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## INTRODUCTION

I STARTED TWEETING FOR PURELY COMMERCIAL REASONS. I realized that when I did a television show to promote a book or record, and that television show had an audience of, say, four million people, about four hundred of them rushed out to buy the book or record. I figured if I had a Twitter audience of four hundred thousand—an audience that was tuned into *me*—and I promoted a book, then four hundred thousand of them would rush out and buy my book. Instead, forty of them rushed out to buy my book.

However, I soon lost my interest in promoting through Twitter, other than casually, and got hooked on the comedy potential. I found the limits exciting, and liked that these thoughts popped up randomly on someone else's *device*, perhaps catching them at an odd moment. I also liked that these thoughts popped up randomly in me, and kept me on my comedy toes. I thought tweeting might be a way to cultivate lines and ideas for my new banjo stage show I am now touring with. It wasn't. All this tweet material turned out to be good for one thing only: tweeting.

When I started, around Labor Day of 2010, I didn't really understand the ins and outs of Twitter, and it wasn't till about four months later that I noticed that people were tweeting me back. Then, I started noticing how tuned-in and funny the responses were, and then a few months later I started saving the best of them (cut and pasted, by hand, by me) in a file. This was real enjoyment: I would run to my wife quoting someone's latest clever response, laughing hard.

In a sense, this book has a narrative. Even though I've jumbled the tweets around for structure, if the book is read

in order, which no one will, you can watch me stumble, get wise, get responsive, go from longer consecutive story tweets to shorter self-contained ones. At first, a complaint from a reader (“too long,” “too many,” etc) would make me panic and sweat like I was a first-time comedian on an audition stage. I made a vow to make my tweets grammatically correct, so if I erred I felt I looked like a dolt. (This led to a regular tweet called “Get it Right Friday,” where I corrected any errors throughout the week. “Get it Right Friday,” by the way, always came on Thursday.)

Once, a beginner’s gaffe made me the most nervous and panicked I ever was but led to one of my best tweets. On my banjo tour with the Steep Canyon Rangers, the fastest way to get reviews was to search Twitter for my name after a show, which I did. Then I realized I had inadvertently tweeted my name. I instantly figured that my Twitter audience would conclude that I was searching myself on Twitter, highly embarrassing. After palpitations and perspirations, I composed myself and tweeted: “Steve Martin oily muscles beach Speedo photo.” Then I immediately tweeted, “Sorry, meant to Google myself.”

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Kazowie! Kablooie! Hooboy! Just mulling over some ideas for celebrity baby names.

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Going out today to take pictures of paparazzi.



Got some great pictures of paparazzi today. Man, they UGLY! Went through their garbage too. Found my own garbage in their garbage.

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Been asked to appear on the new primetime show, "So  
You Think You Can Vomit." Excited!

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My publicist is nervous about my becoming a Tweeter.  
He says celebrities tend to make such monumental  
gaffes. He's such a typical Wop!

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The Red Cross is a really good cause, but one billiard  
ball hitting another is a really good cause and effect.

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My wife doesn't know I'm Tweeting. She thinks I'm  
writing a screenplay...

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...So if you see me on the street, please say, "How's  
the 'screenplay' going, Steve?" We'll both do a  
"thumbs up" and keep moving....

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Could we have a rehearsal? Please say, “How’s the  
‘screenplay’ going, Steve?”

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Excellent. Don’t over emphasize “screenplay” because  
she’s not stupid and that would be a giveaway. No  
winking either.

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It’s not “How’s the SCREENPLAY going?” Bad. Amateur.

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Remember, I’m a professional actor. Let me do the  
heavy lifting. Practice your thumbs up in front of a  
mirror at home.

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Some of you will make the mistake of pointing your  
thumb down. Don’t worry. A few tries will make it  
perfect.

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*...some time later...*

Oh boy, lots of bad acting so far:

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“How’s the uh..uh..(look at palm) SCREENPLAY going...  
uh..uh..(racking brain) LESLIE NIELSEN.” Yipes. Or:

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“How’s the screenplay going?” So far so good. Then,  
nice thumbs up, followed by walking into a lamp post.  
Conk.

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And it’s thumbs UP. Not thumbs SIDEWAYS. And it’s not  
middle finger up. It’s the THUMB.

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After you give me the thumbs up, and I return it,  
DON’T GIVE ME A THIRD THUMBS UP, followed by an  
OK sign. JUST WALK. Avoid lamppost.

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Remember, you're a real person, not King Lear. Don't orate the line. IT'S UNREAL. No need to wear a giant thumb. Wife started crying.

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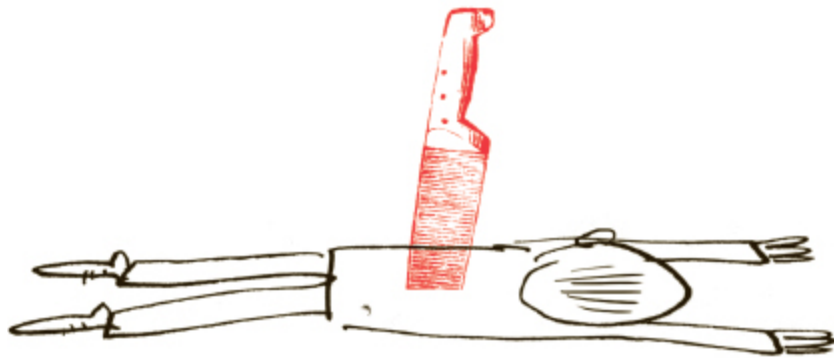
Anyway, LEARN YOUR LINES: Gee, how many times did I hear, "How's the screen-uh, thingy, whatever, whatsis, line please! aw fergit it." Conk.

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So frustrating when you have to text but you're home so you have to go get in the car and drive all the way to the left lane of the freeway.

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DOING CAMEO ON CSI AS FACE DOWN  
DEAD BODY WITHOUT A CHALK OUTLINE.  
WHY? NEW EMMY CATEGORY: FACE DOWN  
DEAD BODY WITHOUT A CHALK OUTLINE.



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Rehearsing at home for tomorrow's CSI cameo, "face down dead body without a chalk outline." Maid screams. Wife calls lawyer, then 911.

