



"I don't know. I was just in a borrowing mood."





"I thought that's what you liked about New York—the change of seasons!"



"Now, don't you start complaining."



"For what it's worth, next week all your stars and planets will be in good aspect for you to launch an invasion of England."



"It's been a hell of a year—nothing in Loch Ness, nothing on Mars, and nothing on television."



*"Sorry, folks. The chef just threw in the towel on
the boiled tripe à la Grecque."*



*"You should wear a little jewelry with your overalls,
sweetheart, so people don't get the wrong idea."*



*"He-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-eere's Johnny!
He-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-eere's Johnny!
He-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-eere's Johnny!
He-e-e-e-e-e-e-e-eere's Johnny!"*

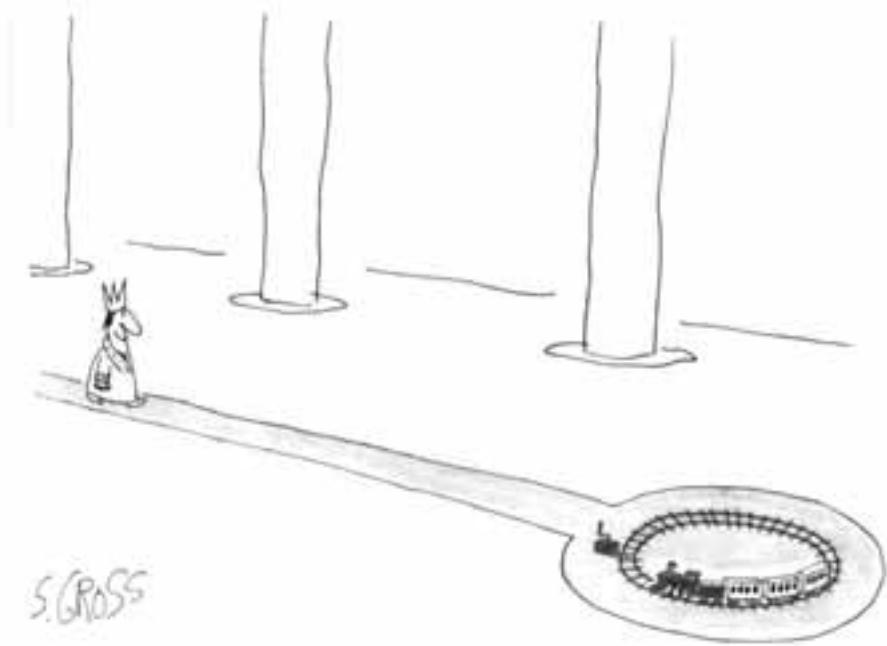


"Well, if Mr. Reston isn't in, could I speak to Mr. Wicker?"



"Not the Bermuda triangle?"



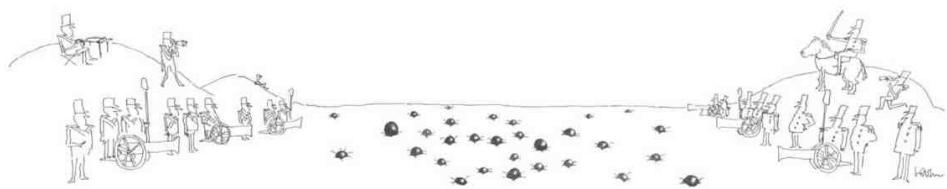




"Thompson! I thought I told you to have a Happy New Year!"



"I commend you, Phil, on your evenhanded resolution of the dispute."





*"No, you're not disturbing me, Herb. I'm up
with the chickens this morning."*





"You interpret everything on different levels, except me."



"Why don't you just try winging it?"



Bad Boy



*"And in this corner, wearing blue trunks and
representing the middle class . . ."*



*"The question before the board, then, is whether or not
to enter an altered state of consciousness."*







"Life with Rupert was all sit and no com."



"Here you are, Jack. Your signature on this simple document brings you your heart's desire. Check it out."



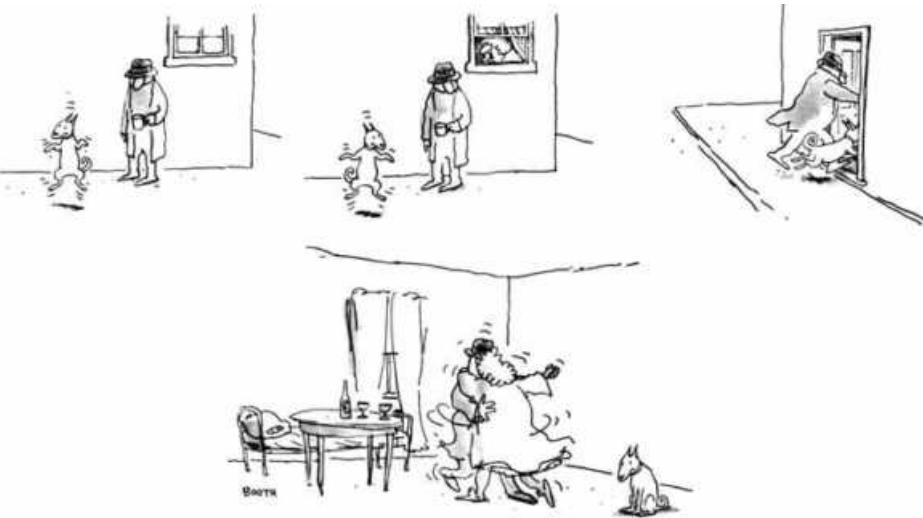
"We find the defendant guilt-ridden, as charged."



"I decided to play it by ear today, and found myself at the race track."



"My Harry is Bill Blass from head to toe."





"Well, gentleman, Christmas is over."



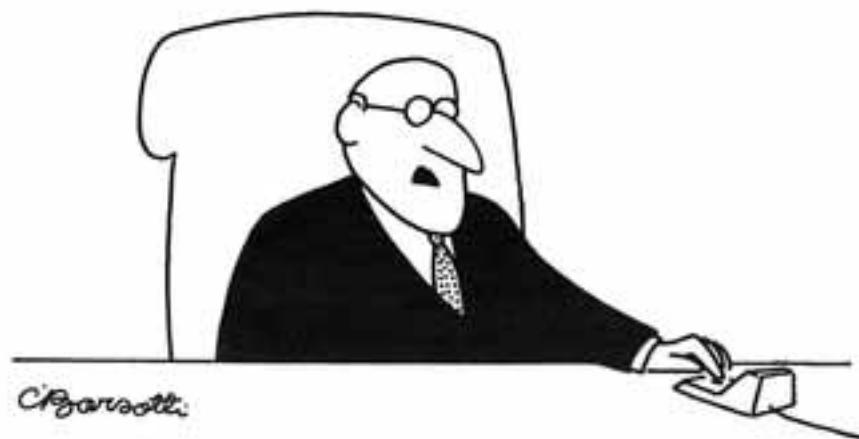
"Did you hear what happened to King Kong?"





CHRISTIANSON

"Can you get it to stop saying 'as it were'?"



"Miss Howell, send in the clowns."







"Lately I've begun to dabble in quality."



*"Well, that bastard Hepplewether wished me a Happy New Year,
but I was ready for him. I told him to go to hell."*



"On second thought, let's not take another crack at it."





"Nobody realized I was a man to watch until it was too late."



"That was very encouraging, Ed. I think I'll have another."





"Oops—forgot a small item. The state and city taxes. That'll be \$14,982.63 for Governor Carey and Mayor Beame."



"Look. Let's just say I haven't seen anything, Charlie hasn't heard anything, and Tom hasn't said anything."

KEEPING CALM (1 OF 7)



Avoid overstimulation.

KEEPING CALM (2 OF 7)



*Reserve a few minutes each morning
to recall the halcyon days of youth.*

KEEPING CALM (3 OF 7)



Spend more time alone.

KEEPING CALM (4 OF 7)



Putter among the flowers before breakfast.

KEEPING CALM (5 OF 7)



Take catnaps whenever you can.

KEEPING CALM (6 OF 7)



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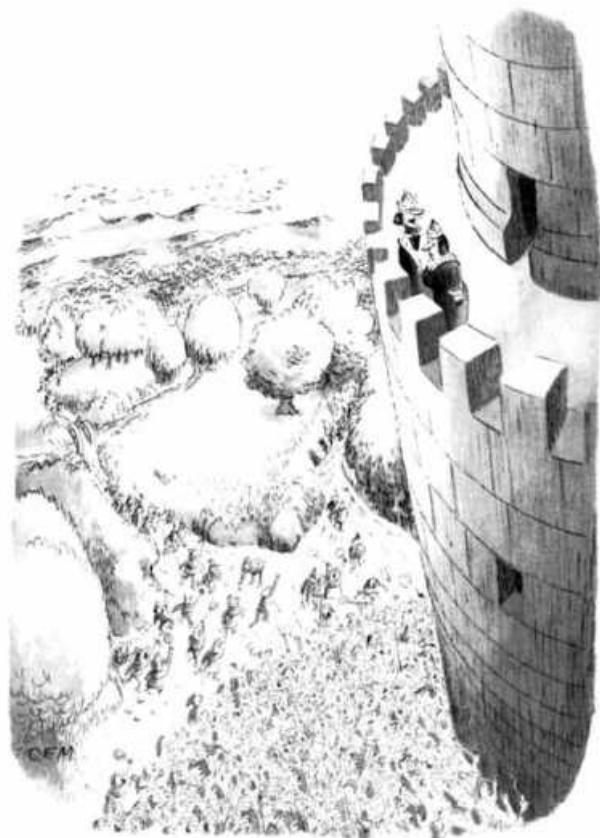
KEEPING CALM (7 OF 7)





"He's working on the next generation of fast bucks."





"Don't stand there gawking. Boil oil!"



"I can't get a peep out of him. You sure he went down the tube?"



*"Where did we go wrong, Larry? Was it when we lived together?
Was it when we broke up? Was it when we decided to get married
after all? Was it during that honeymoon we decided to spend at
home? Was it when I decided to work again? Was it when you
stopped seeing an analyst and when I started seeing an analyst?"*





"I suppose this means we're no longer on the side of the angels."



"No need to apologize. You had a job to do and you did it."



“And you, Herb. What’s new with you?”



"He likes to say we're a team, but really he's the coach and I'm the team."



"Michael, don't you want to share?"





"I'll say one thing for you, Marvin. You're all snake."









"Gosh, Mr. Groswell, I didn't know there were so many different hauntingly beautiful versions of 'September Song.' "



"I'll have the crab Newburg, but don't tell my ulcer."



*"This new, more positive self-image of yours,
Clarkson—get rid of it."*



"Oh, fine! The one time we're invited on a boat it has to rain!"



"Howard, have you seen Edgar? His Adidas just came in without him."



"I understand he's one of the top ten health-food nuts in the country."



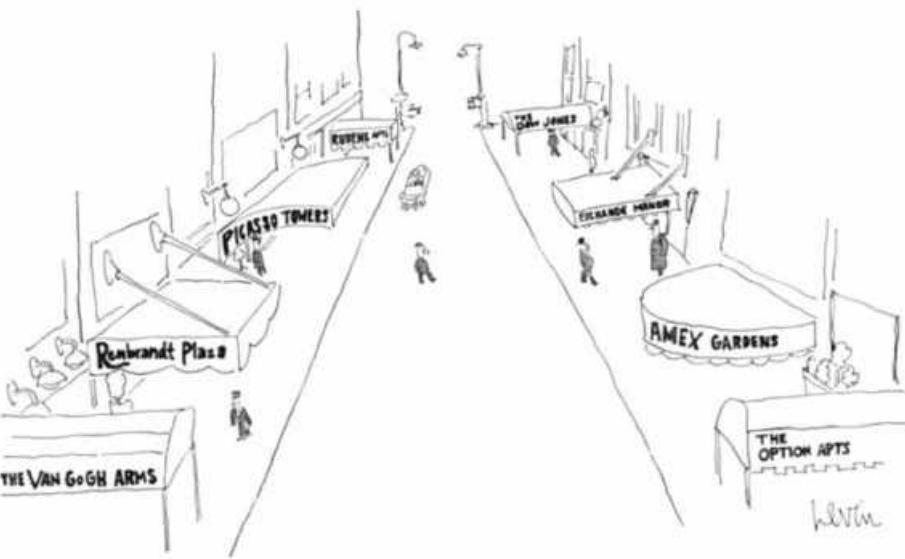
Volunteer Executive



"Well, so far so good."



*“Snow White kidnapped. Prince released from spell.
Tailor kills seven. Those are the headlines. I’ll be back
in a moment with the details.”*





"A most amusing thing has happened!"



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"Thank you for not smoking."



"Twisting paper clips. How about you, Ed?"



*"And now, gentlemen, before this meeting gets under way,
are there any more smart-alecky remarks?"*







"Better drunk than never, right?"



"That's the second time she's passed us without so much as a hello."



"Hey, Mac! Is this the RR train to Astoria Boulevard?"



*"I hereby pronounce you Jack and Jill.
You may now go up the hill."*



"Do you mind if we watch?"

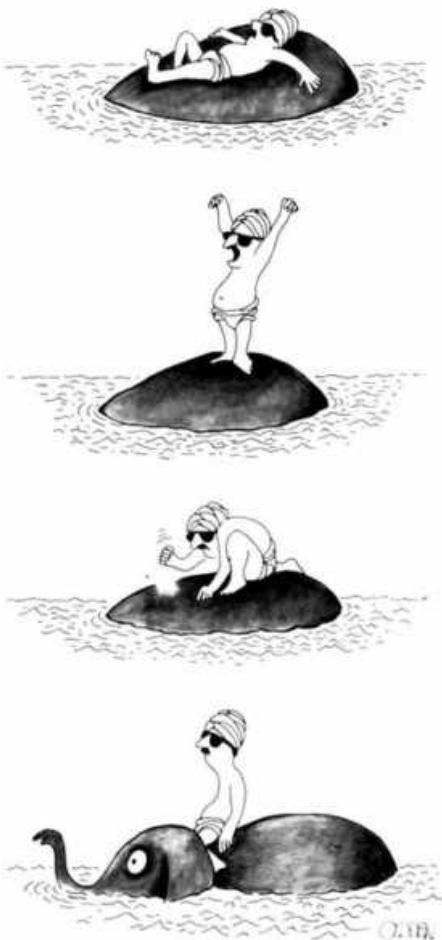




*“Damn it, Baxter, I’m a busy man, but, all right,
just this once—‘Who’s there?’ ”*



*"You know the saying, Comrades: Two's company,
three's a crowd, and four is a gang."*





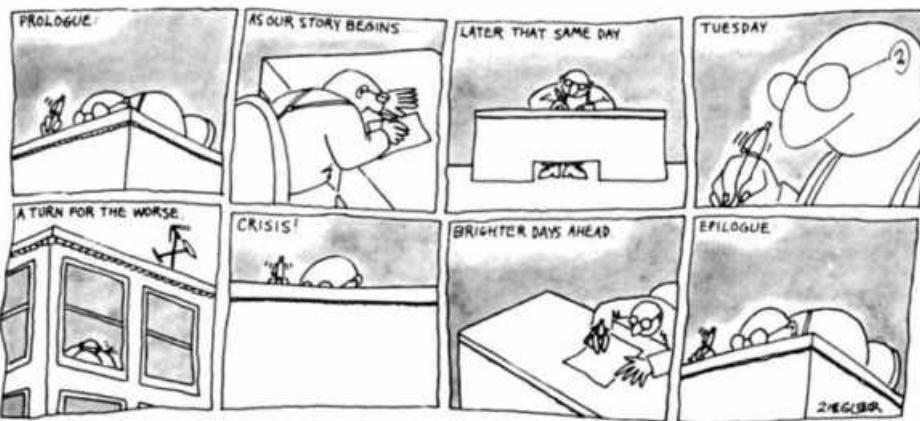
"Since we think alike, why don't I put all my assets in a blind trust managed by you and you put all your assets in a blind trust managed by me?"



"All right, saints, that's your cue. Come marching in."



"I'm writing my autobiography, to set the record straight."





*"Meaningless statistics were up one-point-five per cent
this month over last month."*



*"First of all, I'd like to scotch the rumor about
Yves Saint Laurent's joining our team."*





“Sure I shot him. What is that—a crime?”



"It's a blend of carefree Orlon and lighthearted polyester."



A Salt by the Sea

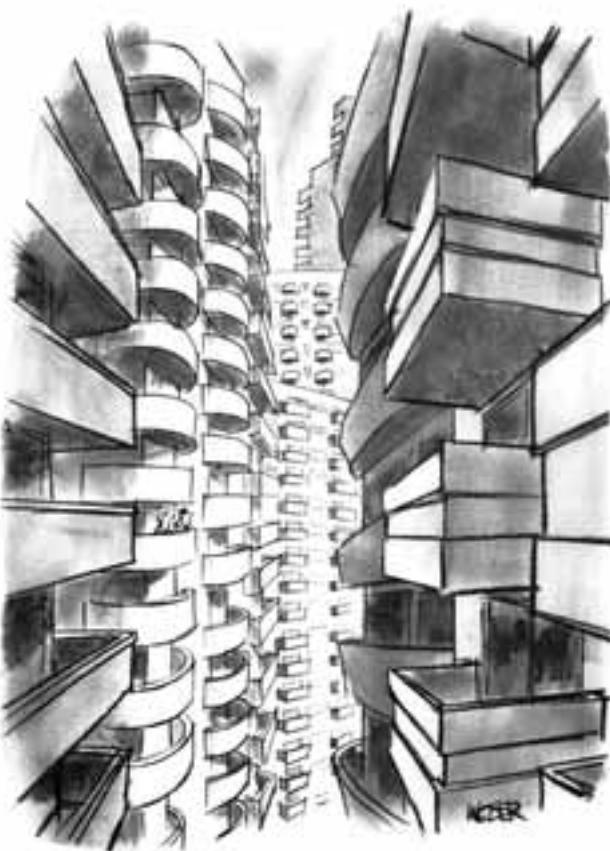


*"I used to think you were a Renaissance man, Michael, but
now I think you're a Neanderthal."*





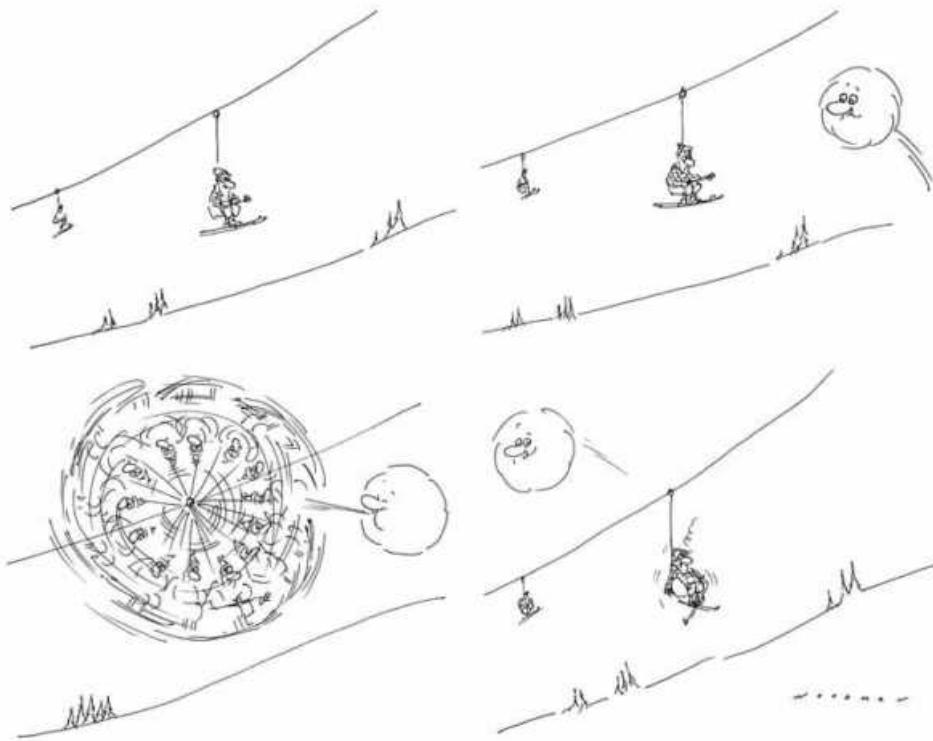
"That concludes our broadcast day. Go to bed!"



“On a warm spring day, it’s bedlam.”



"Many were called. I was chosen."





"Aaah—sharp pencils! We're back in business, boys!"



"You should take it easy for a while, Mr. Harner. You've been infected by the virus of hate."



"I'm learning to think not only with my mind but with my entire body."



*"We've decided not to go anywhere this winter.
We're saving up for a divorce."*



"Boy, am I glad to see you!"



"Why shouldn't I know the score? I'm eighty-one years old."







"Well, none of the rest of us ever bump our heads!"



"I think Ray's done remarkably well, considering he's only been a teller at the bank less than a year."



“Damn it, Fletcher! Take off those earmuffs when I’m talking to you.”





"For heaven's sake! When did you have your ear pierced?"



"So I said to him, 'Mr. President, sub.' "

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (1 OF 9)



First the strange mixup with the baggage and the prattle of the boorish Count Deschamps. Now customs was impounding his Beretta. Still, Holcomb Travis was determined to let nothing spoil his holiday.

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (2 OF 9)



*The urgent summons to the cabaret
proved to be a false alarm. But there
was Gillian Lathrop. A delightful
coincidence—or was it?*

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (3 OF 9)



When the body of Sir Alistair Royce was discovered sprawled between the neat rows of Chassagne-Montrachet, Herman Laubrich had already disappeared, to no one's surprise.

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (4 OF 9)



They were all there in the dining salon: Baron Rosenwasser, Herr Klimt, Mrs. Parsegian, and the Marburgs. As he studied the wine list, all the pieces seemed to fit into place.

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (5 OF 9)



*Serge Katzourakis was followed everywhere by the obsequious
Mr. Waxman. Were they actually father and son?*

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (6 OF 9)



The usually taciturn Frau Berthe had been oddly insistent about changing his towels at precisely 11:25. Normally, she changed the Hochfelds' towels at 11:25.

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (7 OF 9)



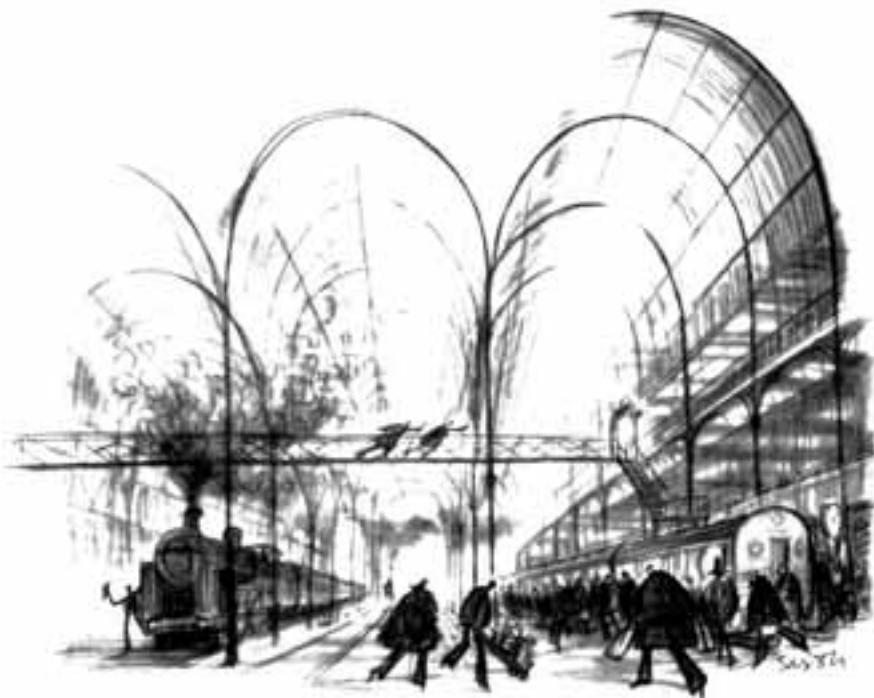
If Prager had not bent forward at that moment to retrieve Professor Hensle's lighter, the runaway ski would have brought the pursuit to a grisly conclusion.

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (8 OF 9)



Inspector Forsythe observed that Dr. Kesselman had been asleep in the lounge when Mme. Fleischer was attacked, and also when the mail arrived. He was there still.

THE RACHMANINOFF FILE (9 OF 9)



*Just as the warning whistle blew, he became aware of two figures racing through the steam toward the Trans-Europe Express.
Suddenly he knew the answer. But was it too late?*





"Could I have a word with you, J.B.?"



"You can't legislate morality, thank heaven."



"Louise and Greg are from Pittsburgh, Richard and Beth are from Boston, you and Ellen are from Hartford, and Glen and I are from Detroit. Goodness! New York certainly is a melting pot!"





"Do you have anything on you for the relief of simple nervous tension?"



*"Listen—they're playing 'That Old Black Magic'! It
brings back lovely memories, doesn't it? I wonder what
Bernice Waldvogel is doing these days."*





"If you happen to be anywhere near the commercial district, pick up some consumer goods."



*"I wouldn't worry about it, sir. You were wearing cardigan
sweaters long before he was."*



"Do you mind terribly if we end another evening on a sour note?"



"Would you please welcome Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Garfield!"





*"The ambience is great! The blazing fire is great! The service is great!
The food is great! The wine is great! You're great! I'm great!"*



"I love your pants. Were they yours originally?"



"Please don't thank me. I would have accepted a kickback from anyone."



"Oh, my God! Is it H & R Block time already?"



"Call me sentimental, but I always add a few cherries on Washington's Birthday."



"Save some for me, Fatso."



"Never mind the 'You're not going to believe this.' Just answer the question, yes or no."

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TEN WAYS TO IMPROVE A COFFEE CUP
(A CREATIVE EXERCISE)







"Where do you get your ideas?"



*"Since you ask, there was another woman, but
I gave her the old heave-ho."*





"This is an outrage to the cooking public!"



"Winchner, you know damn well that when I said 'Let the chips fall where they may' I didn't mean on me!"



*"Did you feel it, Harry? A little jolt? I think
Carter's got the country moving again."*





"Diddle with this, Benson, until there's some truth in it."



*"Look here, Brentwell, stop dropping a name
every time I drop a name!"*



"Listen, you. I'm in the mood for some frozen food."





*"Of course what we're doing is wrong, but
that doesn't make it indefensible."*



*"Estelle? Is that you? You didn't even look like
that when we were married."*



"Welcome aboard."



"The Arnsteins can't come to our 'Far from the Madding Crowd' housewarming, either. It's too far."



BTOBEY

*"Alfred, I'm beginning to think two fur coats in
one family is just too much."*



"Harrison sat down and wrote—as the President requested, mind you—a long letter itemizing in detail what he felt was wrong with the country and outlining possible remedies for said wrongs. Ten pages, if you please. And to this date no response."



*"I said I like it. I like it. Period. I no longer feel
the need to spare your feelings."*



"There doesn't seem to be anything on that begins and ends tonight."



"Eliza? Oh, please say you two haven't eaten. I've just had the most horrendous Cuisinart overrun."



*"No ideas for you at the moment, but I have mentioned your name
to somebody at the National Endowment for the Arts."*



*"Just because a person has never been mentioned in
'People' magazine, 'People,' or 'Notes on People'
doesn't mean he's not people."*





*"Confound it, Hawkins, when I said I meant that literally,
that was just a figure of speech."*



*"It's very simple, Eric. Your schema is not my schema.
In fact, your schema is beneath contempt."*



*"Well, as near as I can tell, you have either logus of the bogos,
the heebie-jeebies, or the jim-jam jeeters."*



"I was shot out here to the New York office, my wife's company whisked her off to Denver, and Lord only knows what happened to the children."



Nurit



"Boy, could I ever use a questionable payment about now!"



"But the people, Your Majesty! The people are not happy."



*"Well, today I dreamed the impossible dream, and
it was impossible, all right."*



"Alexandra, you possess a very large talent."





