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TAKEN

The Taken were once members of the other races, until they were ripped out of our dimension and sent back— their form mostly the same, but corrupted and changed inside.

Each clue can be answered by a two-word phrase in which the second word is the “Taken” form of the first, identical except for a single letter change. The changed letters in the second word spell REAL ESTATE TRANSFER PAPER, which is a **DEED**.

1. Stops the flow of complex carbohydrates _____ STANCHES STAR**R**CHES
2. Get hitched on Christmas, perhaps _____ MARRY M**E**RRY
3. Talking raccoon ruckus _____ ROCKET R**A**CKET
4. Horse enclosure security mechanism _____ PADDOCK PAD**L**OCK
5. Starbucks offering without much flavor _____ BLAND B**L**END
6. Passed time while very drunk _____ WAITED W**A**STED
7. Big cat dancewear _____ LEOPARD LE**O**TARD
8. Pray to a frigate _____ WORSHIP W**A**RSHIP
9. Device to identify people who shift allegiance during the Cold War _____ DEFECTOR D**E**TECTOR
10. Vast open area cost _____ EXPANSE EXP**E**NSE
11. Give support to attendants and hangers-on _____ ENCOURAGE EN**T**OURAGE
12. Lesser Antilles native who’s a pillaging savage _____ BARBADIAN BAR**A**RIAN
13. Grim candy store where employees work long hours for low wages _____ SWEETSHOP SWE**A**TSHOP
14. Welcome a southern twang _____ ACCEPT ACC**E**NT
15. One who pours the tonic sparingly _____ MIXER M**I**SER
16. Bet your communion mouthful _____ WAGER W**A**FER
17. Combinatoric art school _____ COLLAGE COL**L**EGE
18. Early American settlers got their hair dyed by one, perhaps _____ COLONIST COL**O**RIST
19. Rush hour passenger’s Macbook _____ COMMUTER COM**P**UTER
20. Burial plot among the orange trees _____ GROVE GR**A**VE
21. Charlotte, when she’s more nastily insulting of Wilbur than usual _____ SNIDER S**P**IDER
22. Spa treatment communique _____ MESSAGE M**E**SSAGE
23. Oscar Meyer, George Hormel, or other titan of smoked pork _____ BACON B**A**RON