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ACROSS

- 1 Relax feeding mate's rodent (10)
- 7 Have difficulty breathing and quietly drop back (4)
- 9 Knight overcome by greatest of islanders (4)
- **10** Child learnt to move with bike (5-5)
- 11 Bad smell adolescent half-heartedly masked in school (6)
- 12 Sound from plucking gnat wing off (8) 13 On hospital ward, family surrounding
- new arrival (8) 15 I'm surprised by mess after emptying units (4)
- 17 Spot pronounced design details (4)
- **19** Not so many gaining queen's slender condition (8)
- 22 Loud convicts in important vessel (8) 23 One imprisons degenerate gang briefly
- in revolution (6) 25 Try to remain determined taking runs
- 26 Gallons shifted in distasteful drunken revelry (4) 27 Baked peeled eastern fruit (4)

in desolate area (4.6)

28 Scrapping inspector's vehicle with slight damage (10)

DOWN

- 2 Encourage that man painting edges in emulsion (7)
- 3 Former national leader recalled Number 10 home (5)
- 4 Attila perhaps with time to seek out recruit (8)
- 5 Very quickly take to appreciative people (4,3,8)
- 6 All there, soldiers all over fields (6)
- 7 Declining being sent to prison (5,4)
- 8 Bone monster numbly chews (7)
- **14** Understand nice ogre's misrepresented (9)

20 Japanese military leader pierced by tip

- 16 Cold in cooking vessel, evenly heat steak meat (8)
- **18** Fish cut up on bar (7)
- of traditional weapon (7) 21 Protect top of leg in cast (6)
- **24** Arrogant pair, couple from south (5)