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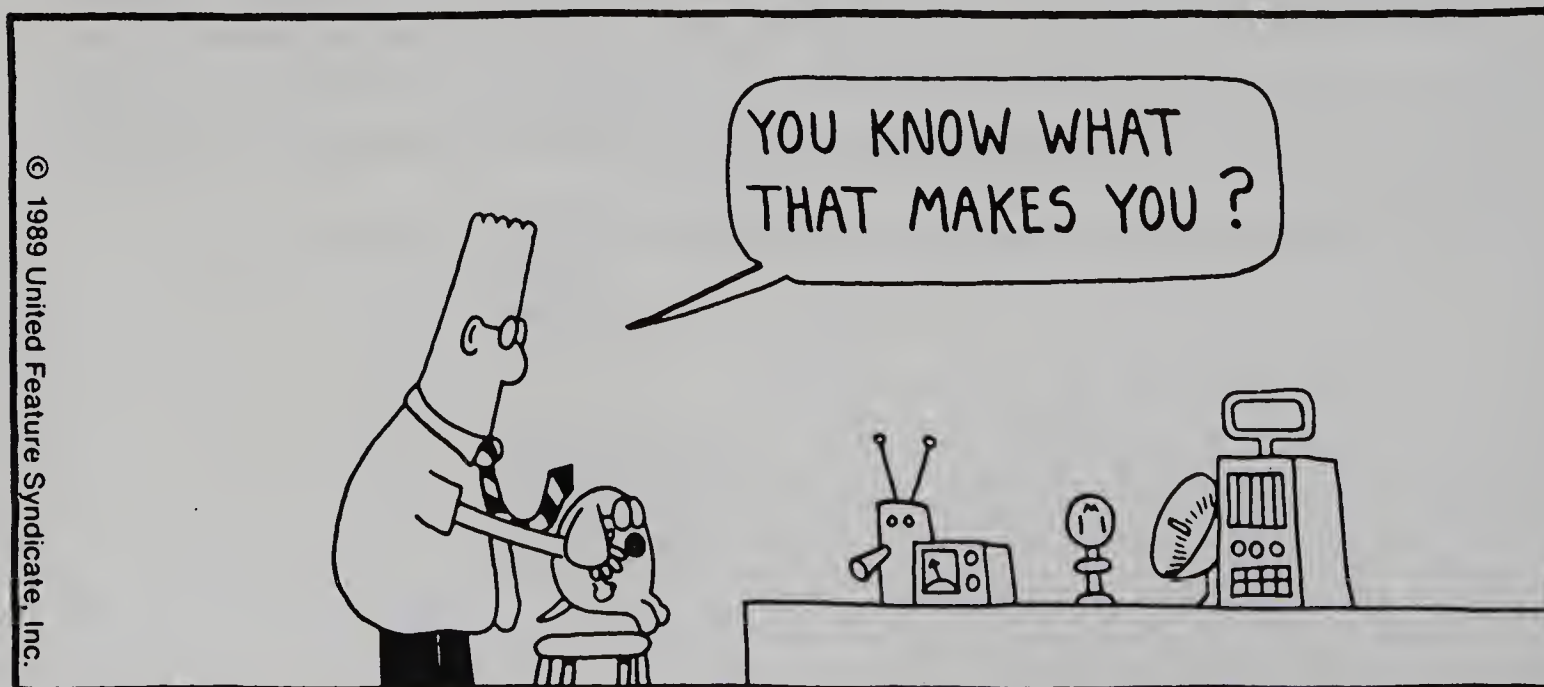
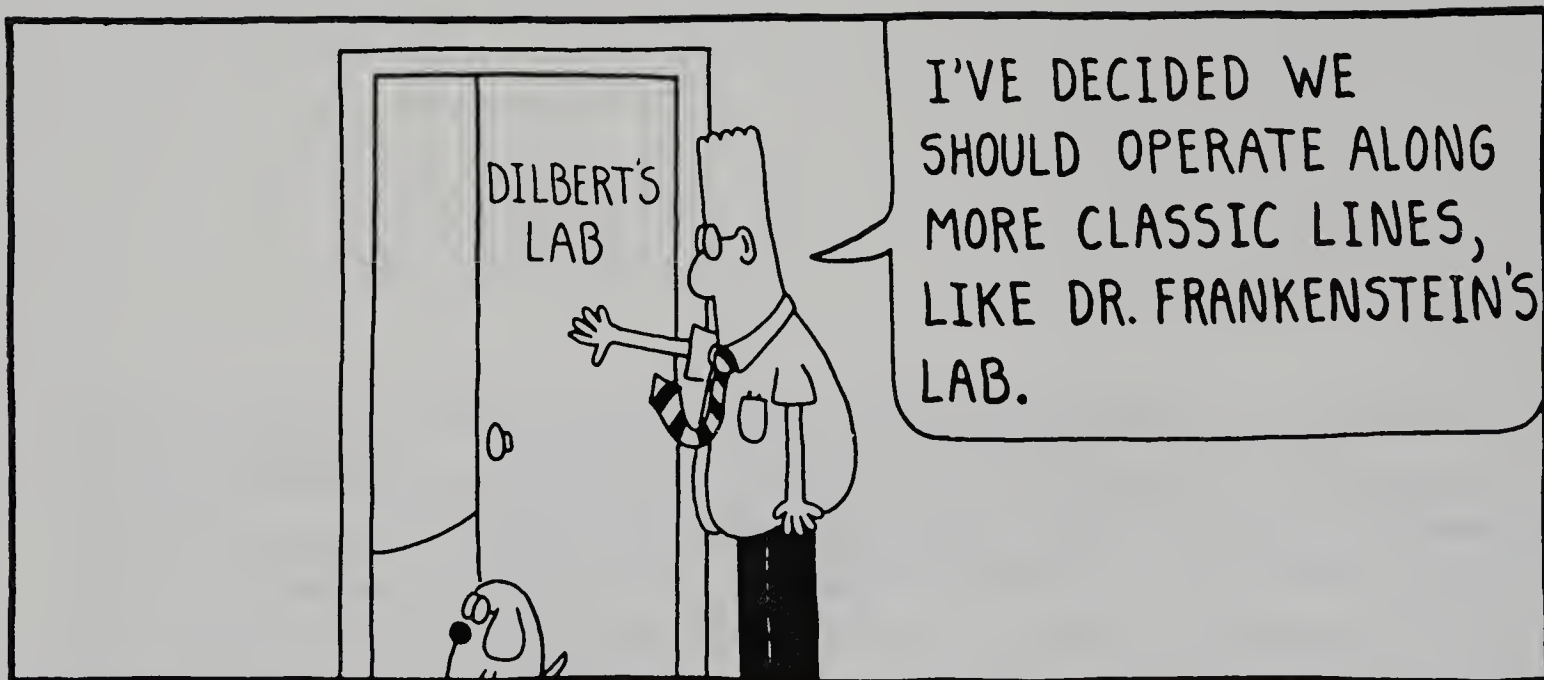
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# INTRODUCTION

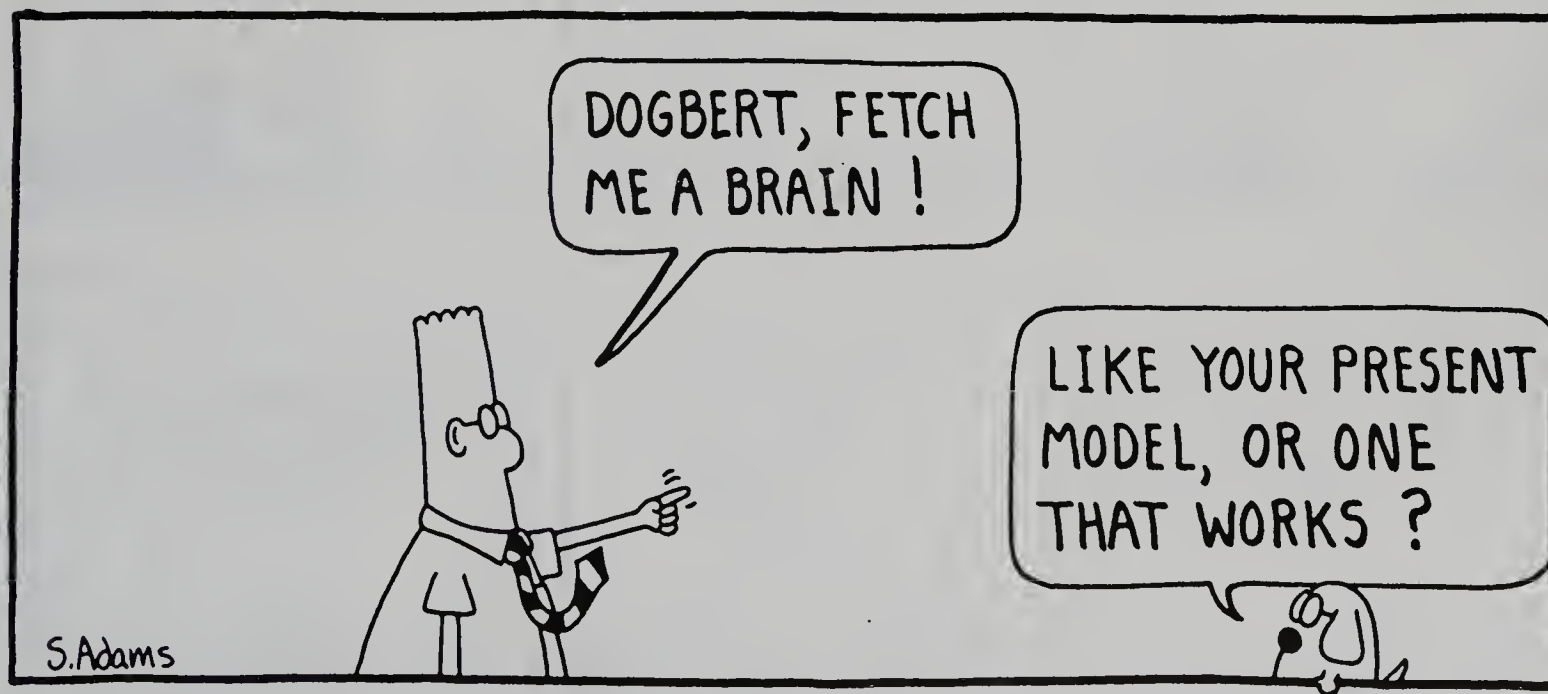
Thank you for buying this book. My editor asked me to write an introduction and here it is. I don't have anything to say, but frankly, I doubt anybody will read the introduction anyway; unless you're on a long plane ride and you've already read everything else including the barf bag instructions, and you're looking desperately for something you haven't read—something to take your mind off the fact that most commercial aircraft fleets are well beyond their intended technological life, and the chances are very good that you will soon be engulfed in flames, racing toward the ground at Mach One while cursing yourself for not listening to the pre-flight safety instructions. No, you had to be nonchalant and conspicuously ignore the flight attendant, like you're some kind of big-time traveller or something. And now, because of your ego, they'll be sifting the wreckage for enough of your bony matter to fill an envelope with your name on it. And the guy sitting next to you will be interviewed on CNN saying how he watched you being devoured by flames from the comfort of his emergency asbestos suit which he knew how to get into because **he** paid attention to the flight attendant. But I digress.

The point is that I have to write this introduction. I'm almost done. I think it's going pretty well so far. Okay, I'm done.

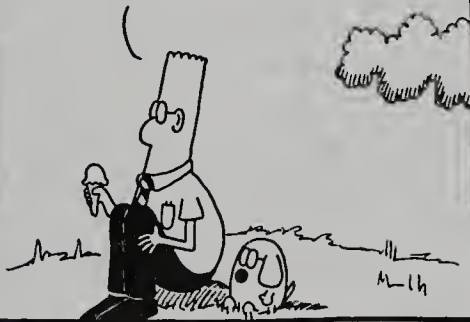


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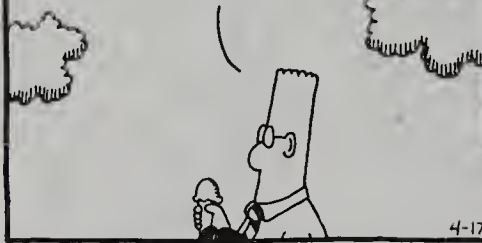




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WHEN THESE WERE  
ONLY FIFTEEN CENTS.



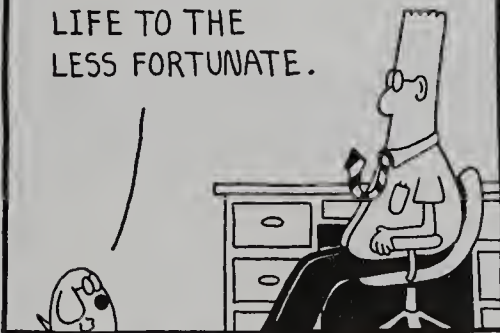
BUT I'M REALLY  
DATING MYSELF  
NOW...



WELL, IT'S NOT  
AS IF ANYBODY  
ELSE WOULD  
DATE YOU.



I'VE DECIDED TO  
DEDICATE MY  
LIFE TO THE  
LESS FORTUNATE.



THAT'S VERY NOBLE  
OF YOU, DOGBERT.  
WILL YOU BE WORKING  
WITH THE HOMELESS,  
OR PERHAPS  
THE HUNGRY?

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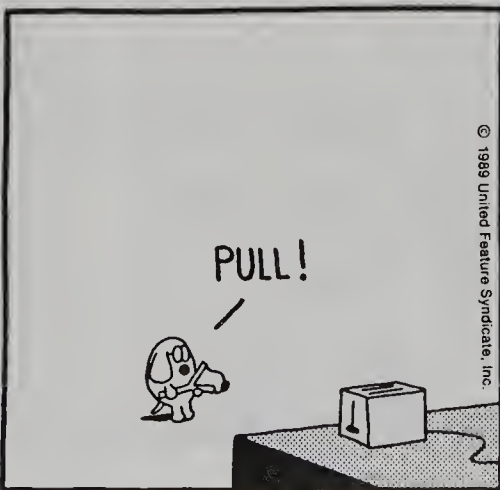
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I THOUGHT I'D START  
WITH PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T  
BUY REAL ESTATE IN THE  
70's ... MAYBE WORK  
MY WAY UP TO THAT  
OTHER STUFF.

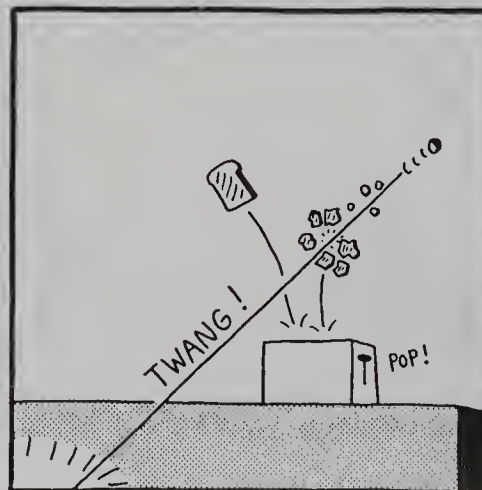


PULL!



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TWANG!



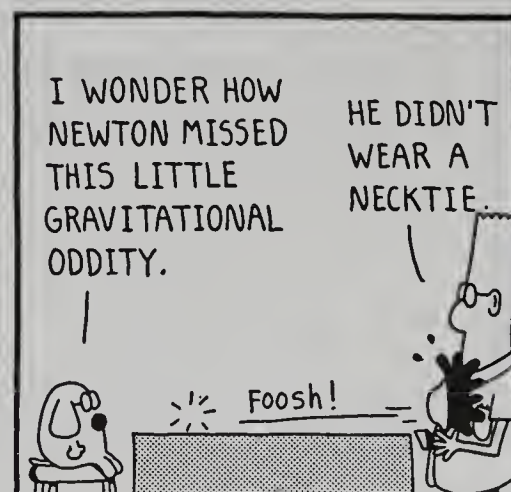
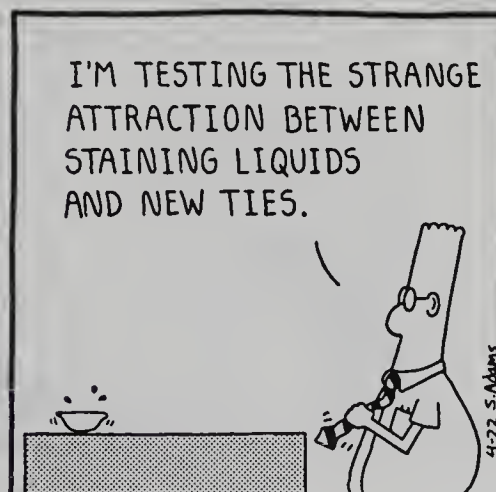
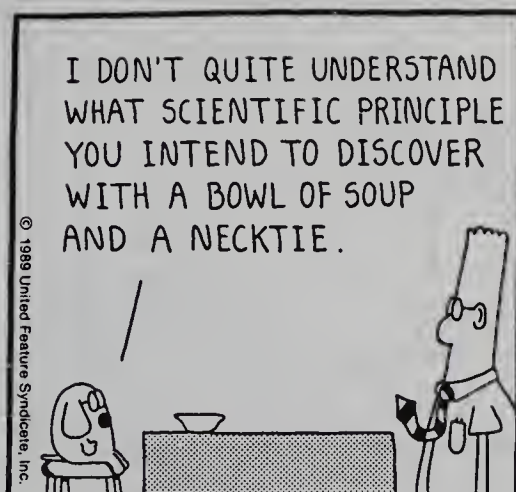
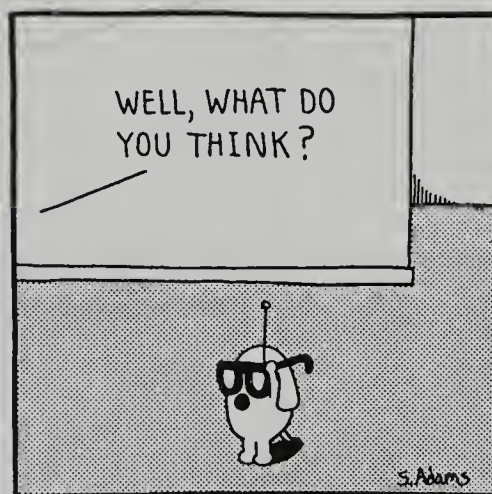
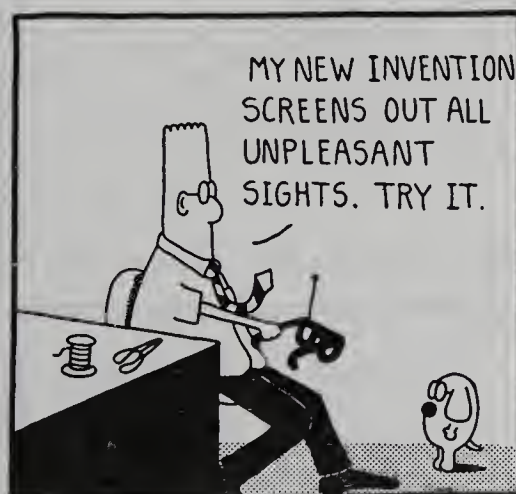
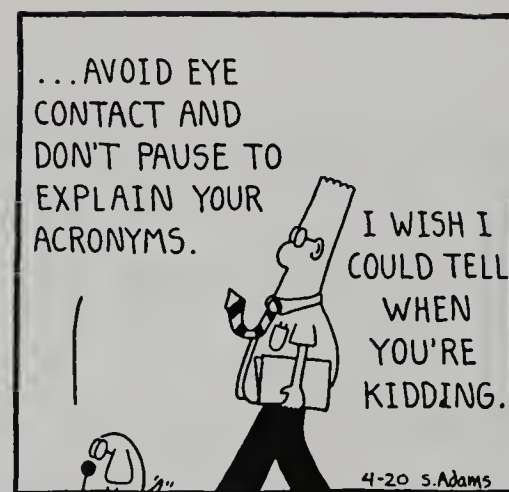
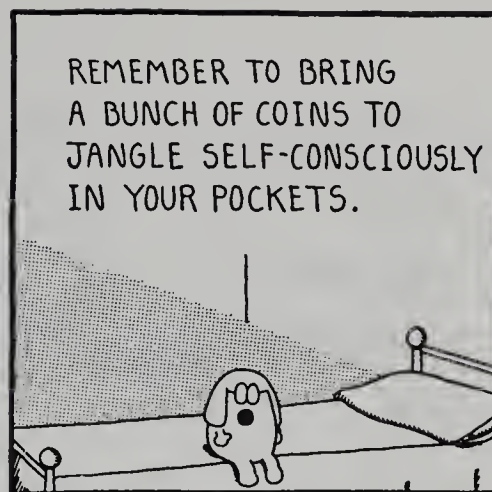
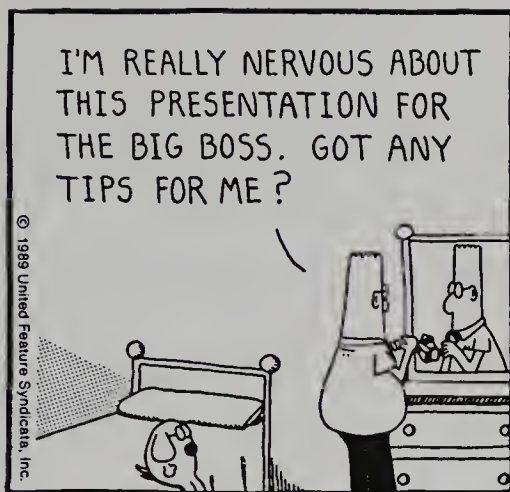
PEOPLE WHO DON'T PLAY  
WITH THEIR FOOD ARE  
MISSING A LOT.

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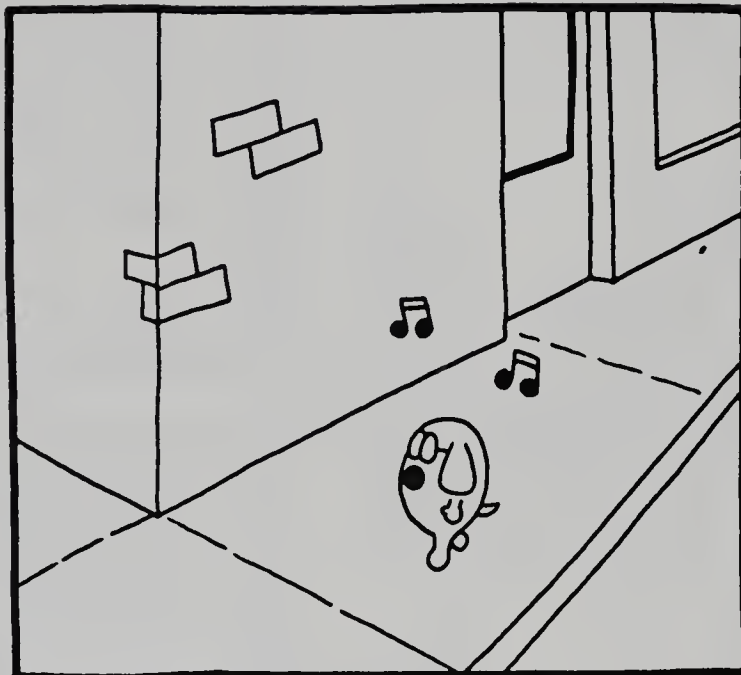


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I TOOK TIME OUT FROM  
MY THRIVING LAW  
PRACTICE TO COME TALK  
TO YOU ABOUT IT.



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THANKS DOGBERT,  
BUT I ONLY ASKED  
YOU TO GET MY  
PRESCRIPTION  
REFILL ... NOT THE  
DEED TO THE  
PHARMACY.



IN THE LONG RUN  
THIS IS MORE  
COST-EFFECTIVE.



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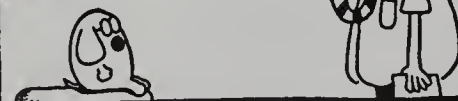


GREAT! THE ENGINEER'S BALL IS BLACK TIE THIS YEAR.



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I WILL BE RENTING A TUXEDO FOR THE BALL, AND I WOULD LIKE IT IF YOU COULD KEEP ANY SNIDE COMMENTS TO YOURSELF.



GOSH. EVEN I WOULDN'T MAKE FUN OF A GUY WHO WOULD PAY SIXTY-FIVE BUCKS TO WEAR BORROWED PANTS.



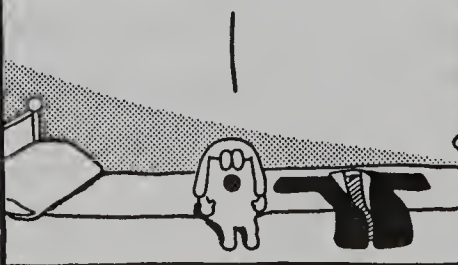
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I THOUGHT I HAD THIS TUXEDO THING FIGURED OUT. BUT WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?



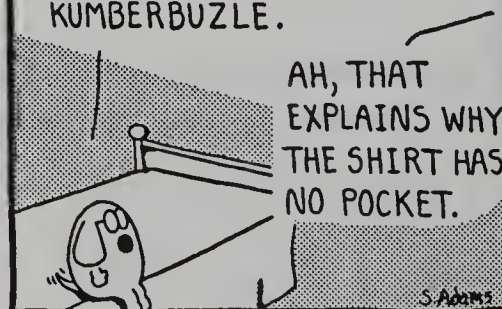
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OH, THAT'S THE KUMBERBUZLE. YOU WEAR IT ON YOUR HEAD LIKE A SWEATBAND.



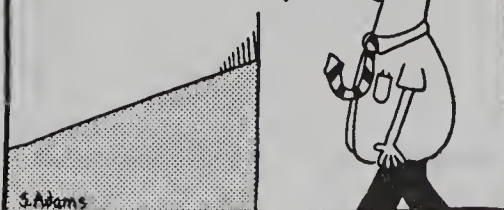
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THEN YOU CLIP YOUR PENS AND PENCILS TO THE KUMBERBUZLE.



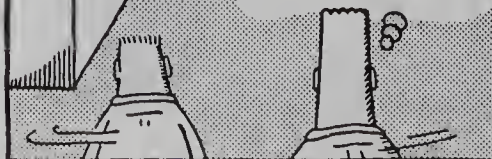
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OH NO... IF THIS GUY TURNS LEFT WHEN I GO RIGHT, WE'LL END UP WALKING DOWN THE HALL RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER.



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I HATE THIS... A HUGE, EMPTY HALLWAY AND HERE WE ARE SYNCHRONIZED LIKE TWO OF THE ROCKETTES.



... SO THAT'S WHEN I KNOCKED ON THE LADIES' ROOM DOOR, YELLED "JANITOR" AND DUCKED INSIDE.

