

Gus Ferguson

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It was a delightful experience, a few years ago, discovering Gus Ferguson 's unique brand of humour — like finding I 'd won the Lotto. OK, it was not like winning R14 million but it was an enormously valuable find and, I suspect, the pleasure will last me longer than any Lotto money.

Many an evening have I taken down one of his books, opened it at random and chuckled anew at his delightful humour expressed with a few seemingly casual strokes o/the brush or a few highly original and always gentle lines of verse.

I give his books away as gifts and, characteristically, when people ring to thank me they read out one of his haikus or short poems in case I 'd missed it, or forgotten it. Sometimes I 'll pretend I had forgotten it and they are delighted all over again.

He has no peer in or out of South Africa. Ogden Nash came close.

- James Clarke

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DOUBLE STOREY BOOKS

To JOSEPH MICHAEL LEUW -
forty years of friendship



SAINT JOHN OF THE CROISSANT



The Dark Night of the Roll

BI-POLAR BEARS





'Well, he has shown a keen interest in pornography.'



'I caught this morning morning's minyan!'



'I think it might be Deep House.'

WAITING FOR GODOT

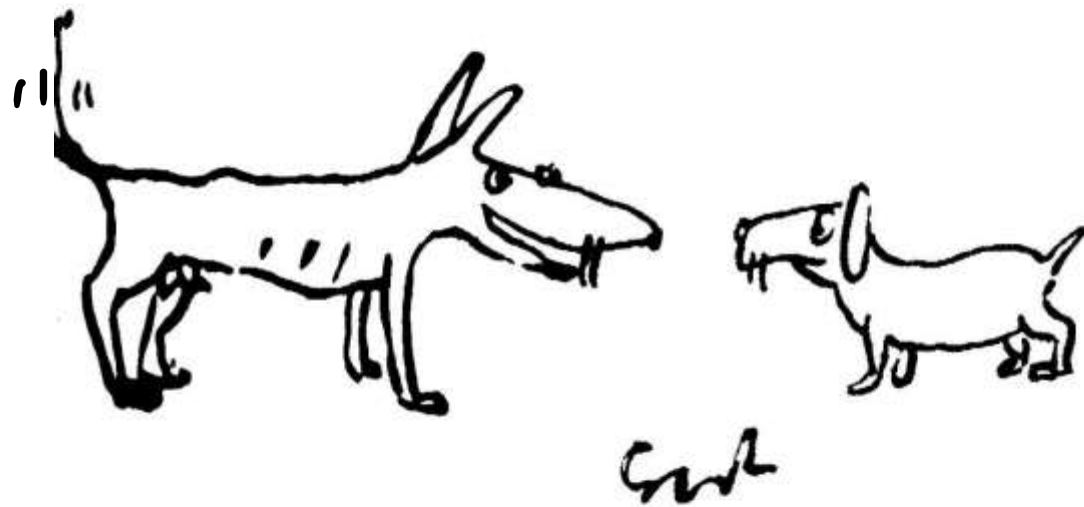




'This is either profound or a mass of typos!'

KIM'S GAME FOR THE AGED





'No, what are you doing over Oestrus?'



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'Are you doing the Argus?'

WRINKLIES IN LOVE



SKETCHES FOR SAINT JOHN'S WART



THE HADEDA EASILY ADAPTS TO LIFE IN THE CAPE

Jou Ma se Moer!



Naai!



Faaak!



Ew





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'Hi, my name is Mervyn and I am a Melancholic!'