*"Carter can demystify his Presidency, but I'll be
damned if I'll demystify mine!"*



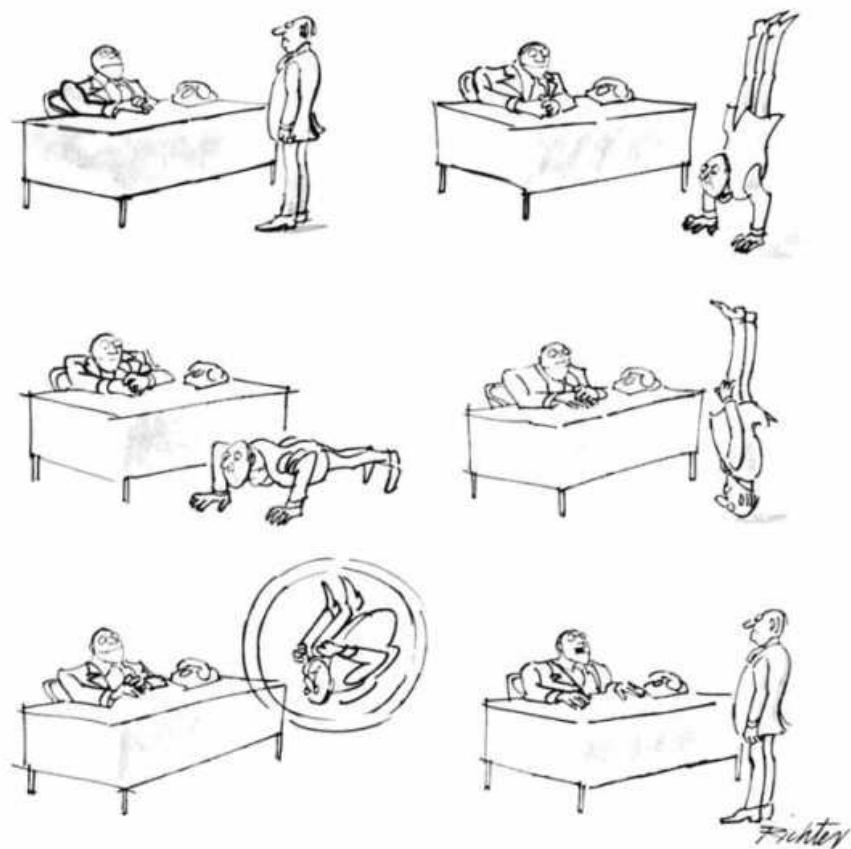
"I used to be old, too, but it wasn't my cup of tea."



*"Here's a hot one. Some college wants to give you
an honorary doctorate in humanities."*



"You're damn right I don't sleep nights. I'm one hundred per cent committed in coconuts."



"I'm sorry, Blakely, but you know perfectly well there can be no exceptions to our policy of mandatory retirement."



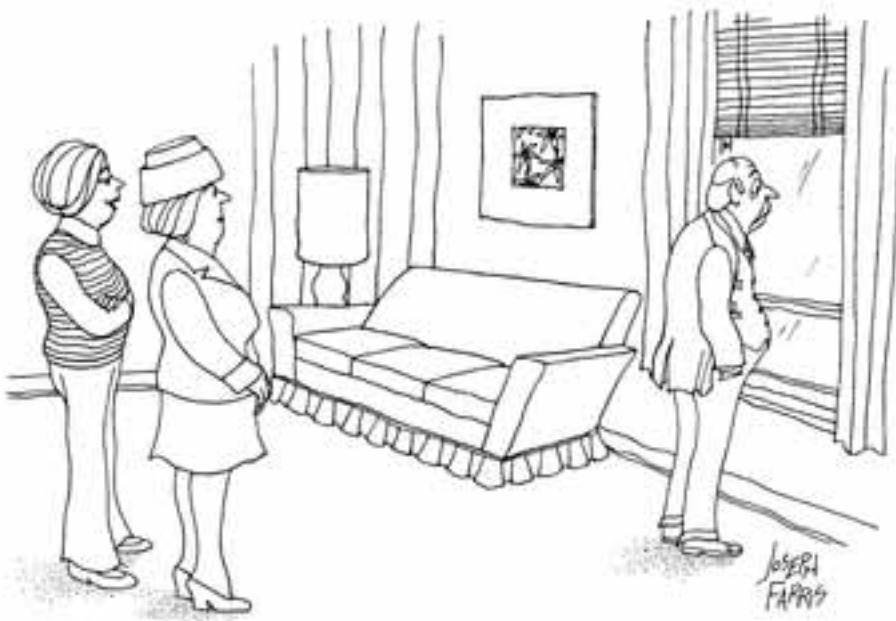
*"I didn't say I wasn't serious. I just said I
don't want to get involved."*



*"My fellow-employees, it is my painful duty to tell you that discovery
of a cash shortage was made this morning amounting to some eighteen
million dollars."*



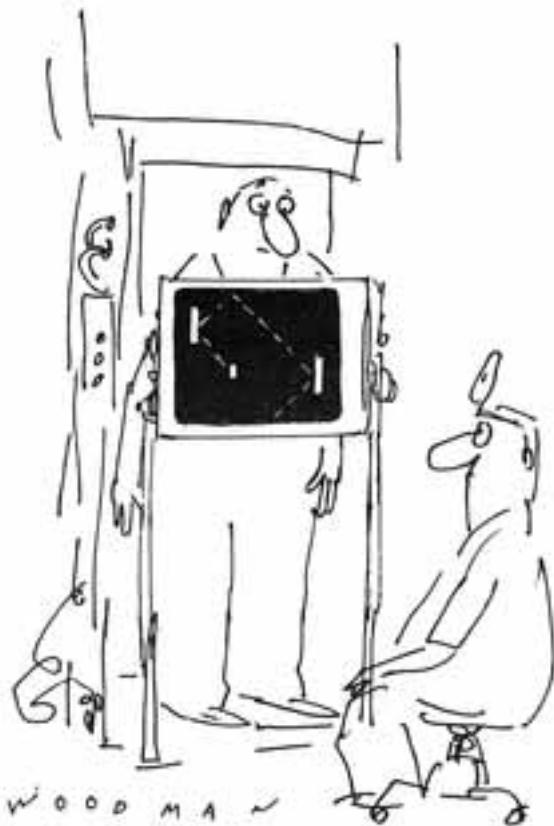
*"Mt. Snow, eight-inch base, three inches new powder, good;
Sugarbush, ten-inch base, four inches packed powder, excellent;
Stratton, twelve- to fourteen-inch base, man-made and
granular, good; Killington, nine-inch base . . ."*

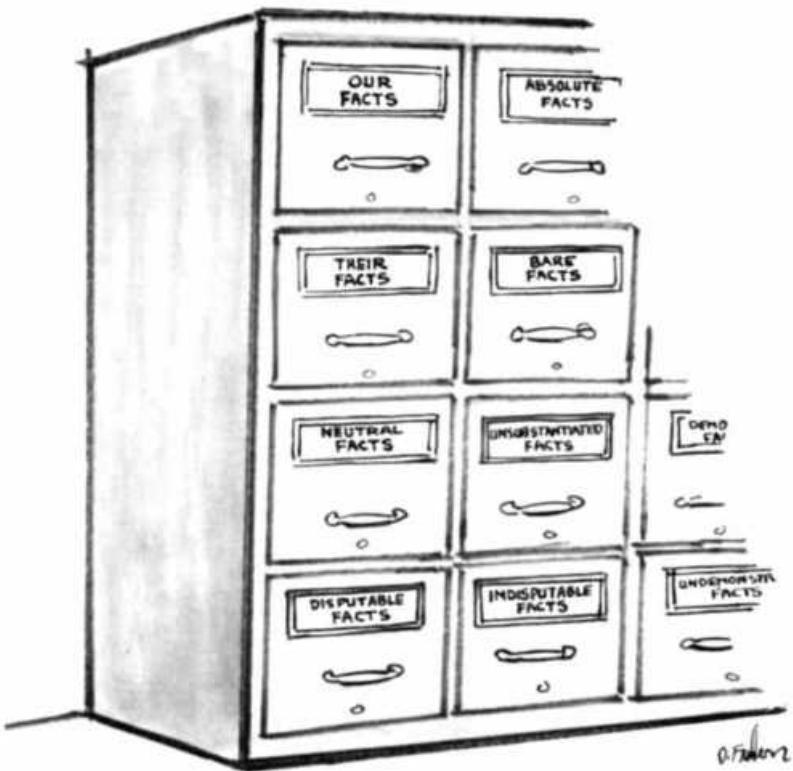


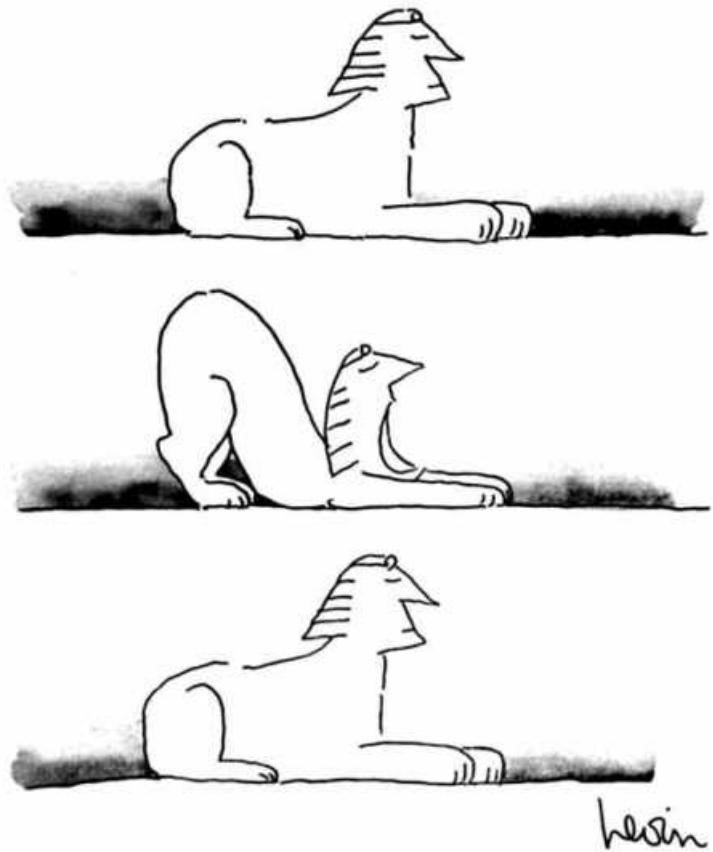
"Wendell just had a great insight. He realized he's full of baloney."



"Ah! The new blood!"











*"Bob. Bob, Bob, Bob, Bob, Bob, Bob. Bob. Bob, Bob, Bob.
Bob, Bob. Bob. Bob. Bob, you're fired."*



*"Unless controls are lifted, this country's going
to run out of everything!"*





"I'm glad you dropped by, Morris. I was awash in idle thought."



"I rode in this morning next to a goose-down parka."

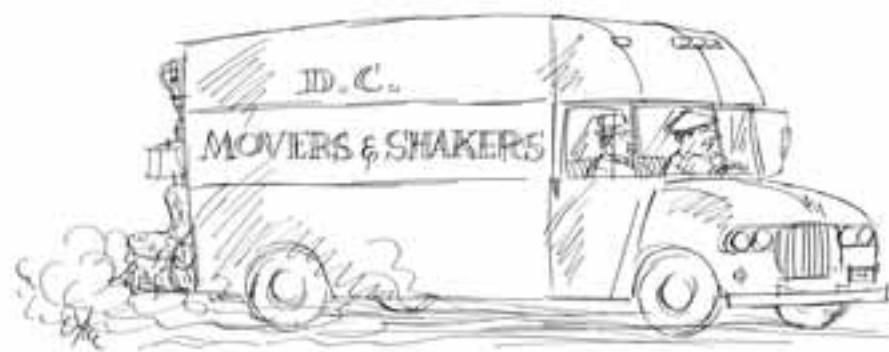


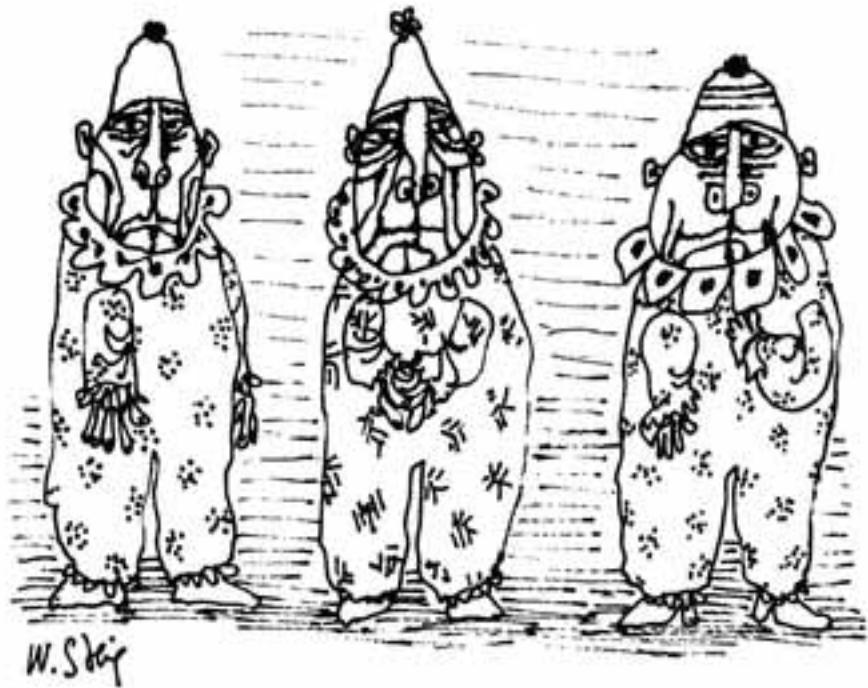


"The missus will be down shortly. She's getting her act together."



"I love to be alive. It's fun."





Three Worrywarts



"With Tyler, a seven-second delay before answering is about par."





“Are you trying to be cute?”



*"Why, this indeed seems to be a license
to beg, borrow, or steal."*

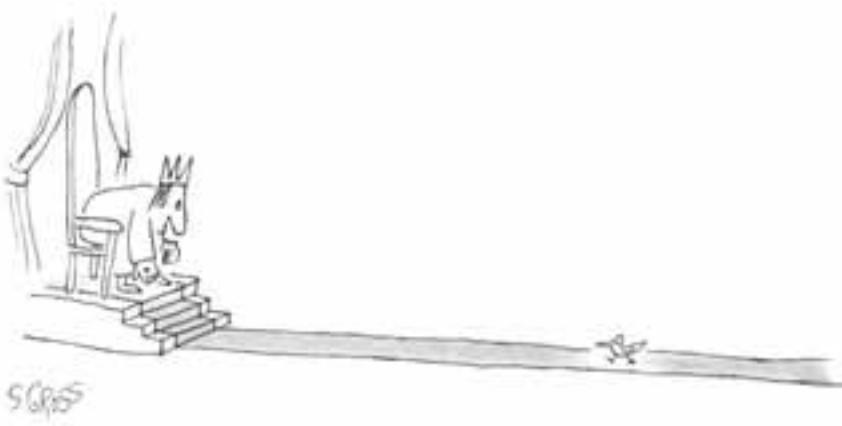


"He's a liberal but not an outspoken liberal."



*"I suppose the truth is that wherever we live
it's going to be a pestilential hole."*









"And what's this item—the windchill factor?"



*"Are they still fighting organized crime or have
they decided to let it alone?"*





"It's a mixed blessing."



"We're living in a sick society, thank goodness."



*"I mean, you can have the cleanest air in the world but if you
can't manufacture anything what the hell good is it?"*



"So we've discovered the Fountain of Youth. Who's going to sail the old tub back?"

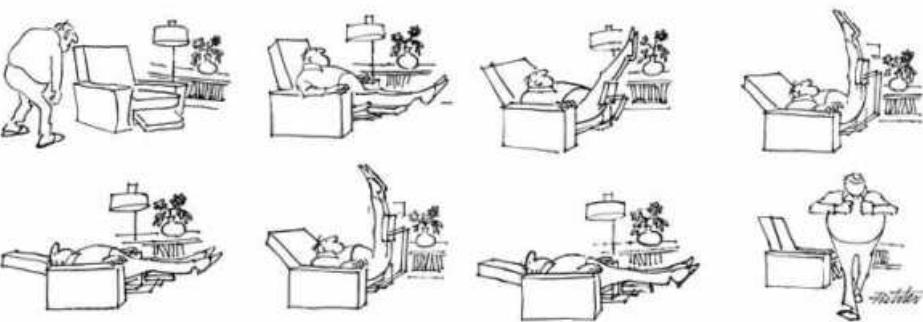


"Hi, I'm Johnny Belten. I'm running for President in 1980."



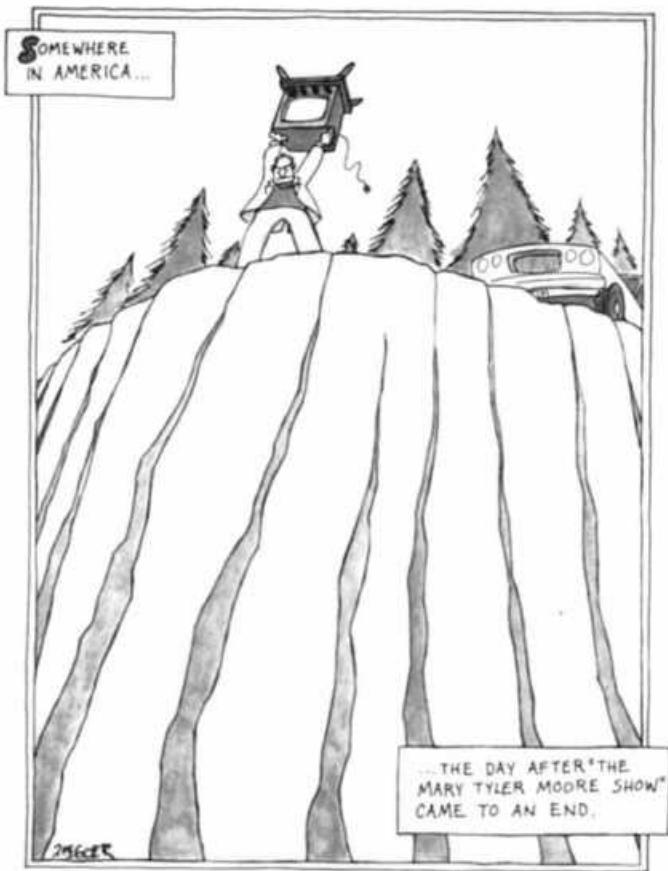
*"Tuition is sixty-five hundred dollars a year or thirty per cent
of your gross income, whichever is more."*







"I'll feel silly just buying a quarter of a pound of Swiss cheese."

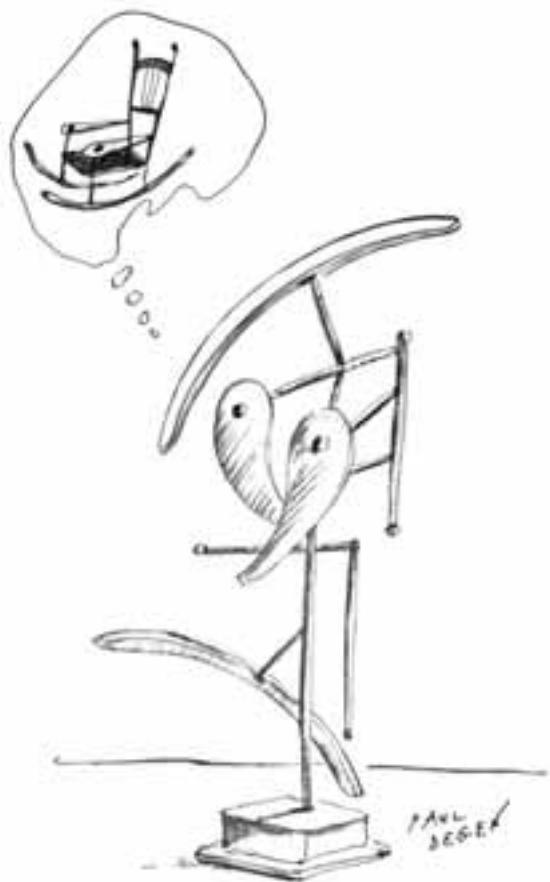




"For God's sake, stop picking at it!"









"My friend Davey here is just barely civilized."



"And I say you can keep a good man down."



"I can't really tell you what business I'm in. I'm almost frighteningly diversified."



HERMIT



*"Did you hear that laugh a split second ahead of
all the others? That was Howard."*





*"If I'm remembered at all when I'm gone, I'm afraid it will be
for what I did at that New Year's Eve party in 1952."*



"Hey, Pop! What about dames?"



*"Just say you were brought up on Spock, and throw
yourself on the mercy of the court."*



"And here to bend the news a little is Jim Cravanaugh."



*"I'll tell you why we were put on this planet. We were put
on this planet to outperform the market!"*







"Fe fi fo fum! Something sure smells yummy yum-yum."



"See that chart? Don't you believe it!"



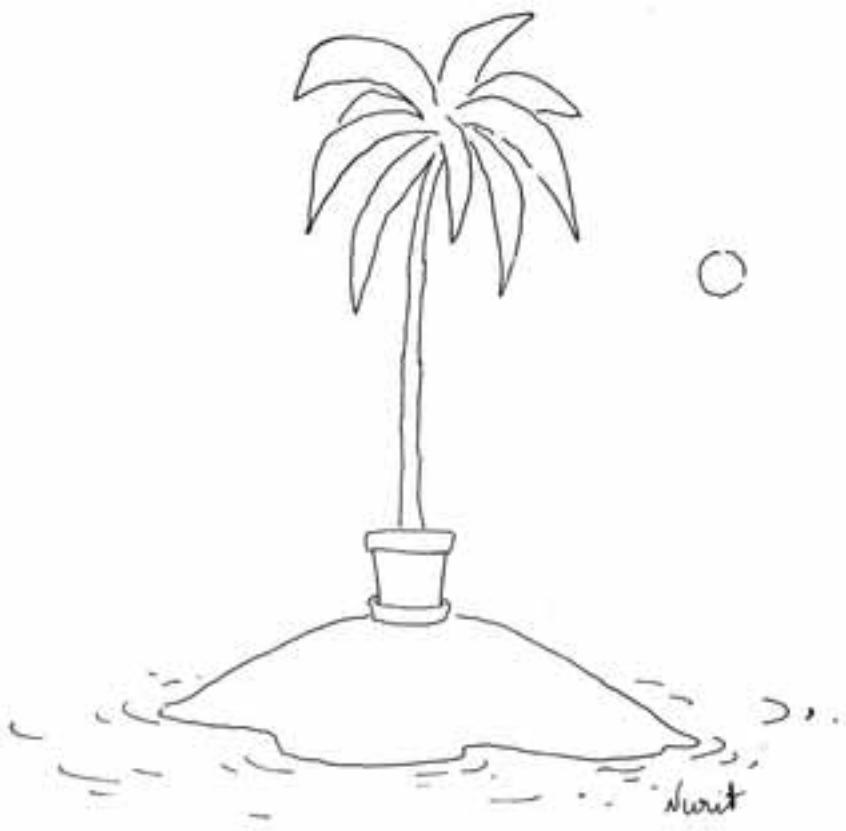
"But you are rich, Myra. Rich in insight."







*"First of all, is this new anger or merely some old anger
you're just getting around to expressing?"*







*"Your duties will be simple, Wilkins—pass the bottle when
I get dry and brush away the blue-tail fly."*



*"Mr. Belson was with the F.B.I. and the C.I.A., but now
he's with NBC and MCA."*



"Gentlemen, my talk today is entitled 'Corporate Responsibility, Sound Fiscal Policy, and Farrah Fawcett-Majors.'"

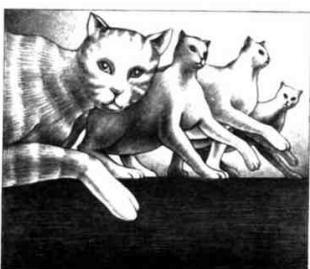
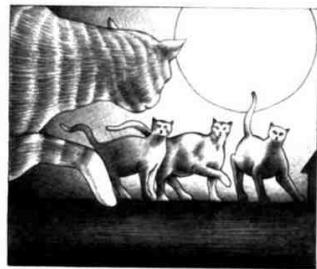




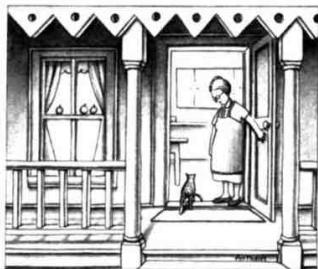
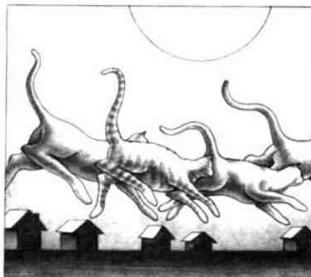
“Maybe you’re too old to be pumping iron.”

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THE VIGIL



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*"I'm willing to give Jimmy Carter the benefit of the doubt
for a while before I lower the boom."*





"Don't hesitate to drop in anytime, Brackett. The welcome mat is always out—figuratively speaking, of course."



*"Careful, Buster. You're talking to a man who has
absolute command of the English language."*



*"Let's face it, Ron. The only time we meet each
other's needs is when we fight."*





“Could you spare a twenty to restrung my tennis racquet?”





*"Mr. Carling! I know that's you! Your Nehru jacket is ready.
It's still ready! It's been ready, Mr. Carling, for eight years now!"*



"Well, I can see there are differences to work out, but basically, I feel, you still have a sound dog-and-little-old-lady relationship."

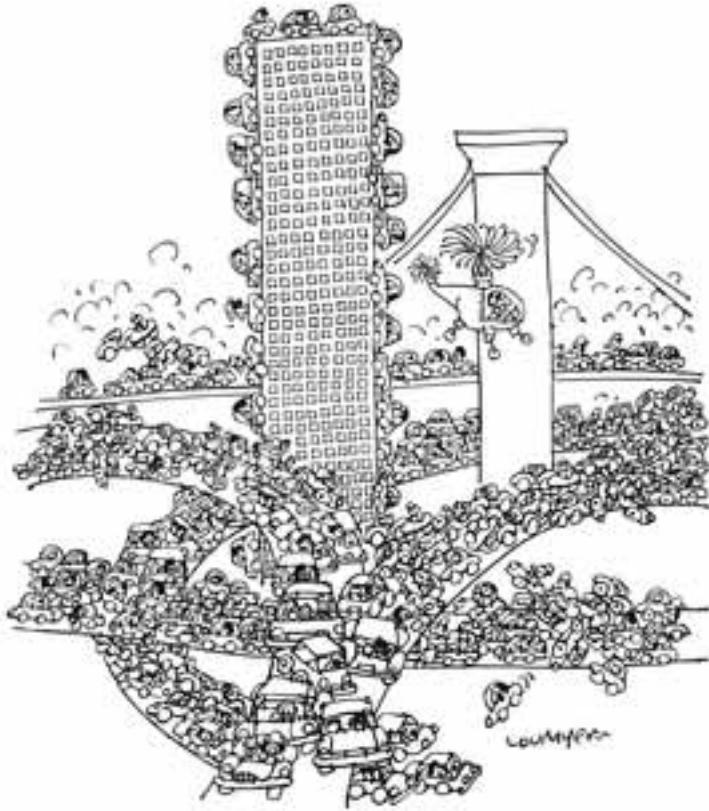


"Ready for a nostalgia trip, Nancy? Girl Scout Cookies!"





"How would you folks like to hear one on the house?"



"They're bumper to bumper on the B.Q.E. The approaches to the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels are stalled, and there are rubbernecking delays on the Major Deegan."



"Tully here is considered our model executive, or executive model, or some damn thing."



*"I tell you, the book has everything—sex,
history, consciousness, and cats!"*



"The market remained sluggish. Industrials drifted lower, while commodities rose slightly, with hogs and soybeans leading the way. The weather outlook is for a slow warming trend, with a high Saturday of sixty-five. Winds will continue northwesterly, ten to twenty miles an hour. And now, a pause while I freshen my drink, and then I'll be back with the sports."



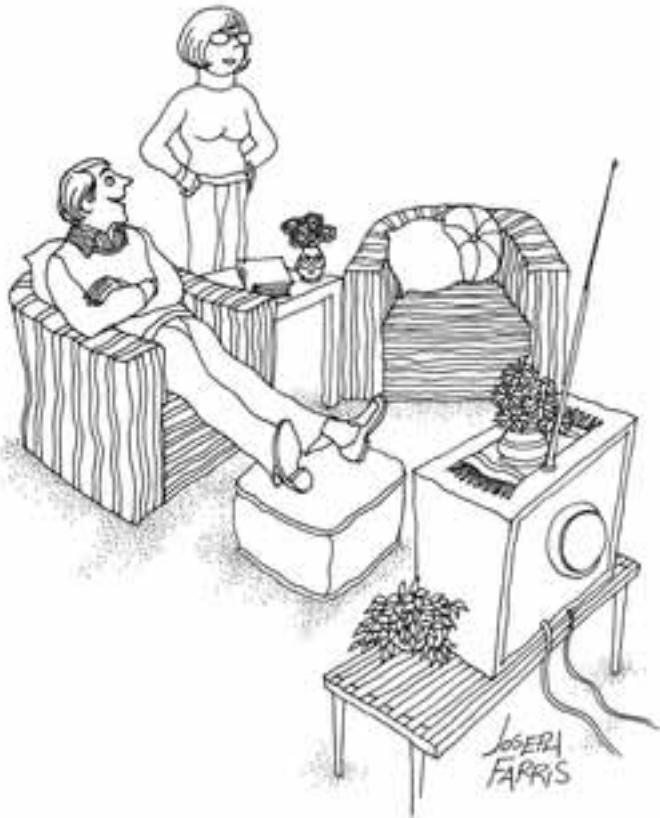
"Give me a break, Your Honor. I had a great résumé until you came along."



