

# COME WADE, DEAR MAID

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*Editor's Note: The following dialogue (except for italicized words) is written entirely with words consisting of the US Post Office two-letter statename abbreviations. In the May 1976 Word Ways, Darryl Francis listed 130 such words that he found in Webster's Pocket Dictionary, plus over 50 words eight letters or longer from Webster's Second or Third editions (the longest, CACOGALACTIA).*

*Characters:* MS. INGA LANE, paid cook  
NEAL DEMSKY, lame vandal  
PA (akin), many--decade lama

*Places:* Arid moor  
Arcade game near Marineland  
Concorde de la Mode

*Season:* Pascal

*Props:* Pail, cane, alpaca

NEAL: Decoct, maid! Almond wine! Deal?

INGA (in coma): Ma! Papa! Come near me! Alms!

NEAL (florid): Mine meal! Moil, lnga!

INGA (in pain): Demand in vain!

NEAL aria, or pavane

NEAL lams

INGA (in code): Deny; hide mail; scar me! Oh, inky condor, come!  
Oh, mend me!

PA came

PA: Hi, lnga. Come ride; wide lane? Mom's game.

INGA (wail): Candor, OK? Pact?

*Who can finish this absorbing story?*