DAILY LIBIDO CHECK



GERIATRIC DREAMS OF FLIGHT



STARRY-EYED



Peace in the Middle East



THE FINAL TEST

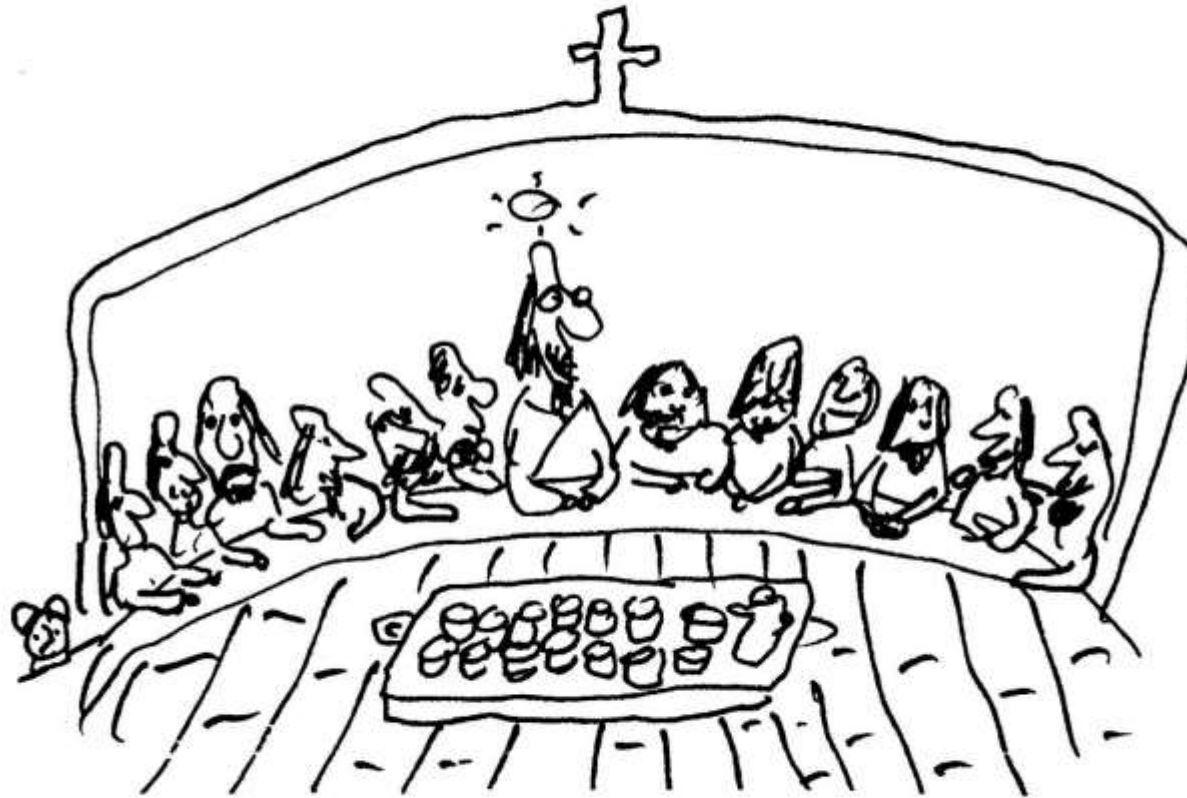


The jam doughnut



'He likes to live each day as if it were his last.'

LEONARDO DA VINCI'S *L'ULTIMA PRIMA COLAZIONE IN LETTO*



'One of you will steal my croissant!'

for Jessica Olivi

THE CURSE OF CONCHIOUSNESS



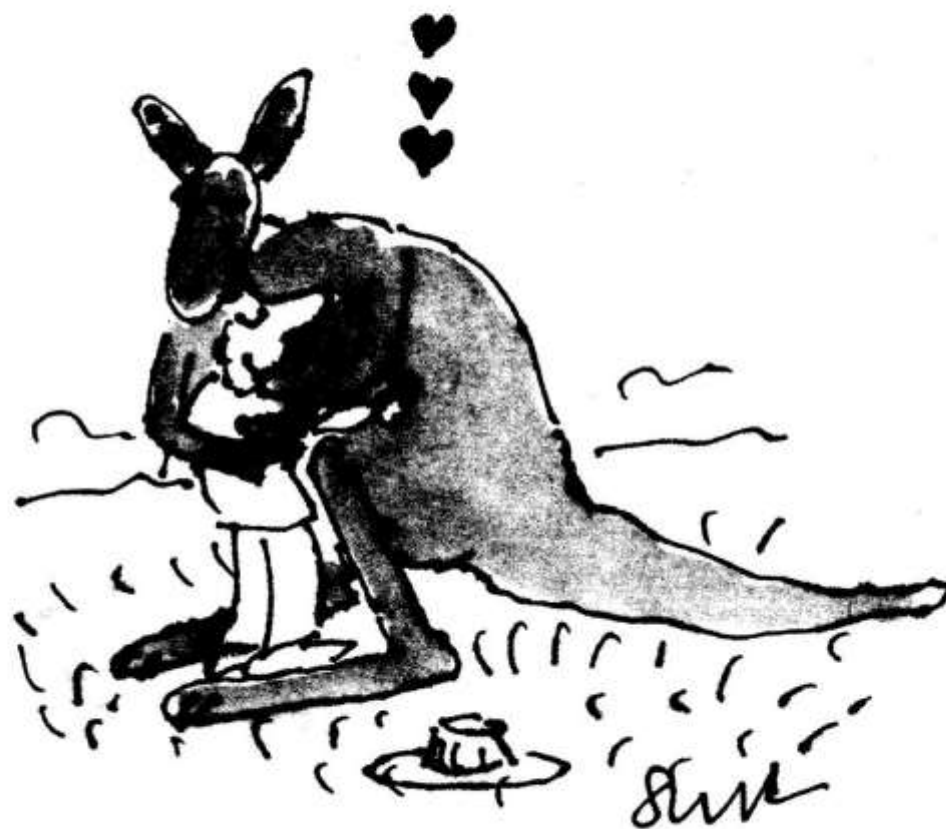


'I have been on HRT for thirty years.'



'Shame! So you missed out on your old age?'

