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Mavis wakes up to find a bottle of Tanqueray on her nightstand. Not again, she thinks. Life after teaching is meaningless. She contacts her friend, Carmen Sandiego, who recommends Mavis go to a holistic doctor. She isn't sure what holistic means, but she figures it's some kind of magical doctor. One with a typing speed of 95 words per minute. Holistic-o tells Mavis to find herself within herself, with self-care and self-love. Mavis is cured. She repeats this aloud several times throughout the day: I must find myself within myself, I can find myself within myself. Later that evening, Mavis runs into Holistic-o at the grocery store in the essential oils section. Holistic-o invites Mavis to go to her yoga class. An hour later, Mavis is trying downward dog. Her computer-generated spine collapses onto the mat and the yogis are in shock. They place their hands on their cell phone keyboards, in every place Mavis never suggested.