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I guess someone has to do it...

As if by design...

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If you're an evolutionary biologist, you've probably heard this before. However, you've probably never heard it used as an argument for an adaptation derived by a natural selective process. That is, unless you have heard of Andy Gardner. I continue to be surprised by what comes out of Gardner, Stu West's, et al.'s pen. While one might consider previous publications by Alan Grafen as a road map of sorts, but then with the "As if by design..." stuff. Specifically, as if by design, adaptations are derived to increase an individuals inclusive fitness. I was thinking, after reading a review by Gardner that's currently in press:

Gardner. Life without purpose. Trends in Ecology & Evolution (2010) vol. 25 (3) pp. 131-131

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I thought about *The Vagina Monologues*. Is this research group trying to get back the proverbial (loosely defined, of course) c*** word. I certainly appreciate irreverence. Unfortunately, I'm sure there is more to come about this.

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