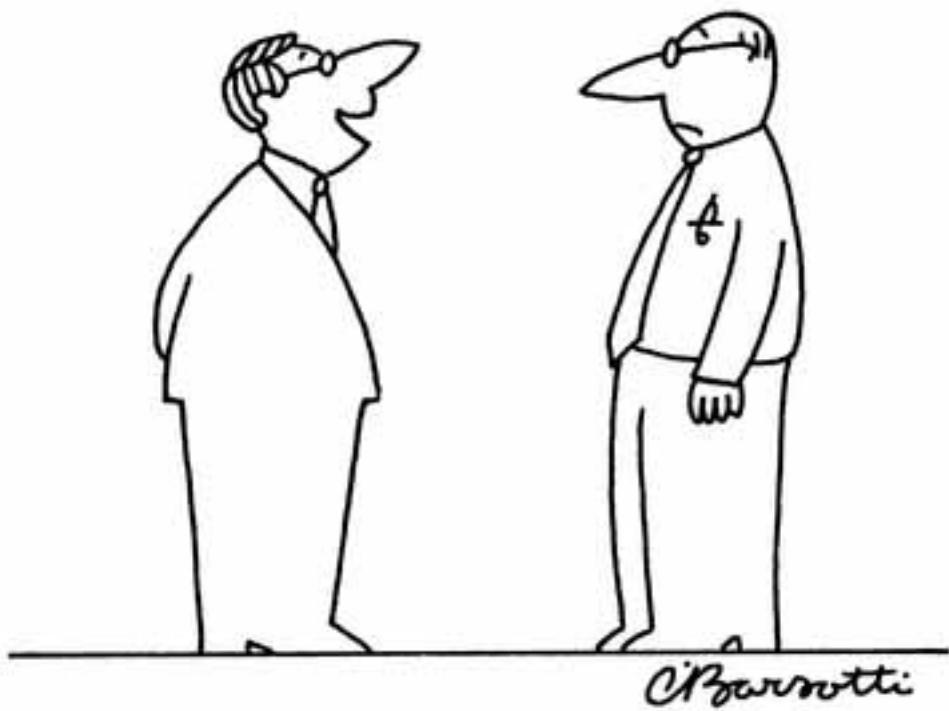




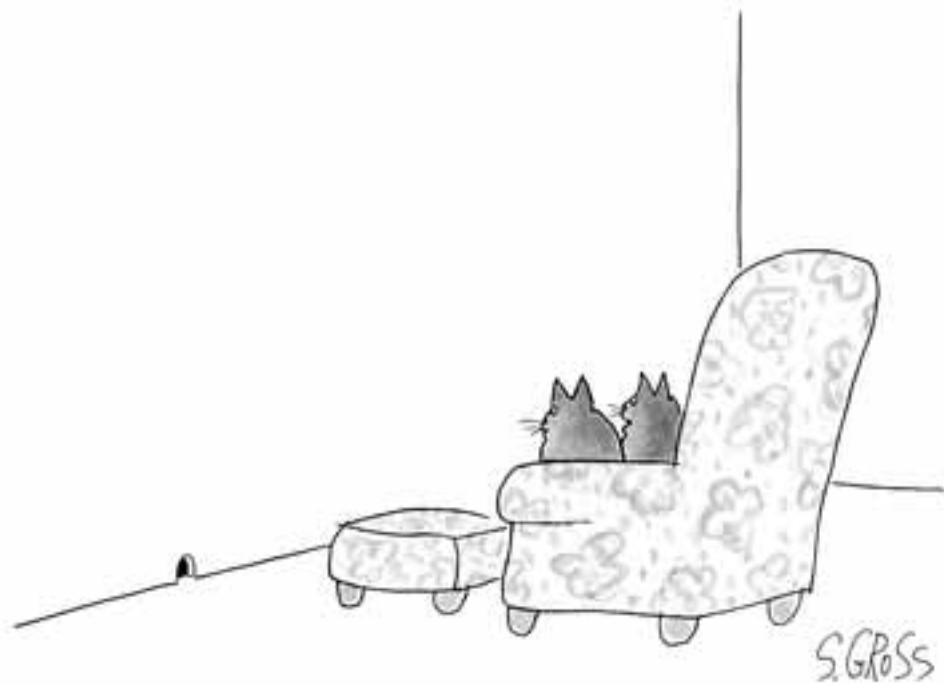
"I'm really going to miss getting steamed at Anthony Lewis."



"Five minutes, General."



"I can't believe it—a punk like me laying off an industry legend like you."



"Now, isn't this more fun than spending money on dinner and a movie?"

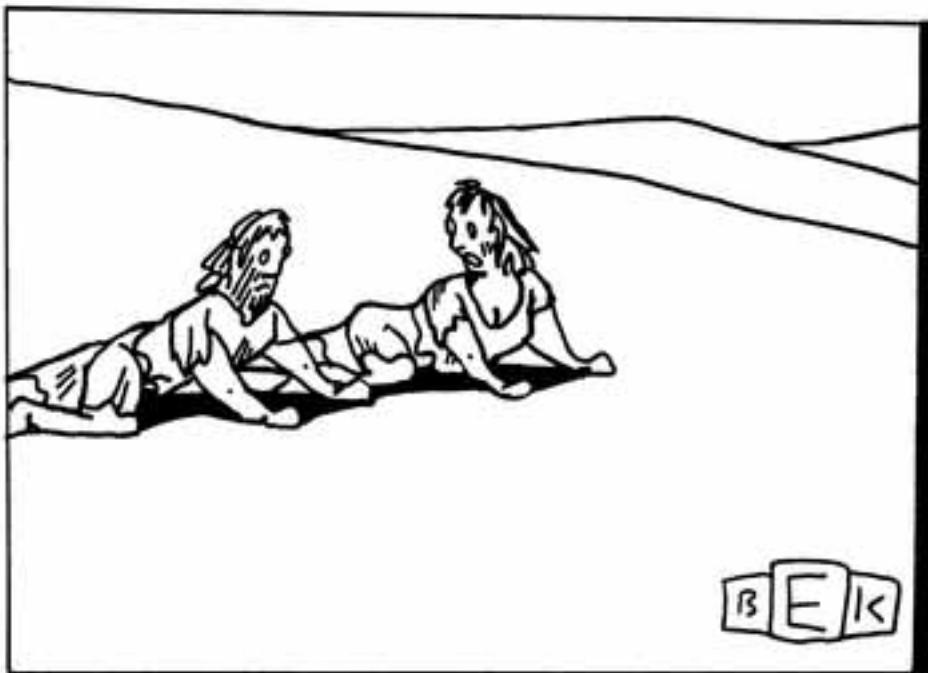


"I won the spell-check bee."





*"Shall I put you down for a state trooper cap,
T-shirt, or coffee mug?"*



*"This isn't really about water. This is about
what's going on between us."*



*"We saw the Great Wall and lots of pagodas, and
I have a transplanted stomach."*



*"It's not fair that I have to get up and live the day
I already had nightmares about."*



"I won't be able to handle your account anymore, as it suddenly appears that you're a small investor."





*"Cathy, this will be an easy sleepover for you—Ben
doesn't take any medications at all."*



“Doris and I have an unspoken agreement, but she won’t tell me what it is.”



"Got any plans for later?"



*"I'm sorry, Mother, we don't respond to
telephone solicitations."*



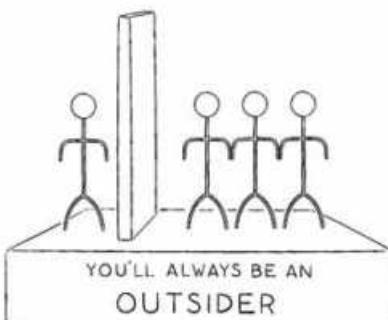
"Oh, O.K. Well, when your family's all through hunkering down, then can Timmy come out and play?"

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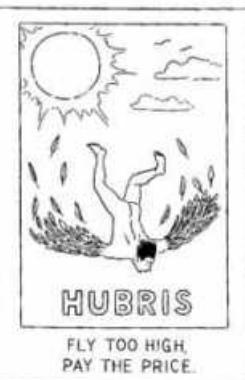
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"So what do you think of it?"





*"I can read you your rights or you can listen to
your rights on tape."*



"You weren't so hung up on my chastity."



"I'm not a dog person—I'm just a guy with a dog."







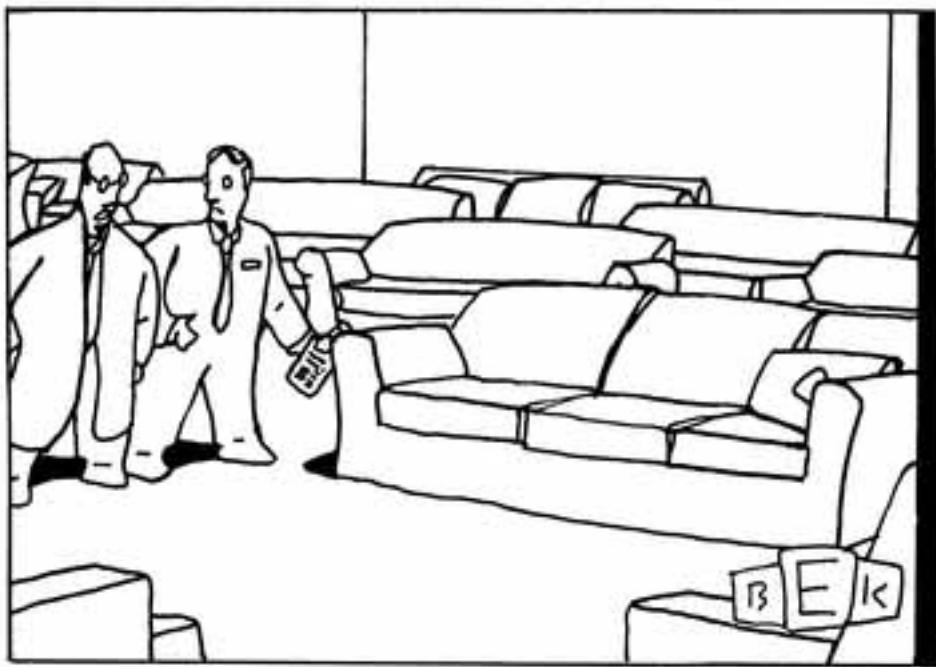
"Daddy, does this mean we're poor now?"



"Point well taken—but I just came here to get drunk."



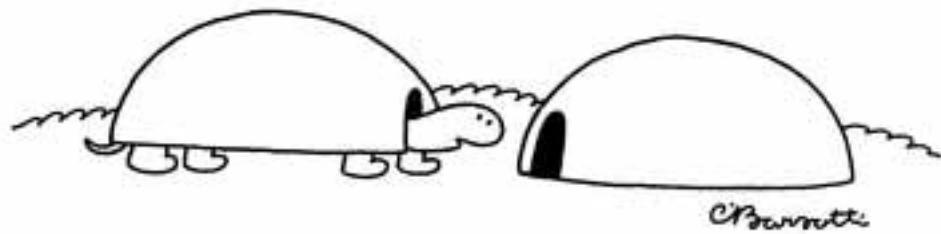
"Run along. Snow is time-sensitive."



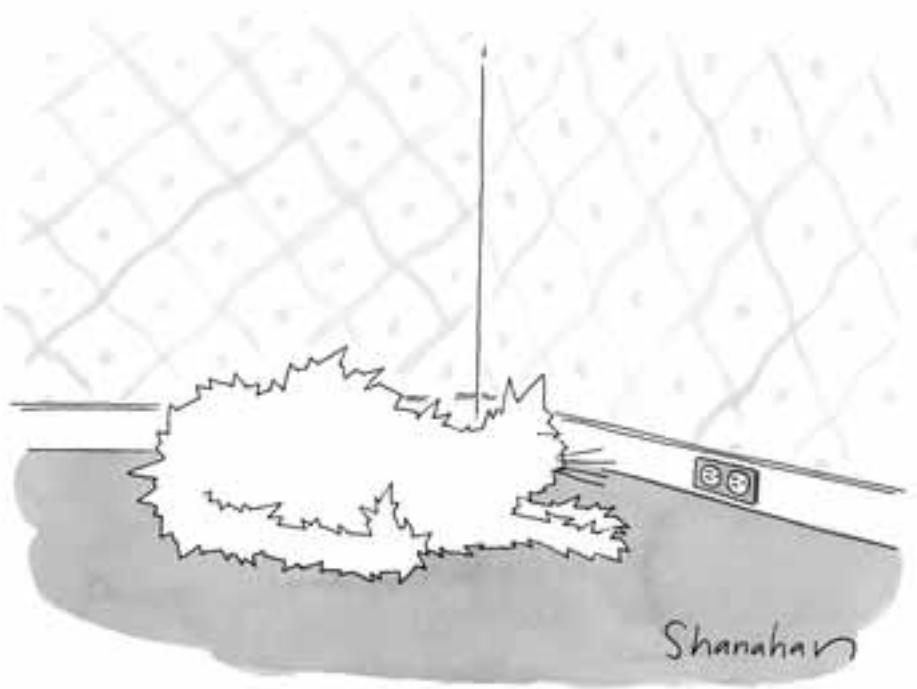
"I like it—I'm just not sure it's what I want to rot on."



"Bring me the head of Alfredo Garcia and a cup of coffee."



"What if I told you that we have tickets to 'The Producers'?"



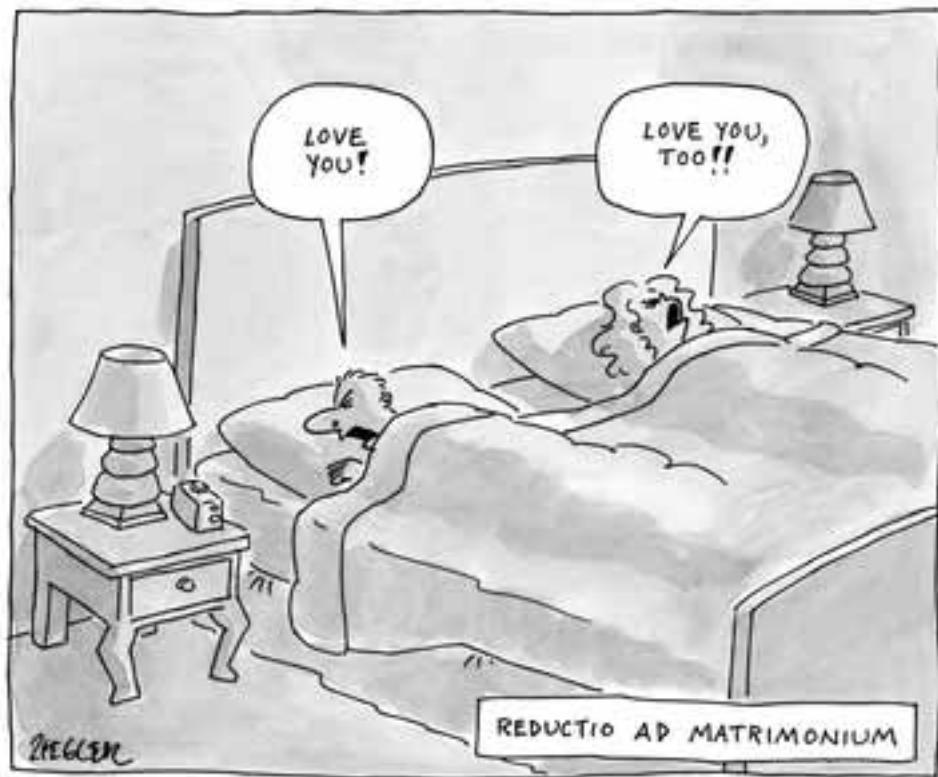


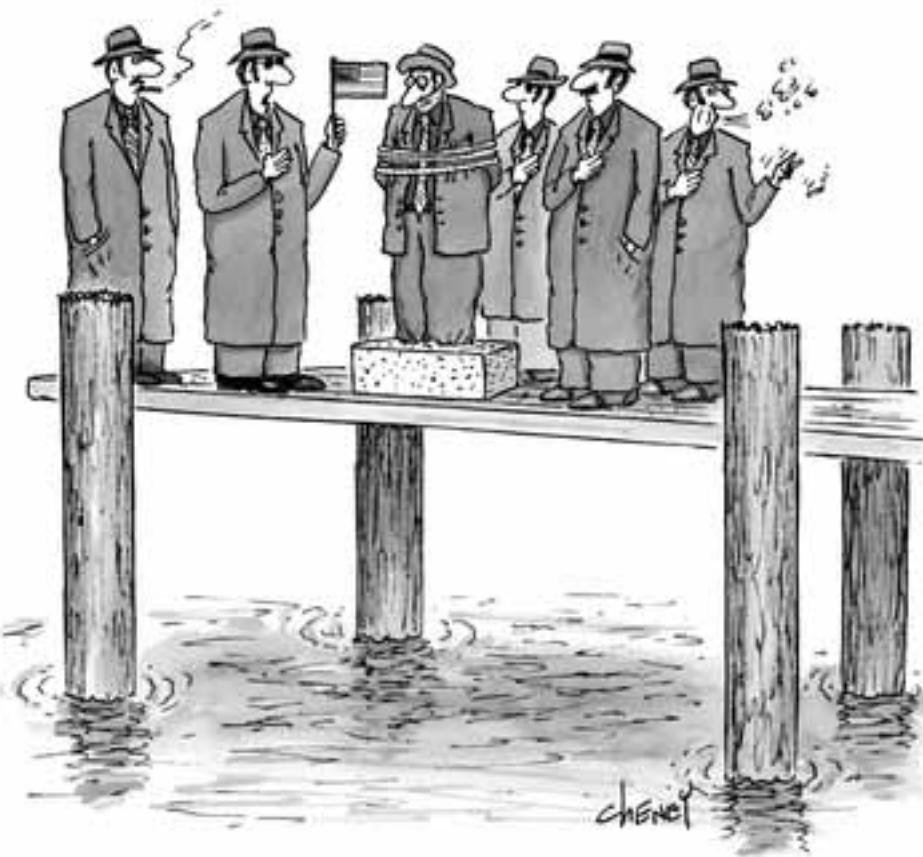
"When people say 'Do the math,' is this the kind of thing they're referring to?"



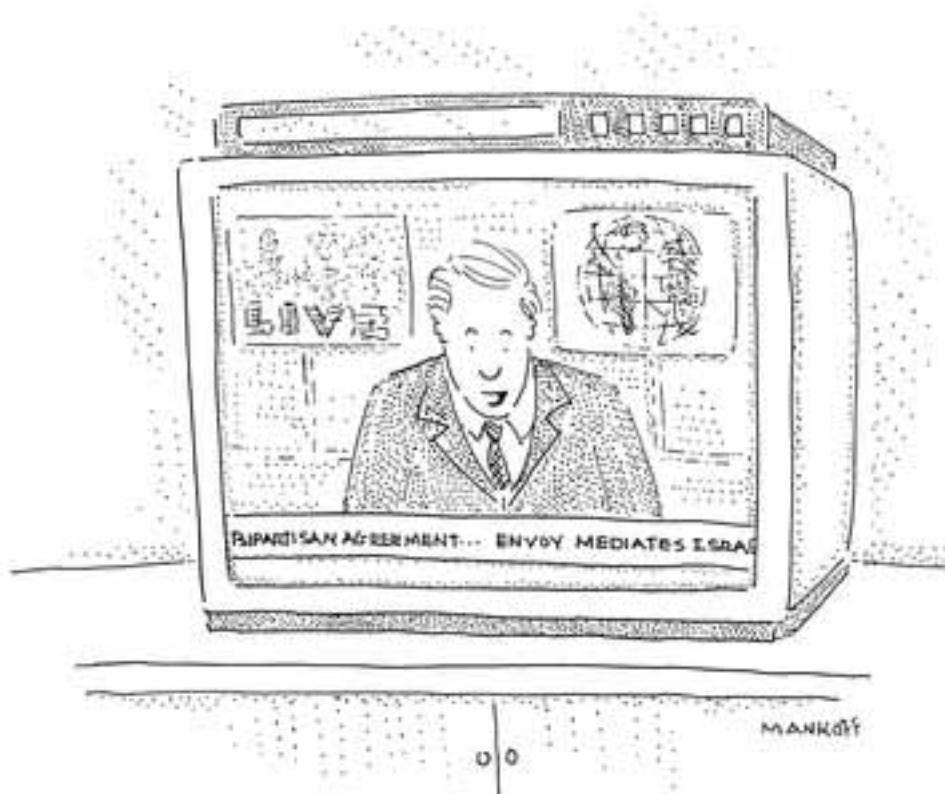
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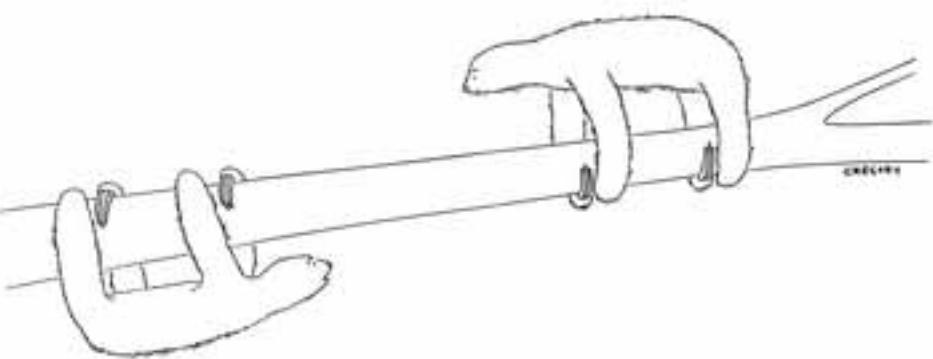
"But first our national anthem."



"Hey, cool, there's stuff written on the back of the crawl."



"My wife doesn't understand me, and I bet she wouldn't understand you, either."



"How long have you been on antidepressants?"





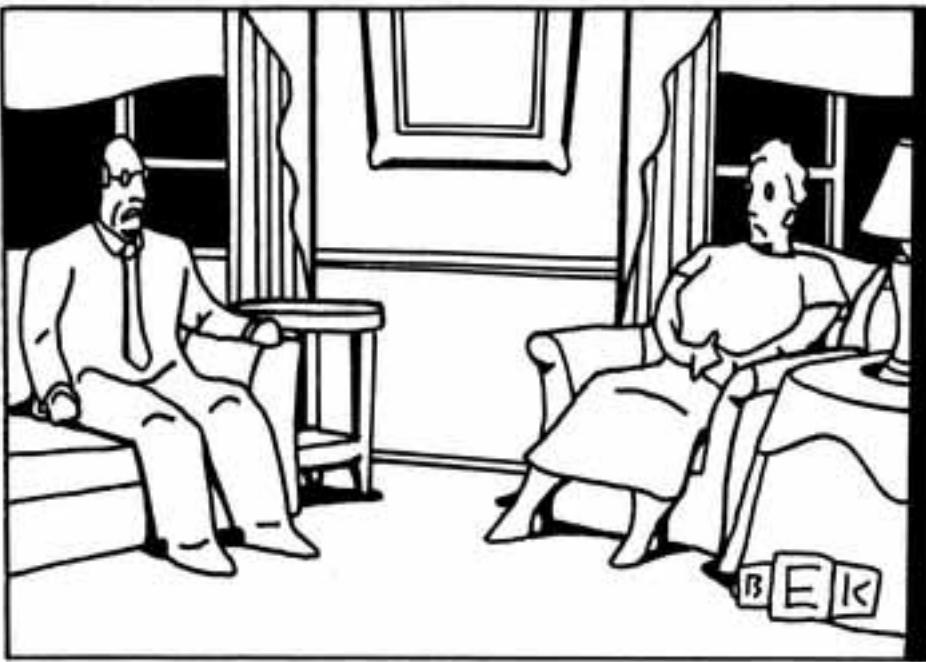
"Welcome to Tora Bora."



*"I would've told you all this yesterday, but
I just made it up today."*



*"The tiny red things were harvested from
Frankie's bonsai tree."*



"You can wrap it up in a pretty package, but it's still life."



*"We just made a big cancer breakthrough.
Have a cigar."*



THE VILLAGE SNOWIDiot



*"We've been thinking a lot about what we want
to do with your life."*





"It's over, Rachel—I want your things out of my cubby."



"Look, you've got to accept some curtailment of your freedom in exchange for increased security."



"I'm sorry, Mr. Jenkins doesn't like you."



"I think what Polly really want is approval."



*"Low man was bad enough. Now they've
taken down the totem pole."*

THE JOADS OF SILICON VALLEY
IN
KIWIS OF WRATH





"The way I see it, there will be plenty of time for abstinence after I'm married."



"Not the Osama bin Laden!"



"Out with the old fish, in with the new."



*"Pleased to meet you, though of course I'm sorry
about the circumstances."*



“Stop! He’s my agent!”

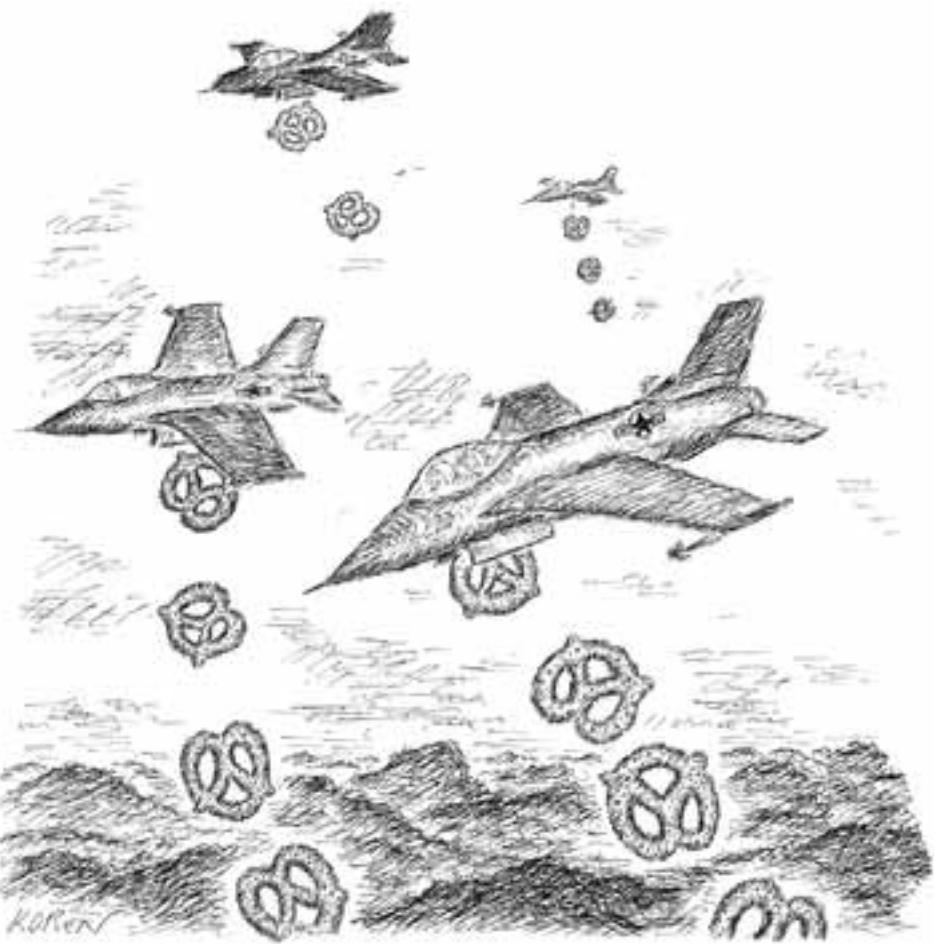


"Coördinates 135 and 350."





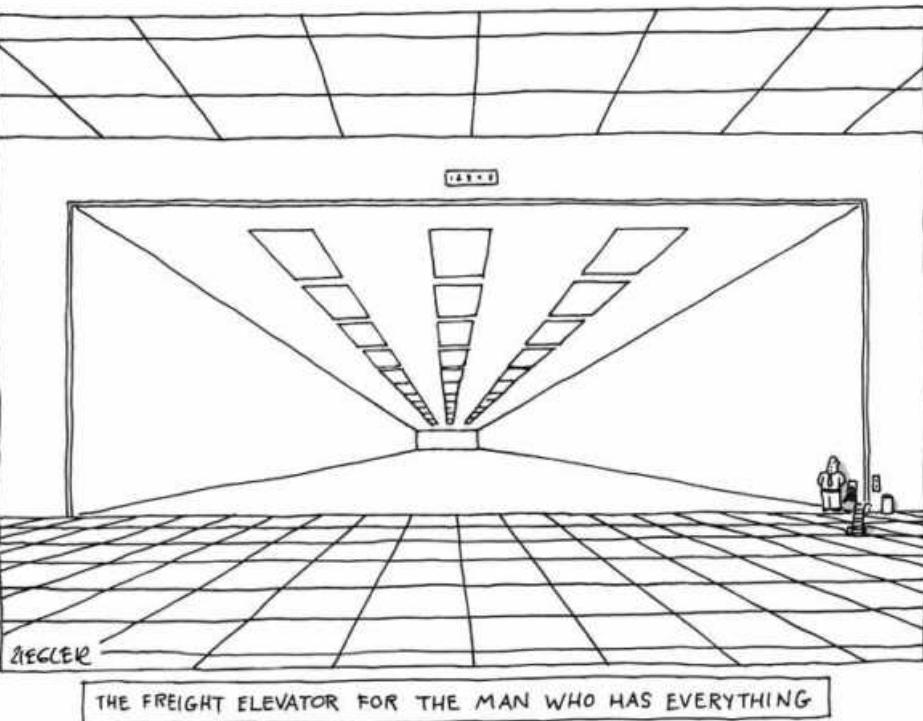
*"Good news, chief, a computer virus destroyed
all our documents."*





*"But if I say I'm in denial then, by definition,
I'm not in denial."*







"For me, a confession is much too autobiographical."



"We have to believe we're not endangered or we'll all go mad."



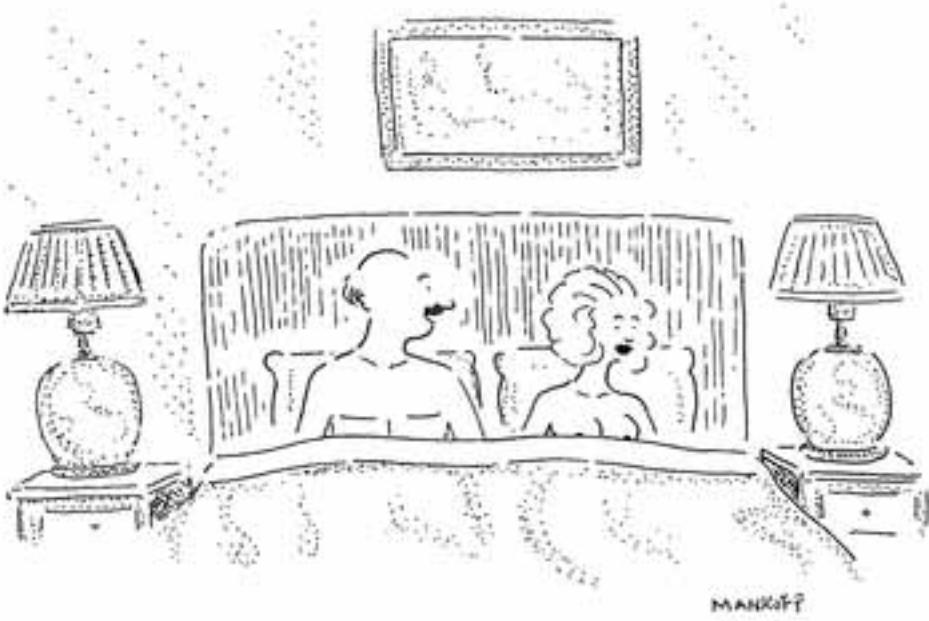
*"I never said 'I love you.' I said 'I love ya.'
Big difference!"*



"My voices told me to just relax today!"



"We like you better than Robert Mondavi."



"What do you mean, 'Not tonight, I have a headache'? You're a prostitute."



"Before we begin this family meeting, how about we go around and say our names and a little something about ourselves."



*"There's one consolation—he went down
with his portfolio."*

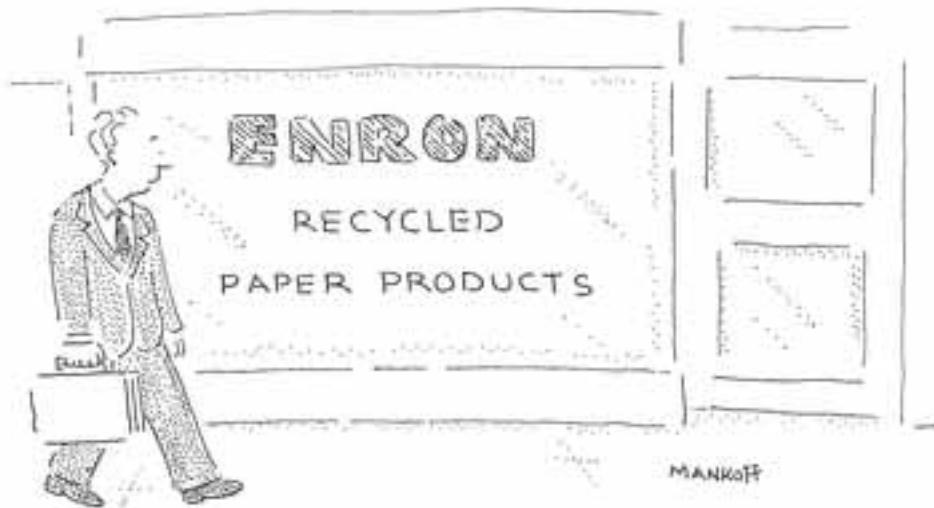




*"O.K., step away from the laptop and hold up
your end of the conversation."*

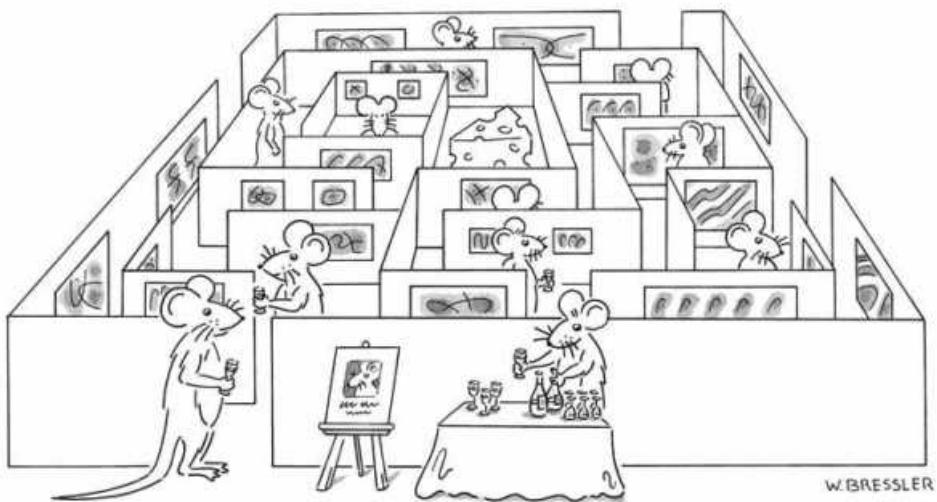


*"Oh, sure, they all love William the Great, but nobody
loved little Willie Poopy-Pants."*





*"If you still want to belong to an organization dedicated
to killing Americans, there's always the tobacco lobby."*





*"I swear I wasn't looking at smut—I was
just stealing music."*



"That's probably my wife—she has global reach."

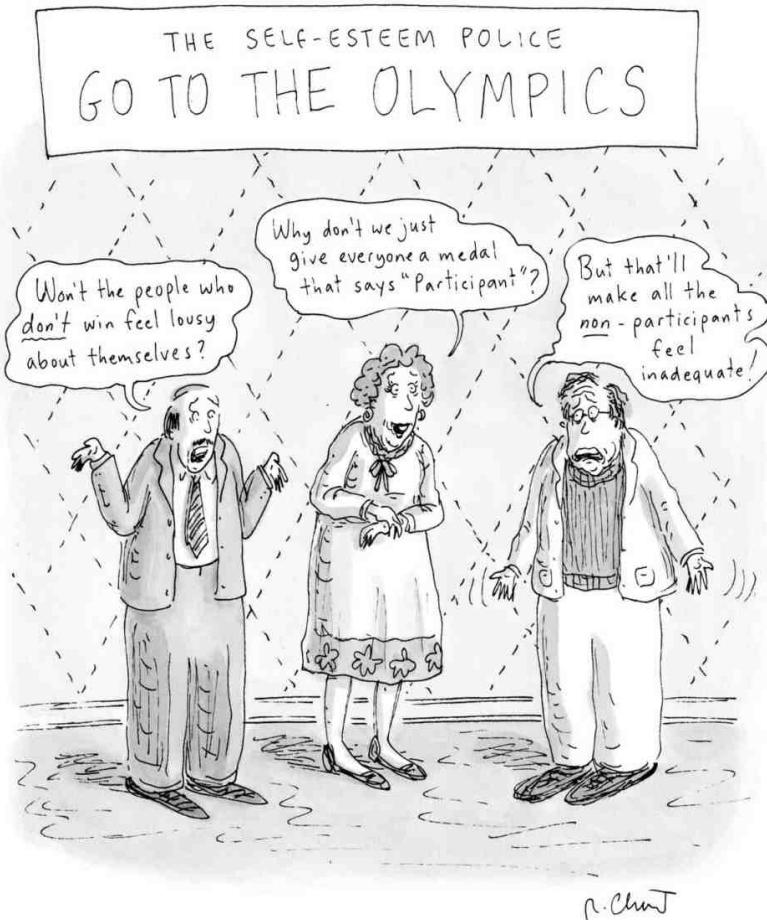


"Mr. Bream, it's time for you to put on a humiliating smock and let the doctor tell you about his fishing trip to Canada."



"You slept with her, didn't you?"



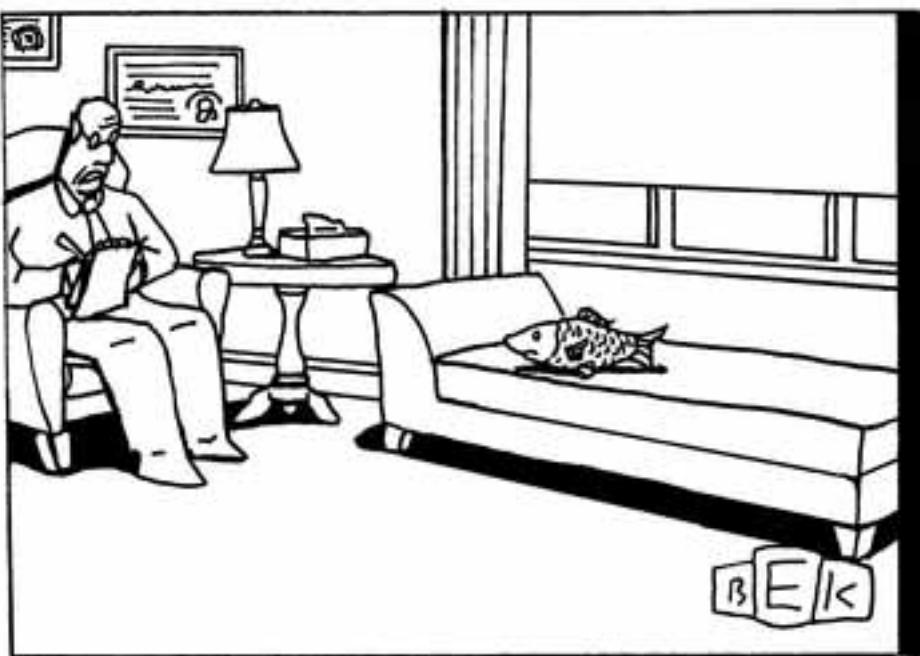




"I'd love to ask you in, Howard, but I need some time to digest everything you told me about the Ottoman Empire."



"All right, so there's been a mistake. Deal with it!"



"You stink from the head."





"I'm adding an extra hour of booze time here, Al, as a heightened security measure."



"I barked at some people today and thought of you."



"As you can see, ladies and gentlemen, the available data clearly suggest six more weeks of winter."

2002
THE I.M.s OF ROMEO AND JULIET



"Attention, Kmart employees."





"My 401(k) is safe. It's tied up in booze futures."



"How soon can I start her on fad diets?"



"Come back, young man. He needs a booster shot."



"You just parked on a Saturn."



*"There's a gentleman here who says he would
like to look at our books."*

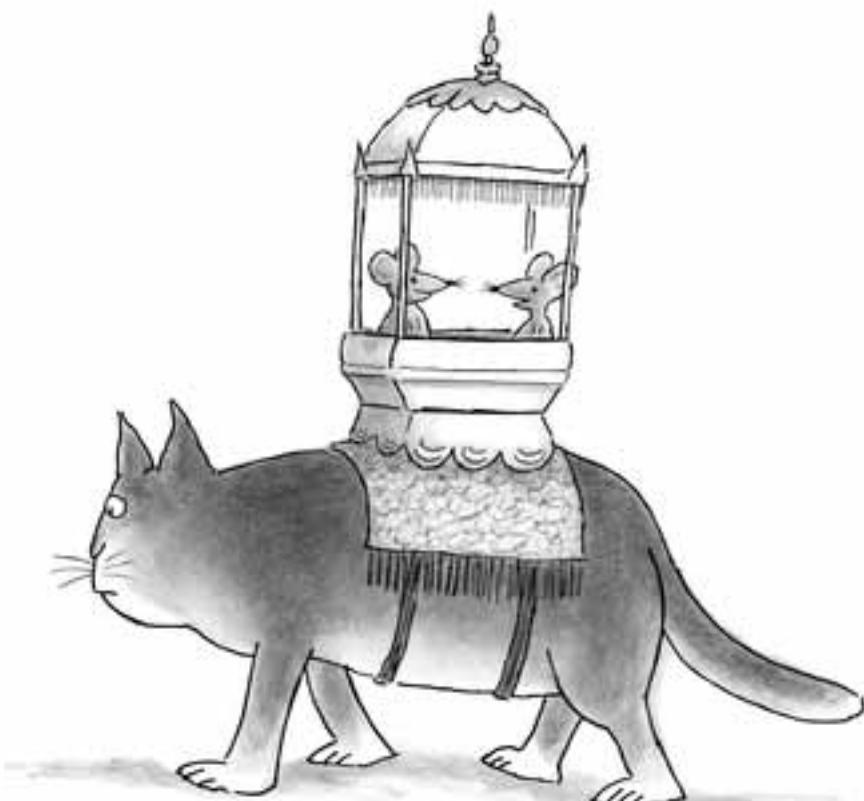




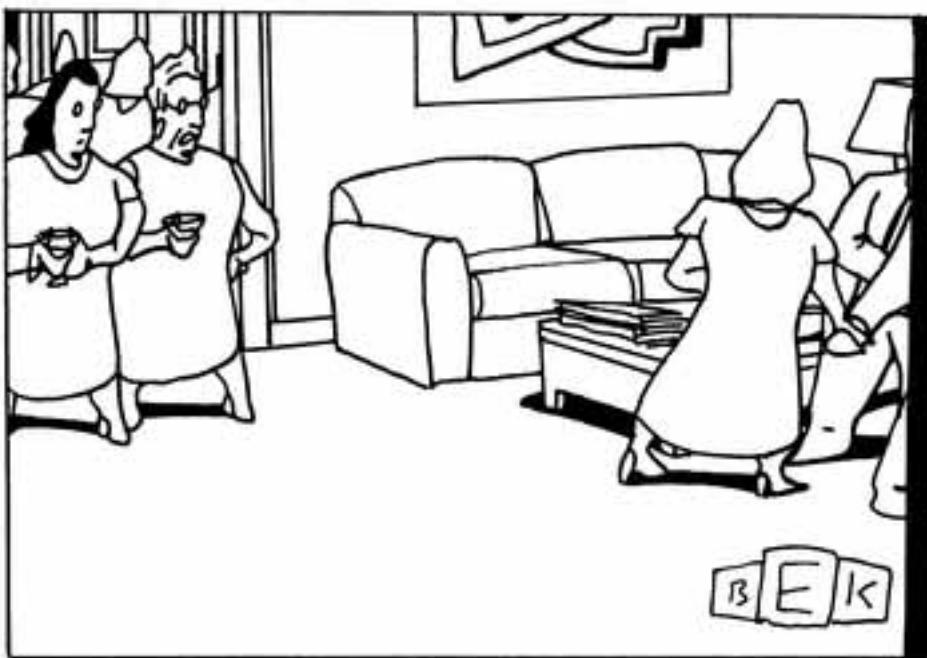
*"Who will carry on when I'm gone?
All my kids are in recovery."*



"How can we know who we are when the best marketing consultants of our time don't know."