LES LIAISONS KANGAREUSES



LANDSCAPE WITH TAGLIATELLE



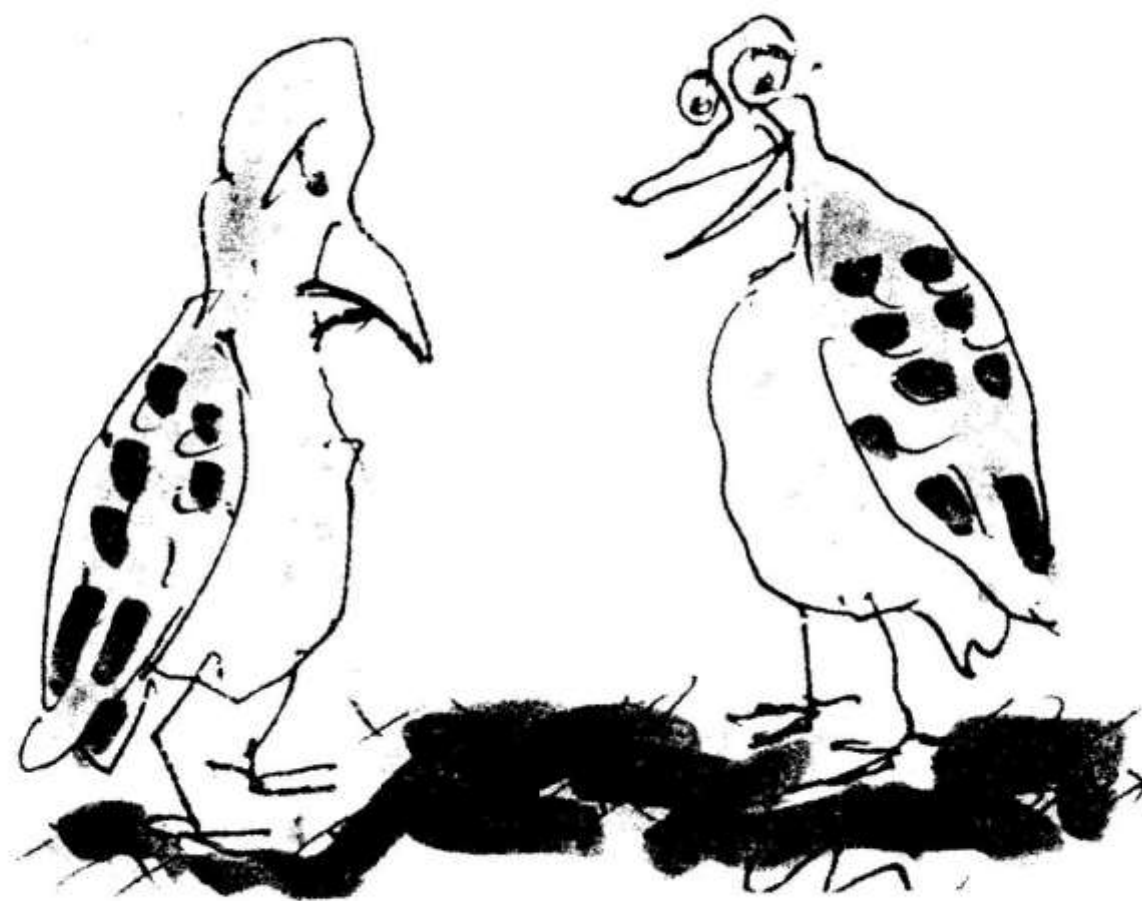
LOIS LANE (66) GIVES A RARE INTERVIEW



'To make matters worse, the day that Superman died Clark Kent went missing!'



'Look! An explanetary note!'



'Whaddya mean you're not feeling chirpy?'

QUASIMOTO



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The Hatchback
of Notre Dame



'Waiter! Where's the fly in my soup?!'

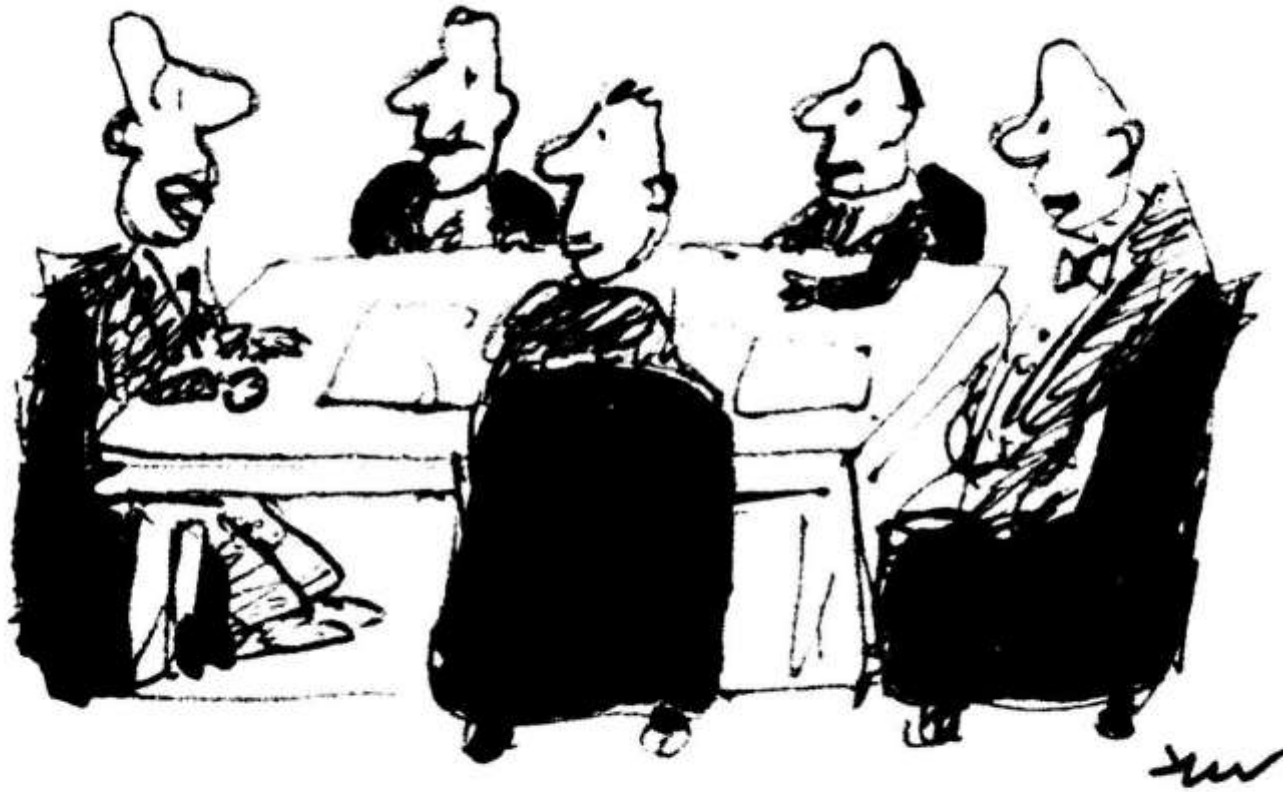
A TWITCHER'S GUIDE TO BIRDS YOU HARDLY SEE



Scuder

No. 1 – The Purdah Pigeon

HOMOPHONES YOU SELDOM HEAR – No. 1



'I can't agree till I refer the proposal to my principles.'