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At the mall. Think I'll do some rehearsing. Lie on sidewalk, get into "dead guy" character. Quite hard to do without chalk outline.

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Did not go well at mall. Passerby said, "how's the screenplay goin', Steve?" Worried about tomorrow's performance on CSI... and Emmy.

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Driving home, trying "slumped over dead guy." No wonder this is Emmy stuff.

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It's late. Need place to rehearse Dead Guy. I lie at bottom of stairs. Wife comes home. Do I break character? Never. She dials shrink.

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Just did CSI cameo. Went well. But got up, saw CHALK  
OUTLINE. What? Miscommunication about role. EMMY  
CHANCES DASHED.

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CSI contrite. They've promised me a shot at "man with  
briefcase" in final episode. Working with briefcase now.  
Have to flash briefcase brand. Hard.

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Pretty hectic day. Got some letters in the mail, now I'm  
busy alphabetizing them. Back in touch tomorrow.

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So great that alphabet already in alphabetical order.  
What a timesaver.



# THIS IS AWFUL. SOMEONE HAS LEAKED MY CAR'S PRIVATE GPS LOCATIONS:

Current Location	Saved Location	Map
Home – 888 Muscular Bod Blvd		
"Photography Studio"... Shed behind bushes, Culver City		
Alec Baldwin Resentment Awareness Class – 9156 Avenue of the Stars		
Little Waziristan – 1737-26 Warehouse Drive, Irvine		
Frontier Hearing Aids & Dry Cell Battery Crotch Pouch Shop – 6 Casino Way, Reno		
Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences Ballot Stuffing Shadow Office – 8494 Wilshire		
Helena's Big Wiener and Banjo Repair – 41-10 Lankershim Blvd		
L'Insole (Restaurant) – 3378 Santa Monica Blvd		
Thong management lessons – 11502 Beach Road, Malibu		
Whoretown – 290-703 Yorba Linda St		
Ear Candles Anonymous – St. Joseph's Church – 6632 Buena Vista		
'Pouty lips' tutor – 11502 Beach Road, Malibu		
Slippin' Sloppy Joe's Eggplant Sliders – 3882 Pico Blvd		
Club Anxiety – 4777 Hollywood Blvd		
Pete's Puppy Vanquishing Goodbye Farm – 625 Gladiola Circle, Thousand Oaks		
Armani (Big Waist Store) – 5119 Discount Lot E		
Money cave – Somewhere off 405???		
The Museum of Crusty Stuff (TMoCS) – 95904 Sepulveda		
Dr. Kissy-Cat Pickle Party (karaoke) – 6327 S Ardmore Ave		
Tom Hanks prank-testing lab – 60010 Industrial Parkway, Glendale		
Hair whitening – 2229 Mulholland Drive		
More >>		

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It's odd. No matter how much I keep eating, I can't get  
my stomach to go flat.



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Running low on Twitter feed. Going to store to get  
more.

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Now pretaping dog walk so I don't have to take him out  
late at night.

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I'm leaving town for two days and I left the window to  
the right of my front door unlocked. I can't think of  
anything stupider.

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## SING ALONGS

*Around Christmas, I proposed sing-a-longs. (And this is where I first started collecting reply tweets.) I would “sing” the first line of a song, and followers would suggest the next word of the song:*

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Now it's time to sing along. I'll sing the first line, and you'll sing the last words of that line! DECK THE HALLS  
WITH...?

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Anonymous Tweeter: Boutrous ghali?

Anonymous Tweeter: Salvador Dali?

Anonymous Tweeter: Buddy holly?

Anonymous Tweeter: Giant Otters?

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That's right, "Deck the halls with Buddy Holly!" Fa la la  
la la, la la la la 'Tis the season to be...?  
.....

Anonymous Tweeter: Stuart Smalley?

Anonymous Tweeter: Big and Tall-y?,

Anonymous Tweeter: Weezer?

Anonymous Tweeter: a Svengali?

Anonymous Tweeter: Smoking With Sir Walter Raleigh

Anonymous Tweeter: watching Along Came Polly?

Anonymous Tweeter: a border collie?

Anonymous Tweeter: off your trolley?

.....  
That's right, " 'Tis the season to be off your trolley," Fa  
la la la la, la la la la. Don we now our gay...?  
.....

Anonymous Tweeter: roommate Darrel?

Anonymous Tweeter: formal loungewear?

Anonymous Tweeter: Don we now our gay, I mean stylish, red sweater?

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That's right, "Don we now our gay, I mean stylish, red sweater," Fa la la la la, la la la la. Troll the ancient...?

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**Anonymous Tweeter:** green tinted cheddar?

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That's right, "Troll the ancient green tinted cheddar!"  
Fa la la la la, la la LA LA! It's been fun singing with you!  
Xerry Christmas!



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Okay, here we go. I'll sing the first verse, and you sing  
the last few words: 🎵

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Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very...?

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**Anonymous Tweeter:** gaping wound?

**Anonymous Tweeter:** difficult Sudoku?

**Anonymous Tweeter:** large mortgage balloon payment?

**Anonymous Tweeter:** inflamed nasal area?

**Anonymous Tweeter:** lucrative royalties deal with clown  
costume manufacturers?

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That's right, "had a very large mortgage balloon  
payment." 🎵 And if you ever saw him...

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**Anonymous Tweeter:** you would tell him he's  
foreclosed?

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And if you ever saw him, “you would tell him he’s  
foreclosed.”

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♪ All of the other reindeer used to laugh and...?

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Anonymous Tweeter: call some dames?

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That's right, All of the other reindeer "used to laugh and call some dames." They never let poor Rudolph...

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Anonymous Tweeter: join in any ponzi schemes?

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That's right, They never let poor Rudolph "join in any ponzi schemes."

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Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say:  
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,

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**Anonymous Tweeter:** bring me Betty White tonight?

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That's right, "bring me Betty White tonight!" Then all  
the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with  
glee...?

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**Anonymous Tweeter:** Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,  
you'll go down on anybody?

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That's right, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, if you're  
gay You can go into the Armeeeeeeeeeeee! 🎵

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Just when I think I have no more funny tweets in me, I  
come up with this one.

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A watched iPhone never syncs.

