

## **The Oil Painting**

An elderly Jewish woman decided to have her portrait painted.

She told the the artist....."Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby broach, and gold Rolex. "

"But you are not wearing any of those things."

"I know," she said. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he will remarry right away, and I want his new wife to go crazy looking for the jewelry."

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## **Death Angel**

There's the story of the man who was doing his bank business at the local Bank when he caught sight of the "Death Angel" waiting by the outside door. Being somewhat alarmed, he went out the other door and walked around the building to his car and hastily drove home.

When he came into the kitchen, his wife noted that his face was all white, and she asked what the matter was.

He said, "I just saw the death angel."

"So what are you going to do," she asked.

"I'm getting out of town as fast as I can - I'll go to my brother's in Ashfield."

Unbelieving, as soon as his car pulled out of the drive way, the wife rushed down to the bank. Sure enough, there was the Death Angel, still standing by the door.

Being more bold than her husband, she walked up to the Angel and told him that her husband had been very frightened to see him there.

The Death Angel replied, "Well actually, I was also somewhat surprised to see your husband here. I was sure I had an appointment with him later today in Ashfield."

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## **Engineer in Hell**

An engineer died and reported to the pearly gates. St. Peter checked his dossier and said, Ah, you're an engineer. You're in the wrong place.

So the engineer reported to the gates of hell and was let in.

Pretty soon, the engineer got dissatisfied with the level of comfort in hell and started designing and building improvements. After a while they had air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators,

and the engineer became a pretty popular guy.

One day, God called Satan up on the telephone and said with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there in hell?"

Satan replied, "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God replied, "What??? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake. He should never have been sent down there. Send him up here."

Satan said, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him."

God said, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

Satan laughed uproariously and answered, "Yeah, right. And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?"

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## Short Quips

The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity.

Psychiatrists say that 1 of 4 people are mentally ill. Check three friends. If they're OK, you're it.

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

You have the right to remain silent; anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you.

Honk if you love peace and quiet.

Pardon my driving, I am reloading.

Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

On the other hand - - - you have different fingers.

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## **You're Not a Kid**

**You're Not a Kid Anymore When . . .**

**You're asleep, but others worry that you're dead. Your back goes out more than you do. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.**

**You buy a compass for the dash of your car.**

**You are proud of your lawn mower.**

**Your best friend is dating someone half his age, and nobody says he's robbing the cradle.**

**Your arms are almost too short to read the newspaper.**

**You sing along with the elevator music.**

**You would rather go to work than stay home sick.**

**You constantly talk about the price of gasoline.**

**You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.**

**You consider coffee one of the most important things in life.**

**You make an appointment to see the dentist.**

**You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.**

**Neighbors borrow your tools.**

**People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"**

**You have a dream about prunes.**

**You answer a question with, "Because I said so!"**

**You send money to PBS.**

**The end of your tie doesn't come anywhere near the top of your pants.**

**You take a metal detector to the beach.**

**You wear black socks with sandals.**

**You know what the word "equity" means.**

**You can't remember the last time you laid on the floor to watch television.**

**Your ears are hairier than your head.**

**You get into a heated argument about pension plans.**

**You got cable for the weather channel.**

**You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.**

**You take a nap to get ready for bed.**

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## **Lemon Squeezer**

**At the local hang out, the owner was so sure that he was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet.**

**The owner would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money.**

**Many people had tried over time (weightlifters, longshoremen, etc.) but nobody could do it.**

**One day this scrawny little man came in, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny, squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet".**

**After the laughter had died down, the owner said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man.**

**But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass.**

**As the crowd cheered, the owner paid the \$1000, and asked the little man, "what do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weightlifter, or what?"**

