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down the stairs, waited until she was through, and carried her back up. That's what I call service! *Ted Bender, Allen, Tex.*

THAT GESTURE IS FOR YOUR WIFE

At a resort in India, I had to look in the pillowcase to see if there was any pillow at all. The next day I met a cleaning lady

in the hall. Language had been a barrier, so I gestured for an extra pillow by pointing at the bedroom and putting my hands together next to my head as if lying on a bed. The woman screamed, "I cleaning lady!" and ran off. My wife pointed out the obvious: "I think you just propositioned her." *James Dunn, Haslett, Mich.*

A NEW KIND OF AMERICAN IDOL

After a climb on the Great Wall outside of Beijing, I stopped to rest and a young Chinese couple approached me with a



camera. I thought they would ask me to take their picture, but they wanted to have their picture taken with me. Within minutes a crowd gathered. People thrust babies into my arms, grandparents flanked me, young families posed with me, and we all smiled for the camera. I was a rock star! When our Chinese guide finally cleared away the crowd, I asked her, "What just happened?" She told me that I was the incarnation of good >>>

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