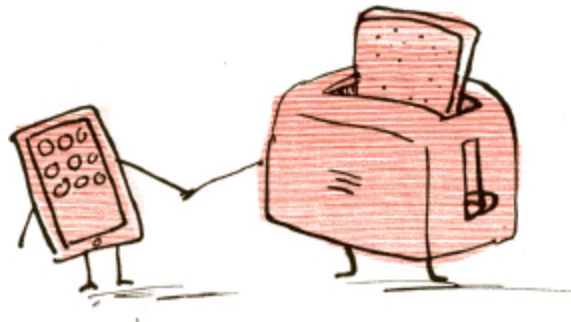
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My iPhone is now lip-syncing.

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iPhone just synced perfectly with toaster. All is well.

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iPhone and computer heading off to hotel spa for  
leisurely afternoon sync. Back in 4 hours, they said.

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iPhone and computer came back from spa with  
DIFFERENT CONNECTOR CORD. Is something going on?

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Trusting wife refusing to call me by my new name, The  
Great Yam. Trouble at home.

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Taking advice of Tweepster, I am asking wife to call me  
The Galactic Potato. She's refusing.

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THIS IS A ONE TIME ONLY  
ANNOUNCEMENT: IT IS 10:39 AM,  
EASTERN TIME, ON DECEMBER 19, 2010.

## JURY DUTY

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: defendant looks like a murderer. GUILTY. Waiting for opening remarks.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: guy I thought was up for murder turns out to be defense attorney. I bet he murdered someone anyway.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Prosecuting attorney. Don't like his accent. Serbian? Going with INNOCENT. We're five minutes in.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: I'm cracking up defense with my jokes. Judge not pleased. I like defense attorney. Defendant finds me funny. Nice guy!

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Other jurors are stupid. They don't believe in "hexes." Plus, they want me to put my magazines away.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Defendant's hair looking very  
Conan-y today. GUILTY.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Attorneys presenting  
"evidence." Since when are security photos, DNA, and  
testimony evidence? Trusting intuition.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Now forcing my autograph on  
other jurors. Also starting whisper campaign of innocence  
based on Magic 8 Ball.

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Slipped into evidence blow-up of fingerprint with my face  
worked into it. Got screams! Judge now banging gavel on  
my head. Hard to twee...

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Defendant running for exit. Not to escape, but out of disgust. Judge wearing NOTHING under his robes.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Finally, jurors are deliberating. I'm bored, so I'm making a list of my films in order of greatness.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Uh oh. Jury foreman mixed up verdict with my greatest film list. Read out three film titles and judge booed.

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Defendant sentenced to death. Feeling bad. Wait... call from REAL JURORS OF BEVERLY HILLS. WORTH IT!

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REPORT FROM JURY DUTY: Sad about execution, since  
defendant was proven to be at South Pole, not Ralph  
Lauren Polo Shop in Beverly Hills.

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I am going on a diet for the next hour.

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Administering CPR to myself to recover from hour-long  
diet. Drinking tea and sucking on ice cubes made from  
bullion.

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Going on twenty minute starvation diet.

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Satisfied with today's dieting. Going to dinner now at Restaurant Row. Not at one restaurant, entire restaurant row.

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7 hour sleep diet worked great. Will power held beautifully.

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Weight now fluctuating wildly because of twice daily 20 minute starvation diets.

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Panic. Discovered bathroom scale resting on Q-Tip for past 7 years. Off by 24 pounds. Must lose it by New Years.

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Going on 5 minute shower diet, followed by 30 second tooth brushing diet. They say these really work.

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Next phase of weight loss program: Brazilian Butt Workout. I've looked at a hundred photos. So far, not working.

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OMG (FYI, I abbreviated “Oh my God” to save space [oh, I abbreviated “for your information”], I made my own ten best people list this year!

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Two broken legs forces me to cancel hokey-pokey dance recital.

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I can put right leg in, left leg in, but hard to “turn myself around.” Which is, of course, what it’s all about.

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I put my right hand in, then I shook it all about, then it fell  
off, thanks to flesh-eating disease.

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With other hand, doing “pokey.” Still fun. Playing music  
LOUD.

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Now, what do I tell trusting wife? That I was doing hokey-  
pokey without her? This is not good.

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Been on the phone for the last hour with hokey-pokey  
anti-defamation society. My official response forthcoming.

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I would like to apologize specifically to the Okefenokee  
Karaoke and Hokey-Pokey Dance Club for any grief I may  
have caused them.

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Thoughtful Tweet upgrade: If Socrates is a man, and all men do the hokey-pokey, therefore, that's what it's all about.

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THIS JUST IN: Scientists discover hokey-pokey to be basic building block of matter. So the hokey-pokey is, after all, what it's all about.

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@LadyAstronomer: Where is this Hokey-Pokey paper? Results need to be confirmed before everybody "shakes it all about!"

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*NOTE: This is where I first started to save responders' names and tweets.*

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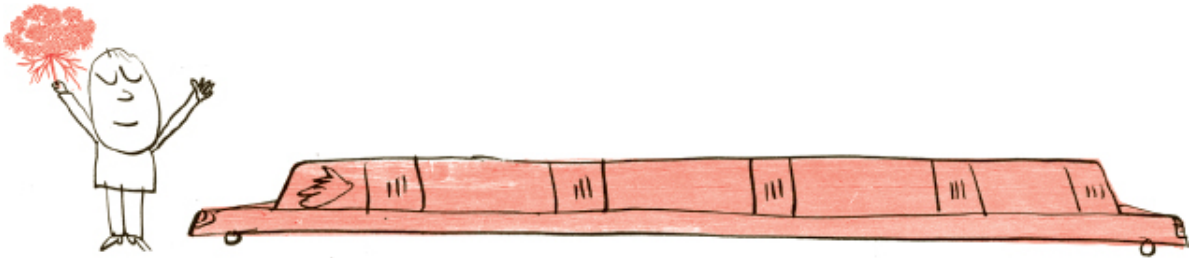
I have just been given The “Golden Fellow Award.” This is a one-time award given out by me. I’m suspicious of its validity, however.

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I have just determined that the “Golden Fellow Award,” given out by me, is completely legitimate! NICE! Prize came by FedEx I sent yesterday.

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I just pulled up in a limo at my own house. Staff is taking photos of me as I walk to front door.



