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Abstract

What about the jellyfish? When he walks he makes his bellysquish...
Look, Simon, you're a good kid. I never knew you too well, but that is none of our faults. Play it cool, will you kid? Don't mess around with guys like Golub."

"Please, Davod, stay," says Simon.

The way he said it made me feel bad. No one had talked to me that way in a long time.

"Look, kid, I can't, it'd be suicide. I'll write to you, how's that?"

"You won't, Davod," he said. "I know you. Please stay."

"Sure I'll write, kid. Remember what I taught you about boxing? Keep your guard up. Come here."

I hugged him, picked up my bag and said, "Goodby, Simon. If I can ever help you let me know."

"Please, Davod, please stay." Then as I hit the bottom stair I heard him holler, "Goodby, Davod."

Goodby, I thought. Peace be with you, Simon. May you not be me in any form. I hope he remembers to turn off the light and lock the door, so the landlady don't find out I'm gone. I still owe some rent.

—John Fogelson, '54

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What about the jellyfish?
When he walks he makes his Bellysquish.
And when he squeals, his face congeals,
So he isn't what's known as a 'yelly' fish!

He's an evolutionary calamity
A protoplasmic nonentity,
And it is said that his inside
Can be shifted to his extremity.