THE PANAMANIAN REJECTS

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A man, a pal, Al, Art, a tra-la-la—Panama
A man, a pallid dill, a Panama
A man, a pan, a nab, a banana—Panama
A man, a pant, Edna and Etna—Panama
A man, a pecan, a Nome lemon, an ace—Panama
A man, a peer, tape, evasive visa, Yeep, a tree—Panama
A man, a pelt, sack city, a gay-tick castle—Panama
A man, a pelt, tacks, a damask, cattle—Panama
A man, a people, Tom’s Motel, Poe—Panama
A man, a peso, ogres, saps, a gas-passer goose—Panama
A man, a pest estate, parapet, tse—Panama
A man, a petal, a parade, cedar, a palate—Panama
A man, a phoenix, a mama Maxine—oh, Panama
A man, a phone, my men, esparto traps, enemy men—oh, Panama
A man, a pig, a mad nag, and a Magi—Panama
A man, a pilaster, genial plain egrets, Ali—Panama
A man, a pile, Mel, Dena, Van, Ava, Ned, Lem, Eli—Panama
A man, a place, date, grater, a bare target—Panama
A man, a plaid art, a fat radial—Panama
A man, a play or a ninny, Lynn, in a royal Panama
A man, a plebe, Ramon E. Fenom (a rebel)—Panama
A man, a poop, a Kikapoo—Panama
A man, a pore, Zapata, a tap, a zero—Panama
A man, a port sack, Nat’s tank, Castro—Panama
A man, a post, a fare, salad, a laser, a fatso—Panama
A man, a predicted ace cadet, cider—Panama
A man, a premature Peru tamer—Panama
A man, a prep, a page, irony, Noriega, paper—Panama
A man, a presser, a drone, hen or dresser—Panama
A man, a prod, orator, taro, tar odor—Panama
A man, a pseudomorph, Sartre’s old loser trash-promo dues—Panama
A man, a pube, Zeno, Zone, zebu—Panama!

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