“Eddie, you are one hell of a mouse!”



“She’s on her fifth soul mate.”



“Someday I hope to have a whole complex of caves.”

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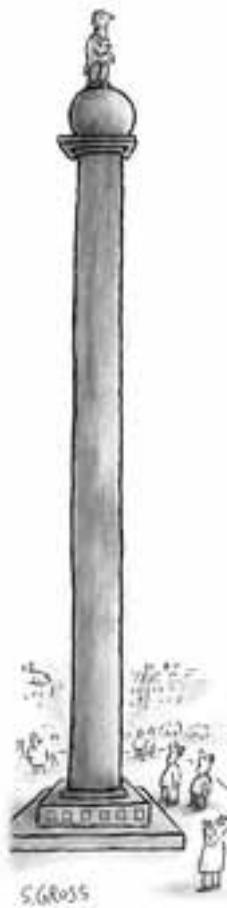


"Your cats are fine."



Victoria Roberts

"We missed 'The Fantasticks.' "



*"In real life, he had
acrophobia."*



"Waiter—could we have a little more table over here?"



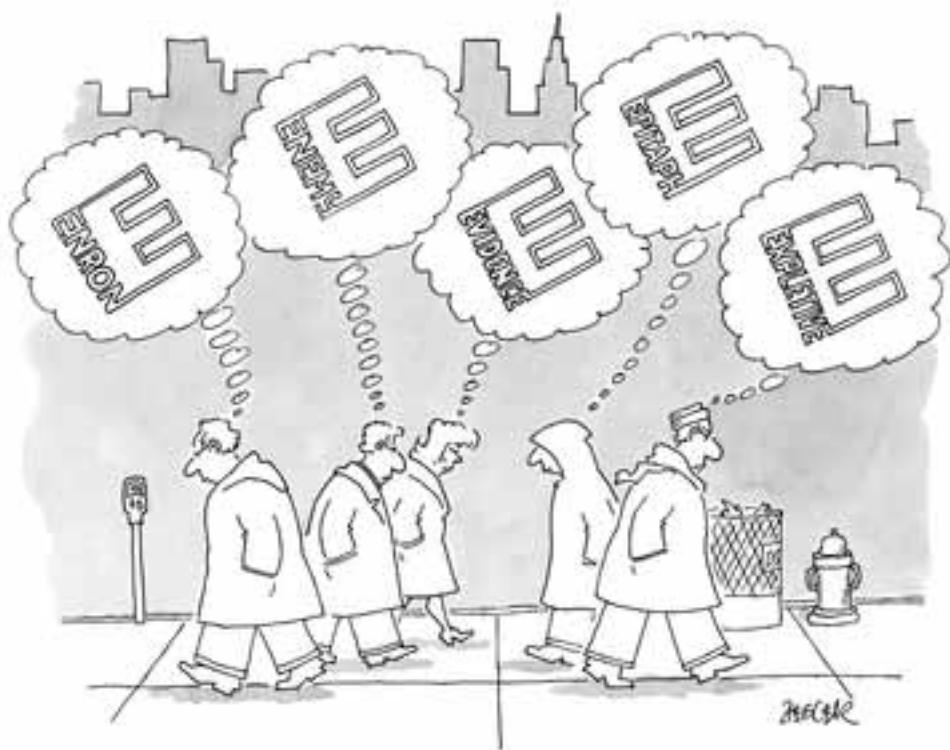
"Flagless in a patriotic zone?"

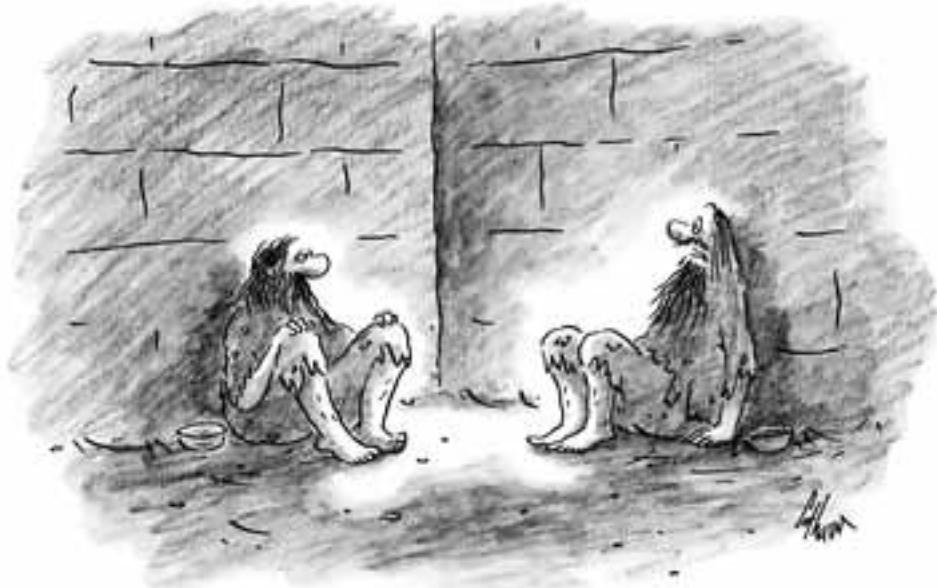


"You're certainly a lot less fun since the operation."



"Where the hell's my Slinky?"





*"They're keeping me from practicing my religion.
I'm a sun worshipper."*



*"Bad news, chief. Those cowboys in
accounting—they're singing!"*



“‘GameBoy: A Memoir of Addiction,’ by
Ronald Markowitz.”





"Hmm, what would Satan do?"



*"These feelings of inadequacy are common
among the inadequate."*



*“She’s got a wonderful place in Vermont and a great
little short-term memory.”*



*"Look around you, Crawford. I want
you to savor being employed."*



"This one's a bonus for all the others."



"He had a hat!"





"It's not our policy to disclose details of a future operation."

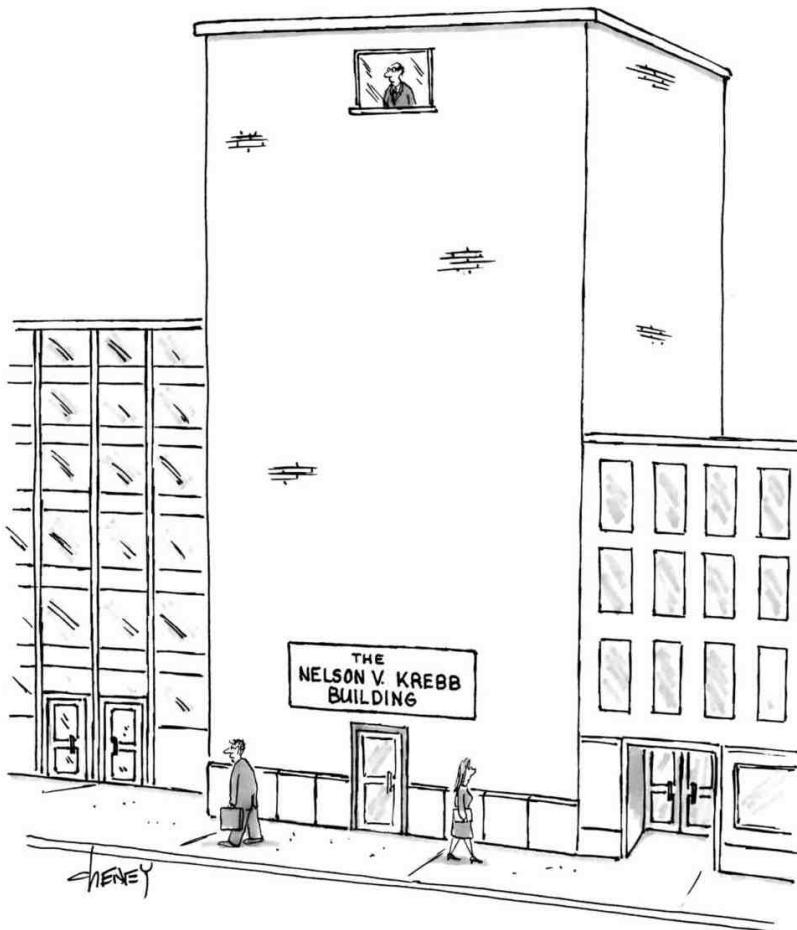


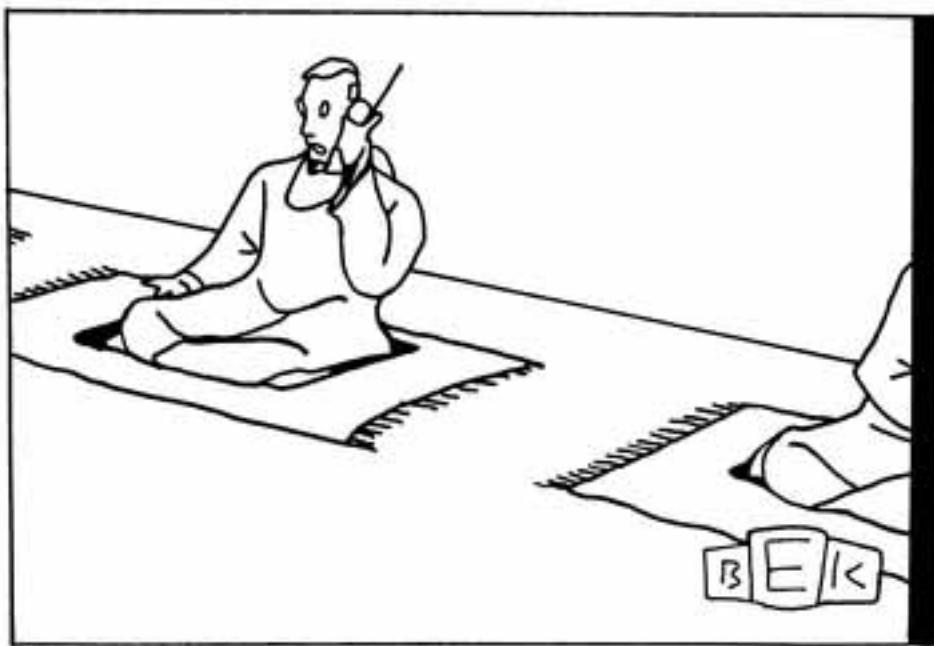
"What's with the Tim Russert act?"



"Archibald Monroe—I'll be heading Mr. Billing's transition team."







"I'm crazed with this noble path—let me get back to you."



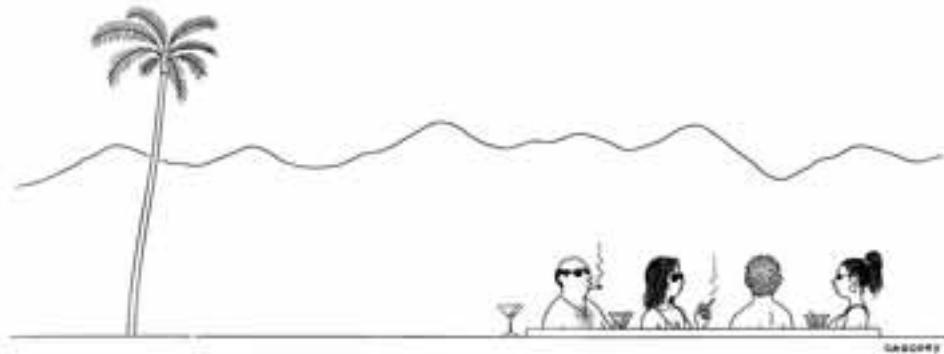
*"Better bring me another cookie.
The last one fell in the water."*



“Everyone lies, son, but there are different pay scales.”



"The smile is courtesy of Photoshop."



"I think that if these Islamic fundamentalists got to know us they'd like us."



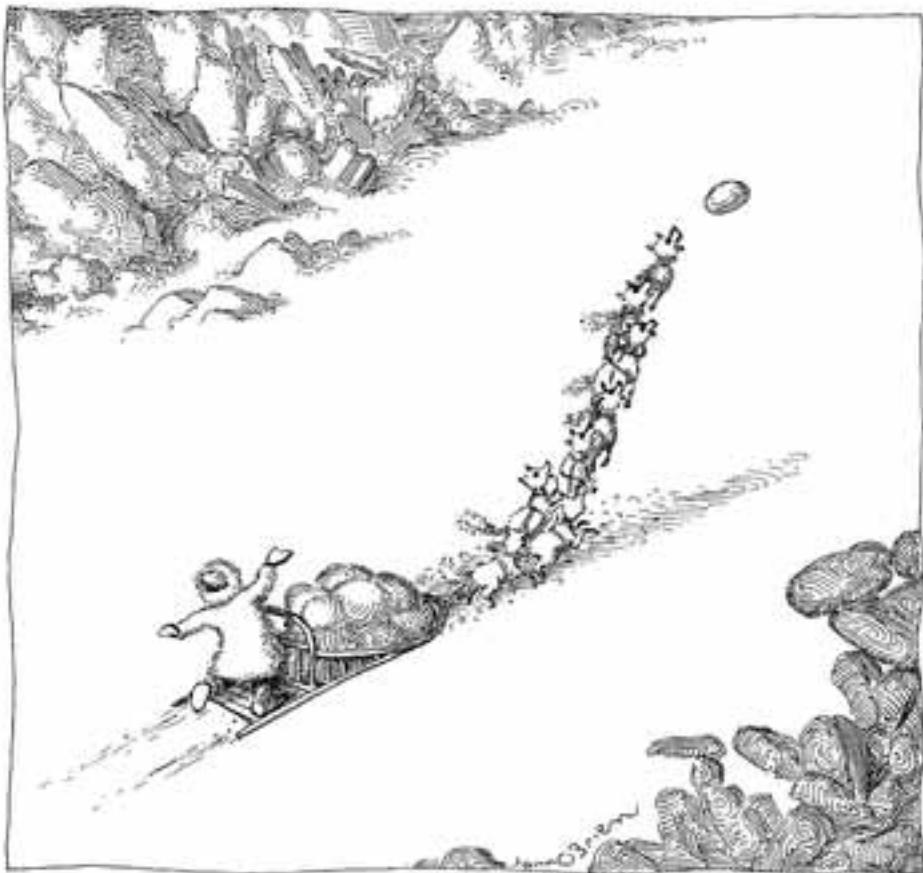
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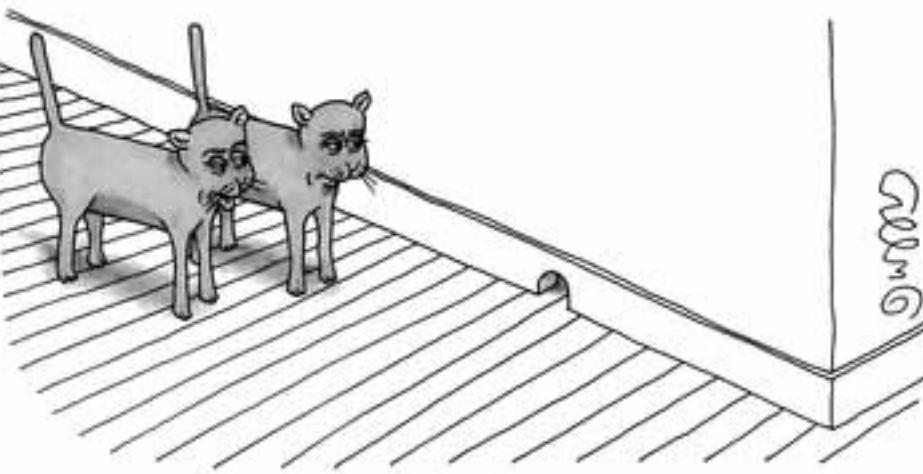


R. Chast



"Nobody laughs at my library of self-help books now."





"Badges? We don't have to show you no stinkin' badges!"



B. Smaller

"Could you give me a little push?"



"Here kitty, kitty, kitty, kitty, kitty."



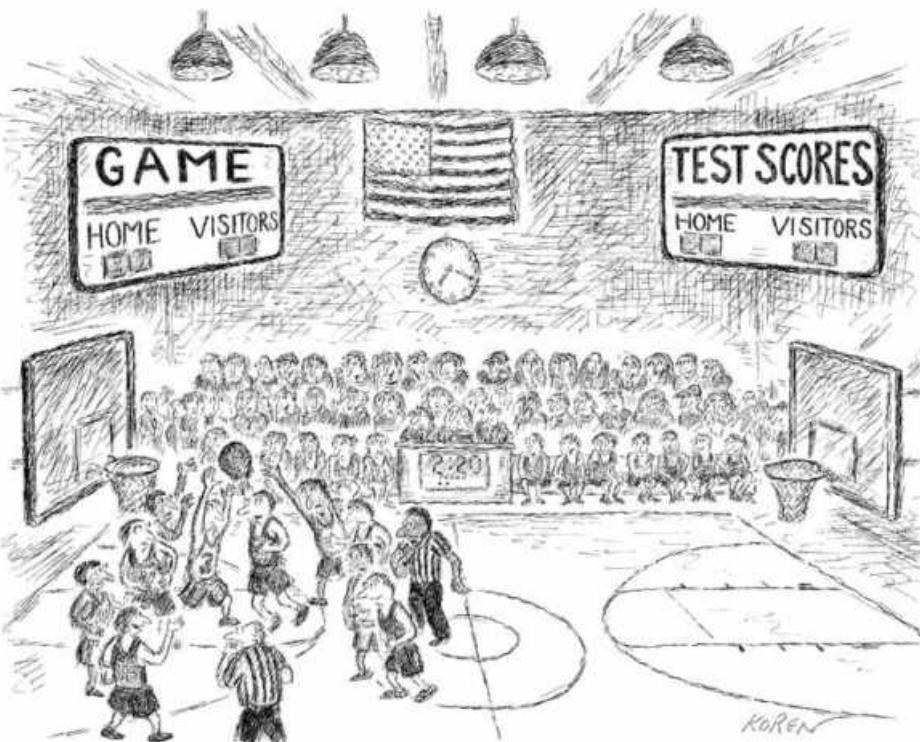
*"You know how to whistle, don't you? Just pick up
the phone and call the S.E.C."*



"Notice how they grow away from the incandescent-light source and toward the malicious celebrity gossip."



"You go on ahead."





"I'm getting back to being able to enjoy the little things—like firing people."

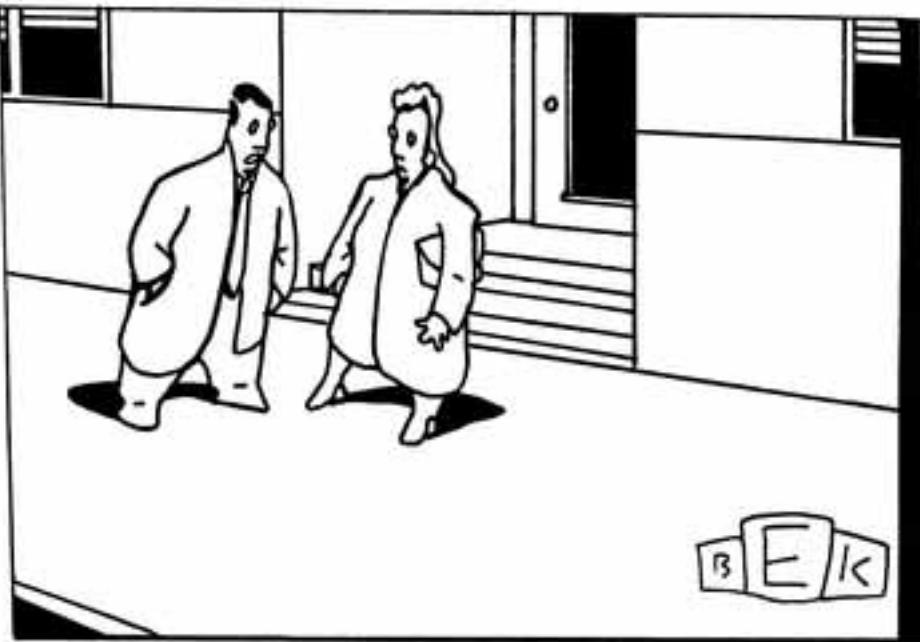




*"How could I know that you would be as needy in
the bust as you were arrogant in the boom?"*



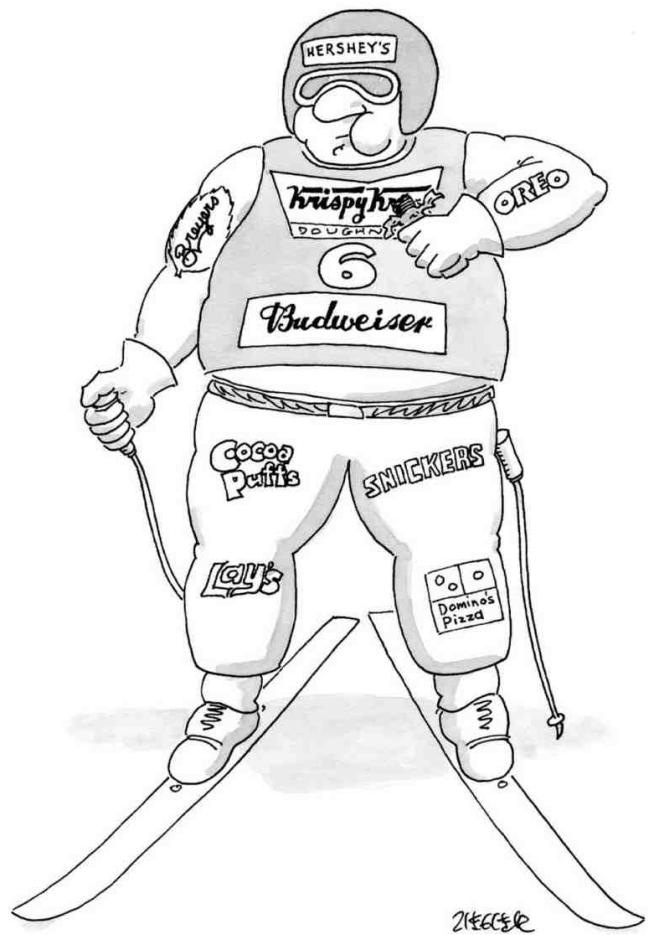
*"So, Doc, what would it take to make my little
'problem' disappear?"*



*"I want to go back to how things were before
we knew each other."*



"Which side of the butte do you want?"





“Other men manage to confine whimsy to their boxers.”



"It's all right, sweetie. In the information age, everybody feels stupid."



"So I'll have to believe it to see it?"



"Could you be more specific, Ma'am? This place is crawling with sneaky little bastards."



"Daddy, can I stop being worried now?"



*"Bad news, Gilchrist—somehow you've come
to someone's attention."*



"You got any insider art?"



*"O.K.—let's review what you didn't know and
when you didn't know it."*



"Being an accountant gives him that extra aura of danger."



"I've been thinking about getting a snail."



"And this is your father's first girlfriend, just before she was stoned to death."



*"No, no—we used to be an undeveloped country,
but now we're a developing country."*



"Couldn't you at least try and read my mind?"



"I'd like to order off the children's menu."



*"I'm combing our finances for all this disposable income
I keep reading we have."*



"Sweetheart, I'm ho—"



"I'll see if he's emotionally available."



*“Sometimes I wish you were more incandescent
—you know, like an Italian.”*



*"We're going to build in Rhinebeck, once
Steven finds the right brick."*

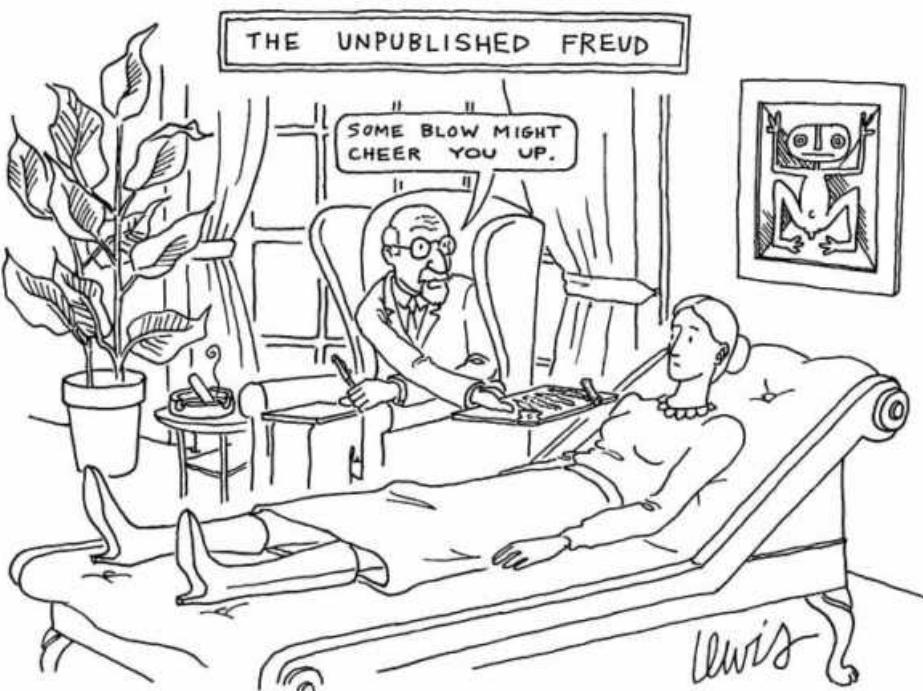


"Hold it—there's another story I'm following."



"Mom, please! I'm a married woman whose friends have been reviewed favorably by the New York Times."

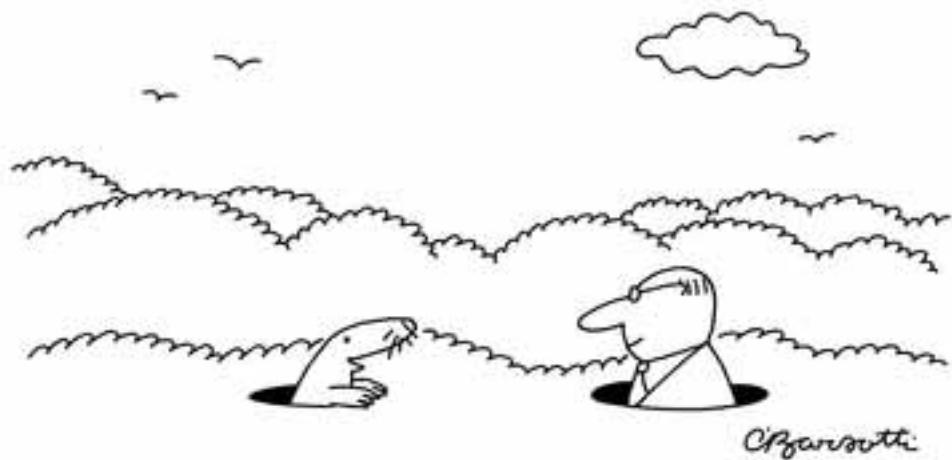








"New from accounting, sir. Two and two is four again."

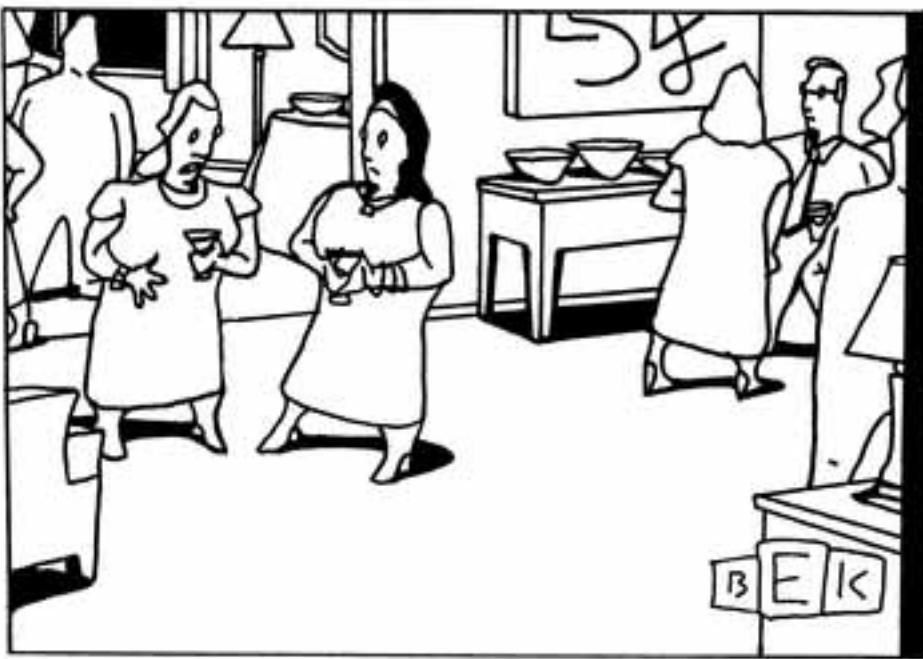


"Wow—I've never met a Cabinet Secretary before."



"Really, Karen! He's old enough to be your husband."





"You can't judge a book by its content."



*"I'm on Fendi and Prada, and
heading toward Louis."*





"It's a midriff warmer."



"We even tried a visit from a celebrity."

THREE-WAY MIRROR





"Make ratatouille."



*"Honesty is a fine quality, Max, but it
isn't the whole story."*



"Let me get back to you on that—I've got an office full of people right now."



*"Sorry, Mr. Gross, Mr. DeVries, but the firm has decided
to go with the earthy, down-home fingerpicking of
Ms. Aimee Parker-Grossman."*



"He has your intense patriotic gaze."



"Stop—or I'll have a heart attack!"



"It was back in '52 that the hits stopped coming."

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"I've got a lot on my plate right now. For starters, I need to sharpen my pencil, refill my coffee and get a new comb."



*"Can we please sign off just one night without
the national anthem?"*



"It's funny how two intelligent people can have such opposite interpretations of the tax code!"



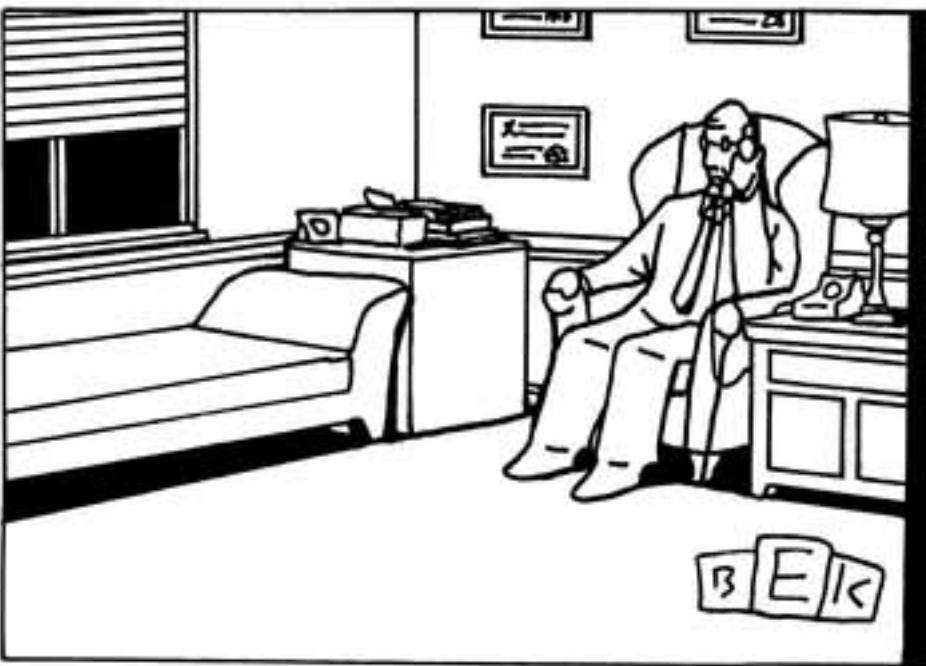
"How did Operation Remember to Pick Up Milk go?"





*"Oh, he's nice enough, but he's one of
those people who always start the
standing ovations."*





"What a day! You wouldn't believe the hellacious archetypes I had to deal with."



SIPRESS

"This is Larry. He's new no-money."



"Your Honor, my client would like to be tried offshore."



"At first, collecting husbands seemed a harmless hobby."



"I'm very proud. Someone I've been stalking has been nominated for an Academy Award."



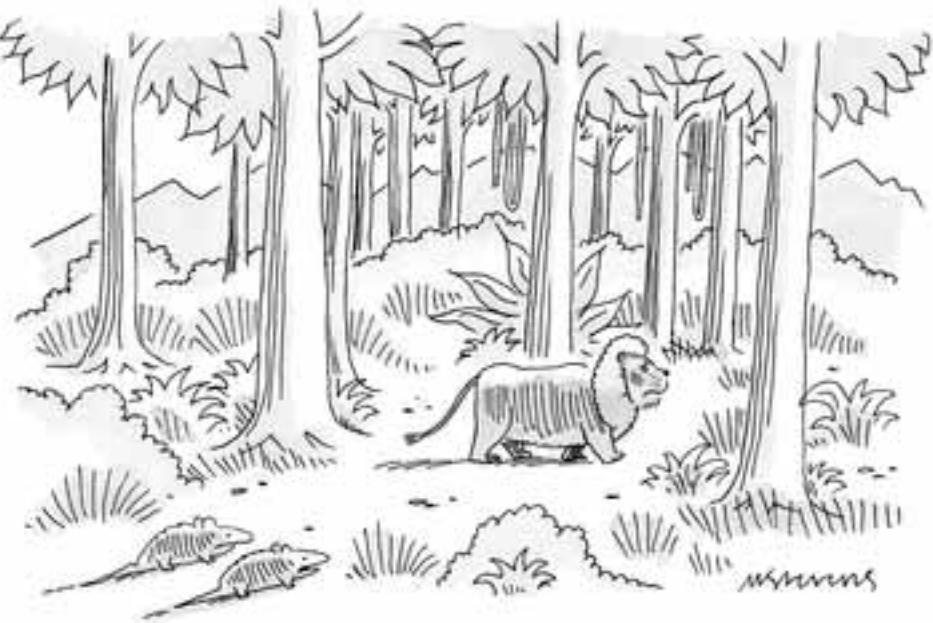
"We should have taken the cubicles."



"It would never work out between us, Tom—we're from two totally different tiers of the upper middle class."



*"This isn't just any old food wine. This is
the foodies' food wine."*



"If you ask me, he has an overdeveloped sense of entitlement."



"Larry had his identity stolen, but they sent it right back."



"This is where I come to unwind."

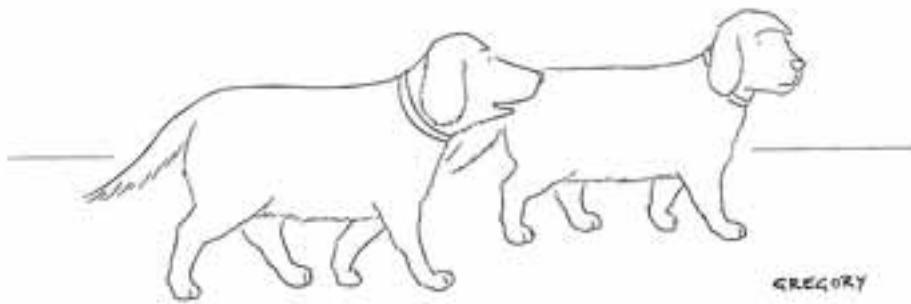


"Well, we needed the rain."





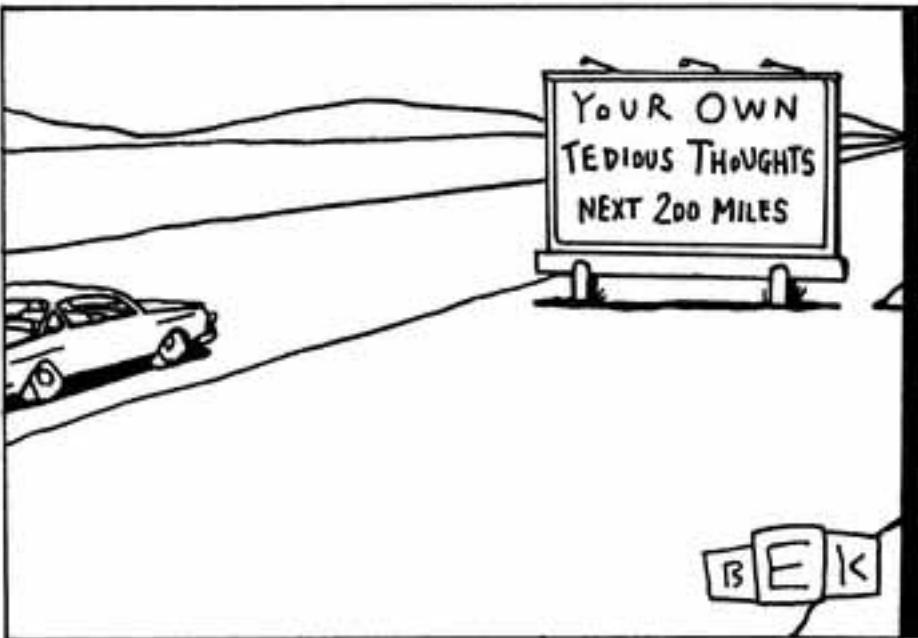
"He's in the field today."



"What I do as an artist is take an ordinary object—say, a lamppost—and, by urinating on it, transform it into something that is uniquely my own."



"Norman won't collaborate."





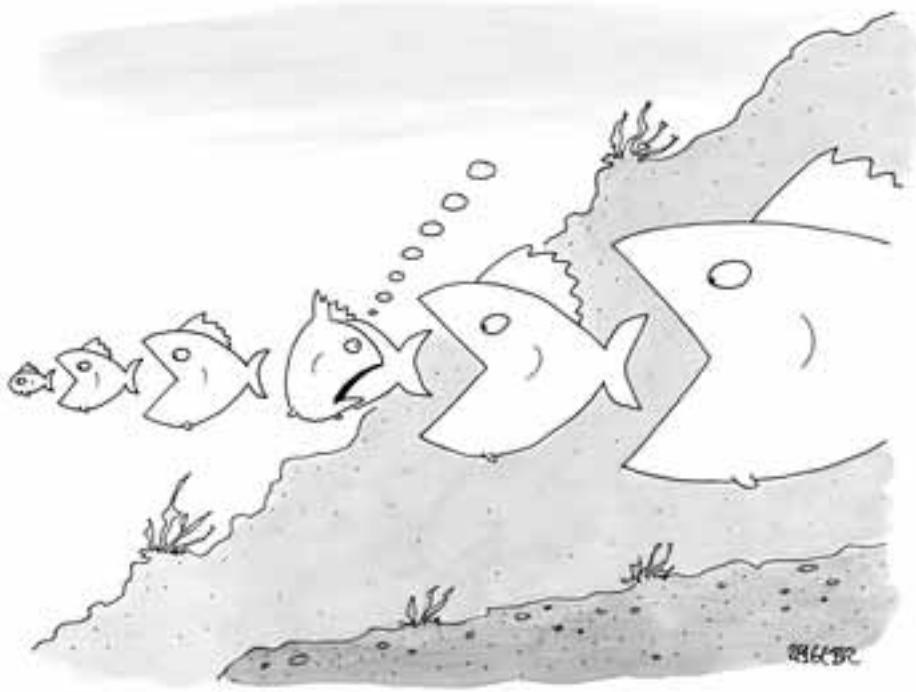


"Mind if I journal?"





"You look good, Al, in a midlife-crisis-y sort of way."

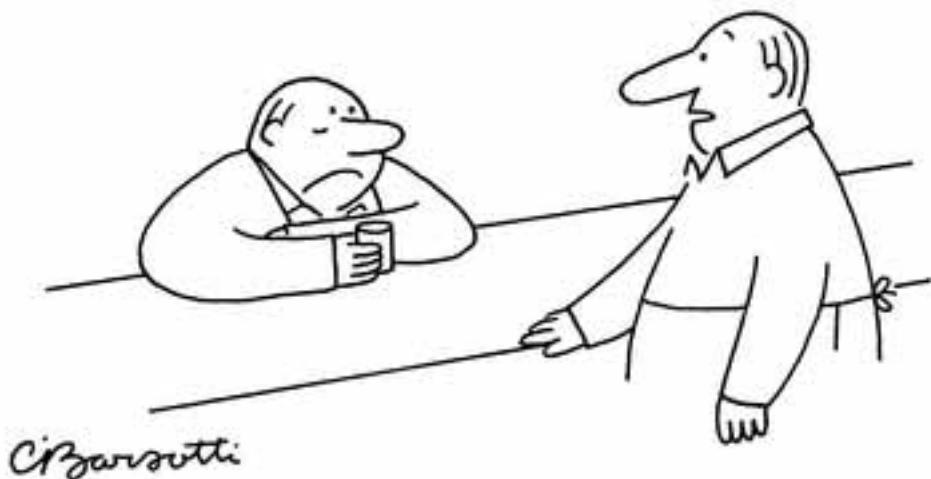


"If you ask me, we're all the problem."





*"My son is a saint—he's always coöperating
with the authorities."*



*"You've got to be more specific, Ed. Wake you
when what's over?"*

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Hope you'll soon be convalescing.
Please get well—you're so
depressing!

-Your friend



You leave us stranded in the ice.
While you are over there.
It really isn't very nice—
In fact, it's quite unfair.

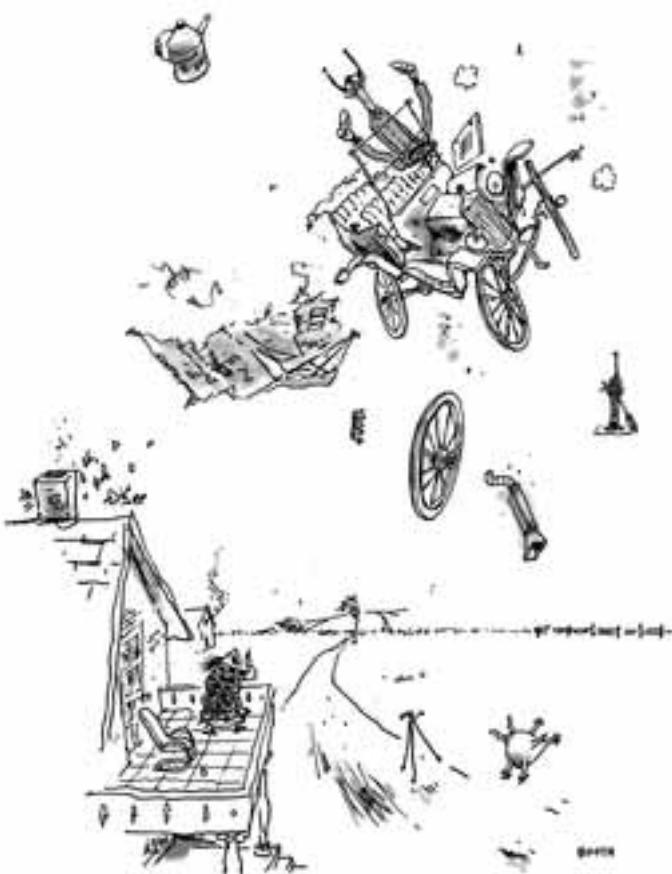
~Your co-workers



Roses are red,
Celery is green.
Stop being such
An Attention Queen.

~A caring soul

R. Chast



"Amy, Mr. Stoklasa has caught a tornado."



*"I swear, mateys, 'twas my clear understanding that
me and the lads was only running some kind
of a cruise ship!"*



*"I suppose you're all wondering why your mother
and I brought you into the world."*



*"Let's go back to 'Bon voyage,' Collins, and
drop 'You're a brave man.'"*



"I'm sure you're one of the good ones."



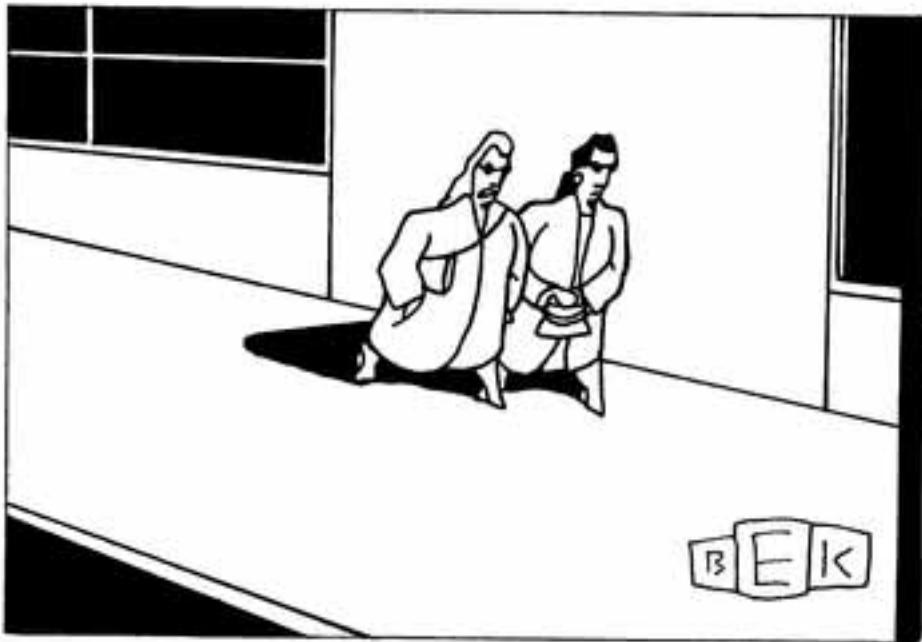
*"Hell, I'm just saying it would be nice if someone
would play percussion for once."*



"Sorry about our knees touching earlier."



