Did I Ever Tell You..?

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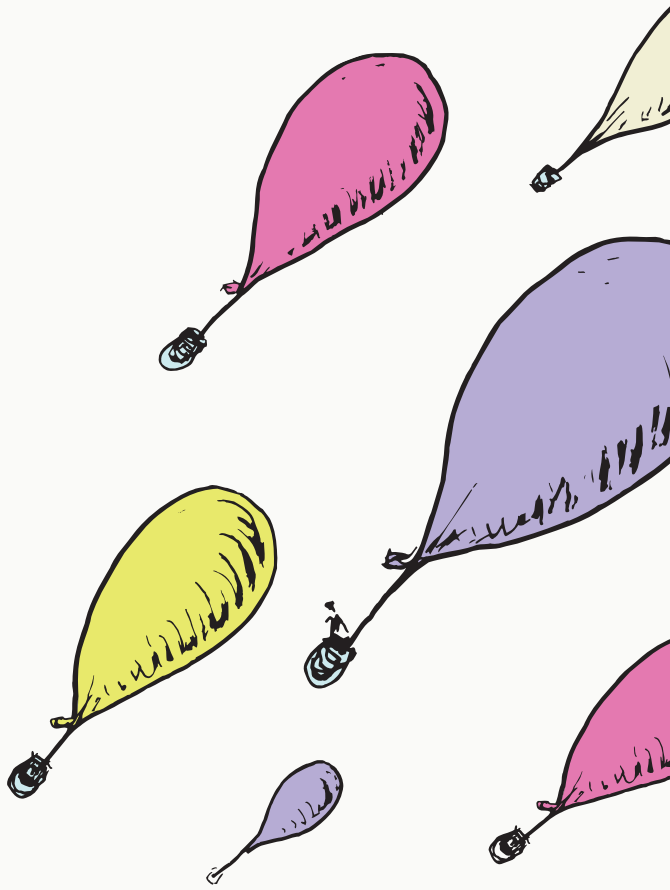

Did I ever tell you about the young Zode
Who came to two signs at the fork of a road?
One said: To Place One. And the other: Place Two.
So the Zode had to make up his mind what to do.
Well... the Zode scratched his head. And his chin.
And his pants.
And he said to himself. "I'll be taking a chance
"If I go to Place One. Now, that place may be hot!
"And, so, how do I know if I'll like it or not?
"On the other hand, though, I'll be sort of a fool
"If I go to Place Two and I find it too cool.
"In ***that*** case I may catch a chill and turn blue!
"So, maybe, Place One is the best. Not Place Two.
"On the ***other*** hand, though, if Place One is too ***high***,
"I may catch a terrible earache and die!
"So Place ***Two*** may be best!
On the other hand, though...
"What might happen to me if Place Two is ***too low***...?
"I might get some very strange pain in my toe!
"So Place One may be best." And he started to go.
Then he stopped. And he said, "On the OTHER hand, though..
"***On the other hand ... other hand***
...other hand though...!"
And for 36 hours and ½, that poor Zode
Made starts and made stops at that fork in the road,
Saying, "Don't take a chance. No! You may not be right."
Then he got an idea that was wonderfully bright!
"Play safe!" cried the Zode. "I'll play safe! I'm no dunce!
"I'll simply start off for both places at once!"

And that's how the Zode, who would not take a chance,
Got to No Place at All, with a split in his pants.

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