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The Diner near the Edge of the Galaxy

Fork and Knife Solution

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The 26 clues clue 13 pairs of spoonerisms. For example, if you are "Using' Cash to aquire mo' cash" You are "Buyin' Money" while an Ancient Mesoamerican rabbit is a "Mayan Bunny" (This is clue by the title, or by reading down the first letter of each clue which spells "Pair up spoonerisms to decrypt")

Knowing they pair up helps you actually solve the clues. The answers are:

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| A - Pious woman who traded in her standard black habit for an earthy brown one | UMBER NUN |
| B - Ancient Mesoamerican rabbit | MAYAN BUNNY |
| C - Infix apples, pears and bananas to a wall with a hammer | NAIL FRUIT |
| D - Raised platform for performance that is all set for go | READY STAGE |
| E - Usin' cash to acquire mo' cash | BUYIN MONEY |
| F - Presidential candidate Gingrich in a weakened state of health | FRAILE NEWT |
| G - Sixty Minutes which have been excessively shown off and bragged about | FLAUNTED HOUR |
| H - Pa gives a quick look | DAD GLANCES |
| I - Outdoor location where people can go and see only the most intelligent animals | BRAINY ZOO |
| J - Organ used to pump blood has been sliced and diced | CHOPPED HEART |
| K - Navy, Pinto, Kidney, and Lima traveling abroad | TOURING BEANS |
| L - Eccentric, crazy and comical concoction a witch might make | ZANY BREW |
| M - Riker on Star Trek The Next Generation, according to Picard | NUMBER ONE |
| N - Inland body of water named after Springsteen | LAKE BRUCE |
| O - Sand at the beach that has been replaced with a less clean counterpart | DIRT SHORE |
| P - Marriage that takes place between March and June | SRPING WEDDING |
| Q - Something all hell might do | BREAK LOOSE |
| R - Title of man who enjoys wearing lots of napped leather | MR SUEDE |
| S - Organized graphical picture used to record how far various people or creatures... | HOPPED CHART |
| T - Dull, uninteresting adolescents | BORING TEENS |
| U - Exercise a young bird might attempt | WING SPREADING |
| V - Constant anger held for an extended period of time | STEADY RAGE |
| W - Rhythmic, celebratory body movements | GLAD DANCES |
| X - Your mother's daughter also happens to be the person who cleans your house | SISTER MAID |
| Y - Pretty piece of flora that has been harassed by a ghost | HAUNTED FLOWER |
| Z - The part of the dresser where you keep your tops | SHIRT DRAWER |

Take the pairs to decrypt the cryptogram and get

"POSTHUMOUSHELSILVERSTEINBOOKOF THESE" or "POSTHUMOUS SHEL SILVERSTEIN BOOK OF THESE"

Shel Silverstein wrote a book full of spoonerisms, which was published posthumously, called "RUNNY BABBIT" the answer to the puzzle.