"Wouldn't it be faster if we just flew to Brooklyn?"



*"What is this endless series of meaningless experiences
trying to teach me?"*

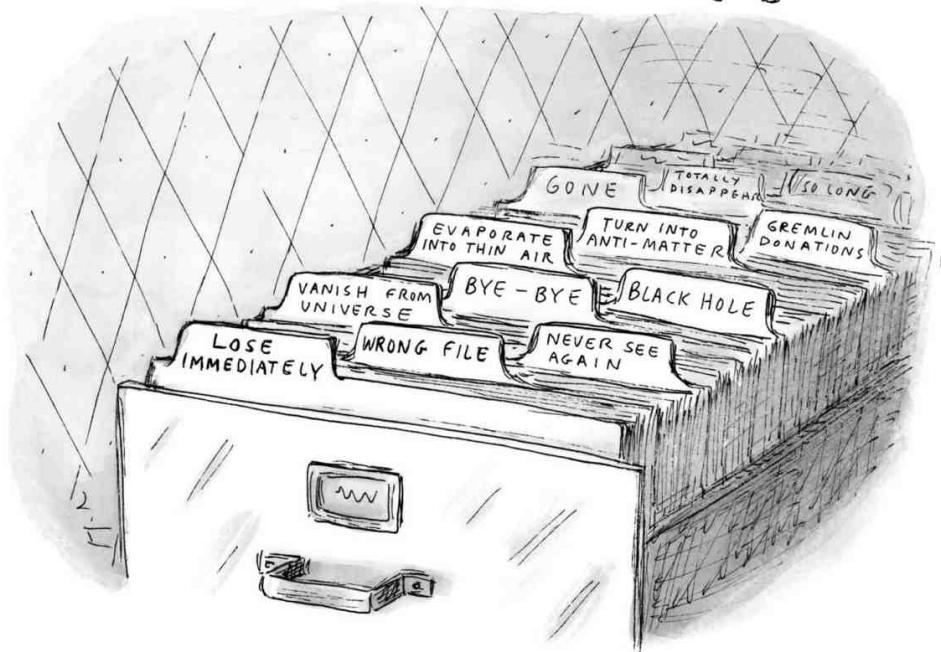


"This better be an emergency."



"So now you're going to tell me what friends I can have?"

FILES OF DOOM

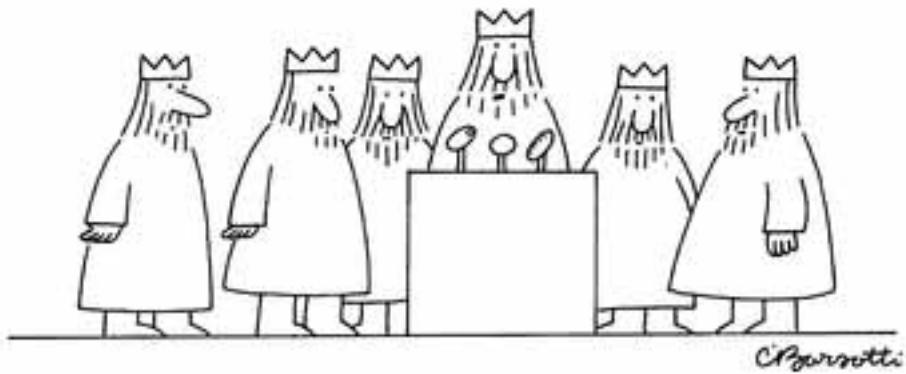




"I think we overordered."



*"Actually, there were a number of messages while
you were in prison."*



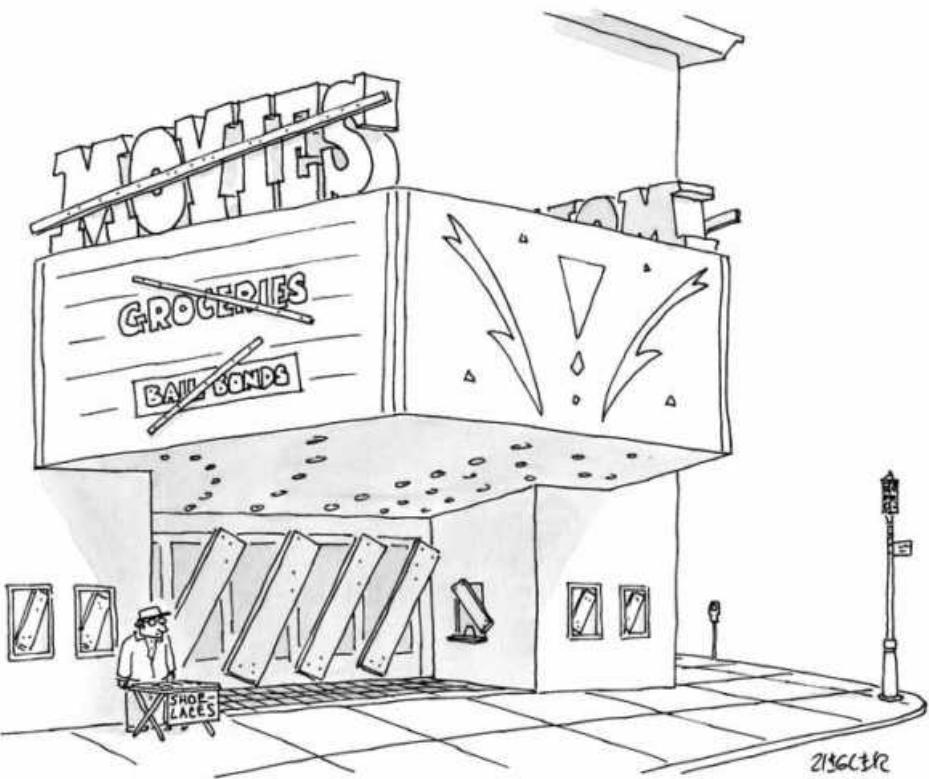
“Good question. Yes, we have your best interests at heart.”



*"What he lacks in foreign-policy experience
he more than makes up for in money."*



CASUAL TIEDAY





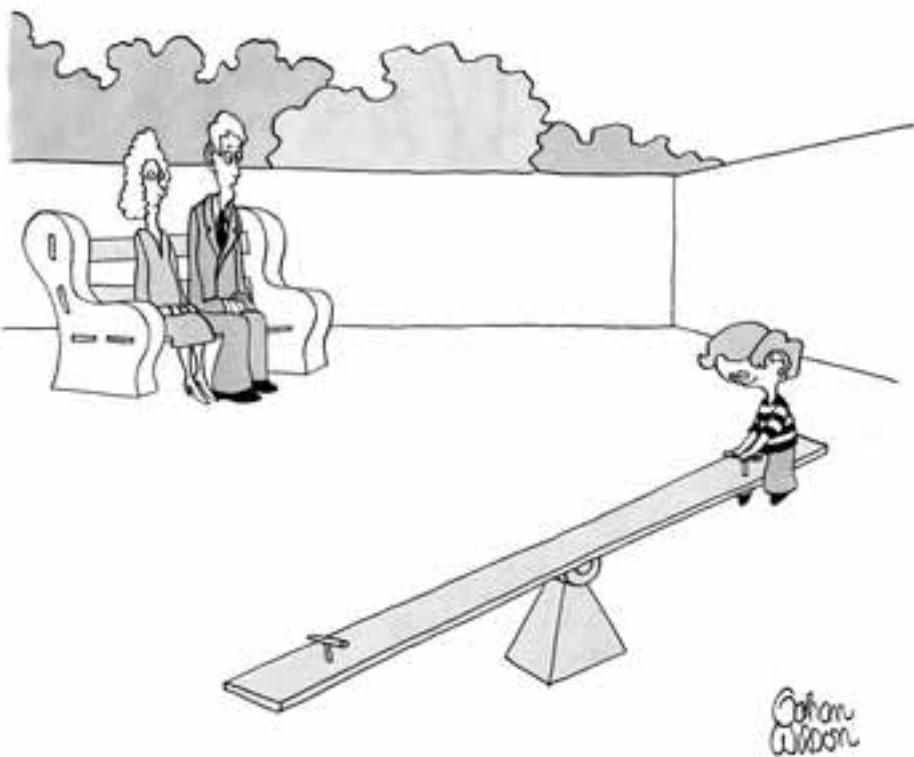
*"Pardon me, but could you tell us where
the public trough is?"*



"So you're depressed. Everybody's depressed—some of us just handle it better than others."



"I enjoy poetry, but only if it's funny."



"Apparently, Philip and his imaginary playmate are more or less the same weight and size."



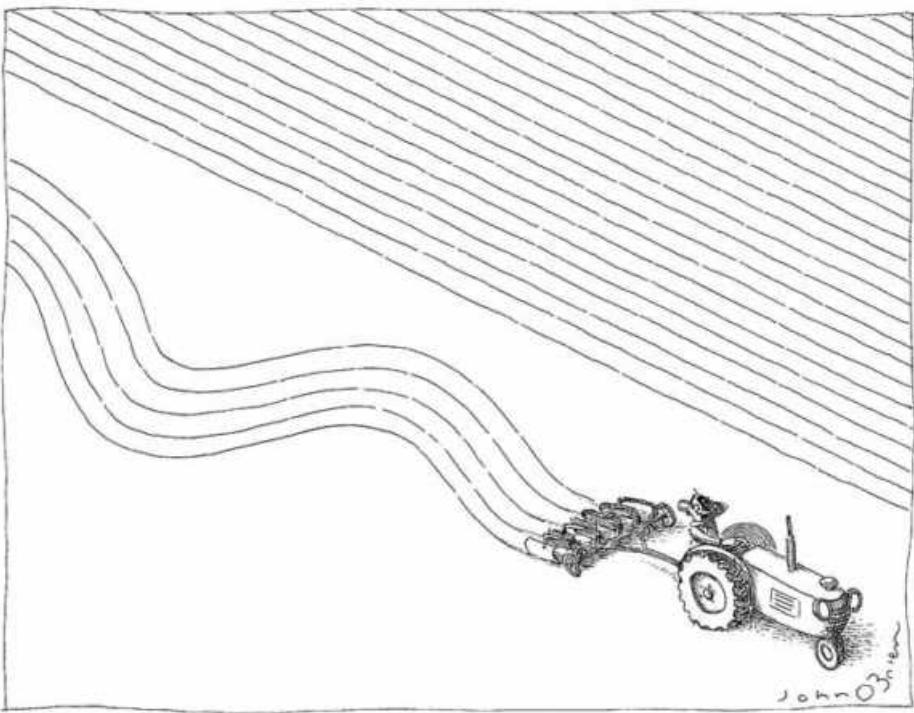
*“Believe me, Father, I know just how you feel.
I’m an accountant.”*



*"'Giant Sequoias'—with apologies to the
Encyclopaedia Britannica."*



"I appreciate your contribution to our tremendous drawdown of inventory, but isn't your office getting cramped?"





"He makes it look so damn easy."





*"The little sad faces next to some items mean
they don't taste very good."*



*"I understand that by the time we've hit
our teens we'll have them pretty much
where we want them."*



"I've detected an intruder."



"You never buy anything I want."



"Whoa—way too much information."

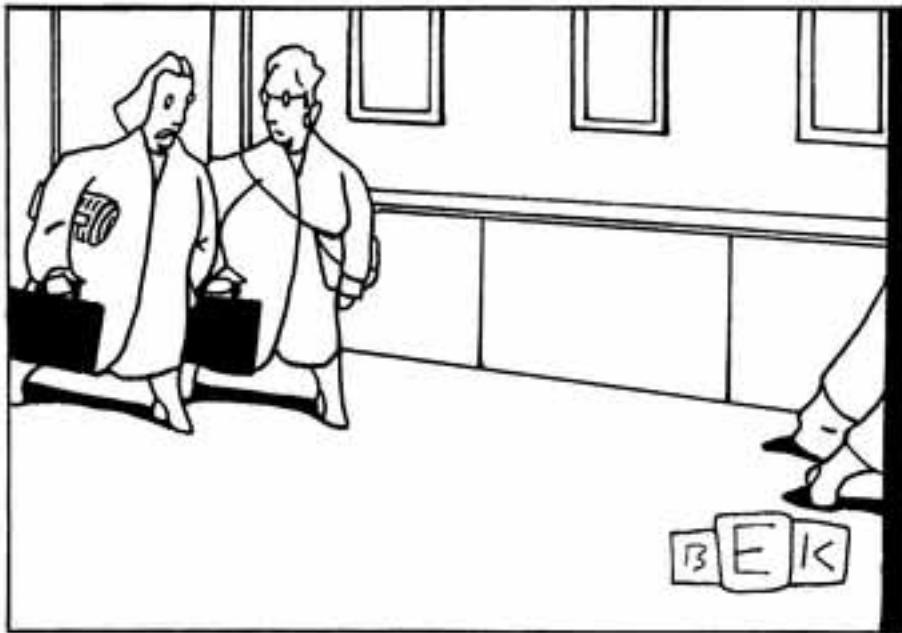
Chapter One



R. Chast



"Call the family, nurse—he's about to dictate his last letter to the Times."



"I'm really behind on all my living."



"The maître d' here is a master at economic profiling."



*"He didn't do anything, Gregory.
This is a zoo."*

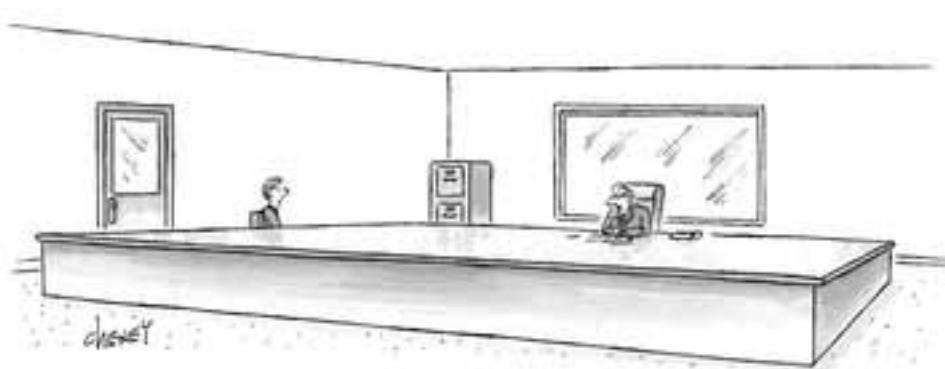


"We're tunnelling out after lunch—pass it on."



*"Still, I think we can all take some pride in being
one of the signature bankruptcies of our time."*

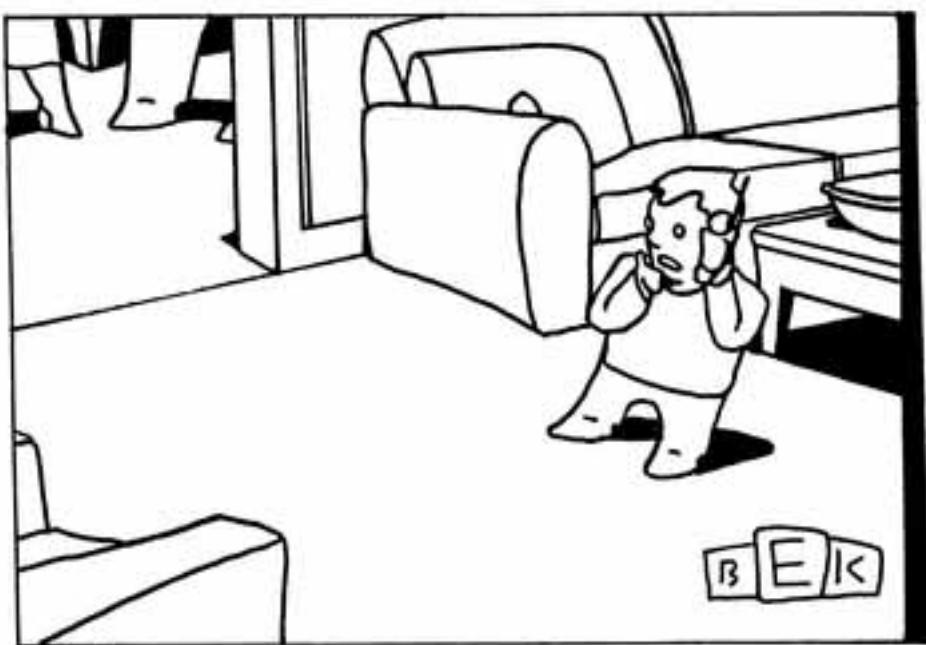




*"We don't offer bonuses, but the size of your desk
will be adjusted quarterly."*



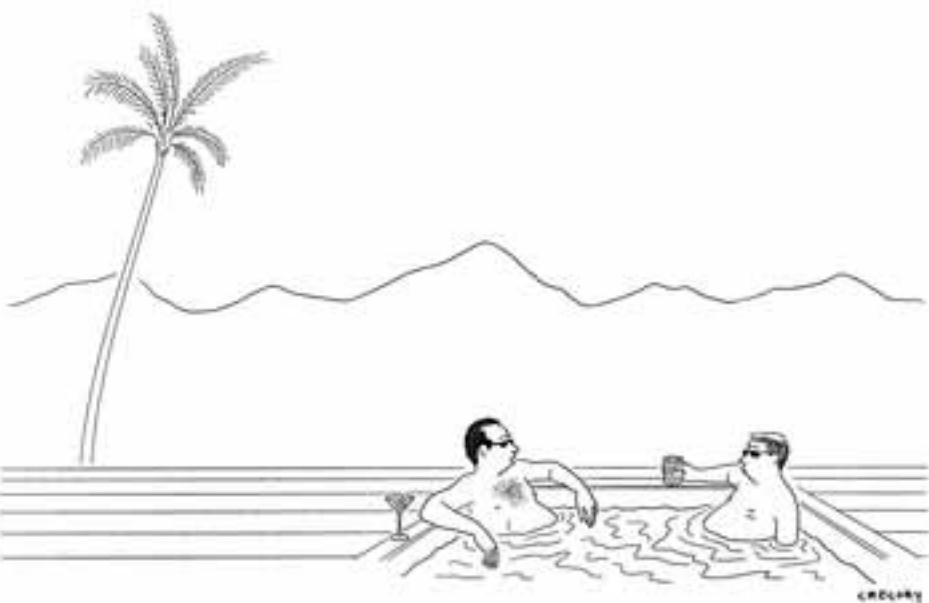
*"The dip in sales seems to coincide with the decision
to eliminate the sales staff."*



"I've got this center-of-the-universe gig."

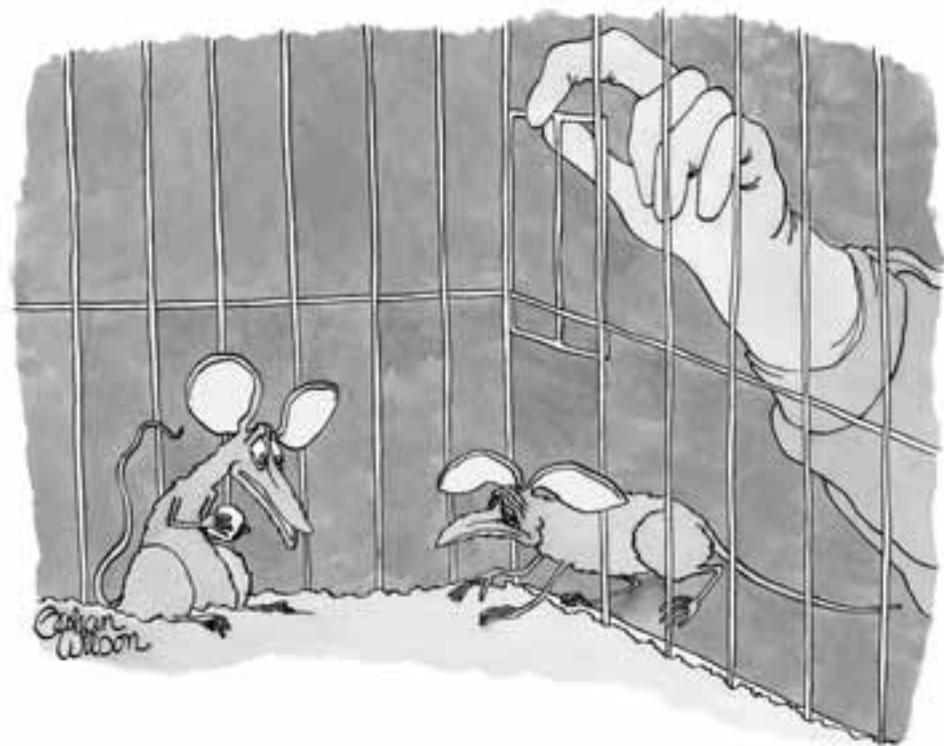


"Are we in this Starbucks or the one down the street?"



"The TV money is good, but, as a writer, I feel more creatively fulfilled by the movie money."





"Tough day at the labyrinth?"



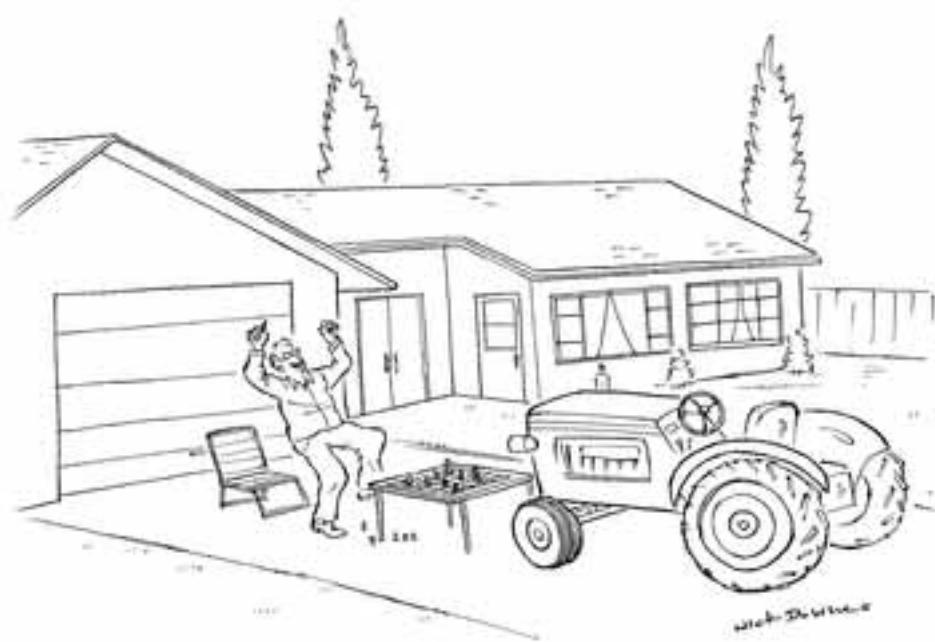
"He's heterosexual, but he works out as much as a homosexual."



*"When did your dad first explain foreign-currency
exchange rates to you?"*



“Sure, technique counts, but at some point you’ve got to trust your criminal instincts.”



"Once again, man beats machine!"



*"I try to keep my coffee buzz going till the
Martini buzz kicks in."*



*"The chef said all the regular stuff is as special
as it's going to get today."*



"Uh-oh."



*"It's such a bummer, but it looks like I'll have to work
for the next thirty or forty years."*



"I'm having my wedding ring melted down into a bullet."



*"To quote my broker, 'Past results are no guarantee
of future performance.'"*



"At least there's one place that's not youth-oriented."



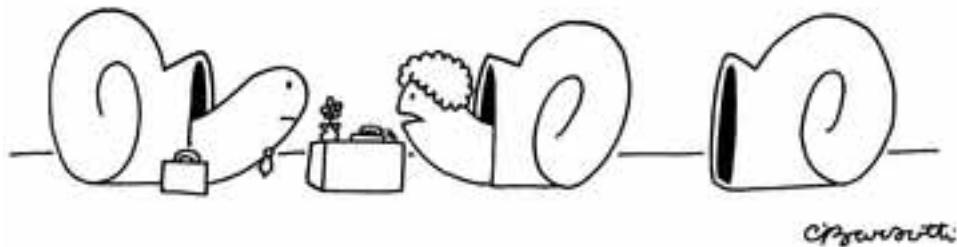
*"The judicial rulings are over here. That section
is all lawyer jokes."*



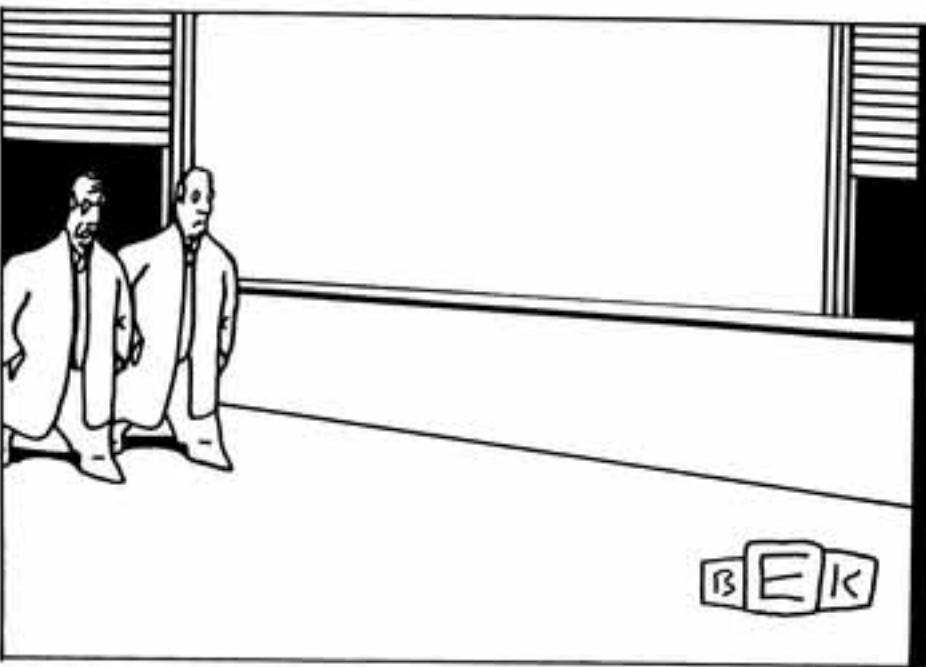
"Didn't this use to be the time slot for his news briefings?"







"You just missed him. He's gone home."



"It's amazing what a difference three hundred billion dollars makes."



*"I had all my good ideas too early
and my mad ideas too late."*



"More quarters! For God's sake, more quarters!"



*"I never had to choose between a baby and
a career—I'm a surrogate mother."*





"You're five. How could you possibly understand the problems of a five-and-a-half-year-old?"





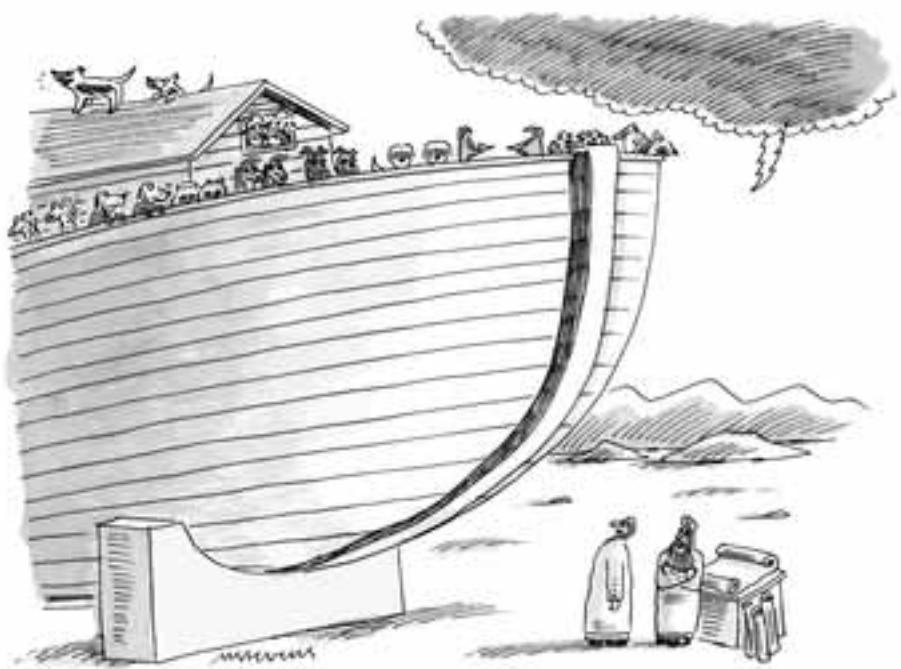
*"I can't decide between a little umbrella
and an olive on a sword."*

THE BREAKUP

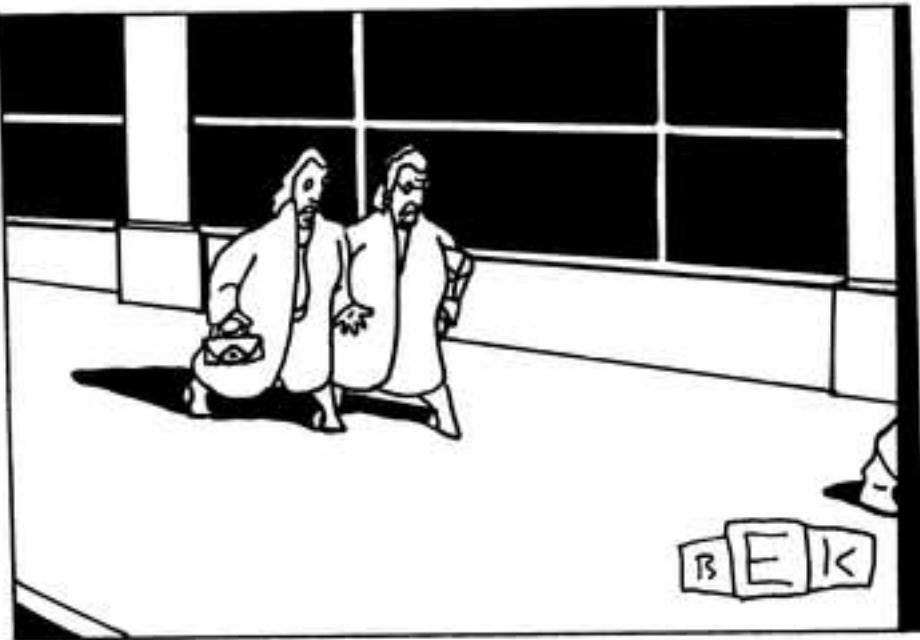




"He's clean."



“Obviously, somebody screwed up somewhere.”



"You always think this is going to be the scone that changes everything for you."



*"I don't feel we've known each other long
enough to sit in a booth."*



"It was a party school."



*"Look sharp, everybody! Here comes
the athletic director."*



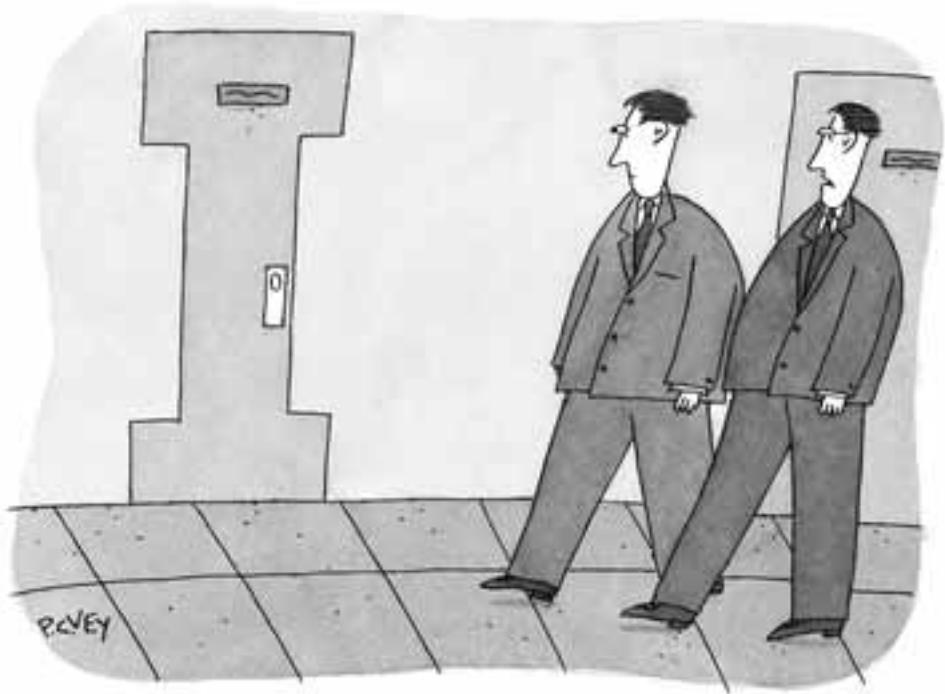
*"Go do something, honey. Then you can
write in your journal."*



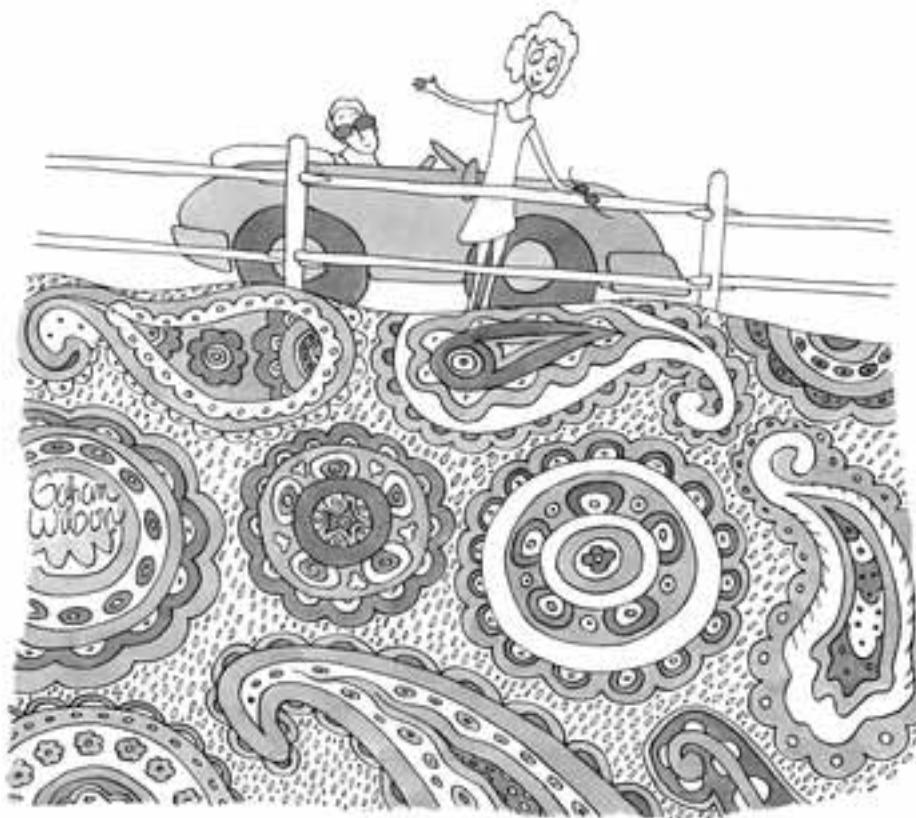
"I don't like to define myself by whose nanny I am."



"The boos I can handle. It's the silence of the educated fans that rankles."



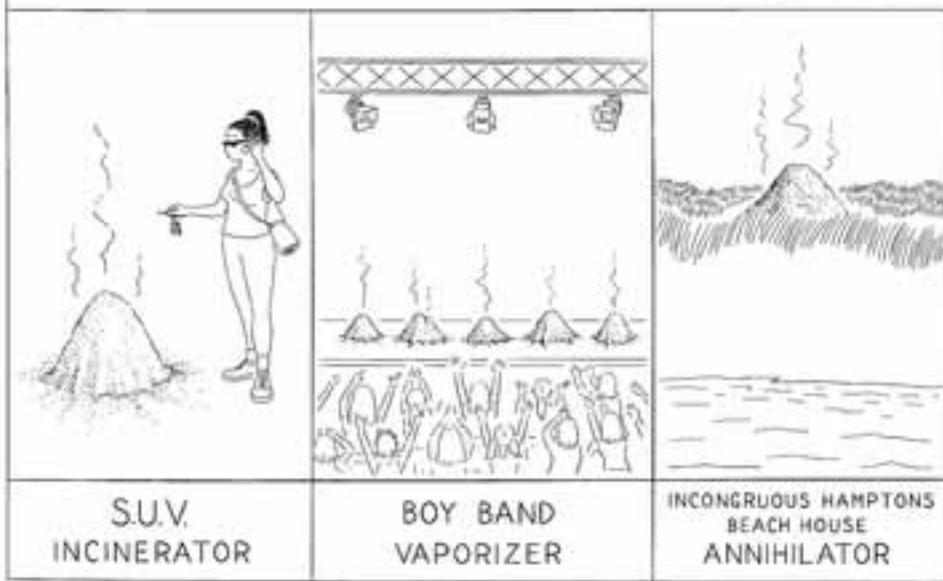
*"That's our idea department—the door was
one of their ideas."*



"It's a whole field of paisley!"

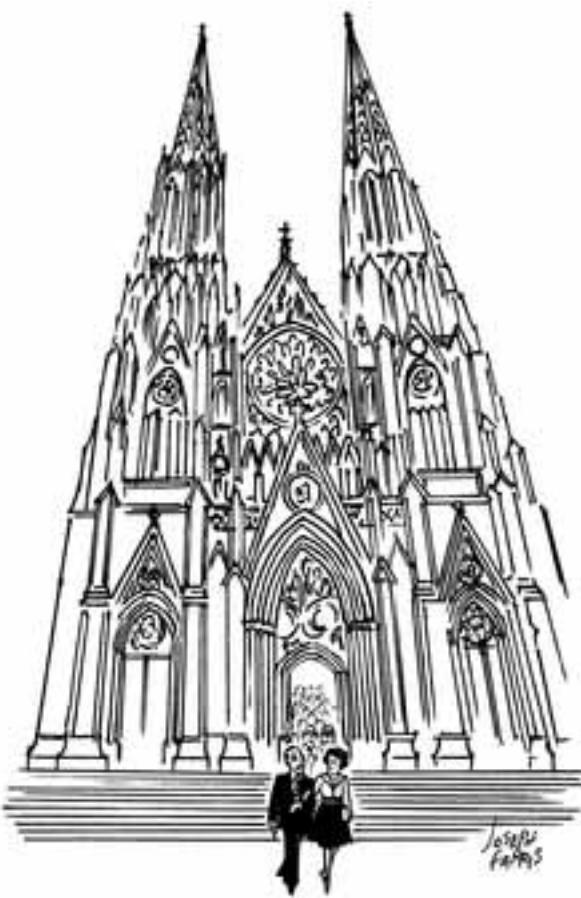


"And that's why we wear red suspenders."

SPACE-BASED WEAPONS WE NEED TODAY.







*"The Cardinal seemed a little
preoccupied today."*

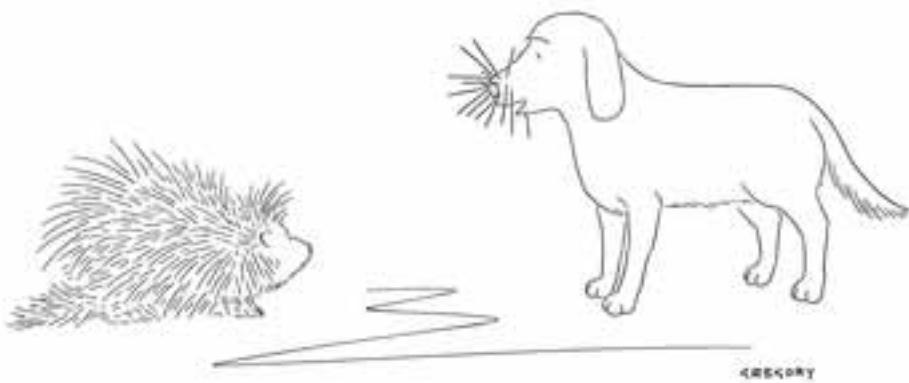


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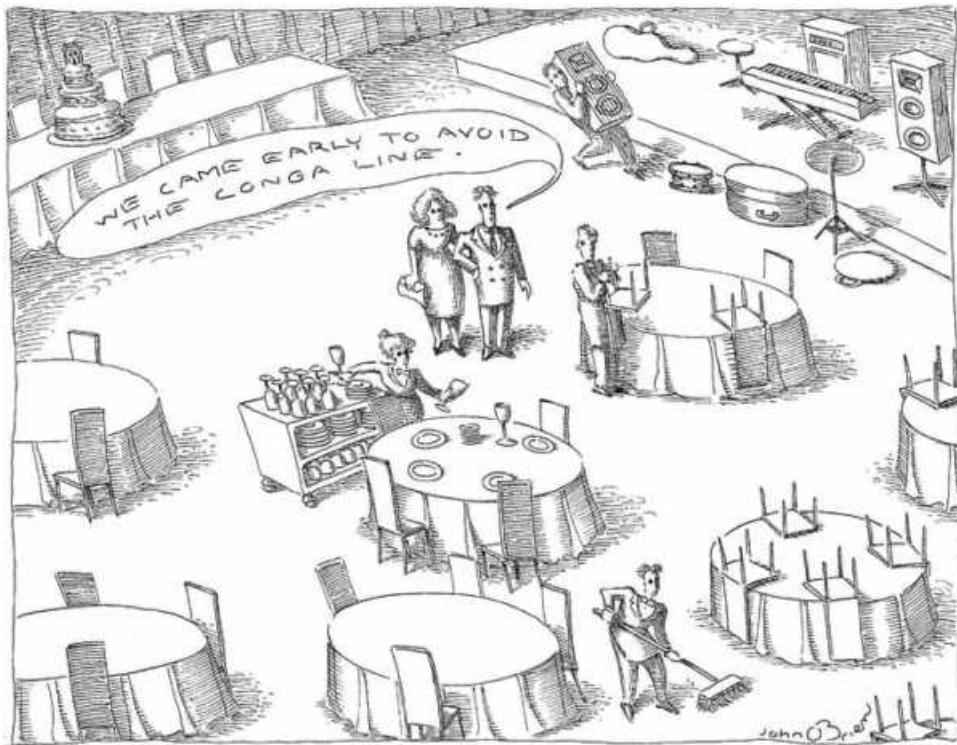
*"Why are you special? Because I'm your
mommy, and I'm special."*



*"Don't you hate it when you plant evidence
but forget where?"*

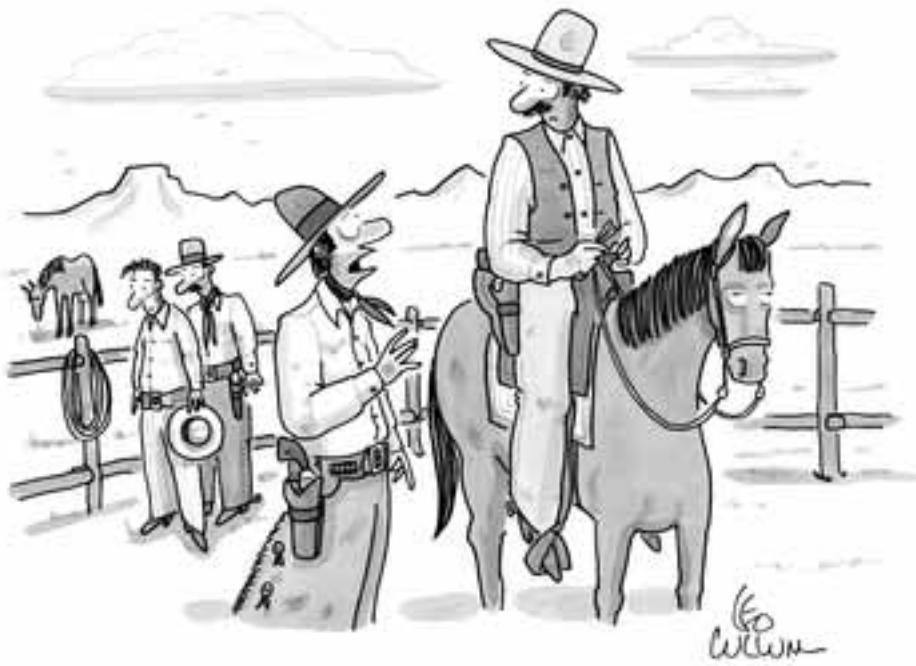


"On the plus side, you've cured my back pain."