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I invented Facebook. Lawsuit in preparation. Details to follow.

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My original site, GalPal, morphed into Galrate, which became GalPage, which was stolen by Al Gore. Which became GorePage...

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GorePage became GoreDiddy. Which became DiddyBook. Diddybook transformed into GalPal, my original site.

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GalPal then became MisterGal, which became FaceGal,  
which was stolen by Zuckerbook. Copied by BookFook,  
then Oglegal. Which became Google.

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Google became Glee. Which became FaceGlee, soon to  
become CuteKittenPhotos. Which, of course, became  
Facebook.

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I made a video for YouTube but it went straight to the  
theatres.

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Last night, watching show on my DVR. Accidentally saw three seconds of commercial. Trusting wife stunned. Dog hates me. Banned from remote.

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@Dark\_Artz: You'll pull through champion.. this too shall pass

@HitAndRunKitty: the proper word is #telecommander.

@ADAMsauter: I let a whole series of commercials play once. I live under the 405 now.

@Wtaussig: Can you still be called a man?

@dpalacio16: Did the dog quickly lift and turn his back to glare at you then did a half muffled bark to show his dissatisfaction?



## SUPERBOWL

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Buffalo wings = chicken wings in spicy sauce. World = full of lies. : [

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@PeterPoffles: So how do buffalos fly then?

@The\_Iceman2288: Hot dogs are worse, I was so disappointed when I found out.

@TomR2D2: Didn't you ever see Dances With Wolves? Using their wings to escape predators is the only reason they haven't gone extinct!

@cheezmo: French fries are actually potatoes and not fried frenchmen.

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I thought the "Ceremony of the Coin Toss" was incredibly moving this year.

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@ruffleader: It touched me in ways that a priest never has.

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Commerciality is ruining the Superbowl ads this year.

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**@Reynoldsbon:** I don't want to watch the Superbowl till I read the book first. The show leaves out all the characterization

**@ShineALiteOnME:** youre not funny at all.

**@biffyb:** Going through my contact list. Trying to figure out who you are. Did you do the thing with the one hour shirts?

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(Attempting to class-up Tweets) I think it was Oscar Wilde who said, "Is it gay in here or is it just me?"

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(Attempting to class-up Tweets) It was Charles Dickens who said, "A Tale of Two Cities is a great title for one of my novels, but which one?"

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**@youcatastrophe:** I think I'm the only person in the world that truly understands you and gets your humor. That said... you're not very funny



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Conversed with shrink about followers being funnier  
than me. He really made me laugh. Shrink funnier than  
I am.

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On the street, ran into Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown. So  
funny! Funnier than old King Kong!

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What's making me so hungry? Is it the drive home  
from the restaurant?

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## THE OSCARS

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Religious holidays notice: Oscars. High holy week begins today. Please respect my religion by not shooting suction darts at your TV screen.



@Violet\_Davis: Partaeeee POOPER!

@mikesontour: How about adhesive based projectiles?  
Is glue kosher?

@zyblonius: But real darts cause so much more damage.

@DavisMets: Too late.

@Eden\_Brower: I worship at the church of the Teen Choice Awards.

@1RoguePoet: Crud, didn't even think to use suction... new screen required.

@toqueguy: In deference, I think that conflicts with the precepts and tenets of Nerf Wednesday.

@bokonon07: In OUR home, we reverently place our hands on the screen.

@SherrieGG: Even over our shoulders with mirrors? Orthodoxy...

newbaby55: who will your God be wearing?

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At 6pm PST, starting overnight caviar on toast-points fast, giving up capers and diced hard-boiled egg yolk condiments.

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@BorrisSpassky: Thank you for your suffering

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Oscar Holy Monday: The Ceremony of the Borrowing of the Jewels.

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@howardweiser: Are you making your way through the Stations of the Smorgasbord?

@mdham\_21: what day is The Renting Of the Stretch Hummers ?

@Donna\_Ritchie: Shouldn't have any trouble finding an ass to throw a cloak over.

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Oscar Holy Wednesday: The Coveting of the Nomination

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Oscar Holy Thursday: The Holy Reading of Presenters' Banter from Oscars Past.

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Oscar Holy Good - But It's Just Not Right for Us - Friday

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Oscar Holy Saturday: The Sacrifice of the Virgins. Oh wait, that takes place all through the year.

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Oscar Holy Sunday Morning: Today you are forbidden  
to drive yourself.

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Oscar Holy Sunday Afternoon: The Holy Wedging of the  
Spanks.

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Oscar Holy Sunday Evening: The Holy Failure to  
Mention One's Spouse.

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There's a rumor that a recent Oscar host is going to play Catwoman. Waiting by my phone for the call.

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**@doungevil:** I have dreamed of seeing you in the leather catsuit.

**@mattMICKenna:** Oh no, Steve, that was Anne Hathaway. I see why you're confused though. You have hosted the Oscars.

**@R\_Optimist:** I'd pay to see that... well, on Netflix...

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Doing a sit-up in preparation for my Catwoman role.

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**@DorkinTWizzard:** you might need to do two for that role

**@tralalajamie:** work it boy

**@flying\_python:** shouldn't you be licking your paw and curling up in the sunshine?

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One sit-up has created ripples on abs. Embarrassing  
when in tight tee, with light hint of perspiration,  
walking dog in bright sunlight.

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@pimplimpin: I know what you mean. Just climbed  
flight of stairs and quads are chiseled.

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Preparing for Catwoman role by leaping off roof into  
shrub. On third try, I managed to hit the shrub.



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@Gary\_Vale: You are Catwoman. You just are.

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Trying to remember my Amazon password. Jerkone?  
Banjonut? Goofyguy? You-the-man? Speedowearer?  
Dang it! None work.

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Thanks to your suggestions, have tried, Hatescans,  
Budgiesmuggler, Pepsicatflufferwoman, 92Y,

w1ldnCr4zyg|\_|y, Ol' Saggybag, AlwaysBeenGrey. None  
worked.

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Got it! Thanks to your reminders: HumbleStudMuffin  
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@Scriptking: I'd have laid money on TutMeister.

