Azed at 2,500 - Deza Vu
by DRC

SOLUTION

¹P	²E	E	³V	E	⁴S	⁵L	⁶A	N	⁷C	E	⁸T	⁹W
¹⁰L	E	W	I	¹¹S	¹²T	A	N	D	O	O	R	I
¹³U	R	I	N	E	A	R	T	¹⁴G	R	¹⁵O	U	T
G	I	¹⁶D	E	C	R	I	A	L	B	S	S	N
¹⁷S	L	O	G	U	¹⁸H	A	C	K	E	T	T	E
C	Y	¹⁹P	A	²⁰R	A	M	I	²¹L	L	I	E	S
²²Y	E	A	R	²³E	²⁴R	O	D	E	²⁵L	A	S	S
²⁶T	O	L	²⁷E	R	A	²⁸B	L	E	I	L	²⁹K	E
³⁰H	³¹A	M	A	R	T	I	A	W	³²N	E	E	D
E	T	E	S	³³R	A	N	³⁴S	A	C	K	N	³⁵M
³⁶M	O	R	S	E	F	M	O	³⁷R	H	I	N	O
³⁸A	M	N	E	S	I	A	C	³⁹D	E	T	E	R
N	⁴⁰S	A	L	I	A	N	⁴¹K	I	T	T	L	E

Explanations (prize-winning entries in red):

Across: 1 PEEVERS - R, **5** LANCELOT - (L O), **10** (LEWIS MORSE)* = (WORE SMILES)*, &lit, **12** TAN DOOR I, &lit, first prize winner in AZ comp 1065 for Dr E Young, **13** IE around N of URN, **14** G ROUT, **16** ((L AIRED) around C)<, **17** S + LOG, **18** (TAKE THE C(inderella))*, first prize winner in AZ comp 2014 for R J Heald, **20** ((m)A(rlborough) MILL) in (victo)RIES, &lit, first prize winner in AZ comp 419 for C J Morse , **22** YEAR(n), &lit, **23** 'E RODE, **25** LAD with L AS S = SAD, clue by Azed from AZ 1134, **26** ALBERT* around OLE, &lit [ref The Lion and Albert], first prize winner in AZ comp 1039 for D F Manley, **30** (lus)T in (HAM ARIA), **32** (postma)N + (HEED - H at start) [horse = heroin], **33** CAS(h)< in RANK, **36** (SO + MER(seysiders))*, "Cop Endeavour", **37** (HORN + I)*, **38** (NAMES I)* + AC(e), &lit [must *adj* = 'in a frenzied state'], first prize winner in AZ comp 289 for Mrs K Bissett, **39** [Colin] DEXTER - X, **40** (SINATRAS LIFE)* - (STRIFE)*, **41** KIT T + (LAZE - AZ).

Down: 1 Def, P + LUG, def, def, GULP<, **2** (RILEY E(lf))*, **3** GIVEN* replacing T of TAR, &lit, first prize winner in AZ comp 27 for J P H Hirst, **4** DASTARD - surrounding DAD, **5** (A R) in (M AIL)<, **6** (CAN AID)* around T, &lit, **7** COR + (BELT - (adolescen)T), **8** TRUEST - E, **9** WIT + (D following NESS E[liot]), **11** ((SEC R) around U) + RE<, **15** (LAIT SO)<, **17** (CANT SHY ME)*, &lit, first prize winner in AZ comp 379 for N C Dexter, **19** (PALE R) around M, **21** (DR AWEEL)<, **24** (RAN - N) + TAFIA, **25** L + INC + THE*, third prize winner in AZ comp 801 for L K Maltby, **27** (LESS A E)<, **28** (TINMAN - T) after B(risbane), **29** KEN + N EL, **31** TOMAS [Torquemada] with A(uto-da-fés) moved up, **34** SPOCK - P, **35** M OR E.

* = anagram   < = reversed