*"In the criminal-justice system, the courtrooms
are cleaned every night by members of
the cleaning crew. These are their stories."*



*"Slim has a dry scaly patch on his neck! Ride to town
and bring the dermatologist."*



"I hope you don't call that a party face."



Victoria Roberts

"I clipped his wings, but they grew back."



"It says in lieu of gifts, we should not show up."



"Nice to meet you, Ted, and thanks for coming by on such short notice."

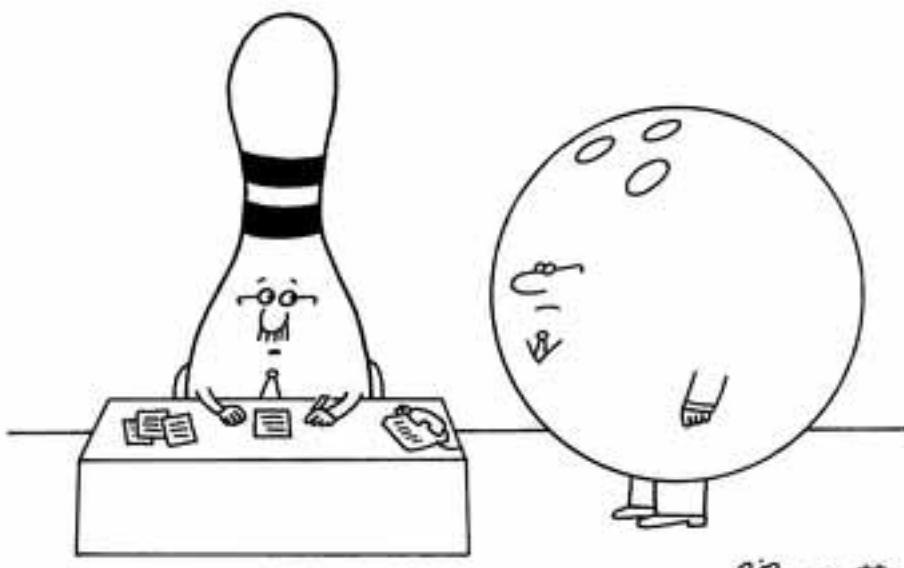


"They say I'm practical in bed."



"Look, I'm the bobblehead of this team."





"Don't say it—I'll clean out my desk."



*"Starting Monday, this radio station will switch from
classical music to hard-core rap."*



*"You can't send me to bed now—not when events
are breaking so fast."*

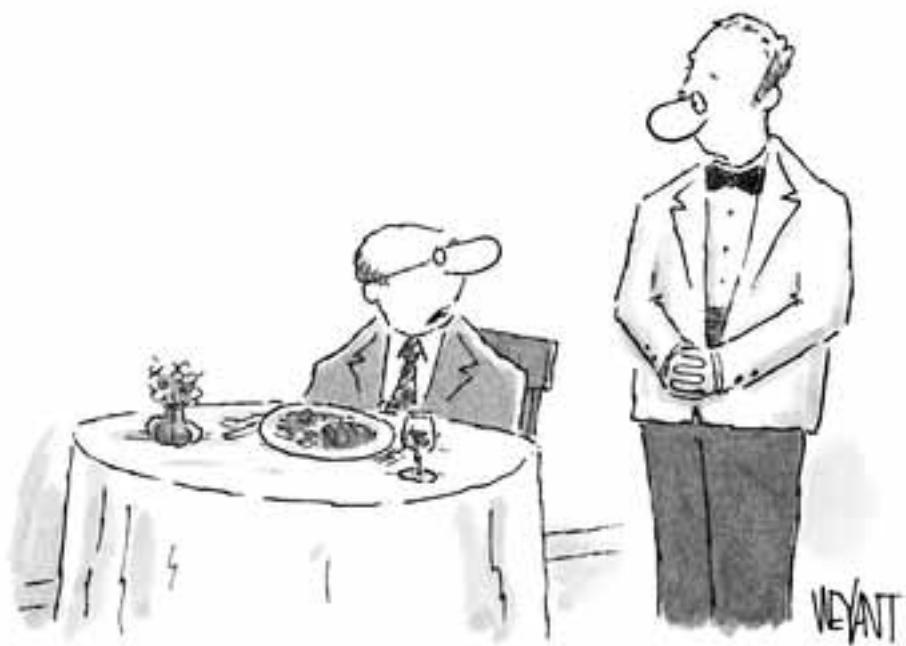




"Do you know how to make a fly-juice Martini?"



"Daddy doesn't hate the Yankees. Daddy has issues with the Yankees."



*"No, there's nothing wrong with the food. I just
needed a little attention."*

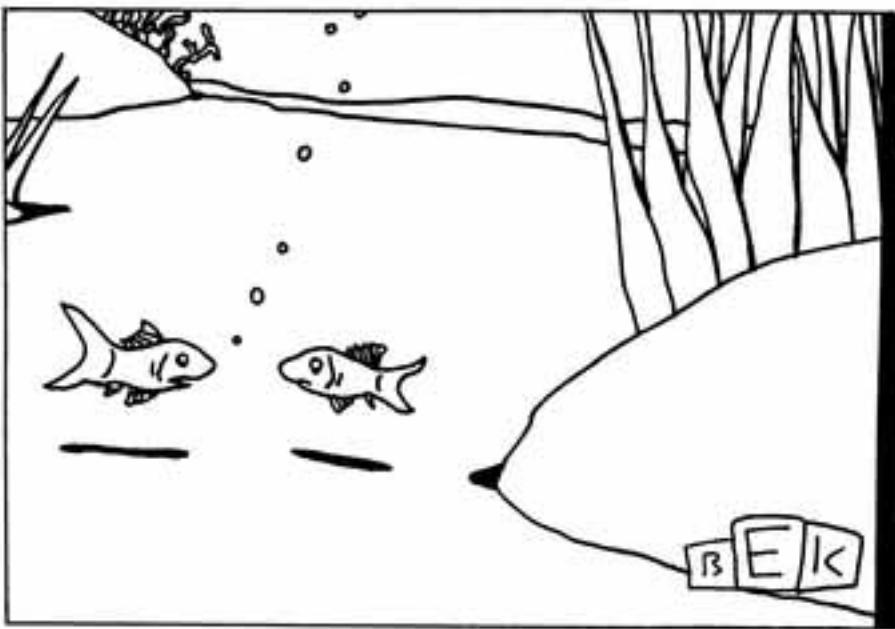


"It's still the red-carpet treatment, even if it's only remnants."





"You're right! There are no women on the Joint Chiefs of Staff—I can't believe I never noticed that!"



"I want the whole package—the little bowl, the colored pebbles, the plastic castle."

| IN THE ERA OF |
| REDUCED EXPECTATIONS |





"It's a good thing you're here. I just punctured your eardrum."



"I ate my homework."



"You have until he rolls his eyes and looks at his watch."



"When did everybody stop jogging?"



"I have a fear of commitment to you."





"Damn things!"



"Agreed. We'll reduce our arsenal of insults, jibes and grievances by one-third but will be permitted to stockpile them for use should the need arise."



"An everything Martini, please."



"Got him!"



"Why don't you get off the computer and watch some TV?"

BY NOW, BIN LADEN COULD LOOK LIKE THIS:





"Yes, it makes you look taller."



*"What does he know, and how long
will he know it?"*



"We have lots of information technology. We just don't have any information."







*"I'm over on Third Avenue. Not much
compassion here, either."*



*"Uh-oh—Lorraine just kicked off her shoes.
That's the start of her one-woman show."*



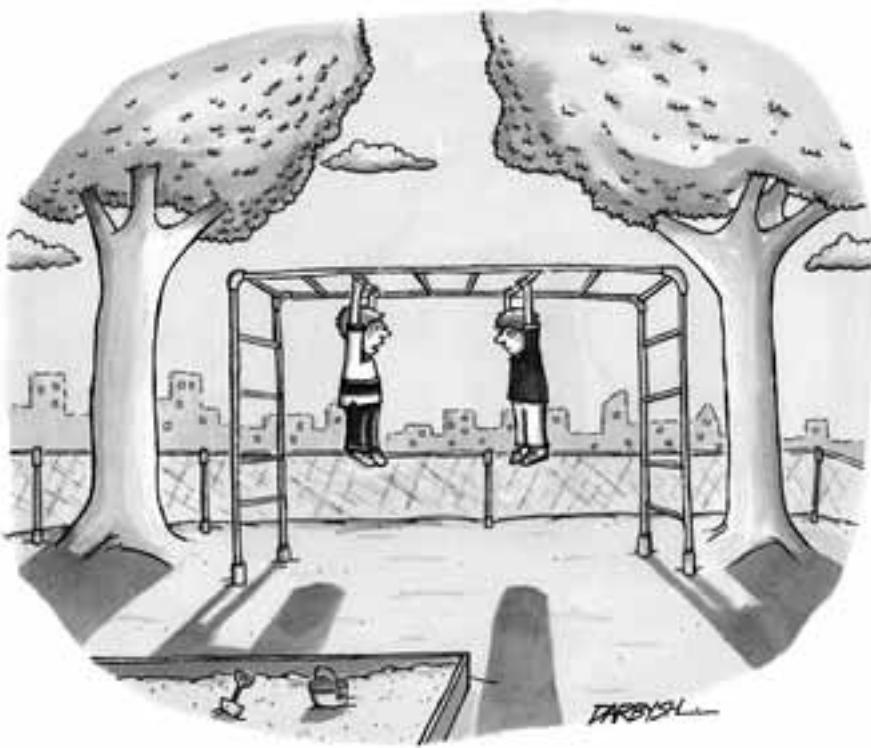
"My Chilean monkey flower is just sitting there doing nothing."



"Trying to live more in the moment was your idea."



"I wouldn't worry about it—this is marketing's headache."



"I like you, Henry—you're one of the few people around here who actually get it."



"Every Thursday I do her nails."



"Last time I told him you were here, he seemed to be getting increasingly interested."

COMPLETE CARTOONS OF THE NEW 2002



Roz Chast (5/27/2002)

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*"Love the work you've been doing with
the Church recently."*



"We're talking fifteen hundred to find the dots, then another fifteen hundred to connect them."



"Wait a minute—we don't have a house in the Hamptons."







"Yes, I do make things, son. I make things called deals."



"Relax, sir. I'm a professional driver and this is a closed course."

DREAM PARENTS



R. Chast



*"Do you have any problem being
fired by a woman?"*



"I don't get paid enough to speak up."



“Life has its seasons, Kaitlin. This is the baseball season.”



"Butcher!"



"J.P. will be joining you by speakerphone."



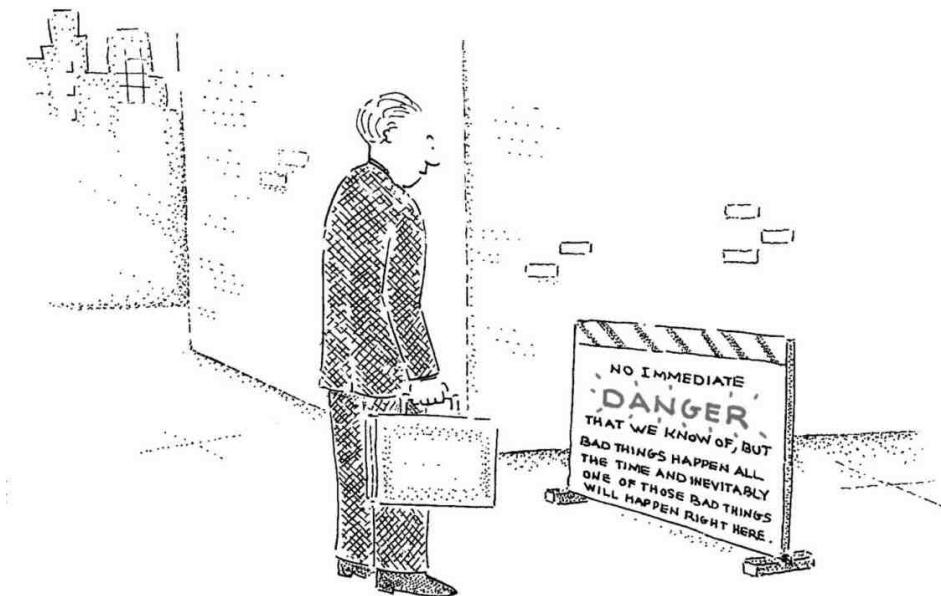
*"I'll have the misspelled 'Ceasar' salad and the
improperly hyphenated veal osso-buco."*

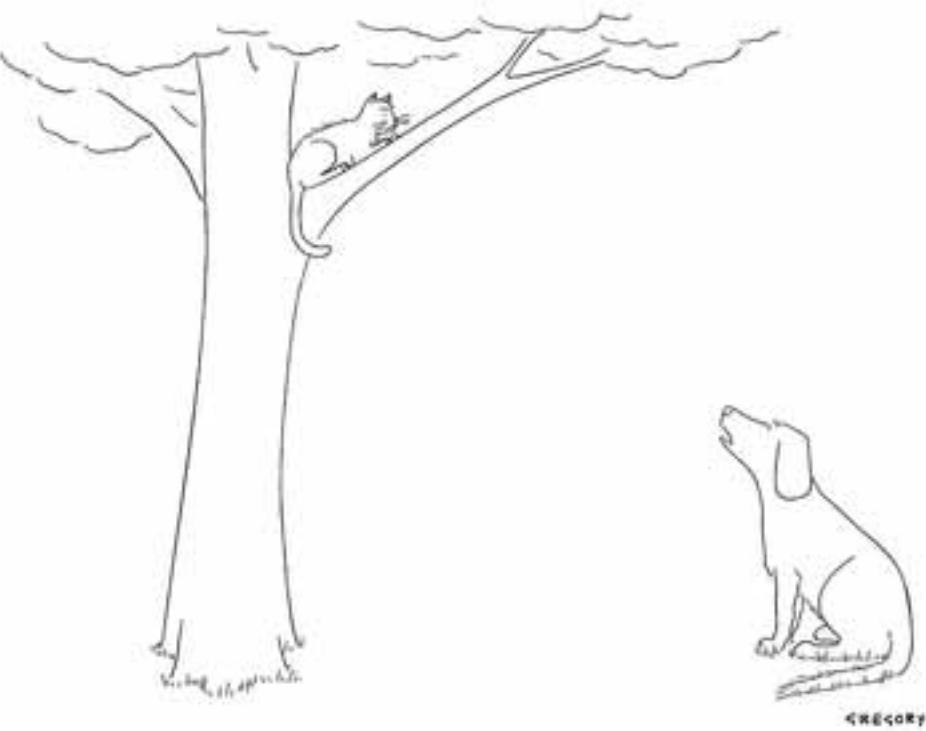
IN A PERFECT UNIVERSE





*"I don't know anything about global warming, but
these ice cubes are melting like crazy."*





*"O.K., here's the deal—I'll stop chasing you if
you agree to become a dog."*



*"I'll have the barbecued half-pounder, with
all the ramifications."*



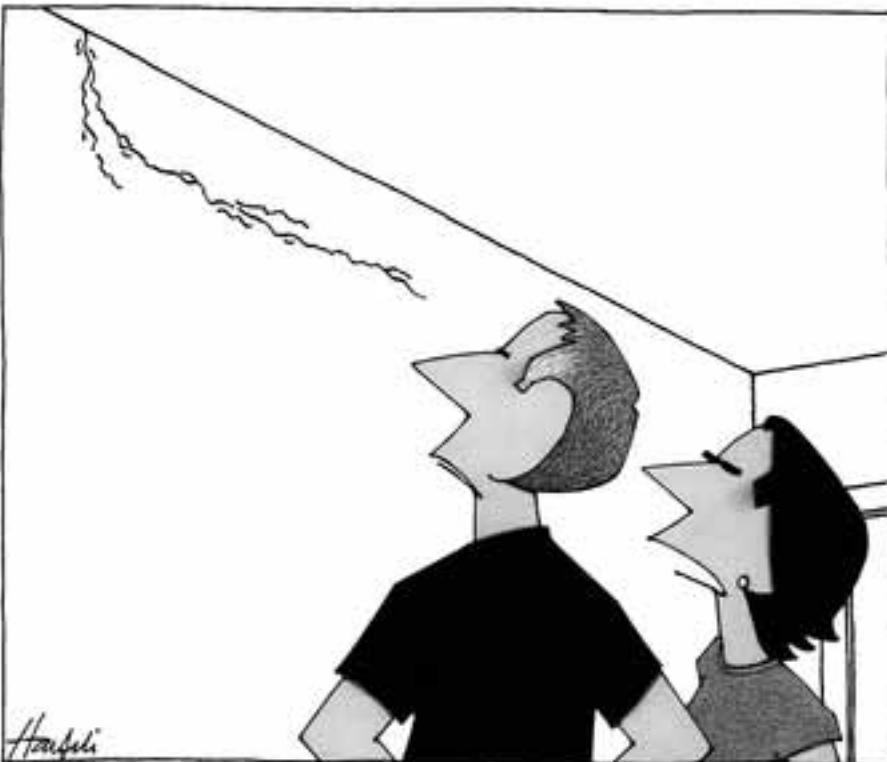
"Damn thing's supposed to be attorney-proof."



"Bad timing—he's in one of his Old Testament moods today."



"Very impressive. I'd like to find five thousand more like you."



“Can’t we just get some load-bearing wallpaper?”



*"O.K., you've just sentenced him to twenty-five
years to life—now push 'send.'"*

YOUR SON'S FRIENDS





"Feel free to hydrate during my presentation."



*"I, too, longed to find a cause greater than
myself—fortunately, I never did."*



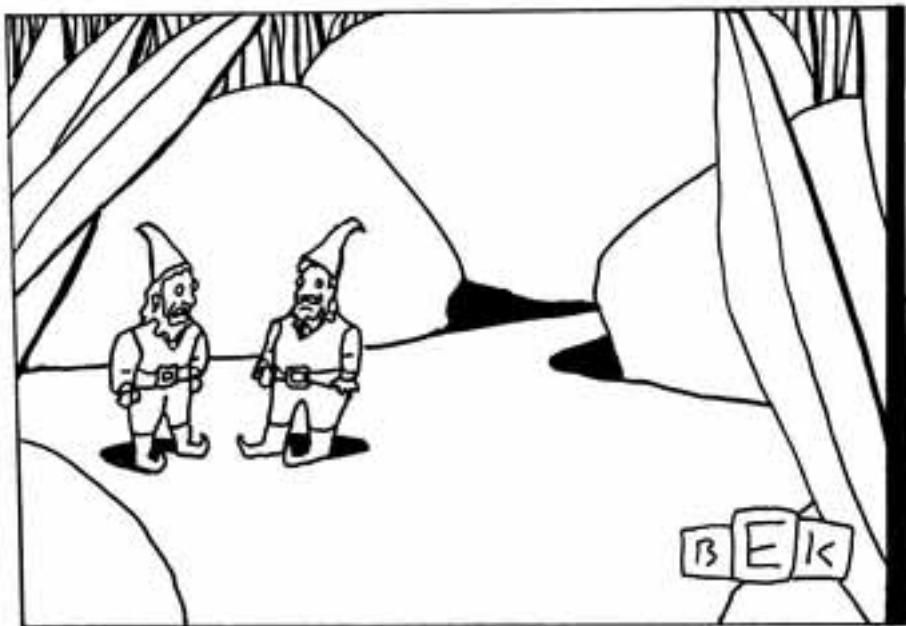
"I'm also going to need something slightly less formal, for after the incursion."



"I smell petroleum reserves."



*"With your kind permission, I've taken the
liberty of putting Marvin on 'mute.' "*



*"I can't live in a glen that has such a narrow definition
of what it is to be elfin."*



"Here comes the ambassador now!"



"The tide is coming in, sweetheart!"



*"I'm sorry, Timothy, but there's no use suing
over spilt milk, either."*



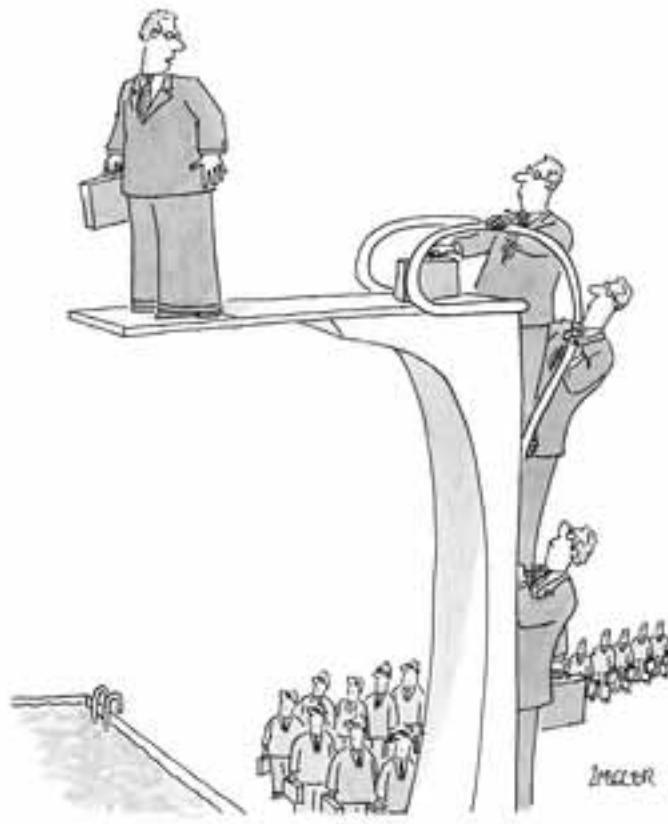
"I'm old. What's good for that?"



*"No More School: A Dream Unfulfilled,"
by Howard Willocoski."*



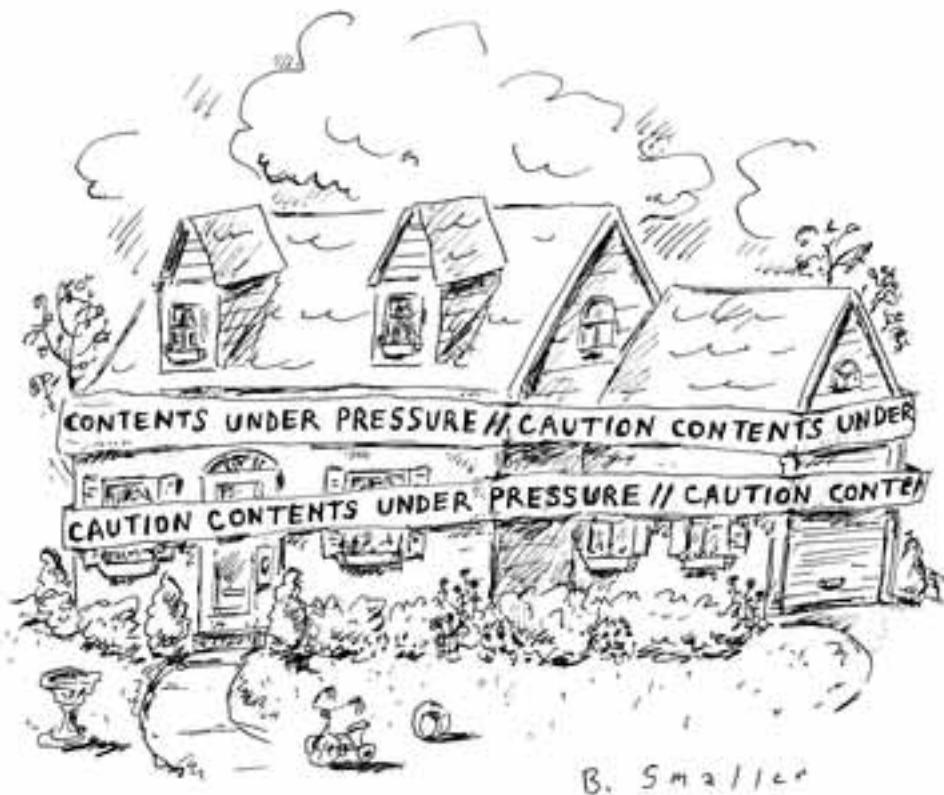
"I married for love. I divorced for money."



*"The bottom line here, gentlemen, is that,
no matter what we do, we're going to
wind up getting wet."*

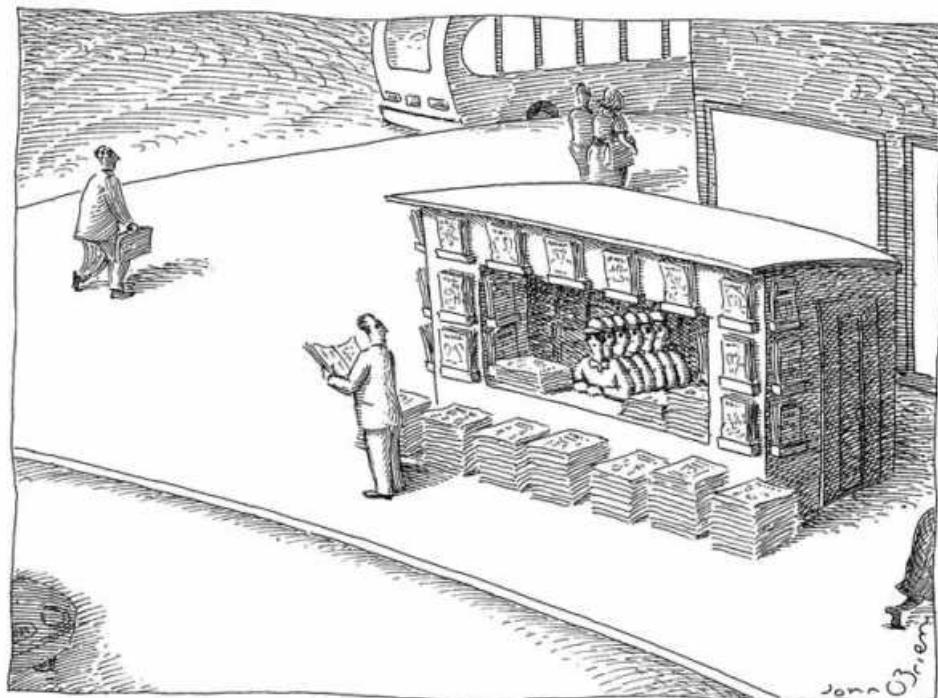
THE COMPETITIVE EDGE







"I don't usually tell people I'm a writer because I've never actually written anything."







*“Sure he’s still Mr. Right, Beth? Up there in
that Blue Jays cap?”*

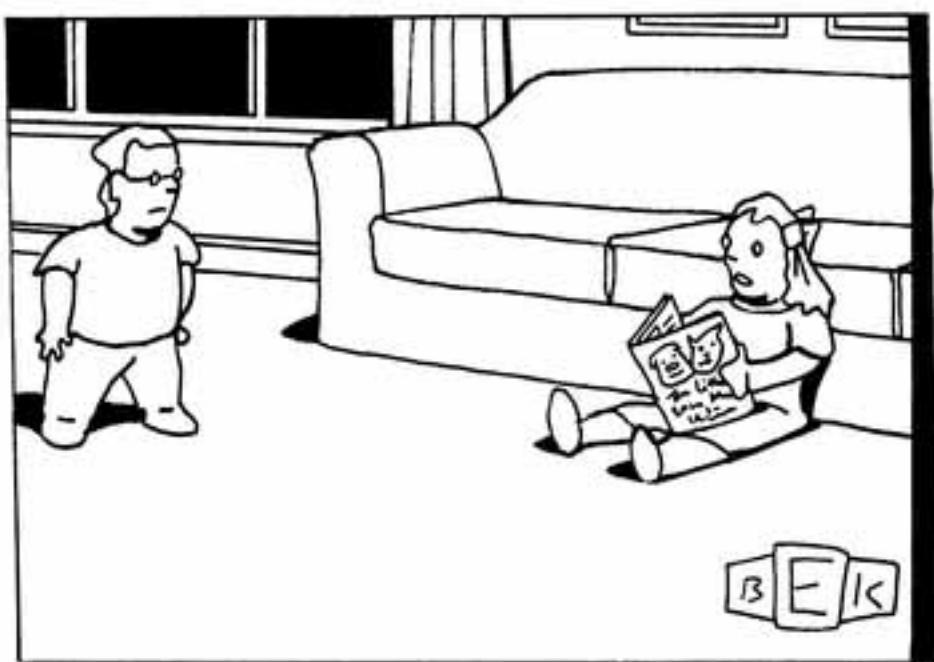


*"You haven't said anything for ten years.
Is everything O.K.?"*





"Can't you ever relax?"



"Finally, the alphabet is paying off."



"Check it out!"



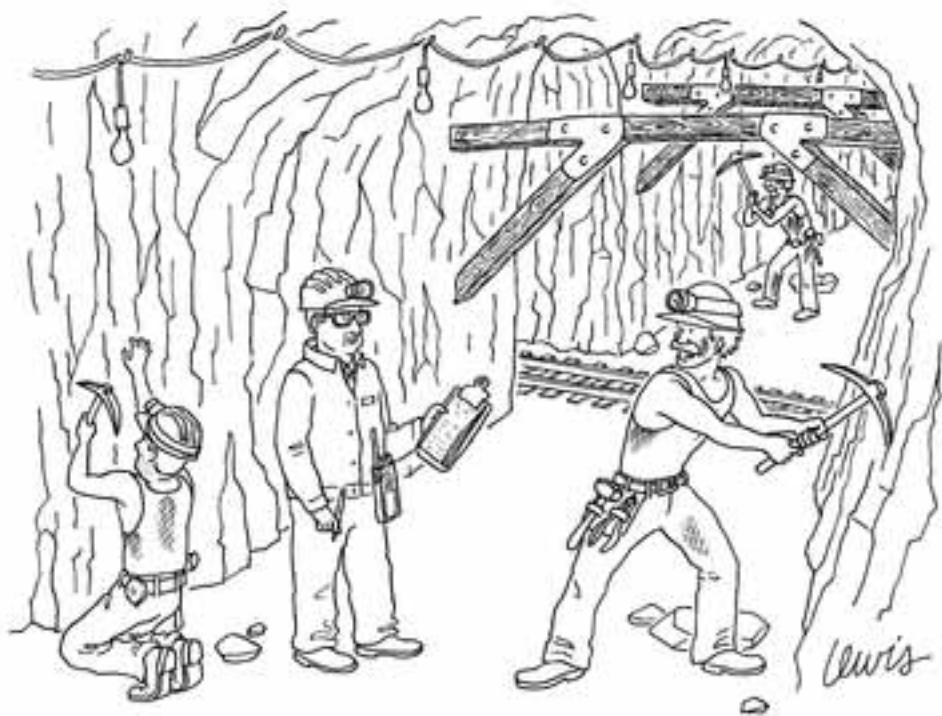
"This is that awkward part of the evening when I say, 'Put your hands behind your back—you're under arrest.'"



"Badda-boom, Badda-bing."



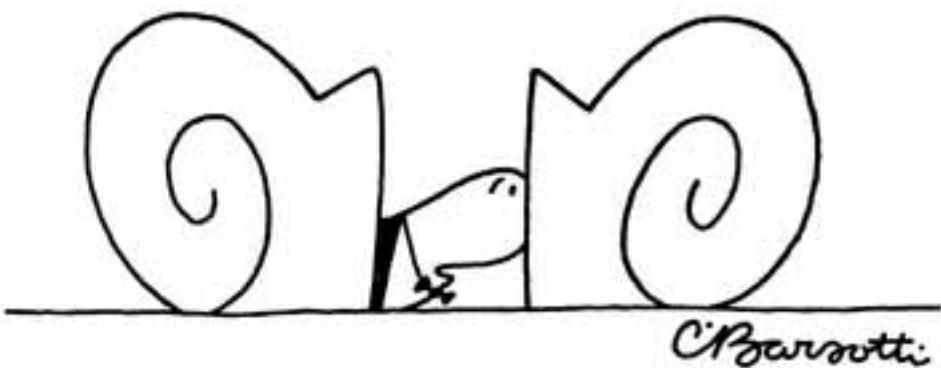
*"It's never been about money. It's about the cool
stuff money can buy."*



*"If it's all the same to you, chief, I'd like to work
from home tomorrow."*



*"While we're protecting like hell against brain drain,
they come in and raid all our brownnoses!"*



"You look great. Let's go!"





"It's the story of my life, isn't it? Always the subplot—never the plot."



“Lucy, this is Father’s Day, not Father Issues Day.”



"I don't actually write his speeches—I just nuance them."



"What you lack in business savvy you more than make up for in owning the company."



"Dinner is scrambled."



"O.K., who said 'Mazel tov'?"



*"After you've finished doing what you're doing,
could you not begin doing something else?"*



*"I envy you—I wish I were close enough to my
family to be estranged."*



"You're awfully young to have so many headaches."



"I wish you'd be more supportive of my efforts to divorce you."

ARRIVALS



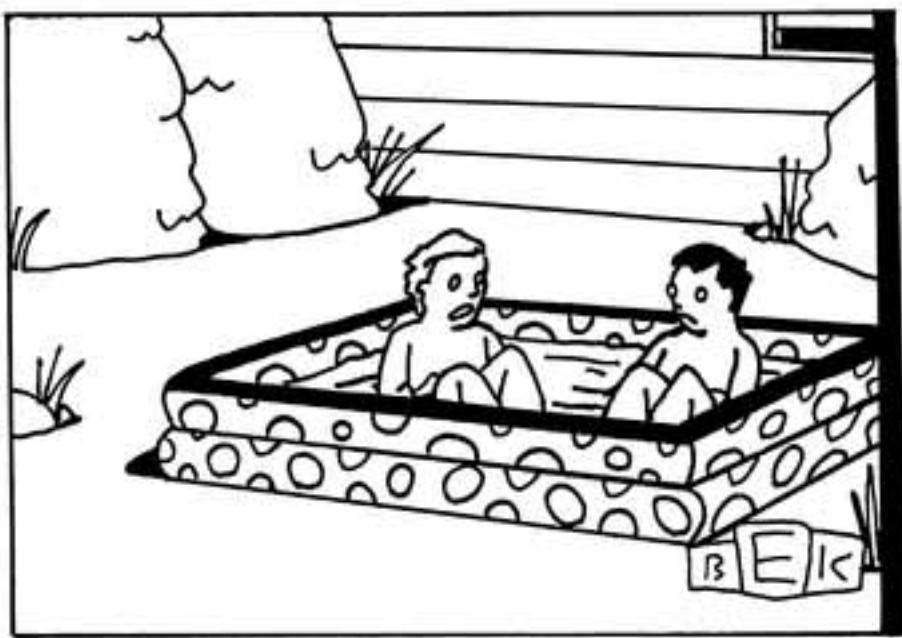
"You really think this will work?"



"It appears we've moved from proactive to preëemptive."



*"My gosh! You remind me so much of your
father when he was in prison."*



"The inflatable pool is a harsh mistress."



"To really get to know someone, you've got to divorce them."



*"Hey, man, you didn't have to
mention me by name."*





“And, if you’d like something to read, we have books on tap.”



"Can he call you back? He's meditating."



"Please continue. I'm all—briefcase!—ears."



"And the letterbox version, how does that make you feel?"



"I'm always tempted to buy one of the more esoteric flavors—if only out of pity."



"You have to admit, he knows how to articulate his message."

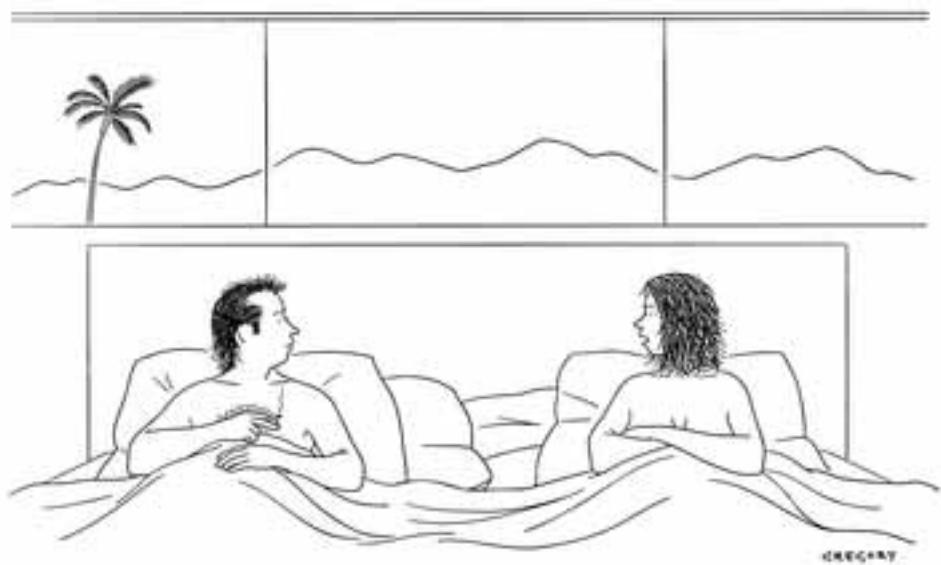




*"I wonder if future generations will realize that
their forefathers were such gun nuts?"*



"Just even it out."



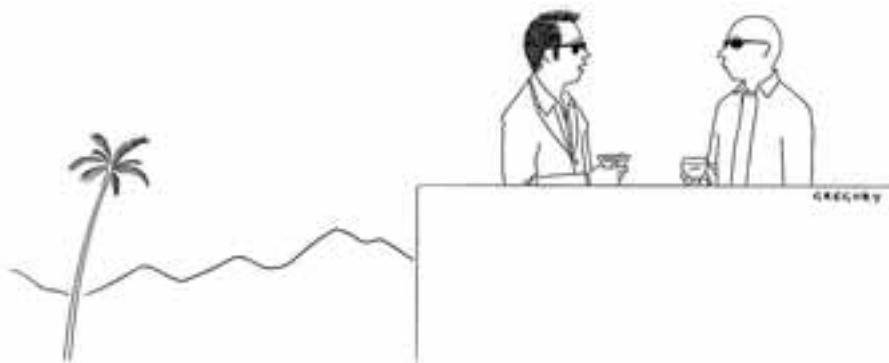
"Next time, I'd like the director's cut."



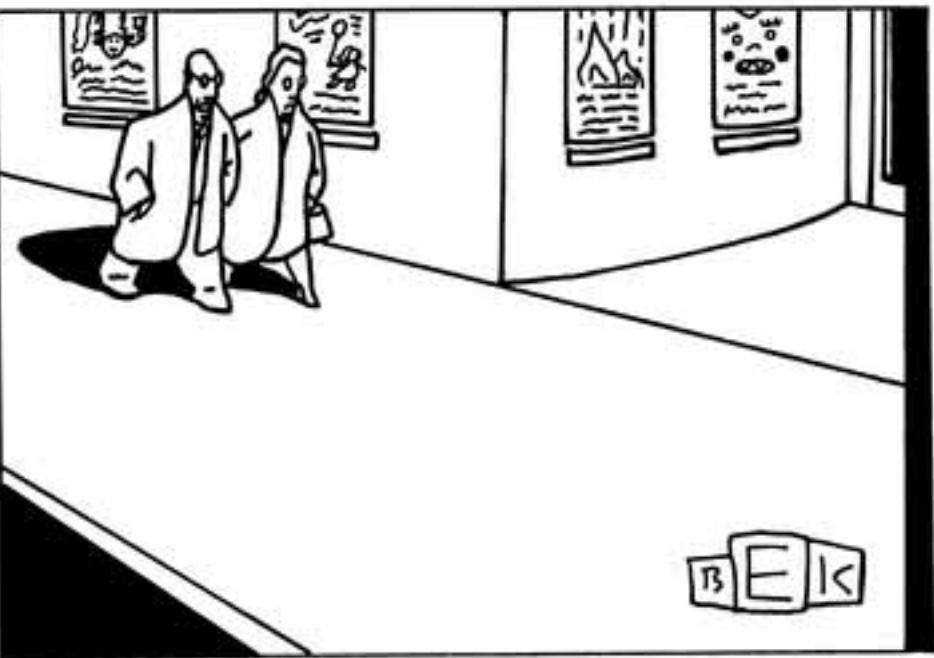
"Of course, you get two bags of peanuts."



*"My goodness, Grandmother, what big shares you dumped
just before these companies went belly-up!"*



"I won't attend a benefit unless I know it's for a worthwhile photo spread."



"When did movies start being dumb all year round?"





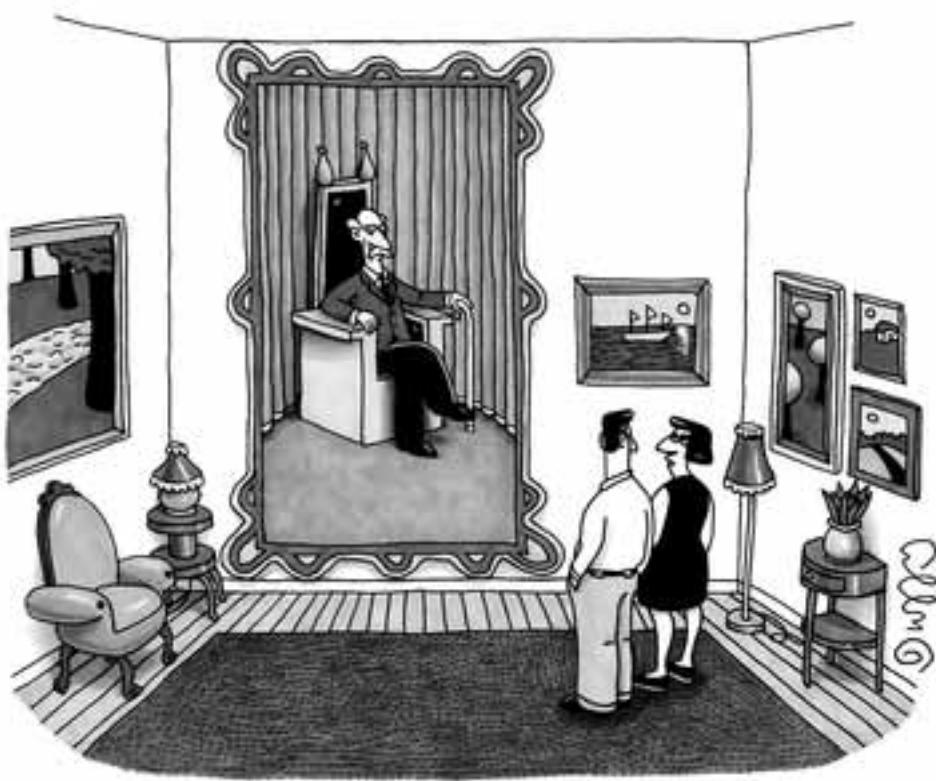
"What's to prevent some total stranger anywhere in the world from paying my bills?"



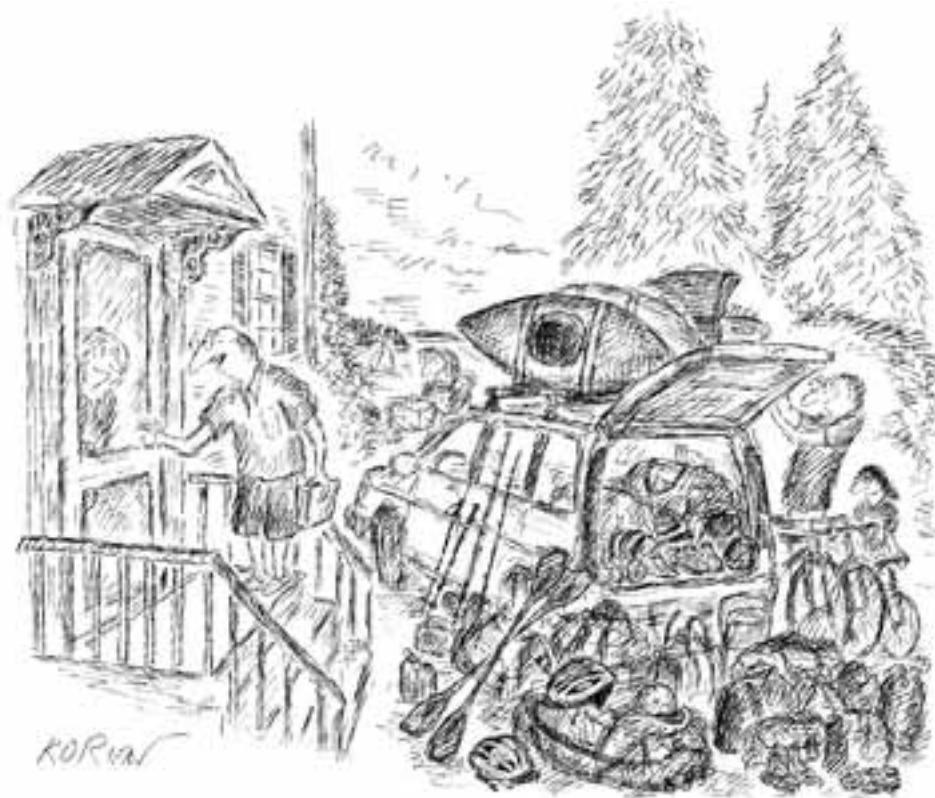
"I actually know more commands than I respond to."



