

SUCKER? by Bufo - Solution

1	T	U	I	S	A	A	W	E	S	O	M	E
11	A	L	M	A	N	D	I	N	E	P	I	A
12	B	Y	P	L	O	T	N	U	H	E	N	T
	A	C	S	V	N	E	G	R	O	N	I	S
16	S	O	F	I	A	U	L	E	L	E	M	I
20	C	O	F	F	I	N	E	D	O	R	R	B
	O	P	I	I	A	S	S	E	R	T	E	R
24	H	E	N	C	E	T	S	A	I	L	S	A
27	B	R	A	S	S	I	E	R	C	A	T	S
29	L	A	N	T	C	T	D	E	A	R	T	H
	A	T	G	C	O	C	K	A	T	I	E	L
32	H	E	A	R	T	H	S	R	E	A	S	Y

There are two possible answers to 16 across and 20 across. Choosing the more common of these answers (SONIA and CONFINED) gives the message 'Use the ninth letters'. The ninth letters of the clues spell out "Think again sucker for this is a red herring". Solvers must take the other two answers (SOFIA and COFFINED) and get the message "Use the fifth letters". The fifth letters of the clues spell out "Congratulations on your correct solution".

ACROSS

- C T 1 Such creatures fly backwards to perch (4)
T(U)IS SIT rev
- O H 5 Topnotch house in the East End, one you and I are heading for (7)
AWE(S)OME 'OME after A WE
- N I 11 E.g., king is in supermarket getting new gemstone (9)
ALMANDIN(E) MAN in ALDI + N
- G N 12 Struggling poly is against introduction of bursaries. That's not the whole story (6)
BYPLO(T) B(ursaries) + anag POLY
- R K 13 Sentries keep this within reach (4)
(H)ENT hidden
- A A 15 Campari's an ingredient of such recipe cherished by Bantu speakers (8)
N(E)GRONIS R in NGONIS
- T G 16 Girl thus gets first-class return (5)
SO(F)IA SO + AI rev
- U A 18 One substance obtained from trees the Spanish eat mainly for starters (5)
ELEM(I) EL + E(at) M(ainly)
- L I 20 Cobalt initially found in East Germany enclosed in a limited space (8)
CO(F)FINED CO + F +IN + E + D
- A N 23 Oxhead confronts the Queen twice as champion (8)
ASSER(T)ER ASS + ER + ER
- T S 24 From this source in foreign quarter acquires cocaine (5)
(H)ENCE EN + E round C
- I U 26 Lassie is ultimately cuddled by nursemaid (5)
AI(L)SA S in AIA
- O C 27 Support schoolmaster after his head becomes more insolent (8)
BRASSI(E)R BRA + SIR after S
- N K 29 Channel skate finally abandons leaving an eel (4)
LAN(T) LAN(E)
- S E 30 Ducks experiencing hard famine (6)
DEAR(T)H DEAR + H
- O R 31 Parrot – bird (male one) with fancy tail (9)
COCKATI(E)L COCK + anag TAIL
- N F 32 Expanse of open country with small houses (7)
HEA(R)THS HEATH + S
- Y O 33 Each yobbo initially becomes tranquil (4)
EA(S)Y (4) EA + Y(OBBO)

DOWN

- O R 1 It's hot, very thin pancake filled with large piece of fish (7)
TABASCO TACO round BAS(S)
- U T 2 Nickums start to irritate politicians (4)
IMPS I + MP'S

- R H 3 It's a rough form of civil funeral primarily intended to bring about redemption (8)
SALVIFIC SA + anag CIVIL F
- C I 4 At once climbs after a plant with edible fruits (5)
ANONA ANON rev after A
- O S 6 Sharon, possibly, chases victory like England in 1966? (8)
WINGLESS GLESS (ref Sharon Gless, actress) after WIN; ref the Wingless Wonders
- R I 7 Tolerate Ingrid finally going to practise, as of old (5)
ENURE EN(D)URE
- R S 8 A. J. Strauss, for example, gets duck with style on making a comeback (6)
OPENER O + PEN + RE rev (ref Andrew Strauss, England opening batsman)
- E A 9 Maiden flabbergasted minister in an interval of silence (9, 2 words)
MINIM REST M + anag MINISTER
- C R 10 What caterers provide such as lamb and beef (prime cut) (4)
EATS (M)EATS
- T E 14 Yvette (the MP) getting worried offers to pool resources (9)
COOPERATE COOPER + ATE
- S D 17 Far island in The Shetlands. Yearn to work on needlework here (8)
UNSTITCH UNST (island in The Shetlands) + ITCH
- O H 19 Discover hugging 'River Island' coat giving a lot of protection (8)
LORICATE LOCATE round R I
- L E 21 Some lingerie that's scanty worn by lady up front in a saucy manner (7)
BRASHLY BRA + L in SHY
- U R 22 Down under, it swims round in Australia eating a lot of fish (6)
INANGA IN A round ANG(LE)
- T R 25 Maintain Romeo must be kept away from man taking woman out (5)
ESCOT ESCO(R)T
- I I 26 Section right at the back, according to a poet (5)
AREAR AREA + R
- O N 27 It's nonsense putting items in photograph album upside-down (4)
BLAH hidden rev
- N G 28 Beginning to appreciate rising melody in operatic piece (4)
ARIA A = AIR rev