PAIRINDROMES

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The May Kickshaws (07-128) gave us “Pairagrams”, single word anagram-pair couplets. I felt this called for some reversal-pair couplets (phrases or sentences), drawing on William Sunners’ little pamphlet “The Puzzle Lover’s Book of Reversals” (c. 1982, National Library Publications).

These are self-explanatory: gut tug mart tram sleek keels spool loops.
These are self-exploratory: avid diva doom mood eros-sore top pot.

The rest require or deserve interpretation.

brag garb designer clothes

Deliver reviled. 1. the Exodus; 2. Give an intensely unpopular speech.
denier-reined Restrained by oneself or by a negative boss—vs. got on top of it and reined denier.
desserts-stressed Overweight, diabetic and hypertense—and yet stressed desserts!
Diaper repaid. Caring for your senile parents decades later—when they’re wearing diapers?
Kramer remark Seinfeld gag—re-mark Kramer for more good lines!
lap pal a child, cat, toy dog, doll, or bonk knob (!) (If the latter then the doll might be a lap dancer.)
loot tool a crowbar, even a brick
Loots stool. A dung beetle or pig goes to work.
nuts-stun the unkindest blow of all

“Ow!” wo answer to nuts-stun
par rap same old spiel—unless you object and rap par
part trap something a stereotyped actor falls into, like a mouse caught by a trap part
Peels sleep. 1. shut-eye; 2. its opposite, insomnia, where sleep ‘peels away’ from you
pig gip your standard everyday greed-inspired swindle
pit tip top of the bottom; tip pit bottom of the top (They might be the same—on the level!)
pooh hoop potty rim—or hoop pooh from a lady in a bustle overcome with diarrhea
reward drawer lottery winner of the drawer reward won, or the dresser compartment it is kept in

“Roc—cor!!” “Blimey, look at the size of that imaginary bird!” said Sinbad’s parrot.
(The picture opposite illustrates its immense size compared to two other fabulous, recently lost birds, the turkey-sized dodo and the ten-foot giant rooa of NZ. In Arabian legend the roc fed elephants to its chicks.)

Slag gals. “Dumb broad! Gal’s slag!” (sla(n)g for lazy, worthless, contemptible, dirty or promiscuous)
Slap pals. (A fine friend you turned out to be—I’ll slap up palindromic posters about your pals slap!)
Snub buns. 1. Atkins diet; 2. celibacy
Spans, snaps. 1. a rubber slingshot; 2. Builds a bridge—and has a nervous breakdown when it cracks.
step-pets dogs, cats and goldfish you inherit by marriage
swap paws 1. Change hands. 2. Change (step)fathers when Paws swap spouses (and cats).
Tar rat. Put a feather in his hat—and everywhere else. (He being a traitorous sailor or rat tar?)
Taps spat. Time to call the plumber—via a salivating bugler who spat Taps?
Yap, ...pay! 1. “Loose lips sink ships!” 2. the telephone bill
DESSERTS-STRESSED

BECAUSE
IT'S THERE!

SURVIVAL
LATTES

BELLY
BUTTON

STEP-PETS

ROCK ROC

FENIX SHALL
RISE AGAIN

ROC-COR!!