

G N E B G P N E Q

When the process described in 29D and 15A (ROT THIRTEEN) is applied to the noted letters, the answer is revealed to be

T A R O T C A R D