

Entertainment

Style Invitational Week 1230: What in creation? Give us some divine plans.

Plus the winning 'grandfoals' of Week 1226



(Bob Staake/For The Washington Post)

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[creating octopus]

GOD: Give it 8 super strong arms & hands

ANGEL: uh, we're out of bones.

GOD: 8 weird floppy arms w/ suction cup things([@huntigula](#) on Twitter)

[creating bees]

Put a needle on its butt.

“Come on, God, wha—”

Make its puke delicious.

([@themiltron](#), a.k.a. Horny Rae Jepsen)

[making bats]

GOD: just like a hairy black potato with wings

ANGEL: um

GOD:

ANGEL: god?

GOD: also it sleeps upside down like an idiot



A squeezable (throttleeable?) plush strep bacterium, this week's second prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

(@tricycle_champ, a.k.a. Jackson)

A thing on Twitter a couple of years ago — hey, for the Empress, that's a blink of her rheumy old eye — was a flurry of tweeted mini-dialogues on God Creating Stuff. BuzzFeed compiled [some of the tweets](#) last year, including the pseudonymous ones above, and Imperial Scion Valerie Holt alerted the Empress recently. **This week: Supply a brief monologue or dialogue about a Creator's specifications or planning for some living being**, as in the examples above. Since the Invite doesn't have Twitter's strict space limitations — and because the Empress has this thing for punctuation and readability — please spell words out, use standard punctuation and capitalization, etc.; once we publish this week's results, you can tweet your entry however you like.

Submit entries at this website: bit.ly/enter-invite-1230 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy — one of the last few before we come out with a new design. Second place receives, in the spirit of Why?? creations, a [cute plush Streptococcus pyogenes microbe](#), a.k.a. Sore Throat, donated long, long ago by Used to Do the Invite All the Time Paul Kondis.

Other runners-up win our new [“You Gotta Play to Lose”](#) Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, [“I Got a B in Punmanship.”](#) Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, [“No Childishness Left](#)

[Behind](#)” or [“Magnum Dopus.”](#) First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, June 12; results published July 2 (online June 29). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week’s results was sent in by both Jon Gearhart and Jesse Frankovich; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Kevin Dopart. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. “Like” Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.

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FOALED AGAIN! THE GRANDS OF WEEK 1222

In [Week 1222](#), back in April, we presented (for the 23rd time) a list of horses nominated for the year’s Triple Crown races; you got to “breed” any two names and name the “foal” to reflect both names.

Then when the results ran four weeks later, it was time for [Week 1226](#), our 12th annual “grandfoal” contest, in which you bred any two of those winning foal names. Here they are, from among 2,000 entries: puns on top of puns.

4th place:

Eureka! x Fish Shtick = You Reeka! (Dave Letizia, Alexandria, Va.)

3rd place:

All Systems Ergo x I Like Big Buttons = No, Mr. President!

(Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

2nd place

and the [memoir of a nude birder](#): **Bomb Bard x Fillet of Seoul = Jong-Un Foolish**

(Elliott Shevin, Oak Park, Mich.)

And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:

Too Loose Lautrec x Eric Clap = Tool-Ooze Lautrec (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

The Reekness: honorable mentions

Horse Fly United x Love Hertz = Now Horse Rent Car

(Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.)

Erin Go Braghless x Titan the Screw = Nip & Torque (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

Horse Fly United x Shall I Comp Thee? = No Thanks I’ll Sue (Rebecca Simmons Poppe, Hampton, Va., ~~a First Offender~~) [it may be a first for Ms. Poppe, but as Rebecca Simmons, she won a runner-up T-shirt in Week 159, back in 1996]

REMbrandt x Don’s Surly Slight = Dutch Tweet (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

Erin Go Braghless x The Who? = Mammnesia (Tom Witte)

All Systems Ergo x Man Asses = All Systems Ego (George Smith, Frederick, Md.)

Erin Go Braghless x Baba O'Really = Bust but Verify (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Oh Say Can You Zzz x Bed Bath N Bayonne = Sleep W The Fishes (David Peckarsky, Tucson, Ariz.; Stephen Dudzik, Olney, Md.)

Ho California x Bare It Browning = FiftyShadesOfTan (Betsy Riley, Damascus, Md., a First Offender)

Ruble Yell x Bed Bath N Bayonne = Vladimir Linen (Andrew Hoenig, Rockville, Md.)

Disappearing Inc. x Help a Thief! = Going Going Goniff (Chris Doyle)

'Ell, a Beer! x P.A.T. on the Back = Two-Pint Conversion (Andrew Hoenig)

Eric Clap x Bare It Browning = Wonderbra Tonight (Harvey Smith, McLean, Va.)

Eric Clap x Ho California = LayLA (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

Help a Thief! x Ho California = Aiding & Abedding (William Kennard, Arlington, Va.; John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

In a Minute Dear x Oh Say Can You Zzz = Marital Bliss (David Ballard, Reston, Va.)

Jeb! Stuart x Man Asses = LookAwayLookAway (Rob Huffman)

Troy, Troy Again x Love Hertz = I Really Aikman (Stephen Dudzik)

Muck Rakin' x No, It's Iowa = Manure Rakin' (Sara Jay)

Horse Fly United x Disappearing Inc. = BoeingBoeingGone! (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

Fillet of Seoul x Help a Thief! = Gangnam Steal (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

Good Vibe Rations x Fish Shtick = The Belch Boys (Michael Rosen, New York)

Eureka! x Don's Surly Slight = Vacuums Suck! (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

Punk'd-uation x Disappearing Inc. = Comma Chameleon (Ellen Ryan, Rockville, Md.; Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney, Md.)

Ho California x Shall I Comp Thee? = Trick or Treat (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

No, It's Iowa x Man Asses = Des Loines (Brian Cohen, Winston-Salem, N.C.)

Spruuuuce!!! x Oh Say Can You Zzz = I'm a Slumberjack (Stephen Dudzik)

Rubenesque Chance x Walk Off Homer = TheFatLadySwings (Chris Doyle)

Troy, Troy Again x Ruble Yell = Trojan Hoarse (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

Erin Go Braghless x Man Asses = Ann Teat 'Em (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

Man Asses x Muck Rakin' = I Can See 4 Piles (Chris Doyle)

Left Right Repeat x Congrats, Loser = Peri-pathetic (Mary McNamara, Washington)

Fish Shtick x The Who? = Hard of Herring (Deb Stewart, Damascus, Md.)

Fish Shtick x Carnegie Endowment = It Was This Big (Harvey Smith)

Don's Surly Slight x O Say, Can You C++ = Clod Computing (Chris Doyle)

Felon of Troy x REMbrandt = Plunder&Whitening (May Jampathom, Oakhurst, N.J.)

Fish Shtick x Good Vibe Rations = Tuna Piano (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Bare It Browning x Rubenesque Chance = My Vast Duchess (Laurie Brink)

Koch-Conspirator x I Like Big Buttons = TrumpOrdersAKoch (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

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Emir Trifle x Man Asses = Sheikh Yerbuti (Mark Raffman)

Bonus Pints x 'Ell, a Beer! = IPA Lot (May Jampathom)

And Last: Congrats, Loser x Have One Skittle = Next Week's Prize (David Ballard)

We'll give ink to more grandfoals (plus original foals from Week 1222) next month when the Empress is on vacation.

Still running — deadline Monday night, June 5: our contest for “Gashlycrumb Tinies”-inspired alphabet couplets. See bit.ly/invite-1229.

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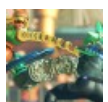
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