**The man replied, "I work for the IRS."**

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## **Good Steak**

**Two bachelor brothers shared a house, but having different schedules, seldom ate together. However, one Sunday afternoon they both happened to be at home, so they decided to fix a meal together. When it was all prepared, they sat down across from each other, said grace, and began to serve themselves. When it came time to put the meat on their plates, they noticed that one of the two steaks was much smaller than the other. So the older brother said, "Go ahead, help yourself", thinking that his brother would generously take the smaller of the two pieces of meat. "No, you're the older, you go ahead first." They went back and forth this way several times until finally the younger brother reached out with his fork, stabbed the larger, juicy steak, and plopped it on his plate. "Well, I don't believe it", exclaimed his brother. "You certainly are the selfish one, taking the larger steak for yourself." "What would you have done?" inquired the younger brother as he bit into his first piece of steak. "Well, of course I would have taken the smaller piece." "Then what in the world are you complaining about, after all, you got what you wanted."**

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## Coffee Mud

The Man on the diner stool complained to the waitress about how bad the coffee was, "It tastes like mud", he moaned. "Well, what do you expect, it was just ground this morning."

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## Cherry Tree

The four sons of a rather strict father were called in for some serious questioning. It seems the back yard out-house had been toppled, and the father was determined to find, and punish the culprit. Starting with the oldest son, he grilled each boy; but each of the four looked their father in the eye and claimed complete innocence. So the father went down the line again, now with considerable anger and threats, but with no better success. Then he decided on a different tactic, and recited to his sons the story of George Washington. "When he was a child, George cut down the cherry tree, but because he told his father the truth, he didn't get punished. Now whoever pushed over the out-house, I want you to be like our great Founding Father, and step up to tell the truth." The strategy worked. Two of the boys, Jim, the oldest, and Joe, the youngest, both stepped up and confessed that they together had pushed over the out-house. The father immediately spanked each of the two culprits until they both howled. When they settled down, Joe said to his father, "I don't understand why we got this licking. George Washington told the truth and was not punished. Why did we get punished?" "Simple", the father replied, "George Washington's father wasn't in the cherry tree."

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## Sorry Bikers

Pulling his rig into the parking lot of a small road-side diner, the truck driver went in, sat up on the stool, and ordered a Turkey Club sandwich. A few minutes later, just after his food had been brought to him, a group of 10 bikers walked into the diner. The arrogant leader walked up to where the trucker was sitting, grabbed the sandwich from the plate, and finished it off in three quick bites while the others watched and snickered. The truck driver said nothing, but got up, paid for the bill, and walked out of the diner. "He sure wasn't much of a man," the biker leader scoffed. "No", spoke up the owner who had been standing behind the counter watching all that was taking place. "He's not much of a truck driver either - it looks like he just backed his rig over 10 motorcycles!"

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## Chicken Wing

A large family of 7 children were quite poor - they rarely saw any meat on their supper table. One night as they came to the table, 8 year old Sammy noticed that in the stew was one piece of chicken meat, a wing. While his father said grace, Sammy said to himself, "As soon as my father finishes the prayer, I'm going to get me that chicken wing." And so when the "Amen" was said, Sammy thrust out his hand, only to have it immediately pierced by 8 forks.

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## **Limping Along**

A drunken man was walking along the side of the road with one foot on the curb, and the other on the road. A passerby called to him, "Why are you walking like that, with one foot on the curb, and the other on the road?" "Oh, thank you, thank you," the drunken man called back. "All along I thought I was lame."

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## **The Parrot**

David received a parrot for his birthday. This parrot was fully grown with a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive. Those that weren't expletives were, to say the least rude.

David tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything he could think of to try and set a good example... Nothing worked.

He yelled at the bird and the bird got worse. He shook the bird and the bird got more angry and more rude. Finally, in a moment of desperation, David put the parrot in the freezer.

For a few moments he heard the bird squawking, kicking, and screaming, then suddenly there was quiet. David was frightened that he might have hurt the bird and quickly opened the freezer door.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto David's extended arm and said: "I'm sorry that I might have offended you with my language and action and I ask your forgiveness. I will endeavor to correct my behavior."

David was astonished at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what had made such a dramatic change when the parrot continued: "May I ask what the chicken did?"