"This may be your last chance to acquire a superpowered, oversized, hyper-polluting gas guzzler. Don't blow it."



*"I have before me, gentlemen, some figures that may
shock you, as they did me."*



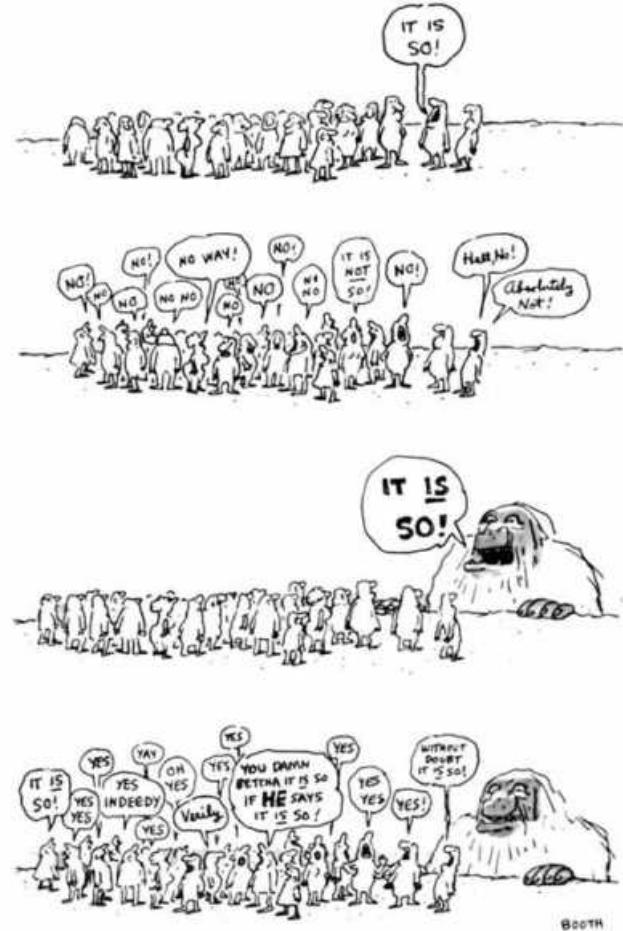
"Do you realize I've watched all fifteen thousand three hundred and sixty minutes of 'Sixty Minutes'?"



"Faster!"



"You're an instant charmer, Mr. Bremerton."

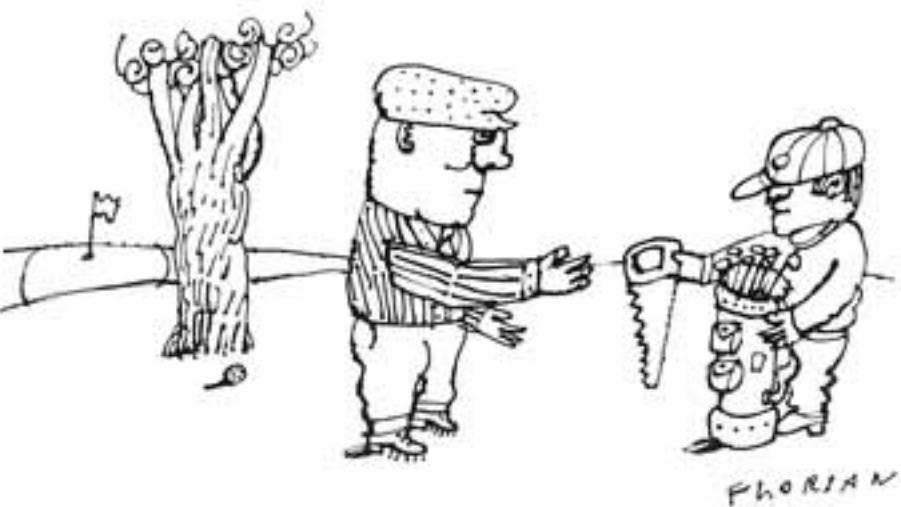




"There you are, Mr. Rauschfelder— 'your' money, as you put it."



"But that isn't love, Herman. That's symbiosis."





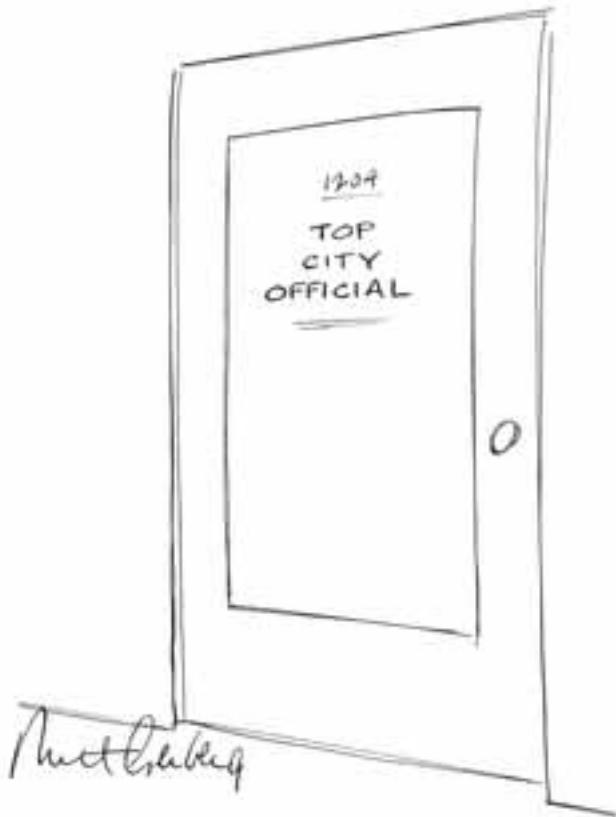
"Miss Kent, I want that researched, analyzed, verified, encoded, translated, extrapolated condensed, and typed in triplicate."

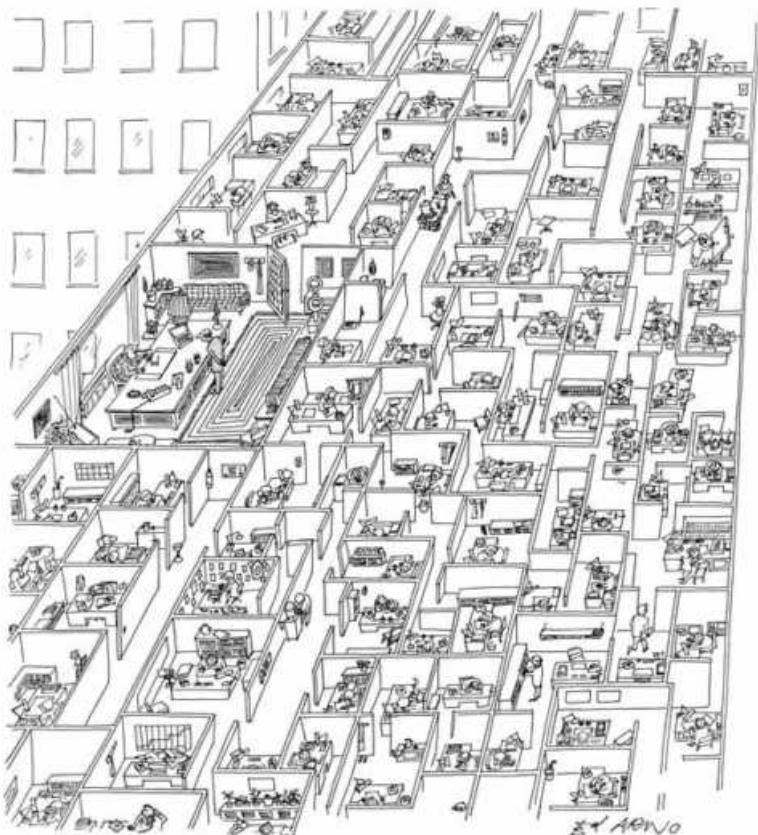


The Temptation of St. Anthony



Bernard Schoenbaum





"I'm afraid a raise is out of the question, Benton, but in view of your sixteen years of service we are advancing you two spaces."



*"I don't care what you think.
I don't care what you think!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK!"*



*"When I said you should be easier on yourself, I didn't mean
you should let yourself off scot-free."*



"Millicent left me. She couldn't live with genius."





"Yes, we have decided, Your Honor. We've decided that, this being the only life we've got, we might as well make the best of it and enjoy it as much as we possibly can."



*"Of course, if national security is involved,
disregard everything I've said."*



*"Stop off and have a few on the way
home, Henry, for God's sake."*



"Sorry, kids. You're punk, but you're just not punk enough."

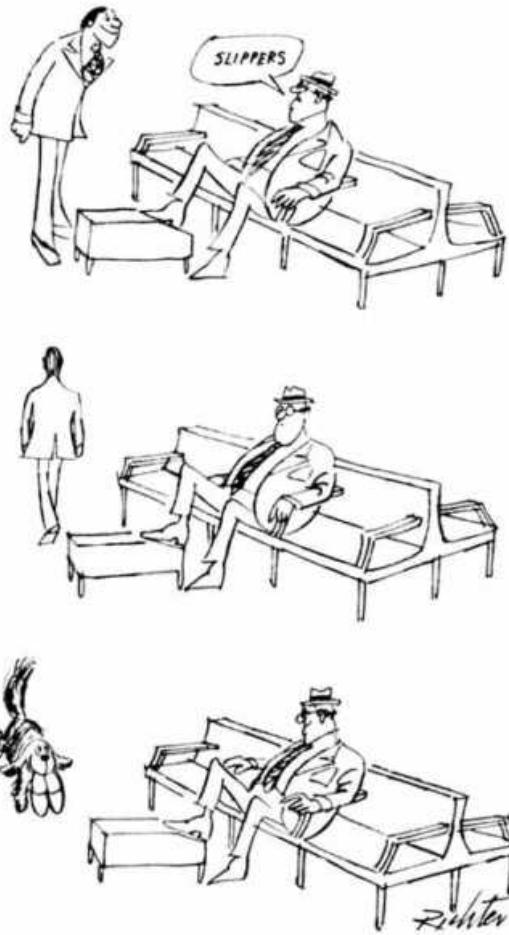


"Well, guinea pigs?"



"Driscoll still sees no signs of that mysterious transformation that ennobles a man once the mantle of the Presidency has fallen on him."

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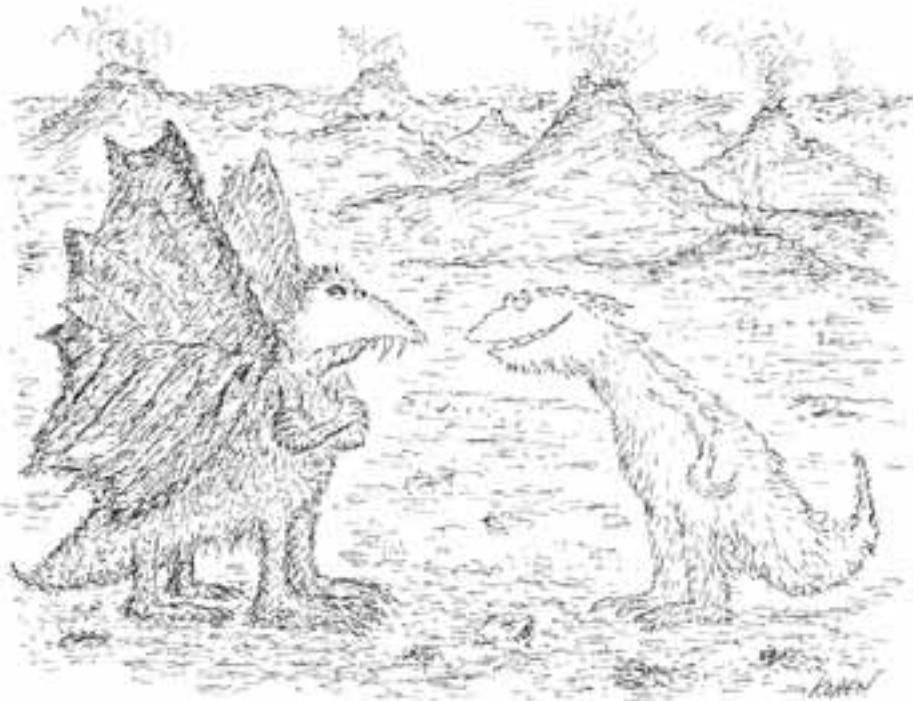


Monk Enraptured



"Mr. Ovington is out at the moment, moving his car to the alternate side of the street."





"The reason you all are becoming extinct is that you can't take a joke."





That's her husband.

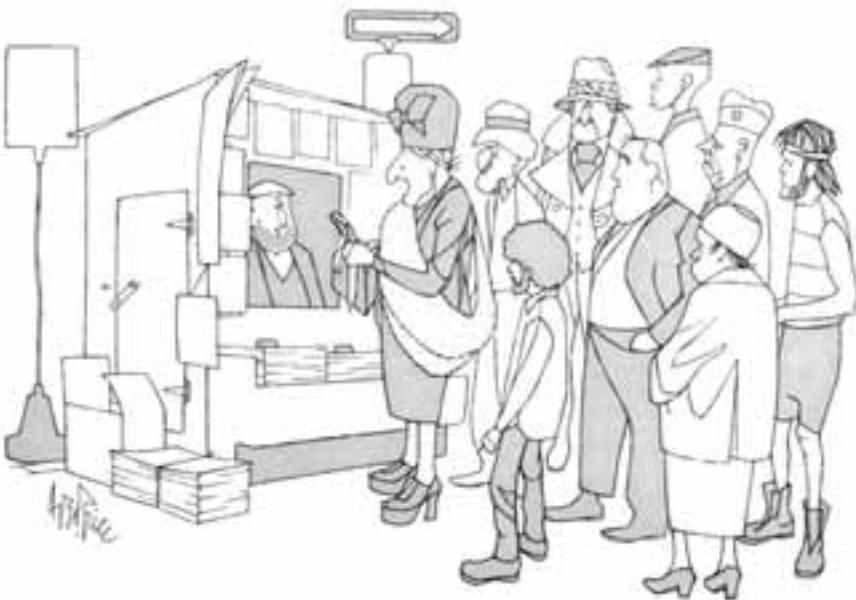




"I love the serenity you bring back from your executive retreats."



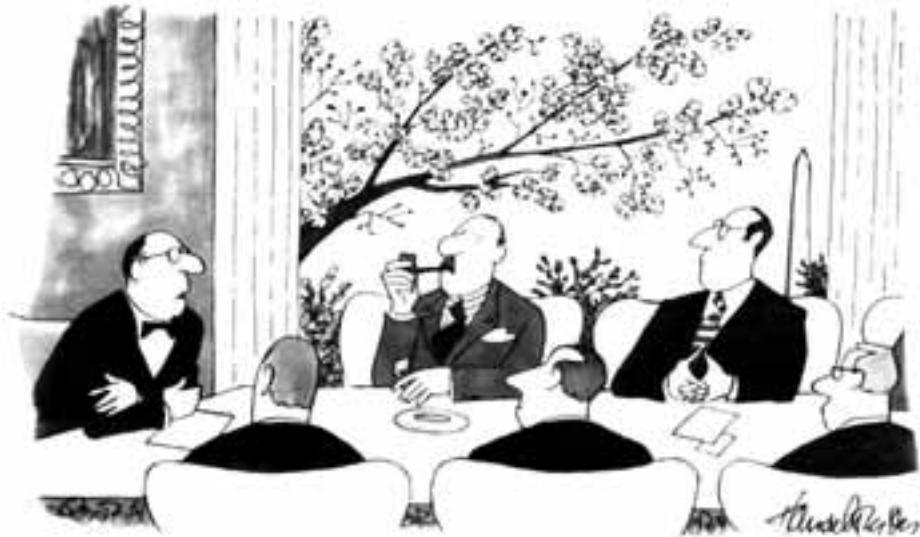
"See this shirt? Thirty-five dollars. See this tie? Twenty-five dollars. See this haircut? Fifteen dollars. I'm crazy, no?"



“ ‘Us.’ ”



*"Just because you saw me walking, Madam, doesn't
mean I haven't been jogging."*



"We are a watchdog committee, gentlemen, but it will facilitate our work if everyone here remembers that we have no teeth."



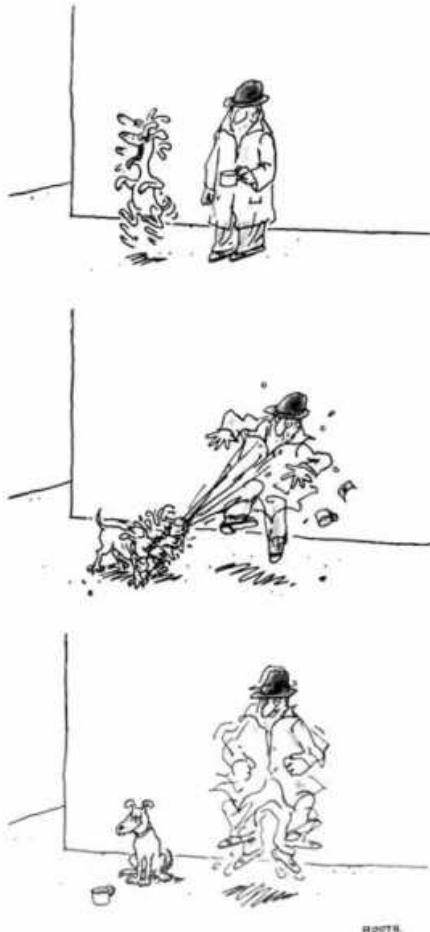
"Tell him I couldn't agree with him more."



"I know I'm not myself. I haven't been myself since Gulf & Western took me over."



"I have faith that someday, somehow, Ed will turn up. In the meantime, I'm taping 'Bionic Woman' for him."





"Your body's trying to tell you something!"

1977





"We used to have such lovely weekends on their schooner. I wonder what snapped."



*"Excuse me, dear. What was it you said the other night
that I thought made such good sense?"*





"That concludes my prepared remarks. I will now fend off questions from the audience."



"Miss Howell, this is Spencer Chesterton. To begin with, Mr. Chesterton is salaried . . ."



*"No, we can't play paddle tennis. We can't play anything.
Richard is going to finish 'The Decline and Fall of the
Roman Empire' if it kills him."*



*"I appreciate the fact that you're an American citizen, Higby,
but you're still fired!"*





"Innocent until proven guilty, Your Honor."



*"Well, Carpenter, this does it! You and O'Callaghan
are through as a team!"*



"Everything reminds me of you."



"You're a louse, but I love you anyway."



*"I have to take one three times a day to curb
my insatiable appetite for power."*



"Pardon my staring, but I'm trying to get an intellectual fix on you."



"Just who do you think you're giving fair warning, Mac?"



"What's happened to us, Edward? You never lie to me anymore."



"Vive le Concorde, baby!"





"Miss Raymond, what did I do last year about Mother's Day?"



"It seems an impasse, gentlemen. Four of us hear the siren call of Connecticut and four hear the siren call of New Jersey."



*"I've got some bad news. Tonight I will describe the general outline,
and on Wednesday night I will spell out the details."*



*"They have this arrangement. He earns the money and
she takes care of the house."*



"You got here just in time, Mr. Lundquist. The boys are ready to give your transmission the gang gong."





"Do you know what Life Force is?"





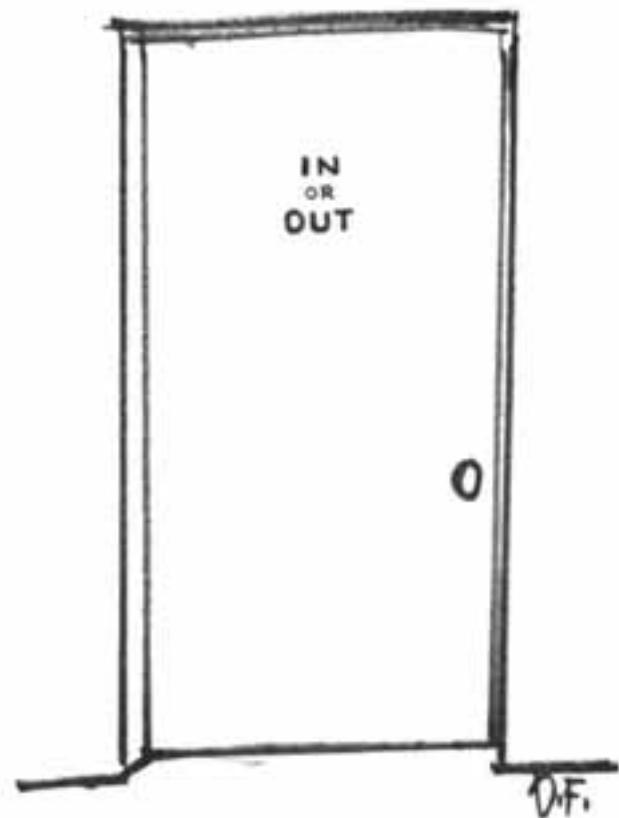
William Steig (5/2/1977)

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"You're right, Melissa, it does need salt. And also oregano, basil, thyme, and possibly a pinch of chervil."

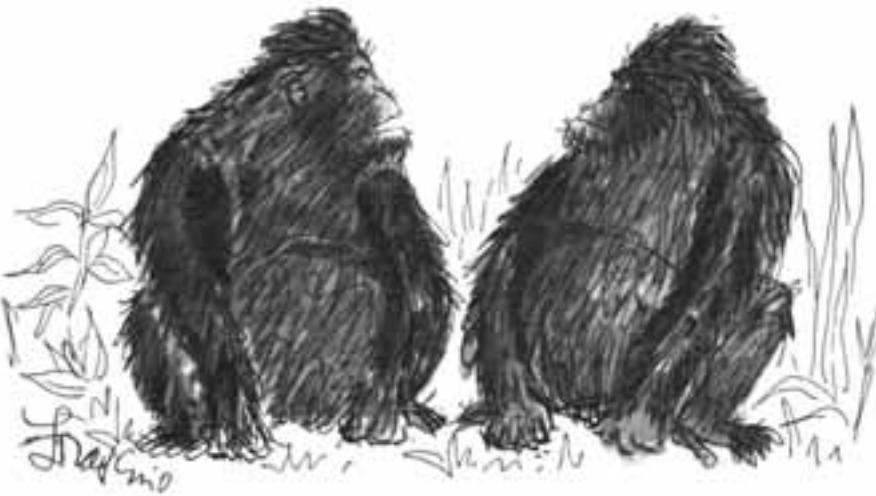




"Mr. Styvelson is a very private person."



"And now a word from our sponsor's conscience."



"I think your eyes are your best feature."





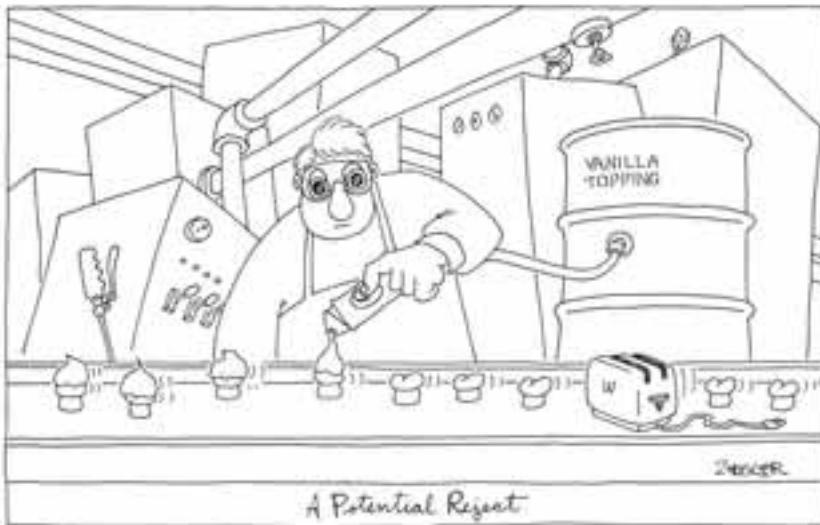
"Good morning. Over and out."



“Would you be a dear and fetch me a toad?”



"The truth hurts, doesn't it?"



A Potential Reject.



“Miss Craig, I’ve cleaned up my desk. I am now going to lunch.”



*"What if we get this thing designed and built and then
they just use it as a bargaining chip?"*



"What do I do? I drive a Maserati."







*"Some people named Copeland, I'd like you to
meet some people named Turner."*



"I will now affix the deciding button."

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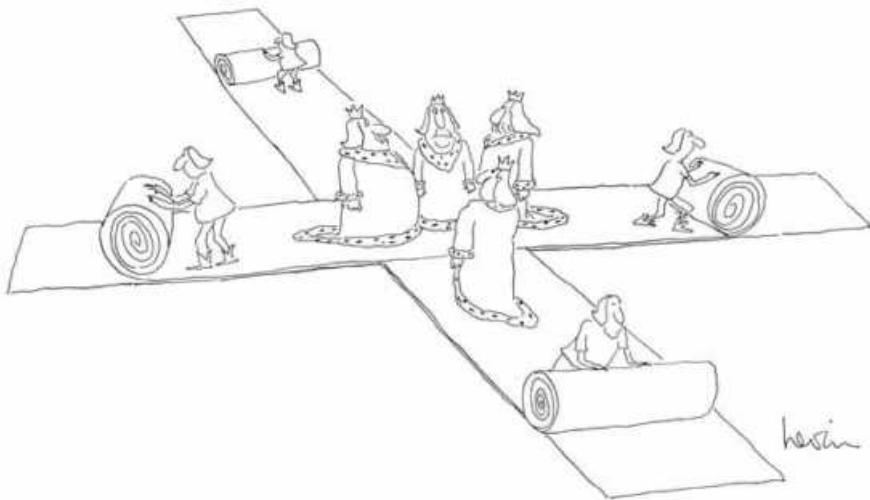








*"And here are today's totals—total dedication, total freedom,
total honesty, total commitment, and total fitness."*



heroin



"I love the fact that you actually went through with this, Phil. I mean, it's such a romantic gesture."



*I have distressing news, ladies and gentlemen. It seems
we have been penetrated by the Mob.*



"Remember the Babylonian ziggurat?"



"Relax. Rome wasn't fully funded and operational in a day."





"I was just quoting Andrew Young, but I'm perfectly willing to retract what I said."



"Hold everything! Our ten-person group has not been attained."



"Of course it's damp underfoot! That strikes me as a very petty complaint to make at a time like this."



*"First of all, Your Honor, I'd like to say we're
both human beings—right?"*



"Over there."



*"Rick Hoffman, six miles a day, I'd like you to meet
Brent Evans, ten miles a day."*



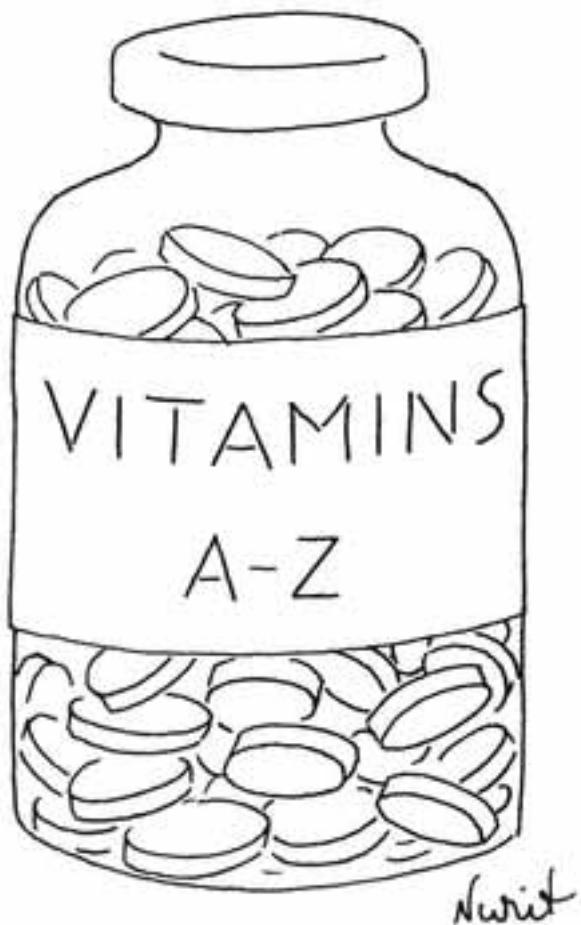
"Hang loose, Gridley."



*"You've been utterly charming, Mr. Danvers, but I am
still going to disallow your hi-fi."*



*"I don't get it! All my years in the Senate
I was known as Mr. Nice Guy."*







"I'm an environmentalist. I suppose that frightens you."



