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HATCHET JOB by LeXman and friend

The "spare parts" used to fit words into the grid are all body parts.

RED words have body parts added.

GREEN words are each a word in the clue that must be chop-'n'-swapped before solving. **BLUE** words are clue solutions that must be chop-'n'-swapped before grid entry.

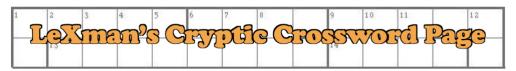
ACROSS

- 1. **[F]** Whistle-blower's effort with publicity (EFFORT to FORTE) F + INK
- 4. <u>Spare part for this puzzle grid's contents? LEG (H) + CHIN</u> = LECHING
- 9. Without borders, no man is <u>an Arab</u> OMANI (H)
- 10. Editor following book's $\underline{plot} \underline{B} + \underline{ED} + \underline{RIB} = \underline{BRIBED}$
- 11. [I] Unit (karat, for example) (UNIT to <u>TUN</u>) K + E.G.
- 12. [S] <u>Uses a caress to control livestock</u> (CARESS to <u>SCARE</u>) COW (2)
- 14. End for bishop in headquarters <u>facility</u> E + [B]ASE
- 15. Pawns wines HOCKS (2)
- 17. Cheerful tune I'll put out on time LIL* + T
- 18. Returning, a god possesses <u>one-third of Africa</u> SAH + AR + A (R)
- 20. [E] Usher people (USHER to RUSH) RACE (2)
- 23. [N] French author of *The Fifth Eagle* V + ERNE (to EVER)
- 25. State prize for monkey MEDDLE ("medal")
- 27. <u>Black</u> resin coating piece of leather G(L)UM
- 28. [R] Above average track star's <u>stiff drink</u> B + RACER (to ACERB)
- 31. [A] China engineered a series of events CHAIN* (to INCH)
- 32. Shakespeare's does and bucks hot on the trail of dandelion head $-D + OTH^*$
- 34. [T] Second-highest obstacle -S + TOP (to OPS)
- 35. Drink a little bit of eggnog -A + L + E + LEG = ALLEGE
- 36. [K] Twisted ankle, bearing down with a lot of weight (ANKLE to LEAN) LA(D)EN*
- 37. Spy with cover blown, sir [A]GENT + ARM = GARMENT
- 38. Portion of amontillado served! DOSE (H)

DOWN

- 1. Made disoriented from energy drain, at first $-FORM^* + E + D + EAR = FOREARMED$
- 2. [N] Omens of grim palace, horned beasts (OMENS to SOME) IMPALA (H)
- 3. Illumination from electricity conducted LED (2) + KNEE = KNEELED
- 5. White bass' decline? -E.B.+B

F	I	N	K	L	E	C	Н	1	N	G
0	М	A	Z	I	В	R	1	В	E	D
R	P	K	Е	G	В	0	C	0	w	S
Е	A	s	E	н	0	U	K	S	E	Т
A	L	I	L	т	S	A	н	A	R	A
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G	A	R	М	E	N	Т	D	0	s	E



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- 6. Told an unbelievable story about a dangerous animal CROC ("crock")
- 7. Rustic girl topless [C]HICK
- 8. [N] Knew inner circles <u>later</u> (INNER to ERIN) NEWER (H)
- 13. Sign of interest rates changing STARE* + SHIN = STARSHINE
- 16. Willow was more flushed after commencement [R]OSIER
- 19. That man, Bill, is $\underline{\text{chief}} \underline{\text{HE}} + \underline{\text{AD}} + \underline{\text{LIP}} = \underline{\text{HELIPAD}}$
- 24. Presides over discussion of space oceans EMCEES ("em seas")
- 26. Hemorrhagic fever upset hemisphere and core of brain EBOL (R) + A
- 29. College to outline science course C + HEM
- 30. Booth's report on back of envelope LOG + E
- 33. [E] Jail Thoreau (THOREAU to AUTHOR) PEN (2)

The unclued entries read **LIGHTNING BOLT**.

The co-composer of the cryptic is the most famous of all chop'n'swappers, Dr.