The nice thing about
marriage is: you get
to be monogamous!

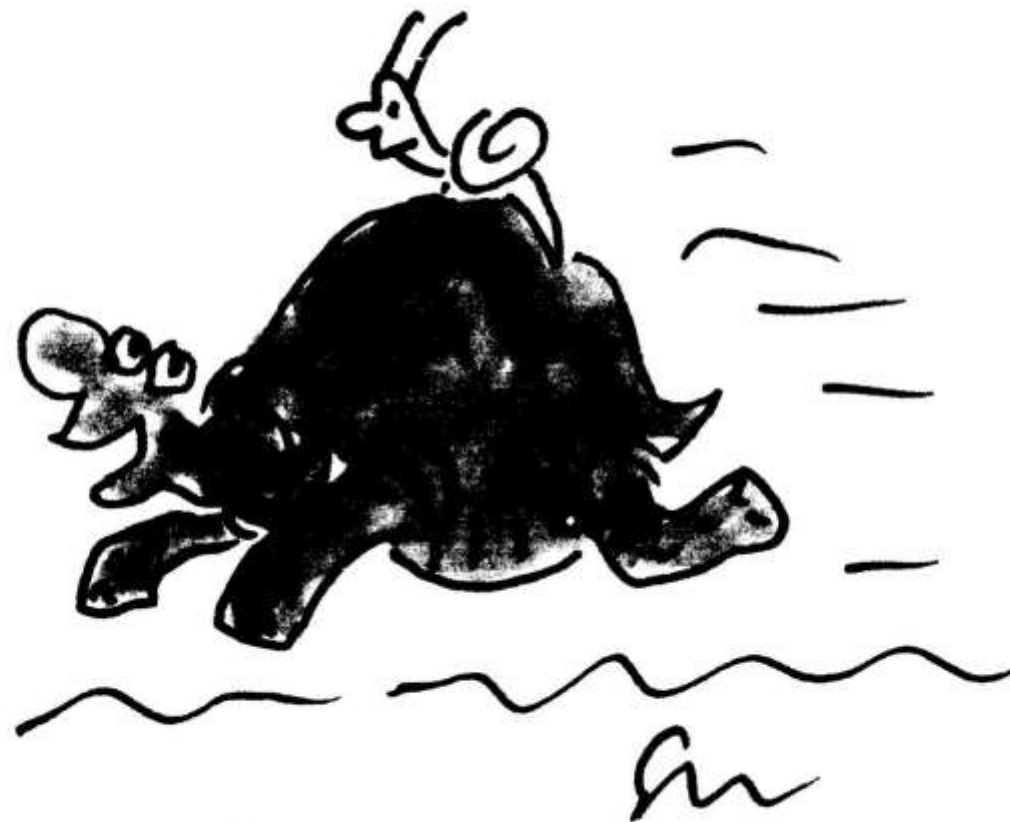


BONZAI RAIN FOREST – NEAR KNYSNA





HOMOPHONES OF NOTE – No. 347



'Is this exhilarating or accelerating?'

for Lee Fox



'Now you can keep coming back as yourself!'

THE REINCURNATION OF MARCEL PROUST



GUY-LIT



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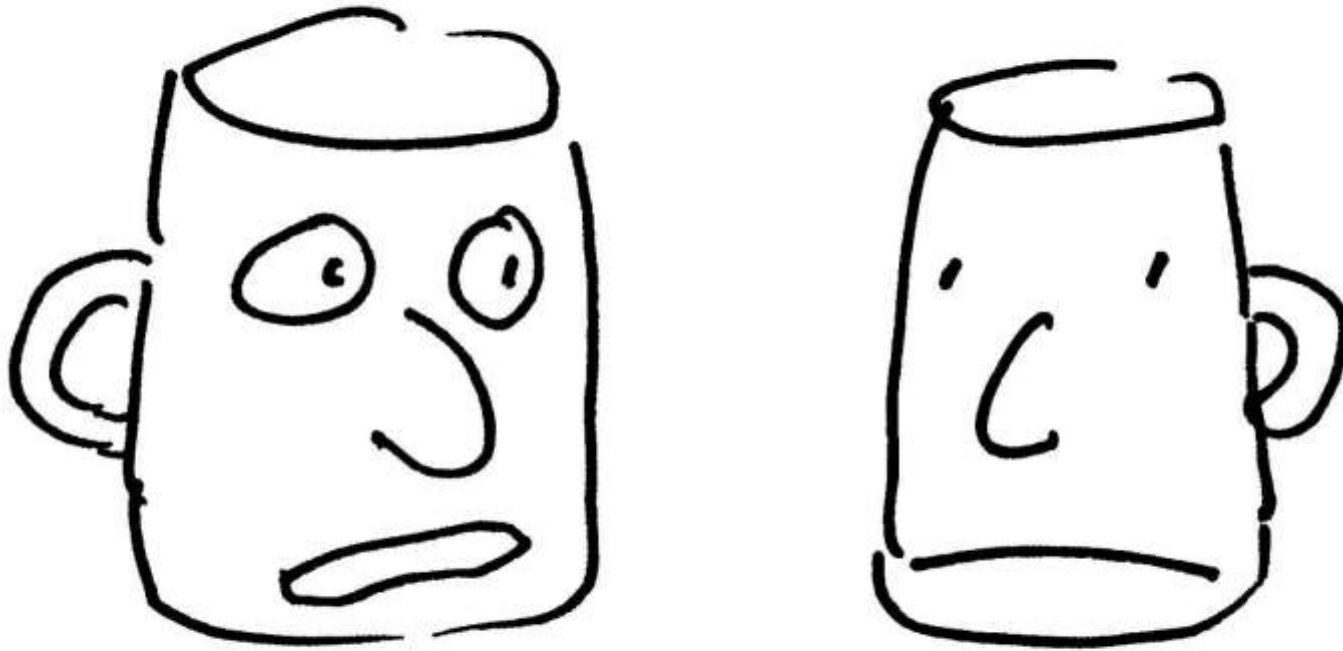


