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# On Brevity

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- I am Just Trying to Say — Sir Dixon the Notoriously longwinded
- This is More of a Cormorant Than a Question — James Sumner

Here I publish a long-winded and, ultimately, unnecessary curator's note.

# I am Just Trying to Say

Sir Dixon the Notoriously longwinded

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Well, the way they make shows is, they make one show. That show's called a pilot. Then they show that show to the people who make shows, and on the strength of that one show they decide if they're going to make more shows. Some pilots get picked and become television programs. Some don't, become nothing. She starred in one of the ones that became nothing.

# This is More of a Cormorant Than a Question

James Sumner  
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Yes, it was me who smuggled a large seabird into the plenary and launched it at the speaker's head with the words "Actually this is more of a cormorant than a question." I am to be considered for possible readmission to the society in 2038, which seems fair.

"You shovel sixteen tons and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt." — Merle Travis

"Those are the heavy seven. Those are the ones that will infect your soul, curve your spine and keep the country from winning the war." — George Carlin

"I do not consider myself an artist. I consider myself a very opinionated man who uses words as fighting tools." — Larry Kramer

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