"When they built this, Jeremy, parks didn't have themes."



"I thought he was your grandfather."



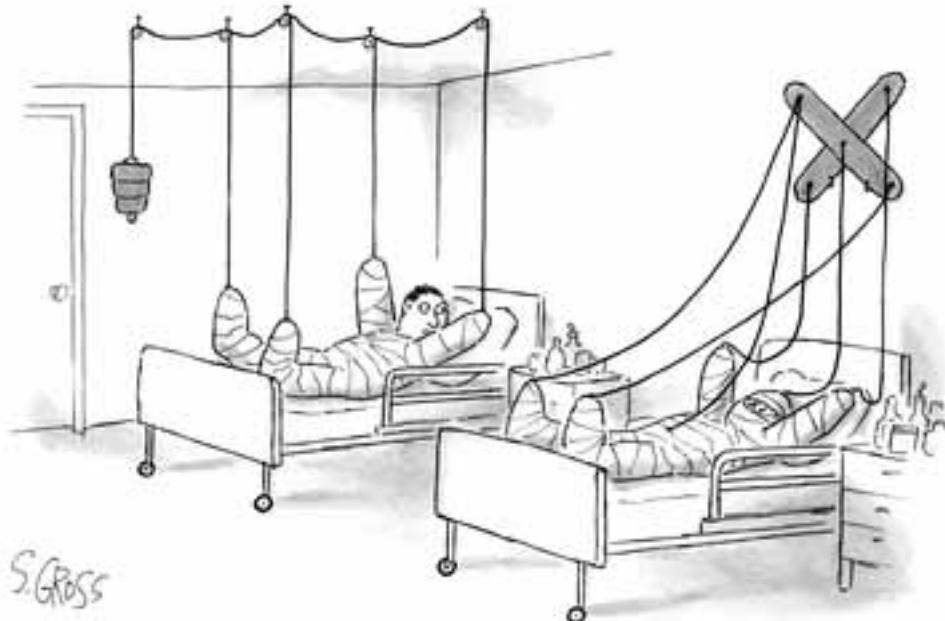
*"Carol, our guests are here, along with the entire
L.L. Bean catalogue!"*



EXTREME SHEEPHERDING



*"I see the empty nest as a place where an apartment
can finally grow up."*



HOAX ETHNIC FOOD





*"If you just follow Sadie, she'll show
you the way out."*



"Method works, dear, but madness takes all."



"Oh, that three billion dollars."



"I'm taking my voucher and going to circus school."







"The computers went down at the supermarket, and everybody took it as a signal to go ahead and loot."



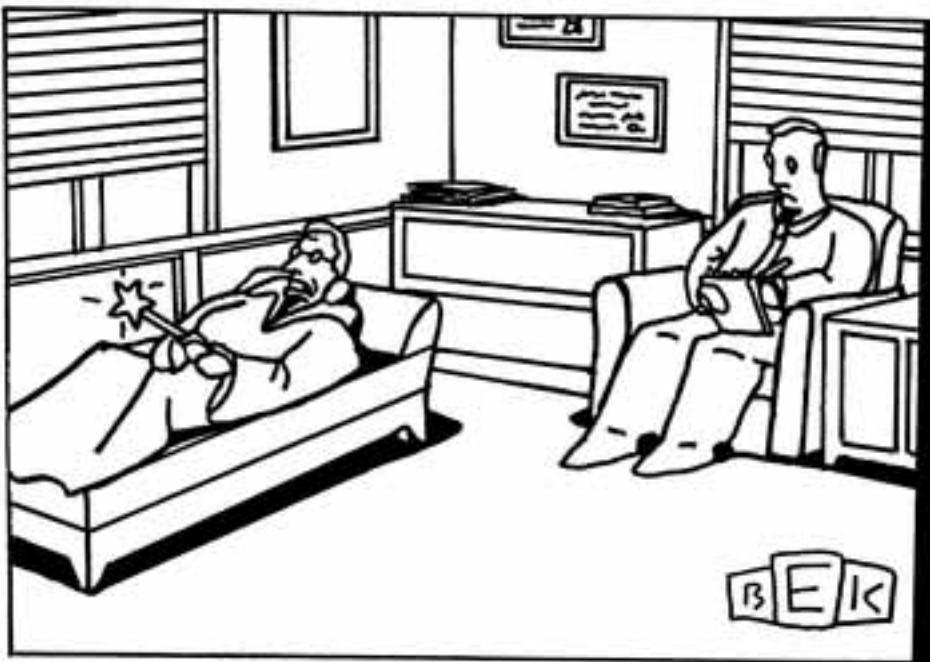
*"You forget what the sand smells like, then you remember,
swear you'll never leave, then you get bored."*





"When I was your age, I was fifteen."





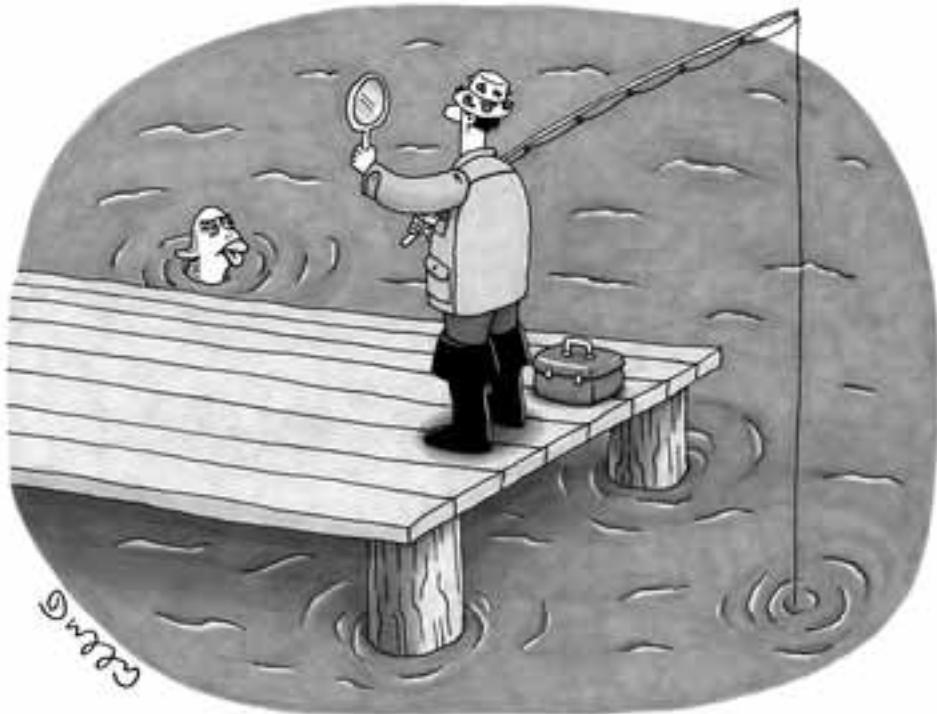
"And I don't seem any closer to figuring out why I'm not granting my own wishes."



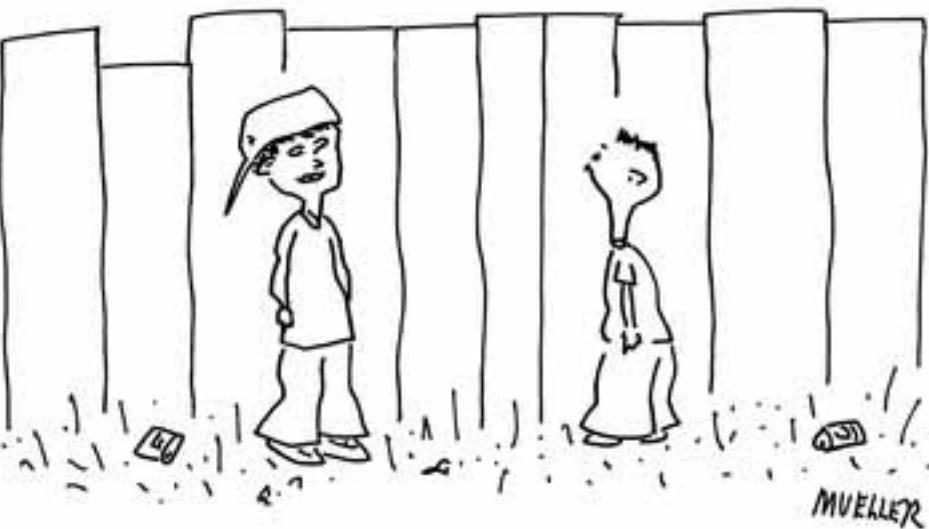
*“More and more of my evenings seem to be ending
at some stupid little place in Brooklyn.”*



*"The state asks that the defendant, although a tadpole,
be charged as a frog."*



"Nobody likes a showoff."



"Let's find something and keep it from blowing up."



"Bad news on Wall Street today, as the bottom fell out of the market, the sides collapsed, and the top blew away."







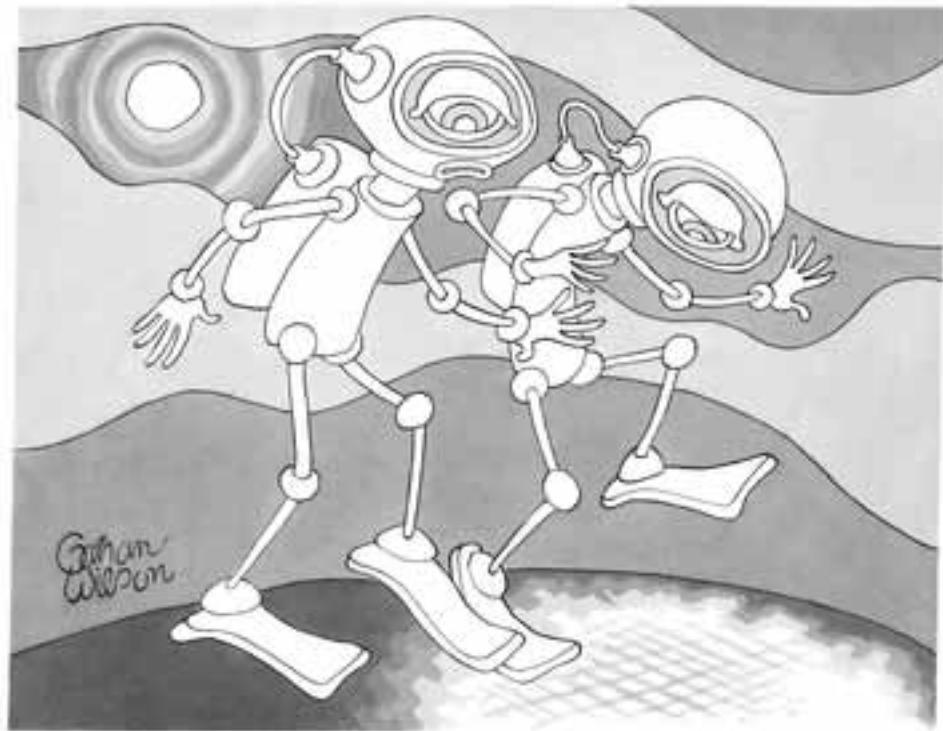
"If you can get his parents to go ballistic, he can't hit a thing."



"Do you think we can sit here until there's a dot-com revival?"



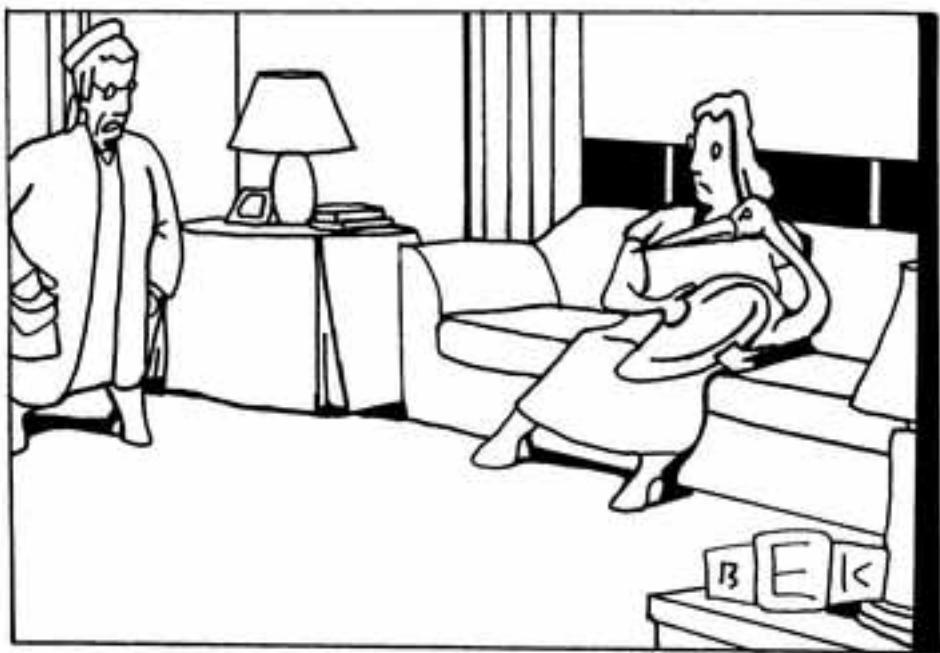
"Tell your assistant it's perfect."



"Step carefully—Los Angeles is one of their major cities!"



"Now, are you here to see the top dog or the queen bee?"



"I don't believe in egrets."





"This feels like a real breakthrough, Dr. Perlman."



"Well, we've licked taxes—that just leaves death."



*"There might have been some carelessness on my part,
but it was mostly just good police work."*



"I didn't go to the office today. I went to the zoo."



"Scrunchy."



"Your mother was in here looking for you."

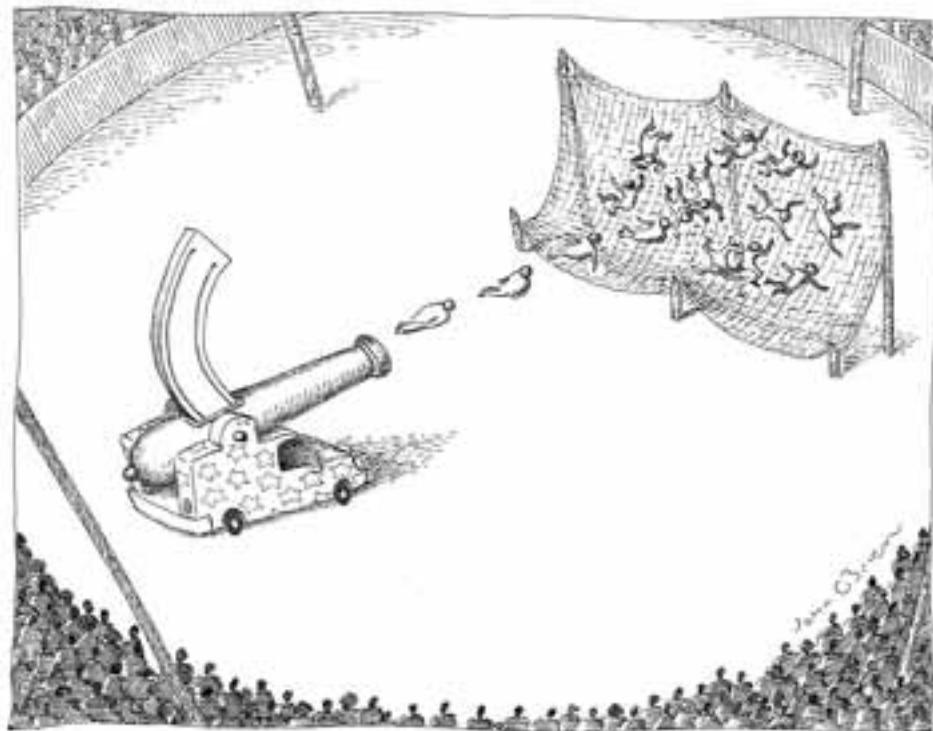




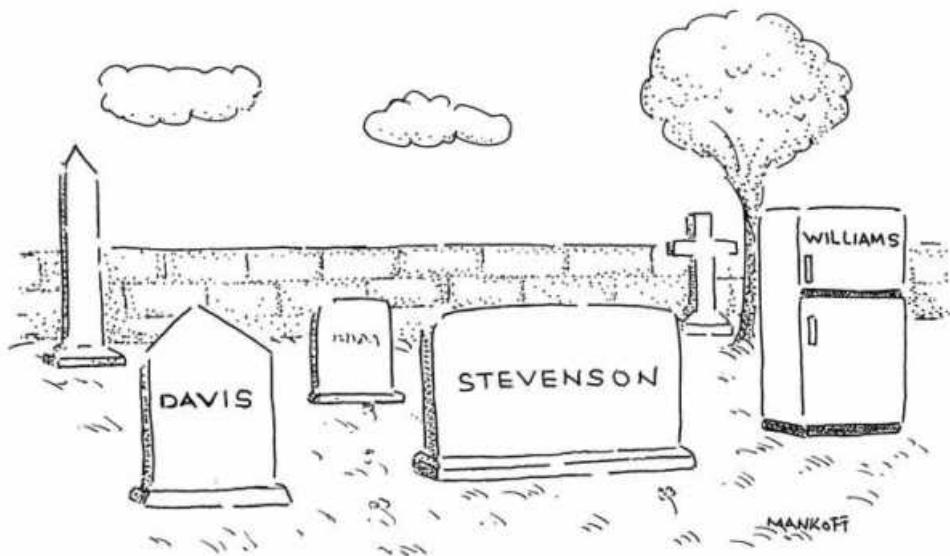
"I don't mind the drunk and loud and obnoxious. It's the inevitable Motown medley that makes me cringe."



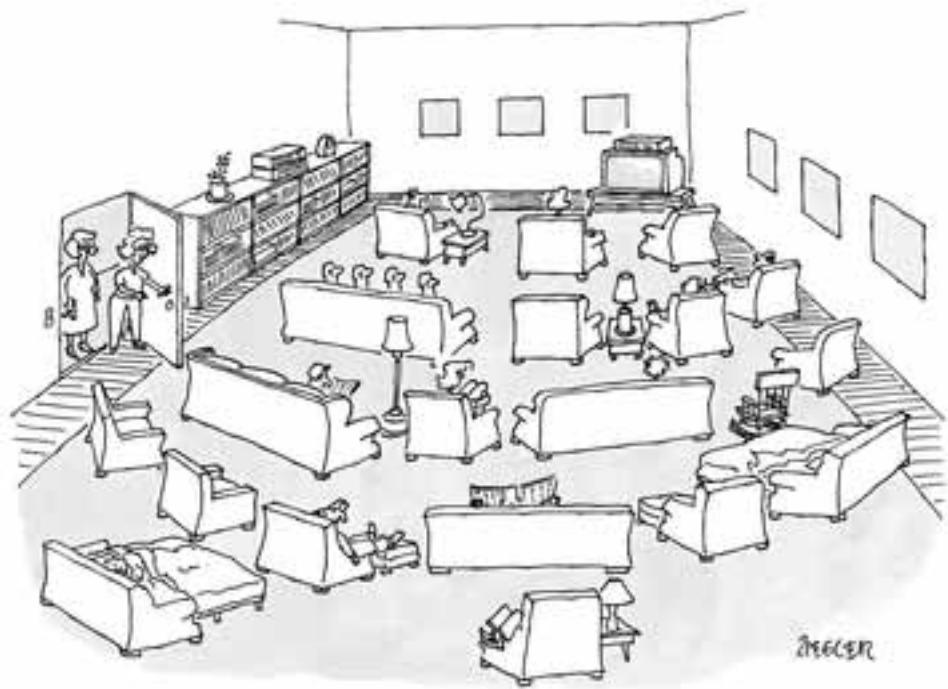
"While they're filming, just let everything get away."









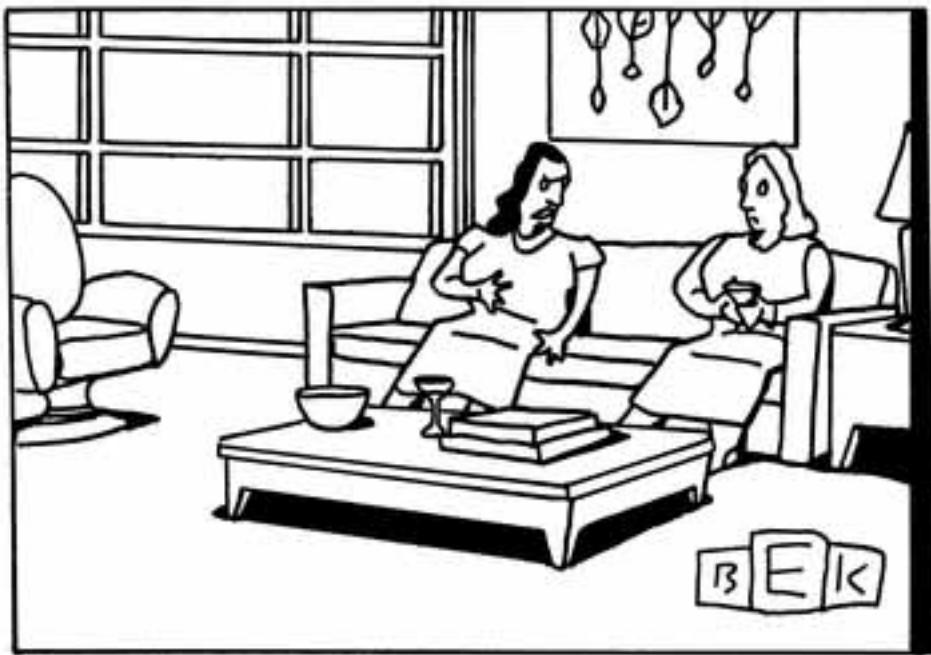


"And this is our extended family room."





"She could really shop."



*"He doesn't understand that I have certain needs I have
to talk about all day long."*



*"I'd rather be a huge part of the problem than a tiny
part of the solution."*



*"And then one day I decided, no more
razor burns for me."*



*"Not so loud, sweetie.
We're in Europe."*



"They let me keep my cubicle."



"Good God. My wife and my best friend."

LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS (1 OF 5)



"We're pleased to announce that your company has shrewdly traded a cow for some magic beans."

LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS (2 OF 5)



"This is sloth—greed is on the top floor."

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LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS (3 OF 5)



LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS (4 OF 5)



*"Yes, I am a C.E.O., but not, I trust,
in the pejorative sense."*

LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS (5 OF 5)



"At least you know where you'll be in twenty-five years."



"Just reclaiming my Latino roots."



"I remember when there was no damn environment."





"First, can we agree that it's a big back yard?"

NEW VOCABULARY WORDS FOR THE

NEWLY NON-MEGA-RICH

R. Chast



"Obviously, they're evolving much faster than we are."





*"It's not as if I'm asking you to acknowledge
our common humanity."*



*"This stock market situation—what are
the military options?"*





"C'mon sweetie—you're only as bankrupt as you feel."



"You can build it with me, but you can't wreck it with me."





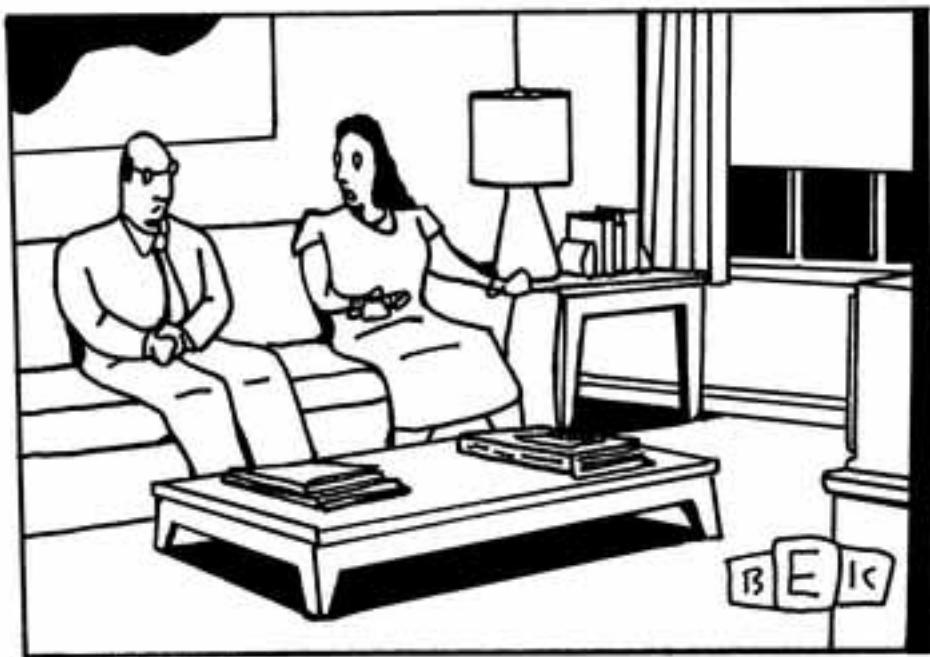
"Have you tried finessing her?"



*"I'm leaving public life so I can spend
more time with my lawyers."*



"If he wants it, let him have it."



"Do you want to watch someone cook or someone decorate?"



*"I was afraid it was bursitis, but it's only
repetitive stress injury."*



*"He's exactly the kind of man I've
always wanted to change."*



"So, are you here alone?"



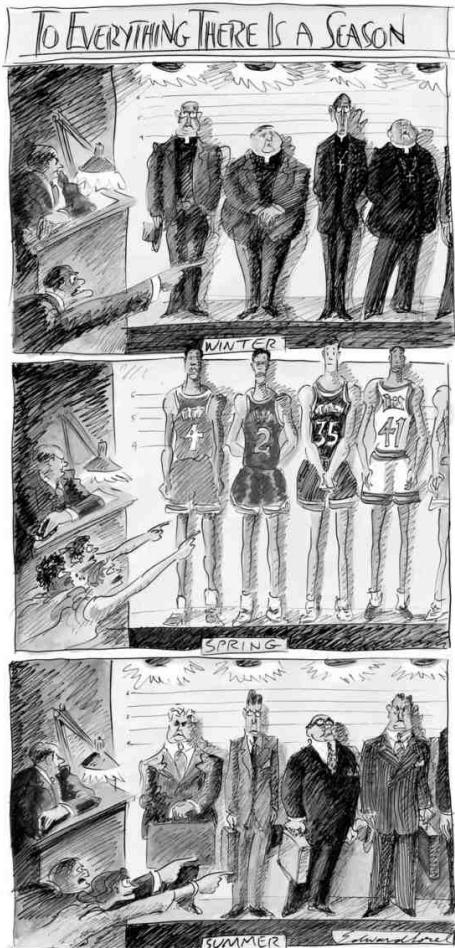
*"There's old Fuchburg's harrumph.
Right on time."*



"Is everything O.K., sir?"



"I'm sorry—you have the wrong language."





*"Of course, he was already very good at
Frisbee before steroids."*



"I would die, but I have a rent-controlled apartment."





"Would it be possible for you to totally exaggerate how much it will cost and how long it will take, so we'll be pleasantly surprised at the end?"

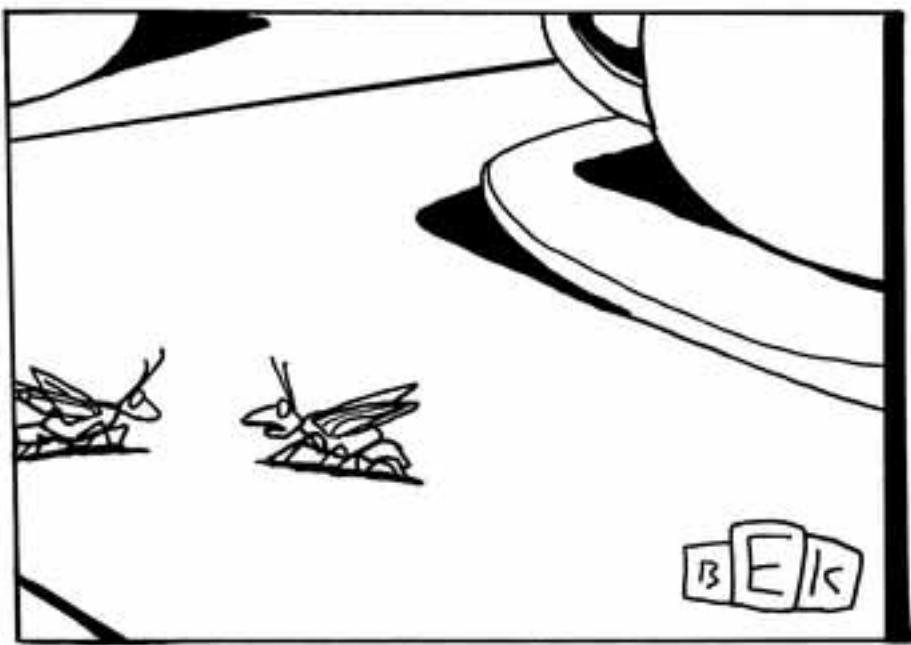




*"My broker jumped out a window, but that's
small consolation."*



"She had a lot to offer—but she never offered it."



"The first step is to say to yourself, 'Yes, I'm pesky.' "



"You'll get a chuckle out of what Maureen Dowd says about you in today's 'Times.'"

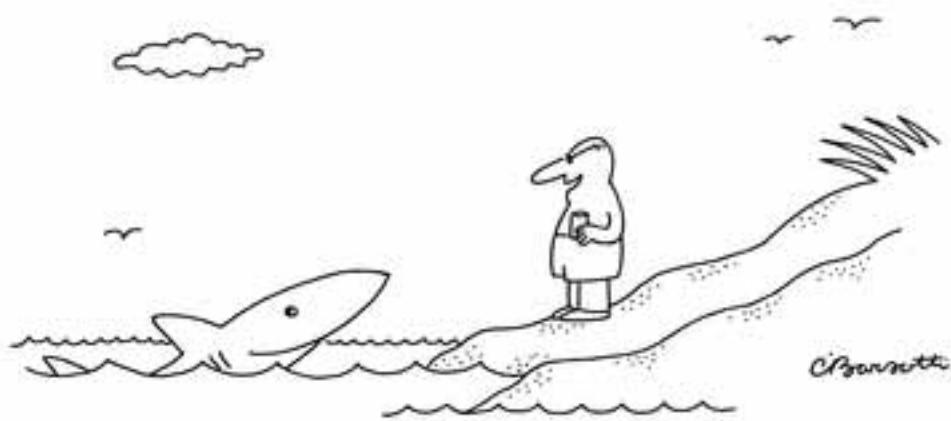


"Parents holding you back, sir."



"Read the card! Read the card!"





"Impressed? Well, wait until I tell you about this next case."



"It's your tallyman. He's tallied your bananas."

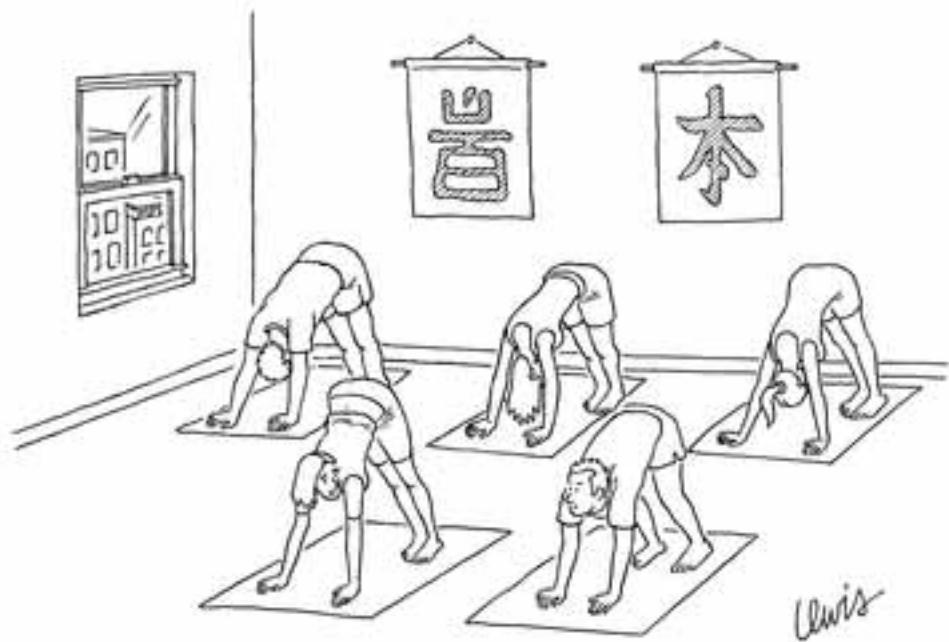




"I'd like you to head up the new team of recently let go."



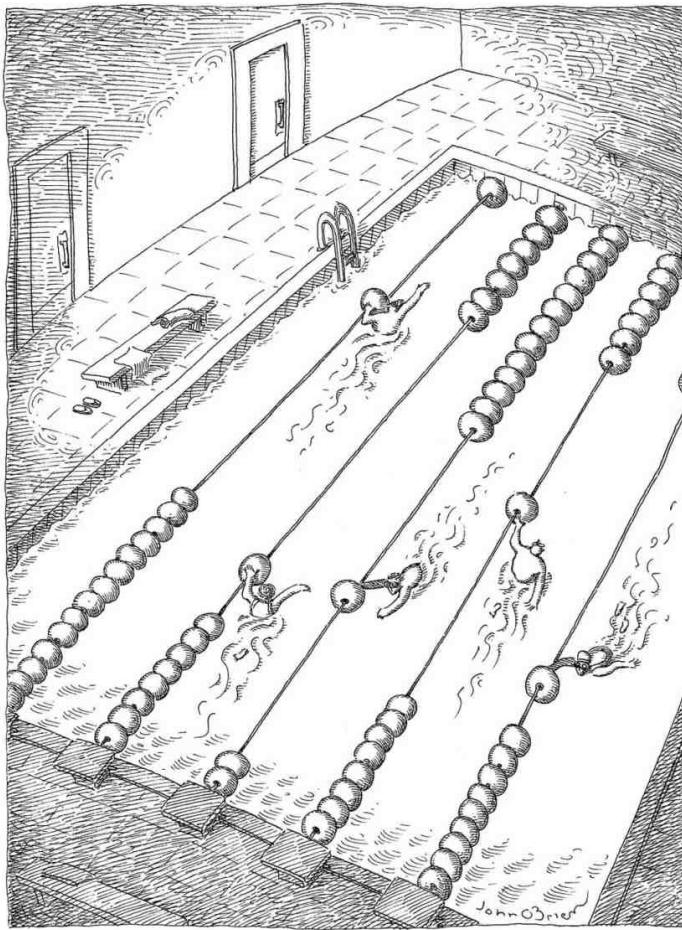
"Ms. Burney, do we have anything on right and wrong?"



"You do yoga like a guy."



"I forgot. My brother Woolard is coming by."







"I'm a big fan of your work."



*"After you've finished discussions with our allies,
we have to talk."*



"Special tonight, sir, leg of laggard."



"I want my bubble back."



“Accountant.”



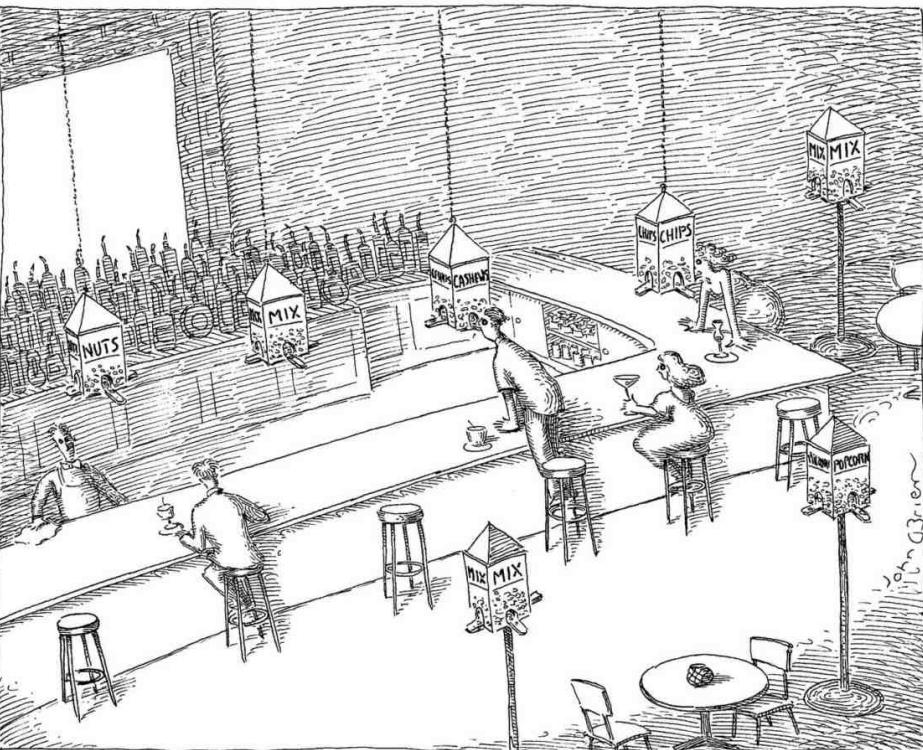
"That's the food biz. Celebrity chef one day, graveyard shift hash jockey the next."



"Oh, that. That's a design flaw."



"They're all made from soy."



John O'Brien (8/19/2002)

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"For heaven's sake! You're retired. Give it up!"



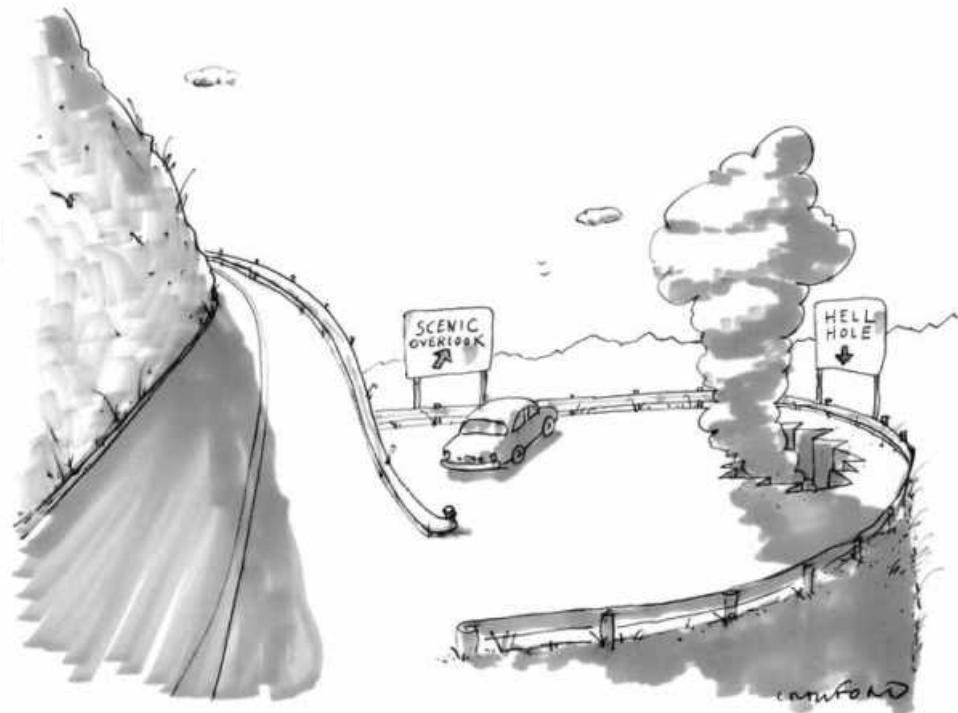
"But first, a distraction."



"I'm going to need that bra back."



"If this doesn't get you indicted, nothing will."





*"And don't try to pull the old 'good wine steward,
bad wine steward' routine."*



"Listen, buster, I didn't sit on your hard little egg in the blazing sun for six weeks just to hear you say, 'Ewww, I don't like regurgitated yak carcass.'"



"That's my little brother. He's all messed up on Skittles and Mountain Dew."





"Careful, these plates are extremely dirty."



*"You could have had a film career, but you were
needed here to fetch the paper."*



"Decaf's out of toner."



*"In case you're interested, I'll be in the basement
preserving resentments for the winter."*



*"Since the food you serve is not organically grown,
is it safe to assume that the meat is laced with
antibiotics and the salad is chockfull of pesticides?"*



"I'm working on Plan B."



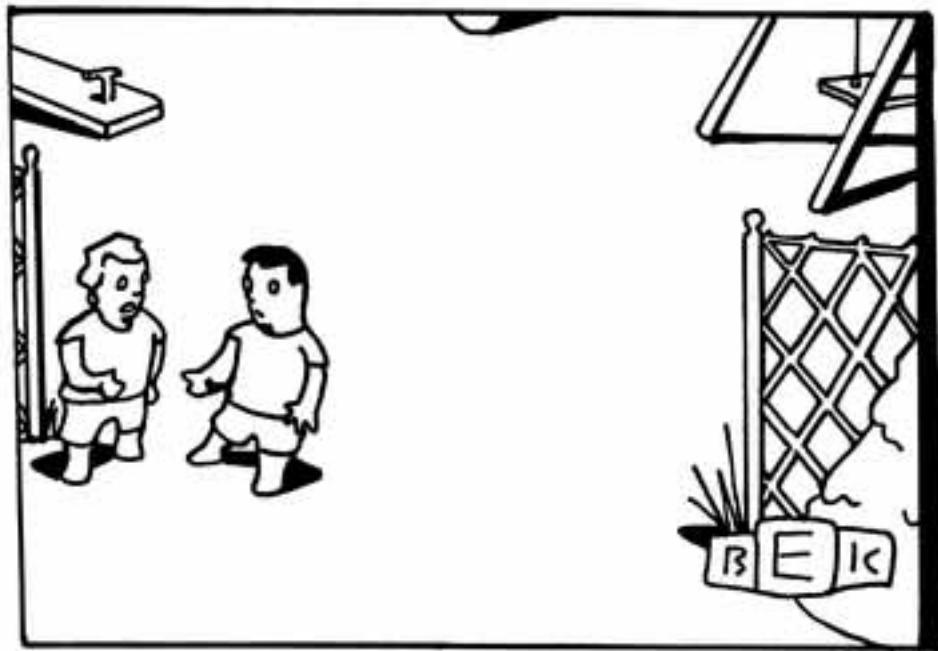
"It's not a complaint—I'm just saying we used to get out and do a lot more before we built the circular driveway."



*"At this time we have one suspect who's been
detained for questioning."*



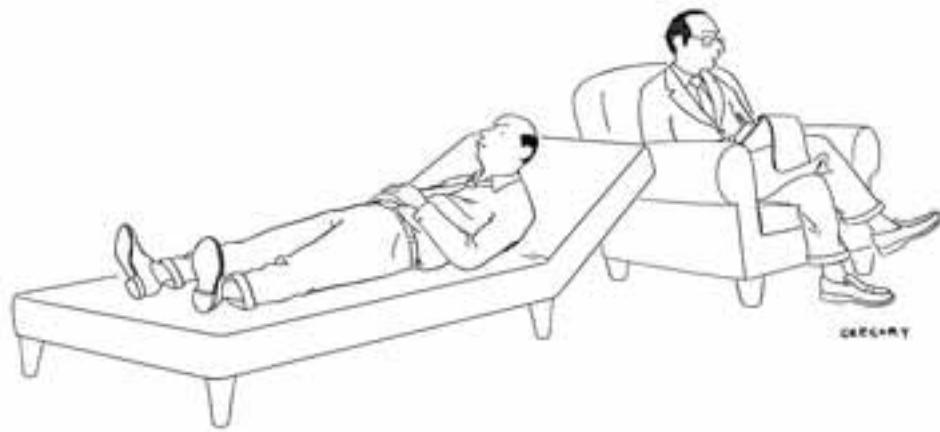
"Can we be seated under a vegan painting?"



"We've done a lot of important playing here today."



*"This fundamentally changes everything we
know about elephants!"*



"In the mental health profession, we try to avoid negative labels, like 'a hundred and fifty bucks an hour—that's crazy!' or 'three fifty-minute sessions a week—that's insane!'"