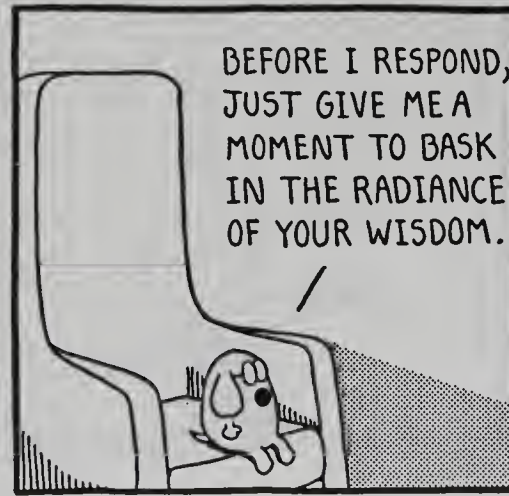
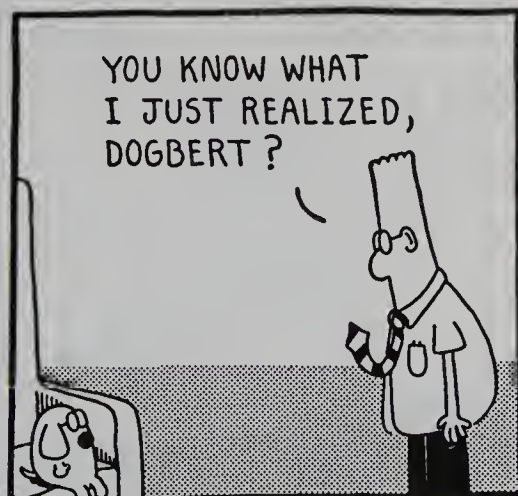
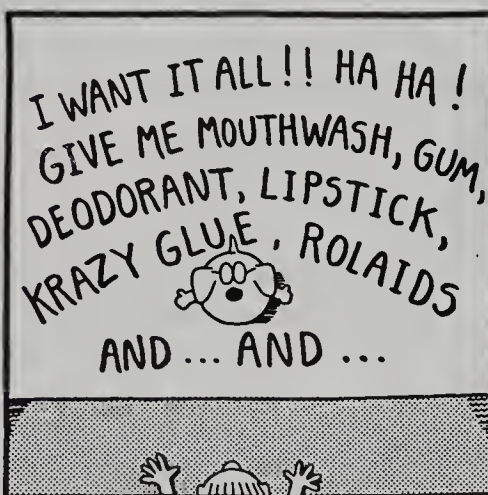
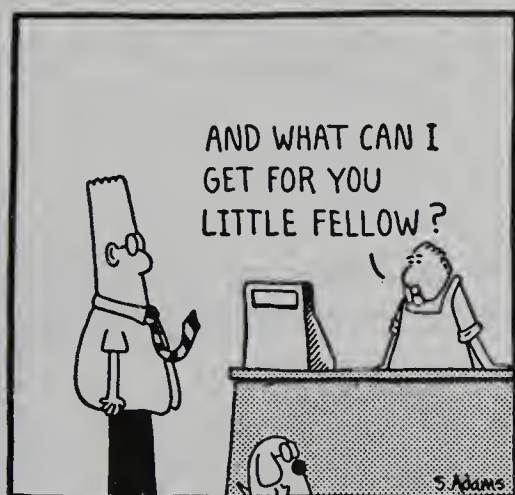
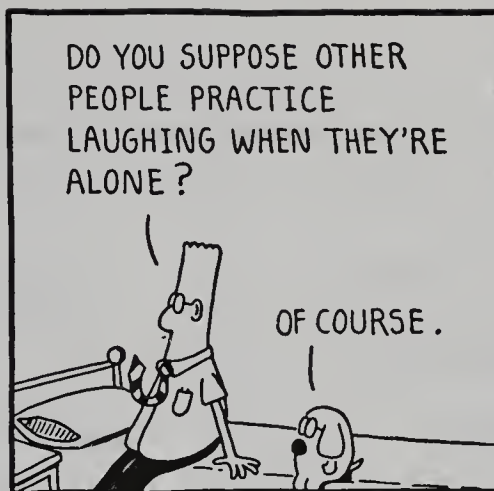
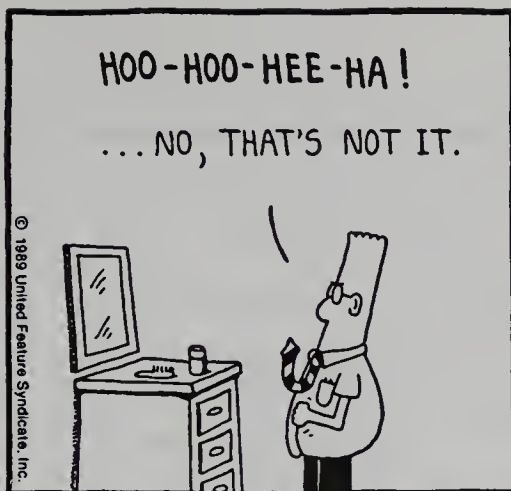


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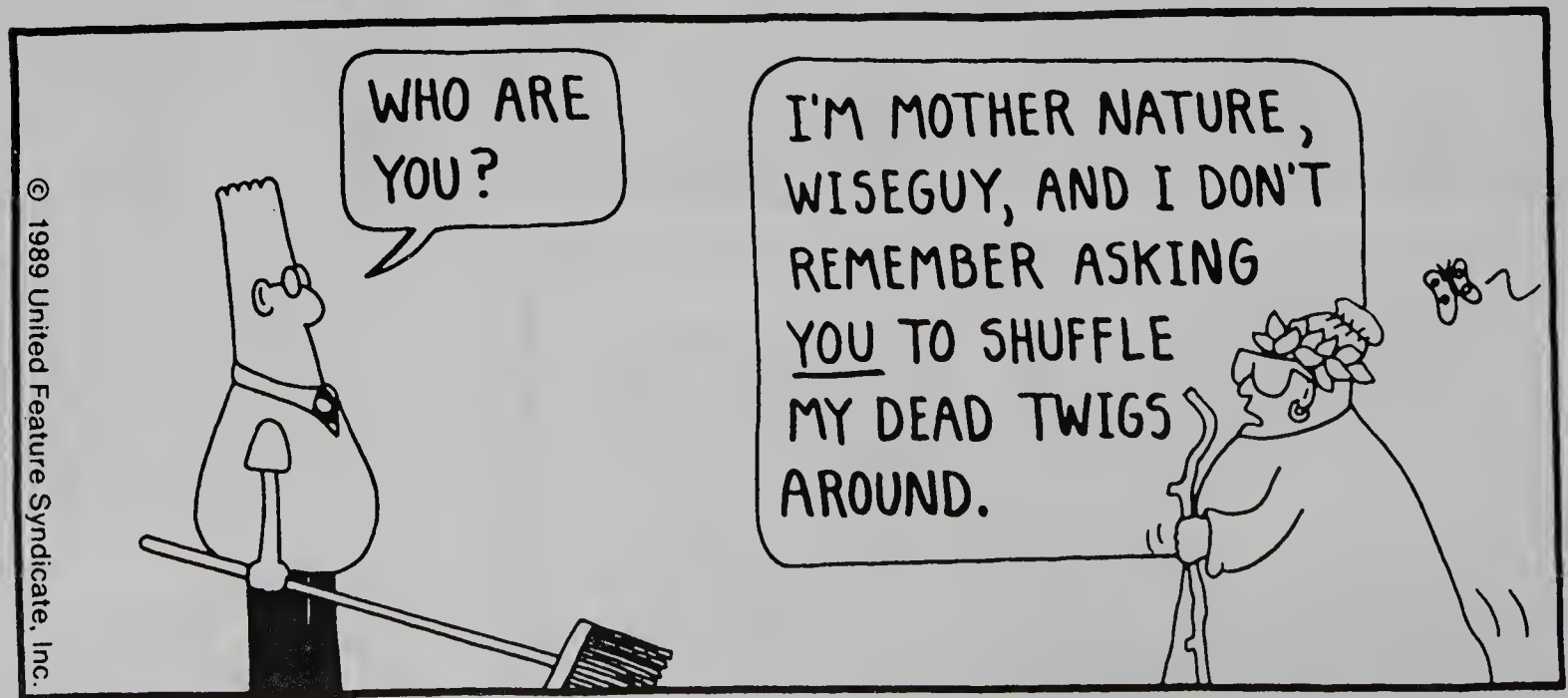
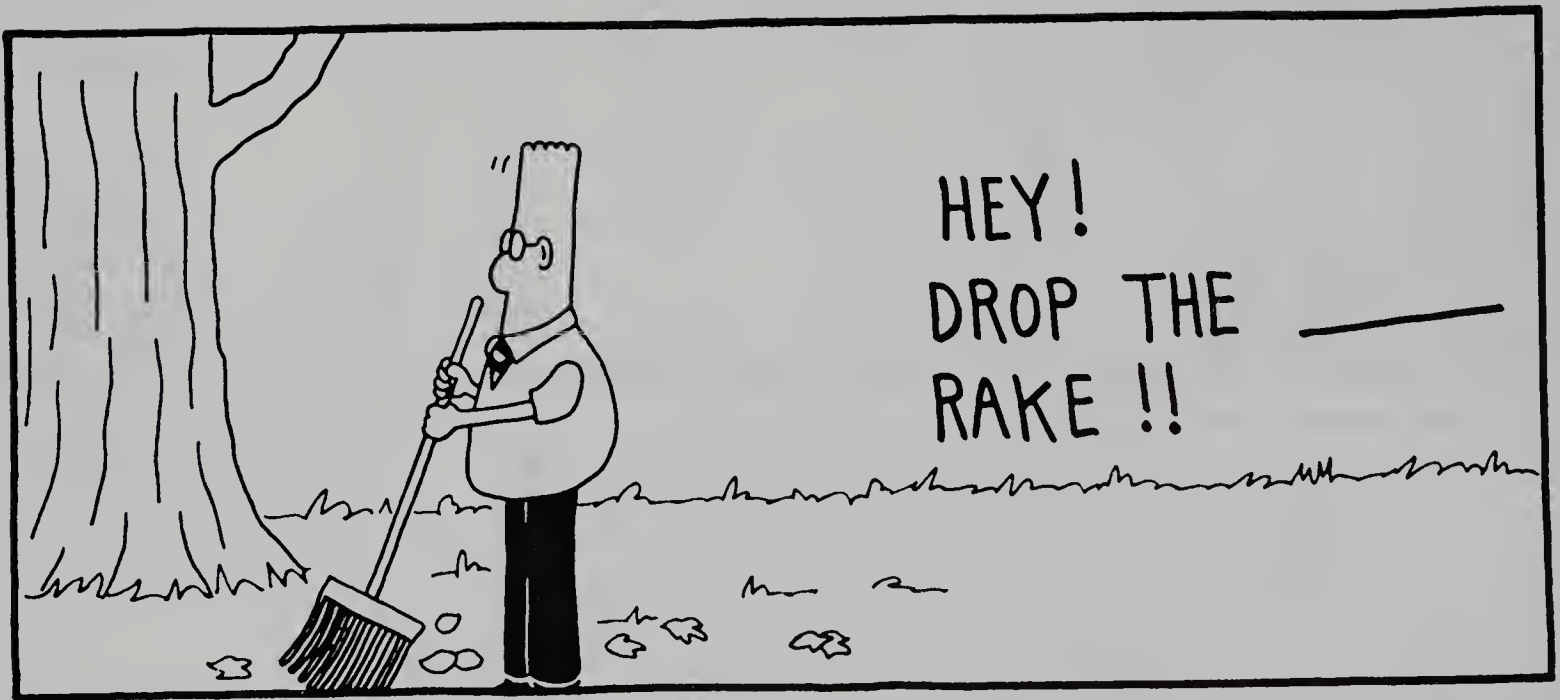
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AT LEAST YOU MAINTAINED YOUR DIGNITY.







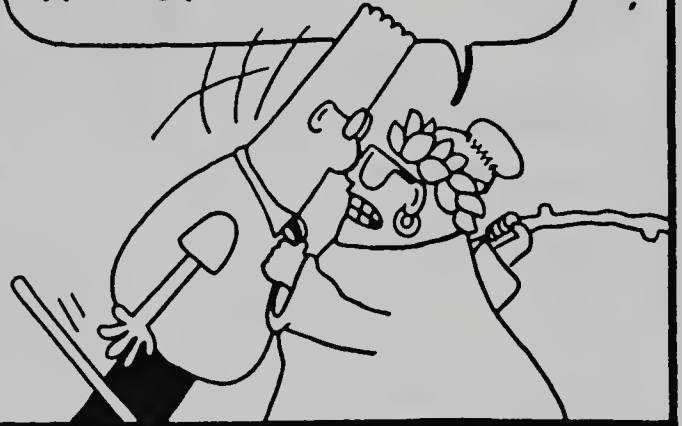


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UH... GOSH, I WAS JUST TRYING TO TIDY UP A BIT FOR SPRING...



ARE YOU SAYING YOU DON'T LIKE MY HOUSEKEEPING !!



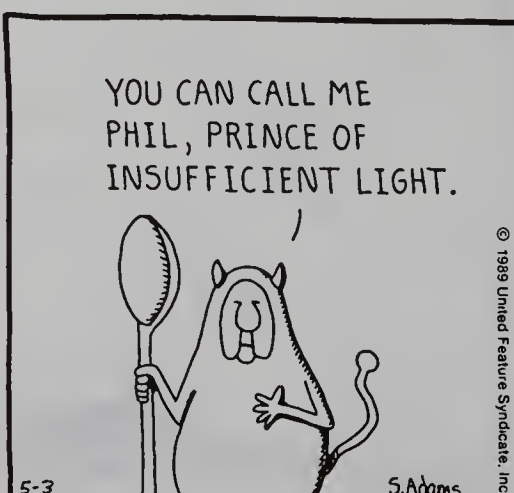
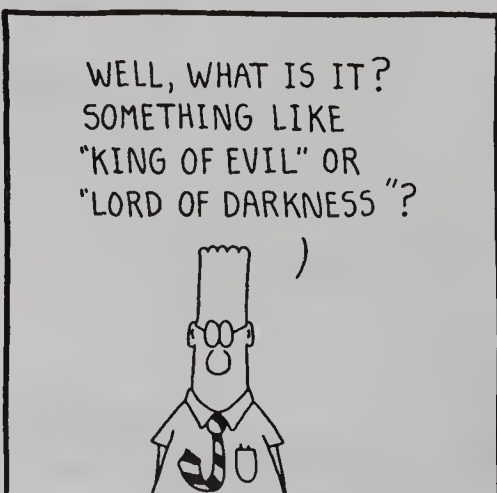
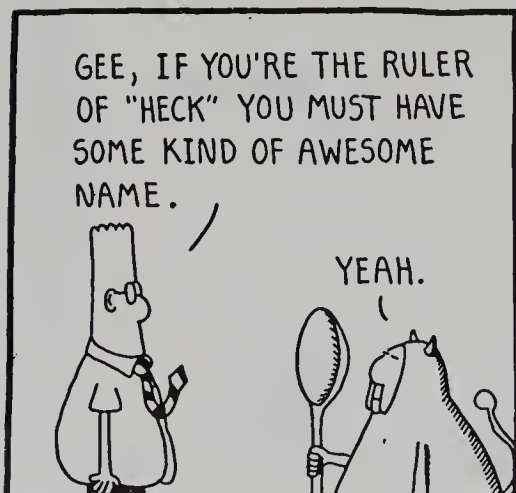
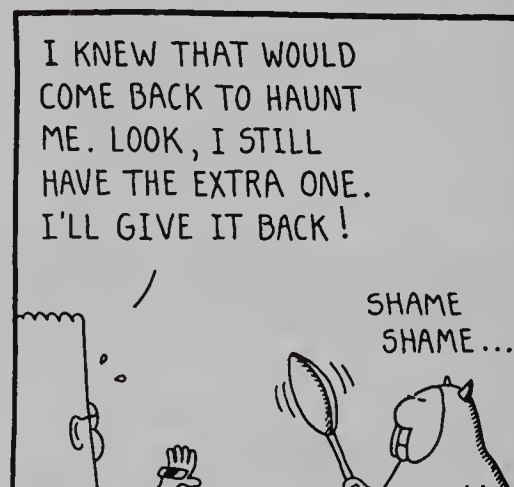
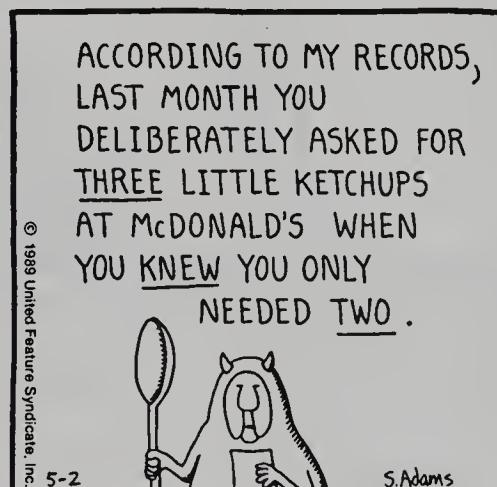
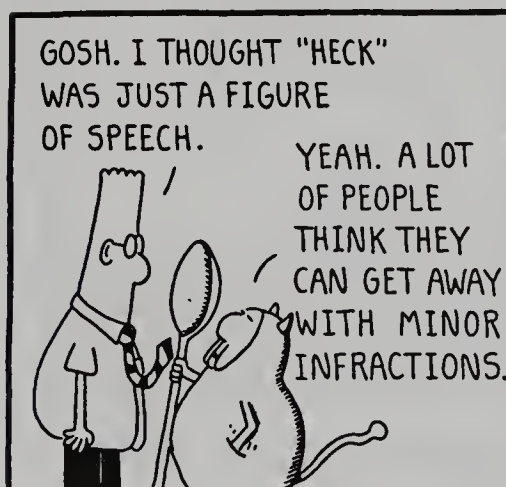
BUT I ...



THAT'S IT. NO DINNER FOR YOU TONIGHT, AND I'M SENDING LOCUSTS TO EAT YOUR HOUSE.



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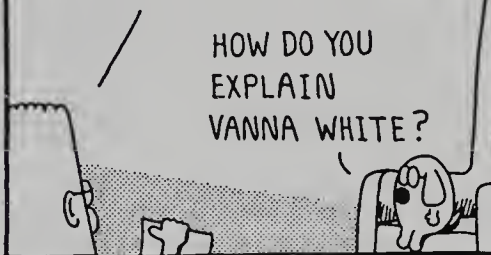
AH HAH! JUST AS I  
SUSPECTED.



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HERE IT IS: MATHEMATICAL  
PROOF THAT ATTRACTIVE SINGLE  
WOMEN EXIST ONLY IN WHITE  
VOLKSWAGEN RABBITS AND  
AEROBICS CLASSES.

HOW DO YOU  
EXPLAIN  
VANNA WHITE?



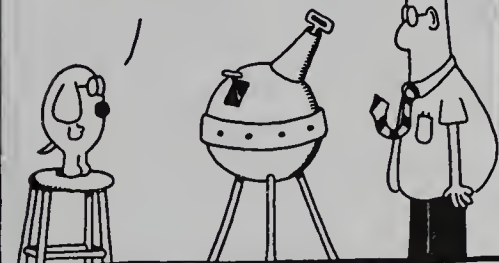
I WONDER IF ISAAC  
NEWTON HAD A DOG.

OR A  
GIRLFRIEND.



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I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE  
A LAWYER BEFORE  
UNLEASHING THIS NEW  
INVENTION ON  
MANKIND.



LATER...

... I'M AFRAID MY NEW  
INVENTION WILL EXPOSE  
ME TO LOTS OF LAWSUITS.

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WILL YOU  
ADVISE  
ME?

NO. SOUNDS  
LIKE I CAN  
MAKE MORE  
MONEY BY  
SUING YOU.



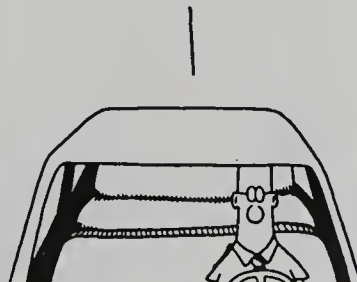
GEE, HOW COULD ANY-  
BODY BE OPPOSED TO  
BUILDING MORE ROADS?



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EVERY TIME I SEE  
HIGHWAY CONSTRU-  
CTION ...



... SOME PROTESTER  
HAS ALREADY PUT UP  
A SIGN.



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YOU MAY WEAR THESE  
COMPLIMENTARY HOUSE  
JACKETS WHILE YOU  
DINE.



YOU MUST ALSO WEAR  
THESE BEAVER HATS  
AND CLOWN FEET.



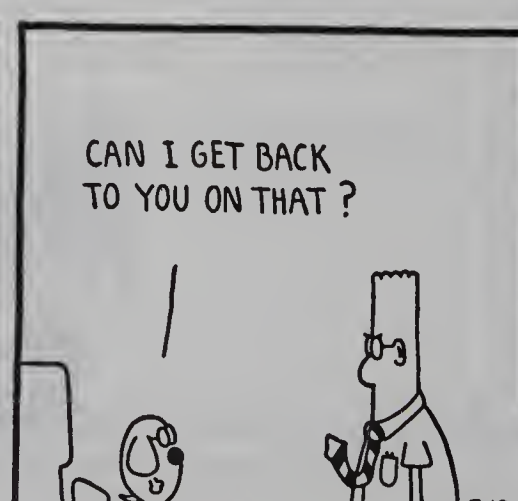
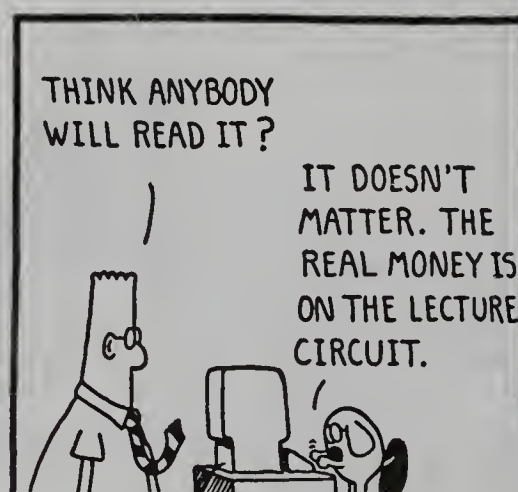
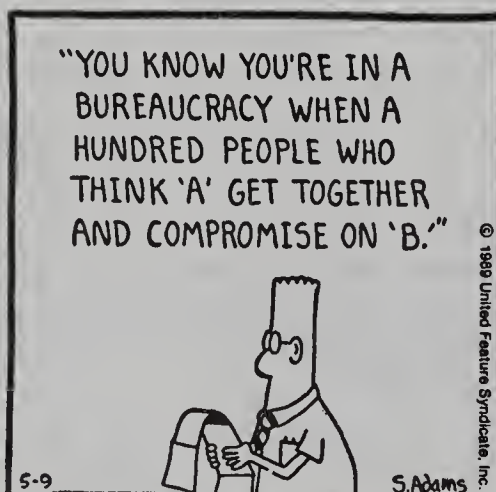
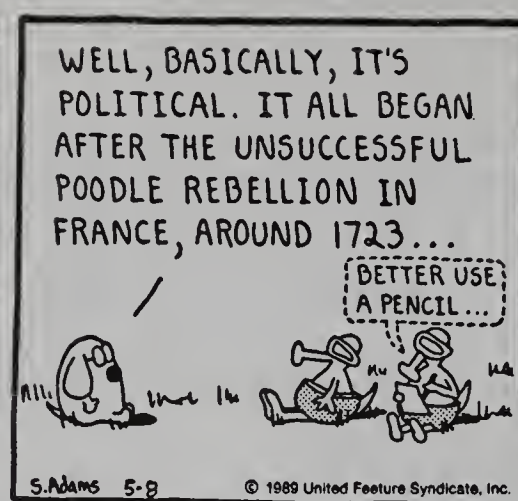
NEXT TIME MESSIEURS  
WILL REMEMBER THEIR  
JACKETS.

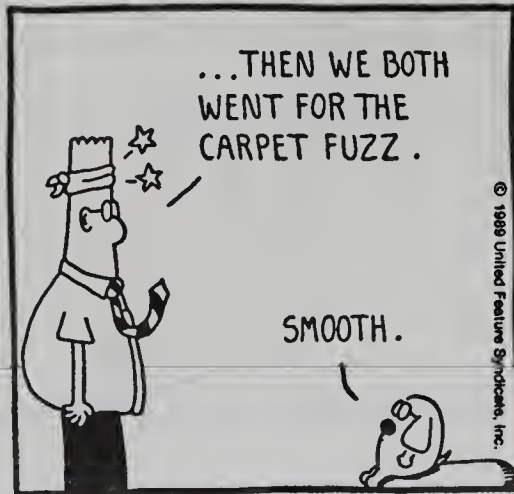
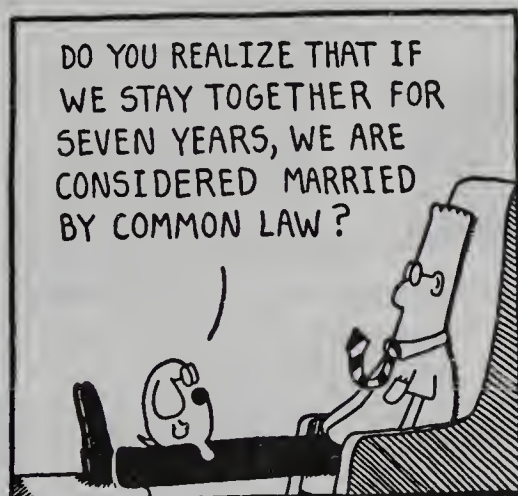
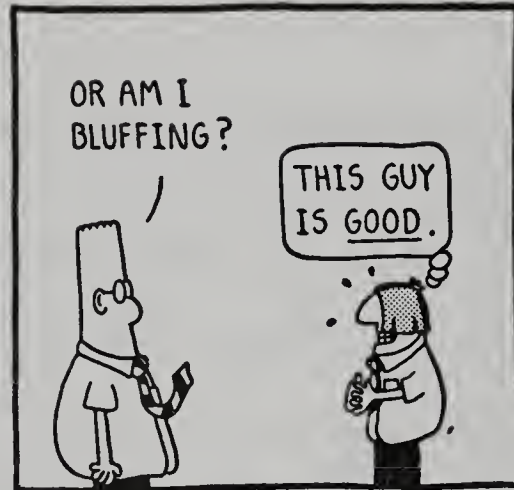
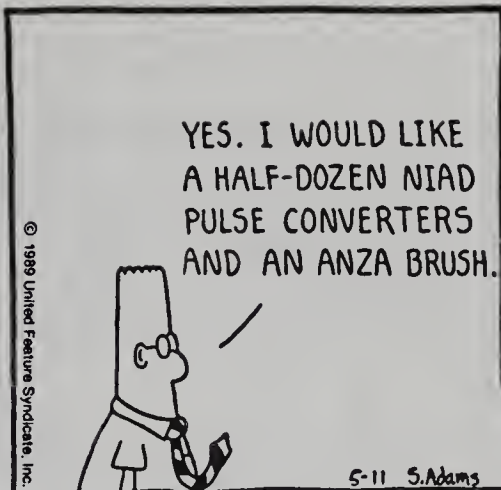
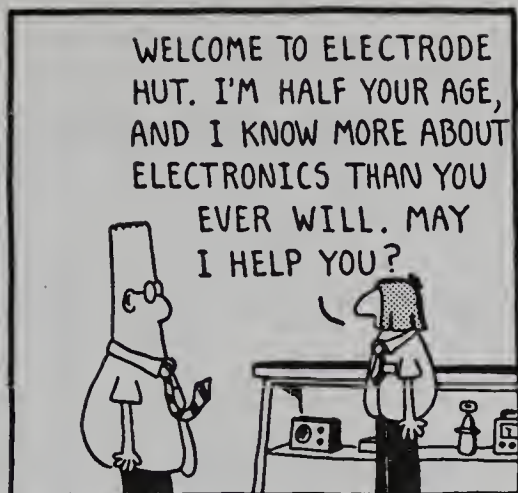


