Better Than One

By Aaron Riccio and George Ho

1. Iowa captures tailless, batshit reptile (6) IGUANA.
2. Something clogging snorkel, perhaps! (4) KELP.
3. Take heed at the beginning of the end (6) ATTEND.
4. Japanese company has no plan on the inside (8) NINTENDO.
5. Takes up physical training amid troubles (6) ADOPTS.
6. Dreamboat to take off following trace of tryst found in home (10) HEARTTHROB.
7. "Mixed up patches" may describe one! (8) PASTICHE.
8. In the dark, smile at king after some serious banging - both of us came to the same conclusion (5,5,5,5) GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE. (IN THE DARK SMILE AT KING)*
9. Stake a prototype version (4) BETA.
10. Dave turning around somewhere in North American state (6) NEVADA.
11. Liberal representative loses Massachusetts’s 9th (5) AMPLE.
12. Extremely sensitive with respect to rent (3,6) TOP SECRET. (RESPECT TO)*
13. Stresses about documentation errors, maybe (9) ACCIDENTS. (ACCIDENTS)
14. Sounding like IT support specialist is someone who may have made sacrifices? (5) AZTEC. "as tech"
15. Tear George's idea to pieces - that's one way to end an argument (5,2,8) AGREE TO DISAGREE. (TEAR GEORGES IDEA)*
16. Some card sharp, winning nothing (5) TAROT.
17. Doctor fired after disrobing - gross (6) ENTIRE. (ENTIRE + [YIRE]*
18. Event tab is around $101 (8) INCIDENT. (INCIDENT)
19. Hold back support (4) STEM. Double definition
20. Legendary brand of Tex-Mex/Cali burrito filling (9) EXCALIBUR. tex-Mex CALI BURrito
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