

The Invitational Week 124: You Have to Wonder

What if ... we do this contest again?

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Hello. Just curious:

What if there were an alternate universe where your cat did not follow you to the bathroom?

You'd just sit there and talk to yourself, I guess. (*Robyn Carlson*)

What if instead of the Stanley Cup it was a Stanley Jockstrap?
It would be easier to hold above your head, but players probably
wouldn't drink out of it so much. (*Jeff Shirley*)

What if “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” had instead been “Breakfast at IHOP”?*
The lead character would be named Holly Goheavily — and would not be
played by Audrey Hepburn. (*Dave Prevar*)

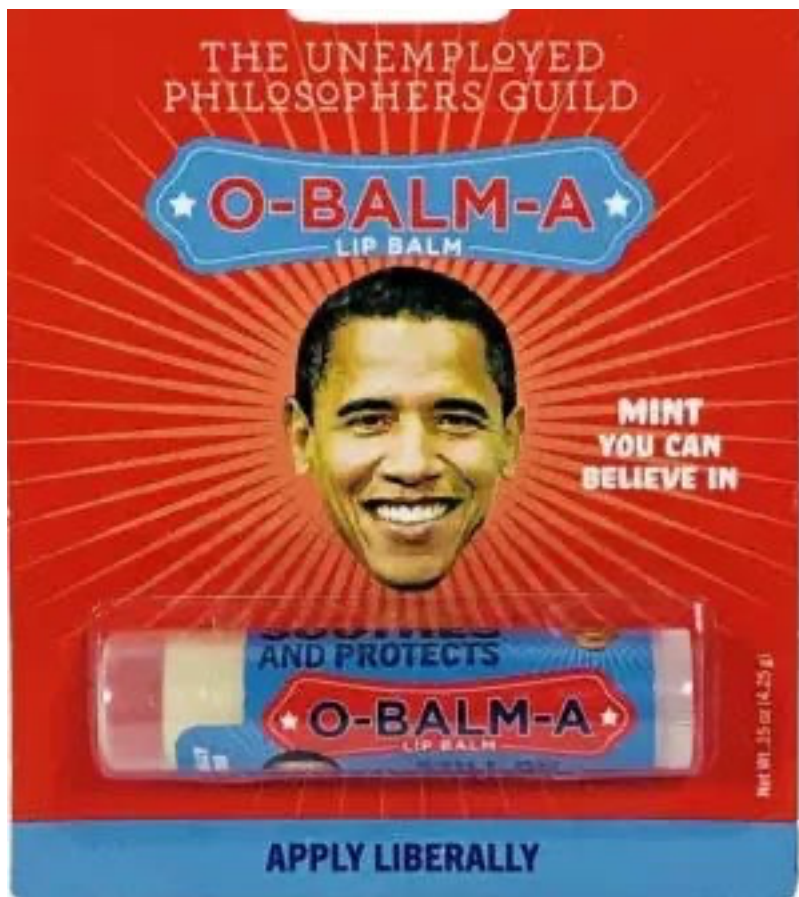
For Invitational Week 124: Give us a “what-if?” scenario. The weirder the
better, as in the examples above from a previous contest. (See other previous
results [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).)

Formatting this week: It's just our standard request to write each of your
entries as a separate single line; i.e., don't push Enter until the end of each entry.

[Click here for this week's entry form](#), or go to **tinyURL.com/inv-form-124**. As usual, you may submit up to 25 entries for this week's contest,
preferably all on the same form.

Deadline is Saturday, May 24, at 9 p.m. ET. Results will run here in The
Gene Pool on Thursday, May 29.

The winner gets a **a stick of O-Balm-A lip balm**, whose packaging touts: “Still
on everyone’s lips.” “Apply Liberally.” “Promotes Healing.” Whoever created
this product ought to enter some of our wordplay contests. Donated (still sealed)
by Dave Prevar.



Stable Geniuses: The grandfoals of Week 122

Four weeks ago, in **Invitational Week 120**, we once again listed 100 of the horses nominated for this year's Triple Crown races, and asked you to “breed” any two and name a “foal” playing on both parents’ names. (This year’s winner: Olive Green x Citizen Bull = Oyl of Olé.) Which was followed by the annual spinoff contest: In **Invitational Week 122** you then “bred” those pun-filled foal names. The best of the more than 1,200 “grandfoals” appear below — and given such parent names as Beef Strokin’ Off and Brokeback Mountie, it’s not surprising that there’s many a horse of an off color.