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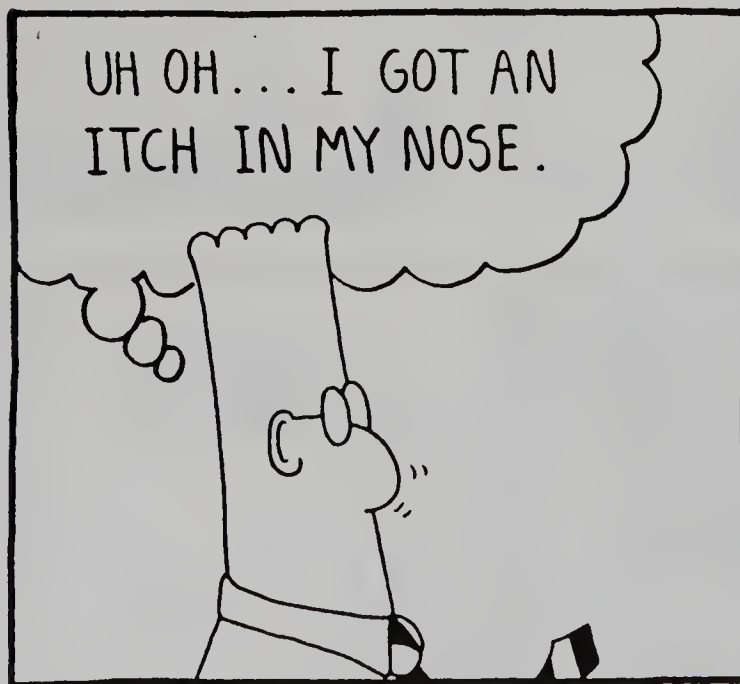
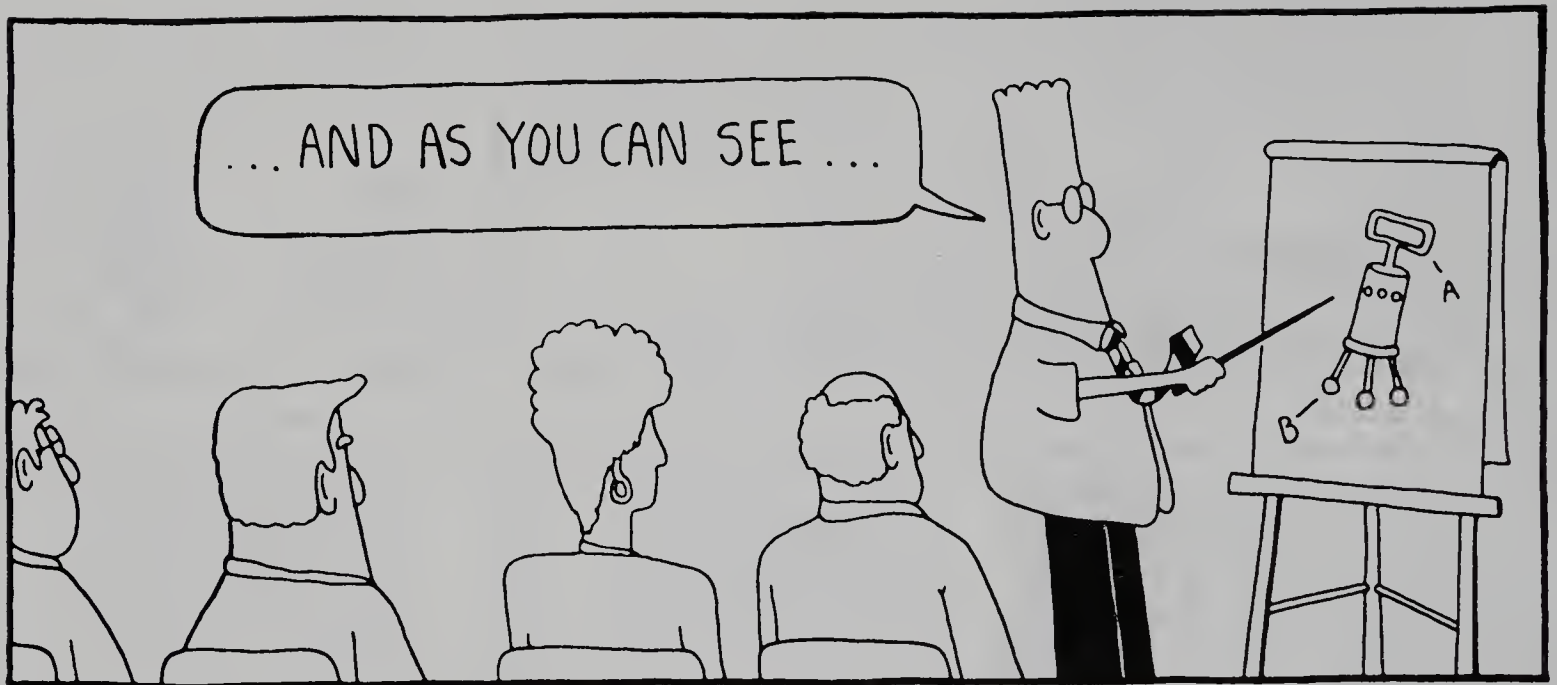
LOOKS LIKE  
WE NARROWLY  
AVOIDED  
EMBARRASSMENT.



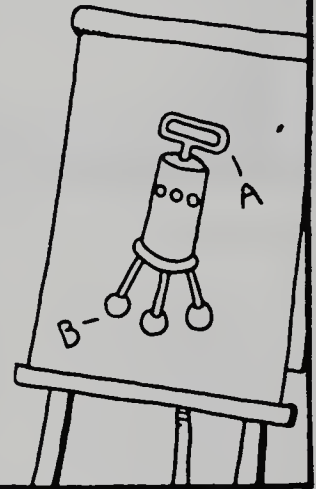








MAYBE I CAN CASUALLY  
SCRATCH IT WITH ONE  
SMOOTH GESTURE  
TOWARD THE EASEL.

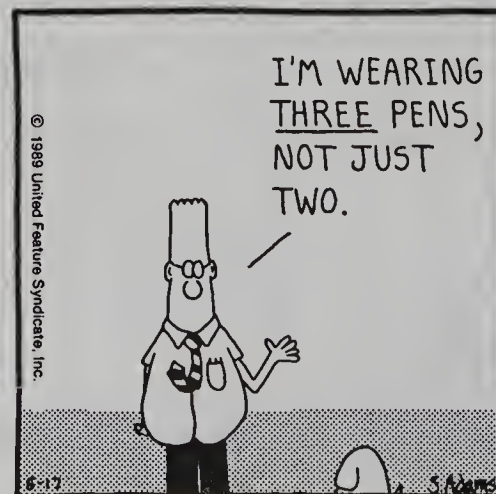
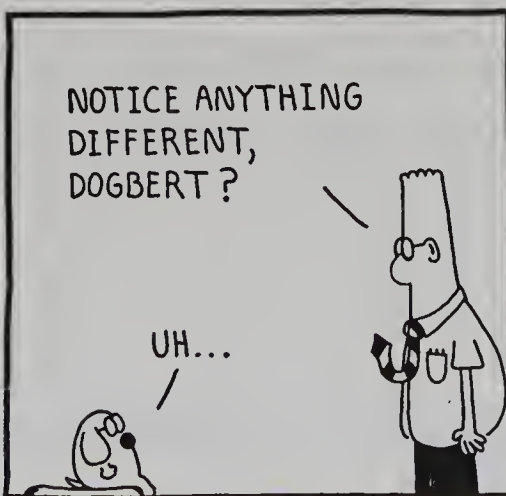
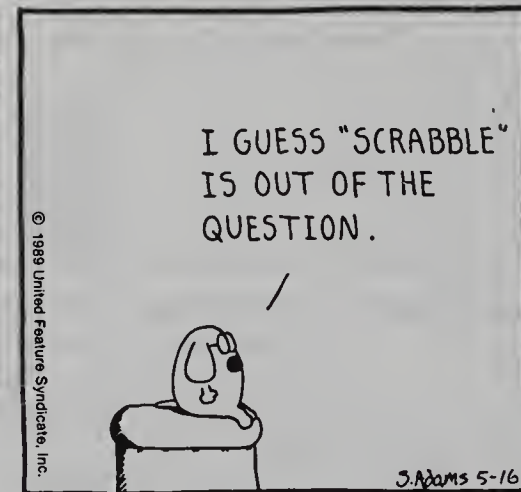
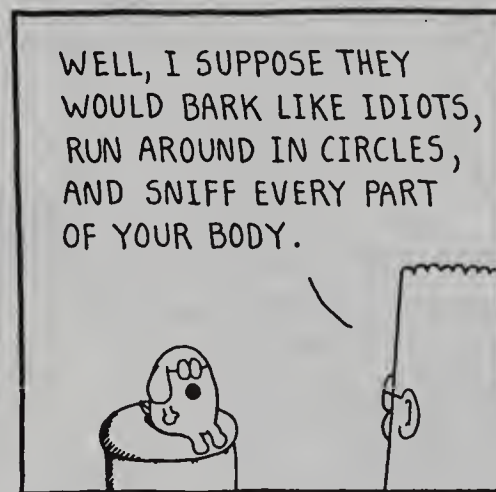
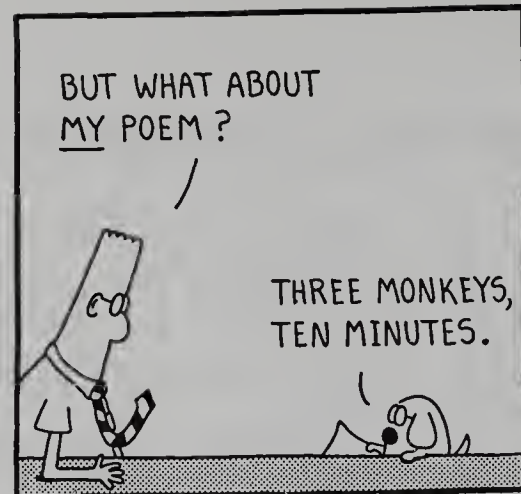
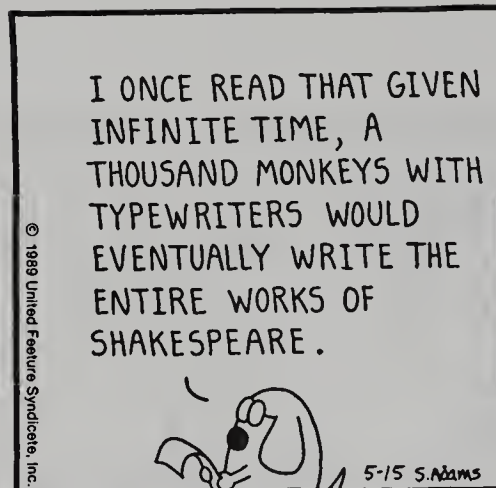


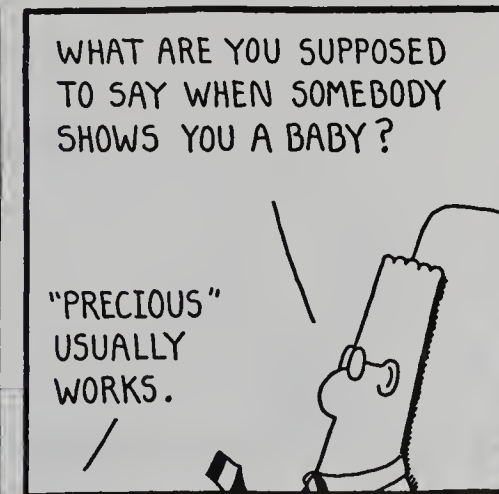
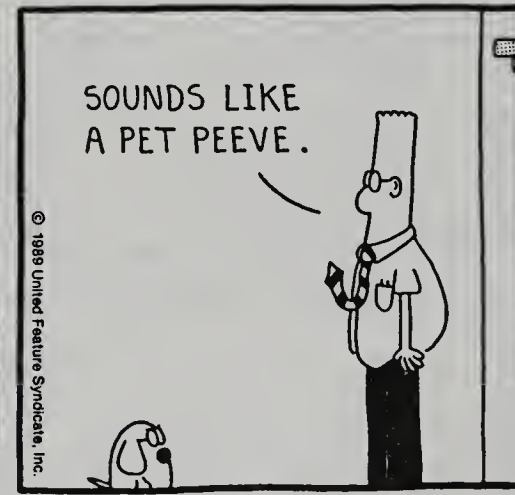
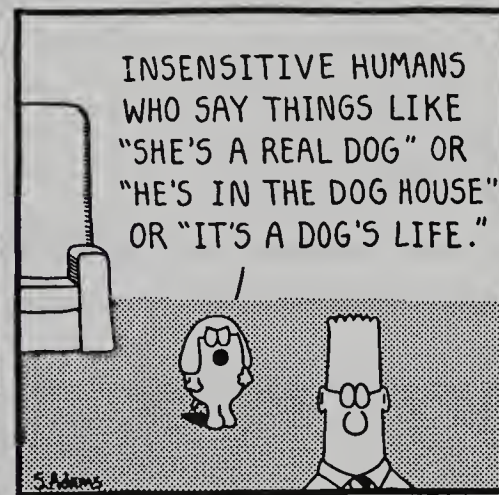
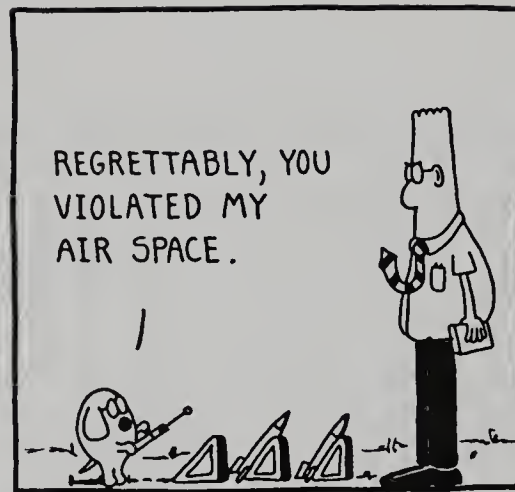
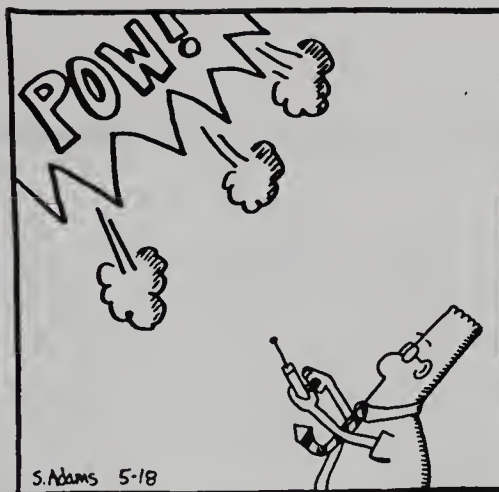
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE  
THEY THOUGHT IT WAS  
PART OF THE PRESEN-  
TATION.

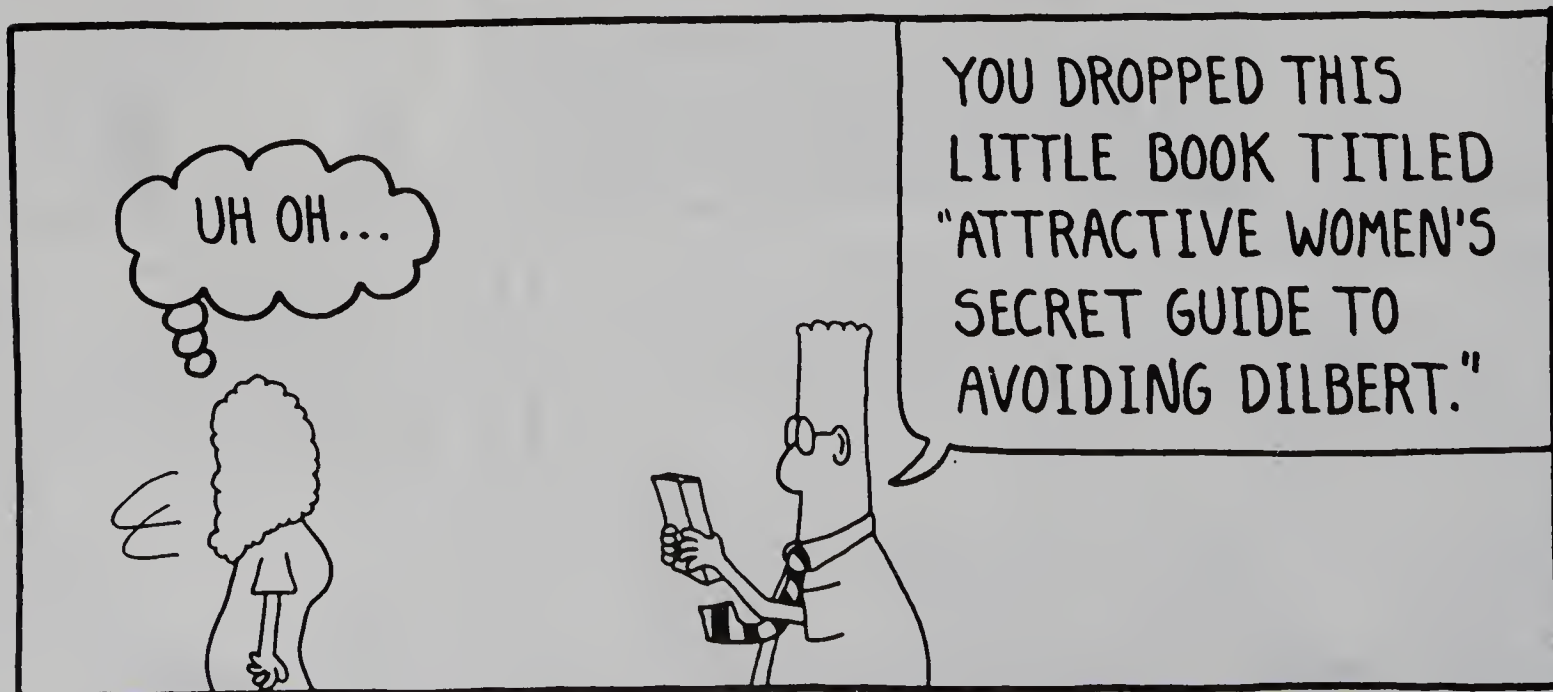
DID THE PARAMEDICS  
REMOVE THE POINTER  
OR JUST TAPE OVER  
IT?

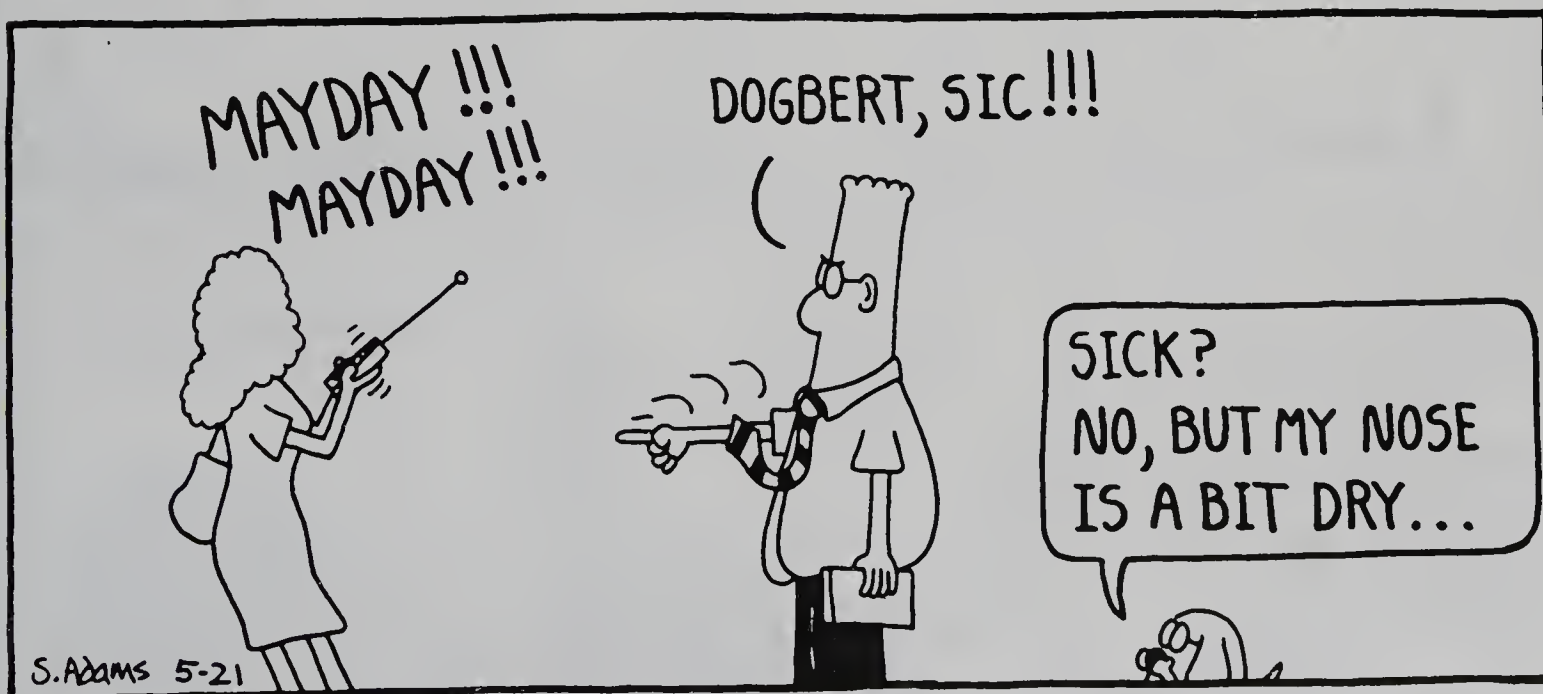
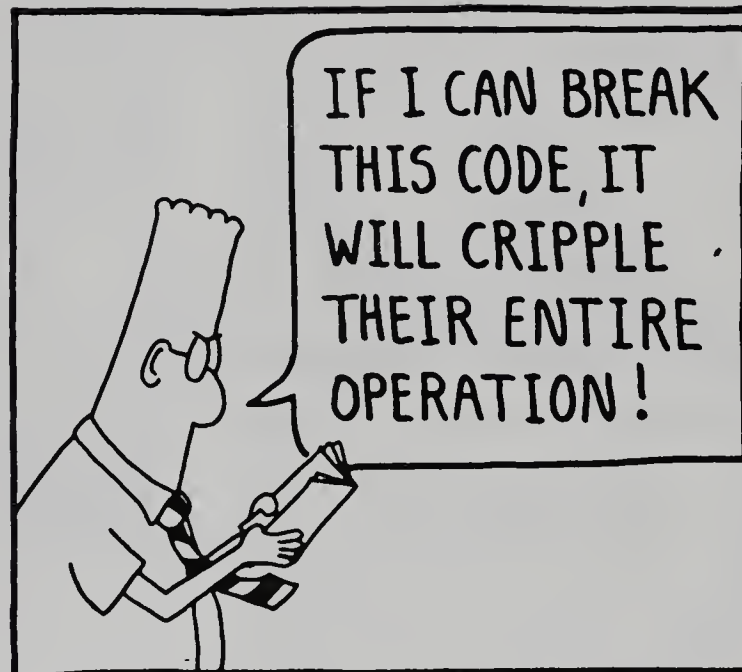
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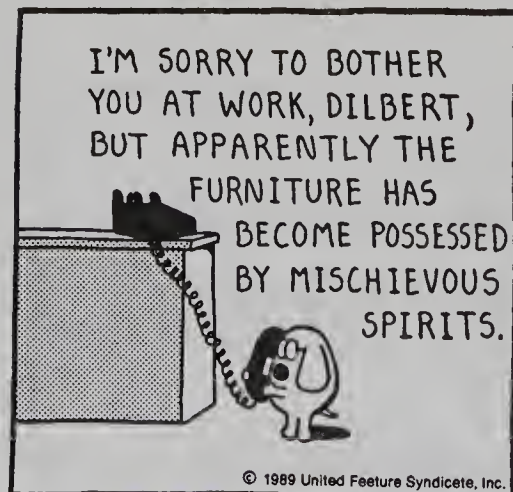
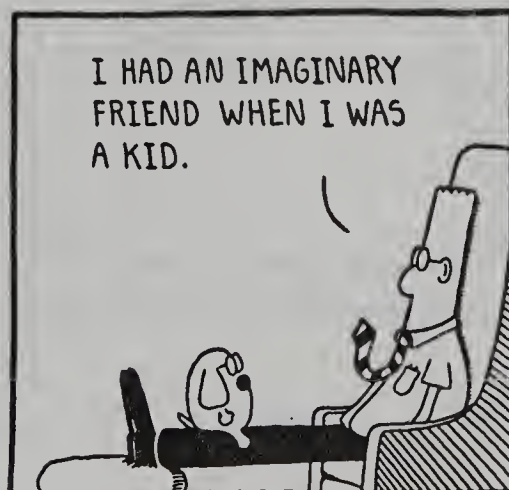
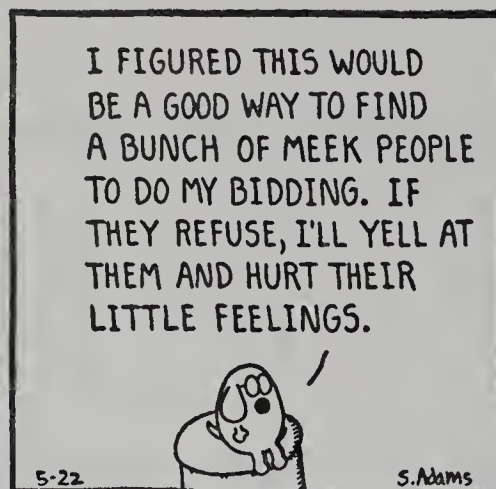
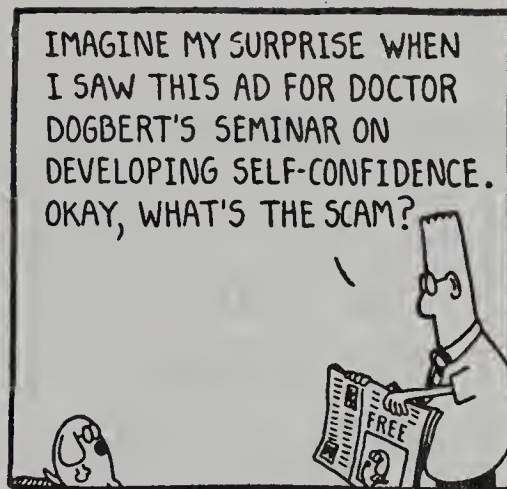




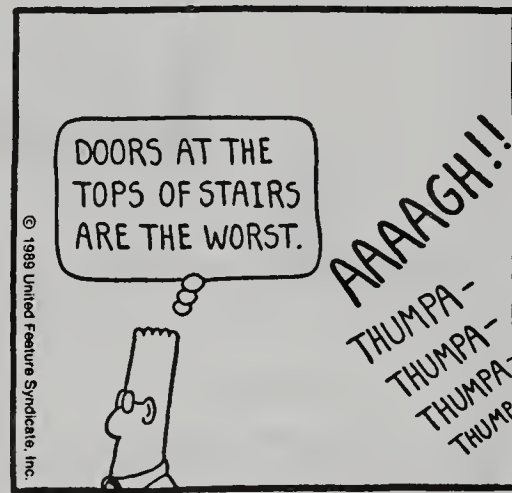
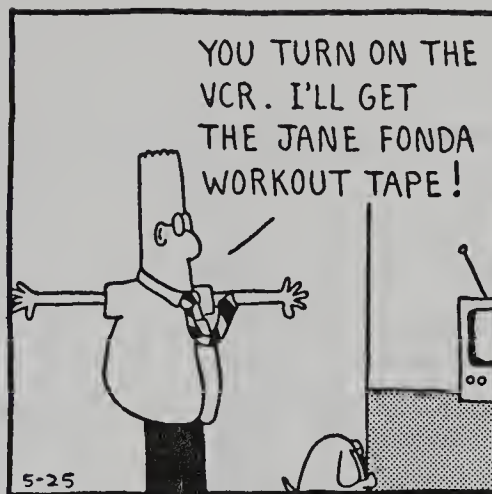


