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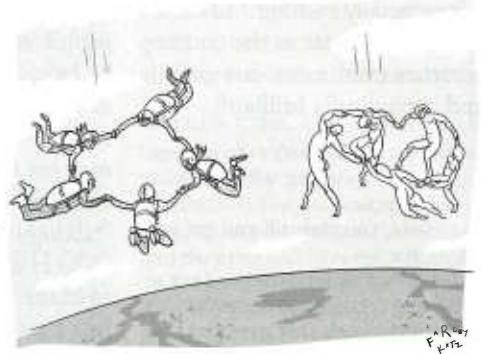
CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST

Each week, we provide a cartoon in need of a caption. You, the reader, submit a caption, we choose three finalists, and you vote for your favorite. Caption submissions for this week's cartoon, by Drew Dernavich, must be received by Sunday, October 25th. The finalists in the October 12th contest appear below. We will announce the winner, and the finalists in this week's contest, in the November 9th issue. The winner receives a signed print of the cartoon. Any resident of the United States, Canada (except Quebec), Australia, the United Kingdom, or the Republic of Ireland age eighteen or over can enter or vote. To do so, and to read the complete rules, visit contest.newyorker.com.

THE WINNING CAPTION



"Does he know why we invited him to the barbecue?"
Eric Behrens, Austin, Texas



THE FINALISTS

"I prefer his later jumps."
Chris Besant, Toronto, Ont.

"Derivative."
Rick Maher, Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Matisse now; Pollock later."
Mark Laurent Asselin, Bethesda, Md.

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST



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