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Across

- 1 Mysterious, masked crime fighter working out of Skull Cave in Bangalia (with horse Hero and wolf Devil) primarily against evil Singh Brotherhood (in signature mauve)
- 7 Prefix denoting technological enhancement, automation or absence of basic humanity (call, cop, debt etc.)
- 8 *Hate Inc.* (initials)
- 9 Authors of disparate texts *The Fatal Shore*, *Dianetics*, *Blank Generation* and *Fishing Australia* (initials)
- 11 Acclaimed US creator of timeless characters Sam Spade, Nick and Nora Charles and Secret Agent X-9
- 15 *Ace of ...* 1933 anti-war film starring Richard Dix as pacifist sculptor goaded into joining air force by taunts of cowardice by patriotic girlfriend who becomes a callous killer until belated epiphany about common humanity with enemy
- 16 Ancient city of Mesopotamia known for ziggurat, oldest extant legal code (predating Hammurabi by three hundred years) and devious myth cycle about patriarch Abraham and divine revelation of inheritance of Canaan in ancient, geopolitical land grab
- 17 Soak flax or hemp in water to soften it
- 18 Where did Holly come from in timeless hipster classic *Walk on the Wild Side*?
- 19 Band from Manchester with troubled singer Mark E. Smith (*Hex Enduction Hour* etc.) (3, 4)

Down

- 1 Celebrity Australian artist from Broken Hill best known for amusing carpet ad (in 80s) (3, 4)
- 2 Beloved uncle of Vietnam
- 3 Controversial authors of classic texts *Sicilian Baroque* and *Still Not Sorry* (initials)
- 4 Schwarzkopf, Mailer, Rockwell, Peterson, Finkelstein, Swain, Rowe
- 5 US author of kitsch classic about hair combs and watch fob (adapted in *The Honeymooners* in poignant story about gift of bowling bowl cover) (initials)
- 6 Cold, violent, northerly wind blowing seasonally through south of France into Mediterranean Sea
- 10 Tragic, dissolute villain of *Wuthering Heights* tormented by grief-stricken heartthrob hero (initials)
- 12 God-forsaken province in northern Sumatra known for brutal application of Sharia law, “community sickness operation” to rehabilitate members of transgender community and terrible, retributive tsunami of 2004
- 13 Dispense or allot justice, punishment or revenge
- 14 Little remembered, English prog rock band from 70s known for pioneering rock flute (*Aqualung*)
- 18 Frankie Abbott *or* Fatty Arbuckle (initials)