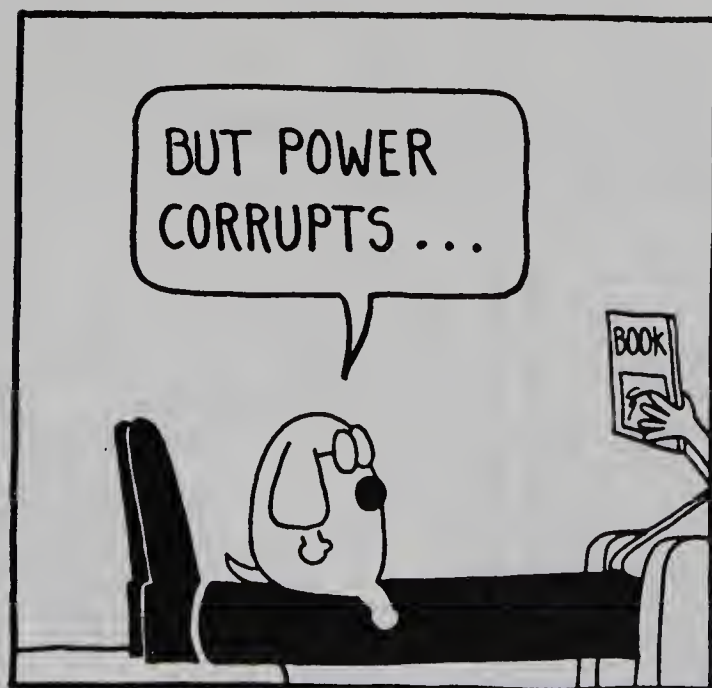
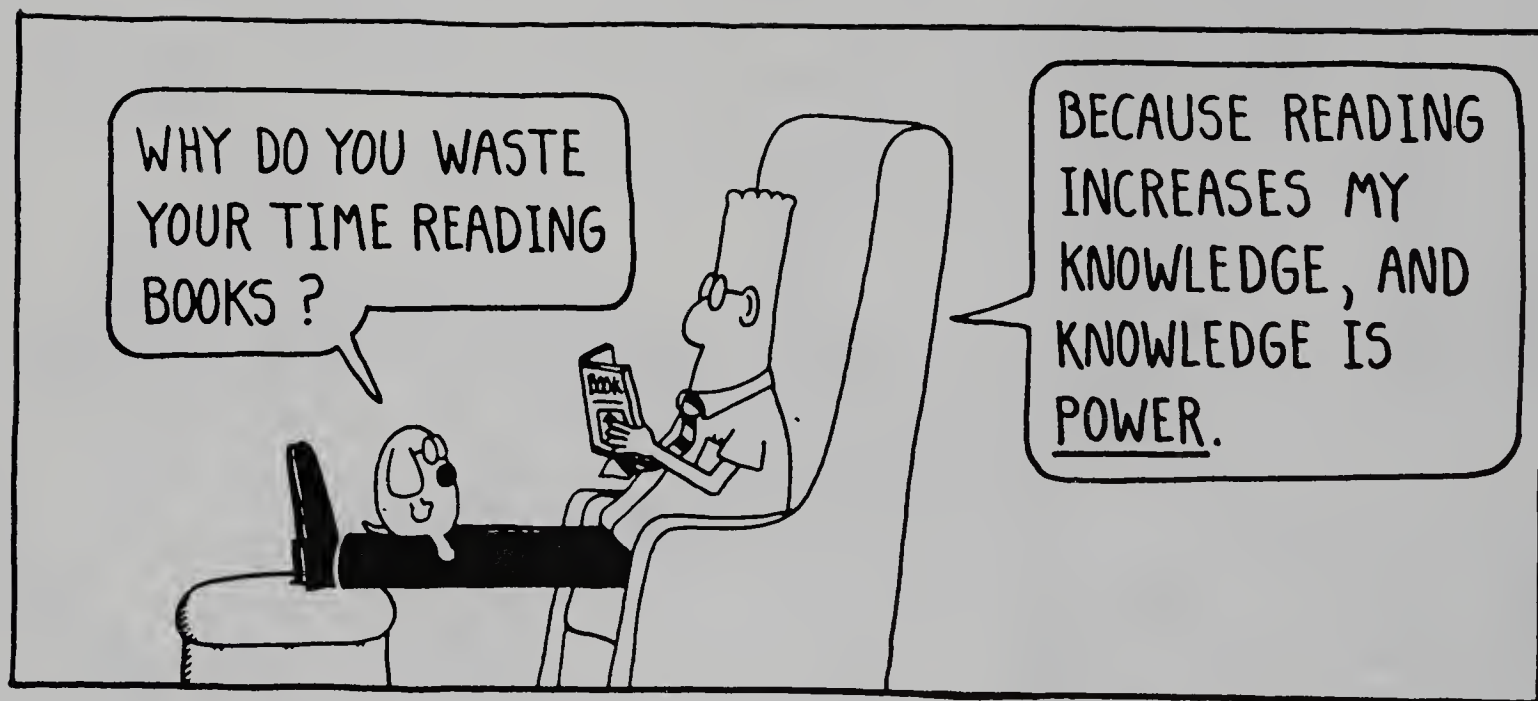












AND CRIME  
DOESN'T PAY...

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IF YOU KEEP READING,  
YOU'LL GO BROKE !!!

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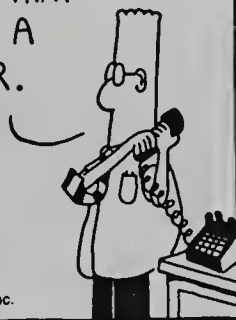
GOSH! IT ALWAYS  
SEEMED SO...SO  
...HARMLESS.

OH YEAH, THE  
LIBRARIANS  
WOULD LOVE TO  
HAVE YOU BELIEVE  
THAT!

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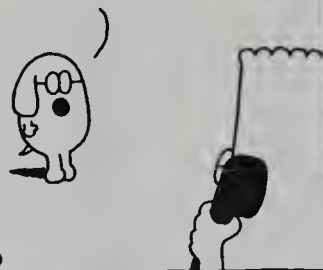


DOGBERT!  
THE POST OFFICE IS  
COMPLAINING THAT  
YOU ATTACKED A  
MAIL CARRIER.



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TELL THEM THAT I  
LOVE MAIL CARRIERS  
AND WOULD NEVER  
TRY TO HURT ONE.



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APPARENTLY THEY OBJECT  
TO THE TRANQUILIZER  
DARTS AND HOMING  
TRANSMITTERS.



BUT HOW ELSE  
CAN WE LEARN  
THEIR MIGRA-  
TION PATTERNS?

DO YOU LIKE MY  
NEW CLIP-ON  
NECKTIE?



IT'S VERY NICE. GOOD  
COLORS. NICE PATTERN.  
WHY, WITH A TIE LIKE  
THAT, DON'T BE SURPRISED  
IF YOU GET AN OFFER TO  
POSE FOR GQ MAGAZINE!



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I THINK YOU CROSSED  
THAT FINE LINE BETWEEN  
POLITE LYING AND  
OUTRIGHT SARCASM.

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THE MOMENTUM  
CARRIED ME.

WOW! ACCORDING TO MY  
COMPUTER SIMULATION,  
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE  
TO CREATE NEW LIFE  
FORMS FROM  
COMMON HOUSEHOLD  
CHEMICALS!

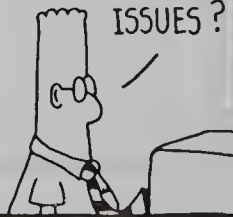


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THIS RAISES  
SOME THORNY  
ISSUES.



YOU MEAN  
LEGAL, ETHICAL  
AND RELIGIOUS  
ISSUES?



I WAS THINKING  
ABOUT PARKING  
SPACES.



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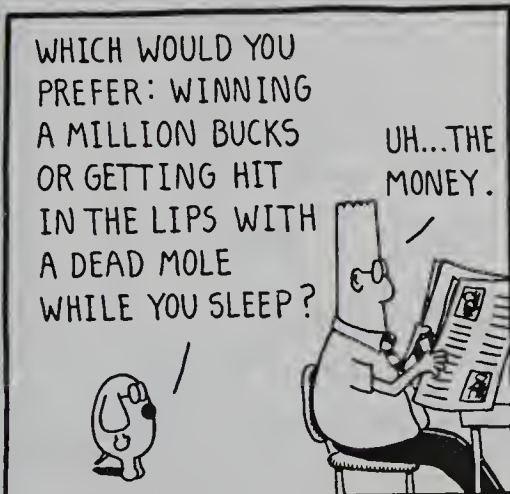
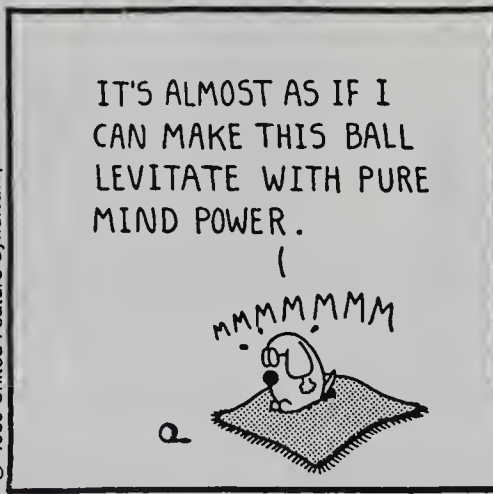


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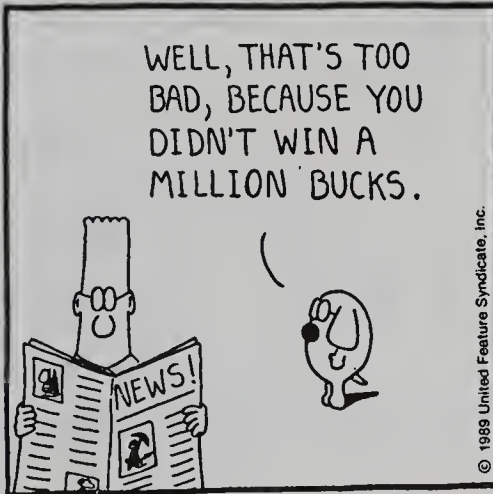


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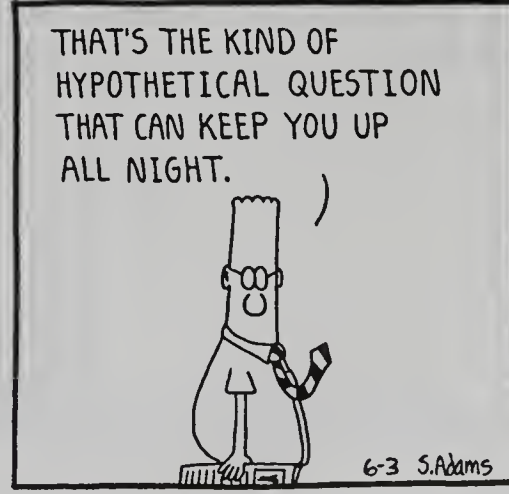
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UH...THE MONEY.

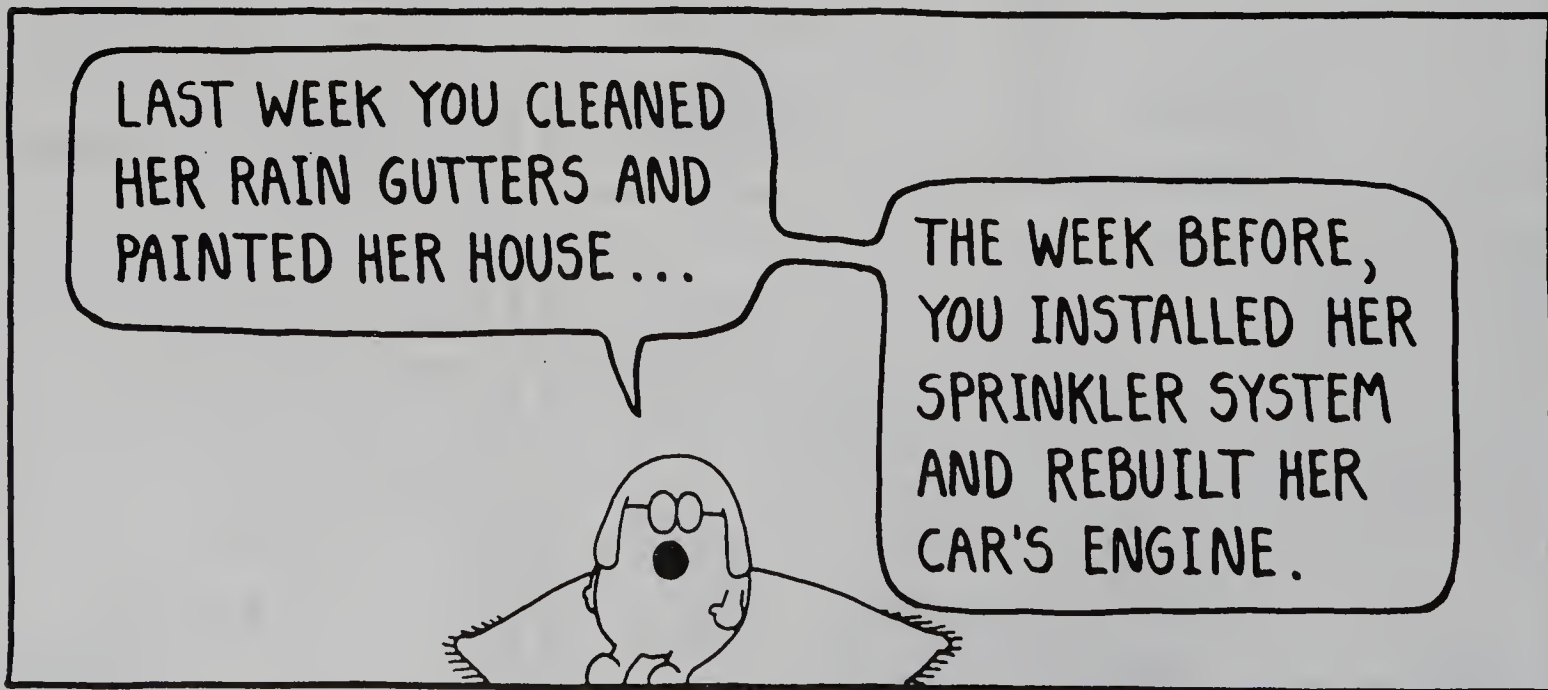
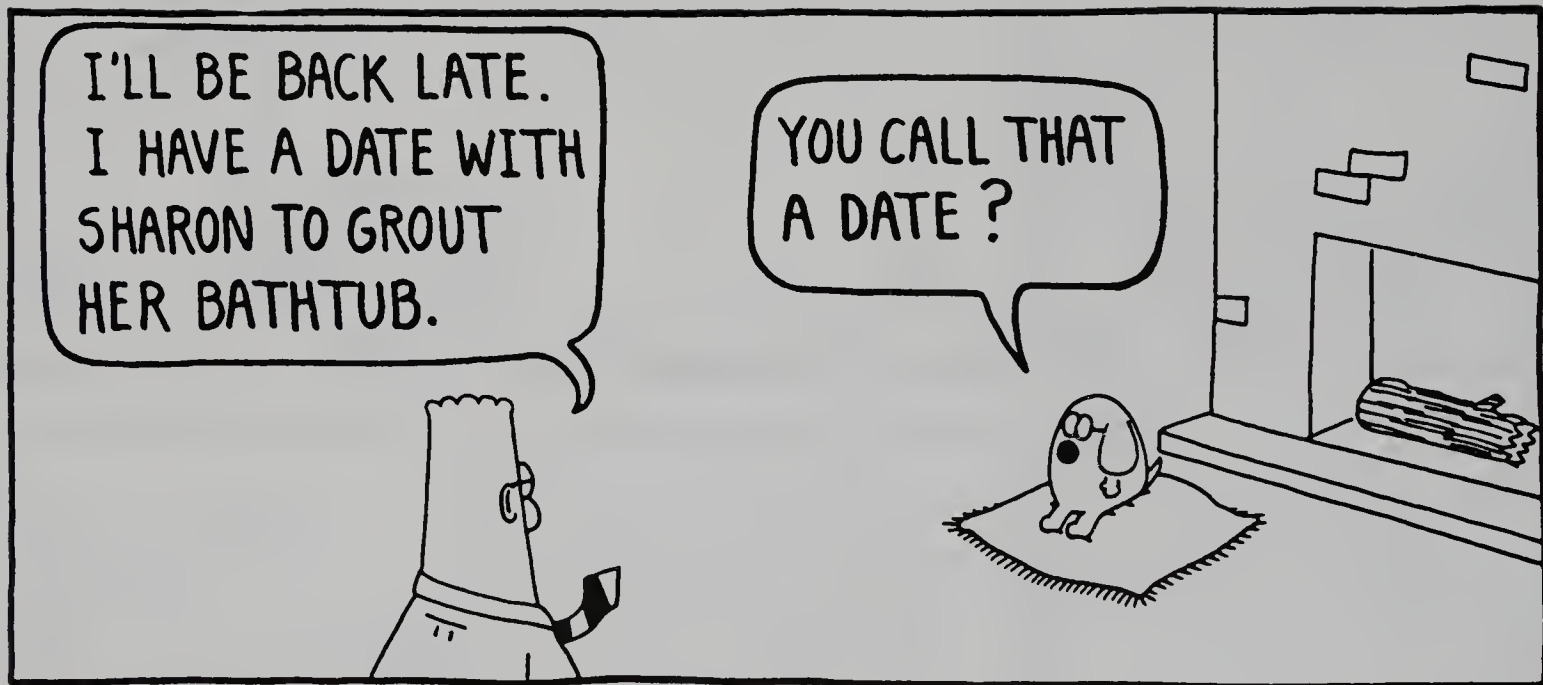


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DON'T YOU THINK SHE  
MIGHT BE USING YOU ?



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WELL... AT LEAST  
I GET LUNCH OUT  
OF THE DEAL.



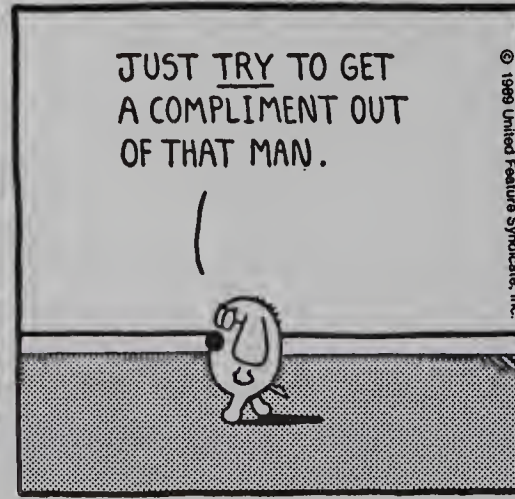
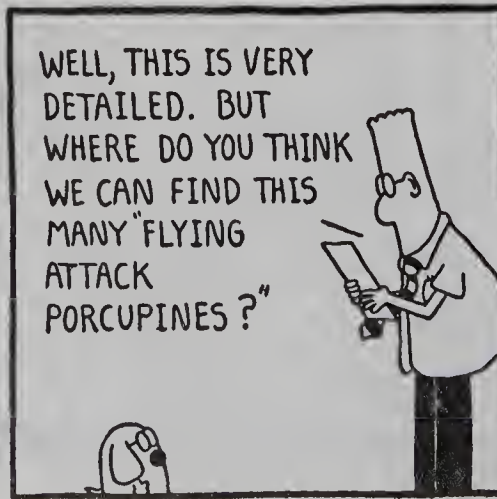
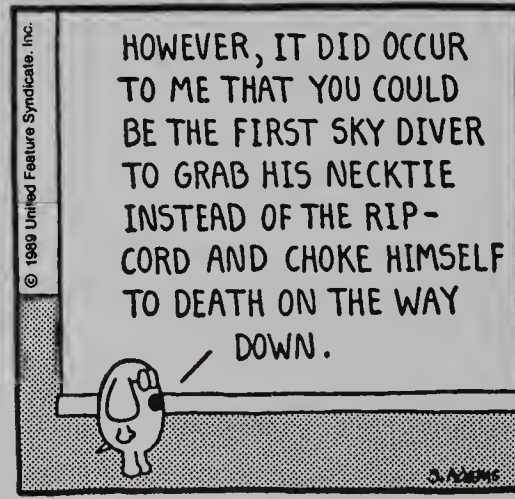
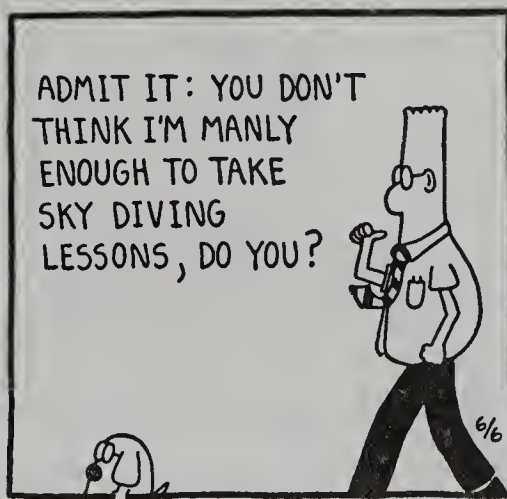
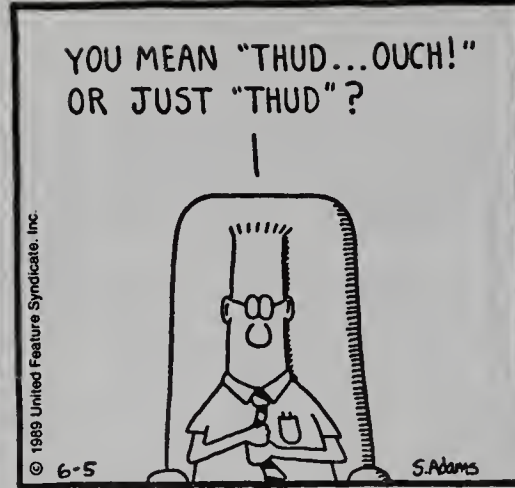
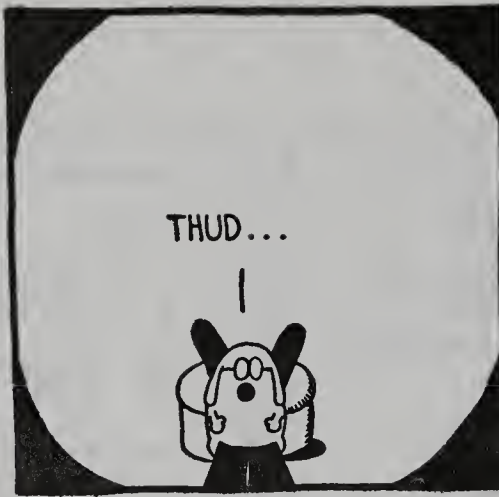
SHE ACTUALLY  
PREPARES  
FOOD FOR YOU ?



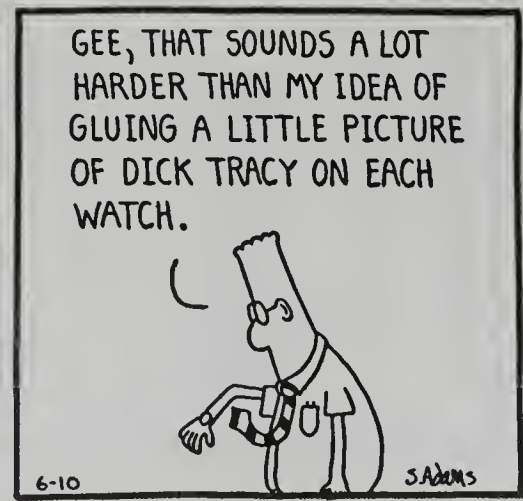
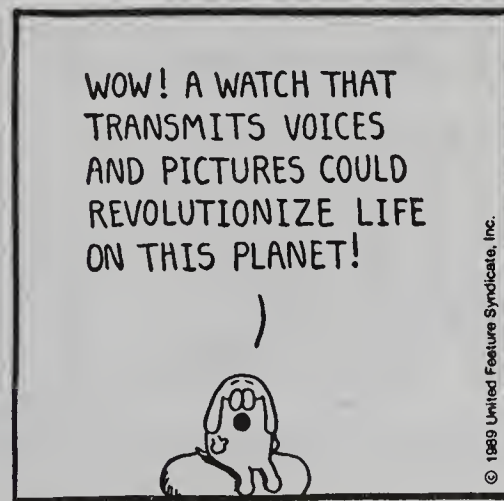
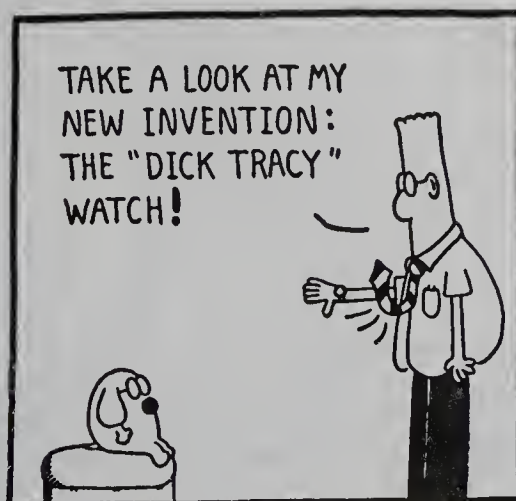
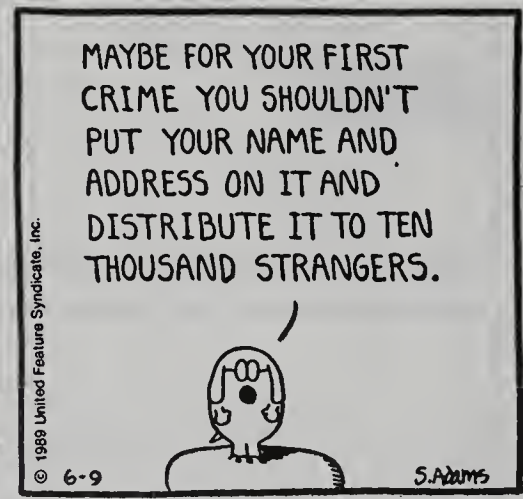
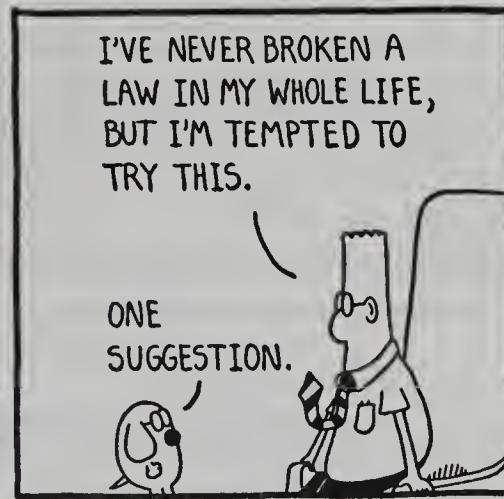
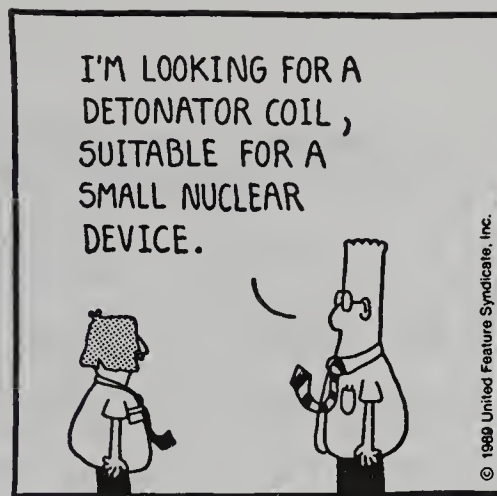
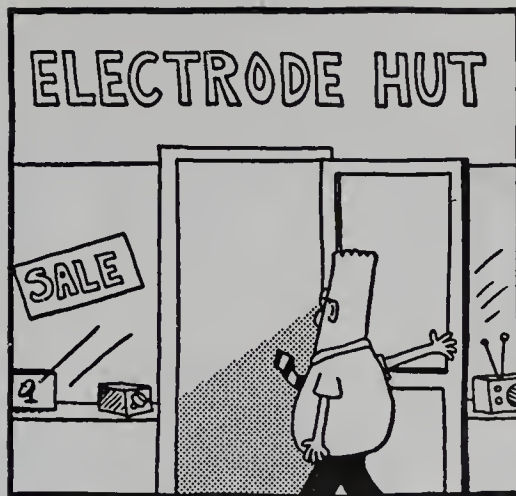
NO, BAG LUNCH.  
I GET TO  
EAT IT  
DURING  
BREAK.