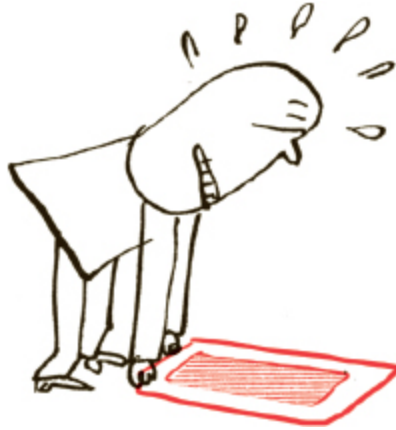
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The colon is the world's shortest emoticon :

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AKAMisterSmith: does : mean Botox?

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I JUST DOWNLOADED ELEVEN HUNDRED  
BOOKS ONTO MY KINDLE, AND NOW I  
CAN'T LIFT IT.

@comedy4cast: You should have downloaded the paperback versions. Much lighter.

@AshGhebranious: You mean I didn't need to buy a kindle for each book I downloaded????

@KeyboardHussy: Change the text size.

@urbanfish: I just read and responded to your tweet, and now I can't get that 45 seconds of my life back. Help!

@ChrisPerry0627: too funny. It made my mudd mask crack.

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HI, I'M STEVE'S CAPS LOCK KEY AND I'D LIKE TO MEET  
OTHER CAPS LOCK KEYS. I'M INTERESTED IN BOATING  
AND HIKING.

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@pastelpastel: I'M PASTEL'S CAPS LOCK KEY BUT AM  
VERY SHY. SO SOMETIMES i end up doing this.....

@RaphPH: your kind are not welcome here #lowercase

@cam311: HELLO CAPS LOCK KEY! DO YOU LIKE LOUD  
WALKS ON THE BEACH!?!?!?!?!?

@jollroger1969: Hi SCLk. I AM AN ELDERLY CAPLOCK  
KEY. I HAVe TROUBLE keepING IT DOWn. need cApLOCK  
Viagra FOR MAINTaINiNG INTERfACE

@jakefogelnest:

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Y O U S T E V E ' S C A P S  
L O C K . I ' M J A K E ' S  
B U B B L E T E X T .  
S O M E T I M E S I F E E L  
L I K E A N O U T S I D E R .

@allcapstweet: SO NICE TO MEET YOU! I THINK WE  
WILL GET ALONG GREAT. I ENJOY VEGETABLE MASSAGE



AND LLAMA TAUNTING.

@DanaBrunetti:

Hello Steve's Cap key,  
I'm Dana's upside down key. I like hanging  
around mostly upside down.

@AvivaVesna: e.e. cumming's twitter account never  
had this problem.

@itskatieanne: @jakefogelnest: @SteveMartinToGo

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( O U T S I D E R . " ok WTF.

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i would like to apologize for the behavior of my caps  
lock key. i have slid a toothpick wedge under it.

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From my window, I can see my capslock key, boating.

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@Diane\_travelmom: Just to let you know, I tried the  
slow-motion setting in my shower today, and Wow!  
What a difference!

@allmytweets: doyouseemyspacebarintheboat?



Today's tweets are sponsored by "Creepy Guy."  
Whenever you want something done around the  
house, be sure to hire "Creepy Guy."

@Sasha827: Hey, I saw that dude on [match.com](http://match.com)!

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Creepy Guy here fixing basement. Odd that he has to  
tie me up to do it.

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Why is Creepy Guy doing exotic dance instead of repairing basement leak?

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@gulsonroad: What if he's reading your tweets in the basement? "The tweets are coming from INSIDE the house!"

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OH MY GOD! HI, I'M STEVE'S CAPSLOCK KEY. Not now you idiot. I'm dealing with Creepy Guy.

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ARRGGGHHH! Just saw Creepy Guy charged for exotic dancing on his repair bill. Oh well. Later, Creepy Guy! Next week, roof repair!

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I traveled across the country, but found Creepy Guy's green hammer in hotel bed. Eeww. Creepy.

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Rare Bird Alert #3 on Amazon! I'm as happy as a clam.  
Wait. Are clams really happy?

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**@gropious3:** The chilling sound of clam-laughter has  
caused many fishermen to quit the sea

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Out on the town today. I tried to tweet but couldn't find  
a tweet booth. Maybe they're a thing of the past.

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**@Heidi\_vonM:** And then when you find a tweet booth  
you know its probably gonna be broken and smell like  
pee inside :/

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Found some great new twitter pants. Tight red spandex with calf protectors. I'm sure the quality of tweets will improve now.

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Added to twitter outfit. Got rubberized day-glo vest that fits over nylon twitter tee. Tweets sure to improve.

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**@xooglr:** Unlikely to improve Twitter performance unless you acquire matching latex fingerless gloves and foam rubber orthotics.

**@BuddyGott:** I have the exact same twitter outfit. Let's not wear them at the same place at the same time, ok?

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Tweet outfit complete. Wearing straw fedora with alpine feather and groovy mirrored wraparound sunglasses. Tweets sheer poetry now.

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@Lineman1200: Super sized rhinestone glasses to complete the picture. Please don't twicpic this. I'm trying to get over the ham image.

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Like in The Da Vinci Code, today's tweets will contain secret, hidden [YO MAMA] messages for you to try and discover.

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@kansasbard: Is it, "YO MAMA"?

@DoesItMakeSound: I suddenly have this desire to listen to Yo Yo Ma....

@JDGDredd1050: I must call my father's wife to get the next clue!

@ClaudineDC: Ooh. I can't wait for the first one...

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Another secret message is hidden in this [BANANAS  
ARE HIGH IN POTASSIUM] tweet.

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**@adimike55:** Do I need special glasses to see these messages. Do you sell them?

**@KaighLu:** Nope, still haven't found a single hidden message.

**@ProfeJMarie:** Dang it, is this one of those tweets you have to squint to see the cool picture? I can't ever see those. What IS it??

**@Terpsdude7:** but WHAT could it be... TO THE BATCAVE!



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Try to figure out what secret message is hidden in this last tweet. [HINT: THE SECRET MESSAGE IS “WHOA, HORSIE!!”]

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@Willhemina1R: scared

@redheadtech: You’re going to have to provide some kind of decryption key. Your hidden messages elude me!

@JohnSReardon: did you get a medical marijuana card recently?

@Rickratt52: Hope you will be well soon!

