

## Words from the sunny south

Perhaps it's the reporter's training in me, but following a recent week's vacation in Barbados the best way I can reflect on the holiday is through a series of memorable quotes.

The week of sand, sun and surf was wonderful, Air Canada's service was greatly improved and, apart from some third degree sunburn on various spots of the anatomy, the holiday was perfect.

The following, for your reading pleasure, are a few phrases that stuck in your humble servant's mind.

"Thank God, I'm the wing monitor."—Wifey, a notoriously bad flyer, upon realizing our seats were over the wing and that she could make sure the wings stayed attached to the plane.

"Hey man, where you from? You like some aloe for that burn? How about a little smoke, you know what I mean."—A friendly chap I nicknamed Rastis who approached me on the beach one day, slathered a burnt shin with aloe gel and then asked if I wanted to buy some drugs. I declined.

"My purse smells like sausage."—Wifey, who had taken to giving breakfast and dinner scraps to two stray cats who showed up at every meal at the outdoor restaurant.

"Nothing makes me happier in my heart than to see a hungry animal being fed because it is a terrible thing to be hungry."

—A soft-spoken, young restaurant bus-boy, obviously speaking from experience, who saw wifey feeding one of the stray cats. His words made us remember that even in a island paradise there are problems.

"Watch out for the bull!"—Wifey screaming at me as we came across a bull in the road while rounding a curve in our moke (which is basically a souped-up golf cart).

"Wow"—Wifey's reaction to the view

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John McGhie

from the northern-most tip of the island.

"Wow"—My reaction to the bartender (a dead ringer for Connie Selecca) at a cafe at the northern-most tip of the island.

"Kow-pla, cha, kokra, uh."—Yours truly attempting to speak Klingon in an effort to escape yet another local jewelry peddler when he asked if I spoke English. He flashed a puzzled look then walked away.

"The Prince of Egypt? The Prince of Egypt? You've got to be kidding. Are we flying with a bunch of day care kids?"—Yours truly, irate that the movie on the way to Barbados was a cartoon.

"Shakespeare in Love. All right!"—Yours truly upon learning the Oscar winner for Best Picture was the movie to be shown on the way home.

"What a piece of crap!"—My reaction to Shakespeare in Love.

"Yahoo! All right! Yow-za! Right on!"—My reaction to finding out one of the four TV stations at the resort would be showing the third game of the Leafs-Flyers NHL playoff series, albeit a day late.

"Excuse me, I think there's a problem with our bill. Was tea and coffee really \$77?"—Yours truly to a waitress who inadvertently punched in the wrong numbers on our dinner bill.

"How soon can we go back?"—Wifey.

"Soon, hon, soon."—Yours truly.

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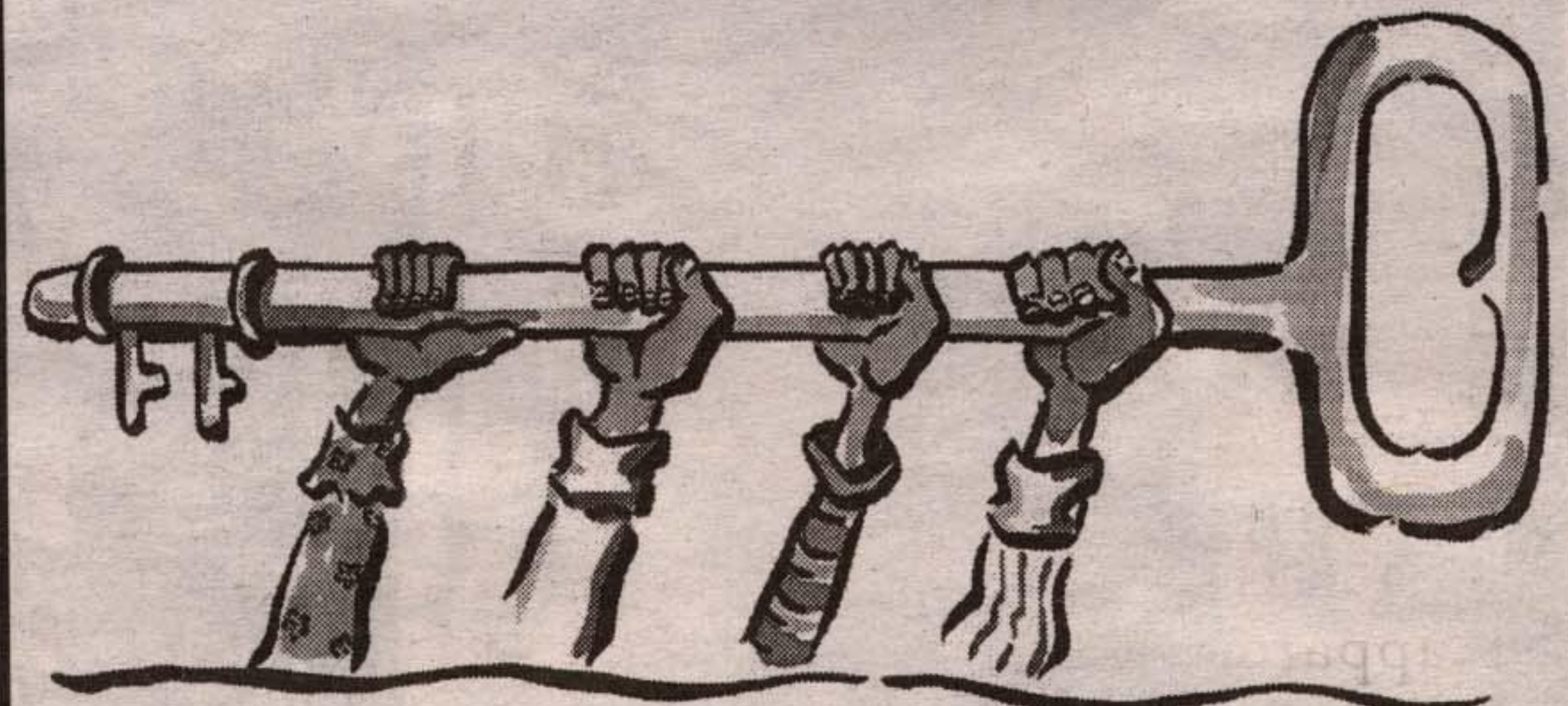
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