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THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM





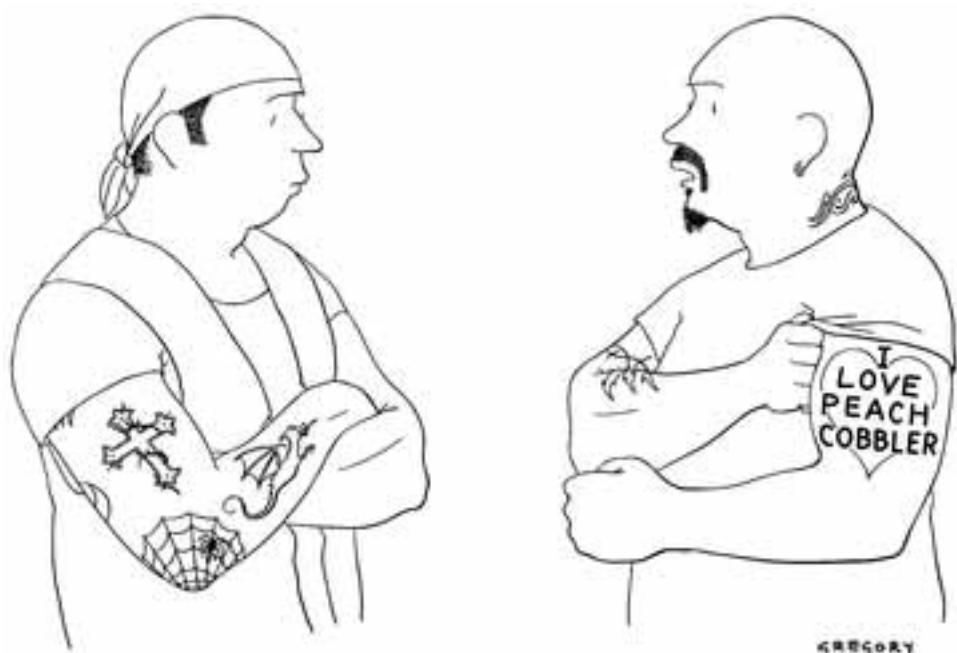
*"We swam. We made sand castles. I'm sorry, Michael—
I thought you understood that this was just a
summer thing."*



"I just heard from my wife's lawyer—they're calling for a regime change."



*"I'm sending you to someone who can afford
your brand of optimism."*



“Never get a tattoo when you’re drunk and hungry.”

PHARMACY

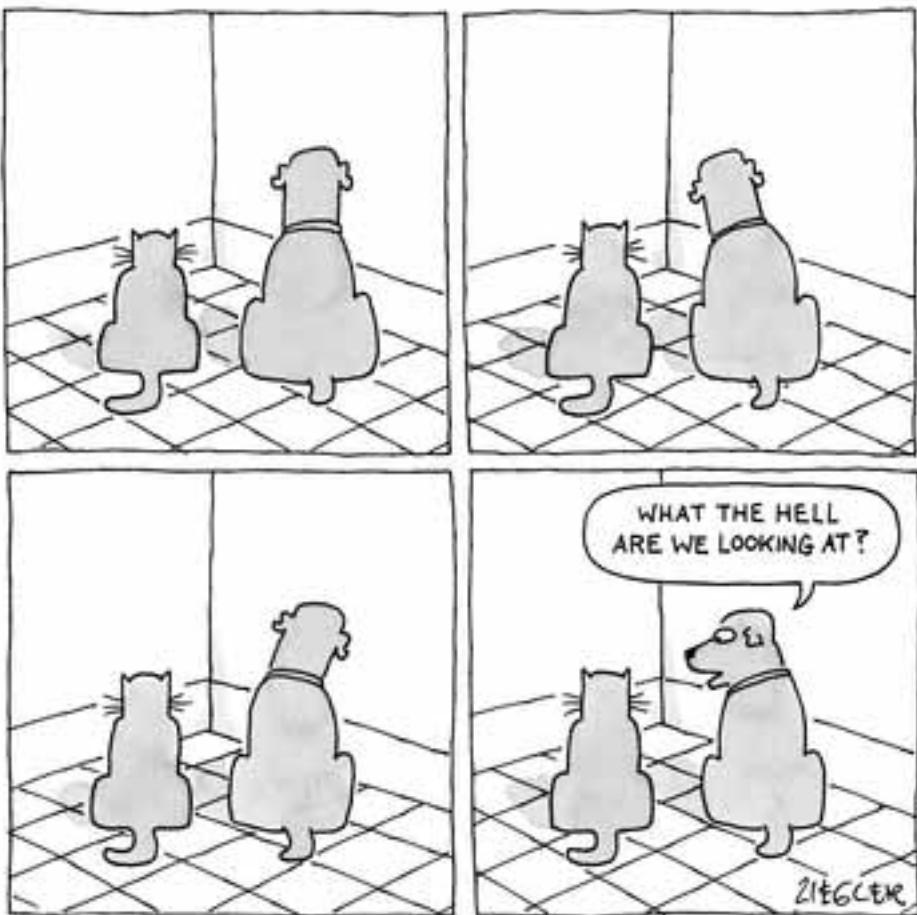




"I envy you—laughing all day long, and being paid for it, too!"



*"Be careful. Any man who wears earplugs at the gym
is liable to wear a pocket protector at work."*





*"It's kind of a trademark thing. I shoot first.
Then I ask questions. Then I yodel."*



"I figured what the hell—time to lighten up."



"It's New York. It wants you back."



"I love real estate. It's so tangible."



*"We're too well connected for jail time, but I worry
a little about middle management."*



"I wonder if there is ever a perfect time to tell someone his hands are sticky."





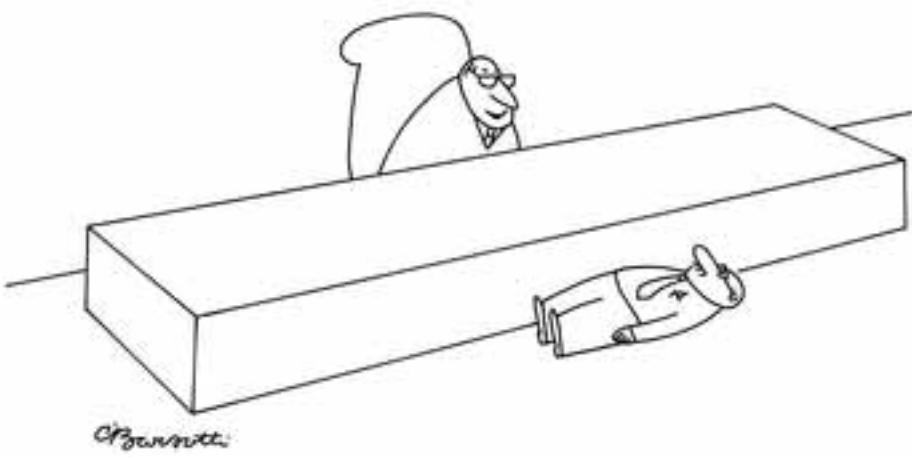
"They grow up so slow."



"Is this a good time to have a big fight?"



"O.K., there's the sun, so that direction is 'up.' "



*"Nothing personal, Wilson, I just wanted
to see if I still had it."*



"Could we make this a little more derivative?"

THE FIRST DAY BACK





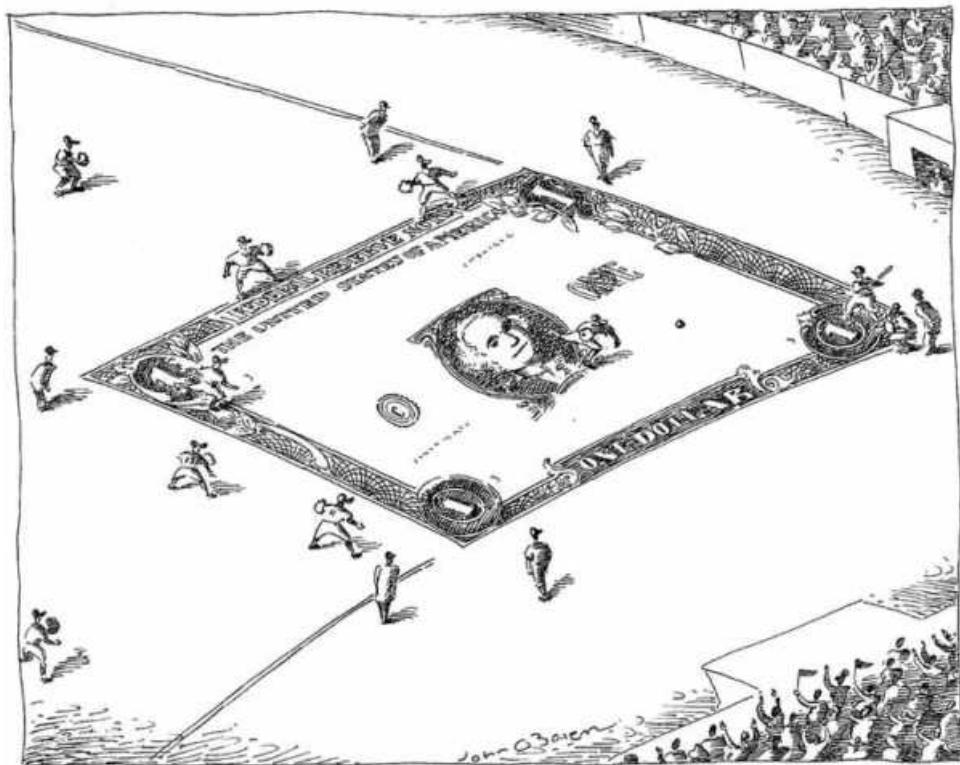
"You look less like your idea of yourself than you think."

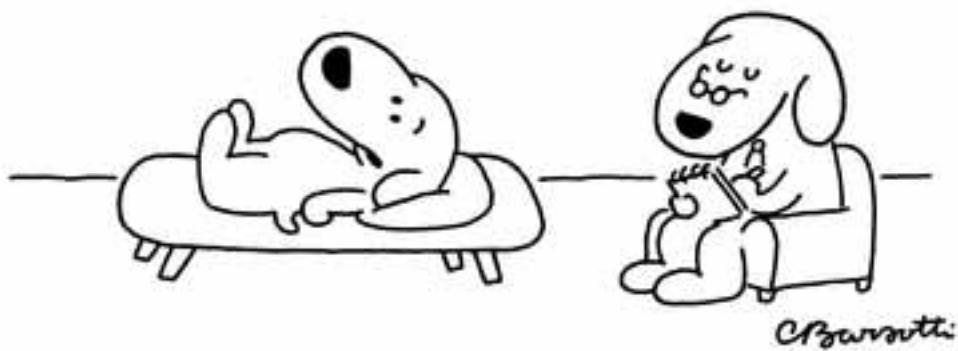


"Me? I thought they were your anniversary surprise!"



"Please, Jeff. No one shows his abs after Labor Day."





*"If I didn't know before I sure as hell know
who Manolo Blahnik is now."*



*"I'm stealthily leaving under cover of night.
Do you want anything?"*



"Watch yourself—we're under surveillance."



"Shouldn't we be sporting something?"



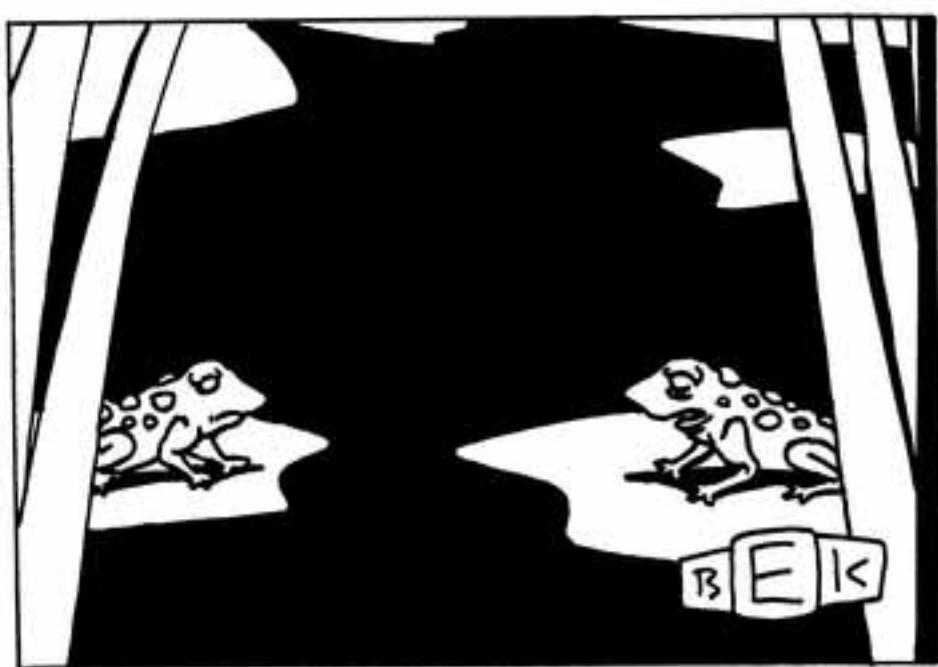
*"I've never actually stormed a castle, but I've taken
a bunch of siege-management courses."*



"Lucky girl—she got one before he was hardwired."



"I had a hat."



“Are you kidding? I’d kill to have your warts.”



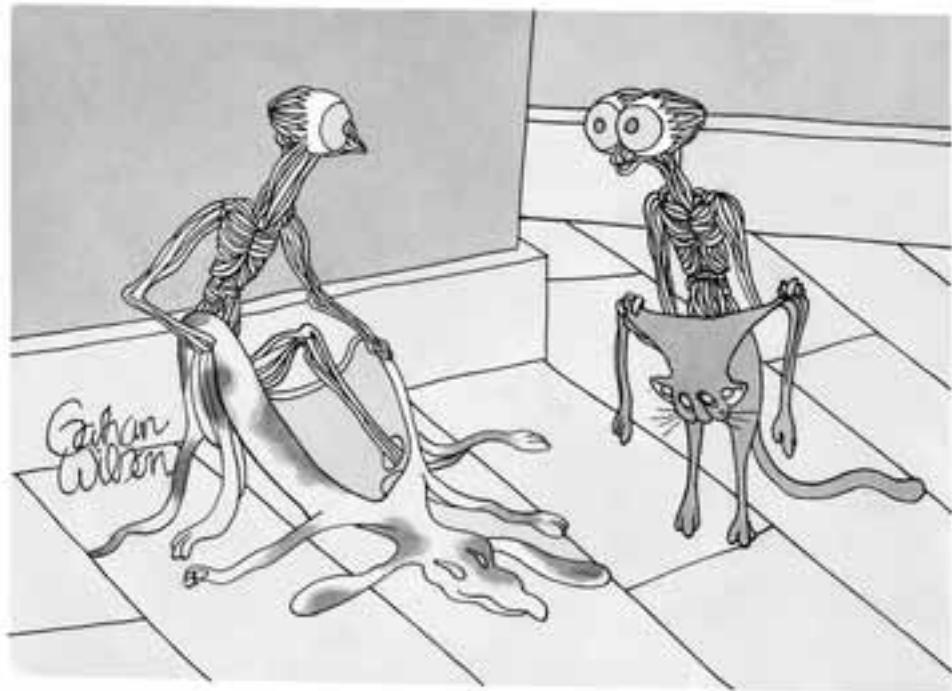
"What about accessories?"



*"My summer vacation: How I made
money in a bear market."*



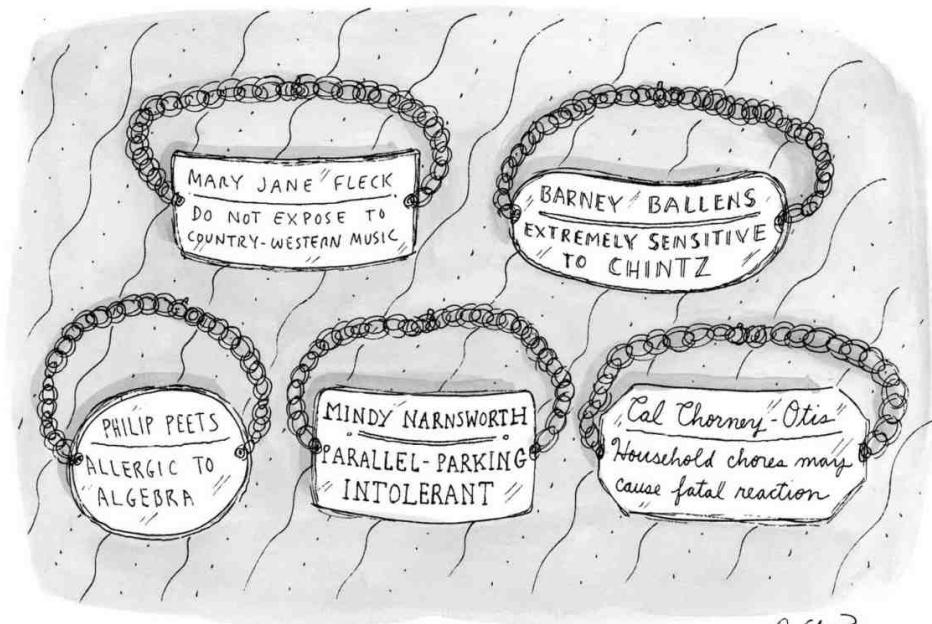
*"Would you mind talking to me for a while?
I forgot my cell phone."*



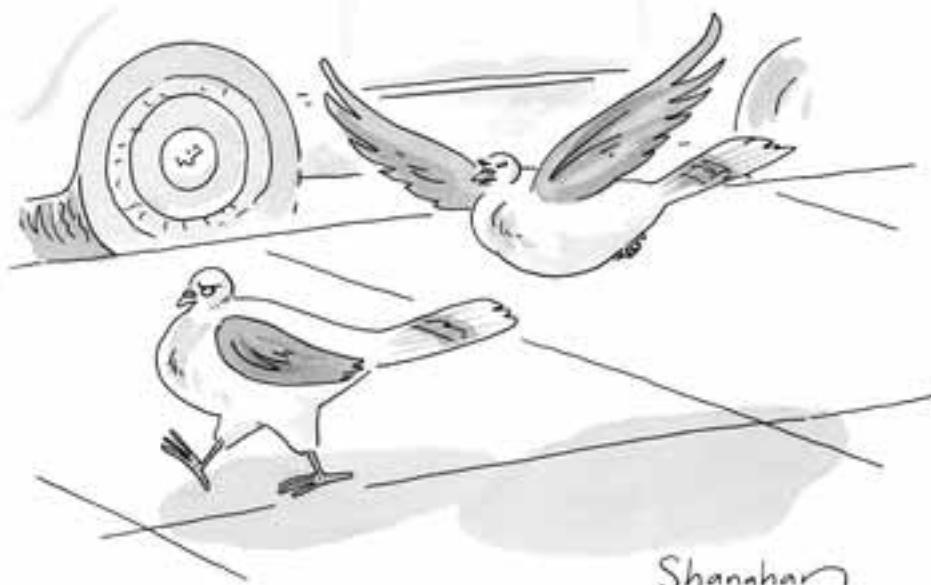
"What say this week you be the cat and I'll be the dog?"



"And so, while the end-of-the-world scenario will be rife with unimaginable horrors, we believe that the pre-end period will be filled with unprecedented opportunities for profit."



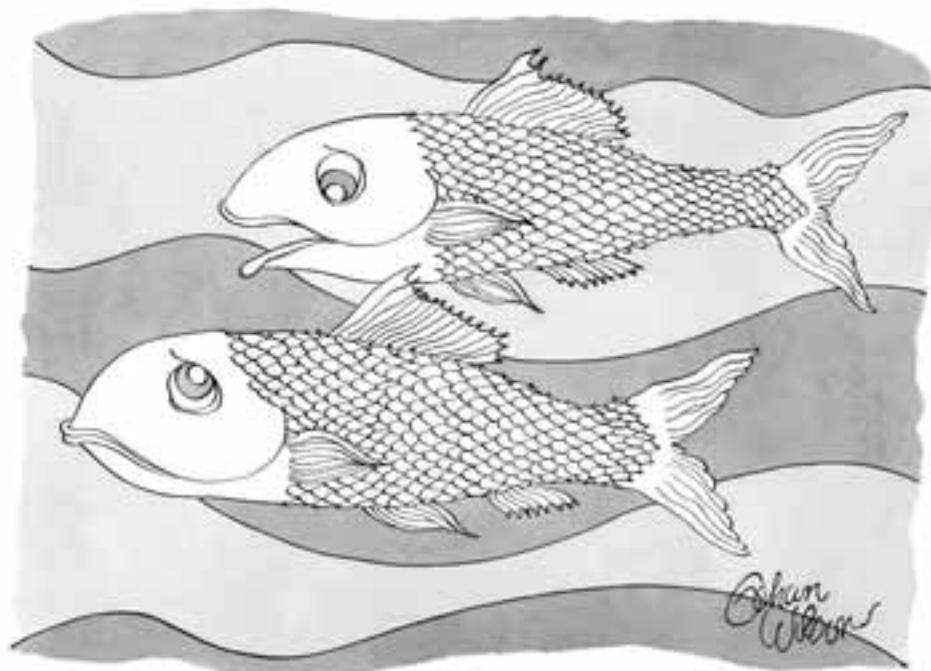
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"Walking may burn more calories, but you're three times as likely to nosh."



"I'm afraid it's your body, Mr. Haskins."



"You've got your scales on backward."

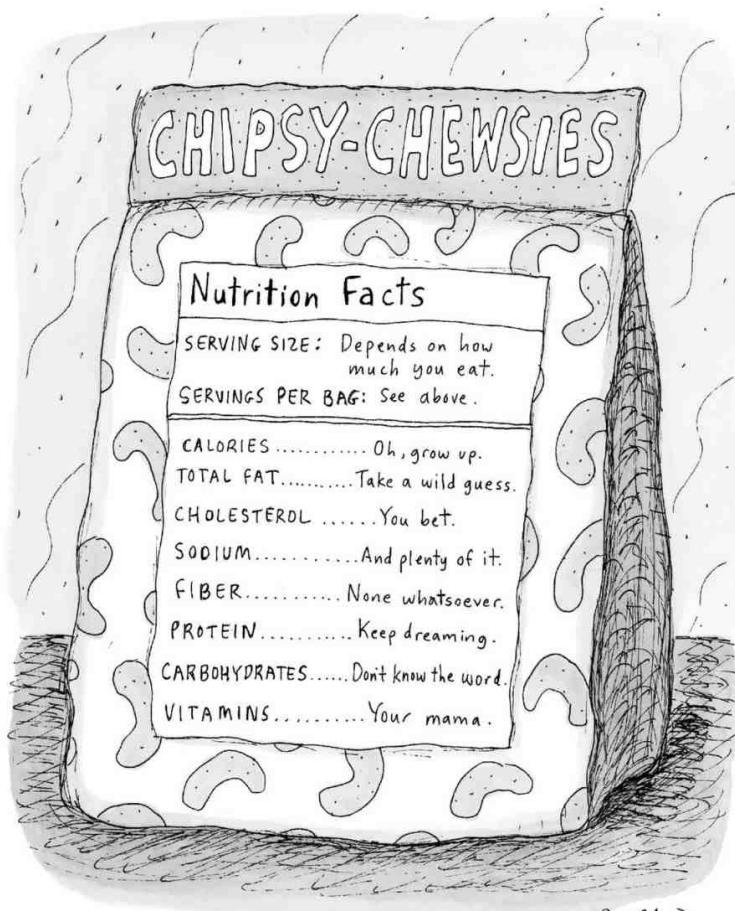


*"I didn't do anything on my summer vacation—should
I write about what I bought?"*



"It's definitely true. Inane conversation is better with masks."

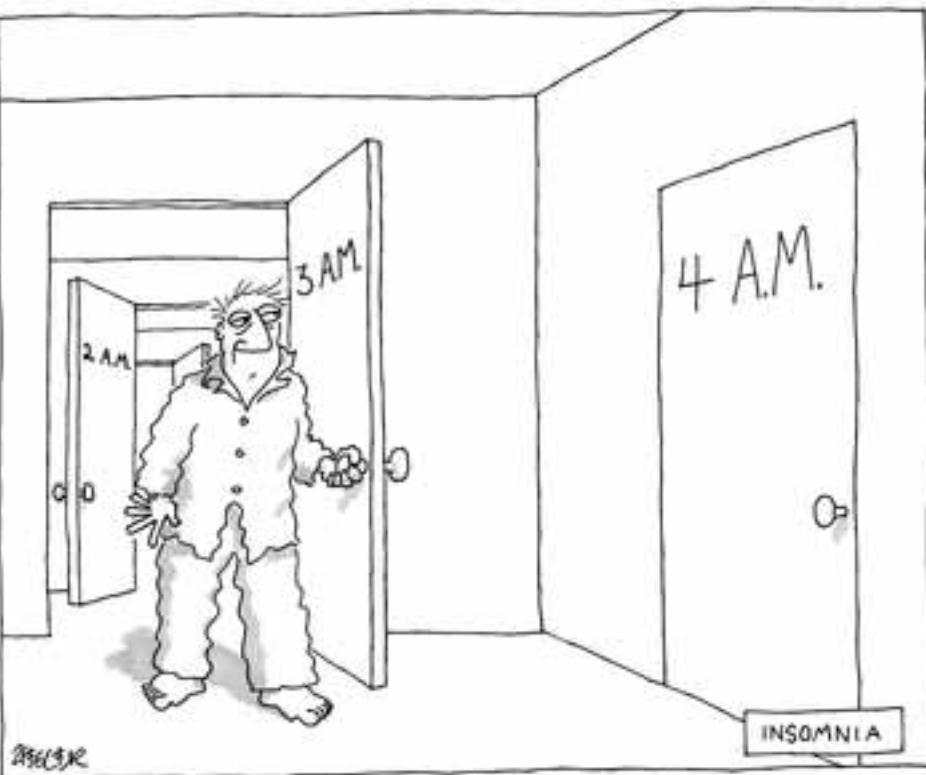




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*"I suppose they're less skillful with a rope than
they once were, but I'm not complaining."*







"Who dealt this mess?"



"He's becoming insufferably 'More transparent than thou.'"



"Good fences make good marriages."



“Carpe diem.”





"If we're going to prioritize, we're going to need some priorities."



"I'll have whatever the lads are buying this week."



*"Also included in the package is a vague sense of your
not being good enough to stay here."*



"You haven't a clue which buttons to push."



*"Keep your guard up, Willoughby. We're entering
big-cat country."*



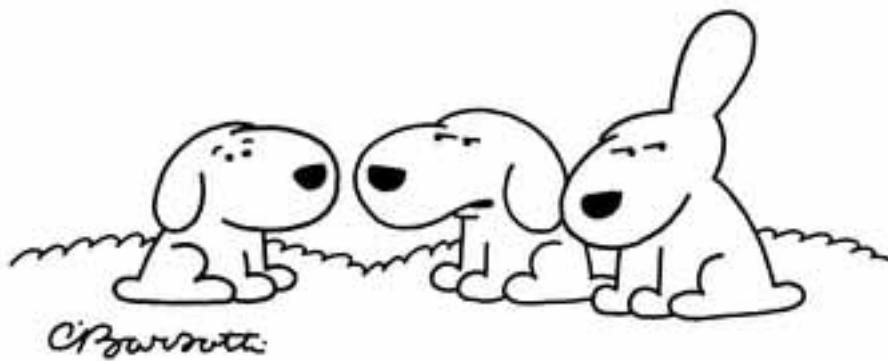
*"If you close your eyes and make an allegation, someday
it might come true."*



"I'm sorry, but Mr. Halibar is listing and cannot be righted."



*"Before each of you, you will find a bitter pill and
a glass of water."*



"Stay cool—we're picking up a lot of chatter."



*"Now that the kids are in jail, maybe we can take
that vacation we always wanted."*



"Here's to missing the big picture."



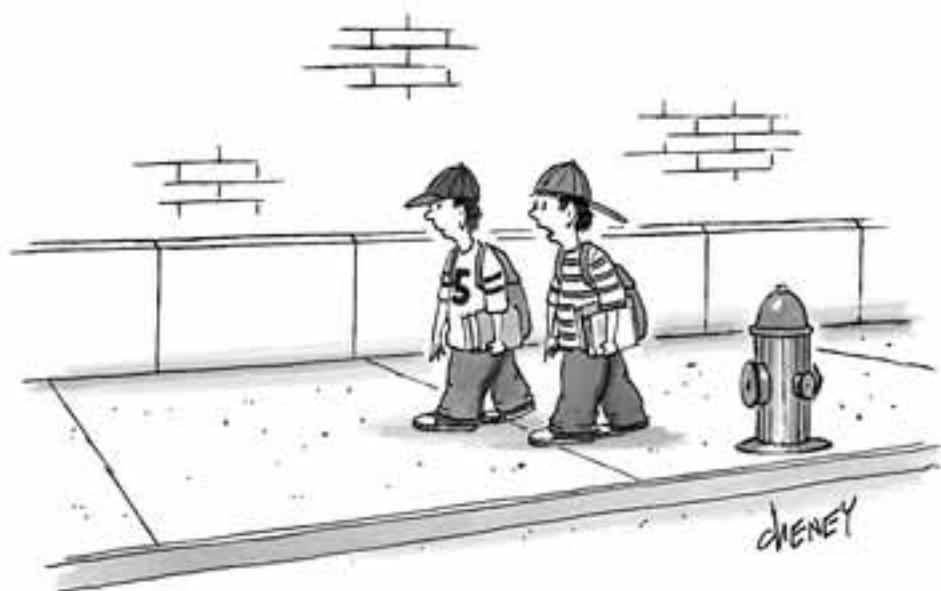
*"Take your time, Mrs. Crimbley. Do you see the man
who married you?"*



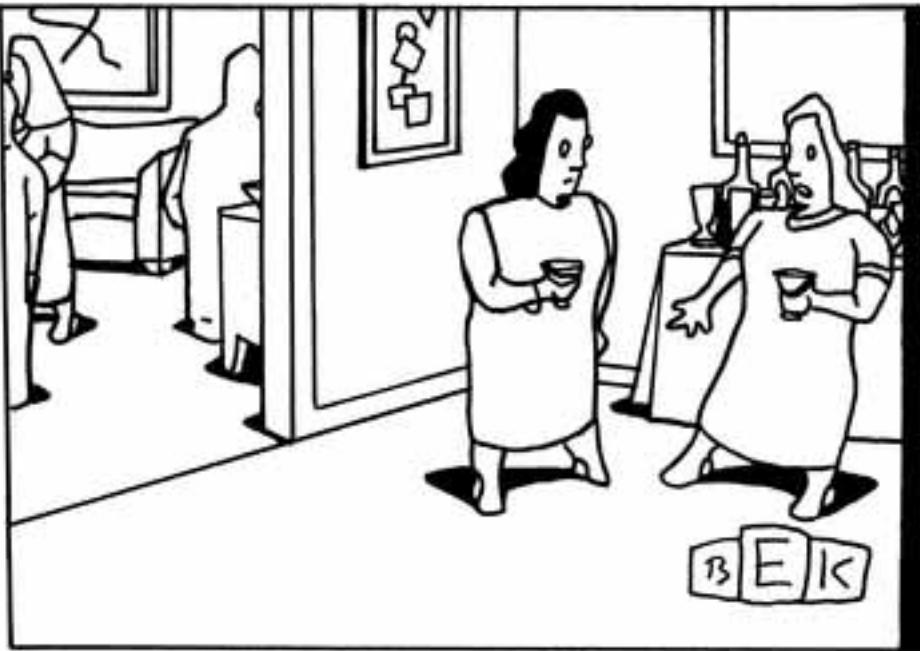
*"Fear not, my princess—the summer will come again,
and, with it, the children gladly return to build us
new castles in the sand!"*



"Do we have a place for our portfolio's ashes?"



"So many toys—so little unstructured time."



"I do have a special someone, but he sucks."





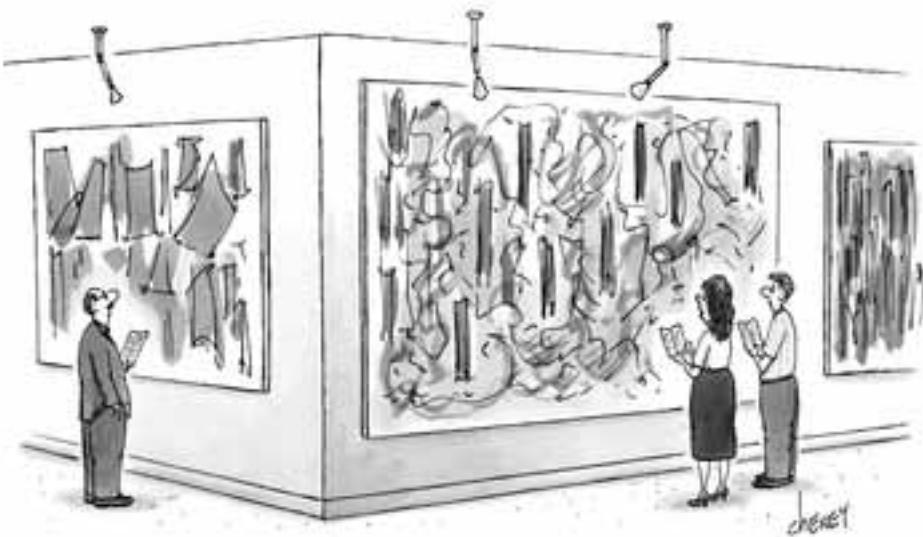
"I don't usually volunteer for experiments, but I'm kind of a puzzle freak."



*"I've transferred all my vacation time into
absurdly long coffee breaks."*



"It may surprise you to know that, contrary to your experience, you're actually very happily married."



"It's good, but it doesn't say 'bipolar.' "



*Excuse me, Missy! Unilateralism has no place
in this family.”*



Charles Barsotti





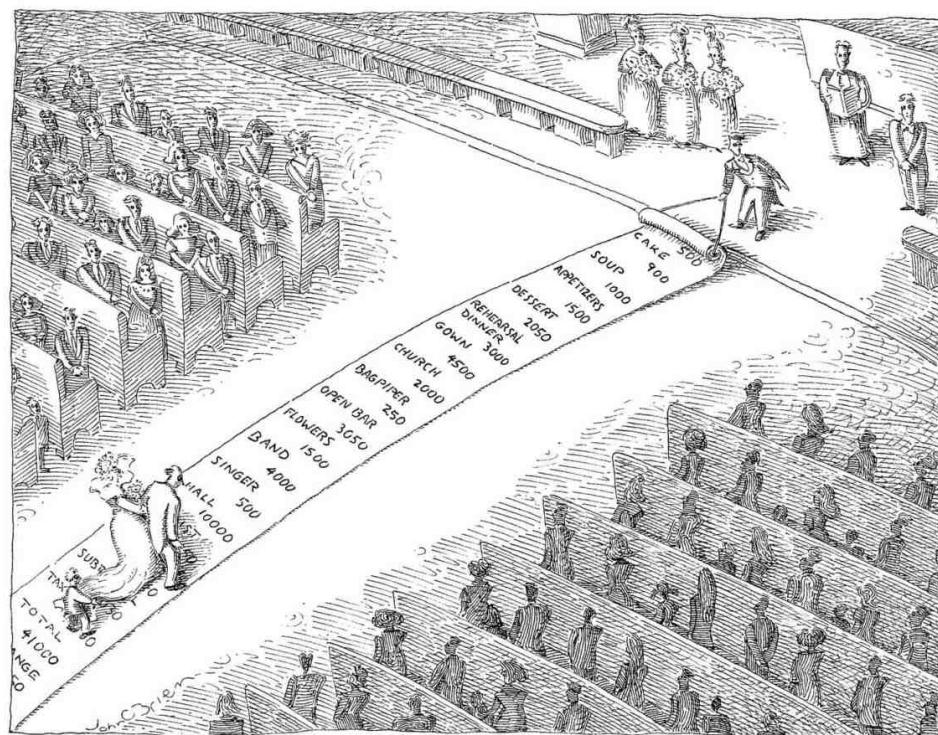


"I do want a war, but I'd like to be asked nicely."





“I can see you drew heavily from your own bad writing.”





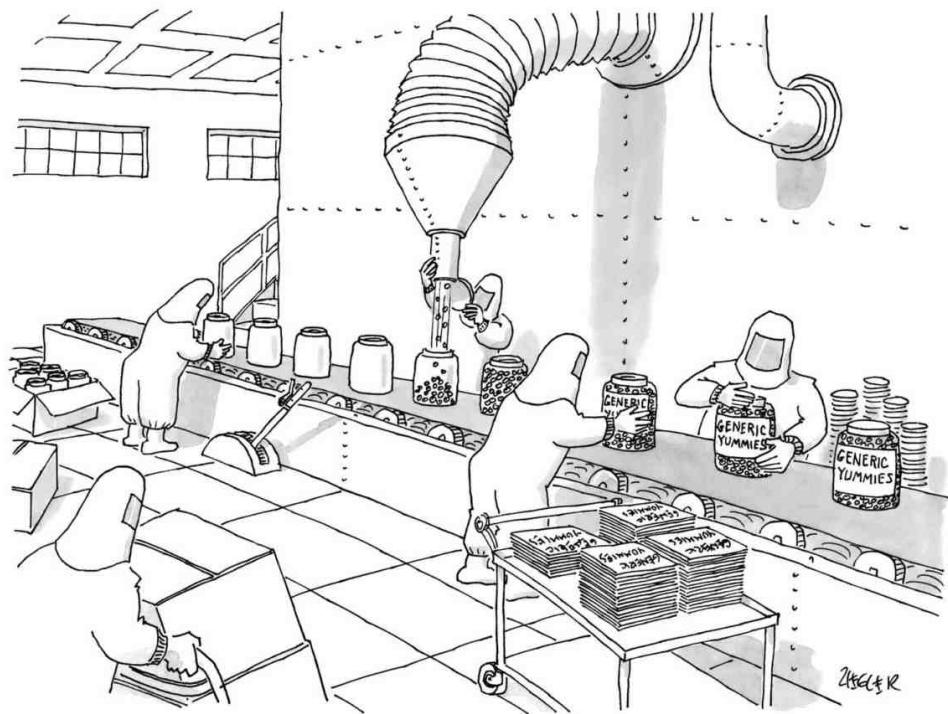
"I want it to look good, but not ill-gotten-gains good."

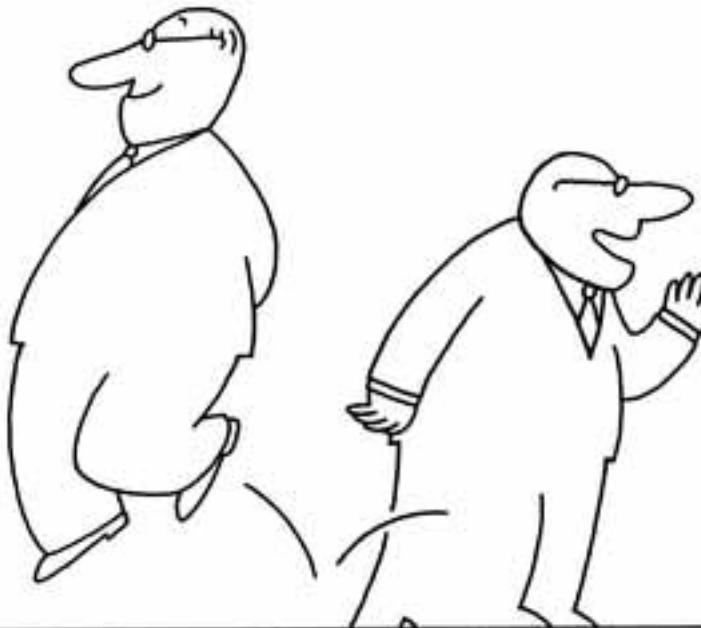


"A MacArthur, the lecture circuit, and thou!"



"I think the economy's turning around. That guy looked as if he were about to give me something."

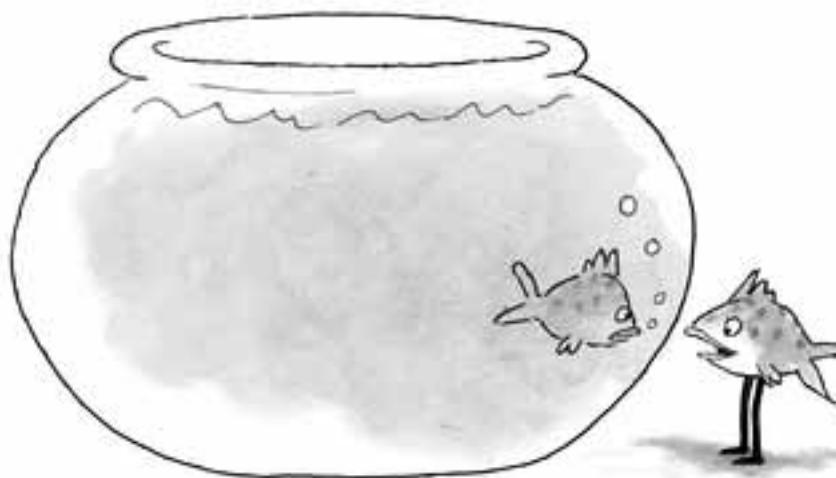




"Hey everybody, Quigley is practicing his perp walk."



"It's not about the story. It's about Daddy taking time out of his busy day to read you the story."



"In order to be free I had to make certain adjustments."





"All right, Stephanie, you win—it's great to be alive!"



*"What might you have written that I might
say I've read?"*



"Beg pardon, sir, there is a wolf at the door."



"Yes, it was tested on rabbits and they simply adored it."



Now who's paranoid?





"And before you were deposed—what did you do?"

CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'



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"Would you like to go to my place for a cigarette?"



"How else are we going to pay for the war?"

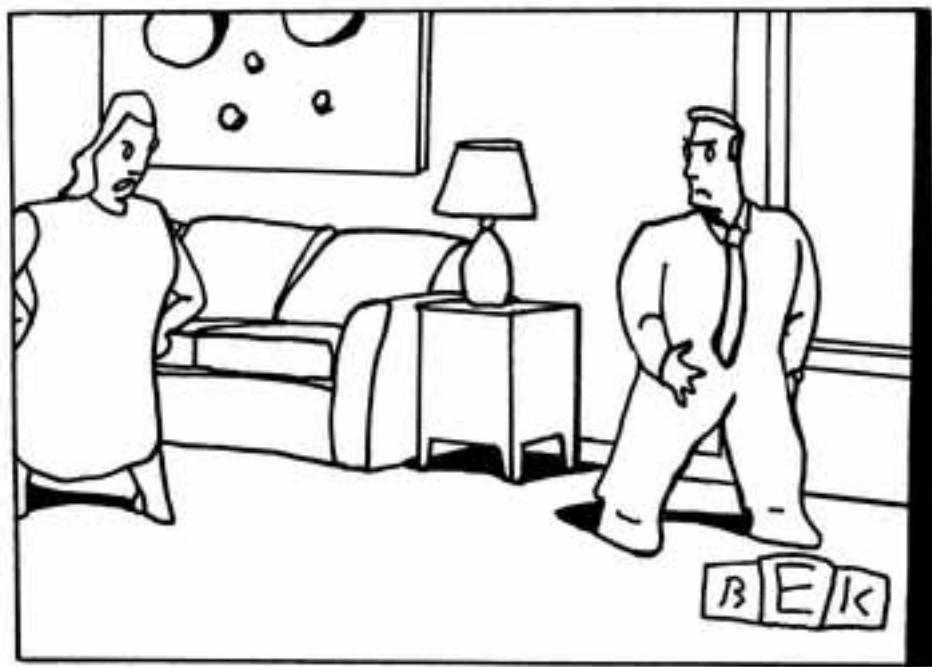


"I've done a lot of soul searching, and I've come to the conclusion that I should be thinking less about money and more about naked women."





*"Hang your fading hopes and dreams on your children's
high-school teams!"*



"Wait a second—you and I still have a lot of finished business."



"It's almost twelve-thirty. Shouldn't you be heading home?"



"How do you feel about doing time?"



