

Negotiations Are Going South - Solution

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This puzzle is made up of 24 postcards, each of which contains a rebus and a fill-in-the-blank clue indicating a specific city. Solvers should realize that they are able to input each of their feeder answers into one of these blanks.

Rebus	Feeder Answer	City
ACCENT FURNITURE	SORTING HAT	Burbank, California
AIR TRAVEL	ROOSTER SAUCE	Xalapa, Mexico
CABINET POSITION	HERE ON OUT	Havana, Cuba
CUPBOARDS	SNOWMELT	Denver, Colorado
DREAMCOAT	I FEEL LOVE	Boston, Massachusetts
DRIVE OFF	FUHGEDDABOUDIT	New York, New York
FOOLING	LONDON TIPTON	London, United Kingdom
HOLLOW LOG	FRANK UNDERWOOD	Gaffney, South Carolina
IMPOSTOR	VOLKSWAGEN BUG	Monte Carlo, Monaco
INFIGHTER	MIMI MARQUEZ	Panama City, Panama
MITTENS	TASTY SNACK	Singapore
MOTORING	LOW CARD	Sacramento, California
NAVIGATOR	DEEP WATERS	Vinalhaven, Maine
NYLON	RASPBERRY PI	Cambridge, United Kingdom
ORCHARD	MIXED BAG	San Francisco, California
PEDALO	FROSTBITE	Galena, Alaska
PLAY DIRTY	GIRLS ON TV	Salvador, Brazil
SABOTAGE	GATOR TANGO	Gainesville, Florida
SWEATBAND	BIG BAD WOLF	Vardø, Norway
TABLE LEAF	ENGLISH BOY	Manchester, United Kingdom
TIGHT-KNIT	MERCUTIO	Verona, Italy
TURNCOATS	PHOENICOPTERUS	Tallahassee, Florida
UNION STATION	MONSTERS BALL	Illertissen, Germany
WAR BONNET	RUN RED RUN	Youngstown, Ohio

Each meta answer has a semantic connection to 6 of the rebused words and an indicator for a way to extract a single letter from the rebused word.

Meta Answer	Semantic Connection	Extraction Technique
BET ON A POCKET PAIR	Clothing (POCKET)	Letter that appears twice (PAIR)
ENTRY LEVEL YACHT	Transport (YACHT)	First letter (ENTRY)
PIECE OF HEART WOOD	Wood (WOOD)	Central letter (HEART)
TURN THE HEEL	Treachery (TURN THE HEEL)	Last letter (HEEL)

When the postcards are sorted by location from north to south (as indicated by the title and postcard graphic), the extracted letters can be read in order to spell what the penguins want: **A PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE PARTY**

Rebus	City	Connection	Letter
SWEATBAND	Vardø, Norway	CLOTHING	A
PEDALO	Galena, Alaska	TRANSPORT	P
TABLE LEAF	Manchester, United Kingdom	WOOD	E
NYLON	Cambridge, United Kingdom	CLOTHING	N
FOOLING	London, United Kingdom	TREACHERY	G
UNION STATION	Illertissen, Germany	TRANSPORT	U
TIGHT-KNIT	Verona, Italy	CLOTHING	I
NAVIGATOR	Vinalhaven, Maine	TRANSPORT	N
IMPOSTOR	Monte Carlo, Monaco	TREACHERY	R
DREAMCOAT	Boston, Massachusetts	CLOTHING	A
WAR BONNET	Youngstown, Ohio	CLOTHING	N
DRIVE OFF	New York, New York	TRANSPORT	D
CUPBOARDS	Denver, Colorado	WOOD	O
MOTORING	Sacramento, California	TRANSPORT	M
ORCHARD	San Francisco, California	WOOD	H
HOLLOW LOG	Gaffney, South Carolina	WOOD	O
ACCENT FURNITURE	Burbank, California	WOOD	U
TURNCOATS	Tallahassee, Florida	TREACHERY	S
SABOTAGE	Gainesville, Florida	TREACHERY	E
CABINET POSITION	Havana, Cuba	WOOD	P
AIR TRAVEL	Xalapa, Mexico	TRANSPORT	A
INFIGHTER	Panama City, Panama	TREACHERY	R
MITTENS	Singapore	CLOTHING	T
PLAY DIRTY	Salvador, Brazil	TREACHERY	Y