Third runner-up: Can’t Ketch Me x Captain, Obviously = No Ship, Sherlock (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

Second runner-up: Raptcha x Glazed Unconfused = End of Daze (*Bernard Brink, Cleveland, Mo.*)

First runner-up: The 1/4th Estate x Deus Sex Machina = Quarter Pounder (*Laurie Brink, Mineola, N.Y.; Lee Graham, Reston, Va.*)

And the winner of the chicken socks:

Stop Laugh-In x Carbon Dating = Oldie Hawn (*Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.*)

Heir Cuts: Honorable Mentions:

Alfred E. Newsman x From Don to Musk = **Mad MAGA Scene** (*Jon Gearhart, Des Moines*)

Alfred E. Newsman x Kid Napped = **AlfredE.Snoozeman** (*Pamela Love, Columbia, Md.*)

Alfred E. Newsman x Make It Hard = **Walter Concrete** (*Mia Wyatt, Ellicott City, Md.*)

Baptismal Font x Glazed Unconfused = **Dunkin'** (*Larry Rifkin, Glastonbury, Conn.; Tim Watts, Athens, Ala.*)

Beef Strokin' Off x Fire in the Hole = **Come as You Char** (*Judy Freed, Deerfield Beach, Fla.*)

Beef Strokin' Off x Captain, Obviously = **Come Now, Sir** (*Lee Graham*)

Beef Strokin' Off x Fish and Cheops = **WankLikeAnEgyptian** (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

Beef Strokin' Off x Maitre A-Plus = **Bone Appétit!** (*Chris Doyle*)

Beef Strokin' Off x Maothful = **Filetio** (*Tim Watts*)

Beef Strokin' Off x The Dark Lard = **HandJabba the Hutt** (*Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.*)

Beef Strokin' Off x Yux = **Ejacularity** (*Jeff Contompasis*)

Beignet & the Jet x Point of Ordure = **Elton's John** (*Laurie Brink*)

Billboard Baggins x Oregasm = **TolkienOfAffection** (*Lee Graham*)

Brokeback Mountie x Oregasm = **O! O! O! Canada!** (*Tim Watts; Hildy Zampella, Sarasota, Fla.; Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.*)

Capital Hill x Maothful = **Moola Rouge** (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville, Md.*)

Carb Daddy x Smoker's Coif = **Tortes & the Hair** (*Judy Freed*)

Carb Daddy x The Full Mountie = **Starch Naked** (*Karen Lambert, Chevy Chase, Md.*)

Carbon Dating x Lust Man Standing = **Homo Erectus** (*Jeff Contompasis*)

Code Duello x Cut the Crap = **Dueling Baños** (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

Code Duello x London Fridge = **Aaron Brrr** (*Mia Wyatt; Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.*)

Cougar-rand x Illegit Mate = **Mountain Lyin'** (*Karen Lambert*)

Cruller Than Death x Fire in the Hole = **Krispy Kremation** (*Chris Doyle; Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.*)

Cut the Crap x Manifest Density = **The Plop Thickens** (*Jeff Rackow, Bethesda, Md.*)

Cut the Crap x Maothful = **Dung Xiaoping** (*Mark Raffman*)

Delugional x Baptismal Font = **Sham Dunk** (*Jeff Hazle, San Antonio*)

Fire in the Hole x Baptismal Font = **Hellvetica** (*Steve Price, New York*)

Fish and Cheops x Usual Gang of Ids = **Bunch of Old Gizas** (*Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park, Md.*)

Fish and Cheops x Illegit Mate = **Pyramid Scheme** (*Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.; Bernard Brink*)

Fish and Cheops x Illegit Mate = **Basstard** (*Steve Price; Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.*)

Fish and Cheops x Water We Gonna Do? = **Pharaoh Faucet** (*Mia Wyatt*)

From Don to Musk x Point of Ordure = **The Turd Reich** (*Chris Doyle*)

Point of Ordure x Maothful = **SqueezeTheChairman** (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