"When I want your opinion, Thompson, I'll demand it!"





"Yes, I do know exactly how long we've been married!"



*"I can't keep it straight. Is this fetch,
stay, heel, beg, sit, or what?"*







"Oh, for heaven's sake, then. I stand amended."

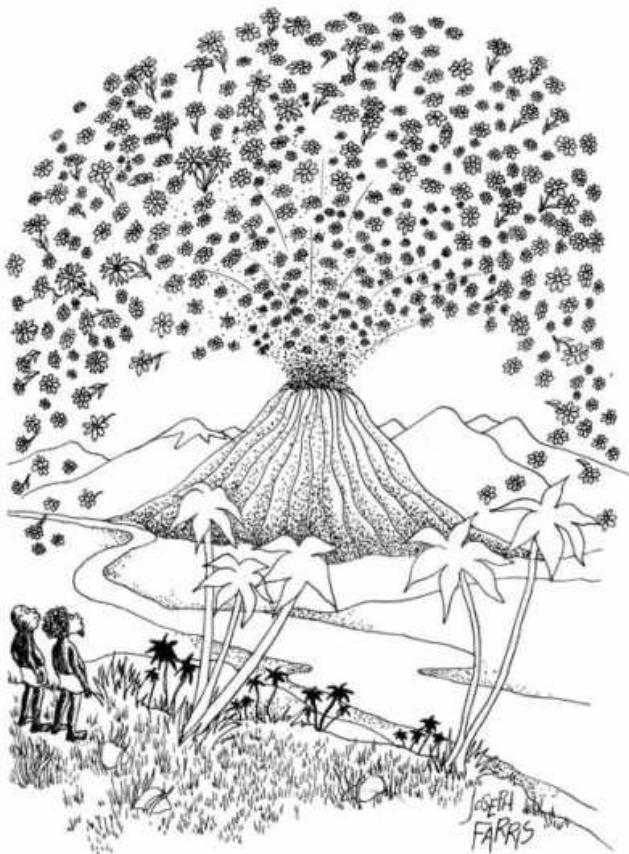


"We are gathered here today to honor all major credit cards."



"Uh-oh—cushions on the floor."





"How nice! The gods are happy!"



"The people, no."



"That's Harry Krance. He knows whereof he speaks."

HOW TO GET AHEAD





"One order of nuts and raisins, hold the raisins."



"We'll be back in a minute with Harlan Harris's Sports Extra, Jules Bernmeier and the weather, Jimmy Cunningham's Entertainment Plus, Judith Enright's Fashion Notes, Grady O'Toole's Celebrity Interview, Maria Dellago's Budget Center, Murray Vaughn's Mr. Fix-it Shop, and me, Biff Brogan, with a note on the news."



"I warn you, Charles—I'm in no mood for good humor."





"Our Liz is not to be confused with the other Liz."





"Listen. When we hired you people to send us a retired executive as a trouble-shooter, we certainly didn't expect the same damn executive who got us into trouble in the first place."



"There's a side of me you haven't seen yet."



*"I'm a glum one,/ It's explainable,/ I've found someone unattainable./
Life's a bore,/ Just a chore,/ The world is my oyster no more."*





"Try some of that green, gooey stuff. I gave it my best shot."



"Stevie Cauthen isn't sitting around watching the tube."



“Let’s not speak disrespectfully of the retired, Rickhauser.”





*"About that seven-day whirlwind trip you arranged
for us. Where were we?"*





*"Wow! If you think you're an irate citizen,
just listen to this irate citizen!"*



"Have a nice day, dear, and good luck at lunch."



"I pronounce you loser."





"I feel aggressive today. Not sexy—just aggressive."



"David, this is Andrina Whitlock. Andrina is a food person, too."



"I resent the way she sized us up and then offered us 'The Ladies' Home Journal.' "

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"No, no, Miss Clark! I asked you to bring in the Mantle of Greatness, not the Cloak of Secrecy."



"All right, where the hell's the advertised ambience?"



"When I was a kid, I had a box of wooden soldiers, and I thought the world of those soldiers. Somehow I lost them, and it nearly broke my little heart. Well, my old mother says to me, 'Never mind, lad. You'll find your wooden soldiers again someday.'"





"Is that too much to ask for, Angela? A little leverage?"



"I am trying to share my feelings with you, damn it!"



*"How about changing seats? I've viewed everything from
the same angle for twenty-three years."*





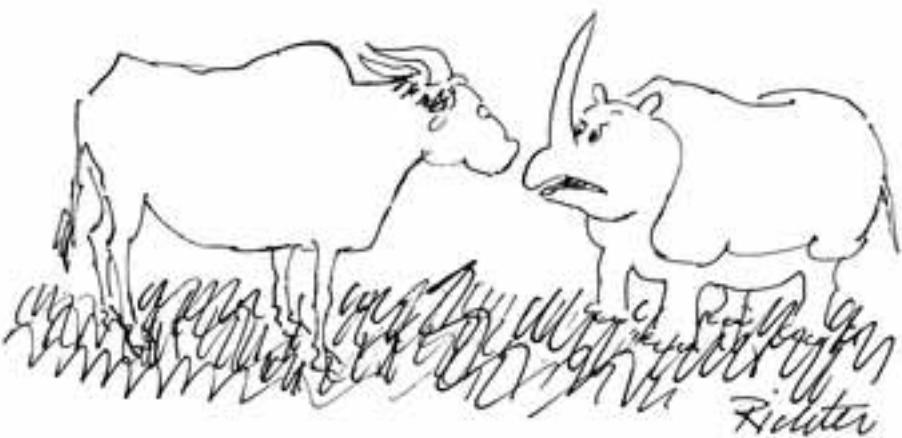
"On second thought, let's make that Dear Occupant.."



*"And another thing—how come we're not sending
guys to the moon anymore?"*



"There's something to be said for this, there's something to be said for that. There's something to be said for everything."



"Oh, it's you! I can't see a thing with this damn horn in front of my eyes."





"Good morning, America!"



*"Mrs. Wilcox? I think you'll be happy to hear
we've recovered your stolen car."*

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When young Pablo arrived in Paris, he was amazed at the variety of wallpapers he had to choose from.

—“The Youth of Pablo Picasso”
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Fëdor smiled grimly, knowing that the future of his hard-earned dacha, troika, and samovar depended on this next roll. He stepped forward and sent the ball on its way home.

—“Dostoevski’s Luck”

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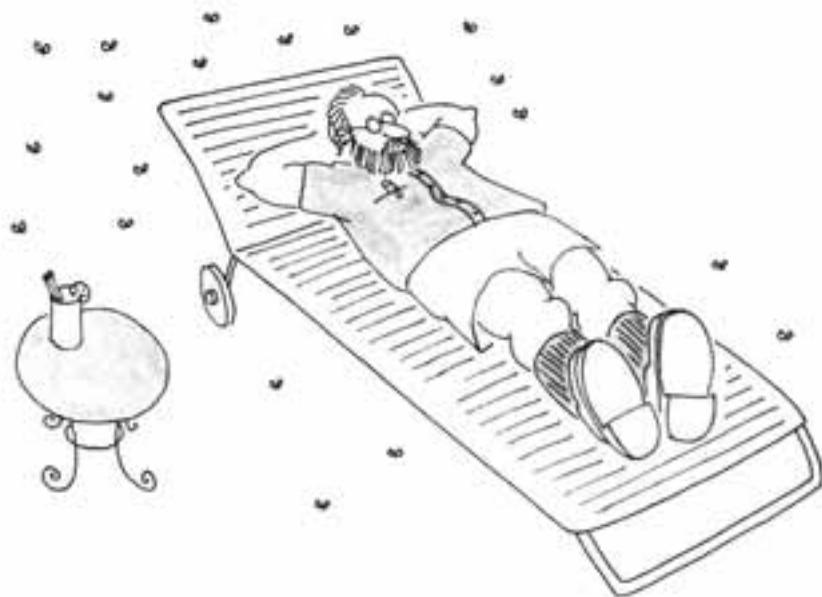


Karl glanced at the last stick of beef jerky on his plate. He longed to savor it through these final difficult paragraphs of the book that would bring him both fame and obloquy.

—“Capitalism and Lunch: The Secret Life of Karl Marx”

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Freud lay down on the lounge chair. The gentle buzzing of the mosquitoes soon lulled him to sleep, and he dreamed a dream that would change the face of psychology forever.

—“Interpretation of Freud”

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Although Fiorello LaGuardia and Albert Einstein laughed and
laughed and laughed at the joke, their socks did not fall down.

—“A Remarkable Friendship”

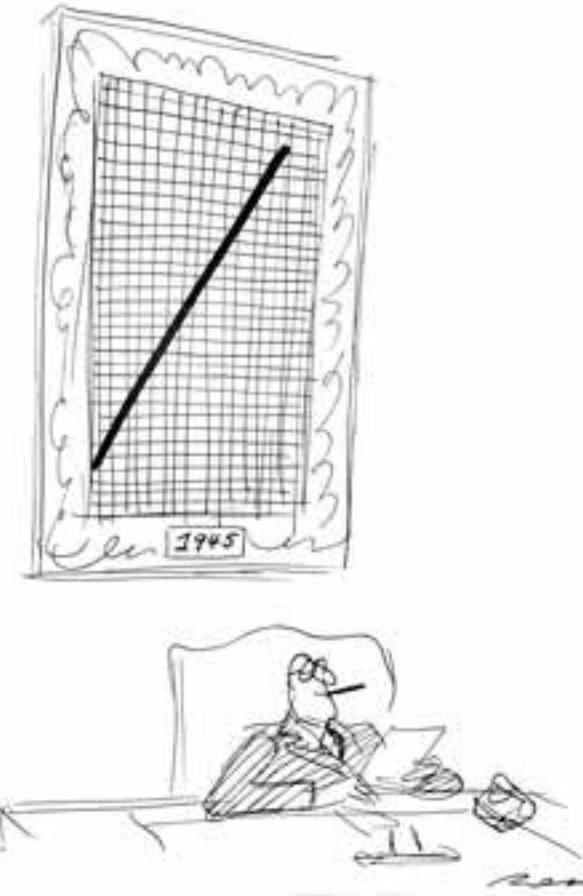
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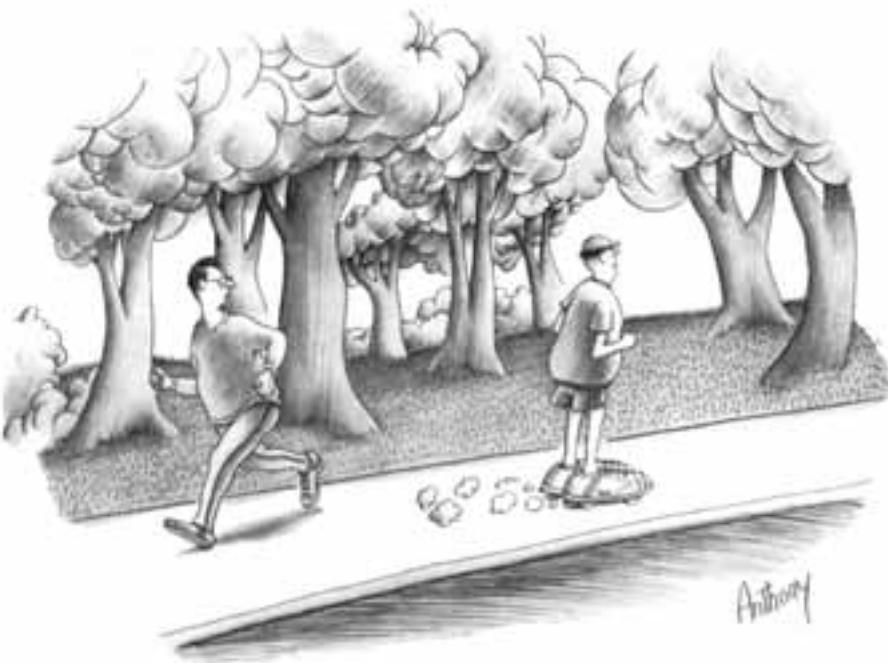
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Villa readjusted his sunglasses against the blazing Mexican noon and stared out across the vast expanse. "So this is it," he murmured. "The whole enchilada."

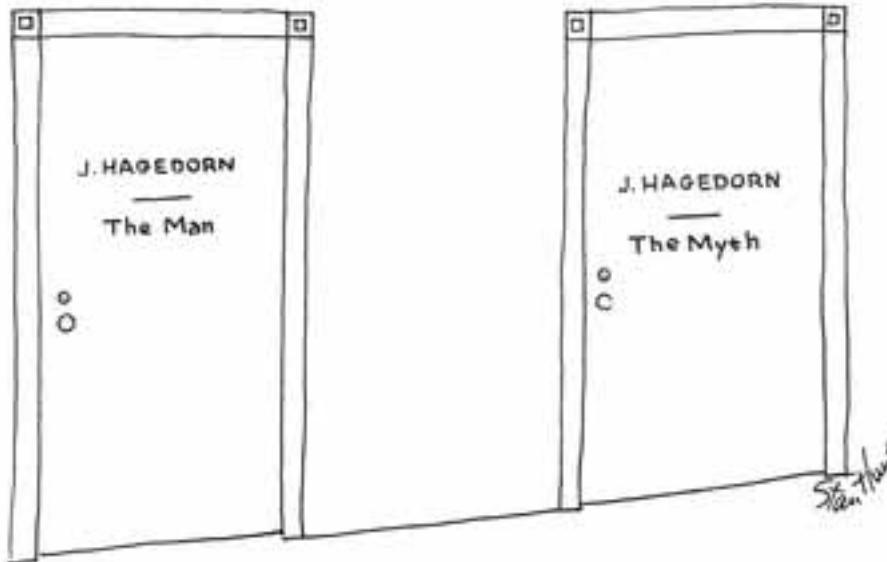
—“Pancho Villa: The Action Years”
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"The prosecuting attorney will rephrase the question in a manner more suitable to a court of law and stop trying to sound like David Frost."





"Who do we know with a birthday coming up? I'm bubbling with ideas!"



"There's the meeting to discuss the bond issue at eleven o'clock, then lunch with Mr. Moffitt, then your two-thirty appointment with Mr. Crawford, then the conference from three to about four-thirty, then I sit on your lap, then you catch the five-twenty-five to Great Neck."



"It must have been a gas to live back when everything was cheap."



*"Didn't you do the rewrite on Zadkine's adaptation of my novel?
Or did I do the scenario for Cirkoff's adaptation of your novel?
Anyhow, I know you from someplace."*



Bernard Schoenbaum

"Bertha, don't you think it's time you stopped calling me Skippy?"



Richard McCallister (6/6/1977)

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"What a night! We've got someone from 'Living' in the Tap Room, someone from 'Weekend' in the Grill, someone from 'Home' in the Blue Room, and Mimi Sheraton on the Terrace."





"No, thanks, Evelyn. I'm up to here in fibre!"





"Refresh my memory. Just what is it we're supposed to be assuring them of here?"





*"We're just having a few close friends over for dinner
so Avery can show off our new security setup."*





*"How about the real you and the real me
going to the real Spain?"*



"See that dog, Mr. Hendricks? That means you either have a shredded fan belt or your fuel pump is sucking air."





"A Martini, Jack. Very dry and to the point."



"We've been married for thirty-six years, Edward. Isn't it time you put your cards on the table?"



"Ta daaaaaaa!"



*"Norman, I want you to meet Barry Lytel. Barry has
also profited by his mistakes."*



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“Gosh, thanks, honey! If I discover a new star, I’ll name it after you.”



*"I disagree with the manner in which you've addressed the issue,
but I will defend to the death your right to so address it."*





"One of those specially selected theatres, I imagine."



"I've seen your type before."



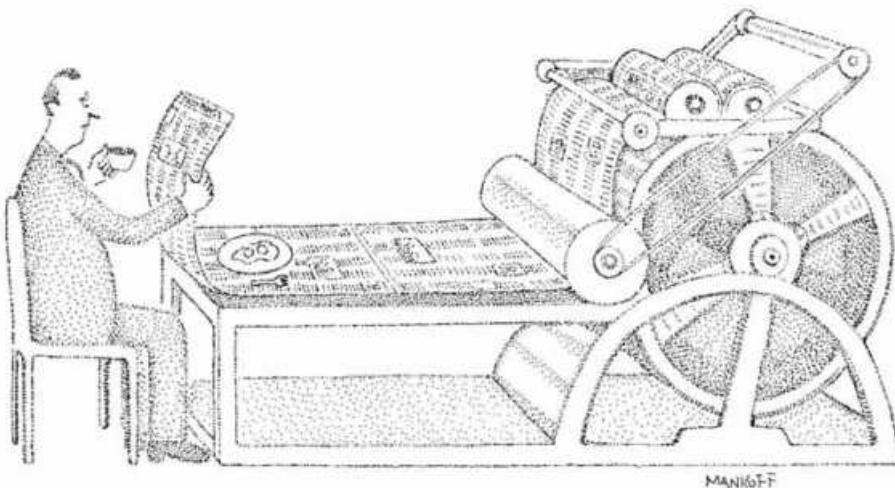
"You mean that's it? No murder—just a heist?"



"Langford, will you please stop interjecting quotes from Kahlil Gibran?"

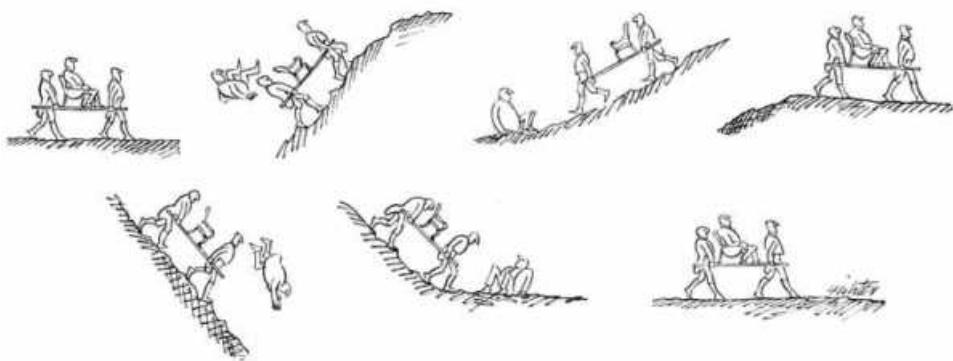


"Are you dating anyone seriously?"





*"Three bucks' worth of the regular, two bucks' worth of super-regular,
and top it off with a buck's worth of high-test."*





A Remote Corner of the Woods



"Well, as of today I'm a free agent and can sign with anybody I want."



"There's a gentleman on the line who insists on speaking with you. He wishes to vow vengeance."



*“... Carry the 4, carry the 4, carry the 4—4 and 7 is, is, is—4 and 7
is 8, 9, 10, 11—4 and 7 is 11. O.K. Now, 11 and 6 is . . .”*



"What do you mean 'I'll have another cup'? On seventeen five a year?"





*"On this our anniversary, I want you to know
that I feel good about you."*





"They legalized mopeds and I haven't seen her since."





"You were right. It's the conniptions."



"At first he was slated for a starring role, so they hyped him to the sky. But somebody's nephew got the part instead, so now he's being dehyped."



"Look, if I'm boring you, say so."

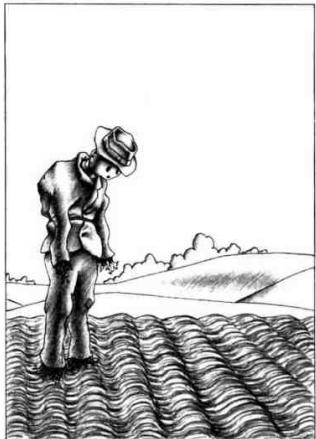


"Gruel and sassafras tea again! Frankly, we men could be a hell of a lot merrier if we gave to the poor a little less of that which we take from the rich."

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THE SCARECROW'S LAMENT (1 OF 2)

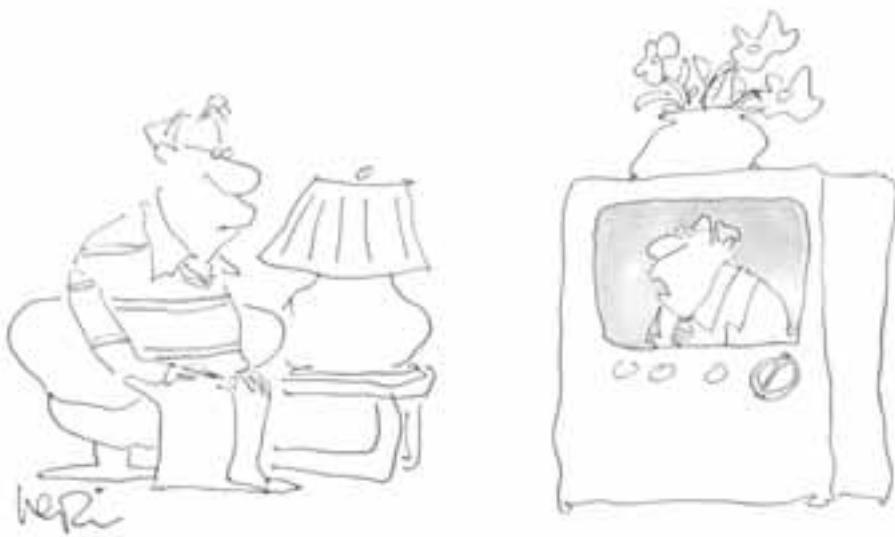


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THE SCARECROW'S LAMENT (2 OF 2)





"Now that your reign has been consolidated, Sire, some of us feel a greater effort should be made to restore the confidence of the business community."



"And now a musical reply to a Channel 2 editorial."



*"I happen to believe, Madam, that there isn't
and never can be a moral equivalent of war."*



"Trading on Wall Street is exceptionally heavy today."



"The checkout girl just got back from two weeks in Portugal, Spain, and Morocco. And we're spending eight days in Cape May."

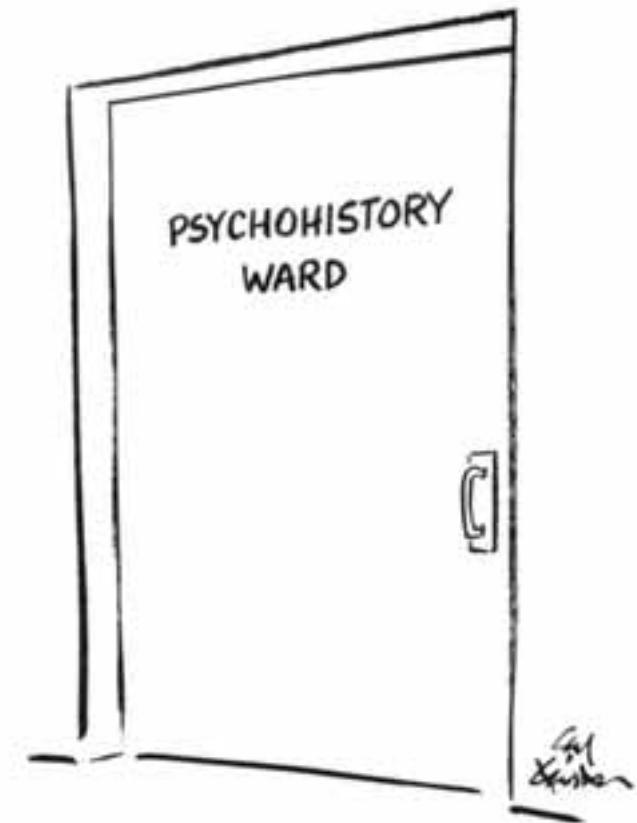




"The old man doesn't want to be called the old man anymore."



"Thanks, Ed. You, too, have a heart as big as all outdoors."

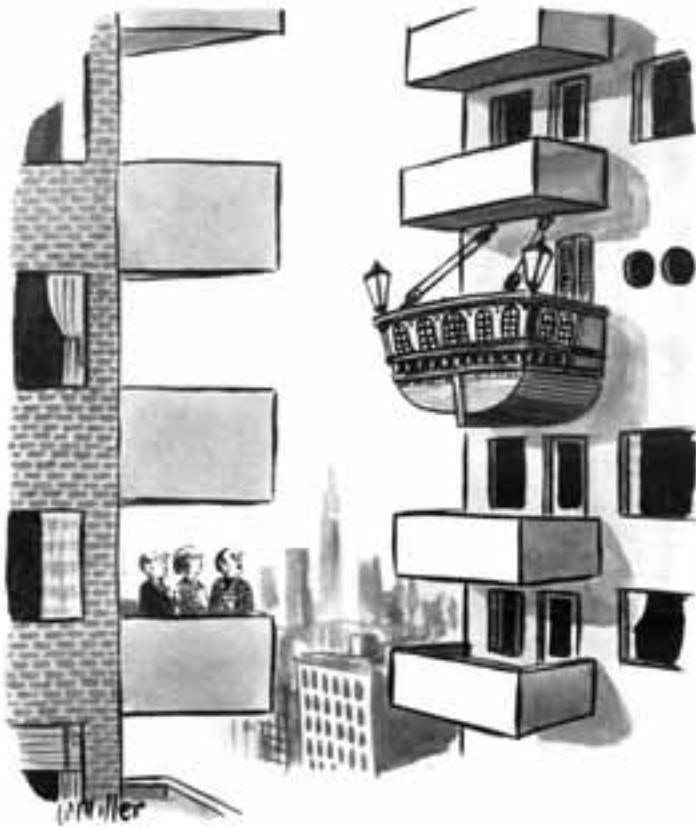






"Your Honor, we find the defendant guilty with a capital 'G'!"





"Oh, that's old Commodore Barrigan's co-op."



"What the hell, Edith. I guess if Tip O'Neill is happy we should be happy."



"There it is, gentleman. Just crying out to be exploited."



*"He was 'the Reverend.' I was 'the Very Reverend.'
It just didn't work out."*



"Now, in just sixty seconds you'll see what a drag you are."



*"It may be presumptuous of me, but I would like to
undertake a summary of Peter's ideas."*



"Would you mind taking off your glasses, Marlene? I want to have a serious talk with you."



*"You can not 'miss July,' Miss Dunwoodie, because your loan
is a pay-every-month loan, not a miss-a-month loan."*





"Would it satisfy you if instead of retracting my statement I just watered it down?"





"And now the world-news roundup."





*"I think this calls for a little drink.
As what doesn't?"*



"And what, if I may ask, am I supposed to do all summer long with my pocket calculator?"









"And now, gentlemen, I'm going to suggest that we do something very, very bad."



"*Still another legendary Russian pianist?*"





Fight Night



"I'd like to thank all my friends for their tremendous love and criticism."





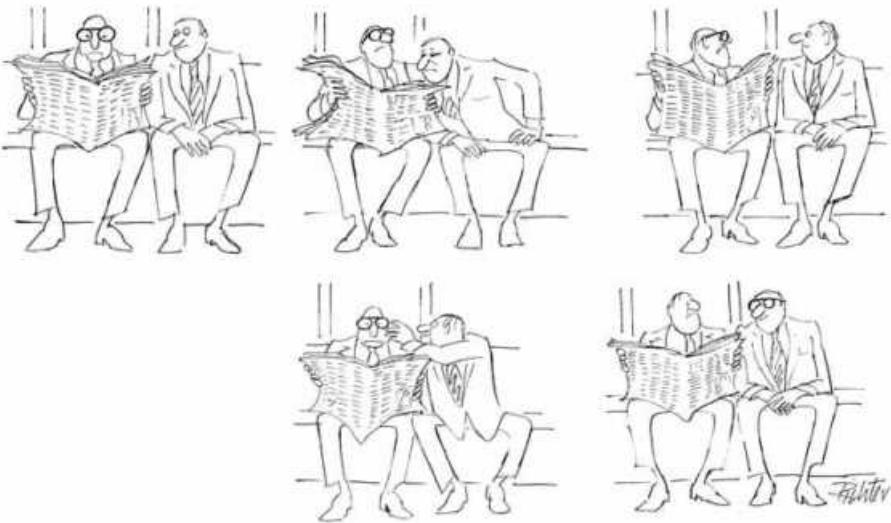
*"I've learned a lot in sixty-three years. But, unfortunately,
almost all of it is about aluminum."*



"One gets used to the flying fishes, but that bloody dawn coming up like thunder is driving me crackers."



"That's Mr. Brock. He didn't have a happy New Year, a happy Valentine's Day, a happy St. Patrick's Day, a happy Easter, a happy Father's Day, a happy Halloween, a happy Thanksgiving, or a merry Christmas. He did have, however, a safe and sane Fourth of July."







"I do hope you're not planning to separate fact from myth tonight, George."





"Honey, I just adore your mother!"



"As it happens, Simpson, I am familiar with the terms of the Helsinki accords."



*"Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth,
and nothing but the truth in exchange for immunity?"*



"Just who in the hell do you think you are?"





