

Gleaming out from the 6-letter reversals is ERRANT, which yields RANTER, which in turn yields TERRAN, which, as every sci fi fan knows, means "earth dweller."

7 letters

ASQUINT QUINTAS
INGRAIN RAINING
INSPECT PECTINS
KERSTIN STINKER
KINGPIN STINKING

LESSING SINGLES
QUESTOR TORQUES
REDRIVE RIVERED
REENTER TERREEN
RESPECT SPECTRE

8 letters

BARSTOOL TOOLBARS

MENTALLY TALLYMEN

While it could be argued that BARSTOOL and TOOLBARS share the same morpheme, BAR, the credentials for MENTALLY TALLYMEN appear to be impeccable.

CLOSE CALL

LOUIS PHILLIPS

**The artist Chuck Close,
Standing close
To the actress Glenn Close,
Asked: "Should I close
The door & make a close-
up of you in your birthday clothes,
Ms. Close?"
"No. Thank you" replied Glenn Close
To Chuck Close.**