@jscottwilson: I will study this offline for a while. Thanks Steve!

@CharlieCurrie: By you, do you mean me specifically, because i am not sure I can live with that kind of pressure?

@dinofromnewark: I keep pouring lemon juice on my iPhone and I still can’t read the secret message.

@tweetgajan: “Ha Ha I woose”

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At home today, building a table. I'm using data I found  
around the house.

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@cynicallife: good thing you didn't limit it to just the  
kitchen, then all you'd have are pie charts. Data tables  
are better.

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Trusting wife angry at me for violating sacred pact of marriage. A married man, she claims, does not wear a bustle.

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@tomgrasso: I gotta side with the Mrs. on this one Steve...

@bradhinshaw: It's still okay for unmarried men to wear bustles right? Right! I thought so. Thanks, Steve.

@SaraBuchan: well... not in the FRONT. That's probably what has made her angry. ;)

@KluvFM: Pssshhh If wearing a bustle is wrong then I don't want to be right.

@tell\_me\_why: Man, you had some detailed wedding VOWS...



Just saw a duck in the shape of a cloud.



@Lord\_Kayne: A shotgun will generally have that effect at sufficiently close range.

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Finally thinking about getting a computer.

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**@jamenta:** You're going to need electricity to your house.

**@droctopu5:** Start slow with a standalone Pong game, then a Commodore 64, and so on.

**@timdyson:** Make sure it has an 'ANY' key for all those sites that say "hit any key to continue." Mine doesn't and it's so annoying.

**@Jo\_Crew:** Why? Your handwritten tweets are so entertaining!

**@DONCARRMAC:** Two words, Trail Blazer. Or one word if you own a Chevy.

**@grape73:** The one you are thinking about getting is now obsolete. Please think about a newer one.

**@Jaysunmoore:** Gateway to microwaving.

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Took Tylenol PM in the morning, and was arrested.

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@RickLeclercq: I once took a shot of nyquil followed by a shot of dayquil. Nothing happened!

@JoeNewberry: I suppose it is only a matter of time before you are listening to AM radio at night...

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I'm trying to incorporate more swearing and abuse in my tweets, so why don't you all go screw into things?

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@DiamondMeadow: How frickin dare you, you!

@jessefuchs: You're an assbutt.

@MaggieJagger: light bulb changed, what's next?

@TBlack9JA: hey stevey, how u screwing today??

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Love my new swearing, offensive, mode. Going well around the house, too. Did not know trusting wife knew uppercut.

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@mfaulk79: Wives surprise like that. I was introduced to the flying armbar after testing out your new policy in my home. Help!

@bhurt42: Wait until she demonstrates the Five Point Palm Exploding Heart Technique.

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Working on new stand-up act with just swearing, no jokes. Feels right.

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Combining good suggestions from followers for lurid stand-up breakthrough: Jesum-crow, frickin fricky frick.

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@sargent\_bosco: I think you should go olde tyme with consarn it, or rassafrackin.

@NGUYENFAN: don't forget "What the Front Door"



@chelleannbella: try sassafras? Like, kiss my sassafras. And goodness glaciers

@kickingsnow: serendipitydip

@anothersecond: what the muckel fucle are yoose talking about boy !

@Bridgetknappek: My favorites are Cheese and Rice and Holy Mostacholi

@shugus: I've also been partial to barn f'narkin.

@shugus: Sweet Haile Selassie!

@Asintope: No nouveau swear fest is complete without the phrase "Scurvy Bar Nuns." Semantically null but sounds blasphemous as hell.

@ButchRenfroe: bender dabbin sloberdobin lollypop.

@CoolandClear1: sessin butts de frapoodle toodle boole de boogle - I do not know in which tongue I speak I think it is the mad one!

@malvernjon: no NSFW on your tweet. I read it in work. I feel debased. In other words, thank you :- ) (you gin clutching sammle flange)

@BradKeene: You're crossing lines we didn't know existed.

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Thanks to your suggestions, am working ideal opening line to new scurrilous stand up. Next tweet.

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HELLO, MUCKEL FUCLES. I SEE A LOT SCURVY BAR NUNS HERE TONIGHT. SWEET HAILE SELASSIE, BARN F'NARKIN, MILK-A-WHATS. KISS MY SASSAFRAS.

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REPORT FROM MASTERS GOLF: Women not allowed as members because lack of penis as can lead to dangerous imbalance when descending stairs.

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HANG ON WHILE I KICK THIS COCAINE  
ADDICTION...

WOW, THIS IS TAKING LONGER THAN I  
THOUGHT...

OKAY, THERE.



BREAKING NEWS: made a cell phone call today free of oscillating, underwater sound. I'll see if it is reflected on my bill.

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**@ambientgravy:** ...WAIT... you're saying I can make a call with this handheld tweeting machine?

**@garyprc:** that's going to cost you extra Dollar meesta

**@fallinlove93:** Ha ha. Like that would ever happen. You are such a funny man!

## ADVICE FOR WRITERS

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Advice for writers: If you're a writer, a real writer, a really, really real writer, like, REALLY a writer, you should not write a sentence like this one.

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Advice for writers: Always and thus be terse and to the point, to the point, to the point.

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Advice for writers: Avoid using the word "unbeleebabull."

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@RickNOKC60: Concur. That's as bad as "suposably".

@AuthorandPoet: unbeweebabaw wook it up

@CindyD1000: oh-tay

@tunester10: I'm writing as we speak and ALMOST used that word. THANK YOU!!

@Soulclaphands: If not unbeleebabull, how about inconceebabull?

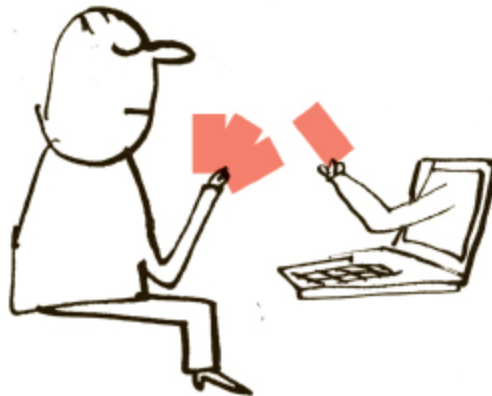
@AlmightyEnigma: good advice, like it much. Similar to coinkydink

@urmyhappiness: NOW you tell me. I cannabeelevit

@dbfisokay: thats my novel in the trash can

@lizbethbennet: Then how am I supposed to complete my Mike Tyson biopic?