"Hello. It may be hard for you to believe this, but although I seem to be looking you square in the eye, I am in fact reading everything I am saying to you. Thank you and good night."



“Marguerite, you have a cruel laugh.”



*"Miss Cranston, cancel all my appointments for this afternoon.
I'm going to try to get on top of cruise missiles."*



"It comes with the shoes and wig. The dog is extra."



"It's agreed, then. We open a window."



"That's a lie I just told you. I don't have fuel injection. I just wish I had fuel injection."



"And what is your opinion of yourself?"



Holiday



"So how was the Edgar Willoughby Classic?"



*"I think this sluggish inventory is getting to me. Today
I can barely keep my eyes open."*



"Now, we all know that 'profits' has become a dirty word."

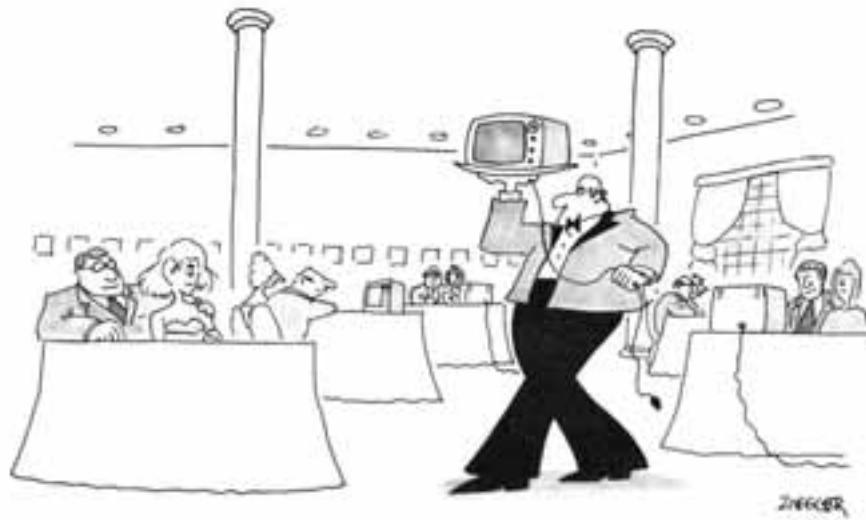


"Ah, John, you're a mind reader."



"The Armentrout brothers never achieved much success in the business world, but they have caught lots of butterflies."



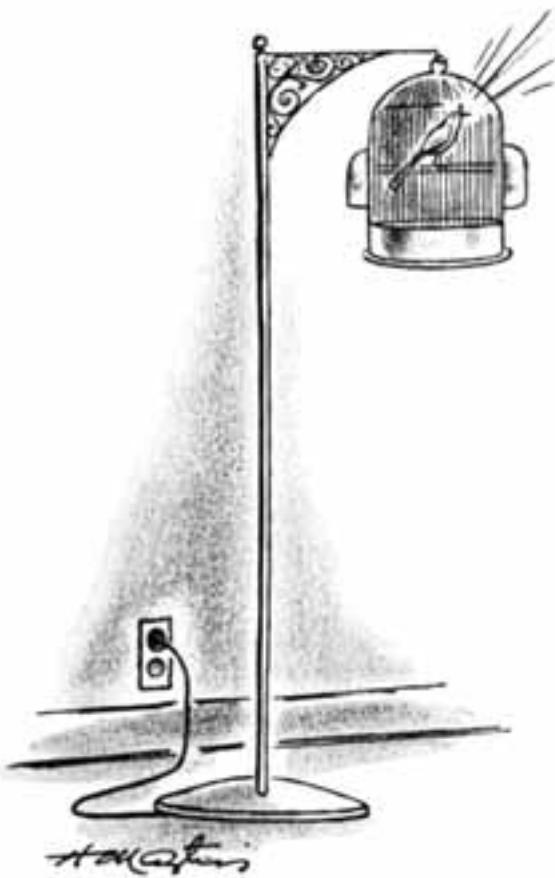




“Surely you jest!”









*"Oh, come on now, Phil. You said we were going to talk turkey.
Do you really think fifty-two million is talking turkey?"*





"I made it 'Lovingly yours' because the world needs more love."



*“Sure, here in my castle I’m king, but out there,
where everything counts, what am I?”*



"O.K. Whose turn is it to set the moral tone?"



“Speak.”



"I celebrate myself!"

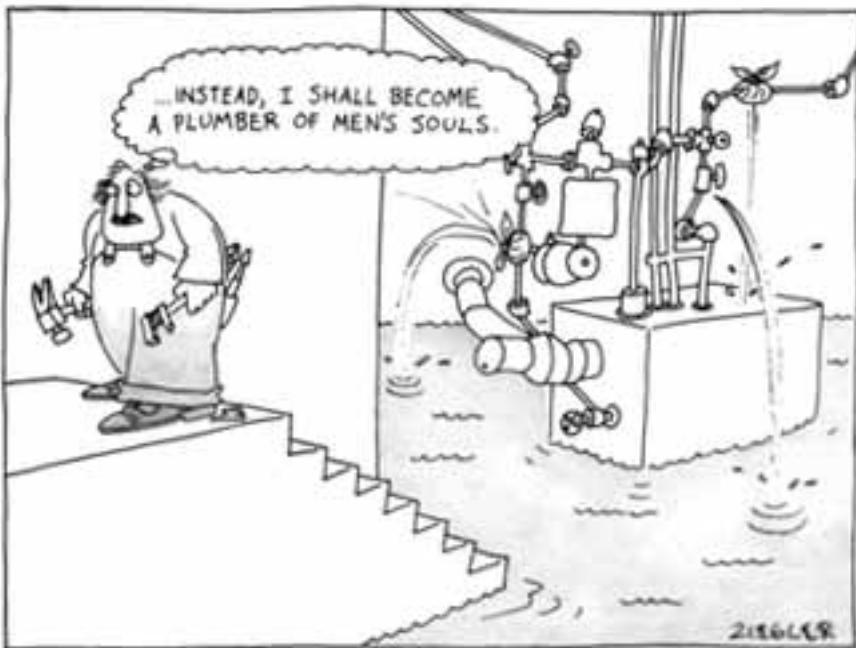


"I'm afraid George Harway's gift of gab has finally petered out."





“Can he call you back? Right now he’s being deprogrammed.”



Inspiration





“One of these days, let’s really get it together and go to New Jersey.”





"He says we're a beautiful audience, and damned if I don't agree."





"Hi, I'm Fred Cawley. I'm a Westport type."



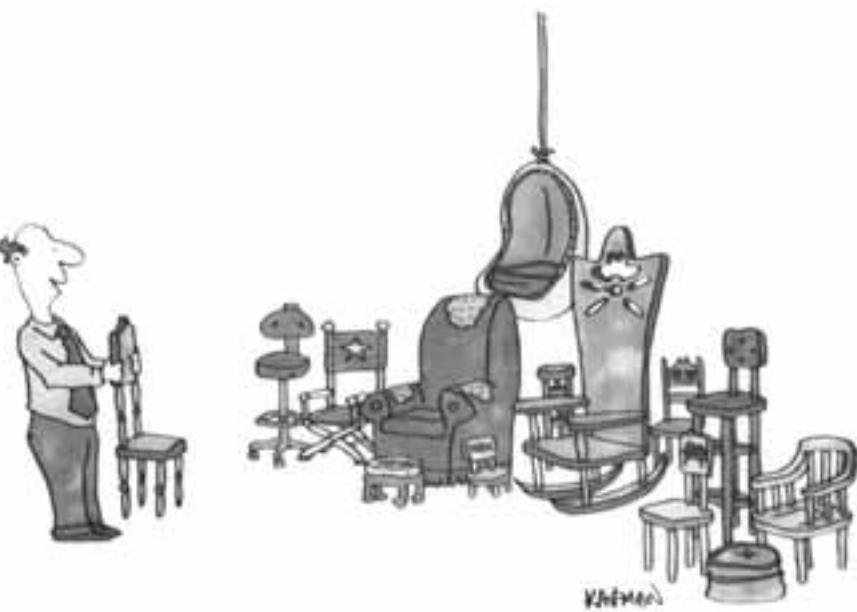
"Excuse me, Mr. Harding. The Pete Sanders Trio to see you."





"They stole all our people!"





"Attention, everyone! I'd like to introduce the newest member of our family."



"This house is solid for Bella Abzug, except for Tippie."



*"Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth,
the truth, the truthty truth truth?"*



*"If the New York 'Times' knows everything, it follows
that the New York 'Times' should be President."*





"You're nice. I mean, I really connect with your pain."

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And God saw that it was good.

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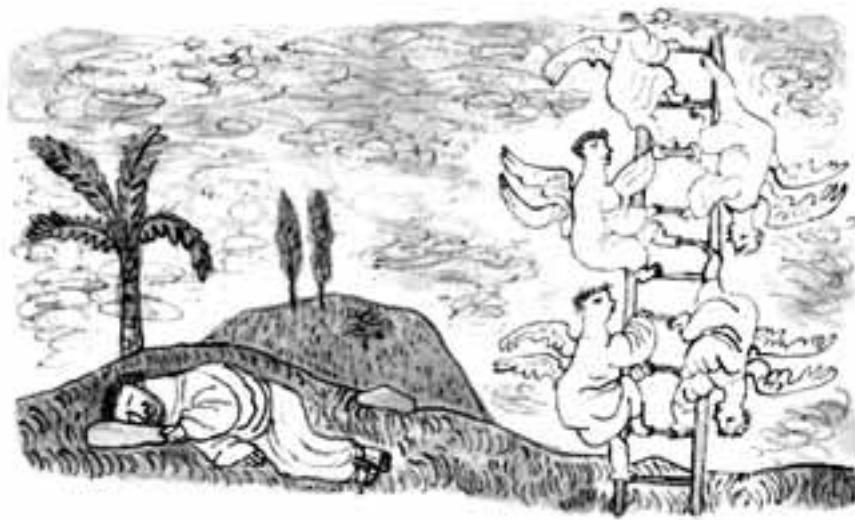
And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

FROM GENESIS AND EXODUS (3 OF 6)



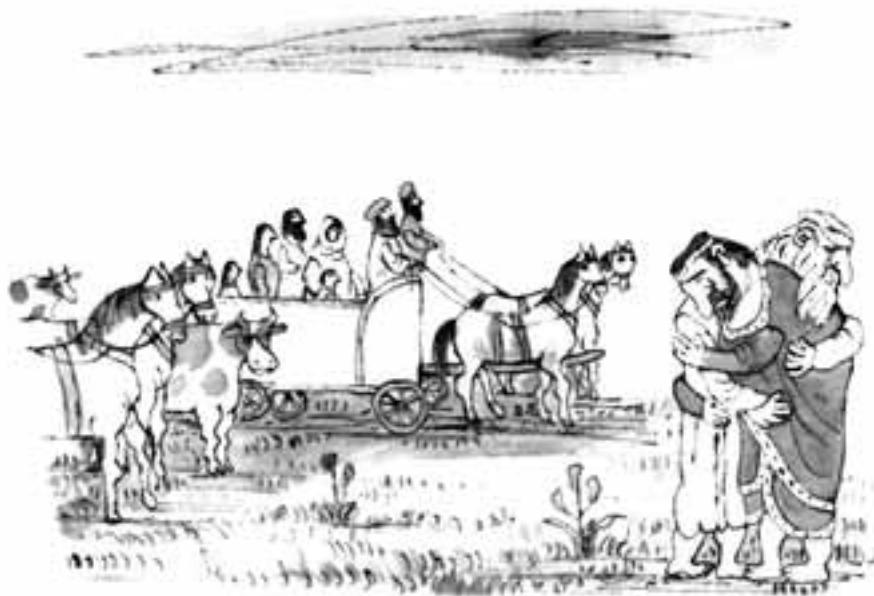
*And the dove came in to him in the evening, and, lo, in her mouth
was an olive leaf plucked off.*

FROM GENESIS AND EXODUS (4 OF 6)



And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

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FROM GENESIS AND EXODUS (5 OF 6)



And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father.

FROM GENESIS AND EXODUS (6 OF 6)



*And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea . . . and the waters
were divided.*



"We are gathered here today, gentlemen, to make money."

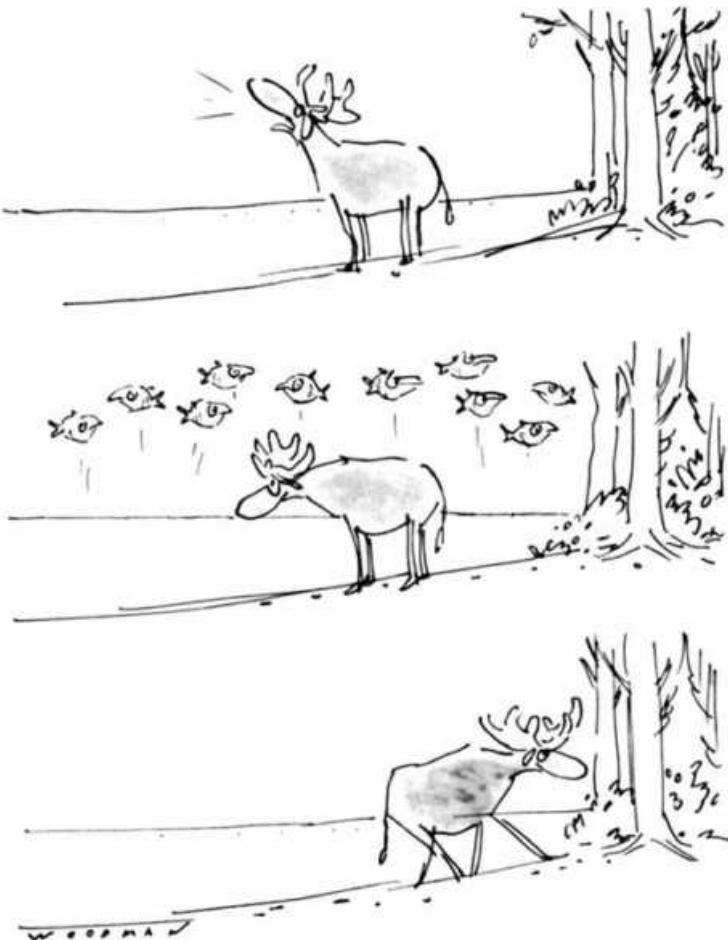


"I'm being followed by a mime."



"I can never get it straight. Was William Carlos Williams the doctor or the insurance man?"







*"Howard, this is one of the toughest decisions
I've ever had to make."*



*"On the other hand, the Maitlands went by tramp steamer
and loved every minute of it."*





"Yes, I do mind if you sing 'Stardust'!"



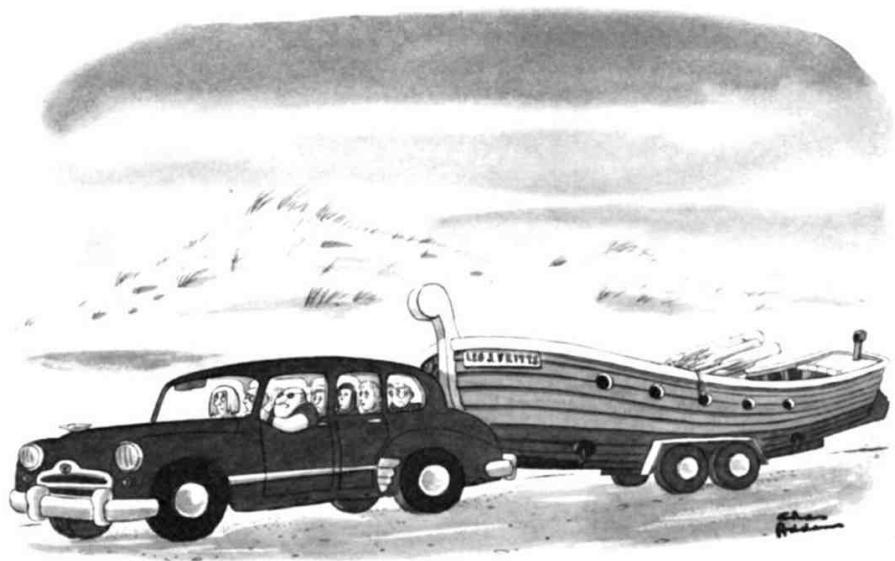




*"How come when they break out the vodka bottles
in the Kremlin we're never invited?"*



"You say you're sorry. You act sorry. And you look sorry. But you're not sorry."





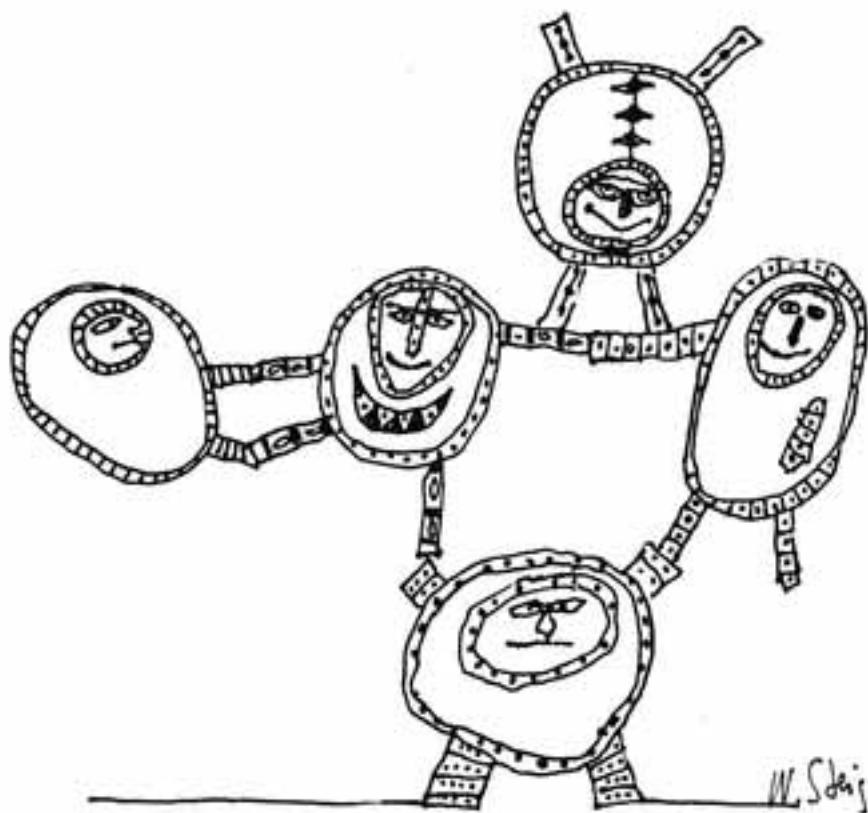
*"Excellent, sir. It says 'I respect my body,
but I don't worship it.'"*



*"Mr. Archer is not in. Mr. Archer, it seems,
has flown the coop."*



*"Splendid, Williams! One can't tell where style
ends and substance begins."*



Acrobats



*"What do you mean what are my thoughts on the Concorde?
Are you trying to drum up a conversation?"*







*"As of September 1st, I'm sorry to say, you will all
be replaced by a tiny chip of silicon."*



"We were here ten years ago. That was the time we went to Harry's Bar and Roger fell in the Grand Canal."



*"Mrs. Ritterhouse says if you want to buy fresh seed clams,
rendezvous tonight at midnight one block north of the
Fulton Fish Market. Pass it on."*



*"Tim Sullivan, say hello to Steve Linhart. Mr. Linhart
has recently shaved off his beard also."*



“Arthur Braddock, of the Big Apple, speaking.”



"You're a lot like me, J.B.—a real survivor."







*"Something must be wrong with my equipment.
All I get is Dial-a-Joke."*



*"You'll have to check with your mother from now on, son.
I'm abdicating my responsibility as a parent."*



*"Actually, his mind was at its zenith between his second
and third marriages."*

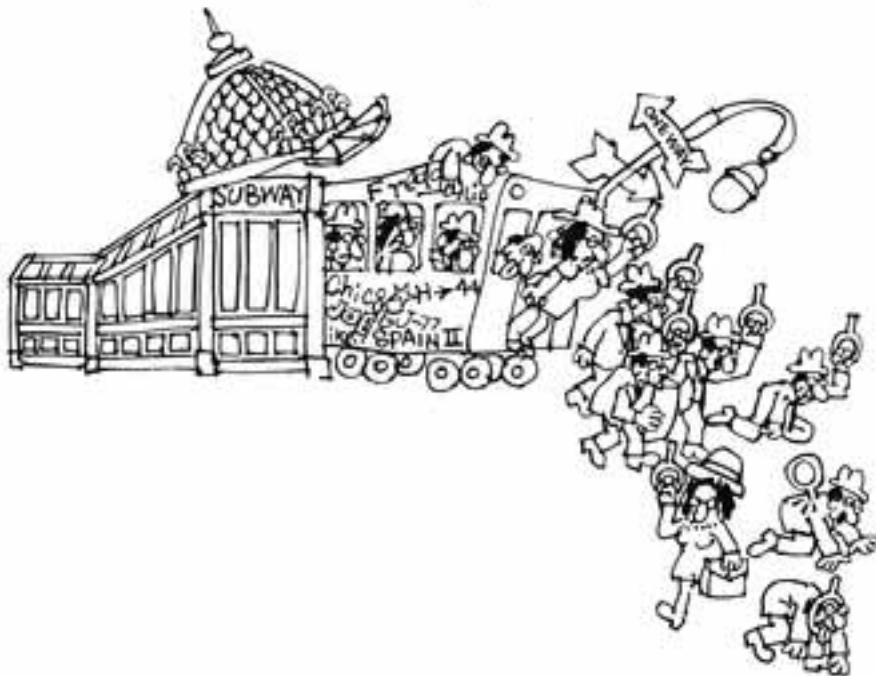


"The italics, I assume, are yours."

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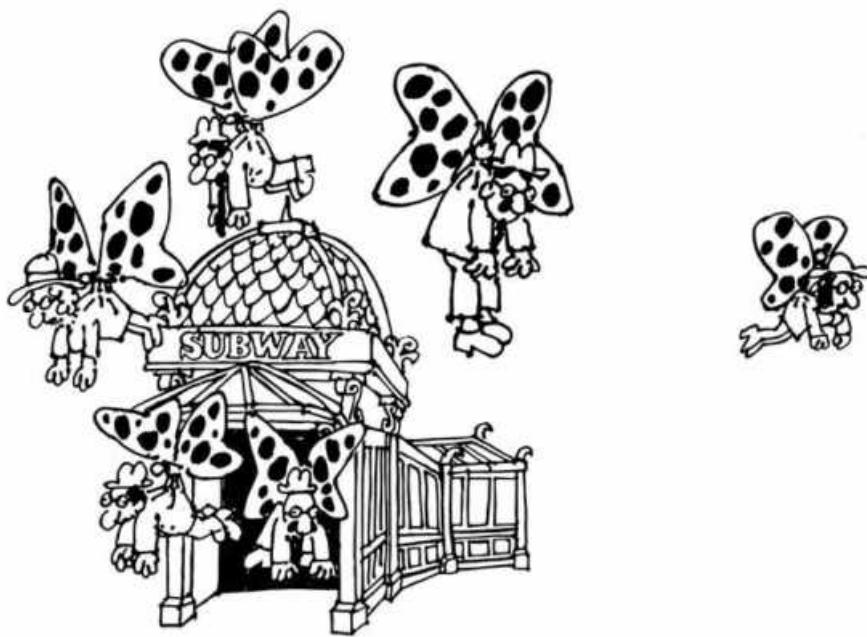
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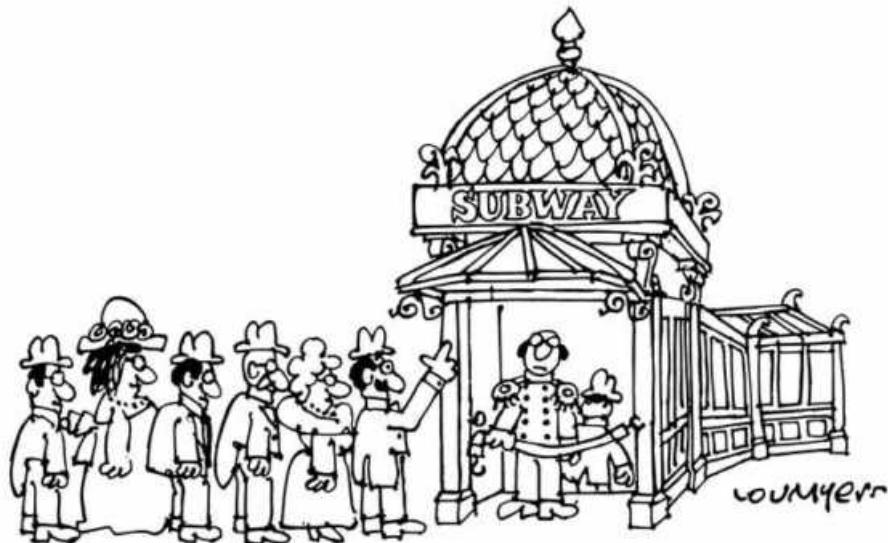


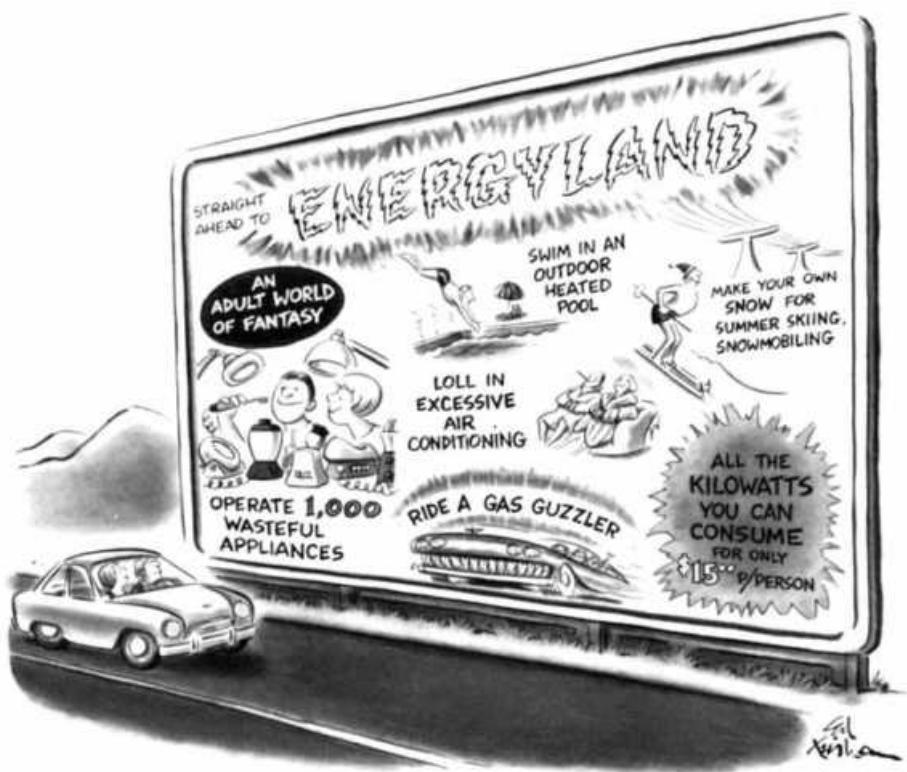
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"Man! I hate to think of what the collective guilt adds up to around here!"



*"Well, you may not, but a lot of people happen to think
I look a lot like Diane Keaton."*



Executive Sneak Attack



"By God, this year on my vacation I'm going to read a book!"







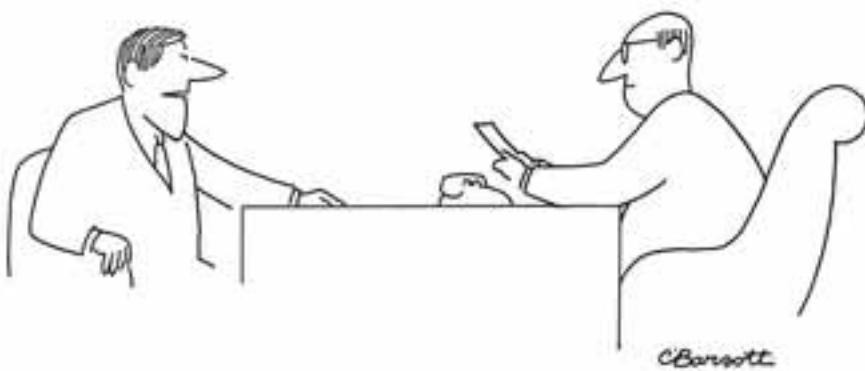
"Peyton, you've become indispensable to us, and I'm afraid we can't permit ourselves to be in a situation where any man is indispensable."



"Mine was the sin of overdiversification."



"I'll have orange juice, scrambled eggs, toast, and coffee."



"You'll note, sir, I've painted the picture in broad, bold strokes."



"Now do you believe in mulch?"