'Wow! My cappuccino runneth over!'



'I do Pieter-Dirk Uys impressions.'

MUG THEOLOGY



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'Yes, but then, who made the potters?!'

Don't you feel
bad faking
orgasms?

Not at all,
it's like laughing
at stale jokes.





'Rush him to the theatre before he gets better!'

ANDREW LLOYD WEBER



'Don't braai for me, Argentina'



CHICKEN CAREER COUNSELLING



'I'd prefer Free Range but I have a student loan from a Battery Farm.'

for Elizabeth Costello

THE MARTYRDOM OF SAN GELATO





FOUND GRAFFITI – PRETORIA, MAY 1998

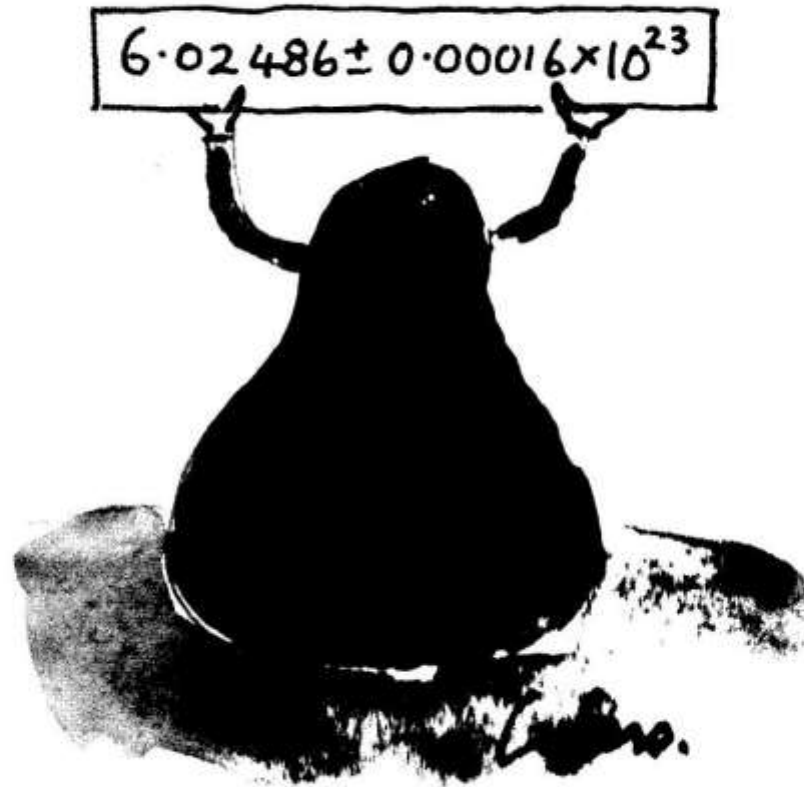


KAROO BLUES



'Ek soek vir David Kramer.'

VEGETABLE DYSLEXIA



A clue: the fruit is green.

THE RICOCHET EFFECT



'He's too fat, you must take him for a run every morning!'



'He's going through past-wife regression.'



A PERSONAL BREAKTHROUGH



Am Lange

My first drawing of false teeth (top plate only)