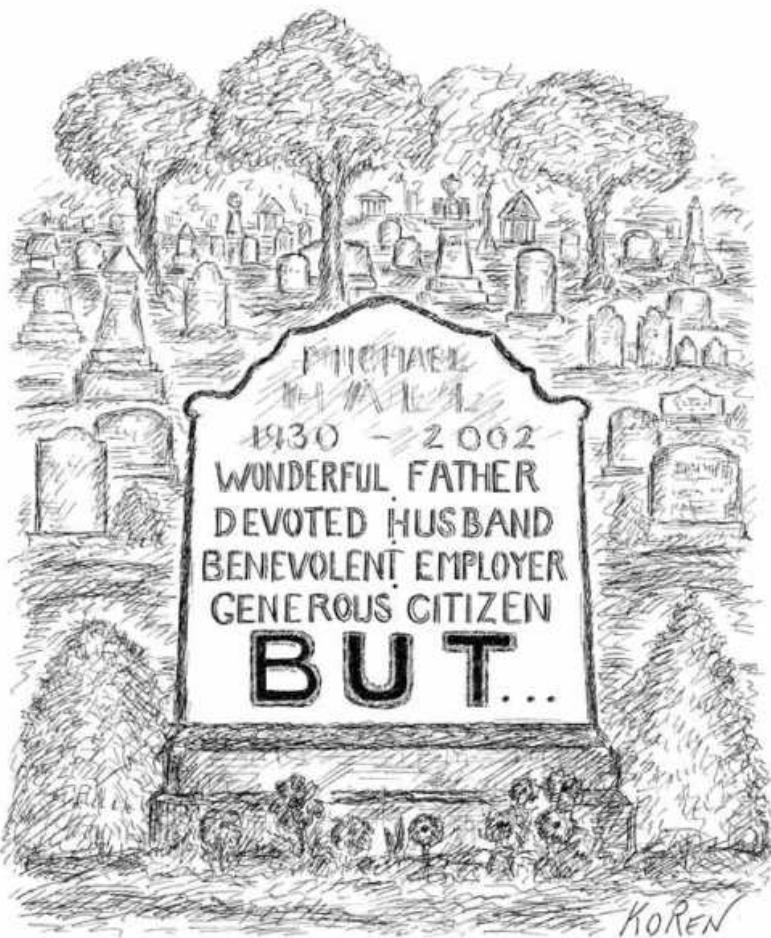
*"Before you come up, dear, don't forget to secure
the perimeter."*

THE IRON CHEF AT HOME





*"Melanie, find me a little pro-bono case to
cleanse my palate."*





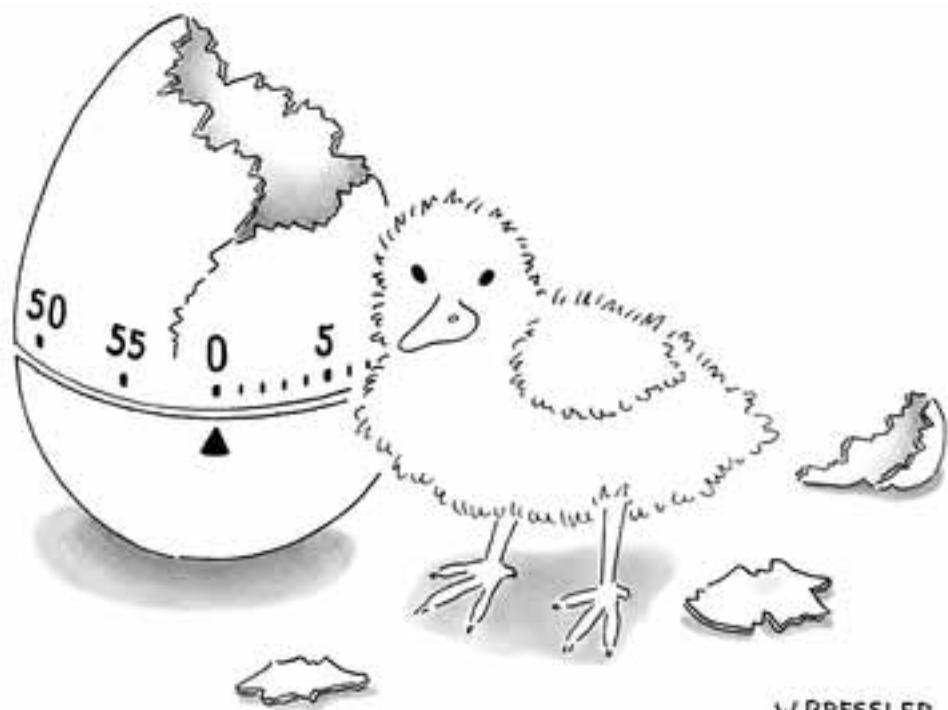
*"And now Adrian is going to do a couple of P.S.A.T.
practice pages for us."*



MYSTERIOUS STRANGER WONDERS WHO HE, HIMSELF, IS.



"O.K., Howard. What is it this time?"





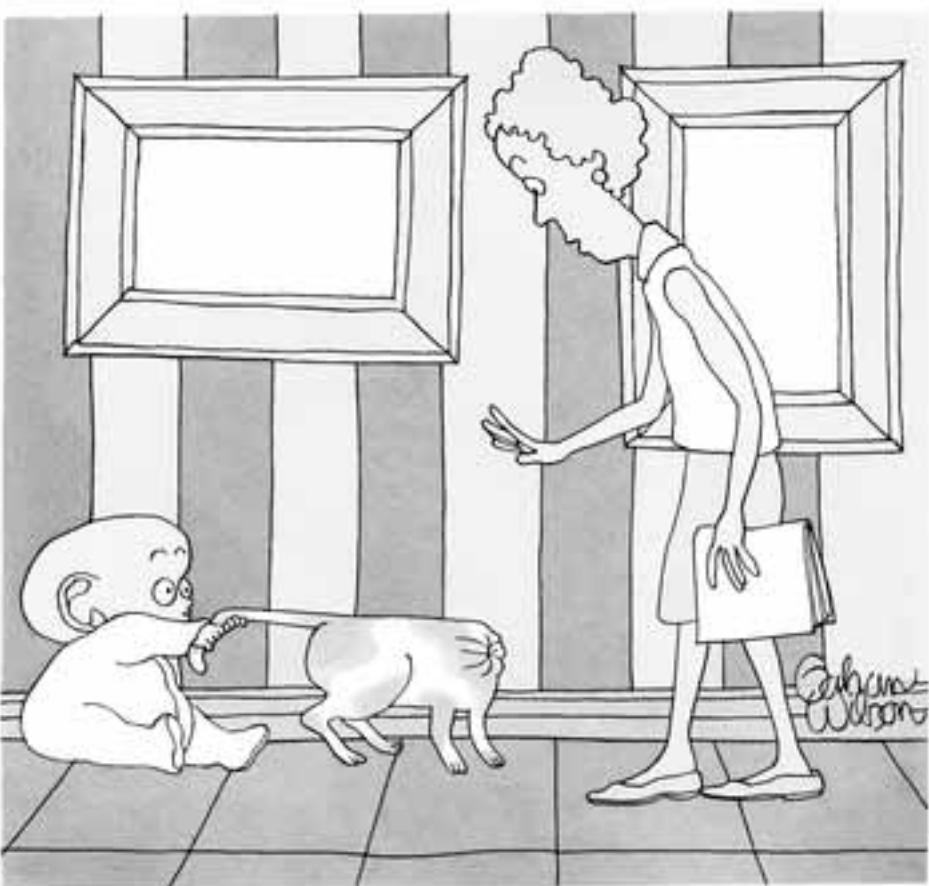
"Can't you just be happy for them?"



"There's nothing like ballpark sushi."



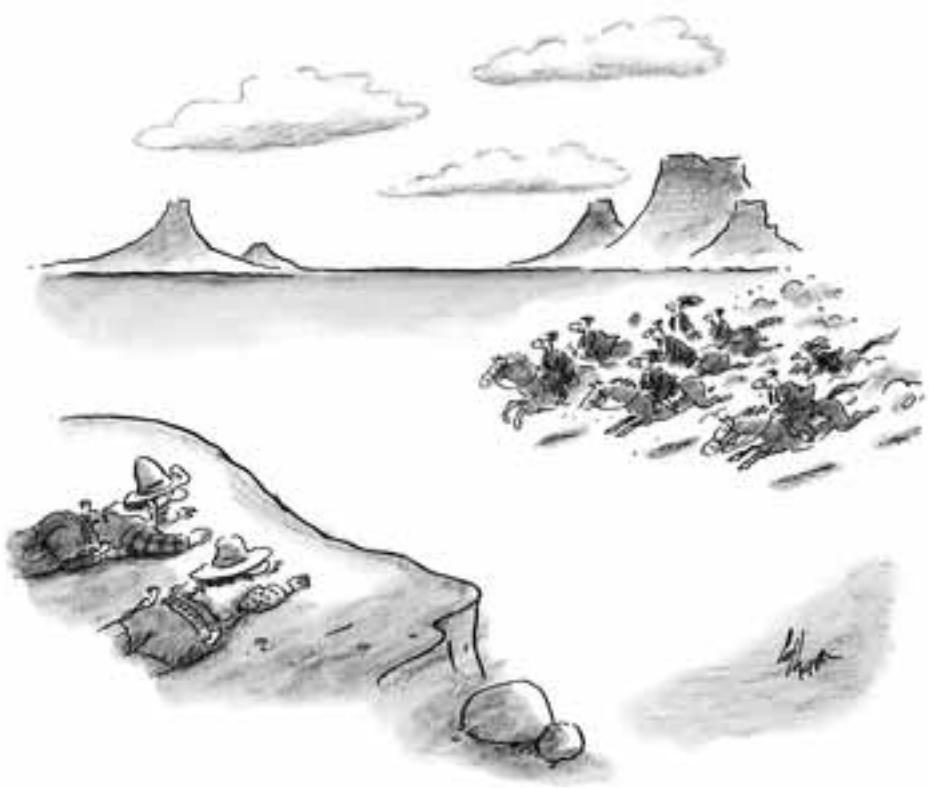
"Buying me a new pair of shoes would go a long way toward making this world a less dangerous place."



*"You mustn't pull the cat's tail so hard it tugs the
head inside, sweetie!"*



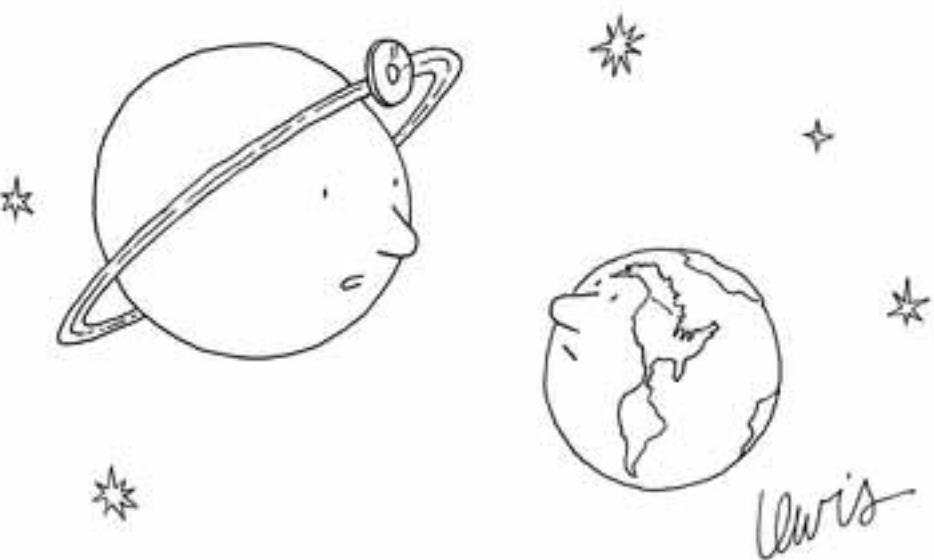
*"We're trying to come up with a less offensive term
for 'political correctness.'"*



*"I don't think it's a posse—it looks more like
a subcommittee."*



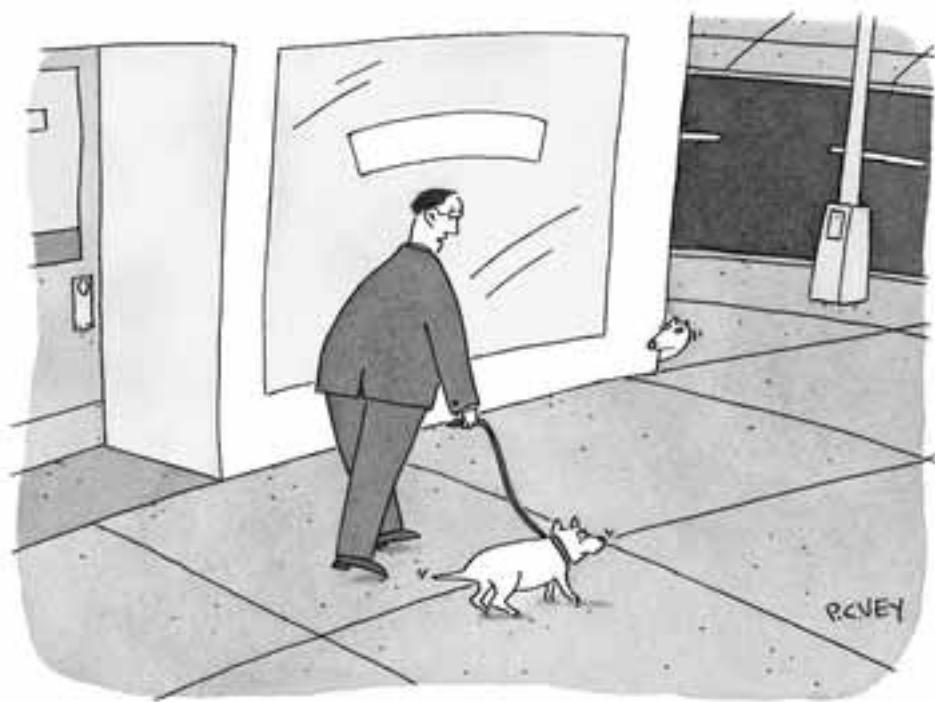
*"In a few months, I should be arrogant enough
to start another company."*



"I'm afraid you have humans."



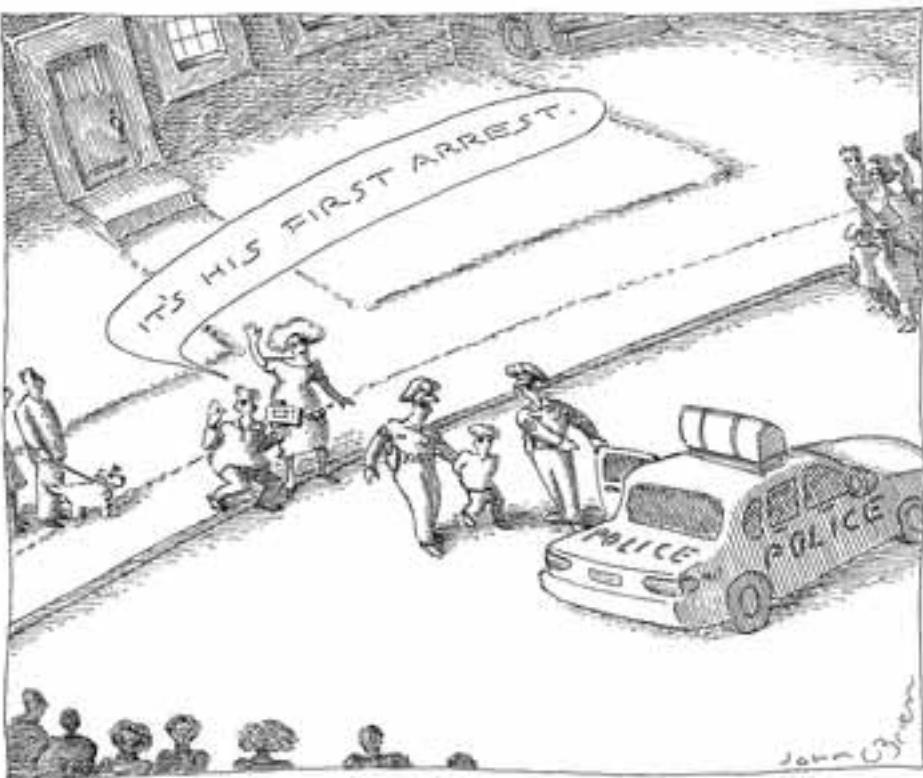
"We were wondering if now would be a good time to panic?"



*"Now, don't get too excited—it could just be
a hand puppet."*



"Oops—I think I hit 'enter.' "



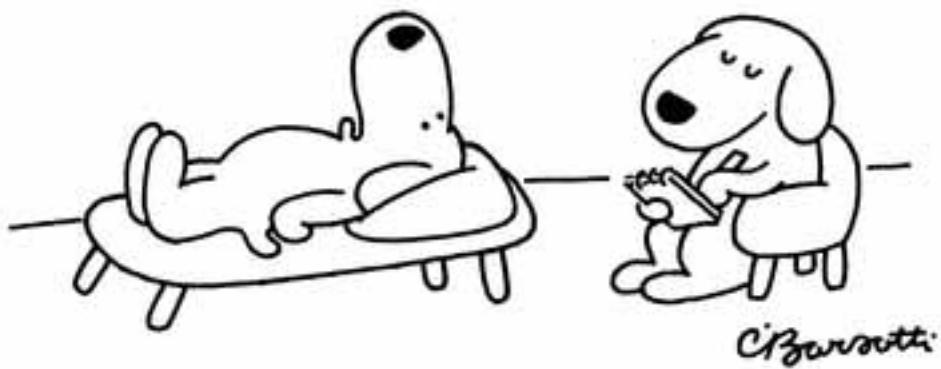


"I'm passing on Halloween parties this year. You just know everyone's going to show up as Martha Stewart."





*"I enjoy the pearls of folksy wisdom as much as
the next guy, but what, exactly, does he do
around here?"*



"I bark at everything. Can't go wrong that way."



*"Remember, son, when life gives you a lemon,
call the attorneys."*



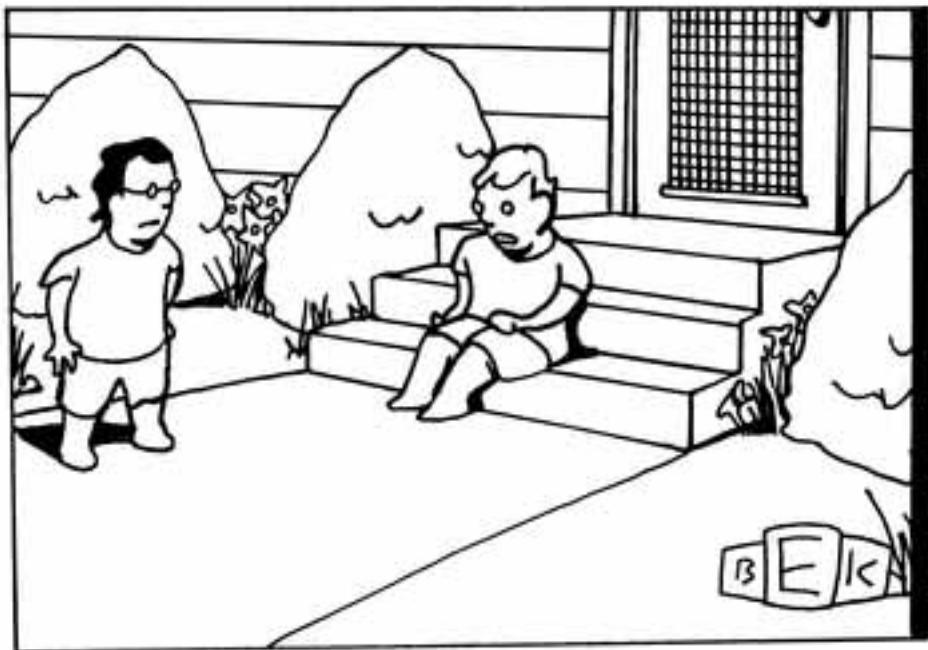
*"I put some things on your desk for you to sign, misplace,
then say you never saw."*



"Late summer to early fall—that's my favorite time of year."



"Can you hear me now?"



"They're trying to figure out whether it's a chemical thing or I'm just a crybaby."



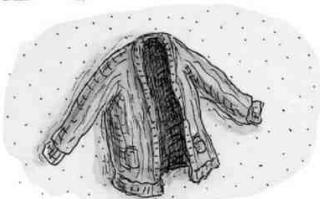


"Anubith? You find thomething humorouth?"



*"My favorite part of being a stay-at-home mom
is when they're at school."*

ITEM #3715 - COZY CARDIGAN



Snuggle up in this oh-so-cozy cardigan.
Once you slip it on, you'll never want to
take it off. We've improved the fit and the
texture - it's a hug made of wool, a hug that
never lets go before you're ready to be let go. Whether
you're just sitting at home with your family, who must
think you're some kind of automaton and take you for
granted day in and day out, who can't be bothered to clean
up after themselves, it's a wonder you're not a complete
alcoholic, or whether you're going to work at the widget office where all
day long, you have the privilege of watching your boss making goo-goo
eyes at that thing in the black leather miniskirt that a normal person with
her legs would never wear, and finally it's five o'clock and you can go
home to your empty apartment overlooking two gas stations and a
restaurant that is probably a Mafia money-laundering operation
because it has all this expensive but ugly junk in it and about
seven waiters per customer because no one ever
eats there, and you wonder: is this all there is?
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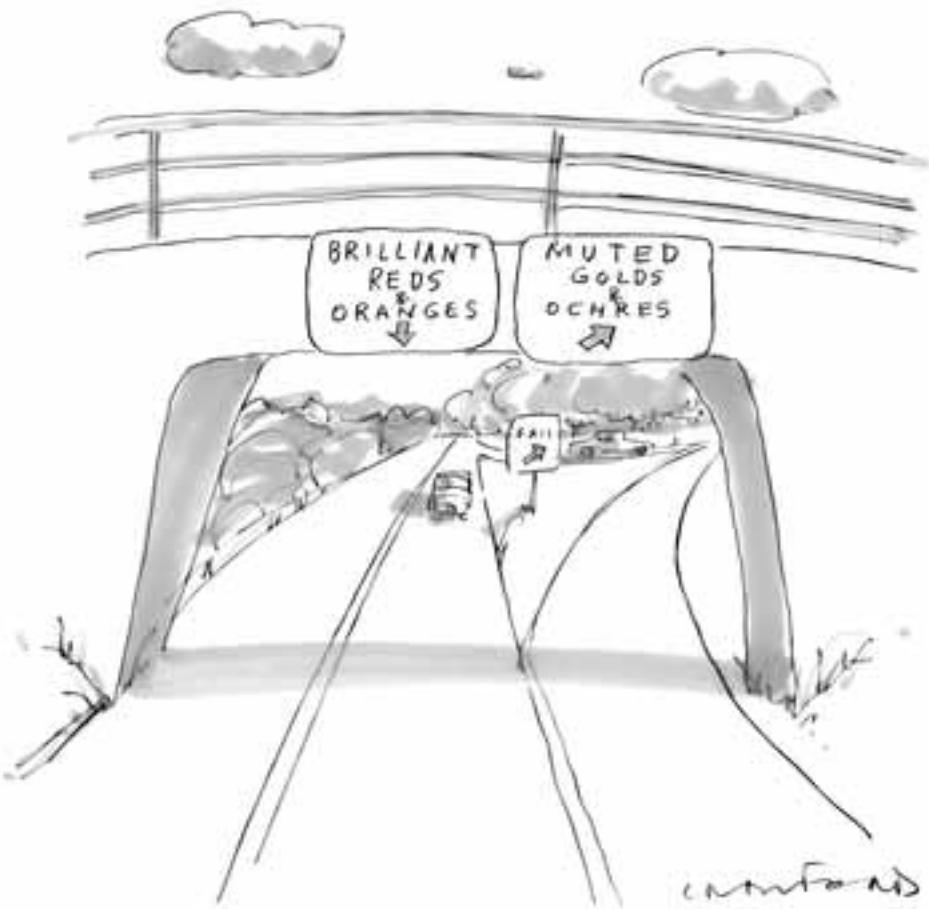
"I want something that will make me smell thinner."



"Let's just sit tight till the cultural amnesia sets in."



*"She's gotten really arrogant now that
she has a stalker."*





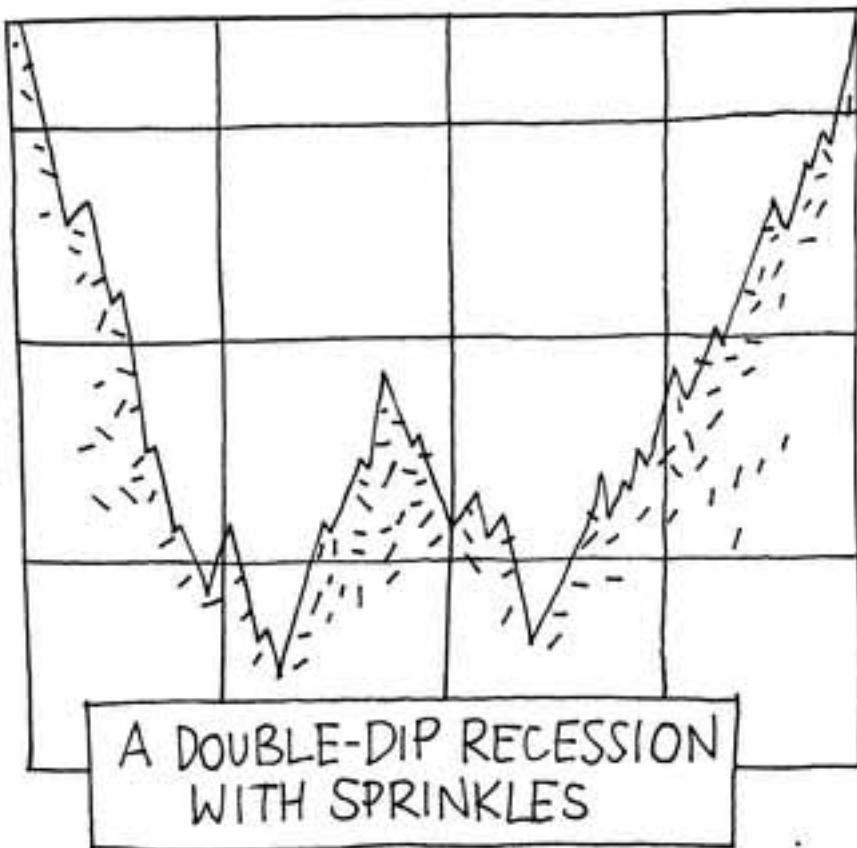
*"Would you care for something to talk about
during dinner?"*



*"Don't do anything stupid, Leon—just
give him the acorn."*

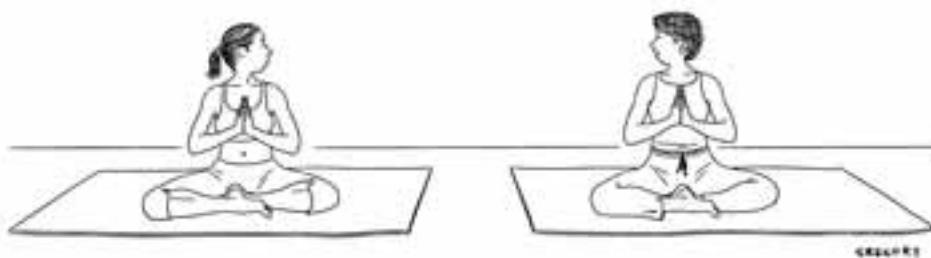


*"Sh-h-h—sitting very quietly is part of
the pickling process."*





"You've got a green light—use it!"



"I just found an Eastern philosophy that's very accepting of S.U.V.s."





"We use only free-range chicken and suicidal veal."

ULTIMA THULE





"Football takes my mind off baseball."



"Cigarettes used to be a pretty good prop, but they don't seem to work for me anymore."



"Today I'm announcing I've decided to get out of my family so I can devote more time to politics."





"What is it about you that makes the federal government want to prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law?"





"Francophobe meet Francophile."



*"I've thrown in some prescription drugs
that don't interact well."*



"I want Chardonnay, but I like saying 'Pinot Grigio.'"



"Geese fly in a V, son—attorneys fly in a wedge."



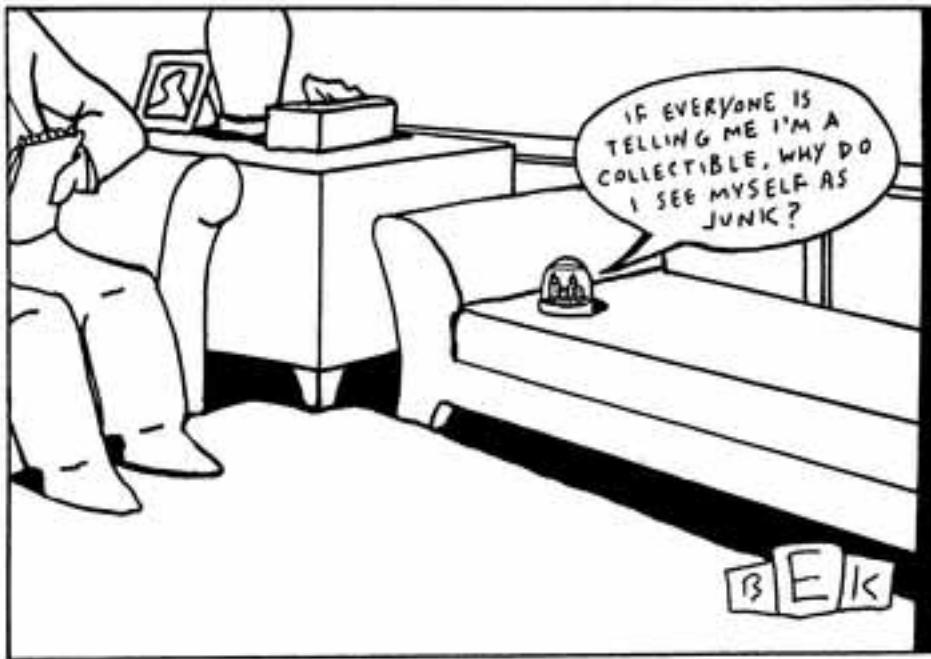
"Hey! Turn down your damn white-noise machine!"



"Not at all the sort of comment one was expecting."



"There are three courses of action we can take now—I can call you Ace, Chief, or Big Guy."





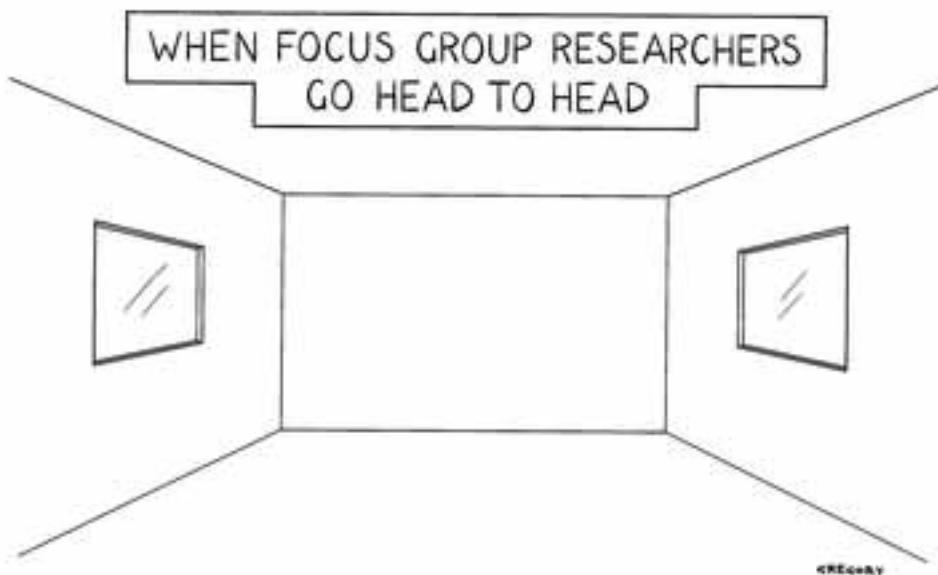
*"I can't explain it—it's just a funny feeling that
I'm being Googled."*



"We need a 'Sopranos' about C.E.O.s."



"Let's face it. It's all about olive oil."





"Of course, I expect a ten-per-cent finder's fee."



*"How do you get your children not to stick
to the bottom of the cauldron?"*



*"Everything about the car business has changed,
Jim—except my jacket."*



"Ladies, gentlemen, and corporate sponsors of the jury."



*"For the health-conscious, we suggest you chase
your own zebra."*



"I sleep on my side, but I pass out on my stomach."



"O.K., kid. Busy man here. Quality time. Here we go."

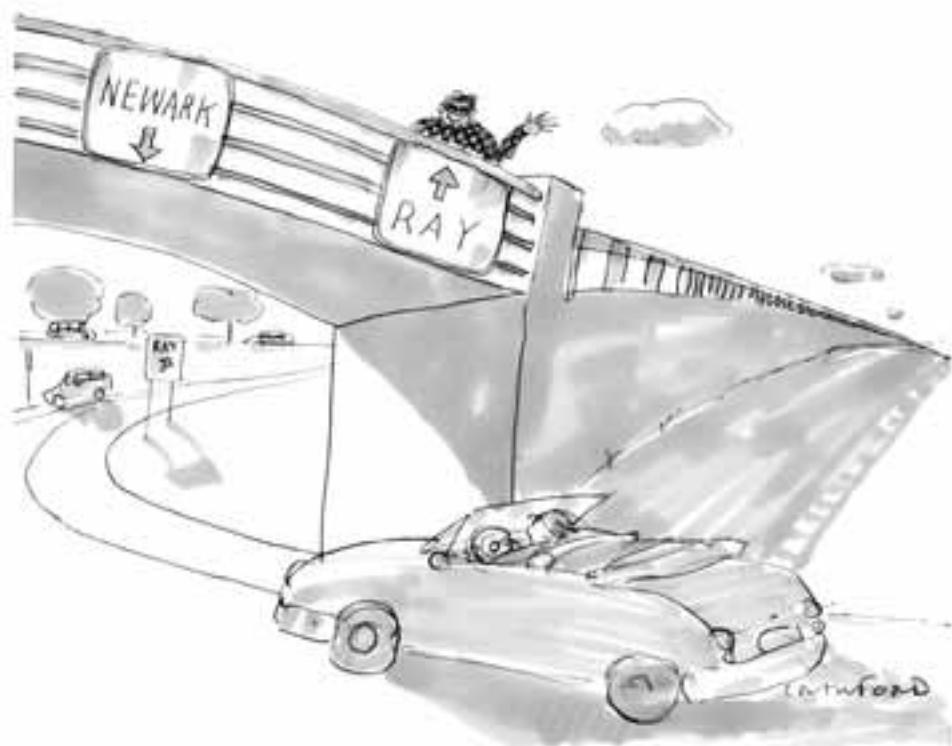


*"We used to be an investment club.
Now we're a support group."*





"Can I buy you a house?"





"I got custody of the kids. Do you want one?"







"I don't need to check again. You're not on the list."

HAUNTED NEW YORK

The Ghost Bus of 72nd Street

Goes back and forth but never, ever stops.



The Poltergeist of Bergdorf Goodman

Could there be any other explanation for why anyone would buy such a hideous garment?



The Accursed Storefront

One month, it's a gourmet cheese shop...then it's a karate studio...then Czech restaurant...who will try their luck next?



The Ectoplasmic Super

People swear that they have seen him—but there is never any proof.





"I want to report a stalker."



*"Of course, once you're a scapegoat you long
to be dead wood again."*





“On your left.”



"She no longer laughs at my joke."



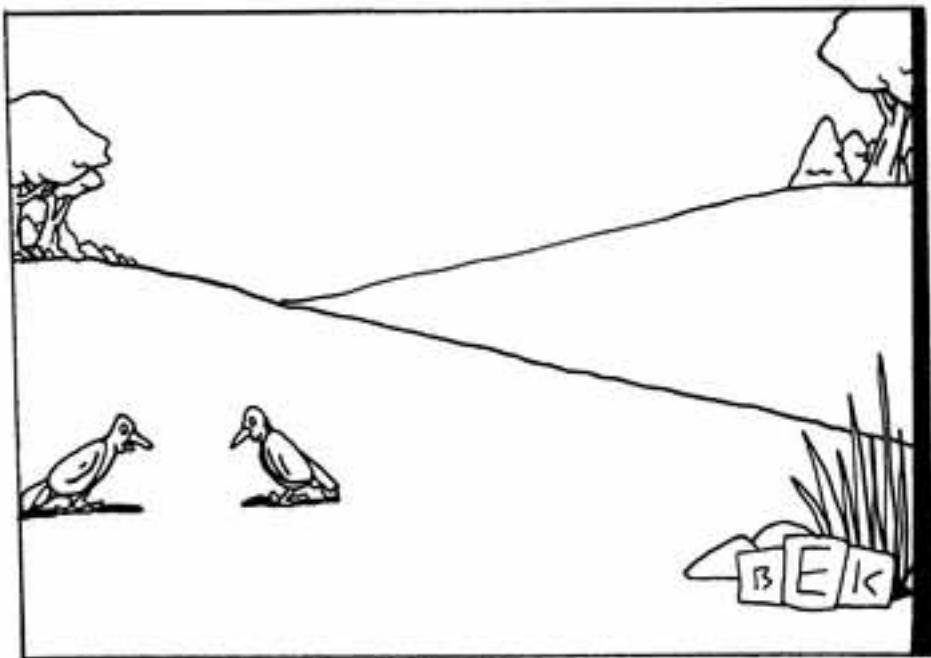
*"If we don't go, do you suppose anyone is
going to assume we weren't invited?"*



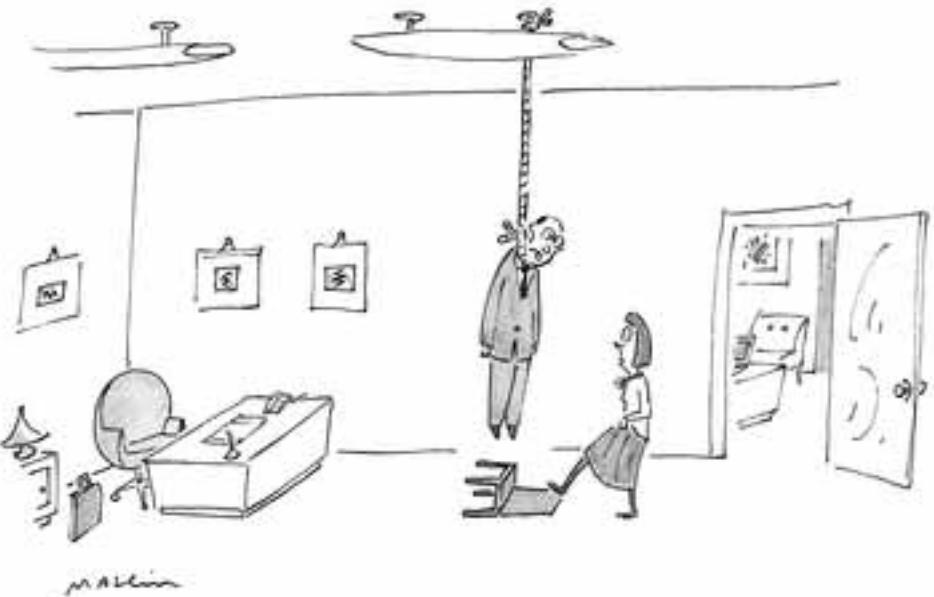


"Well, I like it. I'm sorry your book group doesn't."





"You're only trying to migrate from yourself."

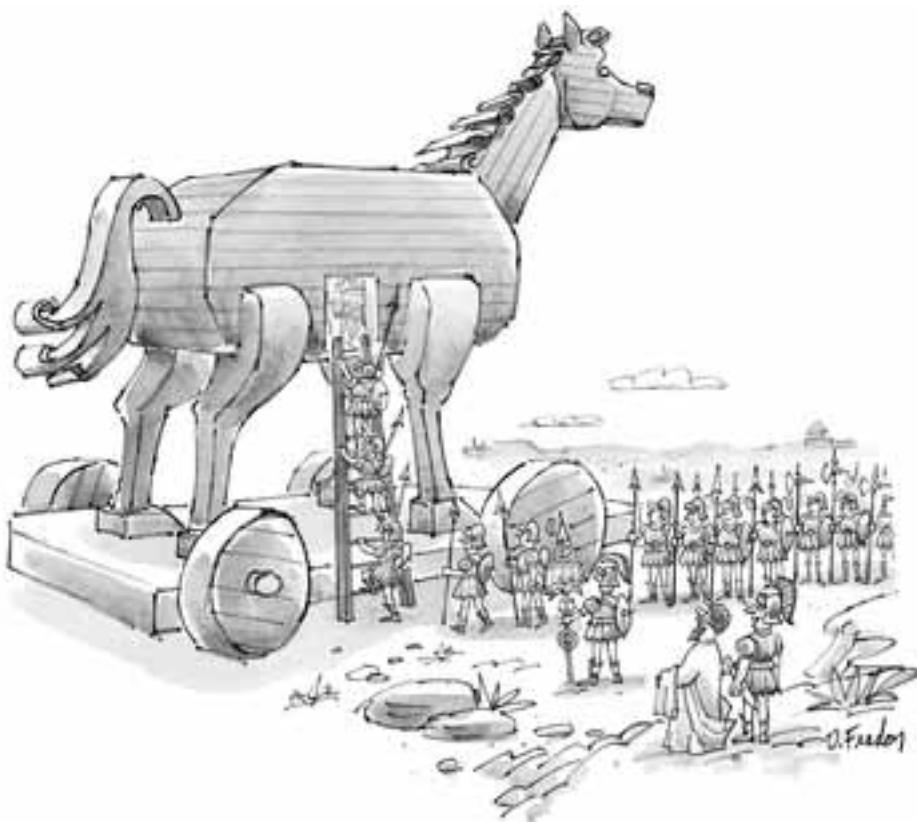


"Will there be anything else, sir?"





"Don't make the same mistake I did and squander your years in the eighteen-to-thirty-four demographic."

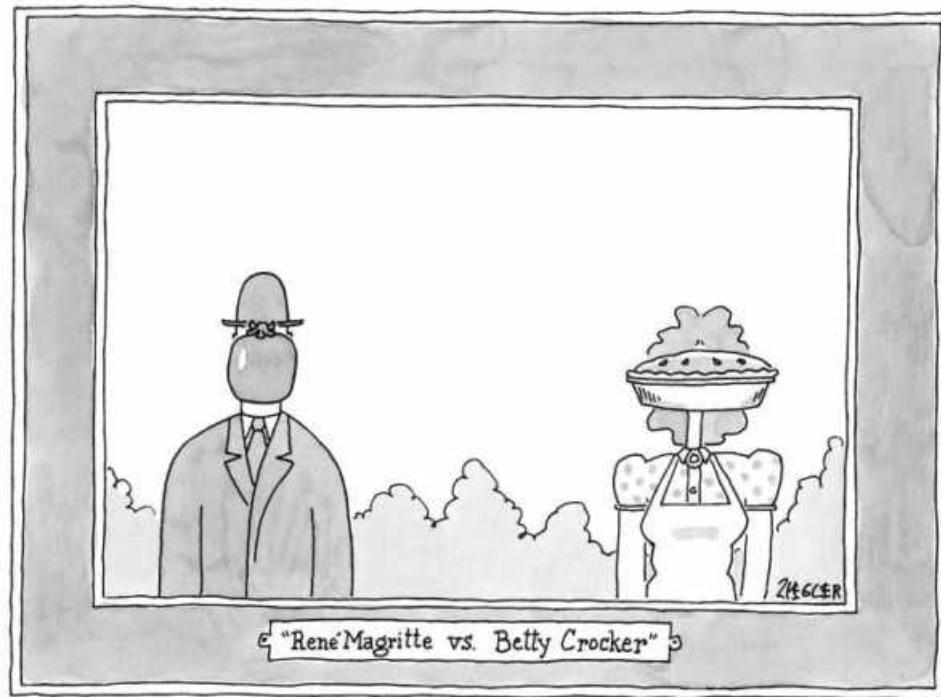


"Special Forces."

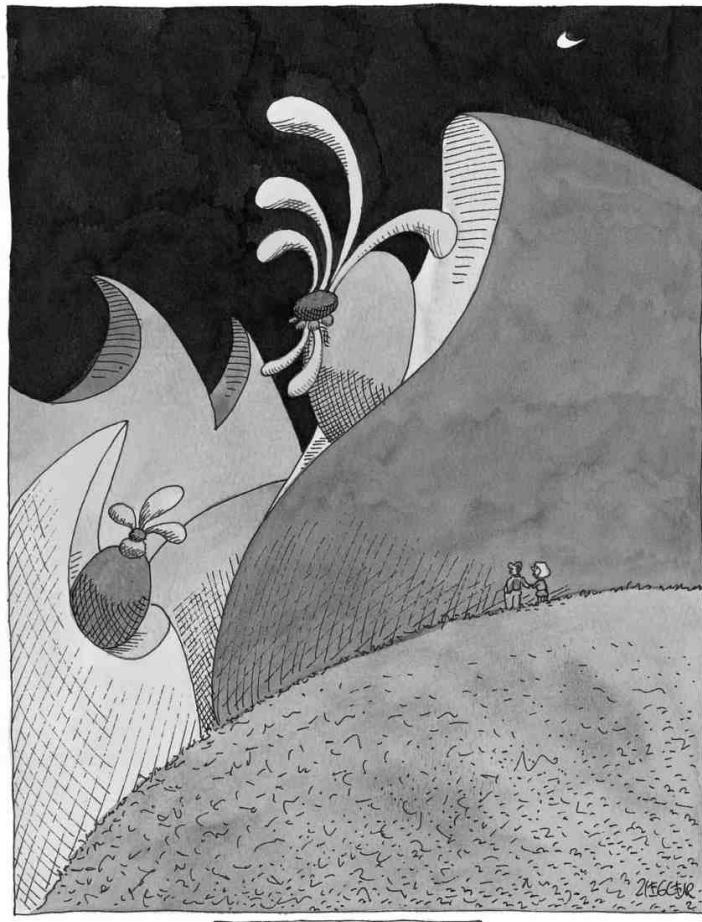


*"It's a good speech—just a couple of points that
need obfuscation."*

DAYDREAMING ON PAPER (1 OF 7)



DAYDREAMING ON PAPER (2 OF 7)



DAYDREAMING ON PAPER (3 OF 7)



Associated Press

Natalie Collins, right, of Brookfield, Connecticut, is seen celebrating her victory over, husband Ted, after a quick game of "Disparate Memories."