## TWEET POKER



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Illegal online tweet Poker: I have a King, a Six, an Ace,  
a Club and a Jack of deuces. I bet a dollar.

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**@JoshJack:** I have a 4, 5, 7, jack, and a skip card from  
UNO. I raise you a monopoly \$20!

**@REasson92:** You sunk my battleship.

**@MichaelScottj:** FUCK THIS! You always fucking win!  
You dick, I am no longer ever playing with you.

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I fold my Ace, raise my King, card-wrench my club to a  
spade, twitch left little finger, back up to view cards,



fall out window.

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@VincentWaller72: Make Vincent laugh

@LAWGDOGG: a joker, a 1 eyed jack, 11 of cups, a 3 of hearts from naked lady deck, raise 87 cents & hit me!

@ChasetheShade: tsk... Steve... shakes head>..why.. did you 'back up..to view cards... You had 'em..man!

@conan\_o\_brien: Not cool, @SteveMartinToGo. I lost my wife in an Online Poker accident. RIP  
BunnyDancer47

@tunester10: So I was going for a Sunday walk and out of nowhere Steve Martin falls on me with cards in his hands

@MrFingerbobs: Your buck and eight cents more you big baby.

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Today is National Marijuana Day. A day when... uh...  
wow, Wolf Blitzer is SO funny.

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Just bought sexy new body stocking. In beige. With eyeholes. Currently walking dog in neighborhood.

Tinfoil hat looks good, too.

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@Italia\_Federici: Copy cat

@AliceJane\_92: sexy ended at biege

@thetrhoof: great... but missing the wicker shoes

@dvdmacd: ...did you ever stop to consider the dog in all this?

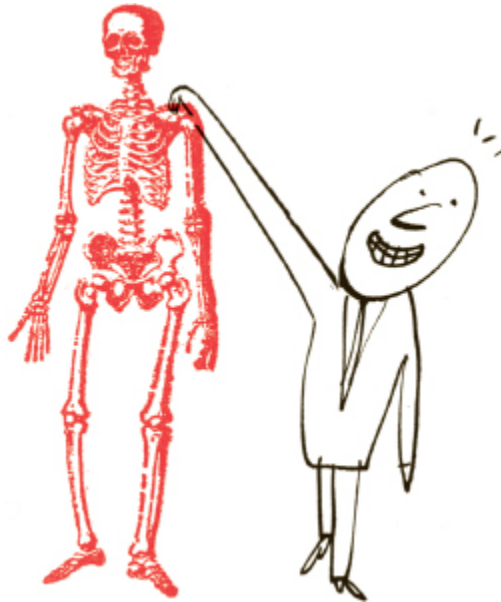
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Finally stopped all my junk faxes, but started getting junk Fed-Exes.

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@sarapomish: I've been getting spammed by skywriters. I feel your pain.

@\_ChrisBallard: watch out for the junk U-Haul



I have decided not to run for president. Have skeleton in closet, which is actual skeleton in actual closet.

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**@12SecondHorror:** This is really a lot tamer than most politicians' skeletons. You'd have a real shot on the "I only killed a guy" platform.

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Just bought a scythe. Hard inserting into scabbard in one smooth move, but must get it down for audition for "The ScytheMaster."

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@kevinstangle: and I will be Harvest Boy

@Niconon: Lose a leg!... Um, I mean, BREAK a leg!

@johnstrand: glad to see that the less than stellar box office for The StairMaster didn't keep you from making a sequel!!

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I like my antiques NEW.

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@RichCrossland: then you're a fan of face lifts.

FROM STEVE'S COMPENDIUM OF STRANGE  
AND LITTLE KNOWN FACTS: THE BASKETS  
FOR THE BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS ARE NOT  
WOVEN BY NAVAJOS.

@QueenHelena78: No fuckin' way.

@SharonPCarr: Reruns of F-Troop might dispute your findings of "fact".

@vegassparkyrich: What?!? Aw man....

@PapaV: Several of the baskets used by Navajos were, however, woven by members of the NBA.

@NarrativeArtist: Now I know who NOT to blame for these shitty baskets that don't hold anything!

@KentCarlson1: Great. Next you're going to tell us Eskimos don't make Eskimo Pies.

@PapaV: The NBA is also the #1 producer of knit socks among native nations.

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Idiotic scalpers in Lexington, KY have tickets for my banjo show at \$635. I suggest you stick photo of me on broom handle, play record.

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I just finished finishing up on a thing I was finishing.

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@Hetfield03: I do dee da chatchie.

@modenaboy: I just didn't do the thing I wasn't doing

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From Steve's Book of Strange Facts: As a reminder, the song, "Dem Dry Bones" runs through orthopedic surgeons' heads before operations.

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@zhandlen: Once woke up mid-surgery, heard doctor singing "The knee bone's connected to the--dammit. Dammit, dammit, DAMMIT."

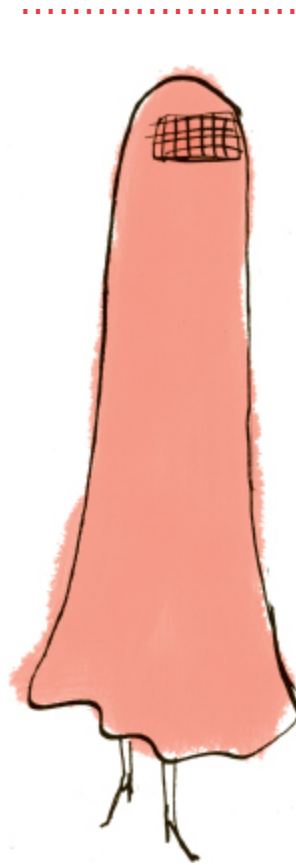
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The last thing bin Laden saw coming at him:







Bin Laden porn videos included “I Can See Your Nose,”  
and “Is That a Toe I See.”

@Hlflyer: Bin Laden favorite: “Girls Gone Outside”

@64bitchrome: he was into kinky stuff too, like “Girls  
Learning”

@\_chrisbrowning: the lady with the plunging eye slit.

