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## We're All in the Same Boat Different Ways of Navigating

We are all on this earth together learning and teaching together in many different ways.

We're all in the same boat. We just have different paddles, and perhaps we find ourselves on different rivers. We all live in human bodies. These are the vehicles in which we move through our world. We are all made of flesh, blood, and bone, with brains, hearts, and lungs to power us. Our paddles—the tools we use to move through the world—vary, as do the bodies of water—the environments—in which we find ourselves.

Some of us use our high IQs to get where we want to go. Some of us use our smiles, others use kindness, a gift with language, or athletic ability. Some of these qualities we were born with and others are skills we have learned. Considering this metaphor in light of your own life can be very enlightening.

What tools are you using to get from point A to point B in your life? Chances are, you and the people you know have used many different tools in various combinations through-

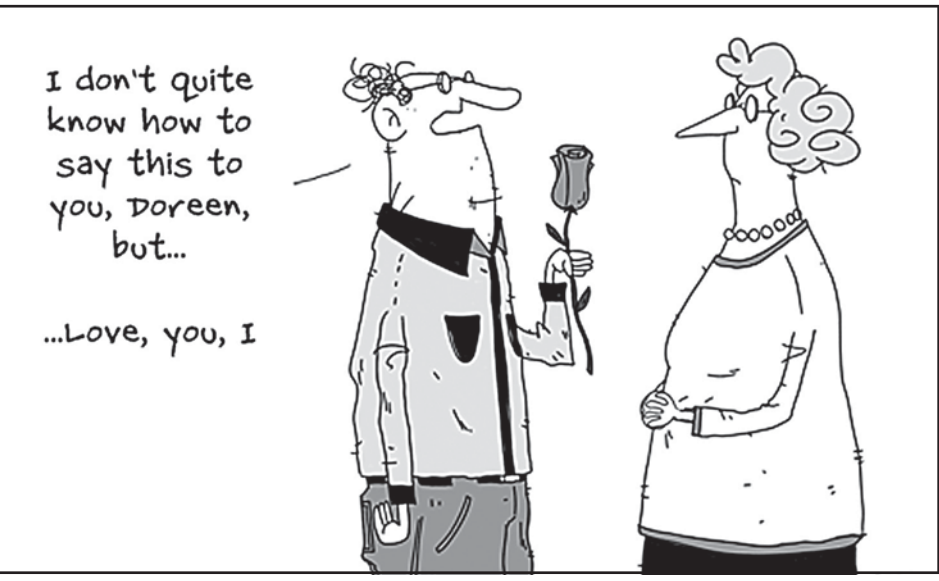
out your lives to get where you needed to go. Just as with oars or paddles, a balanced approach is best.

If you rely too much on one thing, like beauty, to open doors, you fail to be well-rounded and you may eventually lose your equilibrium. And if you lose that one quality, you have no paddle at all. This is inspiration to develop multiple tools to navigate your world.

Some of us may be moving along paths that are like rushing rivers; others may be on a large, still lake. We have all felt, at one time or another, tossed about on a stormy ocean. Through all this, we are never really alone, even though it might seem that way.

There is inspiration all around us in the form of other people making their way through the world, in the very same boat. Remember to look around you for role models, companionship, and encouragement.

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Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi

2000 pounds of Chinese Soup = Won Ton

1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 Microscope

Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 Bananosecond

Weight an evangelist carries with Sod = 1 billigram

Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knot Furlong

365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer = 1 Lite Year

16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling

Half a large intestine = 1 Semicolon

1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz

Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 Hoarse Power


Shortest distance between two jokes = A Straight Line

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