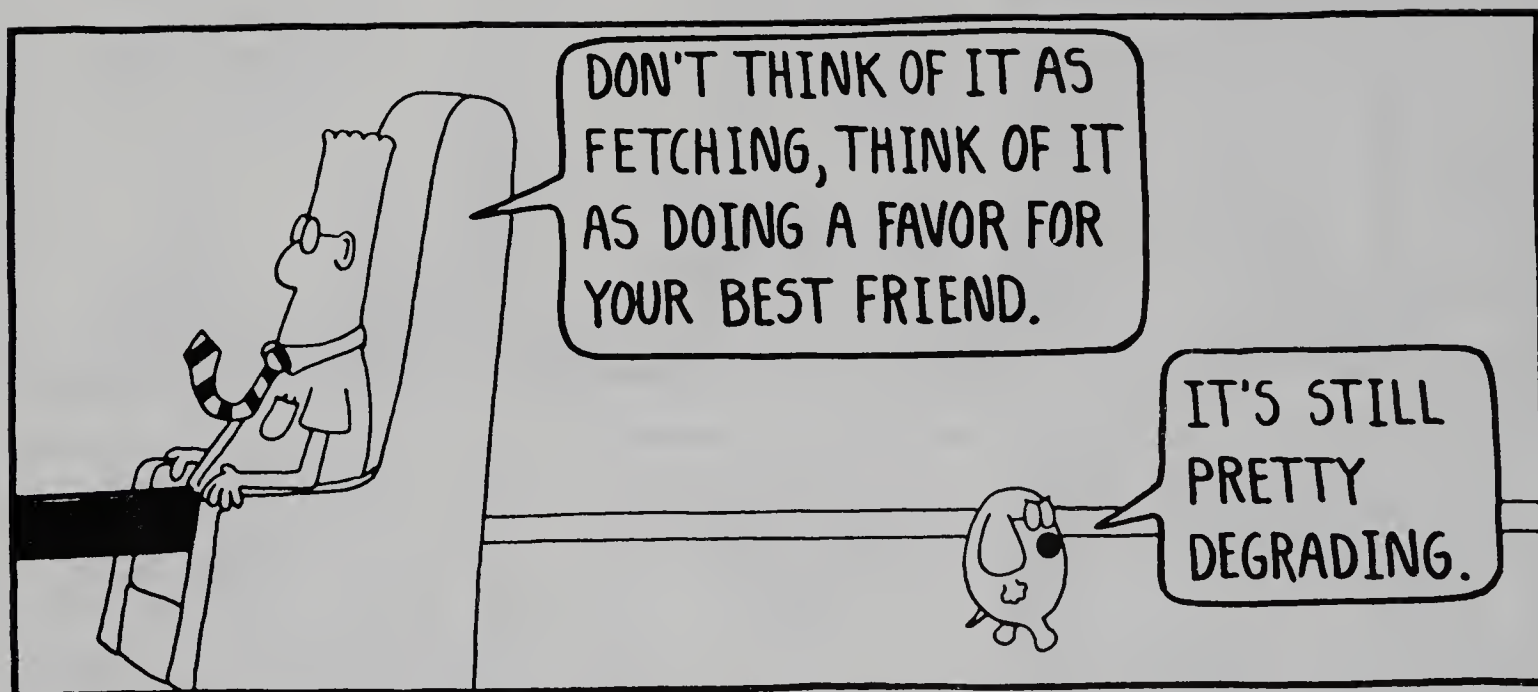
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UH OH! IT LOOKS LIKE  
MR. HEDGE CLIPPERS  
WANTS TO SPEAK TO  
MR. SLIPPERS!

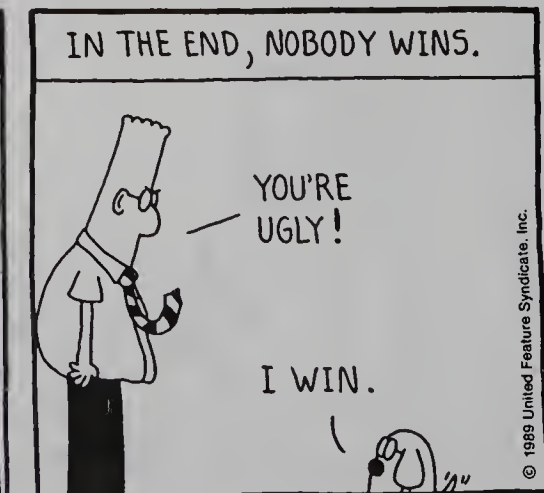
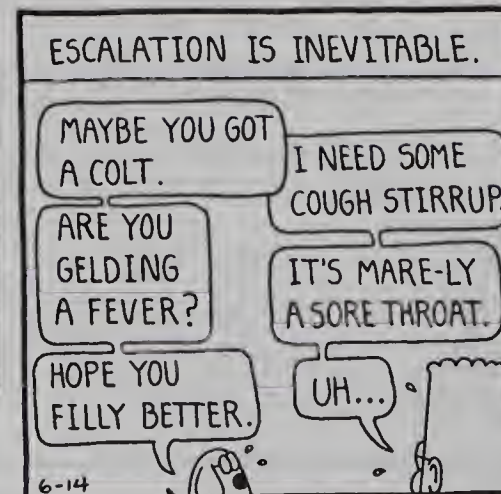
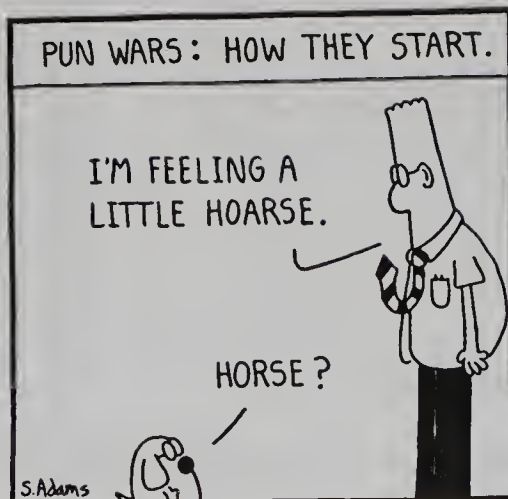
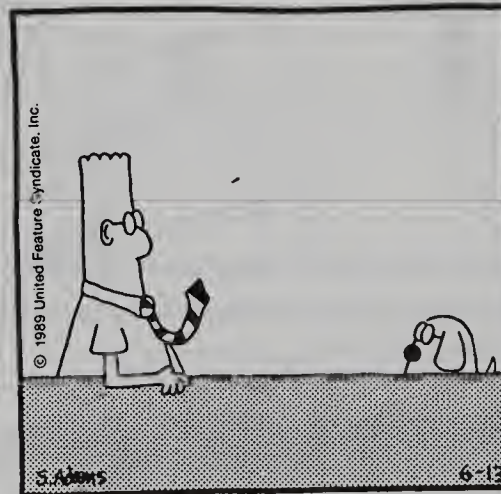
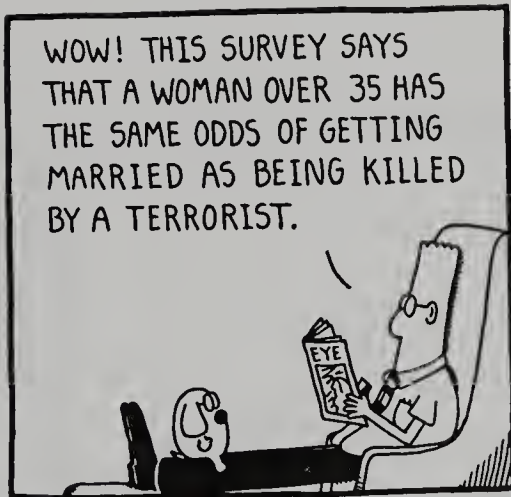


WILL YOU BE NEEDING  
YOUR BATHROBE TOO, O  
GREAT MASTER?



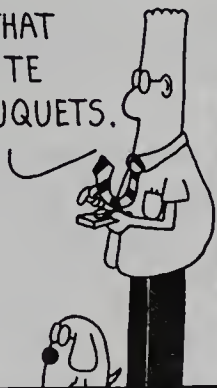
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THE BIG ADVANTAGE OF MY HOLOGRAPHIC FLOWER INVENTION IS THAT YOU GET INFINITE SIMULATED BOUQUETS.



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YOU CAN GIVE IT TO A GIRLFRIEND AND PROGRAM IT TO CHANGE ON ALL SPECIAL OCCASIONS:



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JUST THINK OF THE MONEY YOU CAN SAVE OVER A RELATIONSHIP.



BY NEVER HAVING A SECOND DATE?



DID YOU EVER THINK HOW LUCKY PEOPLE ARE THAT THEIR EYES ARE LOCATED ON THEIR HEADS?



SUPPOSE YOUR EYES WERE ON YOUR ANKLES; YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO DRIVE A CAR.



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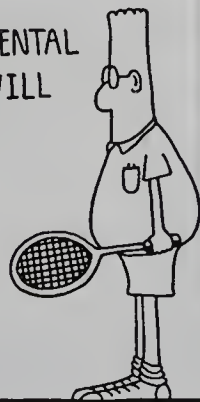
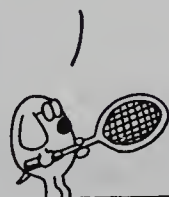
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WITHOUT CARS, DATING WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. NO DATING, THEN NO MARRIAGE. SOON THE SPECIES WOULD BE EXTINCT.



EXPERTS SAY THAT WHEN YOU HAVE MASTERED THE MENTAL GAME, THE BALL WILL APPEAR TO GROW LARGER.



OKAY, BUT I STILL THINK THESE BALLS ARE NOT REGULATION SIZE.

PROBABLY JUST A REFLECTION OF YOUR LACK OF CONFIDENCE.



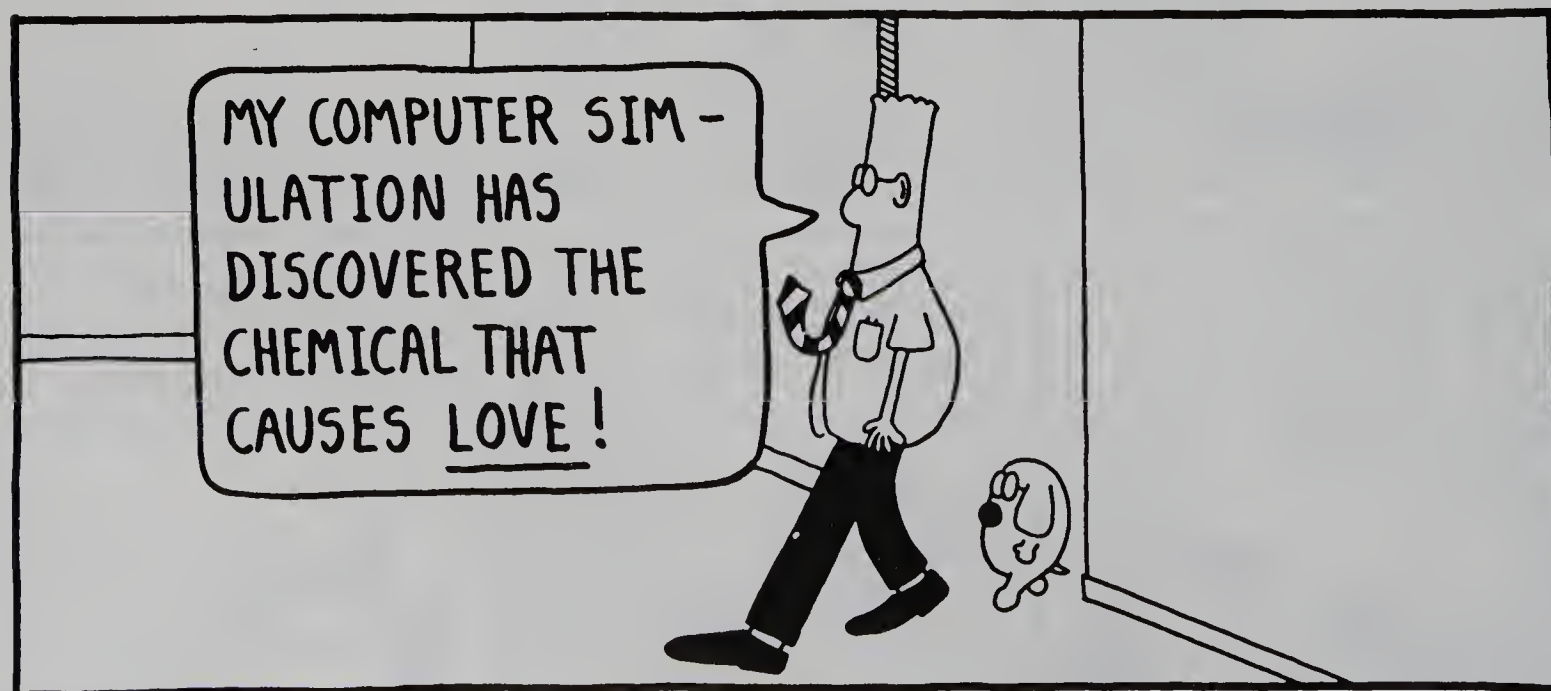
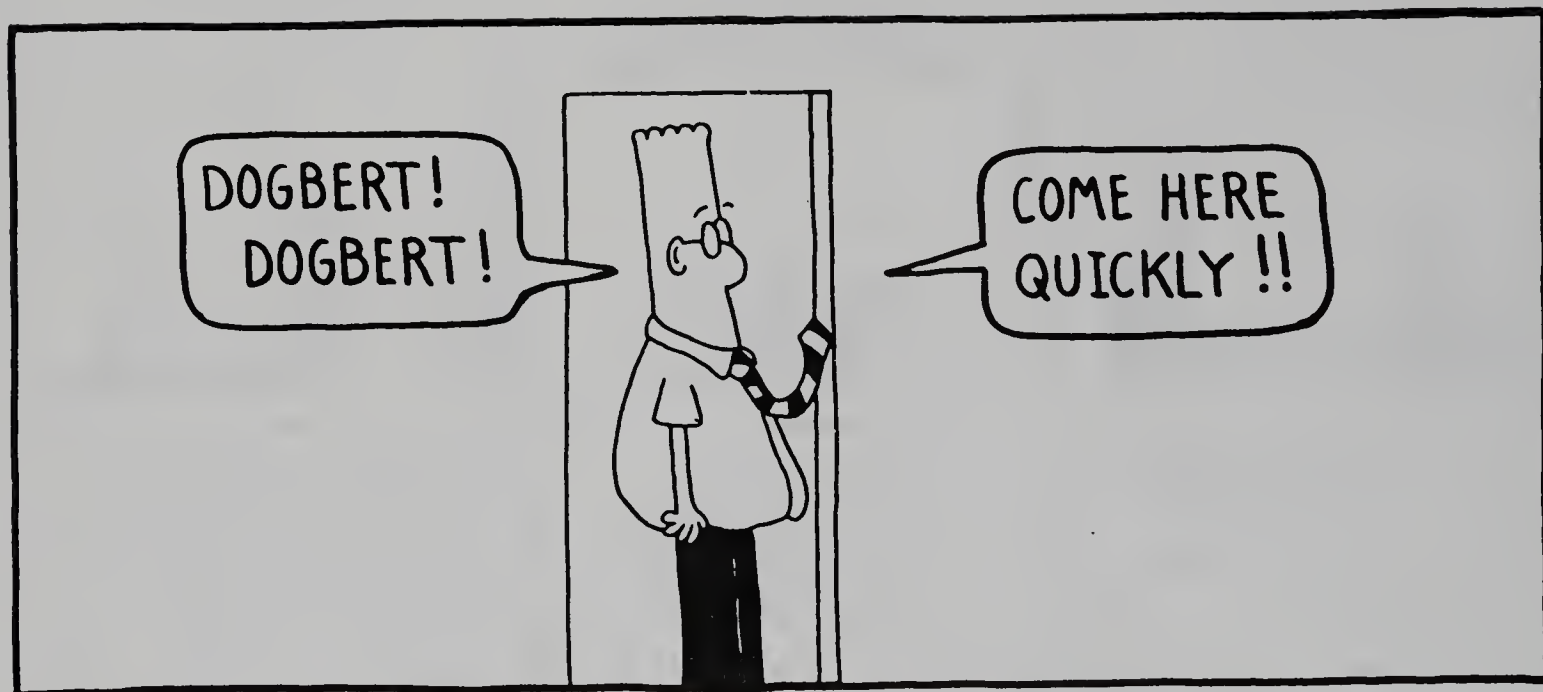
THREE MOTH BALLS AND A GOOD STORY ARE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN YEARS OF LESSONS.



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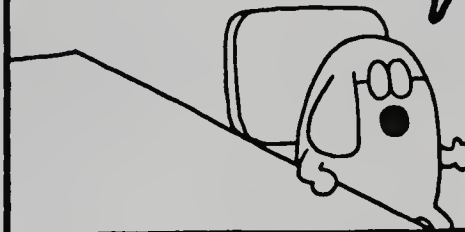


APPARENTLY, IT DEACTIVATES THE PARTS OF THE BRAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR CRITICAL THOUGHT AND EATING.

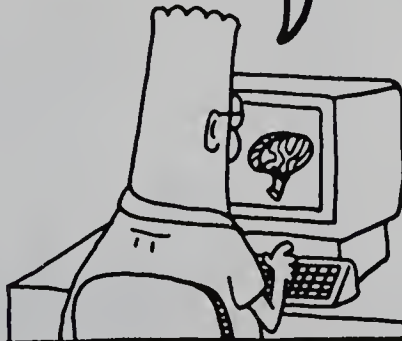


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WOW! YOU CAN INJECT PEOPLE WITH THAT CHEMICAL AND MAKE THEM FALL IN LOVE!



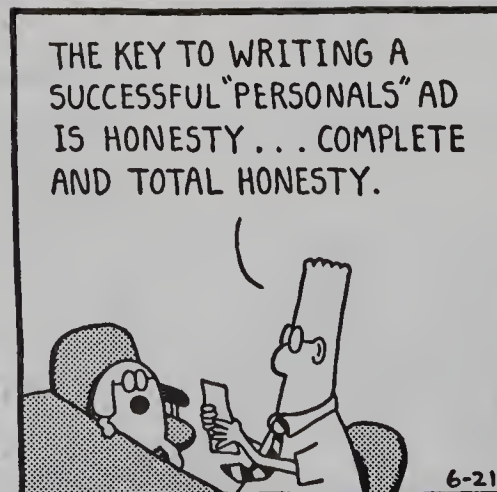
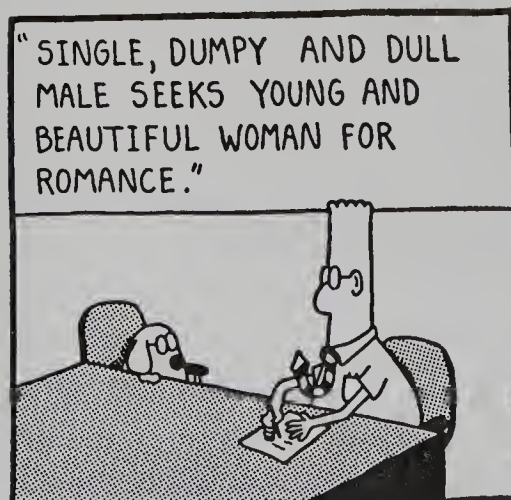
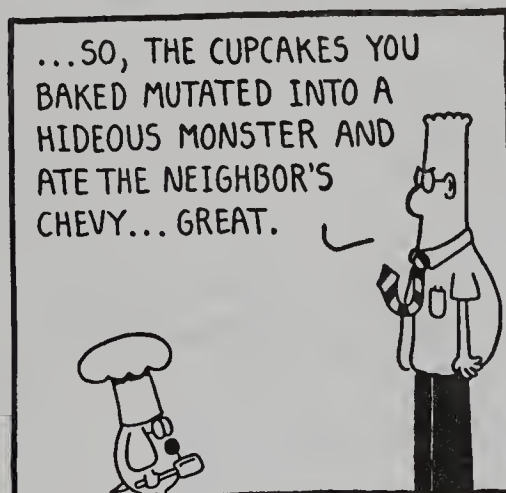
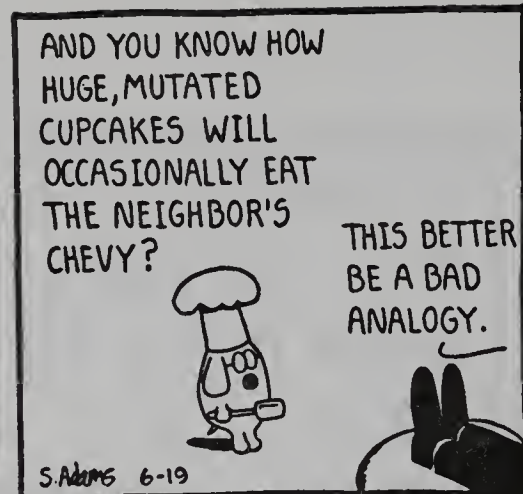
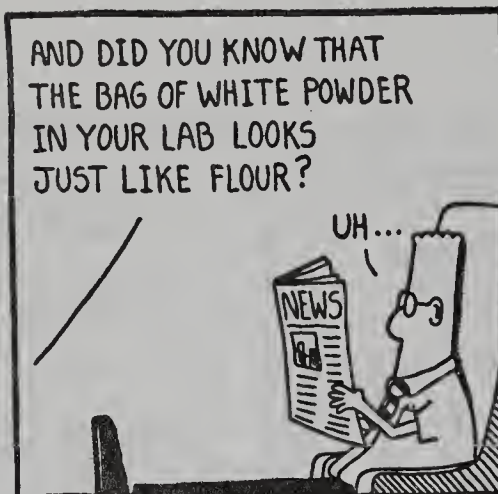
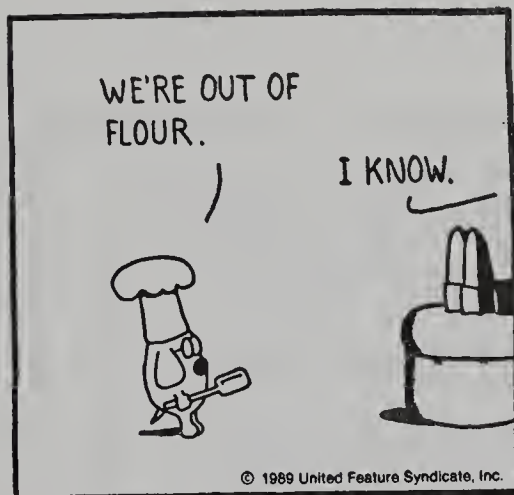
I WAS THINKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF A CURE ...



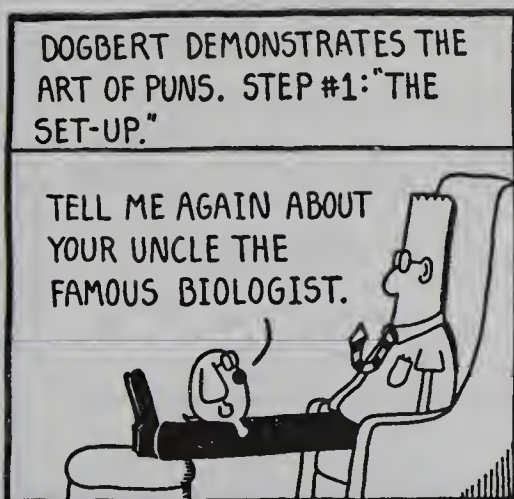
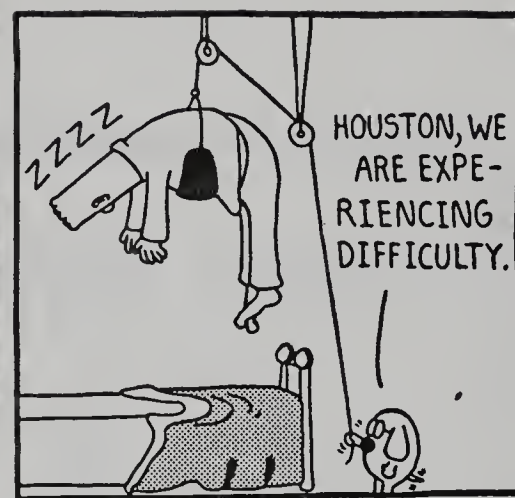
OH, LIKE MARRIAGE.

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...THEN WE FILM OUR CLIENTS SO PROSPECTIVE DATES CAN SCREEN EACH OTHER FOR COMPATIBILITY.



FOR AN EXTRA FEE WE SUPPLY SPECIAL EFFECTS TO MAKE YOU APPEAR MORE MANLY.



OUR MOST POPULAR THEME IS WHERE WE DRESS YOU IN A LOIN CLOTH AND YOU RIP THE ARMS OFF AN ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER DUMMY WHILE BOMBS EXPLODE NEARBY!

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GOSH, DON'T YOU HAVE  
SOMETHING THAT WILL  
MAKE ME LOOK SENSITIVE  
AND CARING ?