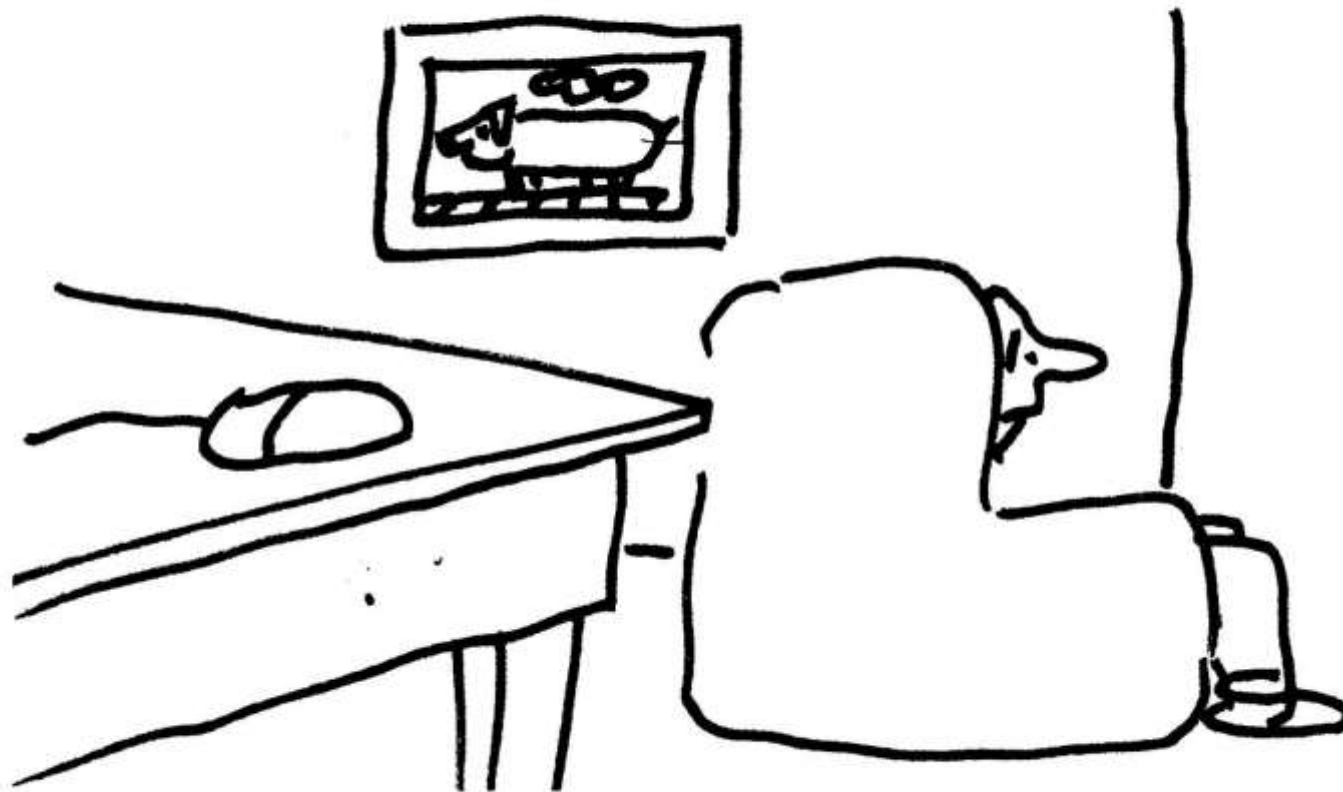
CALEDONIAN INTER-SPECIES AMITY



Terrier Derrière – Scotty Botty

for Roderick Freemantle

THE TEMPTATION OF SAINT LUDD



AT HOME WITH THE DERVISHES



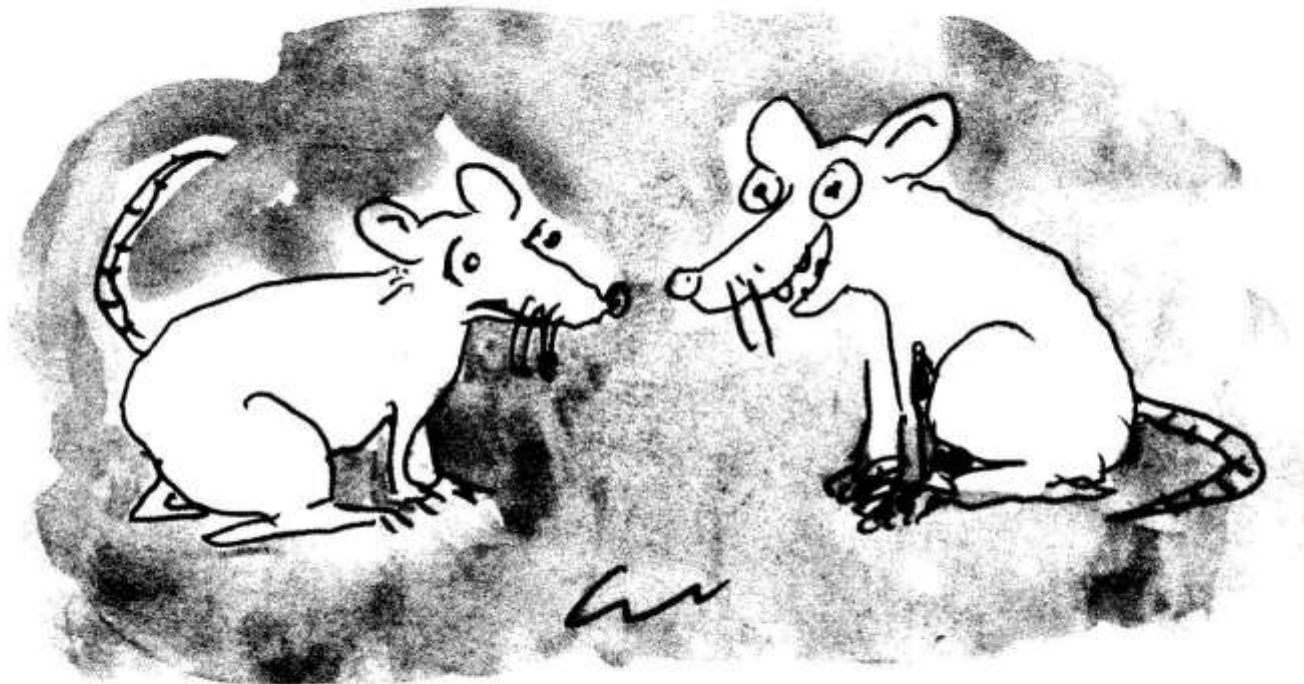
'For x#@!! sake, stop swirling!'



for Tony Morphet

LIVING WITH THE PRETENTIOUS No. 7





*'We white rats are chosen for medical research
because of our keen nose for hidden hypotheses!'*