Water falling from sky. Able to ward it off with magic  
blooming stick.

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I'm wasting my time trying to come up with a good  
tweet, so, out of anger, I'm going to waste your time  
by having you read this one.

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@majorflip: I read it twice !

@Anonnamus: Joke's on you. I can't read.

@Somos05: Ha I didn't read it

@Doreeski: With all due respect: up yours Mr. Martin.

@zackadamscomedy: You win THIS round, Martin!

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Decision to cut down use of exclamation marks going  
great!!!!!! Discussions with college grammar professor  
highly interesting!!!!!!

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Can't decide if the word "awesome" even needs an  
exclamation point. Answer: Yes! It becomes even more  
awesome!!!!!!

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@brad9778: I think you were looking for awesomer.

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BAD DOG! (sometimes it helps if it comes from  
someone they've seen on TV)

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@QueenSlipstream: OMG, you just made my cat do a  
ninja double kick with back flip shooter. Say something  
else and she may do the ironing

@\_Pohl: great, my dog was really doing well in  
therapy... Now he thinks he's "BAD" again... MARTIN  
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Steve Martin admits to lying about.... It was on a beach  
in Florida.

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A very good gardener I know just told me my ass is grass. Nice compliment.

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Brand new idea for making money: Just copyrighted this word: the©.

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**@SusanL10:** you'll make a killing on WTF's alone ;-)

**@JasperSailfin:** Where do I send the check? Oops, there I go again.

**@everlastinghigh:** Wow, you are a very smart man (HA! I don't owe you money for that sentence!)

**@dboii412:** the© stupidest thing ever. Oh crap it works

@bigbeatottawa: Clever, but I've found a way around  
le copyright.

@JoshuaZehner: Good luck on the©. My copyright on  
Himalaya-esk© has yielded surprisingly little.  
Considering doozy©.

@JohnRBrewster: I copyrighted "like©" and now own  
most teenage speech Now to just, like, get them a job  
and, like, make them, like, pay.

@basementnoise: Why stop there? Go for teh to, get  
the typo money too!

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Descartes owes me too: I think, the©refore, I am.

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@robtee2106: I thought he made maps

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Thinking of moving to Alabama because of ease of  
spelling the state. Only four letters to remember.

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@akmoss: It's why I moved to Oslo.

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People are telling me Ohio only has three letters to remember, but I count five. O, H, I, HI, and HI-HO. Please, get with the program.

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**@BlueLineTSCM:** Alabama=easy; kind of like pointing to the food you want on a waffle house menu.

**@Reynoldsbon:** How about Iowa? You probably don't even realize you're saying the name of the state when you do a long yawn.

**@wxlvr:** ...Come on down, we'd be glad to have you in Ablamala... Aw, crap....

**@nhalejenkins:** i think you'd also have to spend less time on personal grooming and learning.

**@dandelions8910:** Also it's always first on those pick your state drop down menus.

**@e\_phone\_user:** only need 3 for Ohio. Save 33% off Alabama.

**@neiltwit:** And Alabama spelled backwards is Alabama! Give or take.

**@turner207:** Maine may not be the easiest to spell, but it's the fastest to say. That's also important.

@robyn1230: But the sequence! The darn tootin' sequence!

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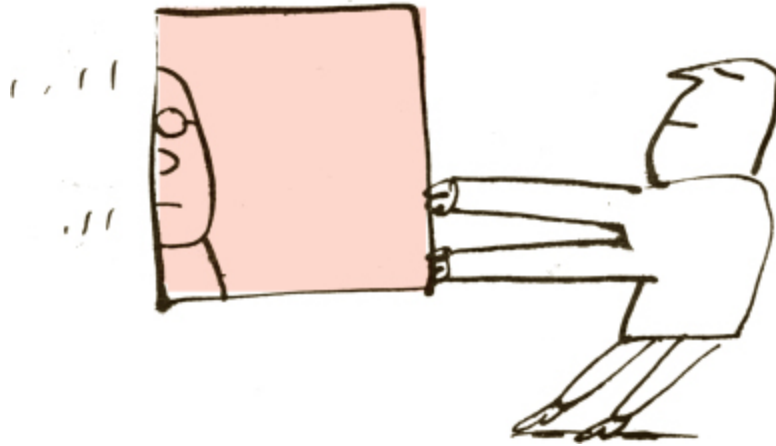
Trying to get my new nickname to catch on: "The Elegant Argentinean."

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@thevastydeep: Assume "Corky the Goat Herd" was taken?



SOMEONE IS MOVING MY LIVING ROOM  
WINDOW AN INCH A DAY.



@primanirules: around about cocktail hour

@sailortweek: It was ME. FOR SCIENCE.

@TristanGemmil: That'll be the precession of the equinoxes folk again

@casinopete: Its me. Now move mine

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@FrankSnotra: @AlbertBrooks @SteveMartinToGo  
There's an asteroid supposed to hit Earth later 2night.  
You guys are movie stars--DO SOMETHING!!

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@LancasterKat: Do NOT read tweets from  
@stevemartintogo without first going pee! #dammit  
#justpeedalittle #sodamnfunny

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Tired of sitting on my butt. Trying my shoulder.

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Spent a lovely morning combing my lawn.

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People love my earlier tweets.

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**@Spectreman\_71:** @albertbrooks I used to love reading tweets by @SteveMartinToGo Then he sold out and went mainstream around tweet number 437.

**@JacquesTheRippr:** You are far and away my third favorite comedy actor.

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**@JessicaLuvHS:** Fun Fact: I have the same birthday as Steve Martin. I'm cooler.

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**BREAKING NEWS: NE WS.**



I've decided I want to get to know Cher on a first name basis.

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Another beautiful day. Wish I wasn't cooped up outside  
on this dang boat.

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**@CorenthalJames:** Wait a minute... that's silly. Now  
you're just being silly.

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Haven't tweeted lately because I'm really absorbed by  
a Bounty paper towel.

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If you lean in real close, this tweet smells of lavender.

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Have just been diagnosed with a borderline personality.

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The secret of a happy life is [inaudible].

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Loving my new facelift by Prada®.

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Working on my new book, "The Ten, Make That Nine, Habits of Very Organized People. Make That Ten".

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