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An old man, after years of meditation, finally decides to take his ape to dinner.

The ape insists on wearing a diaper. It's more dainty than a tuxedo.

The old man decides to wear a condom. It's more dainty than a monocle, or even a flower in one's lapel.

The ape is on its back diapering itself, hooting, please don't look.

I wouldn't for all the tea in China.

Meanwhile the old man is choosing a condom. The one made of lace seems too old-fashioned. The one made of Swiss cheese is not exactly his style. The colander might work, but it's full of fettuccine without Alfredo.

Meanwhile the ape is all tangled up in an unsupervised diaper with a thousand safety pins.

Meanwhile the restaurant is about to close...