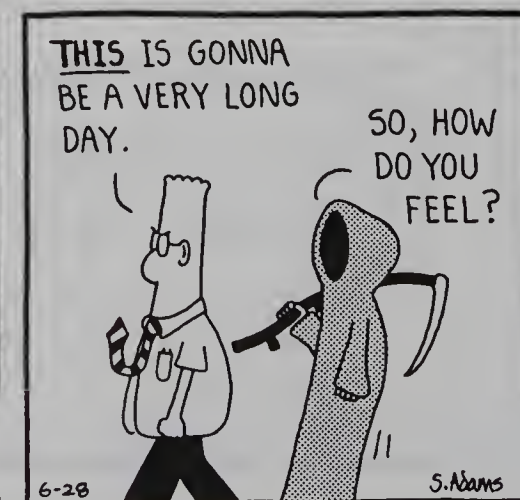
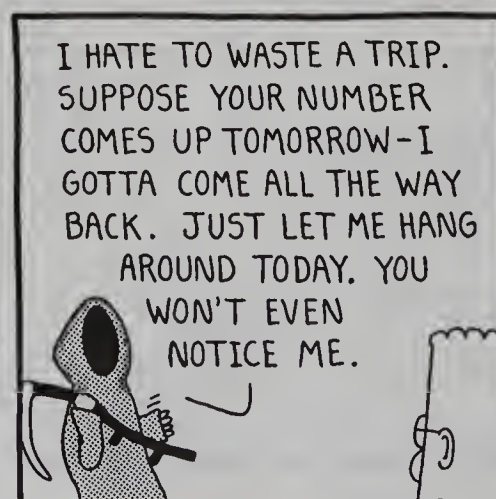
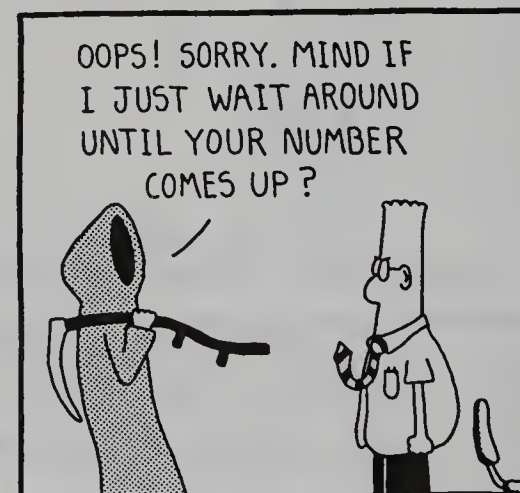
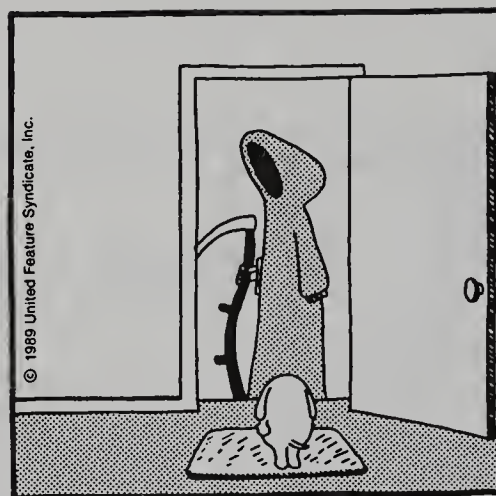
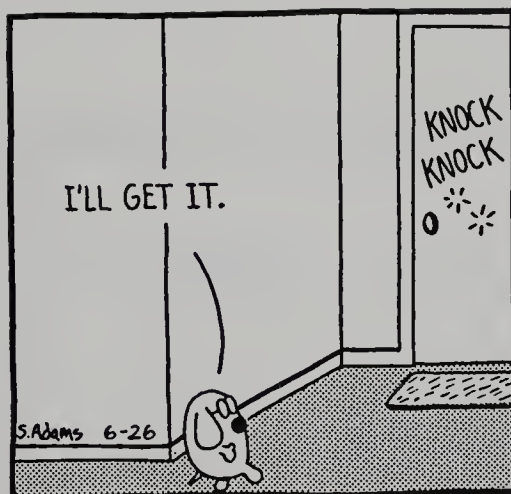
OKAY... WE DRESS YOU UP  
AS MARY TYLER MOORE AND  
HAVE YOU BOTTLE-FEEDING  
THIS PLASTIC  
DYING DOLPHIN.



NO, TOO SENSITIVE.  
SUPPOSE WE SAY THE  
DOLPHIN JUST HAS  
A BAD COLD...



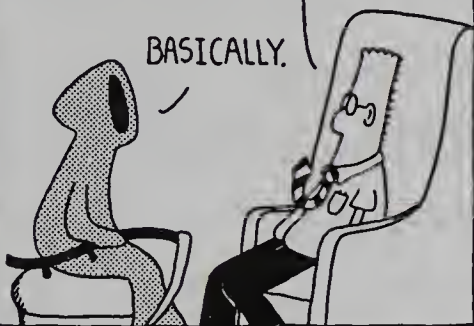
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SO SINCE MY TIME ISN'T  
UP, ALL YOU CAN DO IS  
WAIT AROUND?

BASICALLY.



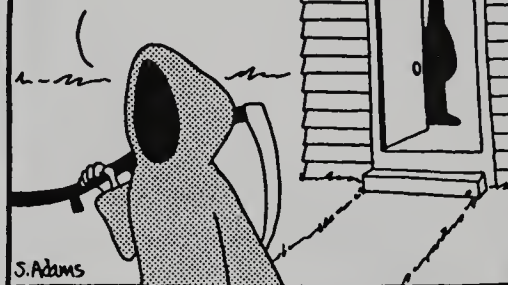
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WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE  
HERE, LET ME TELL YOU  
ABOUT MY RECENT TRIP  
TO THE FRESNO RAISIN  
FESTIVAL. IT ALL STARTED...



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MY MISTAKE.  
GUYS LIKE YOU  
LIVE FOREVER.

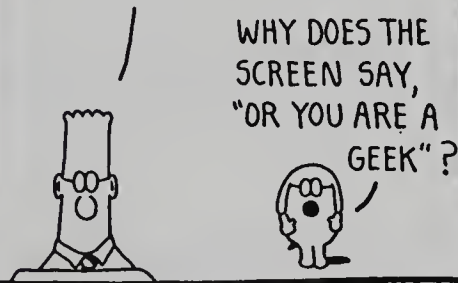


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THERE... MY PROGRAM  
PROVES THAT PRETTY  
WOMEN HAVE EXTREMELY  
BAD PERSONALITIES.



THIS IS BASED ON THE  
INPUT THAT PRETTY  
WOMEN ARE NEVER  
NICE TO ME.



WHY DOES THE  
SCREEN SAY,  
"OR YOU ARE A  
GEEK"?

DARN! I THOUGHT I  
FIXED THAT BUG.



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THERE... PERFECT.



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WHAT'S THAT,  
DOGBERT?



I'VE CREATED THE  
VELCRO SHIRT  
POCKET! IT  
ATTACHES TO YOUR  
CHEST HAIRS  
WHILE SWIMMING  
OR SHOWERING.



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HMM...  
MIGHT  
WORK.

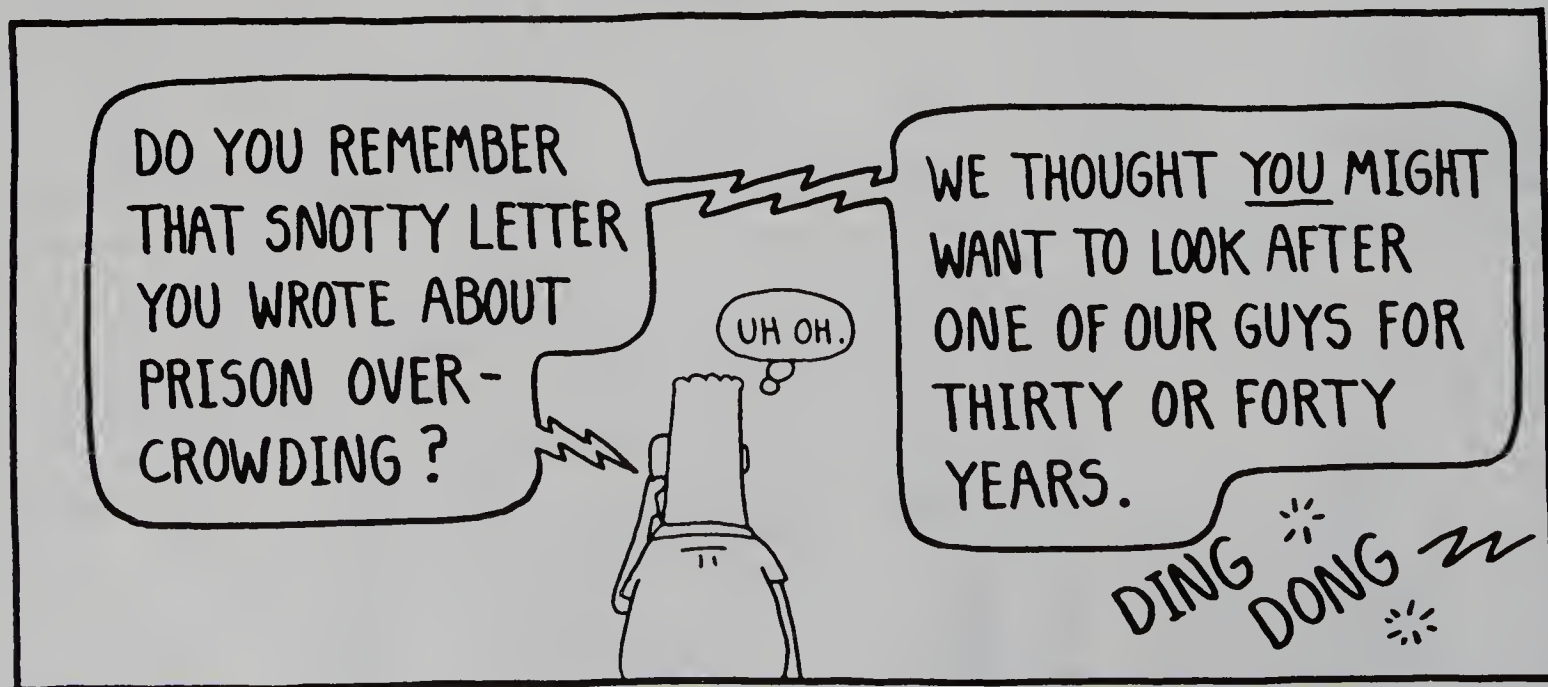
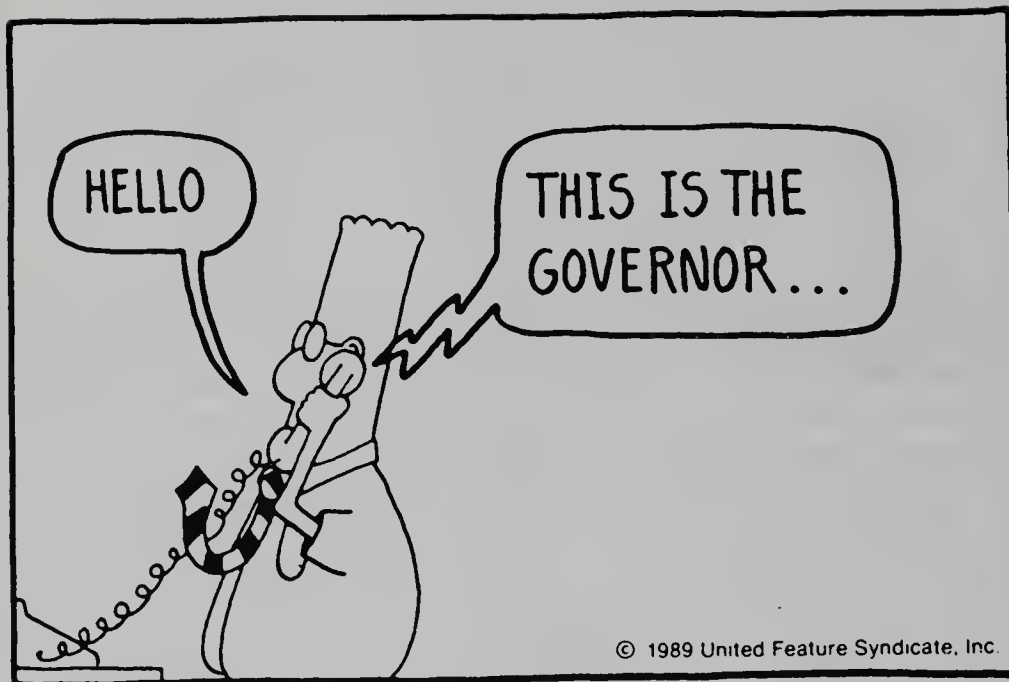


YOU MAY  
ALSO BE  
INTERESTED  
IN MY NEW  
VELCRO CHEST  
HAIR.



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HI. I'M BOB. MY FRIENDS  
WOULD CALL ME "STRANGLER"  
IF THEY WERE ALIVE.

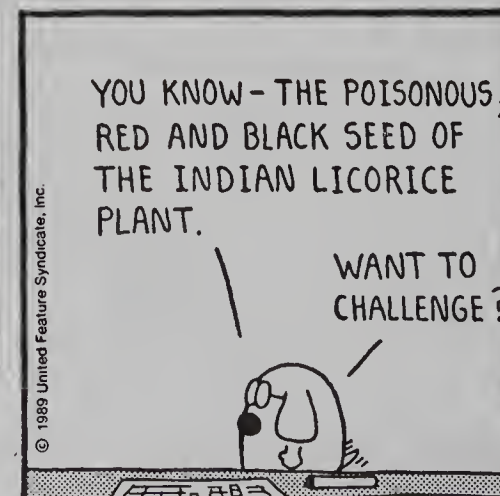
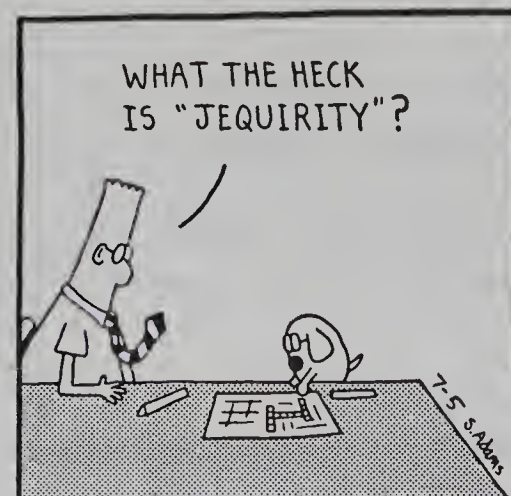
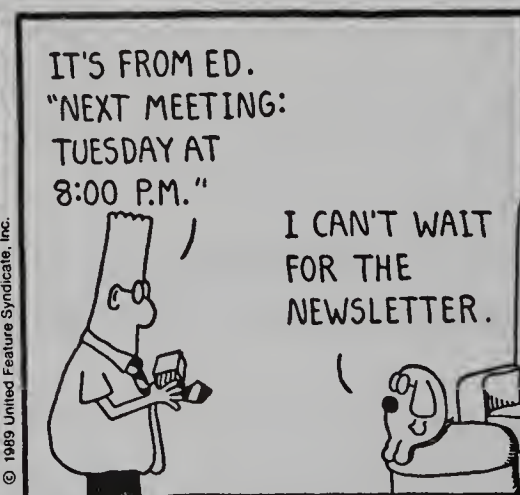
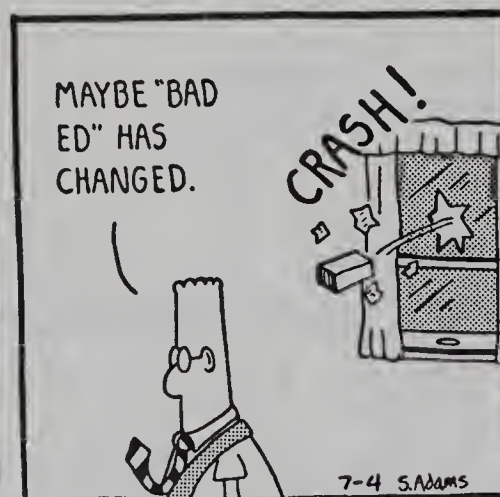
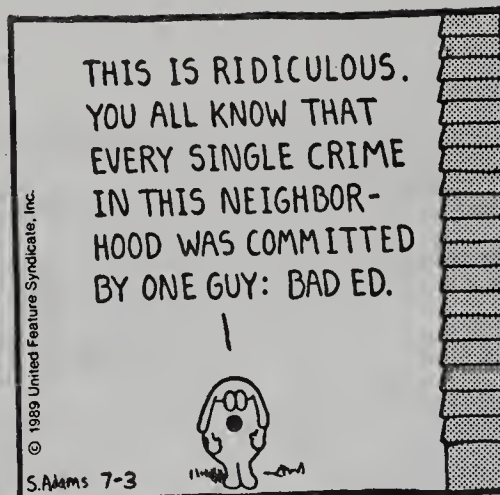
SO, WHERE DO  
YOU KEEP THE  
BLUNT OBJECTS ?

SURE IS  
CROWDED  
IN HERE.

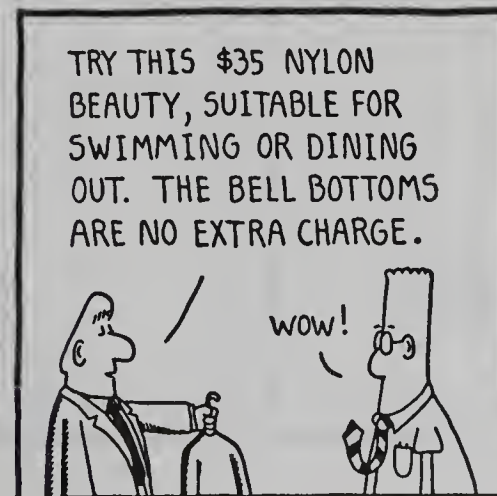
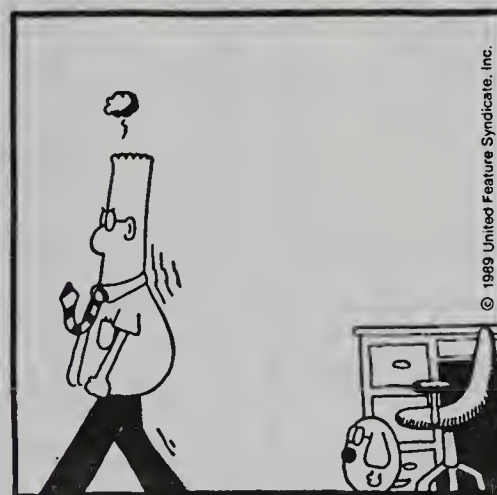
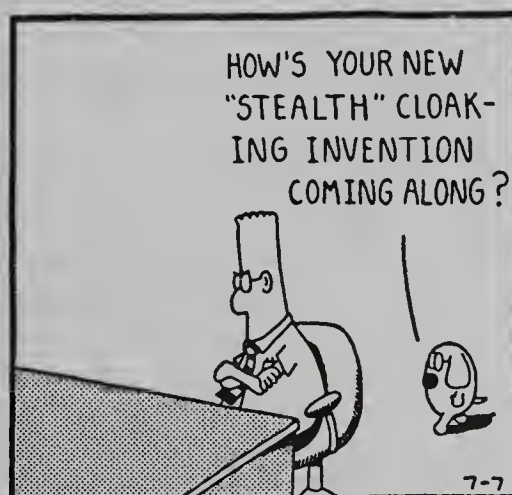
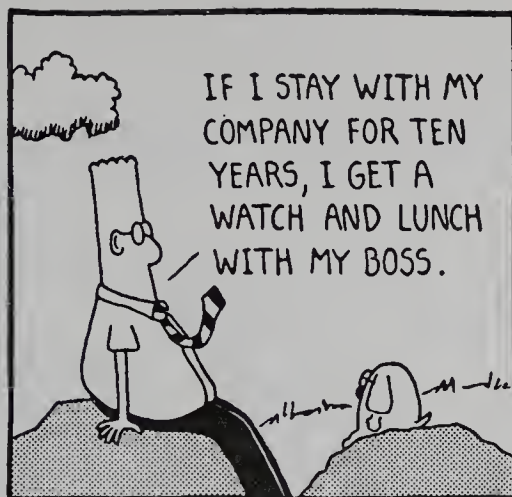
OOH! I AM SO TEMPTED TO  
FIRE OFF ANOTHER LETTER  
OVER THIS !!

YEAH! "POSTAGE  
DUE" THIS TIME !

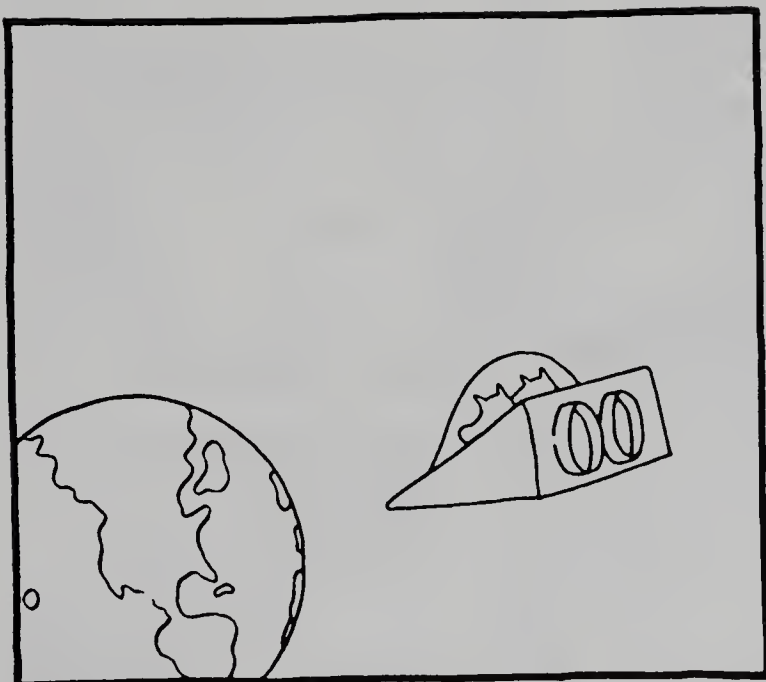
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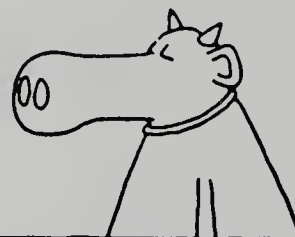
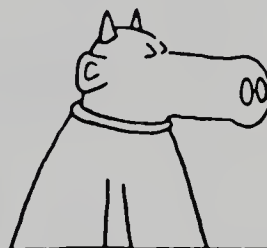




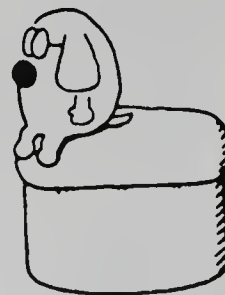
WHAT'S IN IT  
FOR ME ?



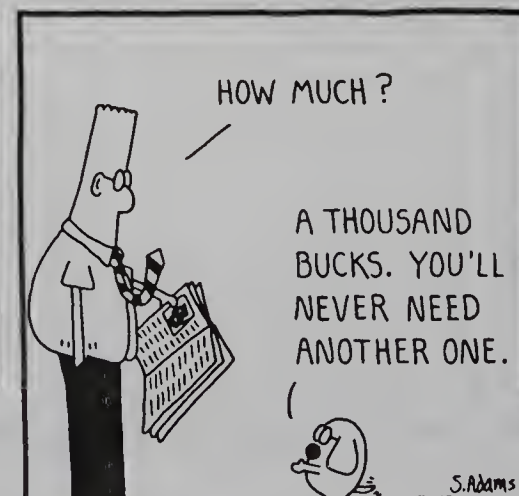
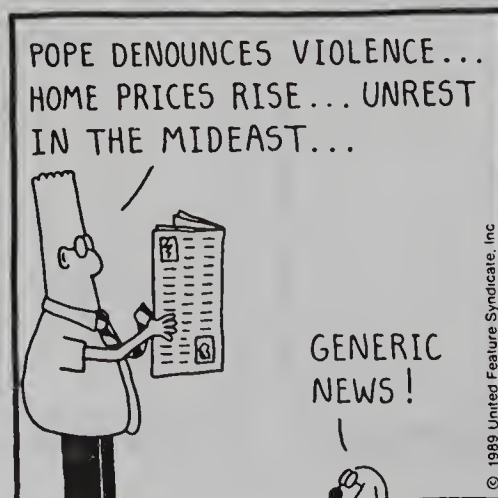
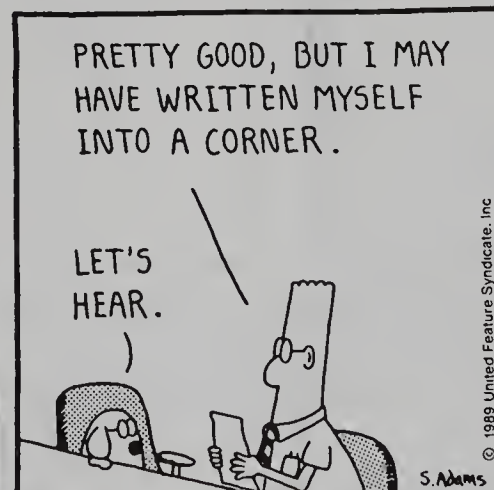
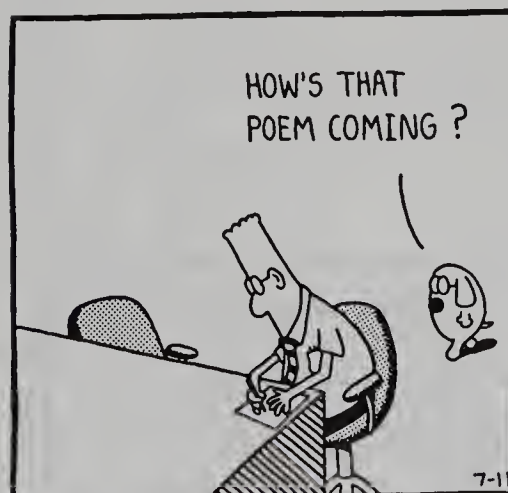
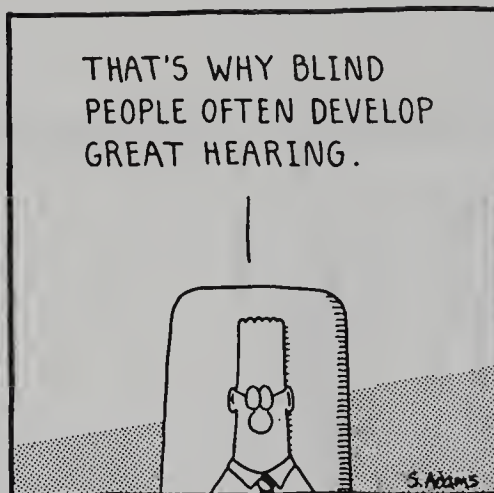
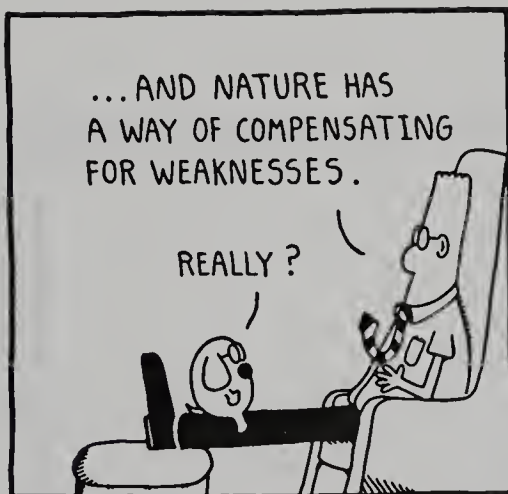
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I'LL ALWAYS WONDER  
IF THERE WAS A BETTER  
WAY TO HANDLE THAT.

