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and Other Palindromes

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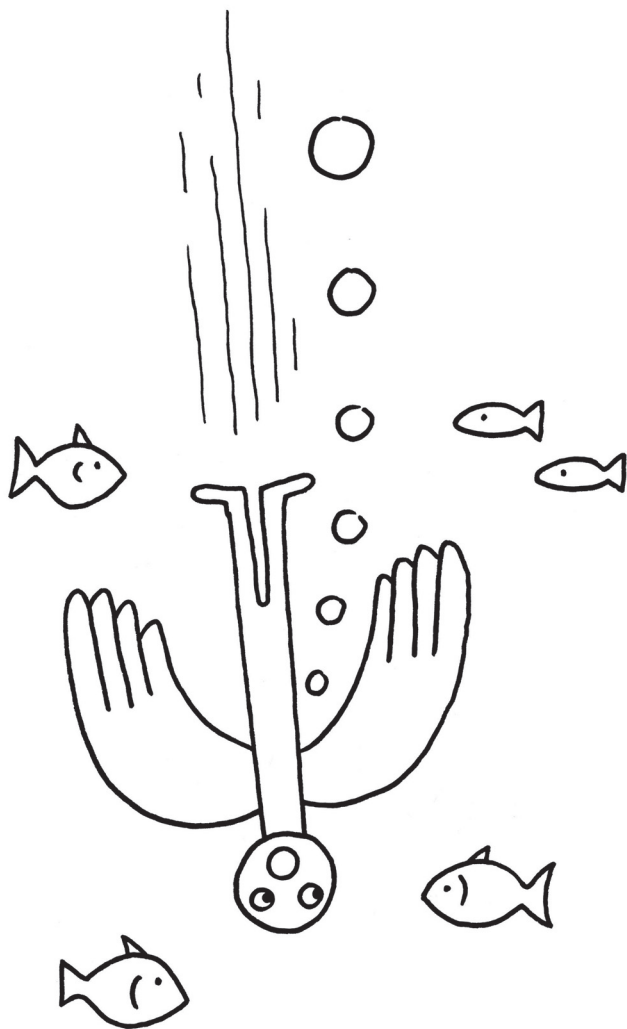
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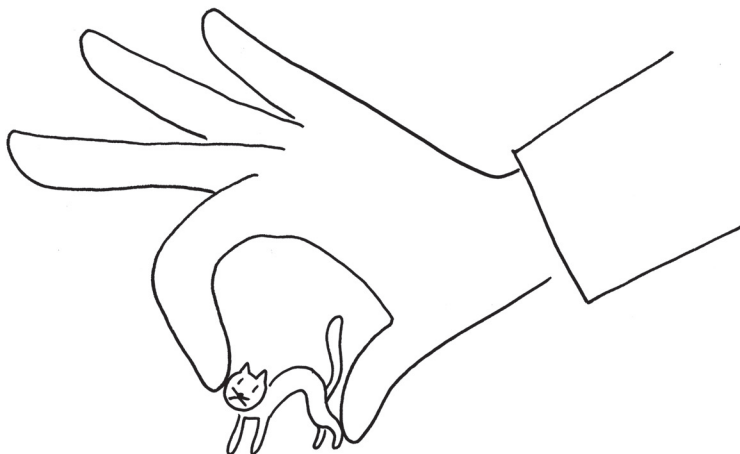
Uh oh!

Want to write a palindrome? Try this simple test. Does it read the same from right to left as left to right? Does it make sense? If so, you've written a palindrome. As to length, theorists have wrangled for decades about just how short a palindrome can be. Epidemiological studies suggest that Icarus was most likely just under four feet tall. Of course, the impact with the water may have compressed him slightly, but as Homer famously remarked, "Daddy knows what's Bosphorus."



ICARUS PALINDROME

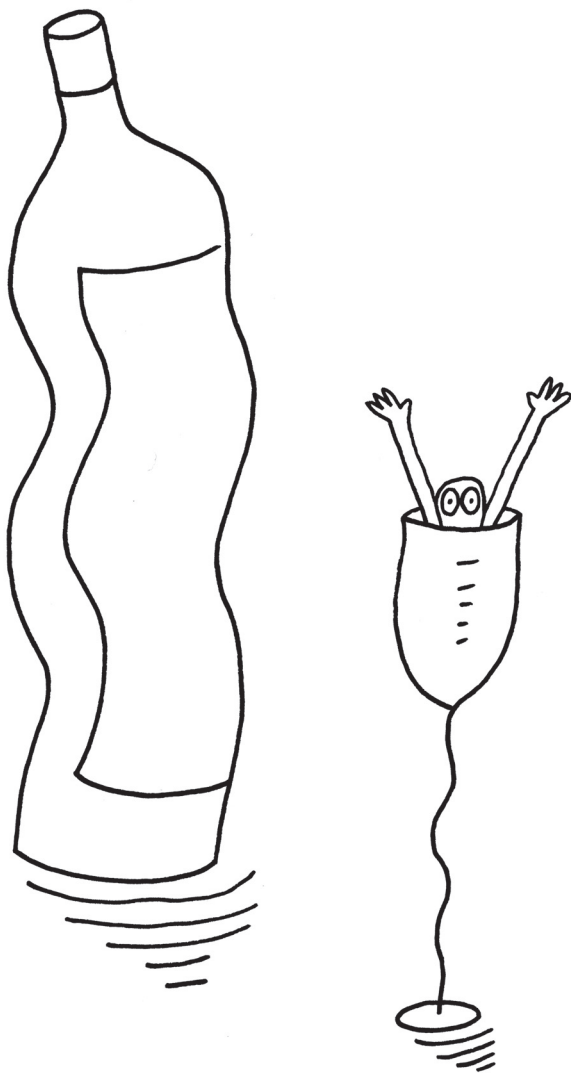
ON THE SIXTH DAY PALINDROME



God tackles ibis, elk, cat, dog.

Of course your dog's reply to this might well be *Dog? I? Me?— Demigod!* or *A dog at apotheosis is, O, eh, to pat a God.* *A dog at apotheosis is, O, eh, to pat a God.* A.... Time marches on and we all know that *animals ooze zoo's lamina.* Perhaps there's a lesson in this dreaming in reverse. Perhaps in Palin's dream of his poodle addressing him: *A hoot? God's rot: canaille. Well, I an actor's dog too. Ha!* or even *Dog doo? Good God!*

ALCOHOLIC'S FEAR PALINDROME



An amaretto to totter
a man. An amaretto
to totter a man. An
amaretto to totter a
man. A....

The ingestion of rum (*Rum! Rum's murmur!*) has never proved an effective tool in the writing of palindromes. On the other hand, the judgment of control groups could be called into question since none of them has ever written a palindrome without a misspelling here or there. Liqueurs work better: *Evolution: dog, otter, a man on amaretto—God? No. I tu love.*

Mood is all as I do Om.

When Palin got the call from McCartney in India describing the problems the Beatles were having with their meditationist, Evan, Paul put him on the phone, screaming, "*Navel, Evan!*" Evan's reply: "*Maharishi Jijih, sir, a ham.*"

MEDITATION PALINDROME