"The question we all ought to ask ourselves is: Are we talking about Russian Communism, Albanian Communism, Chinese Communism, Czechoslovakian Communism, Ethiopian Communism, Cuban Communism, Chilean Communism, or Eurocommunism?"



"Why can't you be more supportive?"





"Having a fine old name really has been enough for me."





*"Janet, we've spent twenty-eight years trying to reach an understanding.
What do you say from here on in we just relax?"*



“Accepting the applause for Mr. Fontana—Mr. Fontana’s mother.”



*"O.K., then! If you don't like my energy program,
let's hear your energy program."*



"I've decided to plow into Edith Wharton."



"Look—who cares how much thyme you use?"



*"It's true, Dave, I've asked a lot from life, but so far,
I'm happy to say, life's come through."*

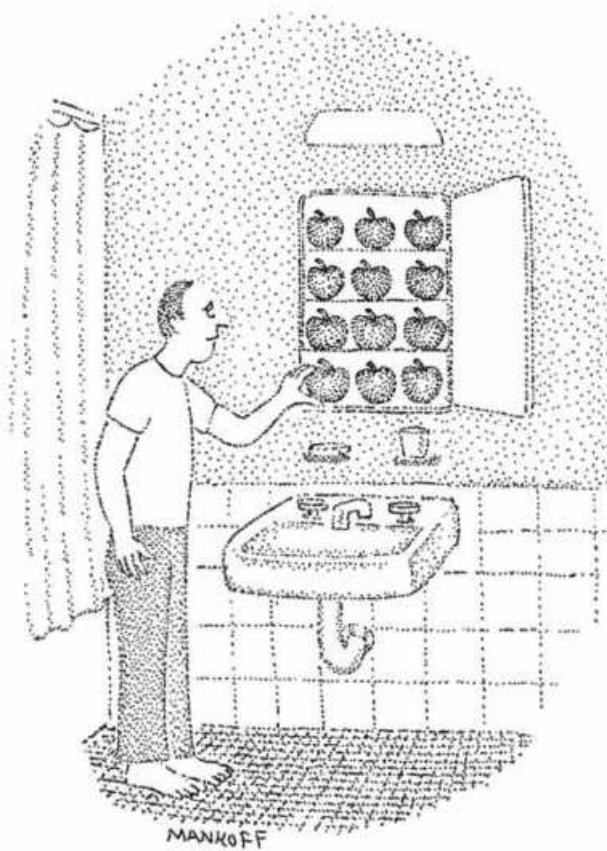


*"I found some old letters you wrote me before we were married.
Your handwriting has quite noticeably changed."*



"I think it fair to say, Mr. Webster, that we are the most Chekhovian household in East Hampton."







"If I may say so, and I certainly may say so . . ."



"A subway token, two Canadian quarters, and a 'Whither the Church?' button. But not a Krugerrand in the lot."



*"I wonder would you be good enough, the next time you get
your adrenalin flowing, to bring me a glass of iced tea."*



“She’s all set, Mr. Ferguson, but don’t go yet. We’ve got to get Rizzo loose. His coveralls are snagged on her tailpipe bracket.”



"Arthur is just biding his time. He's an eighties person."





"Lucille, I'm going in to get my guitar."



Naked Man



"The Graysons are on vacation in Europe. I'm the sitter."



"Can I get you anything? I'm going into town."

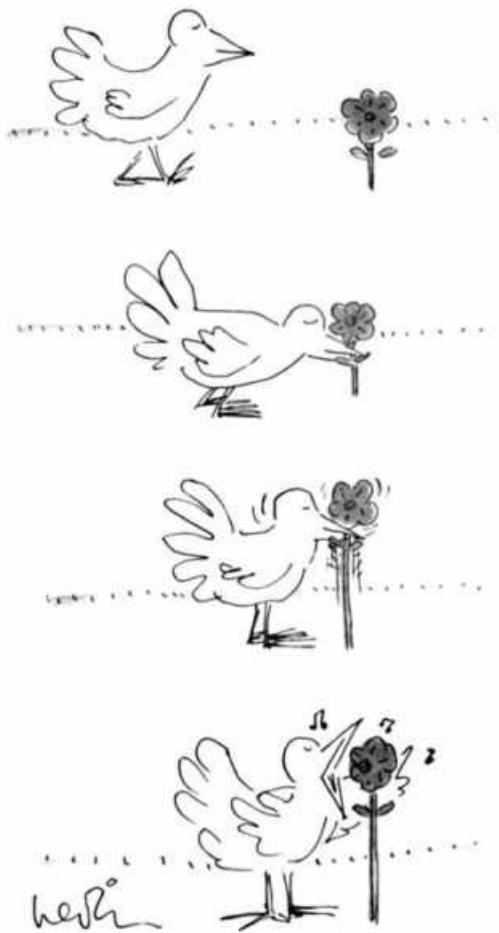




“Guess board meeting’s out.”



"To make a long story short, goodbye."







*"I'm afraid we can't expect much of Holloway.
He left his brain to Johns Hopkins."*



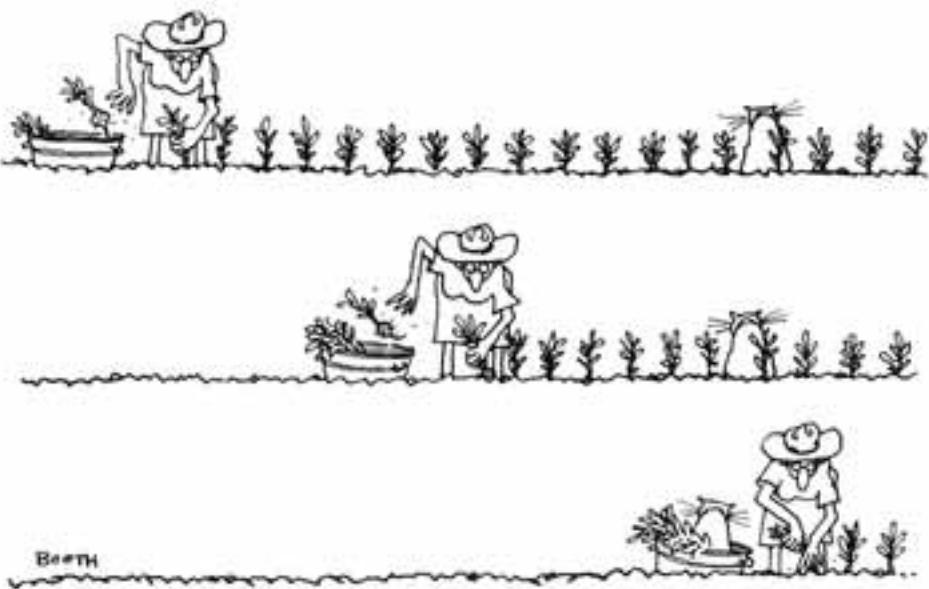
*"I can't bear the suspense, Albert. Would you please
put your two cents in right now!"*



"Whatever's good for what ails me."



"Lately I'm into weather."





"The flounder's not bad, but it's you I'm nuts about."



Everett Opie (9/5/1977)

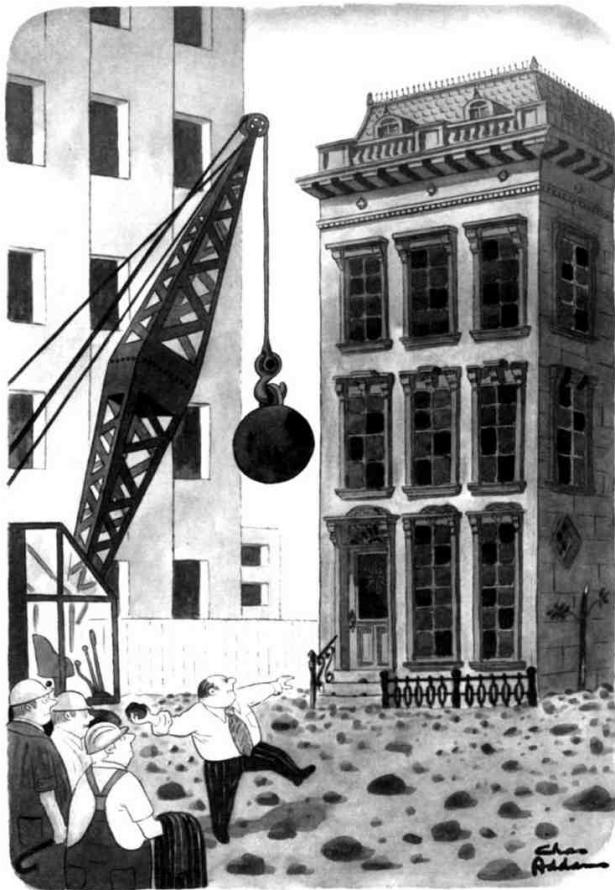
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*"You wanna know where you are? I'll tell you where
you are. Nowhere! That's where you are!"*

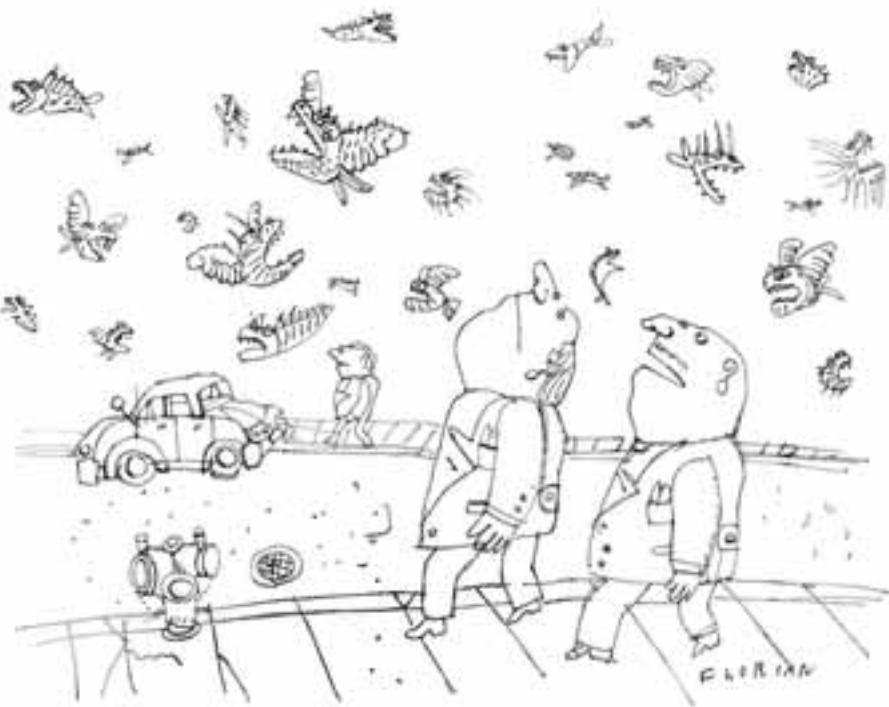


*"Foster here is the left side of my brain, and Mr. Hoagland
is the right side of my brain."*





Happier Days



"The air quality certainly looks 'unhealthy' today."



"You're terribly cute for someone who's fortyish."



"Marjorie, look! Free prospectuses!"



"I find you guilty to the nth degree."







"And now, for those of you not in it, our regular nightly feature, 'The Early-Evening Rush.' "



“Oh, it was a day like any other, so I guess I'll have the usual.”







"I'll answer that. It has the ring of truth."





*"With the exception of Marvin, power in this area
was restored within twenty-four hours."*



"Ever since we've been getting along, I've felt less interesting."



"Gentlemen, our troubles are over."



*"Now, this is a very new variety, which some people
are having trouble relating to."*

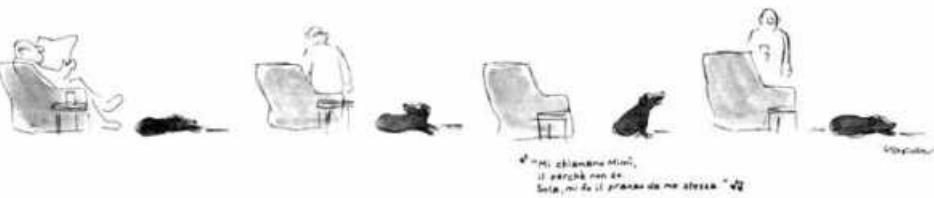




"How about the hoopla, boys? Where's the hoopla?"



"Now that Ralph's emerged from deep cover, we're moving to Sarasota."





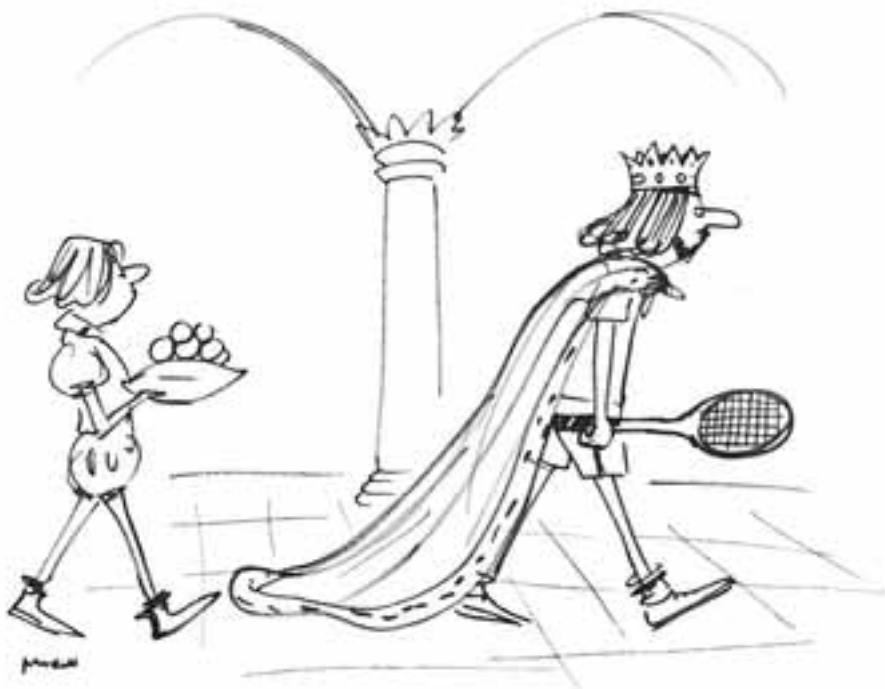
"Gentlemen, please! This is a bank."





"The difference you make makes all the difference.' Well put!"





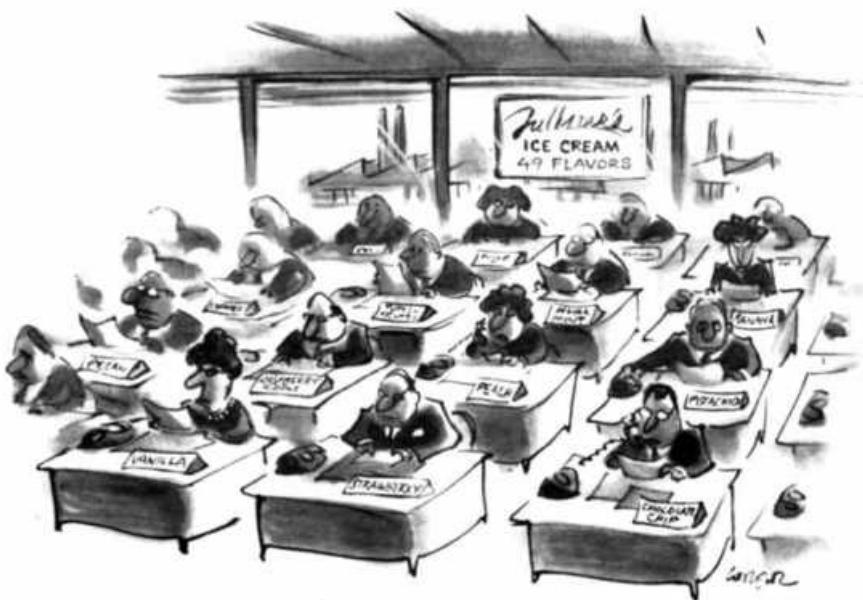


*"It happens to all of us at one time or another.
We forget to brush our teeth."*





"Hello there, Nobodies. This is Somebody."





"I'd like a medium-priced respite from the cares of the day."



"Arthur, I'm leaving you and the New York 'Times.' "



“Damn it, Crenshaw, when I said ‘Any questions?’ I was merely using a figure of speech.”



"Oh, she's got charm, if you like charm."

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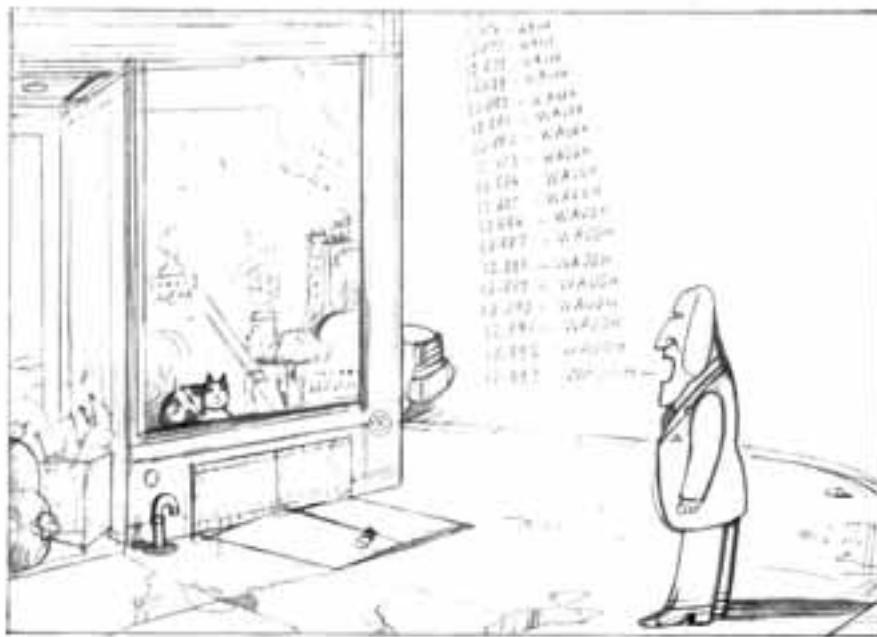


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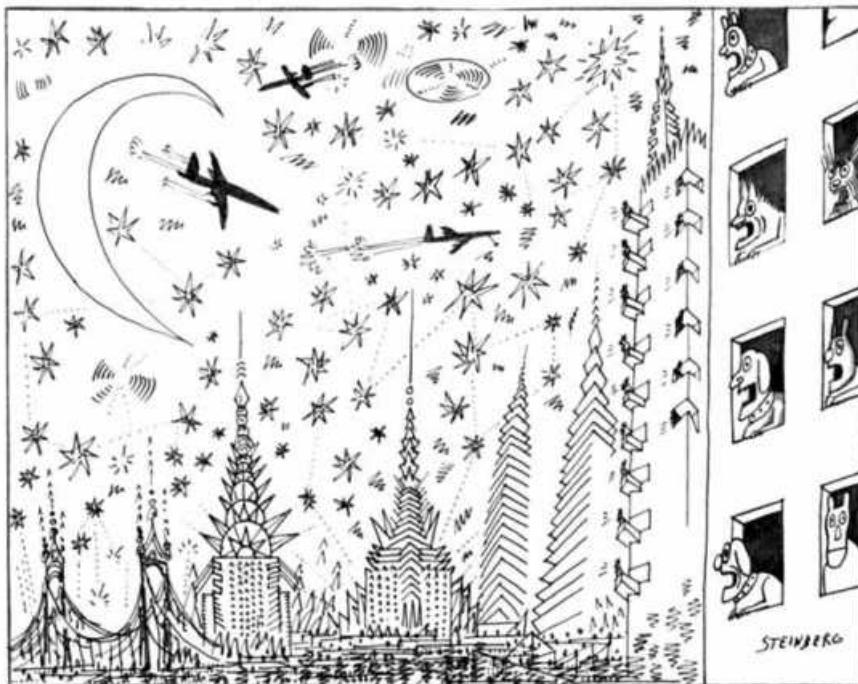
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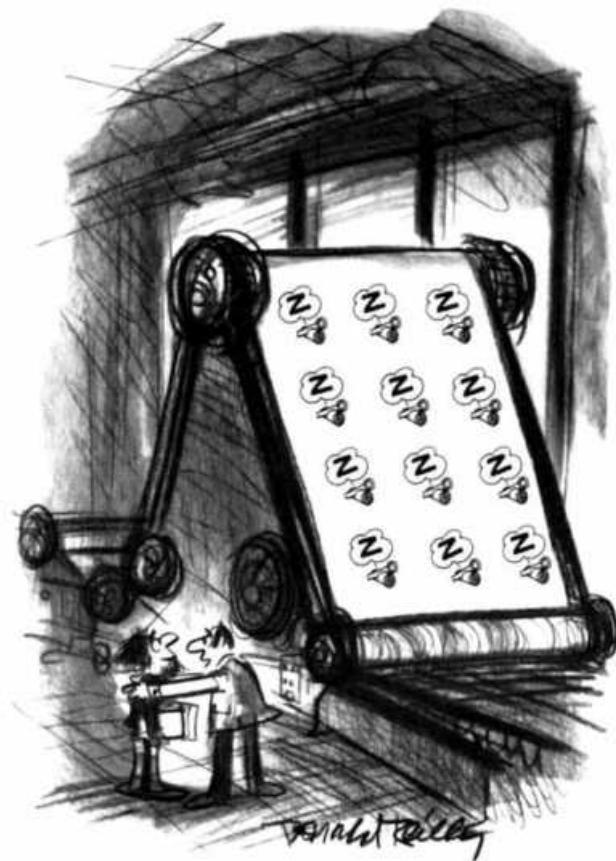
"Careful, now. I don't like the looks of this."



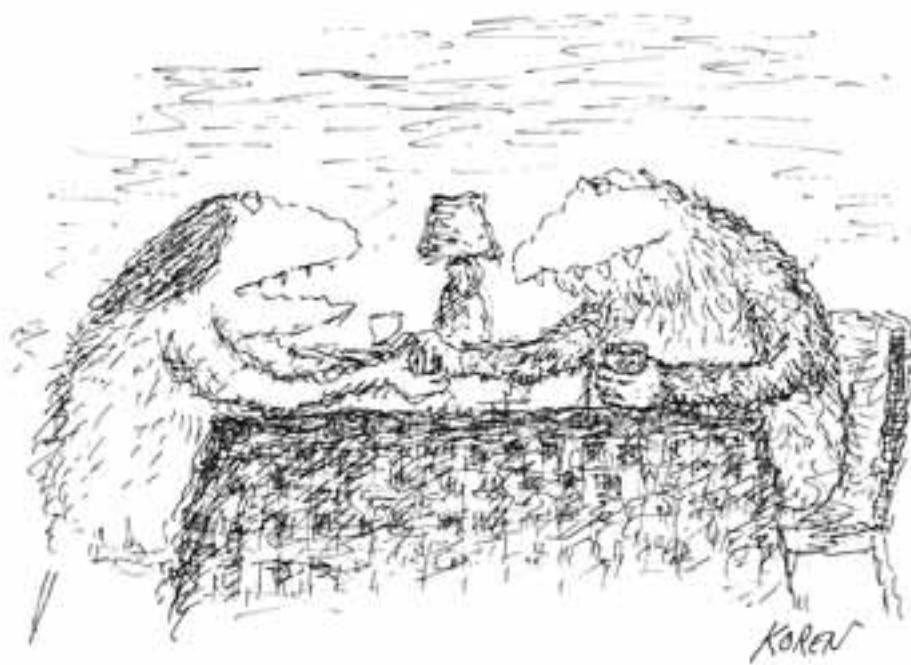
A Dim View of Children



"This survey indicates you can fool seventeen per cent of the people a hundred per cent of the time, thirty-four per cent of the people fifty-one per cent of the time, and a hundred per cent of the people twelve per cent of the time."



"Man, I think it's your finest moment in sheets!"



"William, do you have the courage to love?"





"The whole country is on the cusp of frozen yogurt."





"Geoffrey, what's happened to our marriage?"



*"You leave me no choice, J.T. I'm going over
your head to the American people."*



*"I certainly never dreamed I'd run into a classy girl like you
on a two-hundred-and-thirty-six-buck flight."*



"Steer clear of that group. They're all terribly self-aware."



"He's in the garden."



"Hail, Caesar! The enemy has been totalled."



"I realize I haven't provided much intelligence for the Agency, sir, but it's not my fault the Times reassigned me to the Leisure Section."



*"It's most curious, Hiram. My wife knows perfectly well
I returned home over two weeks ago."*



"They're comestibles. What the devil did you think they were?"





"Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera."



"You'll be rounding out the team. Your job is to make the public laugh with him rather than at him."



"Then it's a deal, Admiral. Gregory Peck will play you in your mature years, And Robert DeNiro will play you as a young man."



"Evening, folks. Well, I was feeling a little down today, so I bought a new pair of shoes. Dark brown, with super buckles.

Perked me right up. Now back to you, Whit."



"I, too, am named Joe. How about one on the house?"



"Oyez! Oyez! Oyez, oyez, oyez!"





"I told you about Carl. He's the person with whom I'm having a relationship."



"Tom here has been tracking pizza for us."



"Oh, yeah? You're not the only one who read 'Looking Out for Number One,' you know."



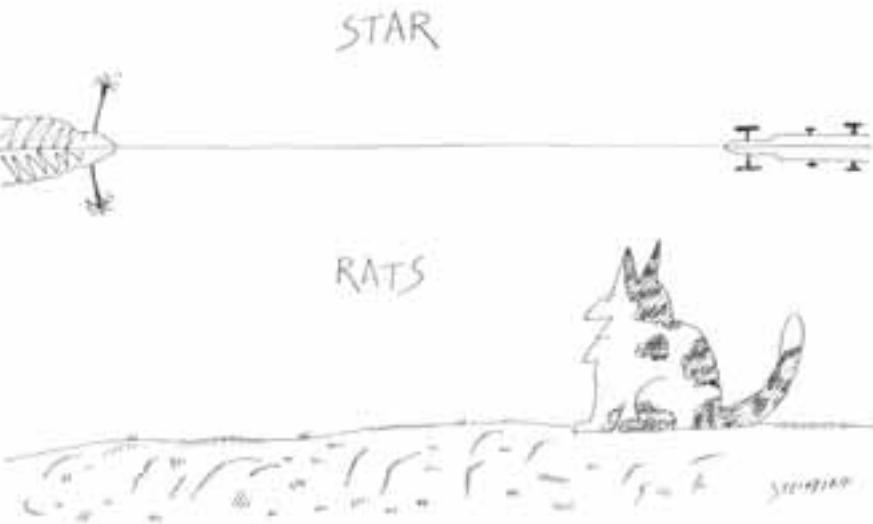
*“And next Tuesday, at eight o’clock, there will be
a special meeting in the annex to consider moving
the parish to the Meadowlands.”*



A word of caution. Pretense is anathema to Brodner.



"This is Alex, of Chicken Alex."





"The jury will disregard the witness's last remarks."



"Well, here it is. The great American novelization!"





*"Rudyard is becoming incensed over the way congressmen can be bought.
When he gets mad enough, he'll cut the grass."*



"For those of you who just tuned in, we're trailing at halftime."



"I'd like you to welcome Ms. Natalie Packman, whose presence on the board ends our search for quality boy-girl balance."



"Where do you emanate from?"

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"Have a good day!"



"Think it over very carefully. After all, it's the biggest single investment you'll ever make."



*"You're pretty crusty, all right, but still not
as crusty as George Meany."*









"All in favor of putting everything on the back burner, say Aye.'"



*"Aunt Beatrice had herself incorporated in 1975. Tells us
about incorporating yourself, Aunt Bea."*



"Well, now, if no one objects, I think I'll be off to bed."



"By God, gentlemen, I believe we've found it—the Fountain of Funding!"





"Now, don't let Georgie Porgie intimidate you. He gets absolutely everything from reviews."

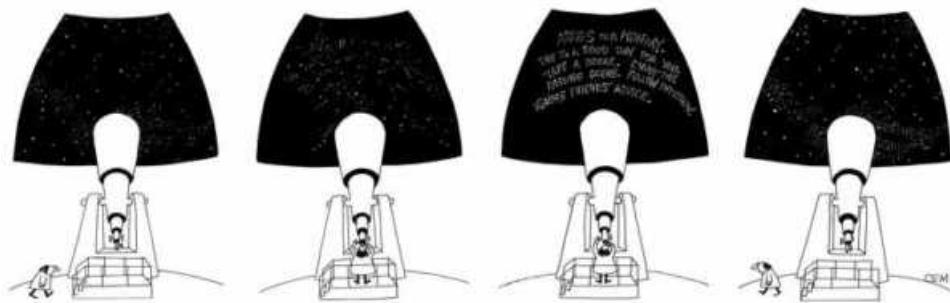


"O.K., you're into roses, right? Well, that's O.K. And I'm into peonies, right? Well, that's O.K., too."