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## **The Golfer's Tree**

I think that I shall never see

A hazard rougher than a tree;  
A tree o'er which my ball must fly,  
If on the green it is to lie.  
A tree which stands the green to guard,  
And makes a shot extremely hard.  
A tree whose leafy arms extend  
To kill the 9-iron shot I send.  
A tree that stands in silence there,  
While angry golfers rave and swear.  
Tennis was made for fools like me,  
Who cannot even miss a tree!

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## **A Happy Spouse**

Says one man to his friend, "I just walked out on my wife!"

"Wow--Well how did she take it?"

"Well, you know, you think you know a person after all the years - I had no idea she could sing and do cartwheels at the same time!!!"

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## **Letter From College**

Dear Mom and Dad,

Sorry I haven't written in a while, but we've had no stationery here since the terrible fire here in the dormitory. I was in the hospital with 3rd degree burns for a number of weeks, but the doctor says there is at least an outside chance that I may see again. A neat fellow named Bill allowed me to stay with him at his apartment during this recovery time, and you should know that you will soon be grandparents.

Love Mary...

P.S. There was no fire. I was not in the hospital. I am not blind. I am not living with a guy, and am not pregnant. However, I did flunk French and got a "D" in Economics...I just wanted you to

receive this information in its proper perspective.

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## **The Optimist**

The story is told of a father who had twin sons. One son was an optimist, the other a pessimist.

On the twins' birthday, while the boys were at school, the father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, and I'll have to read the instructions, and I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will get broken," answered the pessimist.

Passing the optimist's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" asked the father.

To which the optimist replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

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## **Answered Prayer Refused**

A traveling preacher finds himself in a tremendous rainstorm. Within a few hours the hotel he is staying in becomes flooded. As the water rises, the preacher climbs to the roof and starts praying.

"Lord, save me so I can continue on my mission of preaching your gospel."

Just then, a coast guard rescue party floats by in a rowboat. "Let's go mister. Into the boat."

"I'll stay here," says the preacher, "The Lord will save me."

An hour later a second boat reaches the scene and the water is close to the roof of the hotel. "Sir, you better get in. the water is still rising."

"No thanks. The Lord will be my salvation."

Toward evening, the hotel is almost completely under water and the preacher is clinging to the satellite dish on the roof.

A helicopter is spotted and on a loudspeaker is heard "HSir, grab on to the line and we will pull you up. This is your last chance.

"I'm all right," says the preacher, "I know the Lord will provide sanctuary." as he looks

heavenward.

As the boat departs, the satellite dish is hit by lightning and the preacher is killed.

When he arrived at the Pearly Gates he was furious. "What happened, " he shouts. "I thought the Lord would provide!"

Moments later a thunderous voice is heard. "Gimmie a break pal. I sent you 2 boats and a chopper"

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## Painting the Church

The Pastor was painting the church one Saturday to get it nice and spiffy for services on Sunday. He had two sides of the church done when he realized that he didn't have quite enough paint to finish.

Since he was many miles from where he could buy more paint and he was running out of time, he decided to thin the paint down so he'd have enough to finish the job. After finishing the third wall, he realized he had to thin the paint even more to make it stretch.

He finally finished and was standing back to admire his work when it started to rain. He watched in dismay while the paint ran down the windows and exposed the old color on the last two walls he had painted.

Just then lightening struck followed by an ear splitting clap of thunder. From the sky came a loud voice saying,

"Repaint, repaint, and thin no more."

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## The Cruise

A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again.

There was only one problem: The captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the magician did every trick. Once he understood he started shouting in the middle of the show:

"Look, it's not the same hat"

"Look, he is hiding the flowers under the table"

"Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades ?"

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything; it was, after all, the captain's parrot.

**One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself on a piece of wood in the middle of the ocean with the parrot, of course.**

**They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word. This went on for a day and another and another.**

**After a week the parrot said: "OK, I give up. Where's the boat?"**