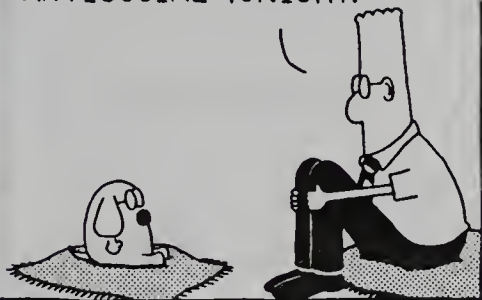


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I ASKED DEBBIE FOR A DATE, BUT SHE SAID SHE WAS FEELING ANTISOCIAL TONIGHT.



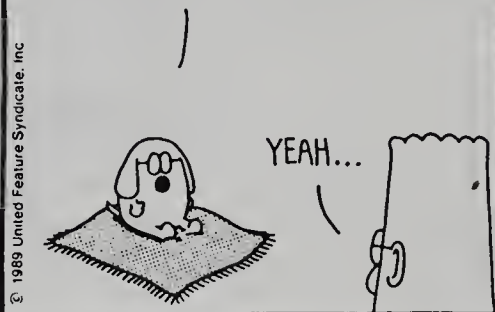
THEN I ASKED LAURA, BUT SHE SAID SHE WAS FEELING ANTISOCIAL, TOO... SO DEBBIE AND LAURA DECIDED TO GO TO THE MOVIES WITH EACH OTHER.



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THOSE ANTISOCIAL PEOPLE ALWAYS SEEM TO HANG OUT TOGETHER.



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HOW TO BE BORING: "GREAT THINGS I HAVE EATEN" SERIES.

BUT BY FAR, THE BEST BAKED POTATO I'VE EVER EATEN WAS SIX YEARS AGO...



THE VICTIM MAY TRY SARCASM TO RELIEVE THE BOREDOM.

FASCINATING. NOW COULD YOU THINK OUT LOUD ALL OF THE POSSIBLE DATES THIS MAY HAVE OCCURRED?

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SARCASM WON'T WORK.

WELL, IT COULD HAVE BEEN ON OCTOBER 6TH... OR MAYBE THE 16TH. WAS THAT A TUESDAY?



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I GOT A JOB.



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I'M THE NEW SPOKESPERSON FOR "HARRY'S HAIR GROWTH SOLUTION."

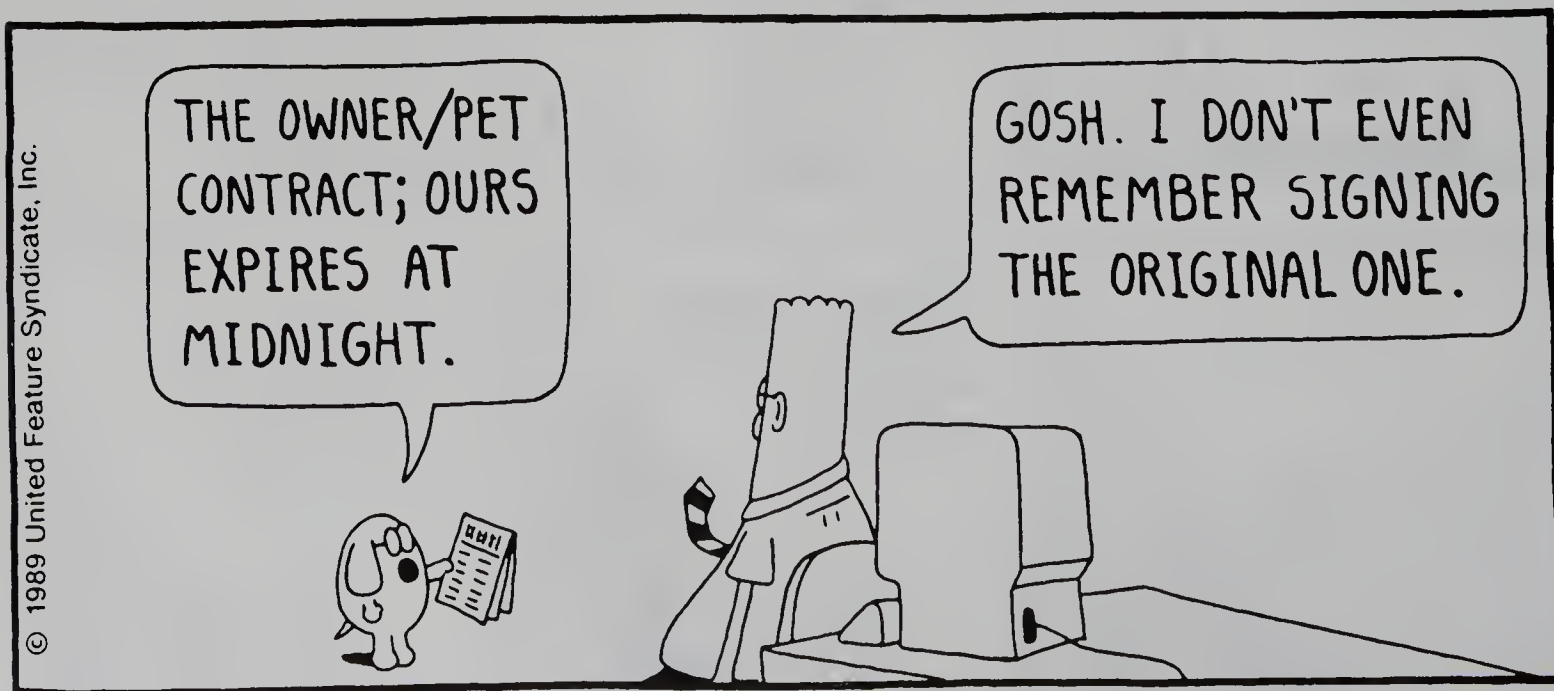
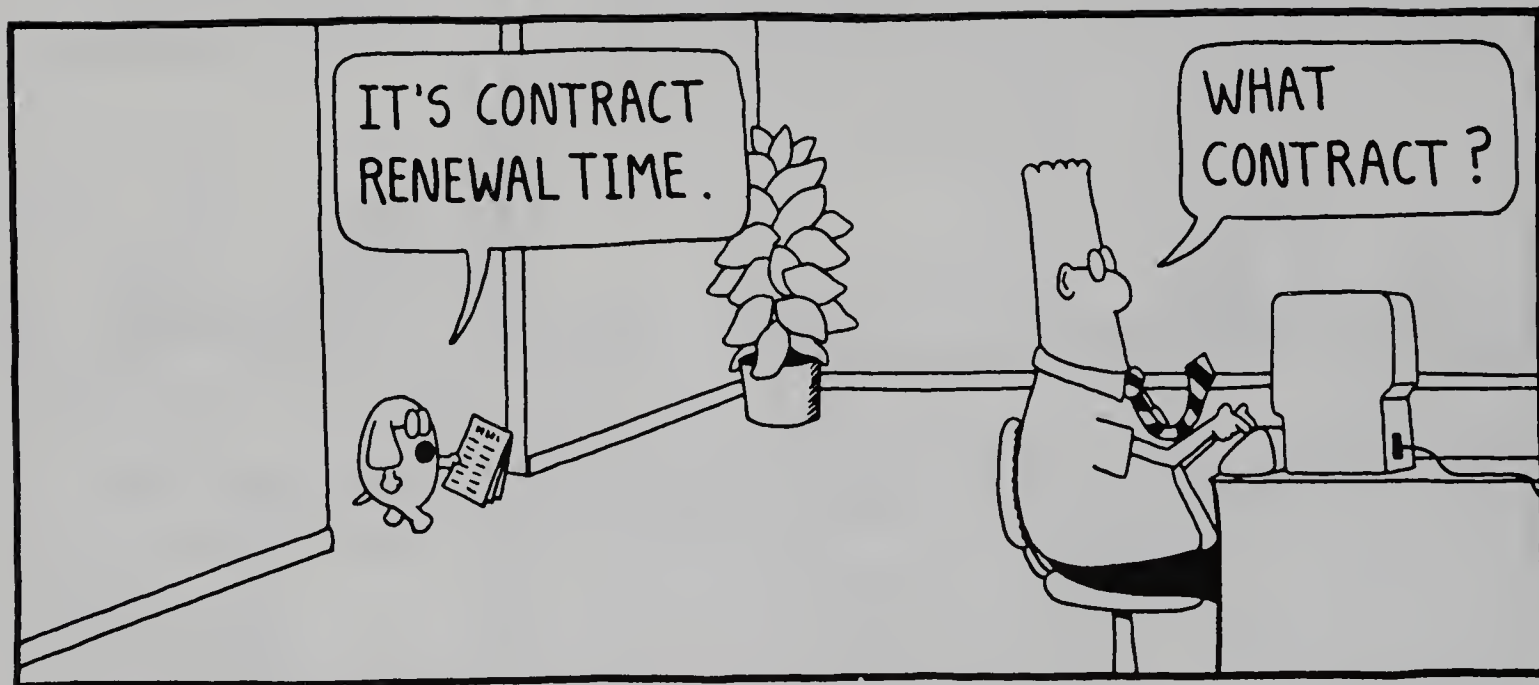
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MIND IF I BORROW YOUR RAZOR FOR THE "BEFORE" PICTURES?



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LET'S SEE ... "THE PET'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OBEY THE OWNER'S COMMANDS, NO MATTER HOW HUMILIATING."



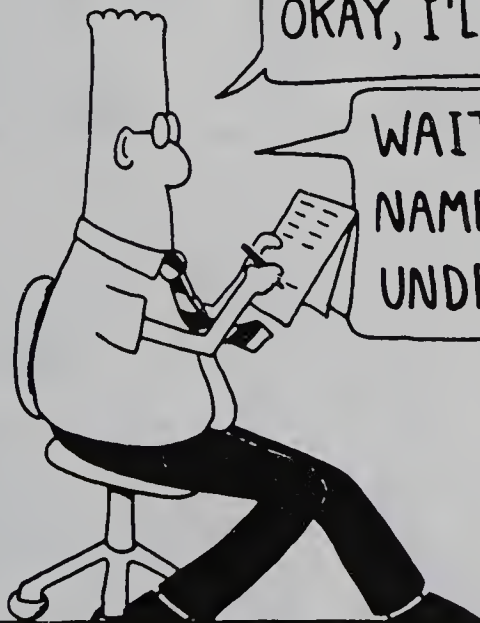
"THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE YELLING AT THE PET AND ACTING IMPORTANT."



OKAY, I'LL SI...

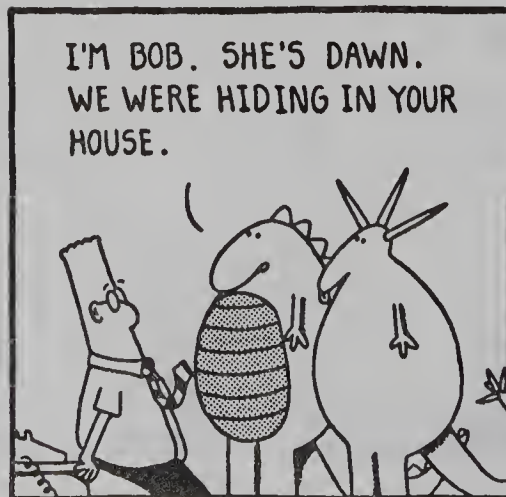
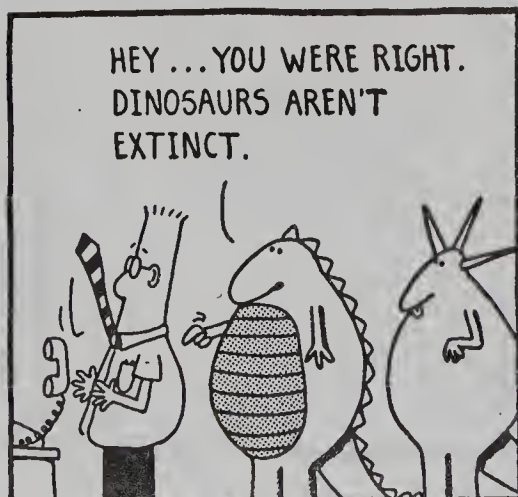
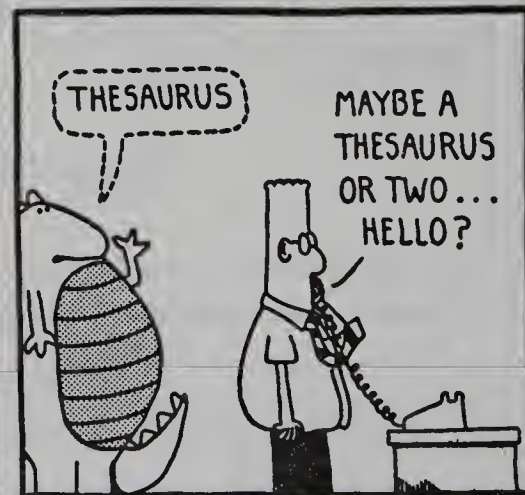
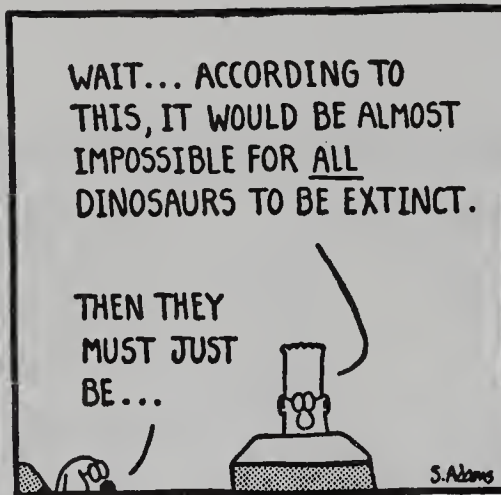
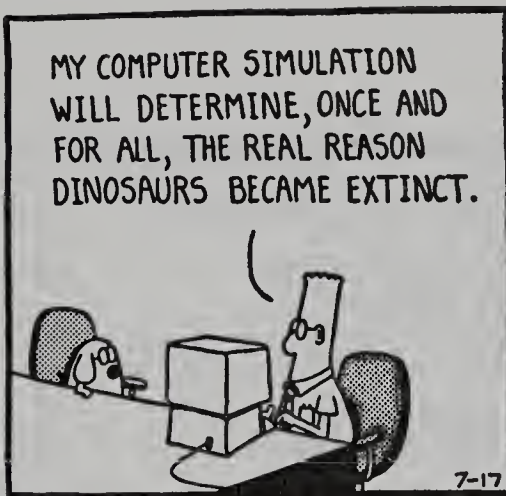
WAIT A MINUTE... MY NAME IS TYPED IN UNDER "PET" !!

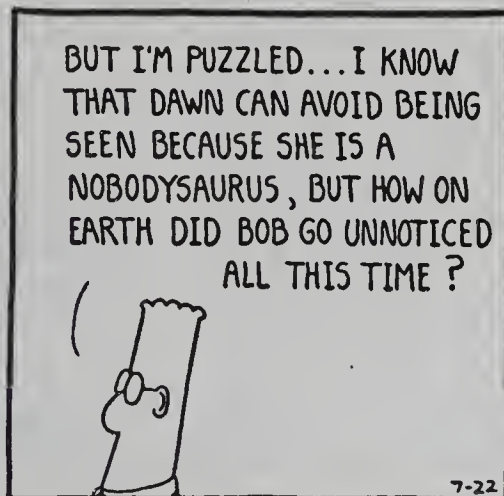
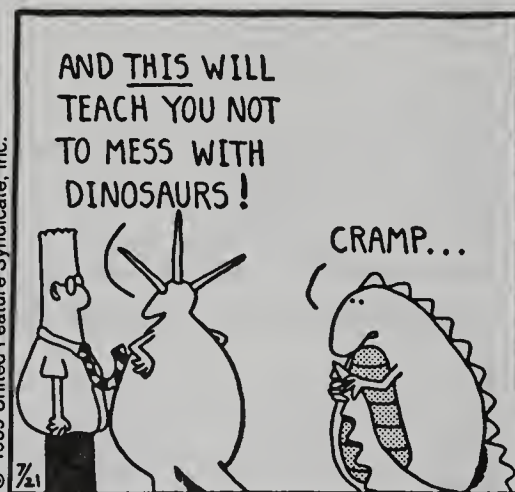
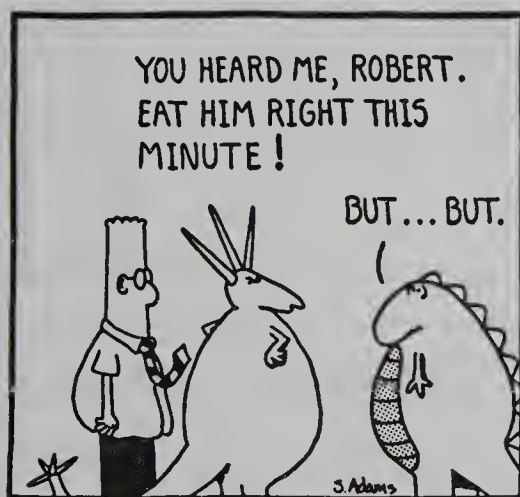
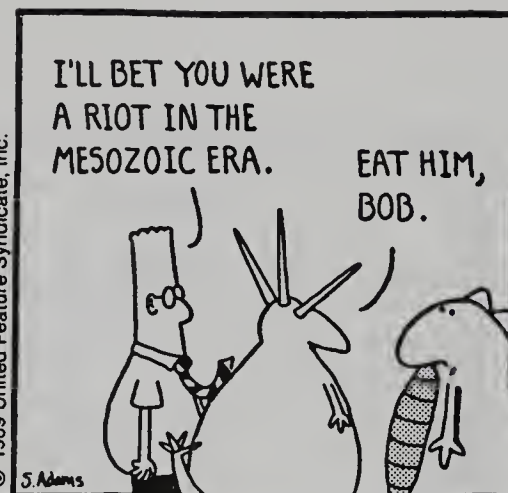
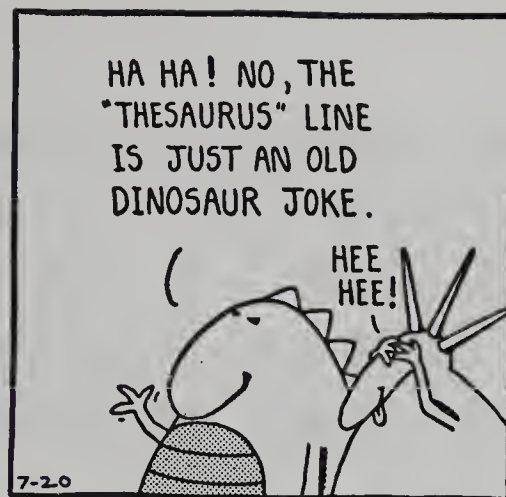
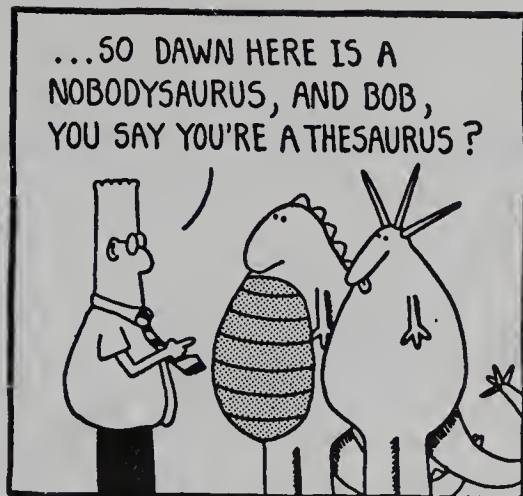
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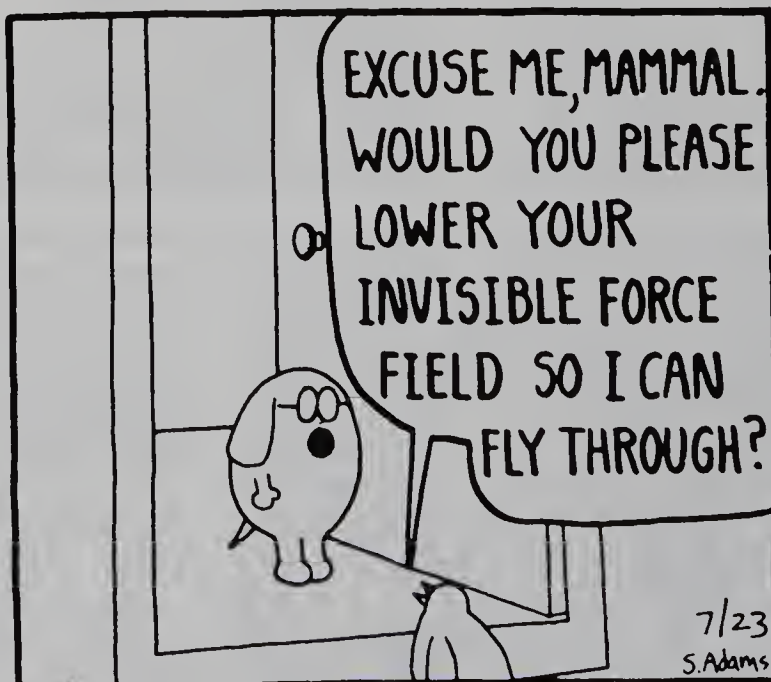
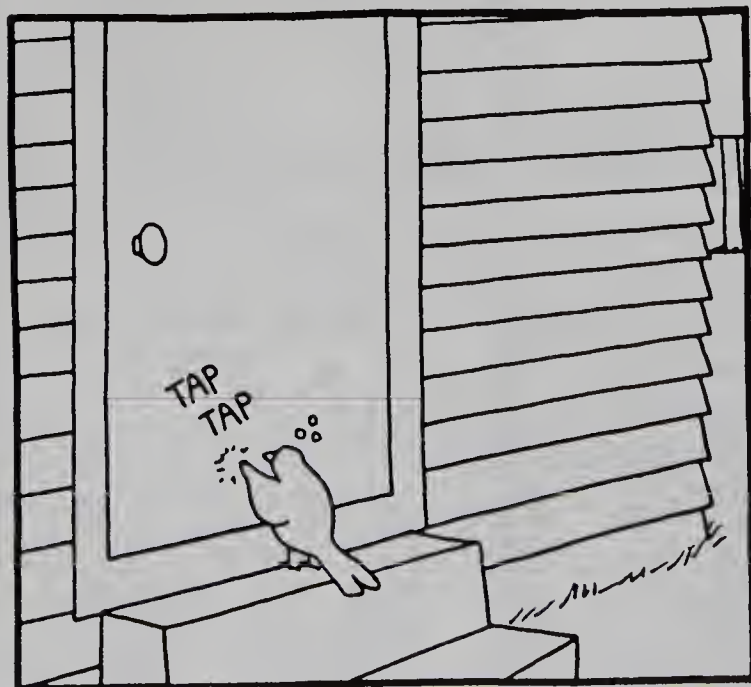
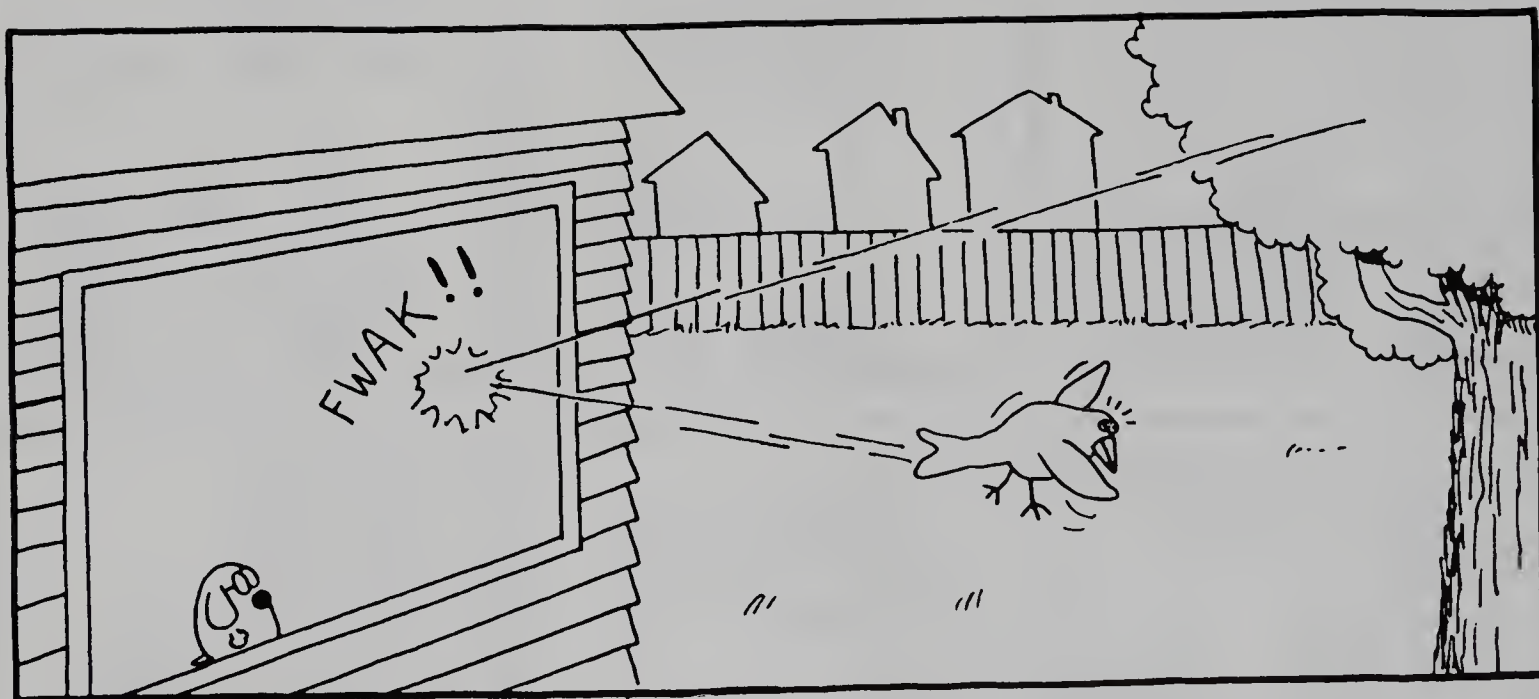
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THAT'S NO FORCE  
FIELD; THAT'S A  
WINDOW.



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OH, WORMS! I'M ALWAYS  
MAKING THAT MISTAKE.  
WE BIRDS CAN BE  
PRETTY STUPID SOME-  
TIMES.



