MAÑANAGRAMS

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I sorely miss Ed Conti’s “Bananagrams” (May’98-May’03) and offer a weak echo and tribute, Mañanagrams--anagrams to put [you] off till tomorrow. Instead of rhymes, they offer sentences in which one or two (2) words are replaced by anagrams. It’s up to you to figure out which and what. Most are obvious to easy but some are not easy, so all are given in Answers and Solutions at the back of this issue.

(Parenthetical renal-pathetic [piss poor] comments are not hints, more like red herrings.)

1. One good runt deserves another. (You think that’s bad, look at the Yangtze.)
2. God can’t draw a straight Nile! (Try it without opening your mouth!)
3. Doctor and would-be comic: “Open your mouth and say ha.” (By-product of long-line fishing?)
4. Kraft sells seabird steak and onions in tins. (Capital punishment?)
5. The casters must be talented for a film to be good. (“Win film fame, come across.”)
6. He misread her from a distance. (I’ve done that!)
7. Bad girls deserve domination. (Never had the chance to do that.)
8. The snake filled her with adder. (Sounds kinky!)
9. Death awaits all abhorrent life. (Indeed, an altered state of consciousness.)
10. Follow the acid-test of your conscience.
11. I’m always nope-minded to new ideas. (“No thanks, I thought at the office.”)
12. The manliest prisoners suffered alien’s poisoning. (Prison poison!)
13. He had a haggard, egad look about him. (Yet it didn’t hold me breathless.)
14. Watching TV airless suffocated me. (Indeed, an altered state of consciousness.)
15. I was altered by the alarm clock. (Old crackers never die, they just go stale.)
16. She had beautiful old-man eyes.
17. She’s an old pro, staler in the business. (“Peter’s pence”—but whose who’s Peter?)
18. She’s now a nun with the Sisters of the Scared Heart.
19. I’ll never understand the alms-fee. (Married his young niece?)
20. As the incestuous uncle said to his niece, “Come, sit on my pal.” (I bet you could use a non-allegorical unalienating hint on this one.)
21. The boring old statesman’s marriage was of alarming interest. (Jockeying for position?)
22. Most allegorists are alienators. (Do you realize who you’re aligned with?)
23. The leader’s assassination was followed by a period of alignment. (An Al Truism)