BIOGRAPHY OF A STRAY



HOUSING ESTATE HAIKU



*'Then when we've paid off
the Kreepy Krawly we'll be
putting in a pool.'*

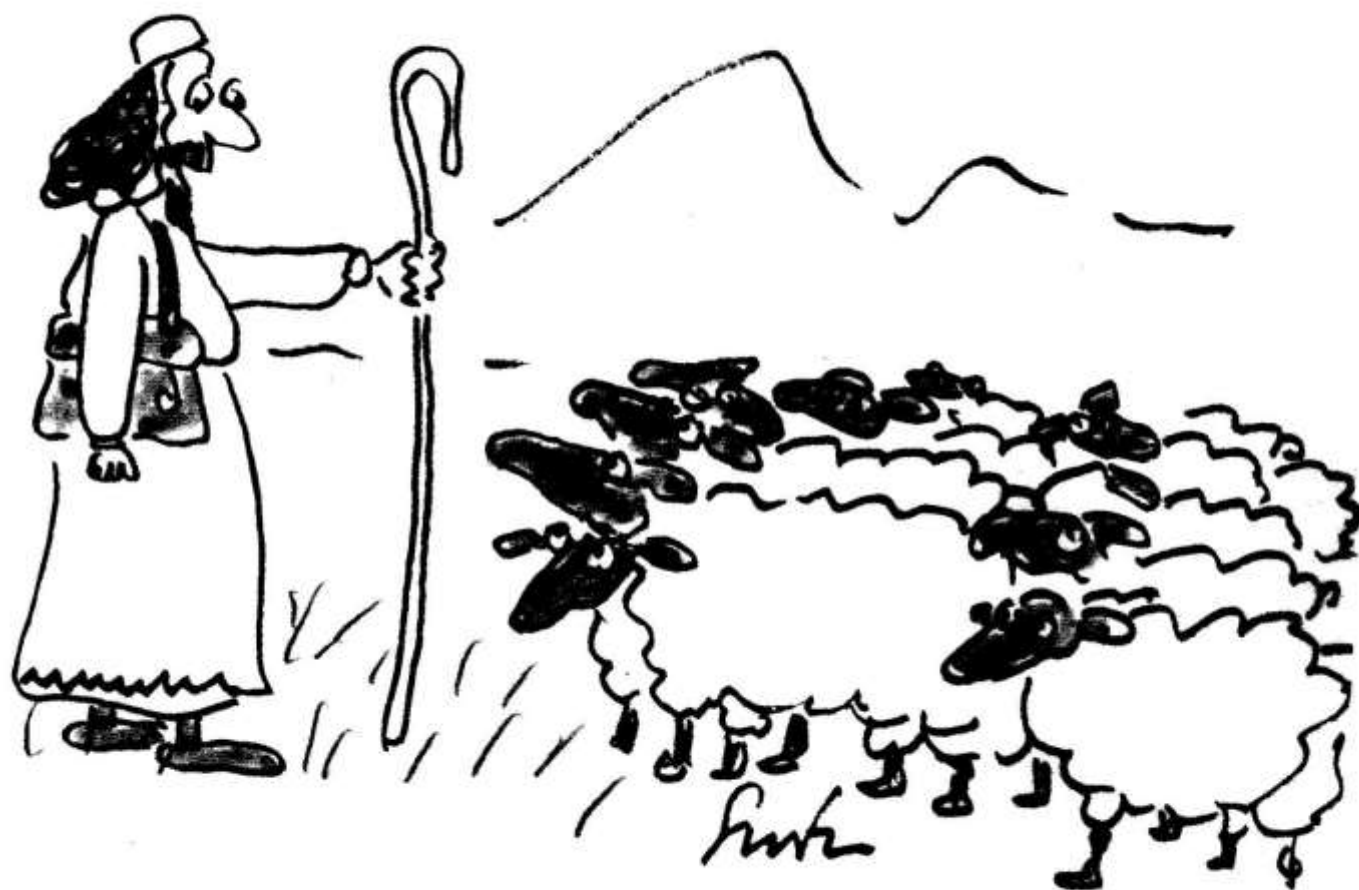


'Pity we did it last night!!!'