ZIEGLER

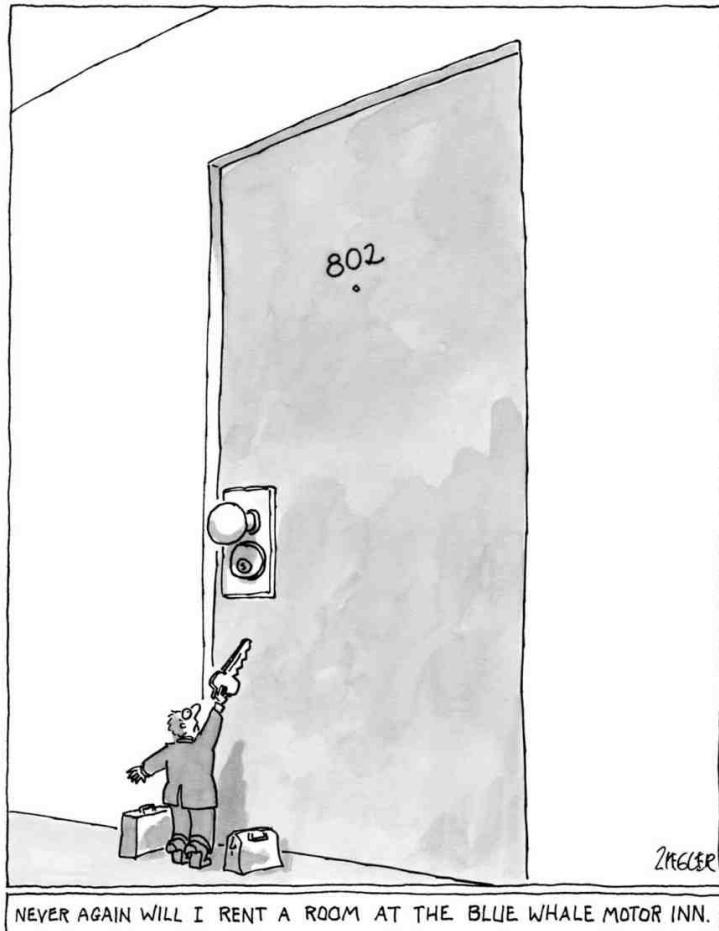
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DAYDREAMING ON PAPER (5 OF 7)



DAYDREAMING ON PAPER (6 OF 7)



DAYDREAMING ON PAPER (7 OF 7)



OUR HEROES (1 OF 5)



OUR HEROES (2 OF 5)



"Those days are over. I pretty much just sit around now and collect my royalties."

OUR HEROES (3 OF 5)



"We're saved! It's Second Amendment Man!"

OUR HEROES (4 OF 5)



"Relax—it's only the caped Approval Seeker."

OUR HEROES (5 OF 5)

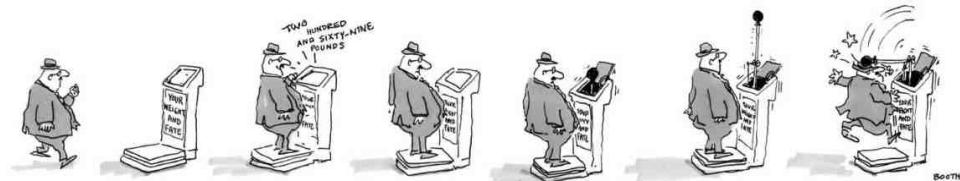


THE FUNNIES (1 OF 14)



"Hail, Caesar! This weekend's gross set a new record!"

THE FUNNIES (2 OF 14)



THE FUNNIES (3 OF 14)



*"Citizen of the world, wine connoisseur, husband.
I may be spreading myself too thin."*

THE FUNNIES (4 OF 14)



THE FUNNIES (5 OF 14)



*"They waste a lot of time on funny
little pictures."*

THE FUNNIES (6 OF 14)



"On task! On task, you huskies!"

THE FUNNIES (7 OF 14)

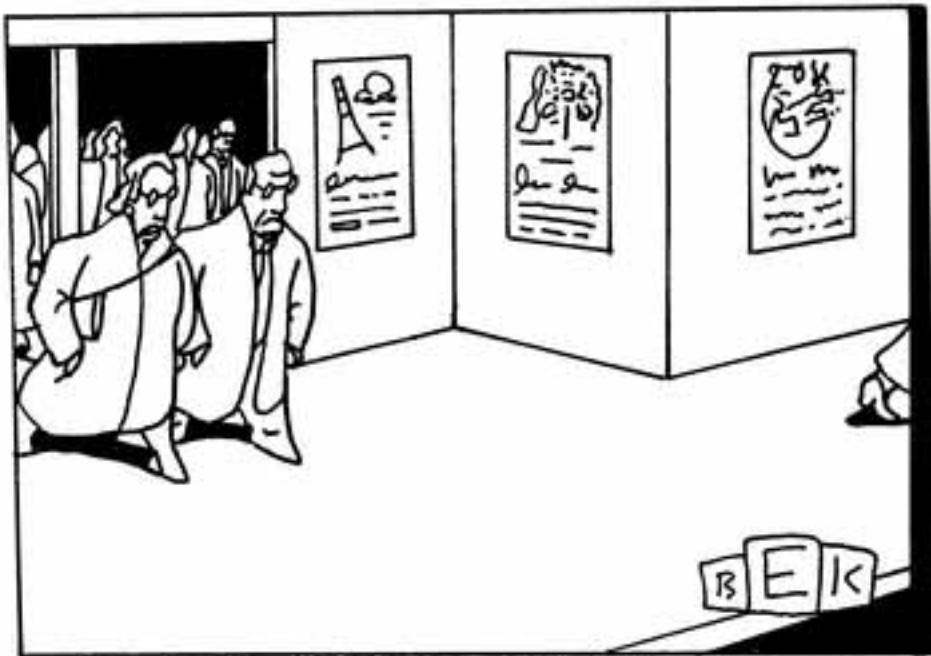


THE FUNNIES (8 OF 14)



*"This one's for deterring. That one's
for preempting."*

THE FUNNIES (9 OF 14)

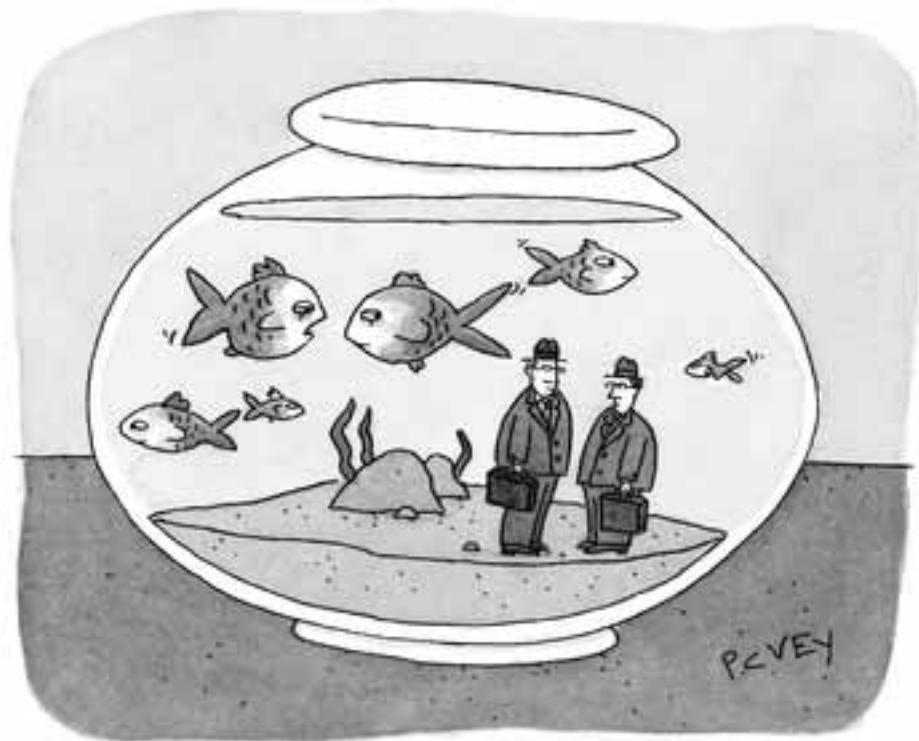


"I liked it, except for you."

THE FUNNIES (10 OF 14)

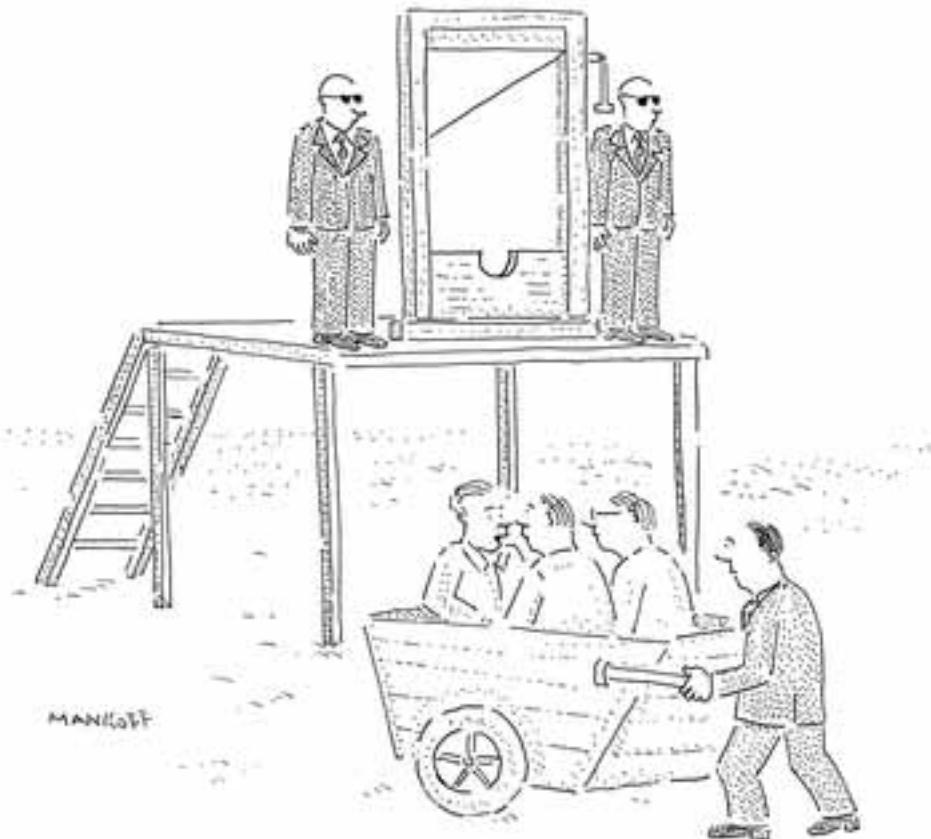


THE FUNNIES (11 OF 14)



"Keep an eye on those two."

THE FUNNIES (12 OF 14)



"I don't know about you guys, but I'm very disappointed in the severance package."

THE FUNNIES (13 OF 14)



*"I was hoping by this age to have outlived
my usefulness."*

THE FUNNIES (14 OF 14)



*"You still keep all the old pictures on display,
don't you, Mama."*



"We cross the road tonight."



"I have two children from a previous sexuality."



MARISA
ACOCELLA

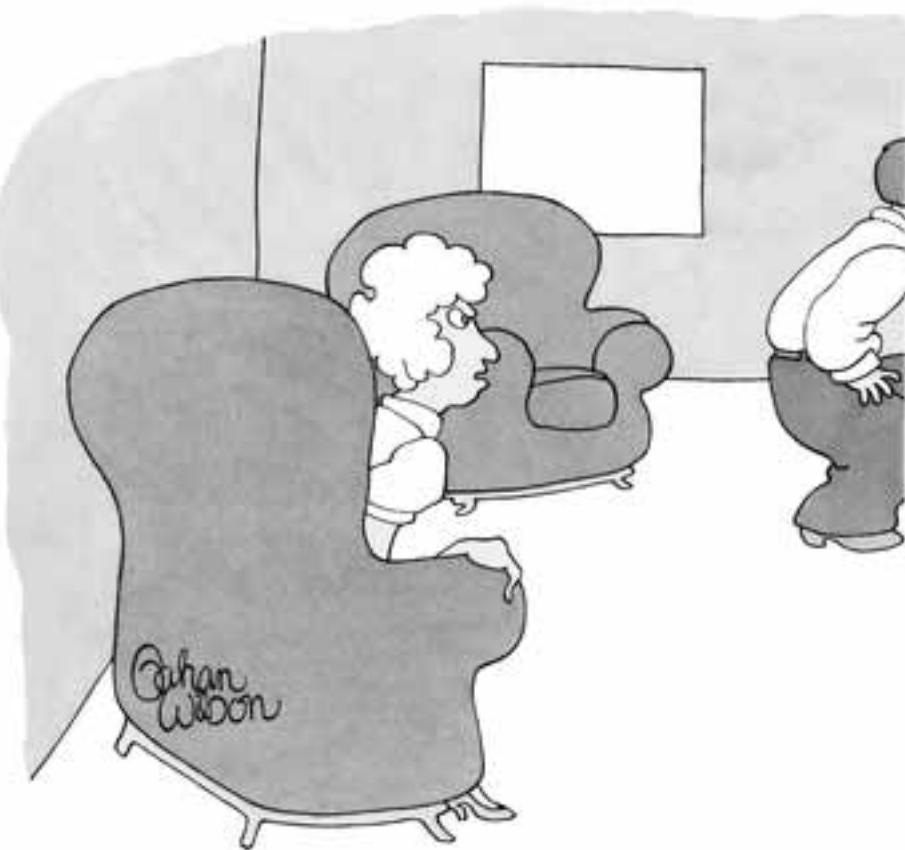
*"When you're finished not looking at her,
can you divert your non-attention
to me?"*



*"There is no cure, Mrs. Handler. That's because
there's nothing wrong with you."*



"Mr. Schley says that if the economy continues to improve in the next quarter we may be able to suffer fools gladly."



"Don't you dare try to sneak out of this cartoon!"



"I should have bought more crap."



"I hate open-mike night."



"I like the way I look, but I hate my personality."



*"You're not paying very much attention to
the restraining order."*



*"I don't see this as a rejection of
all things French."*

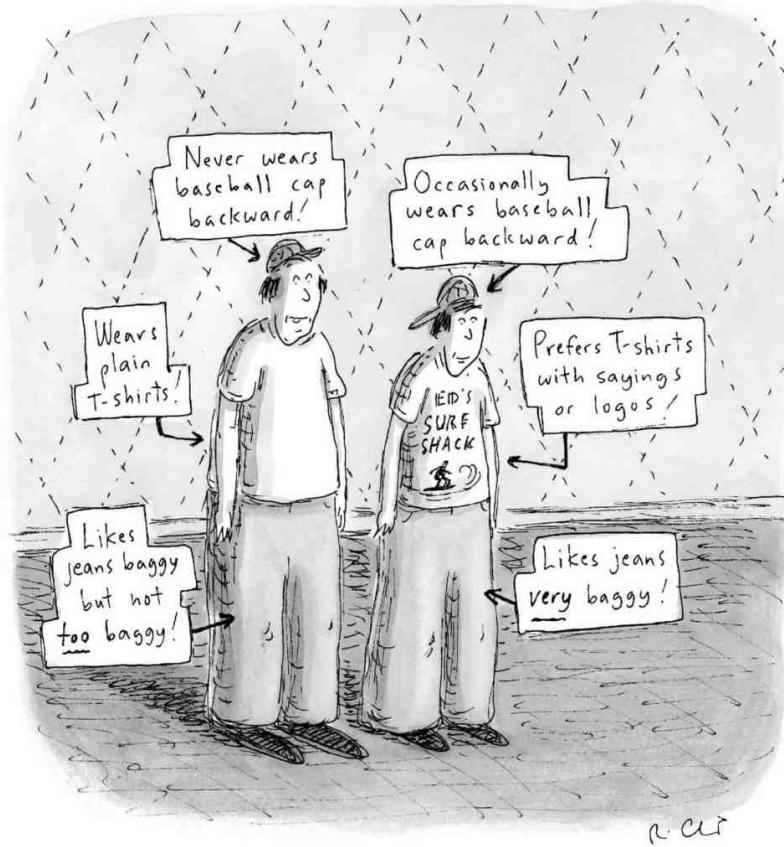


"I'm sorry, but we're going to have to act as if we have some kind of security system."



“And I say pull the plug while we still can.”

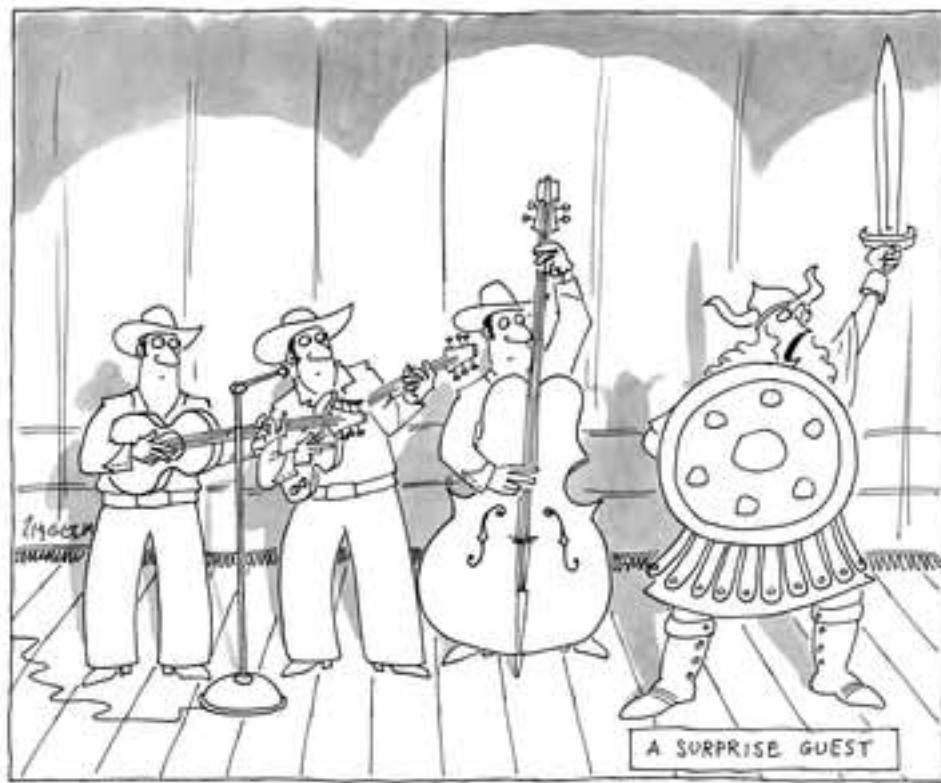
THE GENERATION GAP, 2002







"Use your fingers."





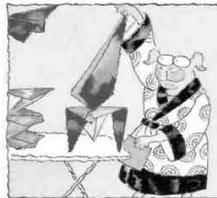
*"Maybe we should buy new furniture now
that we've detoxed."*



"She's got three moods from a previous marriage."



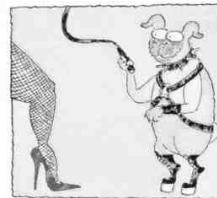
THE SECRET LIFE OF PUGS



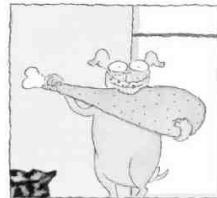
Monday: Origami.



Tuesday: Contract bridge.



Wednesday: Obedience training.



Thursday: Clean out fridge.



"They're bobbleheads."





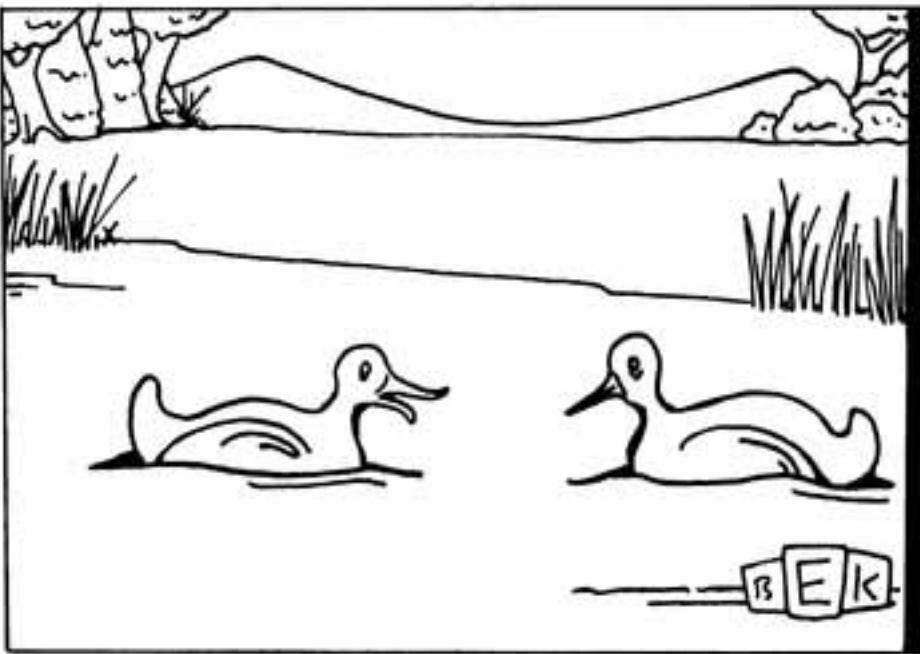
*"Will you turn that TV down? Can't you see
I'm on the phone?"*



"I cannot believe the things I've heard coming out of his mouth since he started listening to Eminem."



*"It's the Democratic Party. Do we want to give money
to their campaign to find themselves?"*



*"Maybe you should ask yourself why you're inviting all
this duck hunting into your life right now."*



"I've had one great passion in my life—hating my job."



"I'm not spinning—I'm contextualizing."



"Pretend to ask for a raise."



“Wow! That was a classic nor’easter.”



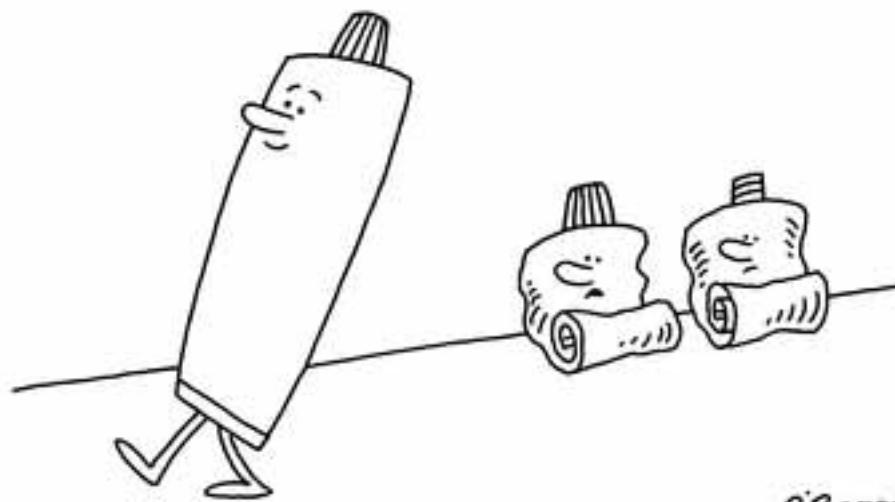
*"All I know is I bought one of Martha Stewart's
candles once and it was lovely."*

ALADDIN AND THE DISAPPOINTING LAMP





Bob + Carol + Ted + Alice: The Remake



"Kind of sad, really."



*"We haven't been married long enough for you to
reprimand my dog."*



*"So, what are we aiming for, Timmy—the Nobel Prize
or 'Inspected by No. 7'?"*



"Unfortunately, a few years back we had to start accepting advertising."



*"Yes, I guess I'm in the mood, but certain
restrictions apply."*



"Here comes fury without purpose."



"It's just us today. Campbell called in ethical."



*"Your leg's not supposed to do that when I tap it
with this little hammer."*



*"That's the best you can do—'Time to
call the gutter man'?"*



*"I just hope it doesn't turn out that we're going after Saddam
to get some rich bastard's son into some school."*



"The voice pattern is similar to Dad's."



"Who tipped off the turkey?"



"Was there ever a Boy Scout badge for 'caution'?"



*"Harold, have you reaped huge gains that you
have not told me about?"*



“Omigod. The entire axis of boring is in there.”



"Quit parentalizing me!"



"It looks nothing like him."



"What we're going to say to the jury is 'Love the embezzler. Hate the embezzlement.'"





*"Doesn't it feel as though we just got through working
more hours for less pay?"*



"The tell-all butler did it!"





Charles Barsotti

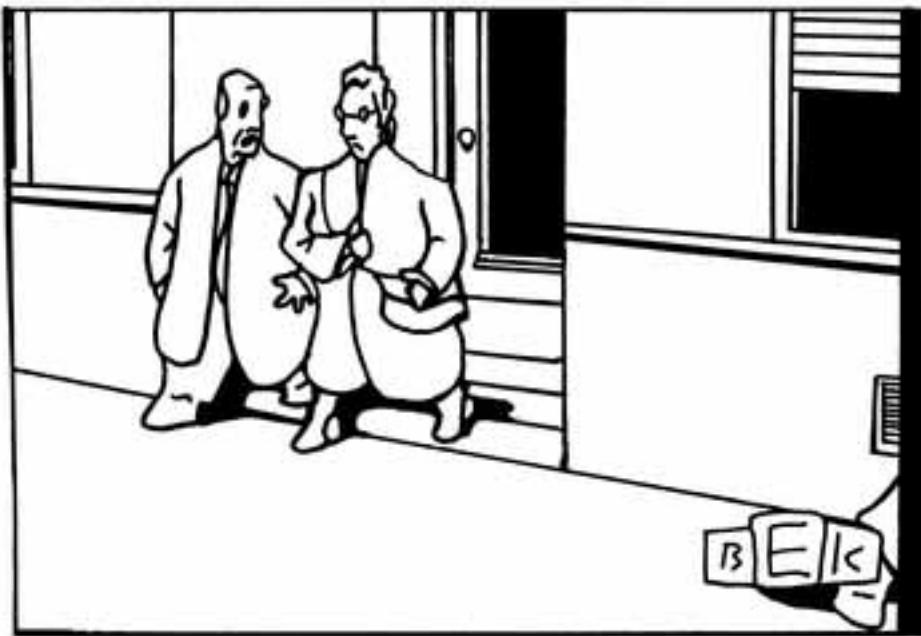
"Introspection, J.B., is for losers."



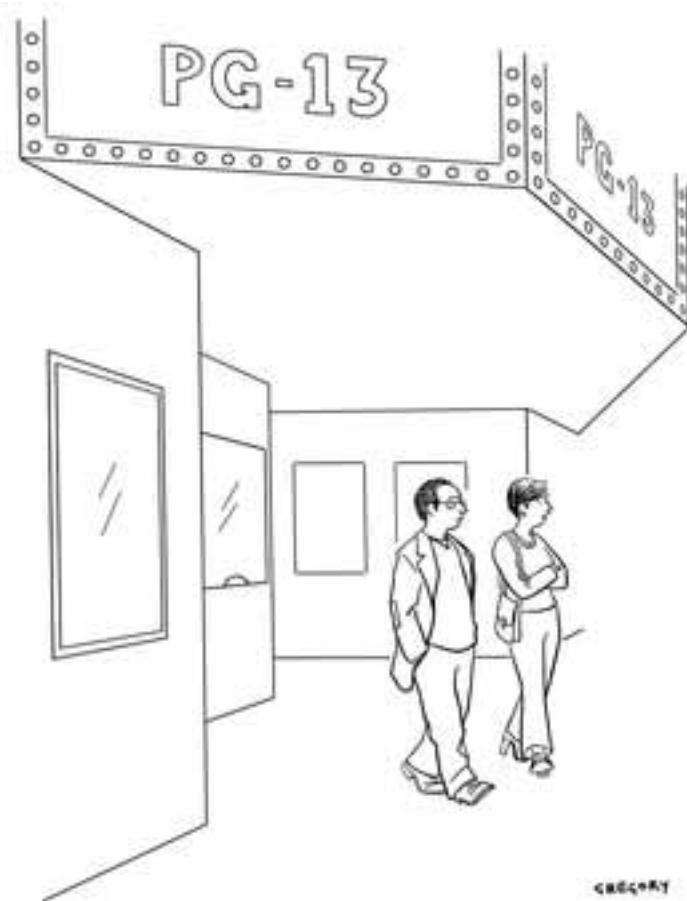
"A bit prickly perhaps, but he's not nearly as frightening as I had imagined."



*"It's always the same argument with us,
isn't it, Marge?"*



*"Do you want to be vaguely dissatisfied with
Italian or Korean?"*



"Is there no escape from escapism?"



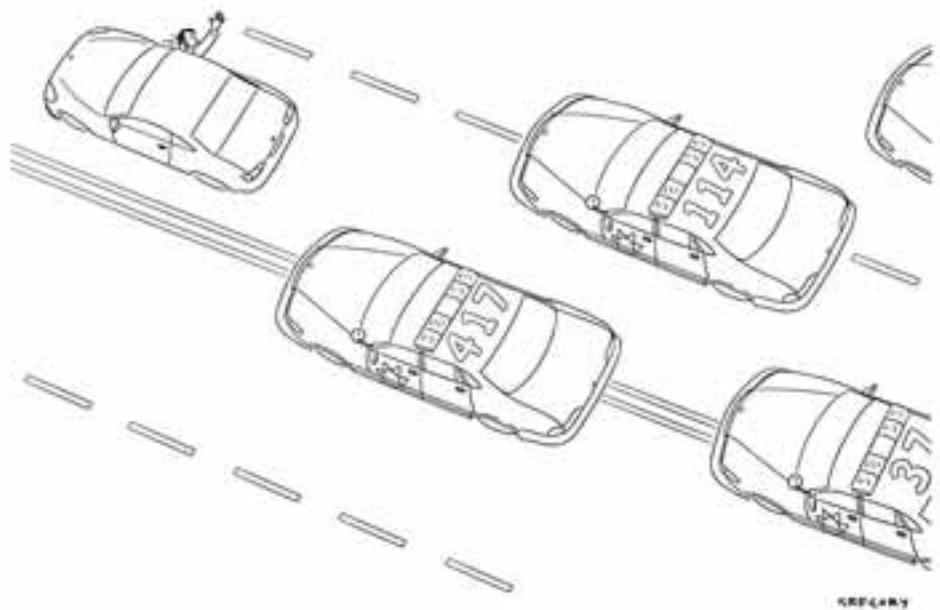
*"Can you suggest some place where the dollar goes
far but they don't want to kill us?"*



*"We're from the Department of Homeland Security.
You left your damn door unlocked."*



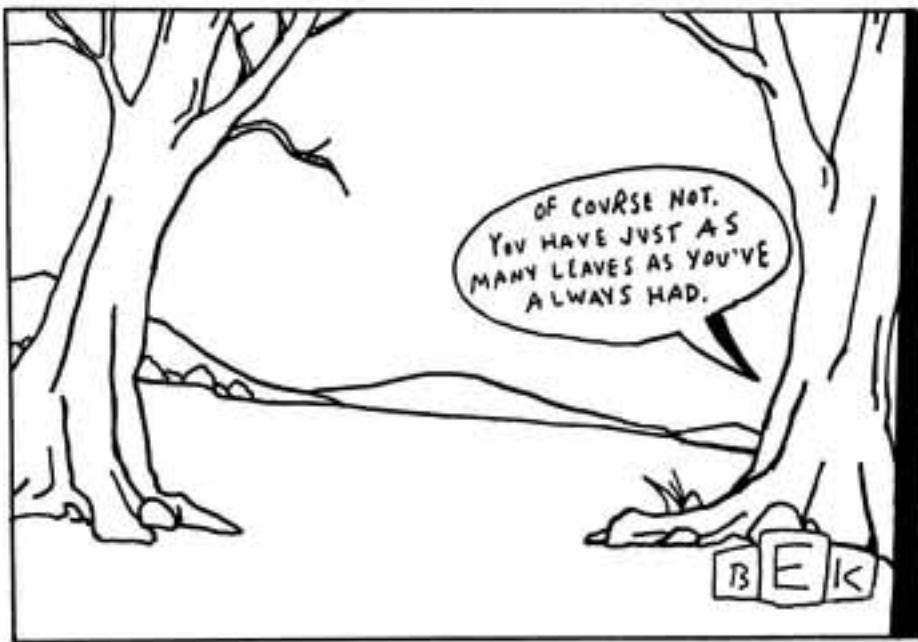
*"O.K., I hate you, but not because you're
an American."*



"Mom, turn on the TV!"



"For some reason the earthlings are not regarding us with the level of awe we were told to expect."

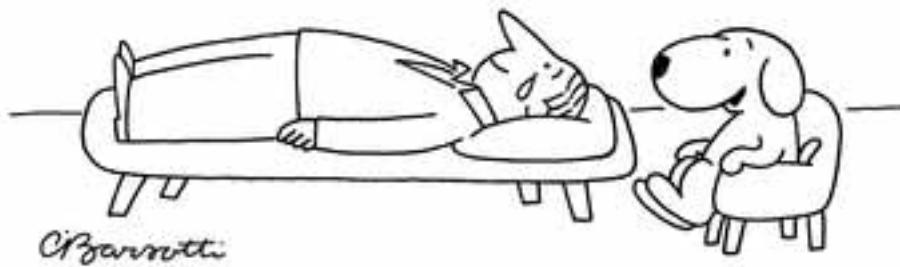




"I warned you it was lighthearted holiday fare!"



"Some freshly mined salt?"



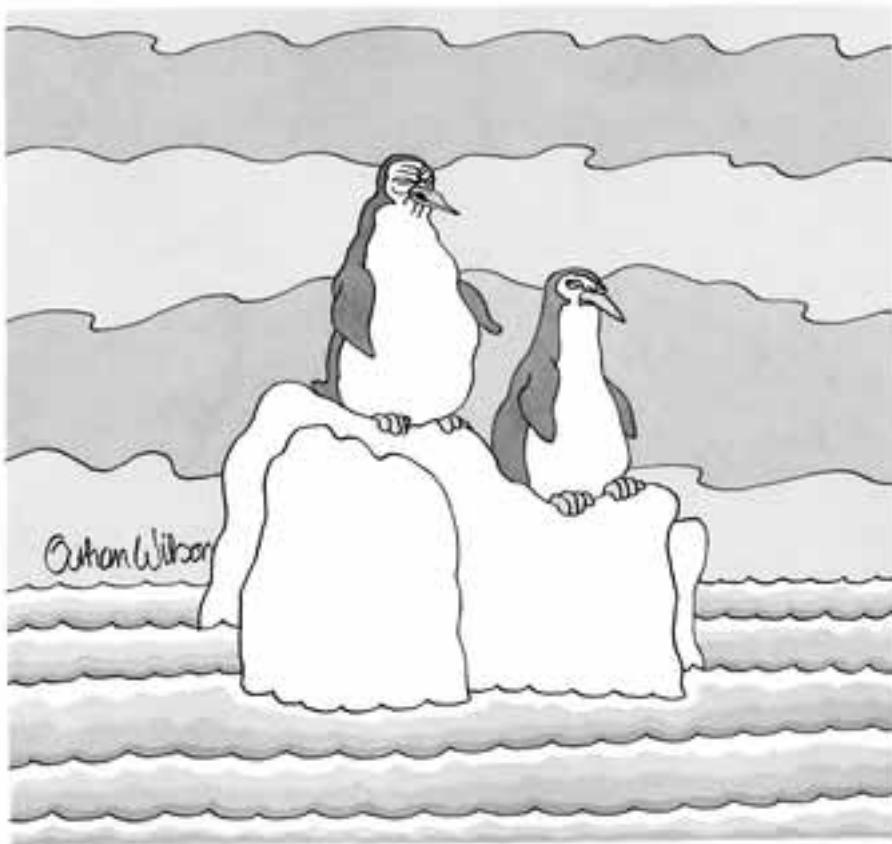
"Well, I think you're wonderful."



"How about a little music to push the plot along."



"It keeps me from obsessing about my body."



"Call this an iceberg? When I was a kid we wouldn't have called this an iceberg!"

SANTA'S HELPERS



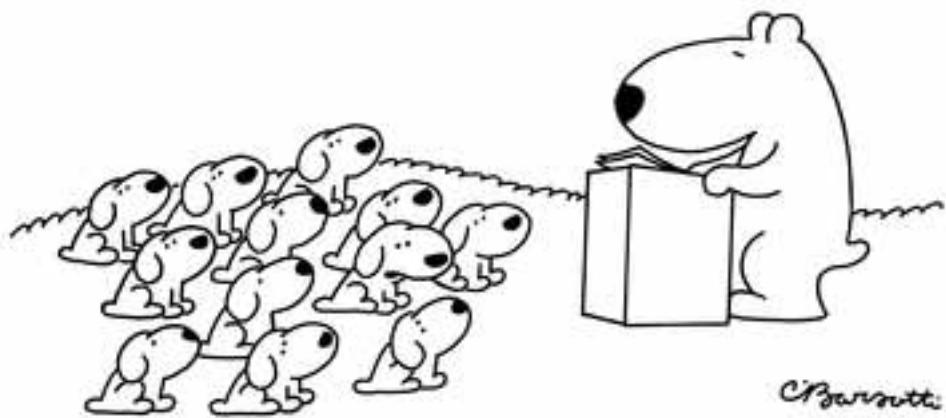


*"Sometimes it would be helpful if you were a bit
more androgynous."*



*"You may be a big shot at the New York office, Miller,
but here in Des Moines we do things differently."*





"Today's lecture is on loyalty."



"My entire family's coming for the holidays."







*"We really must be going. Philip has an uncanny sense
of when to leave a party."*



"I'm in this for the momentary haul."



"Please! Let me through. I don't have time to go around."





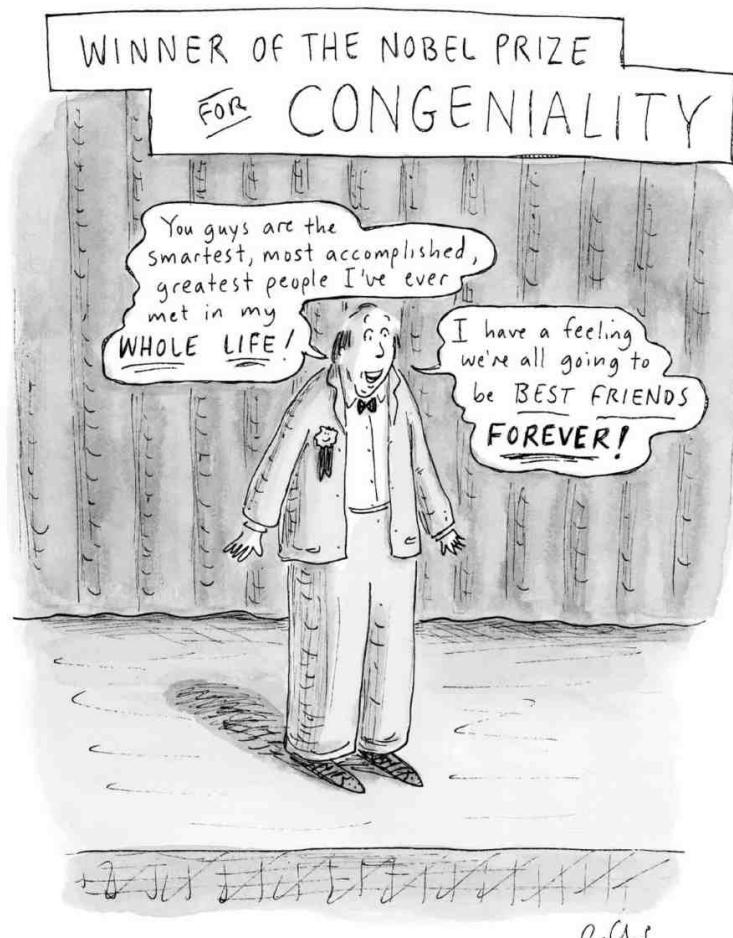
*"For the full effect, it's best worn in front
of a throng."*



"Greedy, meet needy."



"Don't get caught."





"Ah, the lovely widow!"

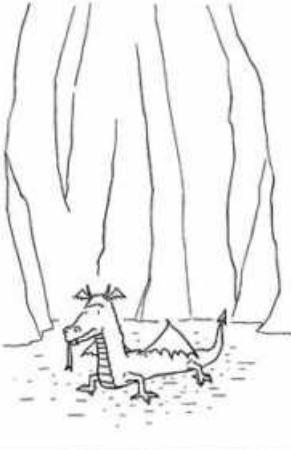
TOLKIEN CHARACTERS THAT NEVER
MADE IT OUT OF THE AUTHOR'S NOTEBOOKS



NOGO
THE AGORAPHOBIC
HOBBIT



FINARFINGOL
THE ELF DENTIST



SMIG
THE MINIATURE
DRAGON

GREGORY



*"Wow! The big guy! And what kind of B.T.U.s
am I looking at here?"*



*"By the way, this isn't a robbery. It's just
coercive borrowing."*



"And don't forget—make it look like an accident."



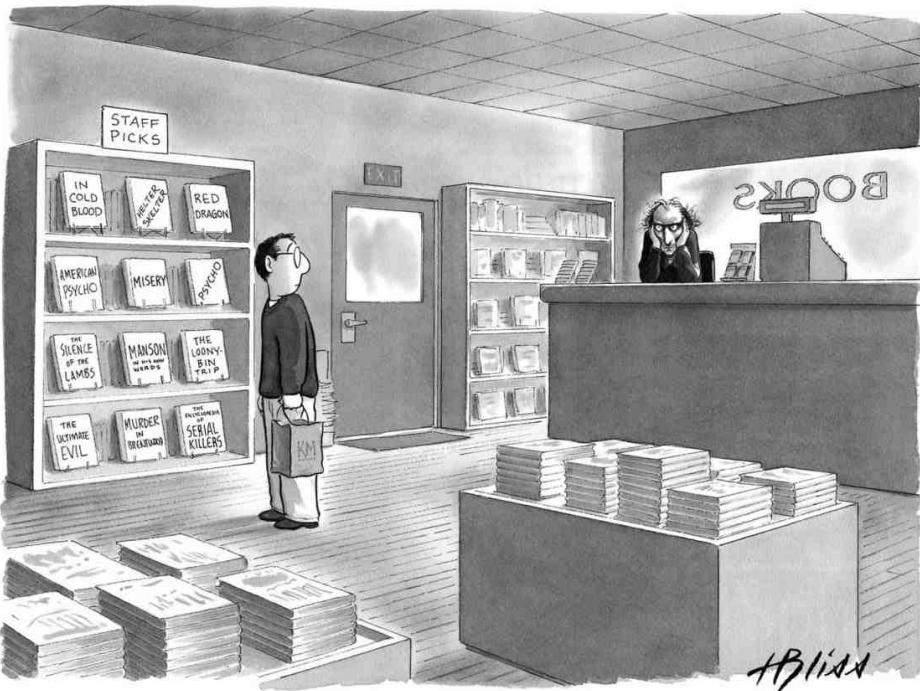
"Stop smiling. You're downtown."



*“And then we are led to believe that they lived
happily ever after.”*



"They may be your grades, but they're the return on my investment."





*"Look, I'm quite sure you're mistaken—I never
forget a spouse."*



*"Perhaps we should start reading books about
having a child."*



*"There has got to be a way for Detroit to make a safe,
affordable, fuel-efficient vehicle out of hemp."*



"When we're right, we're right."





"Fortunately, the law of the jungle doesn't require lawyers of the jungle."





"I've enjoyed about as much of this as I can stand."



"O.K., Saddam, we want a full and accurate accounting of what you've got—or else!"



"He seems an awful lot bigger in his movies."



"Your generous contribution helps fund these solicitations."



"Rumor has it, Minton, that you're after my job."



"Yellow? Don't call us until it's at least an orange alert."





"Where do you see yourself getting drunk in five years?"