

*In The Tank* sample (Two lobsters, STU and HARRY, in a tank at a seafood restaurant, where it's likely they'll soon be somebody's dinner, discuss the differences between them and people.)

STU

We have lots and lots of instincts.

HARRY

And people don't?

STU

Uh-huh. Just brains. Lots of brains. The way I see it, there wasn't any room left for instincts after they put in all the brains. And you see, instincts automatically tell you many things.

HARRY

You mean, like something bigger than us is in charge. But they've got no instincts at all?

STU

There is one major exception. The basic plan had to be altered to make sure there would be enough of them to go around. They got the mating instinct but it was wedged in, sort of, added on at the last minute. And feature this. When that kicks in, their brains shut down completely.

HARRY

Huh. So they can't mate and think at the same time?

STU

It's a physical impossibility. They get to do one or the other. Never both simultaneously.

HARRY

Whoa! The screwups that must lead to! And I thought people had it made.

STU

The seaweed always looks greener in the other tank.