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George Washingmachine: Earliest master of political spin.

Genghis Yes-We-Khan: The Barbarity of Hope.

Confusius: “By three methods we may learn wisdom: reflection, imitation, and . . . oops . . .”

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The Style Conversational: The Empress's weekly online column, published late Thursday afternoon, discusses the week's new contest and results. Check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

And from *The Style Invitational* four weeks ago . . .

DOUBLE-MEANT FUN: REPORT FROM WEEK 1336

In [Week 1336](#) the Empress gave you a list of various situations — including the ever-popular "in bed" — and asked you to suggest something one might say in any two of those situations. That the double-entendres were required to be printable, even by the taste standards of the Invitational, ruled out a sizable fraction of the entries; hence none of the many jokes about "openings" (job interview/bed) or "eat" or "bone." Less graphically, there were just too many "meatball" entries for Trump/Ikea, or "Let's cut this short" for haircut/Trump. Still, we offer you these:

4th place:

Something you could say both at a restaurant and in bed:

"So we're a bit short-staffed tonight, are we?" (*Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.*)

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3rd place:

Something you could say both at Ikea and when President Trump visits your country:

"My God, that orange rug is hideous." (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

2nd place and the yuckily named personal-care items:

Something you could say both at

a restaurant and in bed:

"You gonna finish that?" (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

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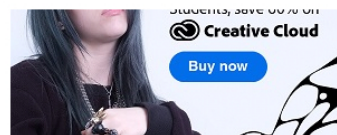


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"Can we get it to go?" (*Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.*)

Nixed doubles: Honorable mentions

At Ikea and at a doctor's office: "This is the oddest-looking stool I've ever seen." (*Stephen Dudzik, Olney, Md.; Bill Dorner, Indianapolis; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

Getting a haircut and when Trump visits your country:

"Ow, my ears!" (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

At Ikea and when Trump visits your country:

"This nut here seems to be useless." (*Dave Ferry, Purvis, Miss.*)

"Wow, what a huge glass bowl!" (*Duncan Stevens*)

At Ikea and in bed:

"I don't know — those drawers are really sticky." (*Frank Osen*)

"Huh, it looked much bigger on the website." (*Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.*)

"I'll pay cash on the dresser." (*Hildy Zampella, Alexandria, Va.*)

At a job interview and a restaurant:

"I always give 118 percent." (*Greg Dobbins, Boynton Beach, Fla.*)

At a restaurant and a doctor's office:

"Now which of you has the crabs?" (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.*)

During a haircut and in a job interview:

"I like to take a little off the top — not so much that anyone would notice."
(*Roy Ashley, Washington*)

At a job interview and in bed:

"You're on my 'short' list." (*Tom Witte*)

"What types of entry-level positions are you open to?" (*Kevin Dopart*)

On a game show and in a job interview:

"Wheel-spinning is my specialty, Bob." (*Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.*)

At a restaurant and when Trump visits your country:

"We need to send back this spoiled turkey." (*Duncan Stevens*)

When Trump visits your country and in bed:

"These giant inflatables are a lot of fun." (*Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.*)

"It helps to close my eyes and think of Obama." (*Mark Raffman*)

On a game show and at the doctor:

"And the actual retail price is . . . \$23,981!" (*Rivka Liss-Levinson, Washington*)

On a game show and when Trump visits your country:

"The tribe has spoken: Pack your bags and leave the island." (*Luke Baker, Columbia, Md.*)

At a doctor's office and in a job interview:

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“Should I leave my underwear on?” *(Mark Calandra, Wenham, Mass.)*

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“Is it serious?” *(Dan Helming, Trenton, N.J.)*

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“What are we supposed to do with this tool?” *(Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)*

During a haircut and in bed: “Could we try that gel again? It worked pretty well last time.” *(Diane Lucitt, Ellicott City, Md.)*

“Now that there’s less to work with, let’s try doing it every six weeks instead of once a month.” *(Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)*

“You always make the bangs too short.” *(Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md., William Kennard, Arlington)*

At a supermarket and among Style Invitational Losers: “Ugh, these lines are awful!” *(Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)*

Among Style Invitational Losers and in bed:

“You may not exceed 25 entries in one week.” *(Steve Honley, Washington; Perry Beider, Silver Spring, Md.)*

“Want to see my little cannon?” *(Frank Mann, Washington)*

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“You will call me Empress, Loser. And if you want any of my favors, you must first submit.” (*Seth Tucker, Washington*)

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