*"I'm going to send you down the hall to see Dr. Hunseth.
And please tell Dr. Hunseth it's his turn to send one of
his patients to me."*





"I shudder to think that I was yours just for the asking."



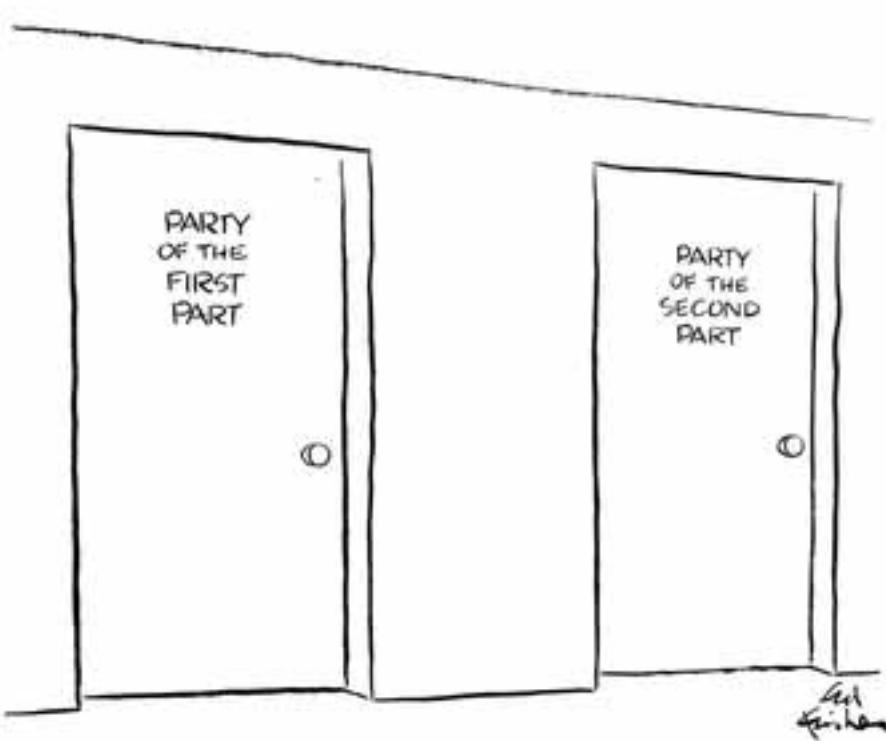
"You have been characterized, Mr. Stronson, as an ignoramus, a fathead, and a turkey. Would you care to respond to that?"



"Excuse me. If you were my husband, what would you like for dinner tonight?"

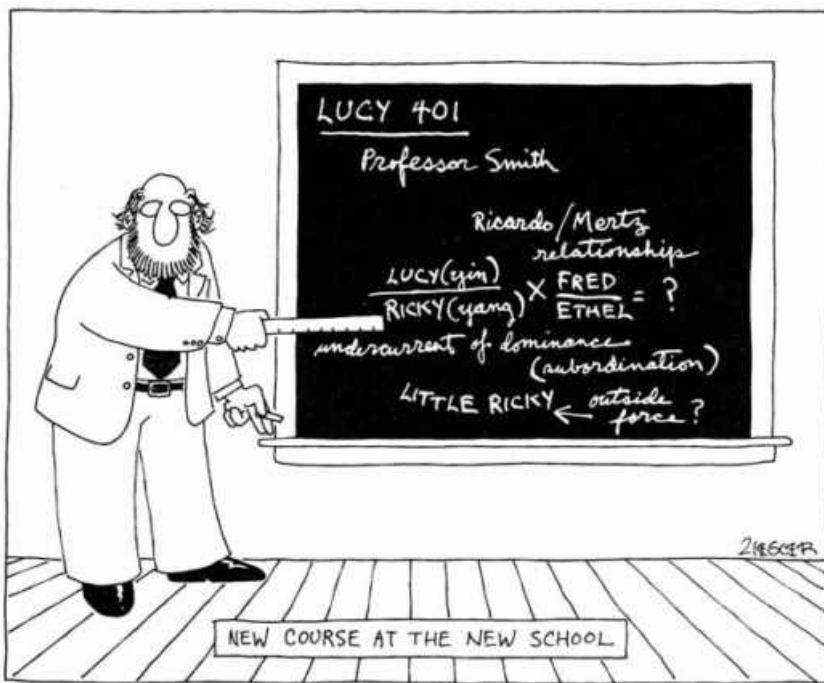


"Tom Willoughby, meet Howard Sylvester—one of us."





"Congratulate me. I faced defeat like a man."









"Why can't we go to the mountains this year?"



Father and Child



"I don't think we should get too deeply involved, Roxanne. You're a budget major-airline three-week notice, and I'm a one-way first-come-first-served day-of-departure."



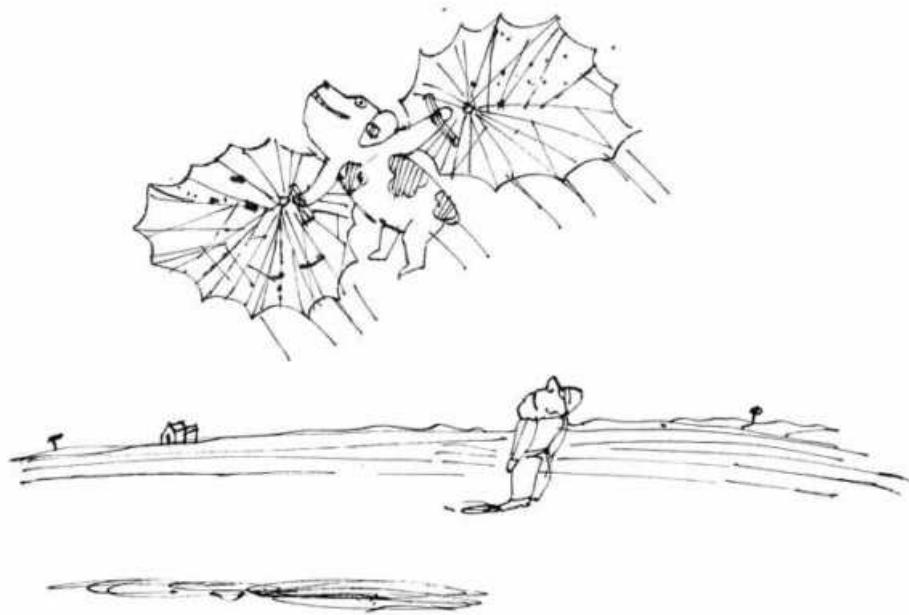
"And now here's Andy to horse around with the news."



*“And then one day I suggested he go with
the flow, and he went.”*



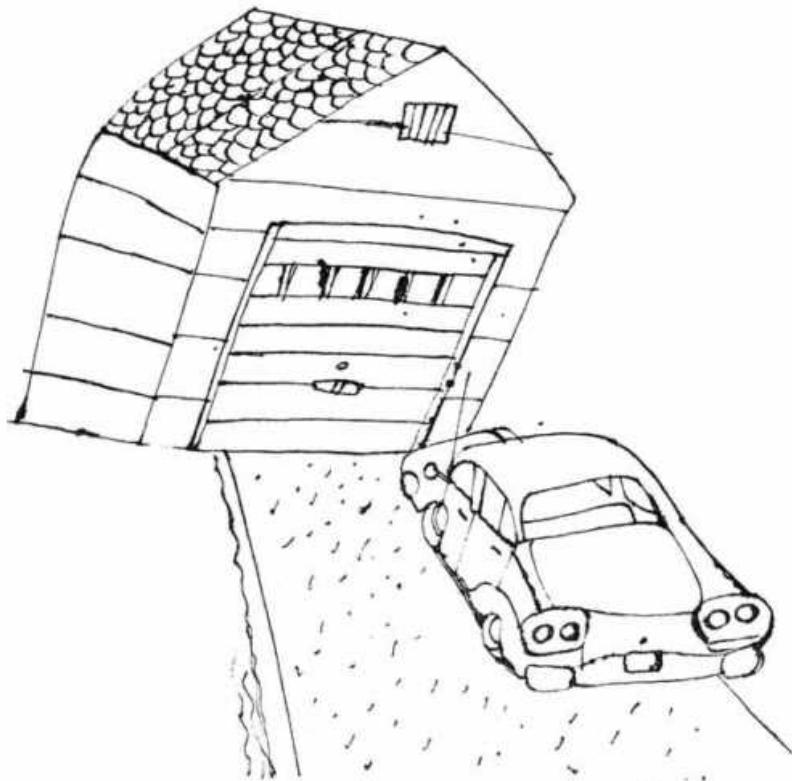
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Bert Hink's flying dog, Sparky, shown here at Boone Flats, Kansas.

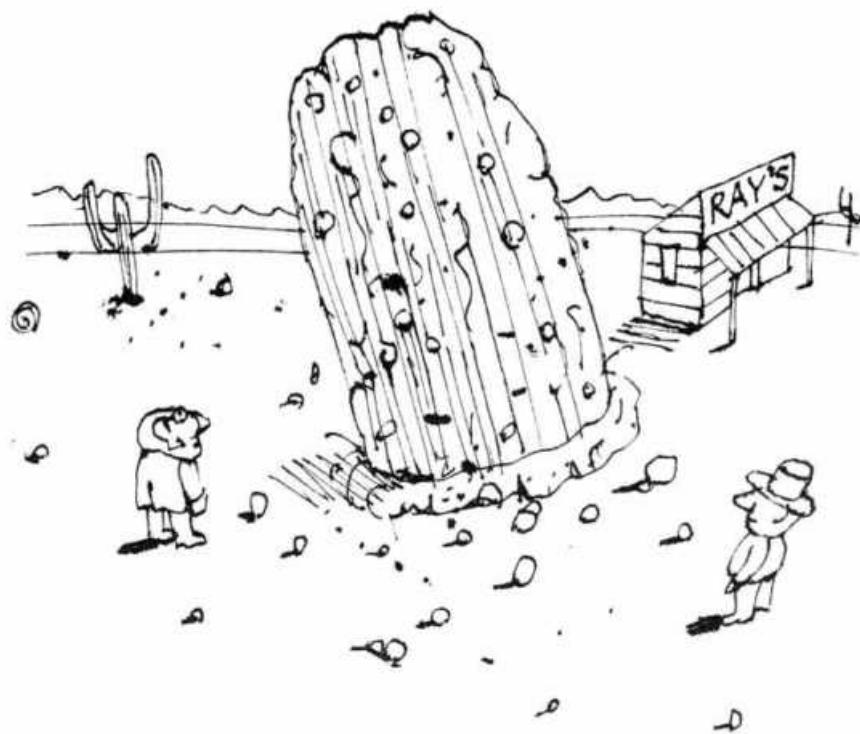
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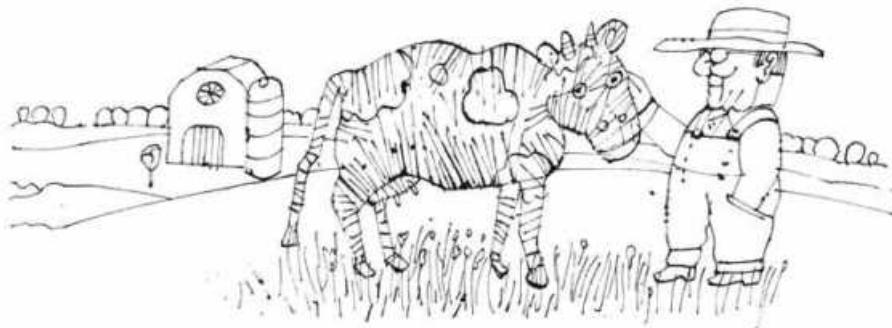
The leaning garage of Harvey Gellerman, Little Neck, Queens.

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*Pickle meteorite. Crashed on March 17, 1973,
in Shangri-La, Oklahoma, nearly hitting Ray's
drygoods store.*

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Petrified cow, owned by Zeke Moony, Teelson, Arkansas.

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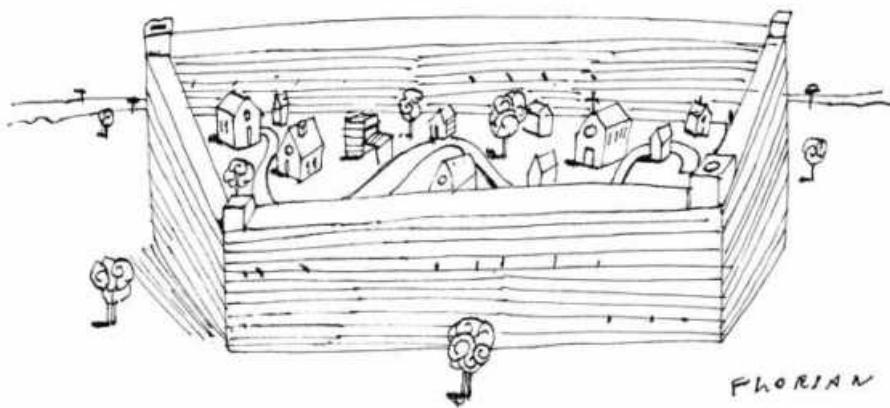
Seventy-four-inch jar of mayonnaise, purchased by Edna Fine at Sam's grocery, Warshaw Falls, Indiana.

SEVEN WONDERS (6 OF 7)



Hiram Sneed's iron beard.

SEVEN WONDERS (7 OF 7)



The Great Wall of Doga, North Carolina, built September, 1879.





*“And when I err I hope you’ll find it in your hearts
to forgive me and my advisers.”*





"In my opinion, Mrs. Wendell—and I believe Dr. Steinmuth will concur—if you can live with entropy you can live with anything."

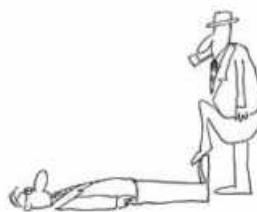
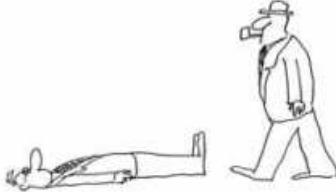


"That's Mr. Bostwick's comedic persona."



"To Spaceship Earth!"

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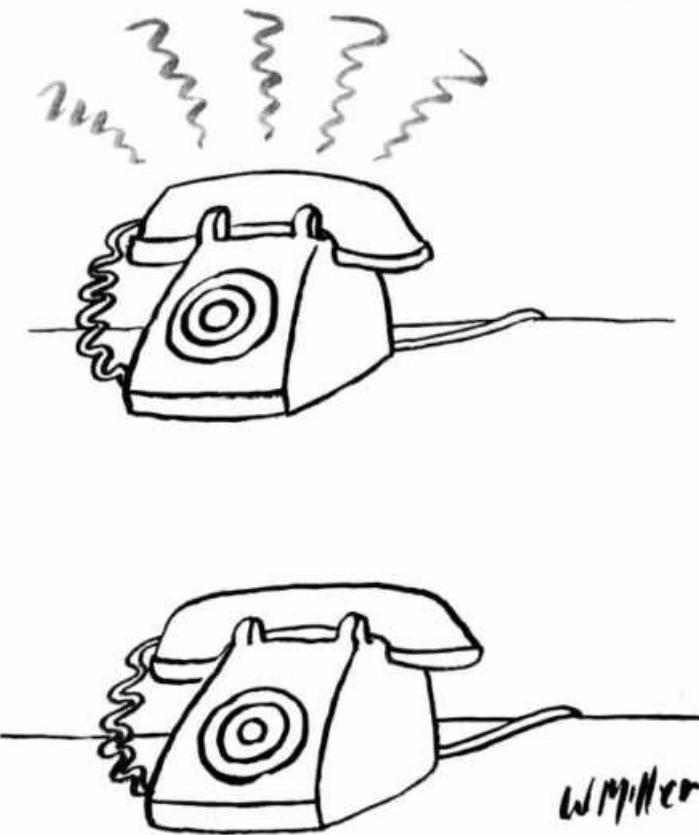




"It may be a very insignificant breakthrough, but it's a hell of a lot better than no breakthrough."



*"I don't know, Tom. Seventy-two million
dollars is a lot of money."*



"Good evening. Oscar Vale is not in at the moment. This is his telephone."



*"Now, this is Plan A. I recommend we skip it
and get right on to Plan B."*

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"I hate to brag, but I am the state."

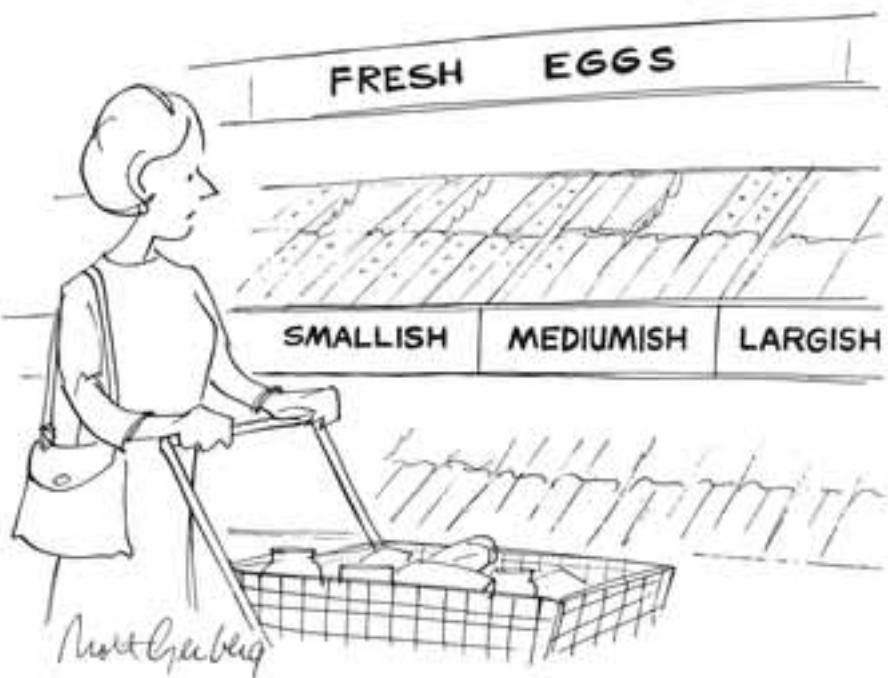


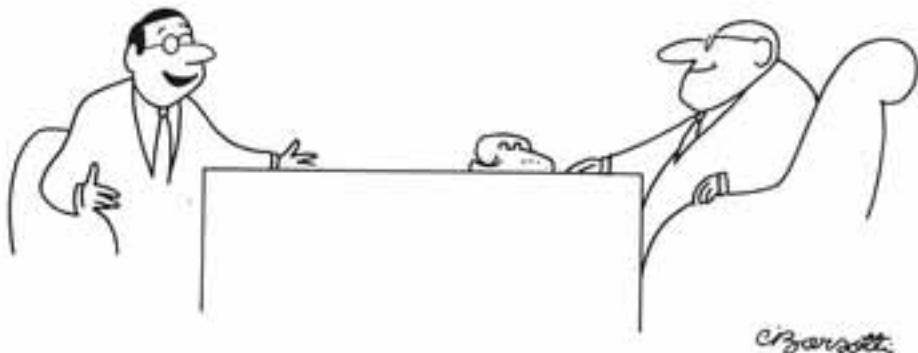
"It needs additives."



"Ah! Here comes my insurance man now."







"Well, damn it, E.W., don't you get tired of always being right?"



"Who is it? It's Midge Costanza. Who'd you think it was?"





"Hey, look! That jigsaw puzzle you gave me last Christmas!"



"To paperback rights, movie rights, TV rights, and human rights."



"He came back from Colorado all quilted."



"And now, ladies and gentlemen, a leader who needs no introduction. A direct, down to-earth, honest man. No dazzling smiles, pious platitudes, or simplistic solutions. No extravagant promises, ambiguous positions, or empty rhetoric. A man whose integrity and sincerity speak for themselves."





"I hope you don't mind. He doesn't know he's a dog."





*"Did you really like it? I call it 'Grain-Drying
in Kwangtung Province.'"*



*“One thing I’ll say for us, Meyer—we never stooped
to popularizing science.”*



"I hope we've learned a little lesson here today, Jenkins."



"Avery has total recall. He remembers every single word he's ever said."



*"You've proved to me beyond a shadow of a doubt
that truth is stranger than fiction."*





*"Since there has been little change, those of you who saw the
'News at Six' may be excused to get ready for bed."*





*"I'm glad you two are friends again. I hate
to see gifted people fight."*





"It's not just my opinion. Bess Myerson, Betty Furness, Elinor Guggenheim, and my husband all think it's crummy, too."



Tree That Has Witnessed Historical Events

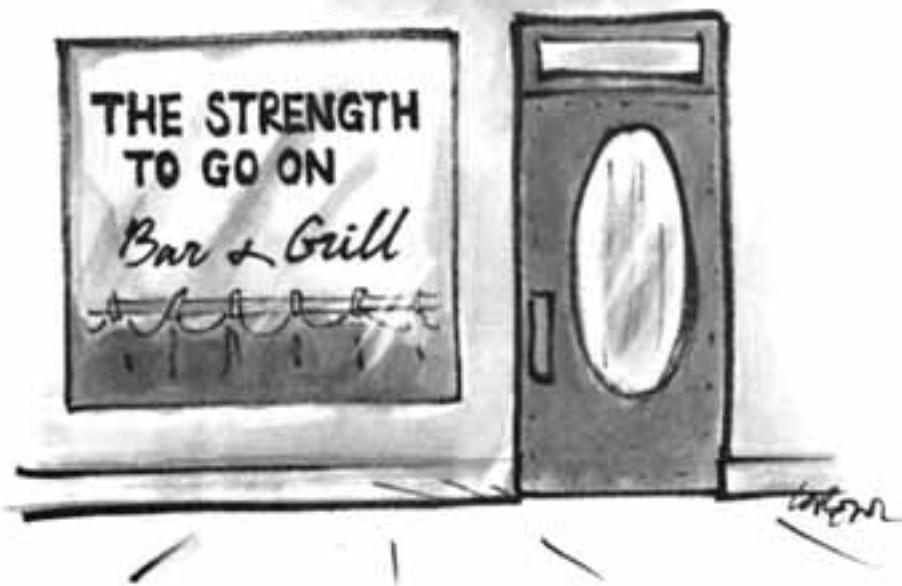




*"Last month, I reached mandatory retirement age. I am still here.
Anybody want to make something of it?"*



*"Robert, promise me you'll never try to cross the Atlantic
in one of those balloons."*





"I'm glad you asked me that. I would characterize it as low-key but generally satisfying entertainment. Thin plot, adequate performances, serviceable but uninspired direction. It's rated G."



*"Tony asked me to ask you, Mr. Bates—do you know offhand
the whereabouts of your service manual?"*



*"How can you say we no longer have anything in common?
What about how we both despise hypocrisy?"*

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"Leonard J. Munson, in a rare jocular mood, speaking."

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Bernard Schoenbaum





"I'm highly overrated, thank God."



"There. I've written all the checks for the month. I feel cleansed."



"Do you, Jane, and you, Jonathan, jointly vow to split the royalties, paperback rights, book-club proceeds, and movie options with each other in the event that the marriage dissolves and results in a work of fiction or nonfiction based on this union?"



*"It's just indigestion, Senator. Stay away from those
White House breakfasts for a while."*



"But I did get my act together. This is my act."



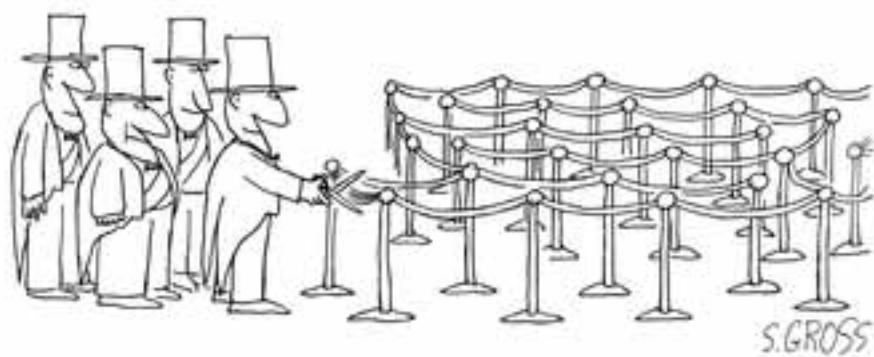
"I do industrial credibility."



"Fellow-consumers . . ."

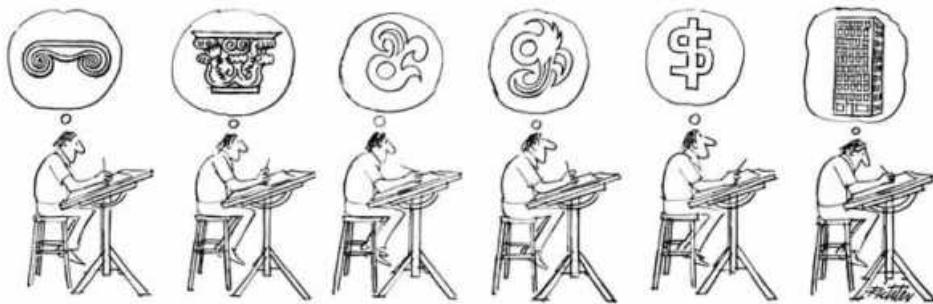


"One more thing—do you know anything about house plants?"





"As to an informal conference in the Delegates' Lounge, I think we've succeeded in pushing both sides closer than ever. The differences are narrowed down solely to the question of who pays for the drinks."







"I'm sorry, Comrade, but I don't make the rules."





"I suppose the question is: Is this really happening to me or do I just think this is happening to me?"



"Look, just try a little of everything. If you don't like something, just leave it. O.K.?"



*"I'm sorry, but Mr. Peabody does not take any calls when
'The Price Is Right' or 'Wheel of Fortune' is on."*





"Meet Mr. Lewis. He doesn't meditate, either."



Impresario





"To us, and all that we represent."



"Sometimes, Martha, you defy analysis."



Mischa Richter (11/14/1977)

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"To all employees: It has been recently observed that when Mr. McCutcheon says 'How are you?' certain employees have taken this simple greeting as an invitation to 'let it all hang out.' "





*"My son Ronald begins to open up around eight o'clock in the evening.
His best hours are from then until along about sunup, when he wilts
and drops off like a night-blooming cereus."*



*"Thank you, my dear. And I hope that you and all your colleagues
and loved ones will have a very nice day, too."*



"A grand jury sitting in Terre Haute, Indiana, today handed up an indictment of society."





"I'll tell you why it's never worked out. You're a twenties sensibility and I'm a thirties sensibility."



"You're sure this doesn't look funny without a tan?"



*"Do you swear to tell the
truth, the whole truth, and
nothing but the truth?"*

"And then some!"



"We don't have any opinions. We're just down here for a vacation."



*"While you and I may not take J.W. too seriously, my boy,
always remember J.W. takes J.W. very, very seriously."*



*"Welcome to the thirty-eighth annual meeting of Coyer Havie,
Incorporated. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away."*



"Richard, we heard you were in a sulk, so we've all come to help."



"Housekeeping, Herr Professor, is not an exact science."







"How about some sex and violence for poor ol' Granny?"



"For what it's worth, Jane, I, too, found first grade a drag. But I hung in there, and now, needless to say, I'm mighty glad I did."



"So you've read my books and you've brought wine. Good."