PARMA KARMA

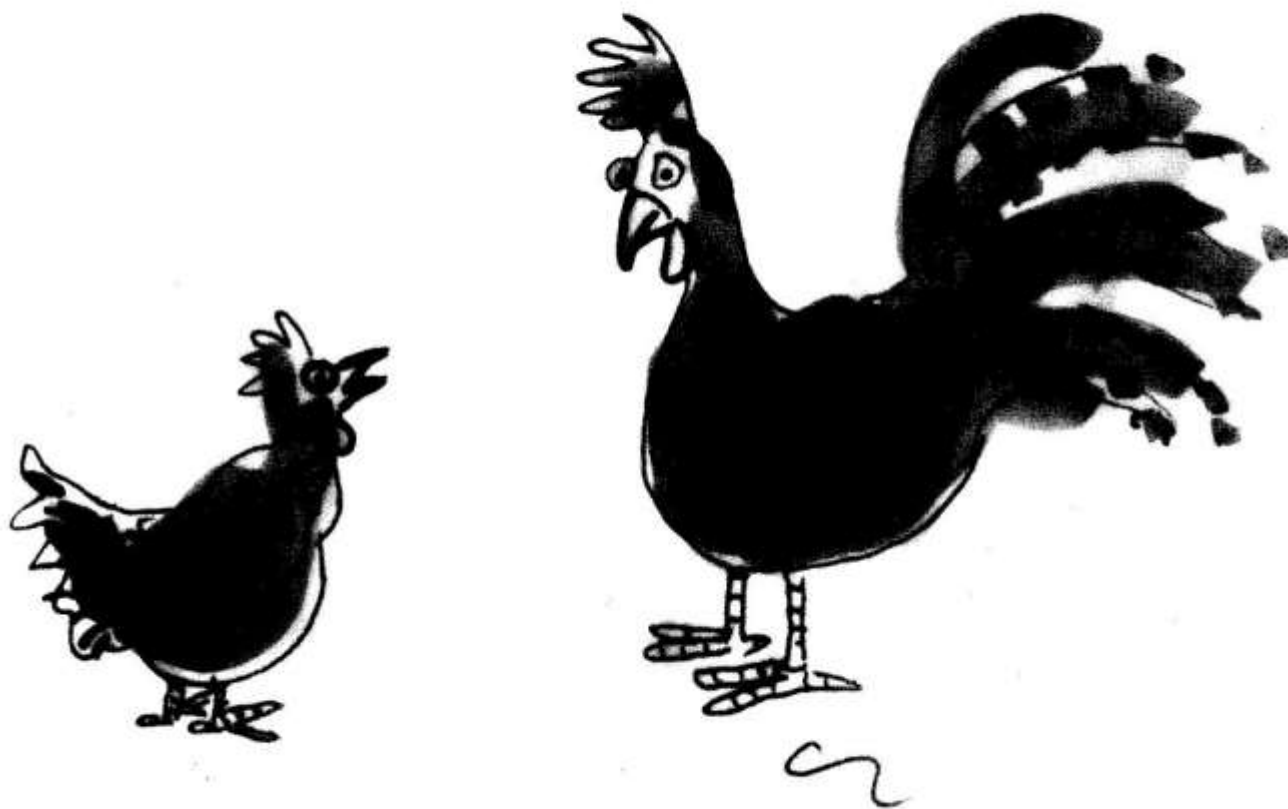


*'With this fine scheme you are assured
that after death you will be cured.'*



'OK, who's in charge here?'

EXPLAINING MONOGAMY





'Had I more energy I'd get up and dodder.'

The only thing
that bears
repeating is
a mantra



YET NEVER A BRIDE



*Olga Sturgiovna Pescova (1653–1945),
One hundred and fifty-seven times
The All-Russia Caviar Champion.*

I would love to know
if I am hetero or if
it's just that
I Love
You!



DOGGEREL DOG



'Wu woof, wu woof, wu woof, wu woof!'

Note: Doggerel is usually written in IAMSbic petrameters.

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

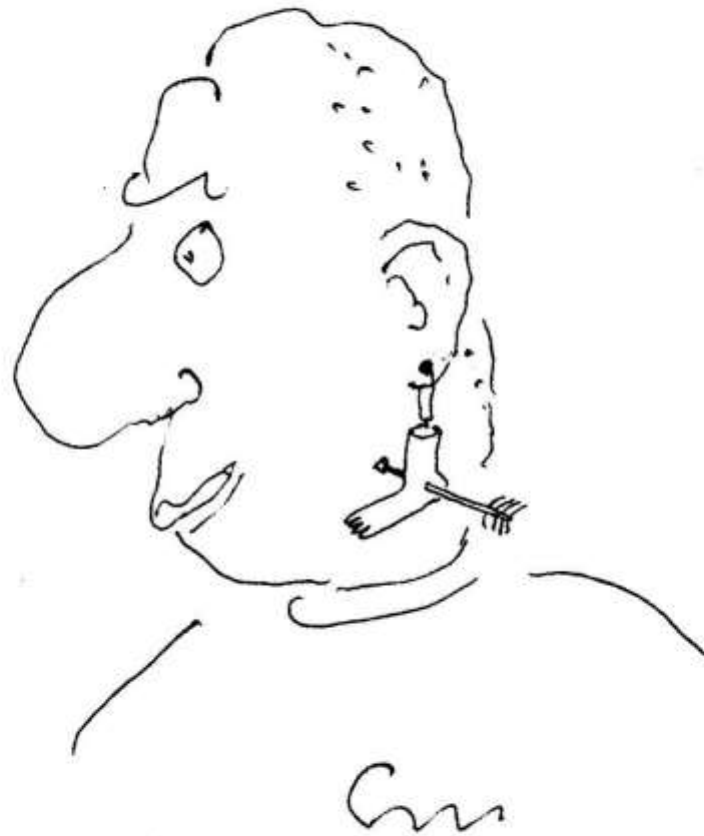


'Now we can keep you sober and your car on the road.'



'It must be gnostalgia!'

CLASSIC BODY ORNAMENTS



Achilles' heel earring



'If only I weren't an alcoholic I could get pissed every night!'



'I now baptize thee: tom@alive.com.'



'He's got a very low centre of levity!'

CELTIC STONE TYPEWRITER (circa AD 321) – NEAR GLASTONBURY





'Ek soek wêk!'



for Antjie Krog

APRIL
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SERIAL MONOGAMY: The Introduction



'Darby, this is Joan.'

SERIAL MONOGAMY: After the divorce



Darby and Enid

SERIAL MONOGAMY: Growing old gracefully



Darby and John

GLI ANGELATI



Licarus and Häagen-Dazs



'Could I at least take my vitamins?!'

Après l'épiphanie



DOUBLE
STOREY
a jute company

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What the critics said about *Love Amongst the Middle-Aged:*

'Twenty percent of this book is incomprehensible.'

— Henrietta Dax, bookseller

'As reading between the lines reveals his poetry,
gazing between the lines deconstructs his
drawings.'— JDU Geldenhuys, intellectual

'I wish I could draw as badly as you!'

— Andrew Putter, artist

Gus Ferguson has published several collections of verse and an earlier book of cartoons, *Love Amongst the Middle-Aged*. He lives in Plumstead and earns his living as a pharmacist.