Gangsta Wrap x Beef Strokin' Off = **Lewdacris** (*Steve Price*)

Gangsta Wrap x Kid Napped = **Jay-Zzz** (*Tim Watts*)

Great Deportations x Cruller Than Death = **ICE-y Dead People** (*Brian Cohen, Winston-Salem, N.C.*)

HO x Carb Daddy = **Idaho** (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

HO x OreckOfTheHesperus = **A Whore's a Vacuum** (*Jeff Hazle*)

If I Only HadABra x YachtaYachtaYachta = **Sag Harbor** (*Jeff Rackow; Pam Shermeyer, Lathrup Village, Mich.*)

If I Only HadABra x YachtaYachtaYachta = **Stacked Deck** (*Beverley Sharp*)

Illegit Mate x Messy = **Partner in Grime** (*Jesse Frankovich, Laingsburg, Mich.*)

Kid Napped x Cut the Crap = **SleepsWithTheEnema** (*Beverley Sharp*)

Kid Napped x Robbin' Williams = **Ransom of RedThief** (*Steve Smith; Pamela Love*)

London Fridge x Oregasm = **TheIcemaker Cometh** (*Gary Crockett*)

Lord & Tailored x Capital Hill = **Servile Row** (*Mark Raffman*)

Lord & Tailored x Stop Laugh-In = **Hemming & Hawn** (*Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring, Md.*)

Maitre A-Plus x You're Delugional = **Après Moi ...** (*Jonathan Paul*)

Make It Hard x Carbon Dating = **Thrust but Verify** (*Jeff Contompasis*)

Make It Hard x Maothful = **Wow Zedong** (*Frank Osen; Pam Sweeney*)

Make It Hard x Water We Gonna Do? = **Viagra Falls** (*Andrew Rosenberg, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Steve Price*)

Messi Beaucoup x Gilty = **Gooooooooooooooooold** (*Duncan Stevens*)

Mike Dyson x OreckOfTheHesperus = **Nature Abhors Me** (*Jesse Frankovich*)

Mummy of Invention x Deus Sex Machina = **Mama Sutra** (*Leif Picoult, Rockville, Md.*)

Mummy of Invention x Stop Laugh-In = **Neferteehee** (*Chris Doyle*)

Mummy of Invention x You're Delugional = **Queen of Denial** (*Jon Gearhart*)

Mummy of Invention x Beef Strokin' Off = **King Tutancummin** (*Roy Ashley, Washington, D.C.*)

Of Course Me Worry x Not My Type = **B Negative** (*Jonathan Jensen; Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.*)

P.U. Kid x Fish and Cheops = **Tootin' Common** (*Mark Raffman*)

New Serif in Town x Carb Daddy = **Glutenberg** (*Pam Shermeyer*)

No.1 With a Bullet x Fire in the Hole = **UTI** (*Gary Crockett*)

No.1 With a Bullet x Maitre A-Plus = **No.1 With a Buffet** (*David Peckarsky, Tucson, Ariz.*)

No.1 With a Bullet x No-Brainer = **Dumdum** (*Pam Shermeyer*)

No. 1 With a Bullet x Point of Ordure = **No. 2** (*Bernard Brink*)

Oil Aboard! x Carb Daddy = **Hazardous Waist** (*Pam Shermeyer*)

Oil Aboard! x Of Course Me Worry = **Ahoy Vey** (*Eric Nelkin*)

Point of Ordure x Capital Hill = **Scheisster** (*Roy Ashley*)

Robbin' Williams x No-Brainer = **Mrs. Surefire** (*Tim Watts*)

Socket to Me x Illegit Mate = **Current Affair** (*Kevin Dopart, Naxos, Greece*)

The Liceman Cometh x EyeQ = **Parasight** (*Tim Watts*)

Throbbin' Williams x Make It Hard = **Porkin' Mindy** (*Leif Picoult*)

Titztastic x Yux = **Bust Out Laughing** (*Jonathan Jensen*)

The headline "Stable Geniuses" is by Jeff Contompasis; Kevin Dopart wrote the honorable-mentions subhead.

Still running — deadline Sunday, May 18, at 9 p.m. ET: Our contest for new meanings for existing initialisms and acronyms. Click on the link below for the details.