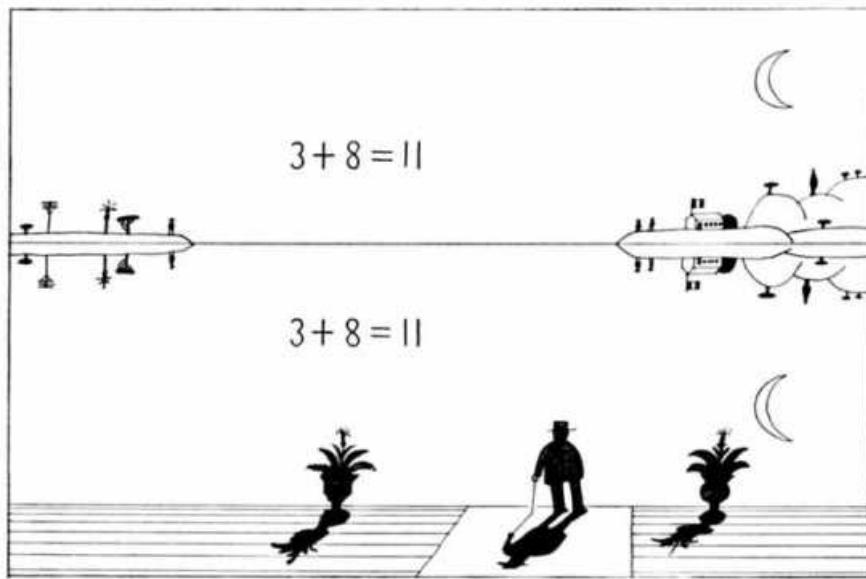
*"Of course you have strengths, dear. It's just
that you don't communicate them."*



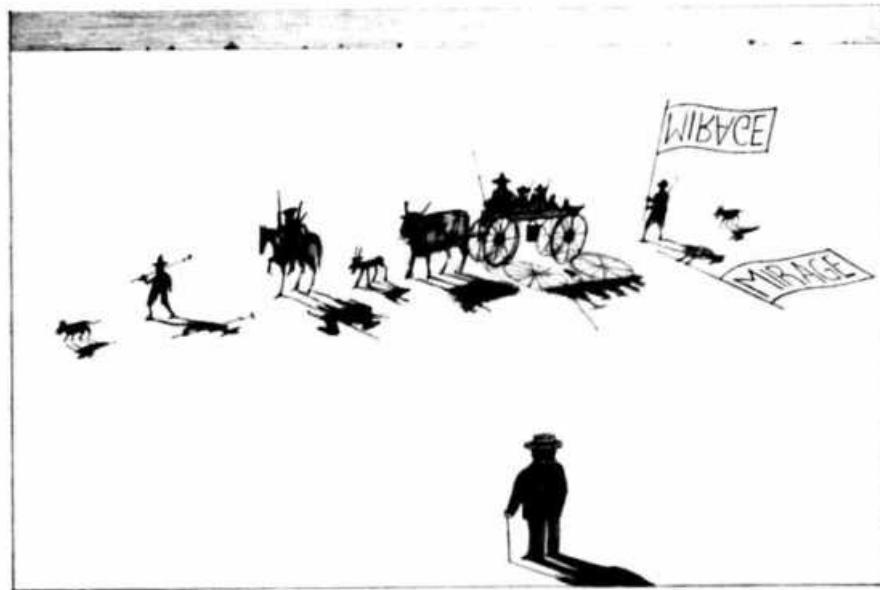


"To recombinant DNA!"

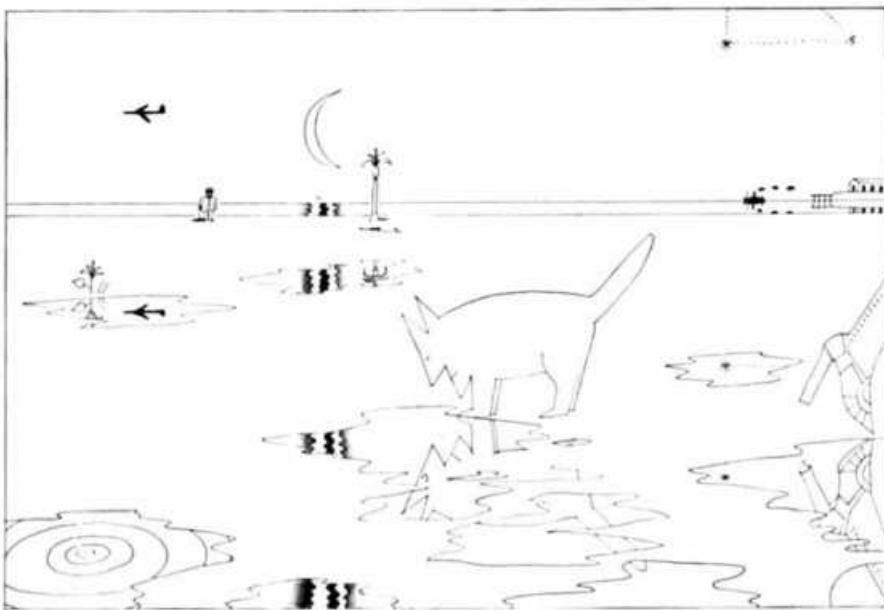
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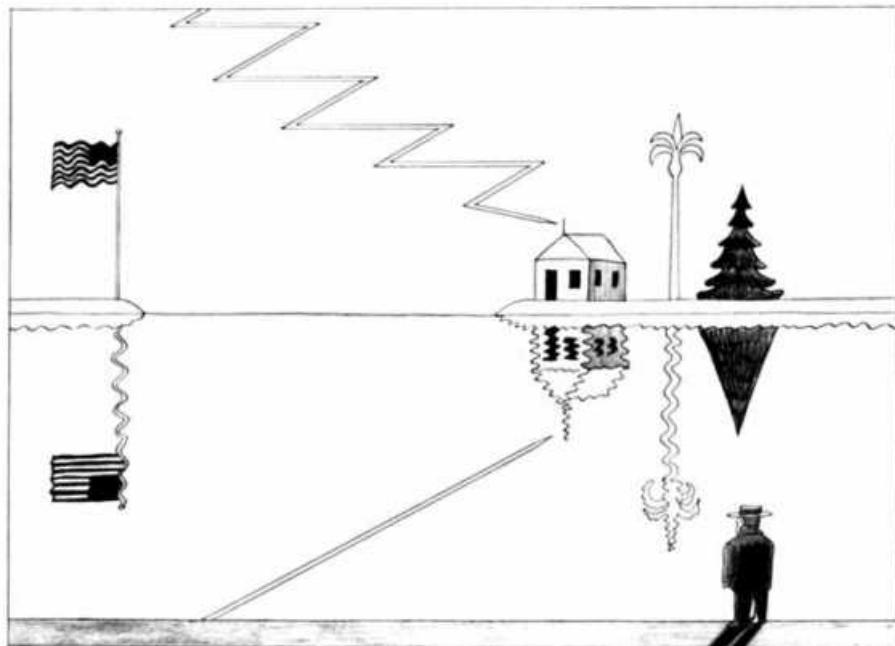
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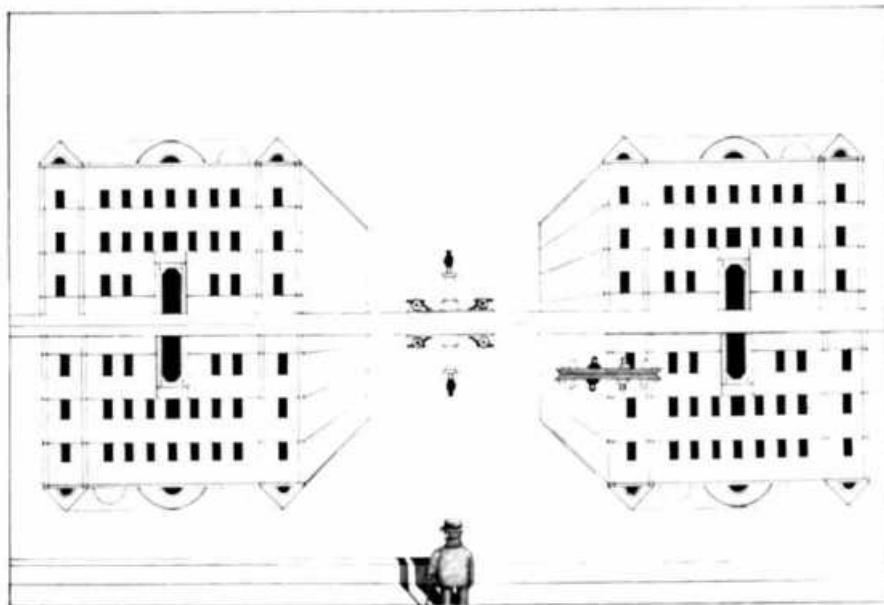
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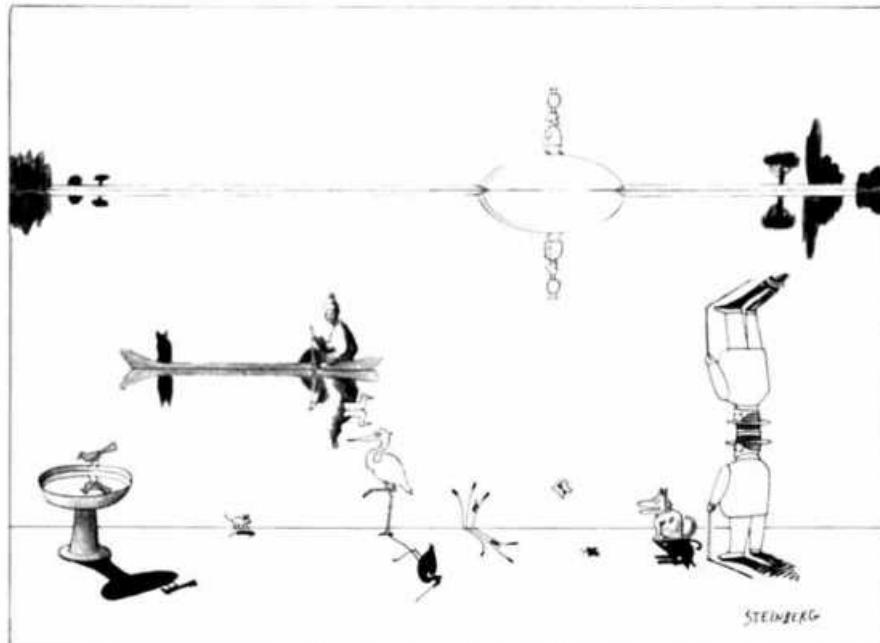


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"We have the same teeth."



"You're always telling me you know exactly how I feel. Well, this time I'm calling your bluff. Exactly how do I feel?"



"En garde! A nut!"



"Cream cheese and jelly on white, to take out."





"He is survived by two cars, a house, a color television set, a refrigerator, a stove, and nineteen minor appliances."



"Quasi-innocent, Your Honor."



"Chet was a soft-liner when everyone was taking a hard line. Now he's taking a hard line and everyone else is a soft-liner."



"Why the hell don't we have 'strong links to the oil industry'?"



"Peekaboo!"



*"Gosh, you're being terribly nice! I'm not sure
I deserve free checking."*



"O.K., then, it's settled. We present it to the public with all its pros and cons, we let the media chew on it for a while, we go through a lot of soul-searching, and then we go ahead and do it."



"Is that her warlock or are they just living together?"





*"They've taken away my desk, my phone, my secretary, and my
'From the desk of' pads. On the other hand, they haven't fired
me, so I guess I'm free to roam the halls."*



*"I wish you'd try not to do those A and B things,
because you never get to B."*



*"Mr. Bradshaw, your son is here. He's given up living
in the teepee and wants to join the firm."*



Whitney Darrow, Jr. (11/28/1977)

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*"A tension-lessening little thing happened to me on
my way to the Assembly this morning."*





"Are you home, Elizabeth? Elizabeth? Elizabeth, I've gone bonkers."





*"If you can't get Riley to talk to you, Mr. Henderson, don't worry about it.
He'll still fix your fuel pump. Riley, fix Mr. Henderson's fuel pump."*



"The automobile dilemma doesn't touch me. I gave up driving in 1965 and took up drinking."



Charles Barsotti



*"It's hard to believe that only yesterday he was a
no-nonsense, take-charge guy."*





"Whatever he is, he certainly looks the part."





*"It's true that I promised you my kingdom for a horse,
but I've changed my mind."*



"I'm afraid it's no, Miss Peterson. Your qualifications are excellent, but we're essentially a petite sort of organization."



"It's me again."



Memory of Various Women





"Before we get down to the important issues before us, I would like to know if any of you watched Merv Griffin last night."









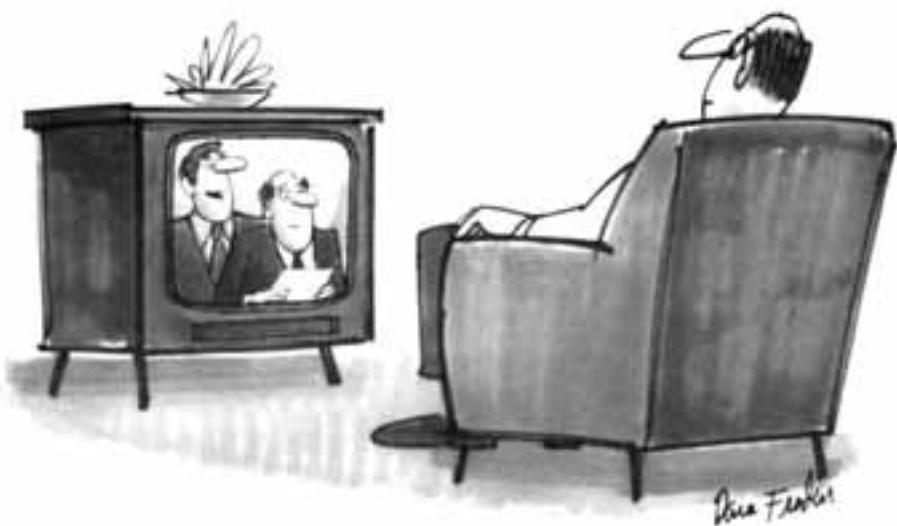
"And may I end my summation by saying you've been a beautiful jury."



"I feel I should warn you, old boy. Our faculty teas are always just tea."



"Don't jump. I am merely touching you. Contact."



"You've heard both our editorial and a reply to our editorial. Now here is Mr. Ron Emerson, speaking for those who have no opinion either way."



"There are days, Hank, when I don't know who's President, what state I'm from, or even if I'm a Democrat or a Republican, but, by God, I still know how to bottle up a piece of legislation in committee."



“Arnie’s a little upset. It just dawned on him that he’s never in his whole life missed a meal.”



"Lord knows what he's keeping in shape for now."



*"Gentlemen, I want you to stop making footballs
and start turning out soccer balls!"*





*"Yes, I have to admit you've always been nice to me,
but you're nice to everyone."*



"Look, I'm a fact, you're a fact. Right?"





*"Mr. Arnold, this is Buddy, in Small Loans.
Can we spare a dime?"*

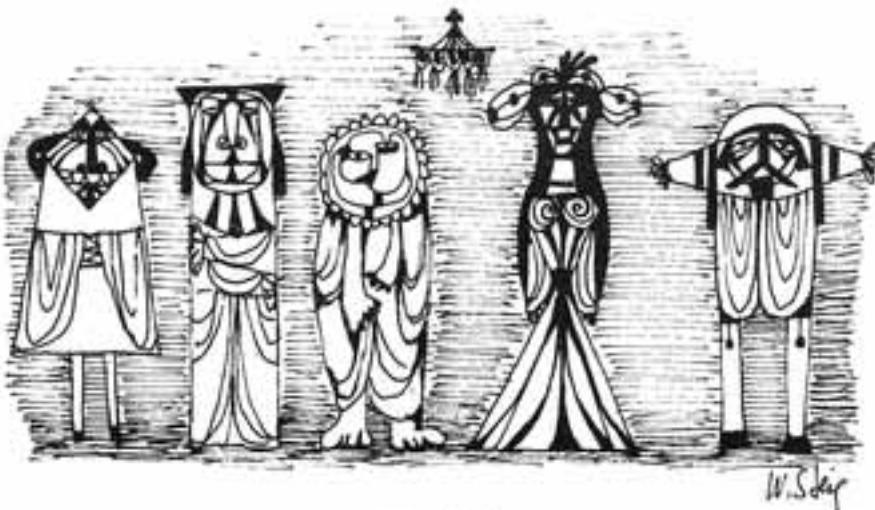




*"I'd like to know how you really feel about me, Elena—
I mean, of course, me vis-à-vis you."*



"Eric Sevareid has retired, but I like to think that somewhere out there, on his own time, he's still commenting on the crucial issues of our day."



Cast of Characters



"Hi. I need no introduction. Who are you?"



*"Don't ask me why, but for some reason the Administration
seems to be wooing me."*

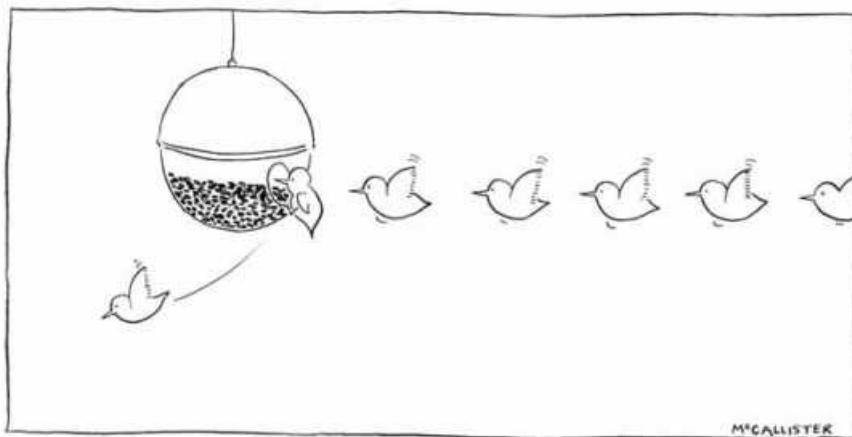




"Now don't get me wrong. It's not that I think it's any big deal to be honest. It's just the way I was brought up."



"What do you think makes Rome so great? Is it the sense of personal worth, the seriousness of purpose, the imperial glory, or the fabulous orgies?"





"No!" shouted Mr. Bixbey, slamming his fist down on the table. The floor shook, the walls trembled. Mr. Watson turned ashen. "Y-y-you m-m-mean w-w-we . . ." The words wouldn't come out. He seemed to choke on each syllable."



"To the next generation of Martinis!"



"You're in the wrong profession. They'd never name a candy bar after a judge."





*"Good afternoon, Madam. Two of us are from the F.B.I.
The man in the middle is, I'm sorry to say, an impostor."*



“‘Thornhill,’ I said, ‘the tri-state area isn’t big enough for both of us.’”



*"I'm afraid I must concur with Dr. Hamilton and
Dr. Movin. The cause of death was taxes."*





*"The holiday season is cresting and about to come crashing down upon us.
Do you have any last-minute statement to make before we're engulfed?"*



"Touché, Hadley. You're fired."



“Miss Thou.”



*"You're going to laugh when I say this, but
I think you're very, very human."*





"I have no intention of retiring. Football has been very good to me."



"And how much is this bit of nonsense?"





*"As far as Dwight's concerned, Abercrombie & Fitch
is gone but not forgotten."*



*"No jokes this morning, Ridgely. I don't want to lose
the edge on my righteous wrath."*



"You gotta hand it to the weatherman. He said it was gonna snow!"



*"Do you want to know what I think, Andrea? I think
your therapy isn't working."*



“May we share this cab, sir?”



"That's the gist of what I want to say. Now get me some statistics to base it on."



"Yeeah!" "Yeeah!" "Yeeah!"
"Yeeah!" "Yeeah!"

"Yeeeeaaaaah!"



"The New Year is approaching, Miriam—traditionally a time of new beginnings. I suggest we use the occasion to dedicate ourselves to restoring that atmosphere of trust and mutual respect which characterized the early years of our marriage, and that in that spirit we continue to work together toward what I sincerely hope will be an amicable divorce."



"I'd say you're either very knowledgeable or very drunk."









"I think everyone today enjoyed my performance, if I do say so myself."



"Would you like to freshen up?"



"An order of meat and potatoes. I'm a meat-and-potatoes man."



"For God's sake! Can't you ever do something without first finding out what the federal guidelines are?"





"Nothing will ever happen to you."



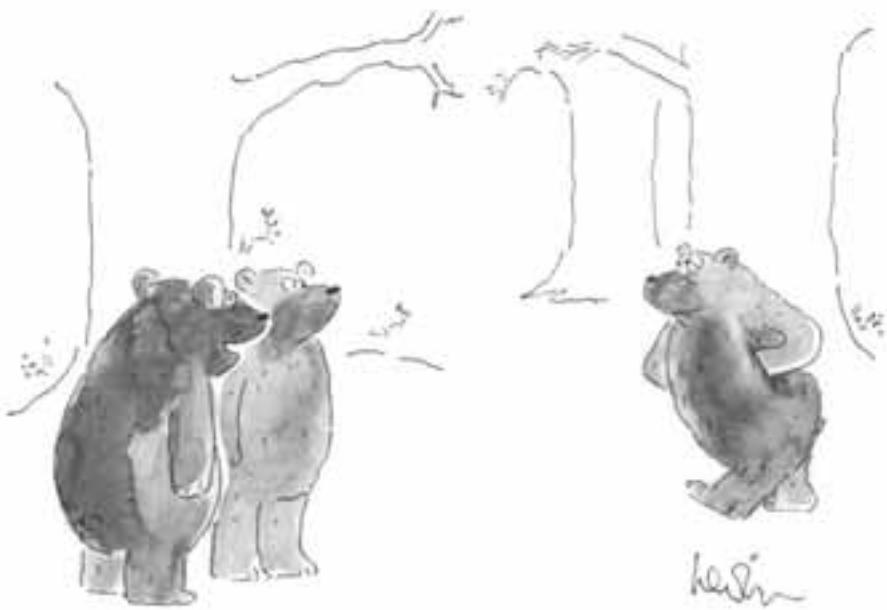
"Tell him the old-boy network is here to see him."



"O.K., kiddies, as Good King Wenceslas put it, 'Say when.' "



*"Before I respond to that, are we discussing women
the sex or women the movement?"*



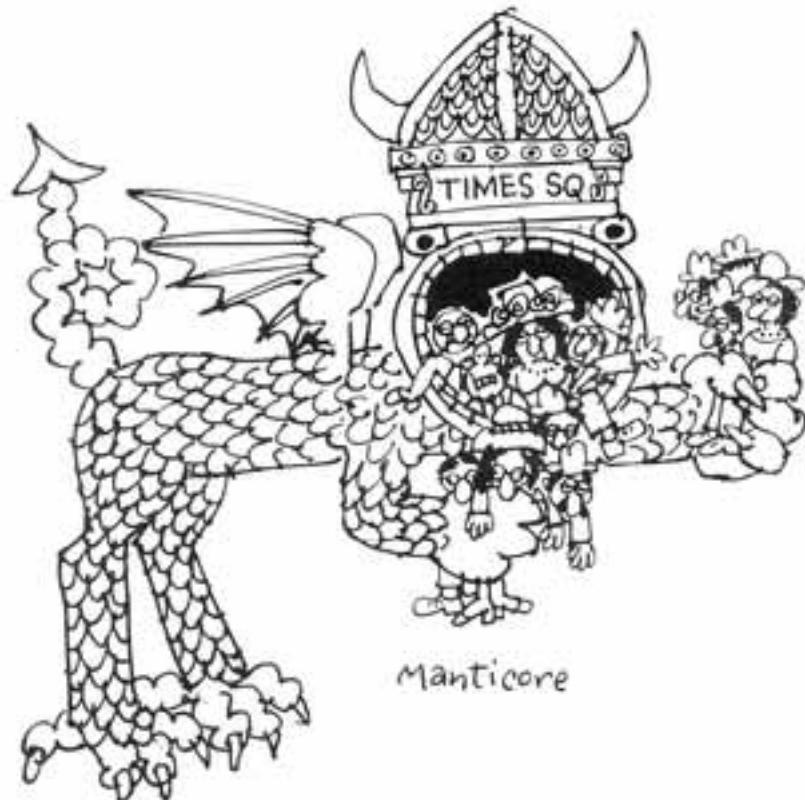
"Hey, look. Pockets."



*"It's a task force of the best brains in the country,
but so far it hasn't jelled."*

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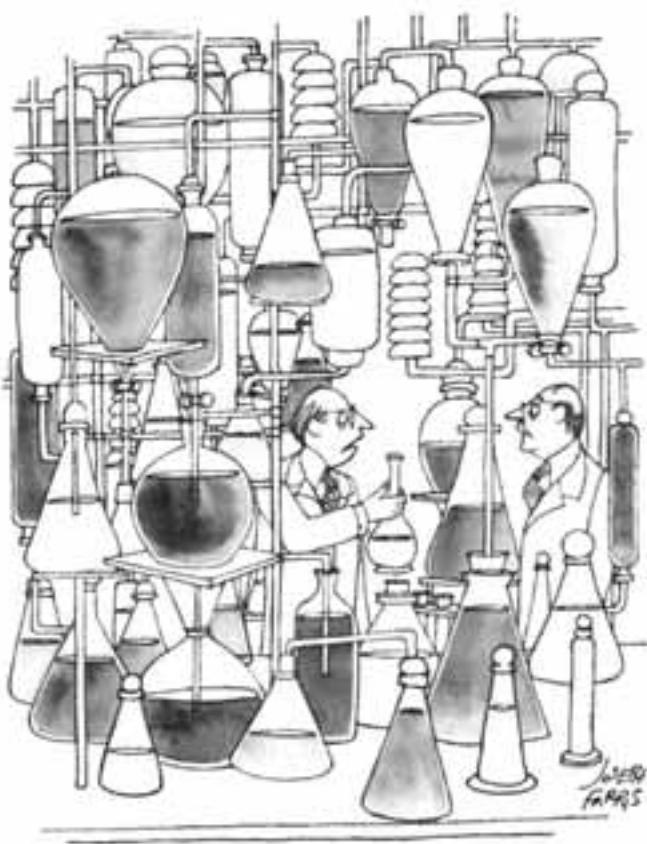


*"I'd like a very dry Martini straight up, and bring
a little something of yourself to it, Louie."*



"I'm sorry, Mabel, but I feel like looking at black-and-white."





*“Fourteen months ago, I started with H_2O .
I just ended with H_2O .”*



"This is for the young lady with auburn hair who served me with gracious courtesy."

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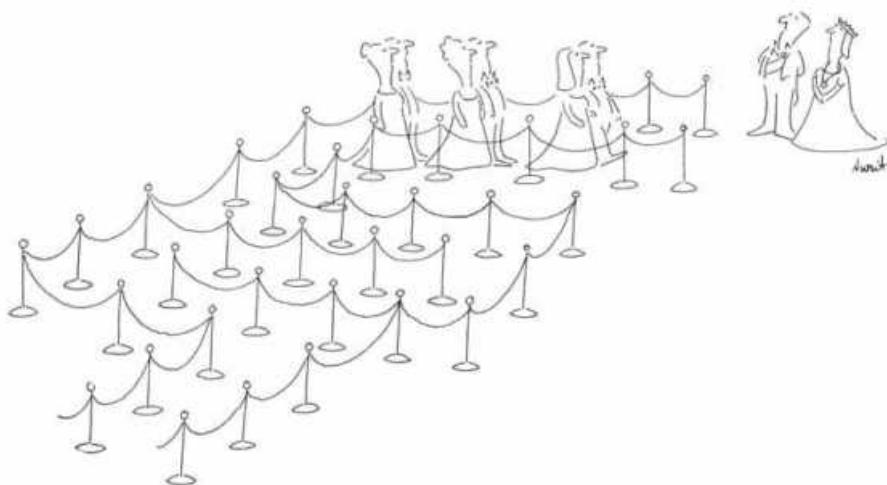
"All right, put me on hold. I'll use the time to conceptualize."

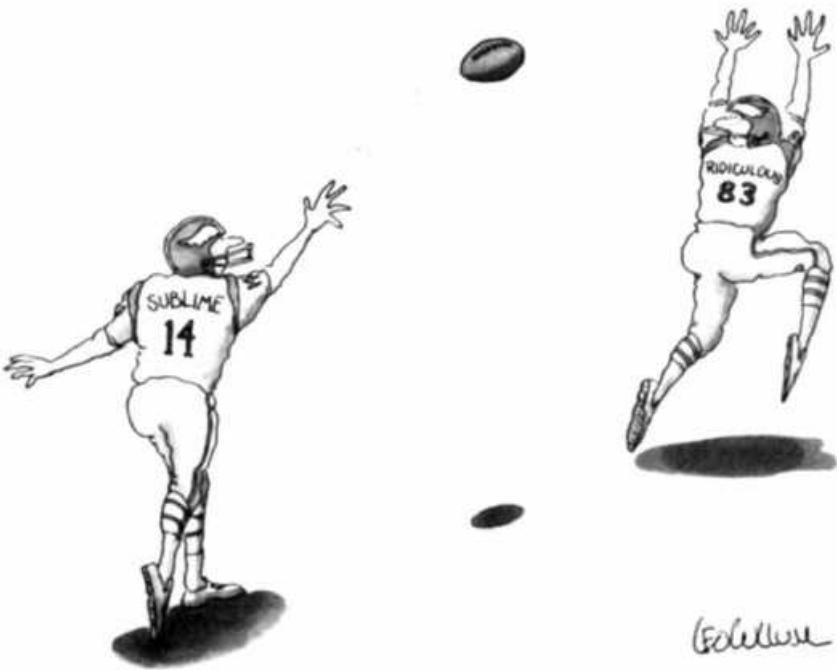


"We're interested in a so-called pleasure cruise."



"Just to set the record straight, I'm leaving you because you never turn your body to the net, because you don't have a smooth swing, and because your forehand, backhand, and volley are inadequate!"







"It was a case of kick him up or out. They chose the latter."



*"We took a long, hard look at our life and
decided more small dinner parties."*