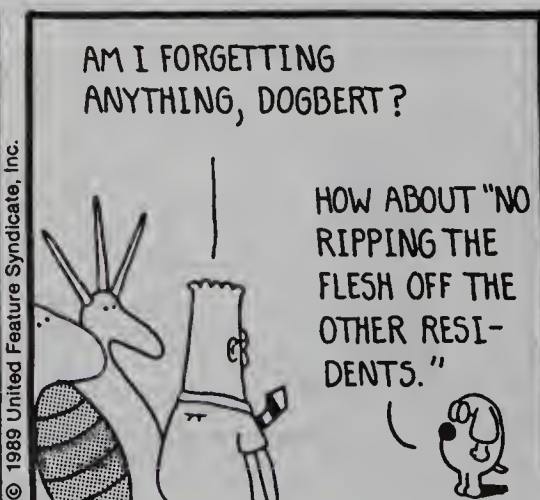
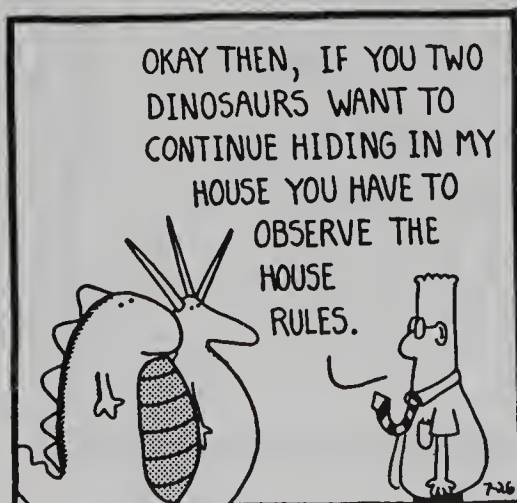
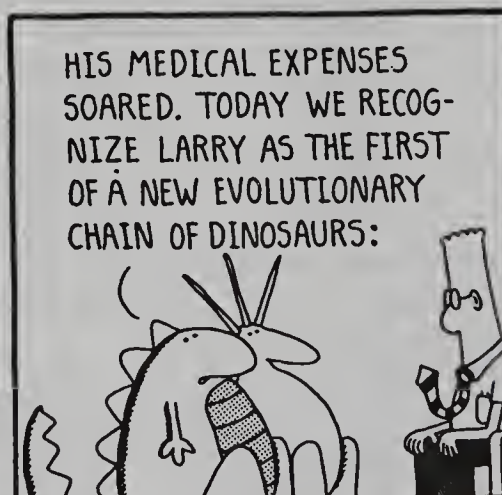
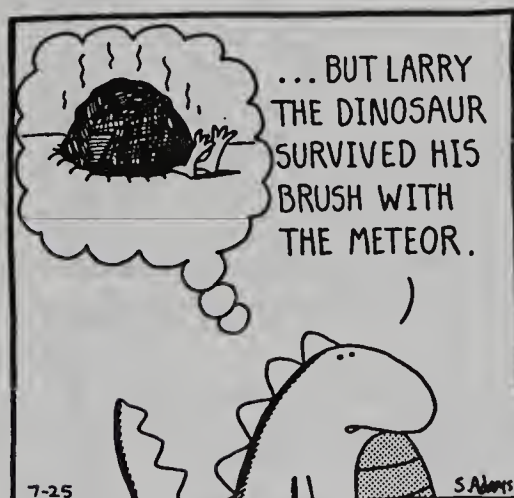
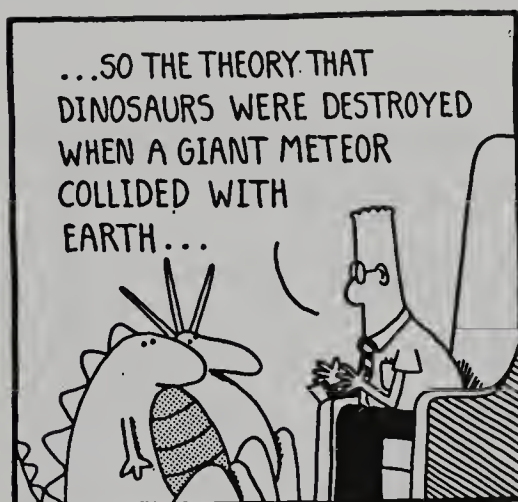
HI, LITTLE BIRD.  
YOU LOOK THIRSTY.  
WOULD YOU LIKE  
SOME WATER?

SURE.



DON'T PUT IT IN A  
GLASS; HE MIGHT  
BEAT HIS BRAINS  
OUT WITH IT.







THIS DESIGN COULD CHANGE THE WAY THE WORLD BARBECUES. NO MORE STRUGGLING WITH CHARCOAL.



THIS SCHEMATIC SHOWS HOW AN ELECTRICALLY INDUCED COIL-LIKE MEDIUM CAN HEAT FOOD WITHOUT CHARCOAL OR LIGHTER FLUID!



I CALL IT THE MAX-10 ENERGY TRANSFER MODEL.

DID THE NAME "ELECTRIC STOVE" OCCUR TO YOU AT ANY TIME?



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I DO NOT SNORE. AND I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU MADE THIS RECORDING OF ME LAST NIGHT.

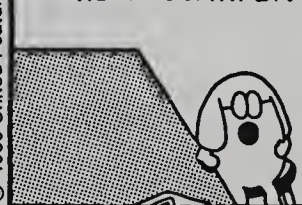


IN FACT, THIS TAPE BOX SAYS "NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S SONGS OF THE WHALE."

EOWAHA  
GEOWMZLA



SO, YOU ADMIT THAT EVEN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR SNORING AND A TWENTY-TON KELP-SCARFING MAMMAL.



S. Adams 7-28

I'M HAVING NIGHTMARES. MOVE OVER.



JUST DON'T HOG ALL THE COVERS.



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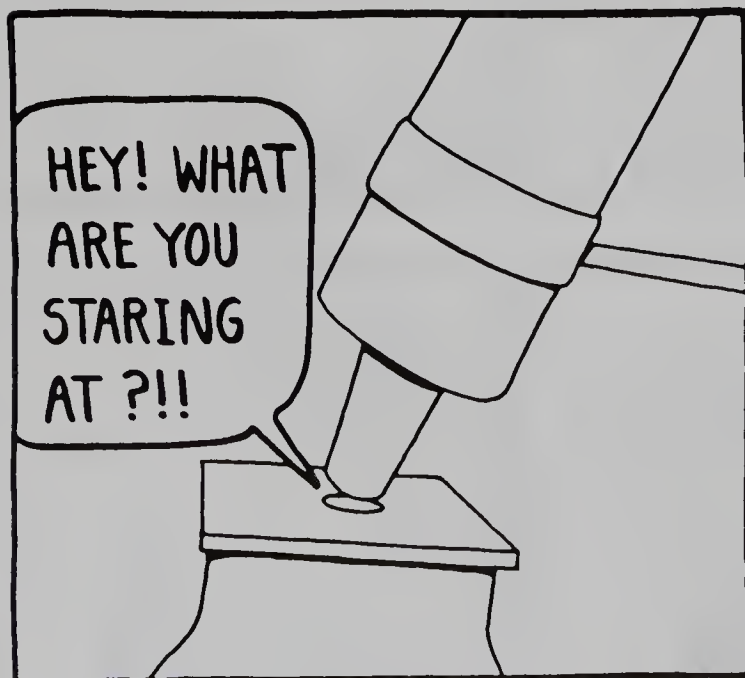
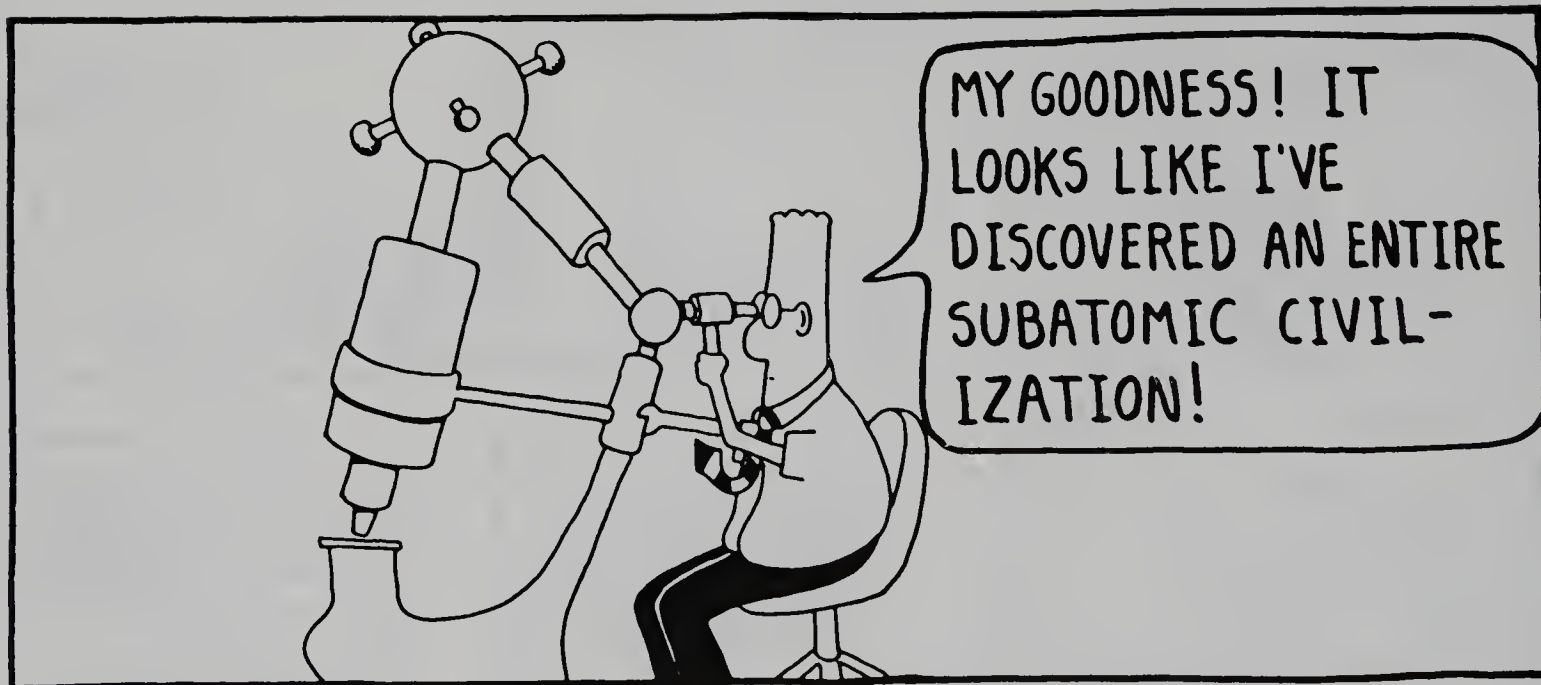
AT LEAST GIVE ME MY PAJAMA TOP ...

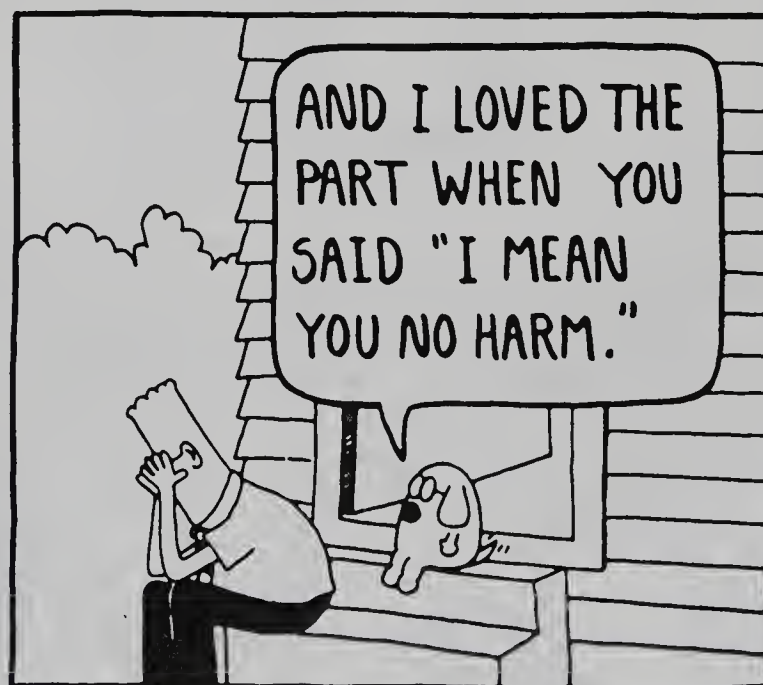
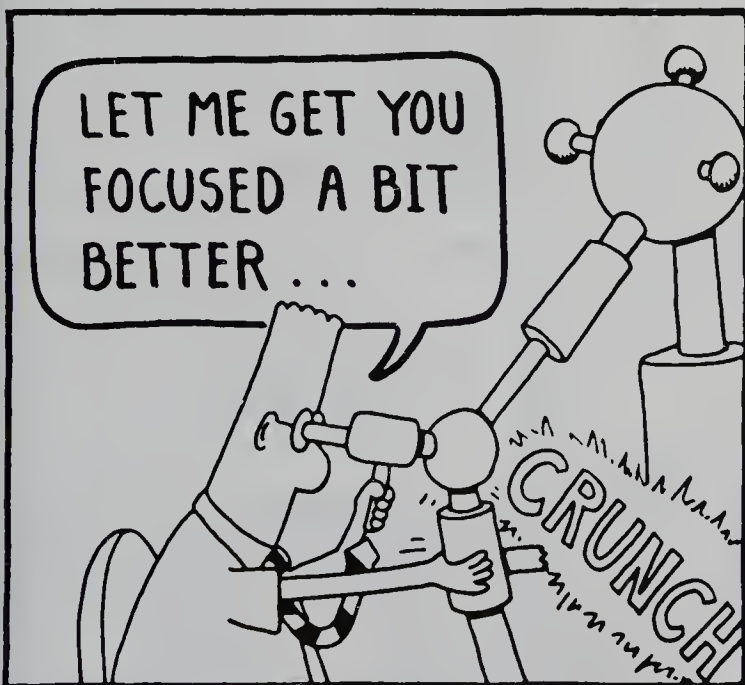
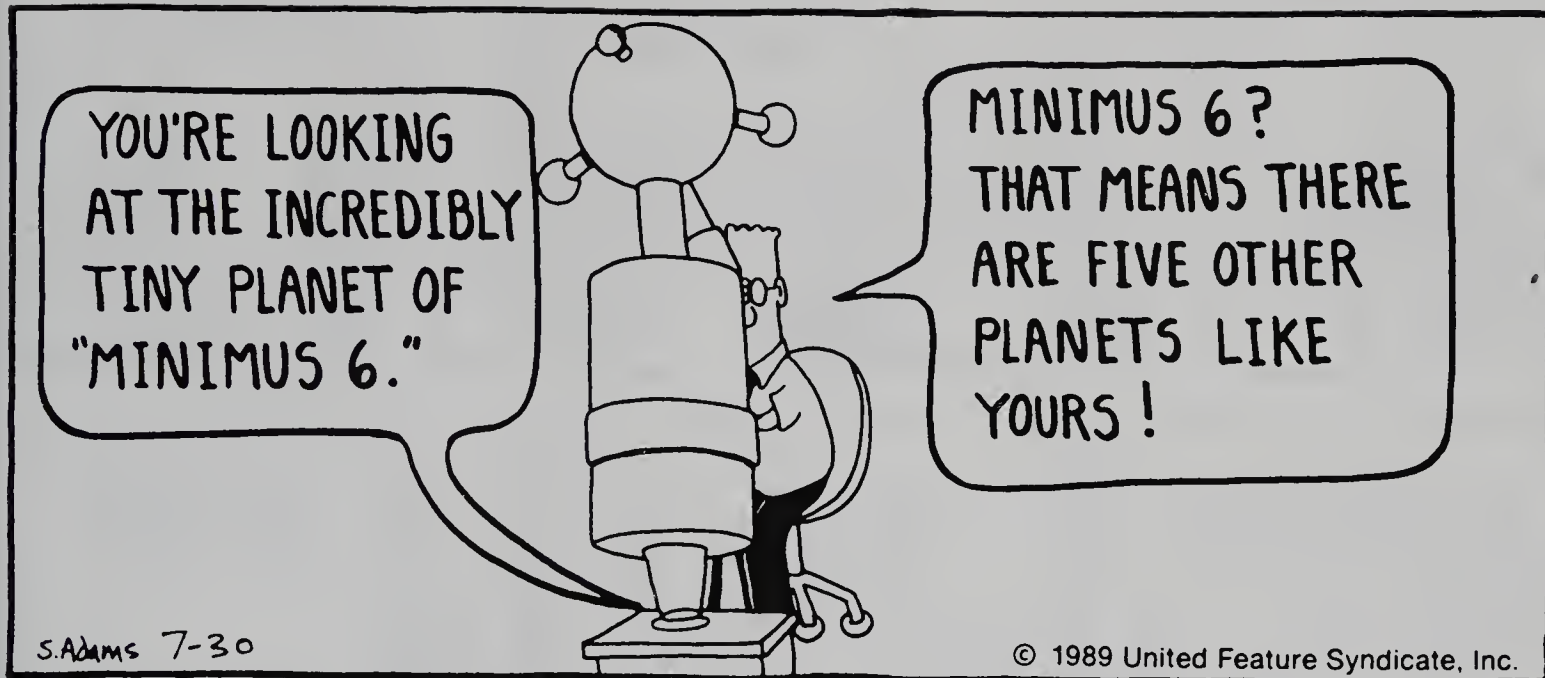
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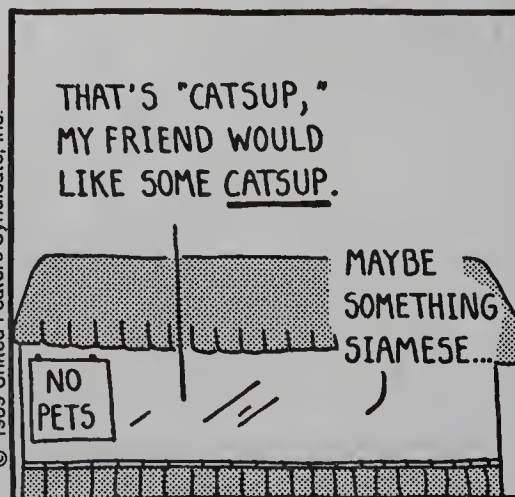
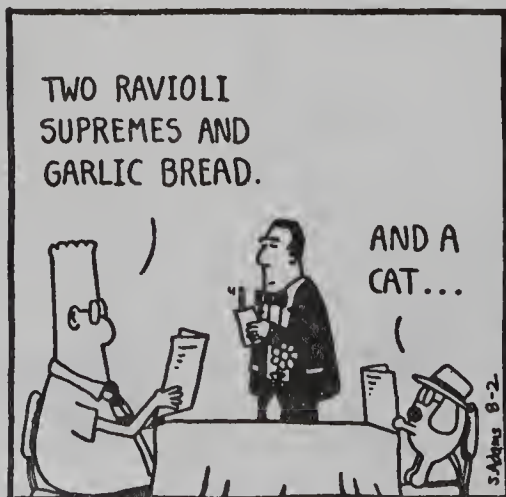
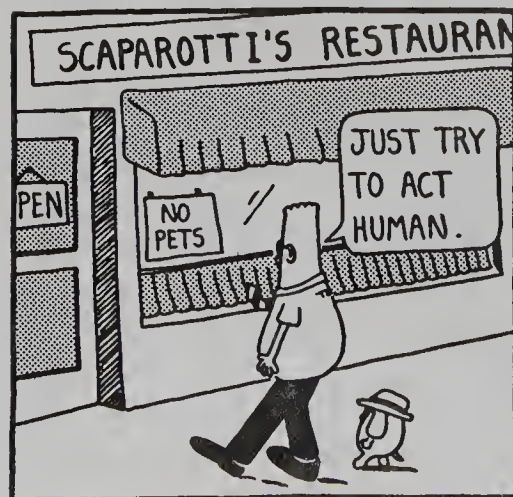
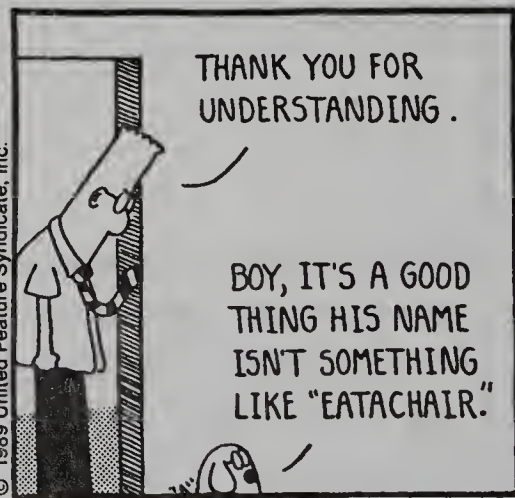
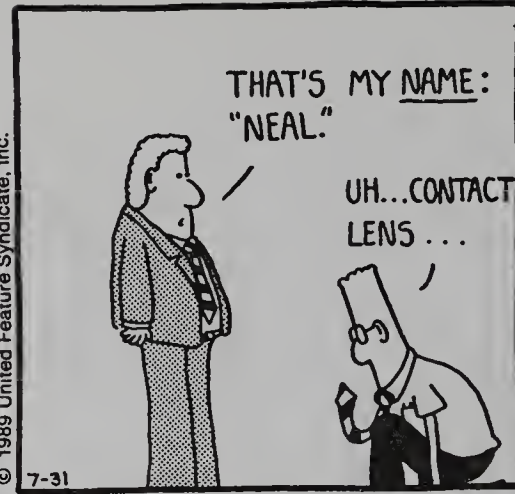
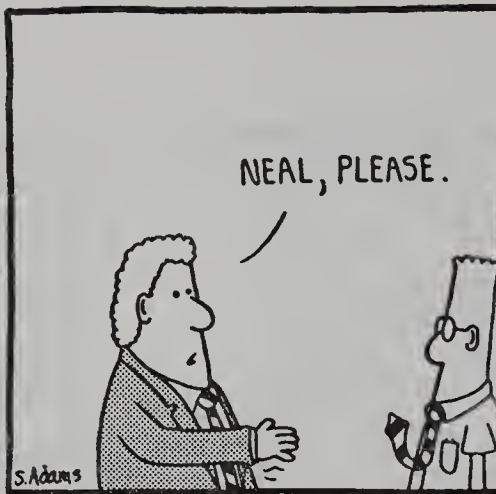
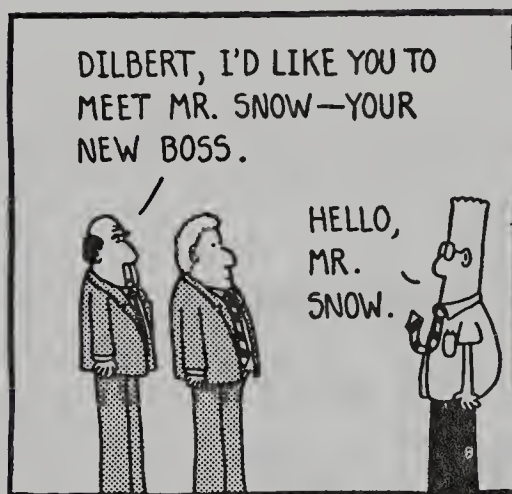


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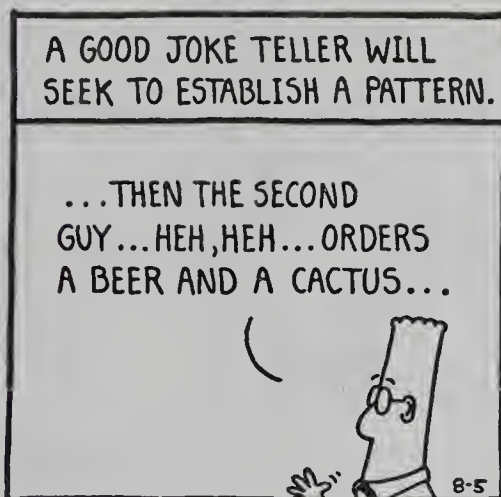
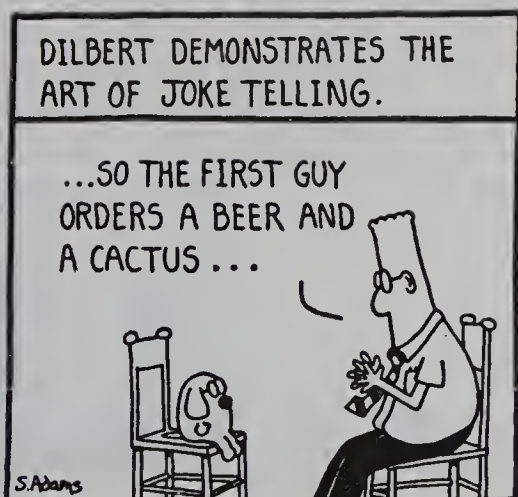
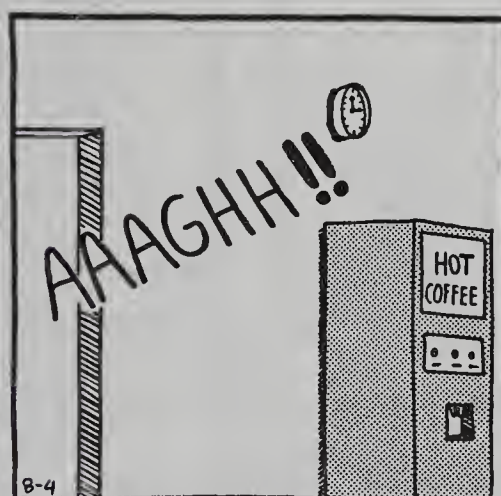
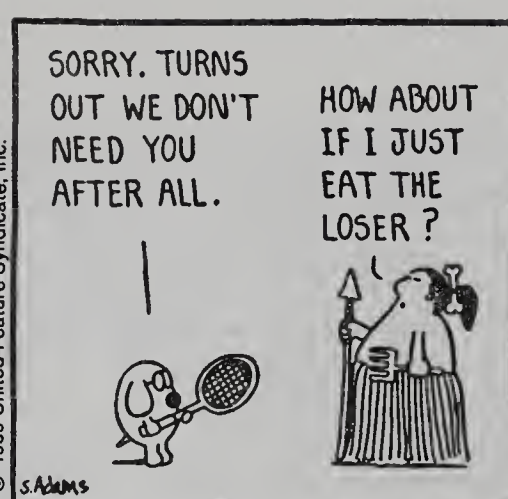
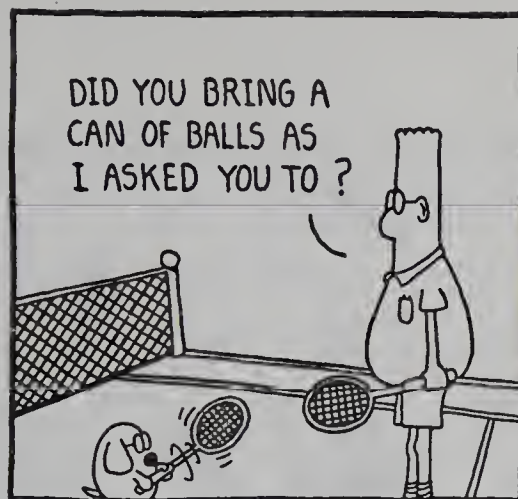




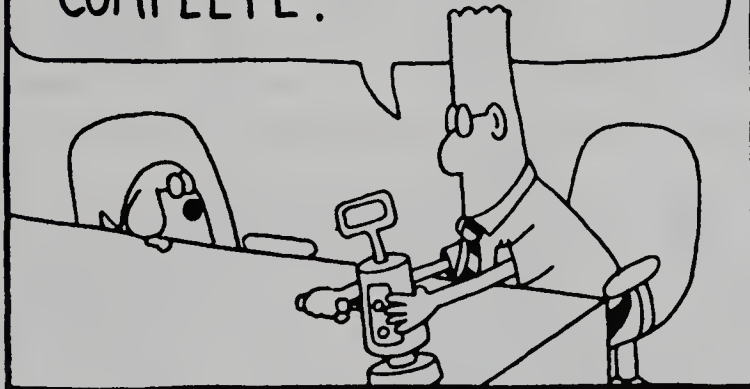








ONE MORE ADJUSTMENT  
AND MY TRANS-DIMEN-  
SIONAL RADIO WILL BE  
COMPLETE.



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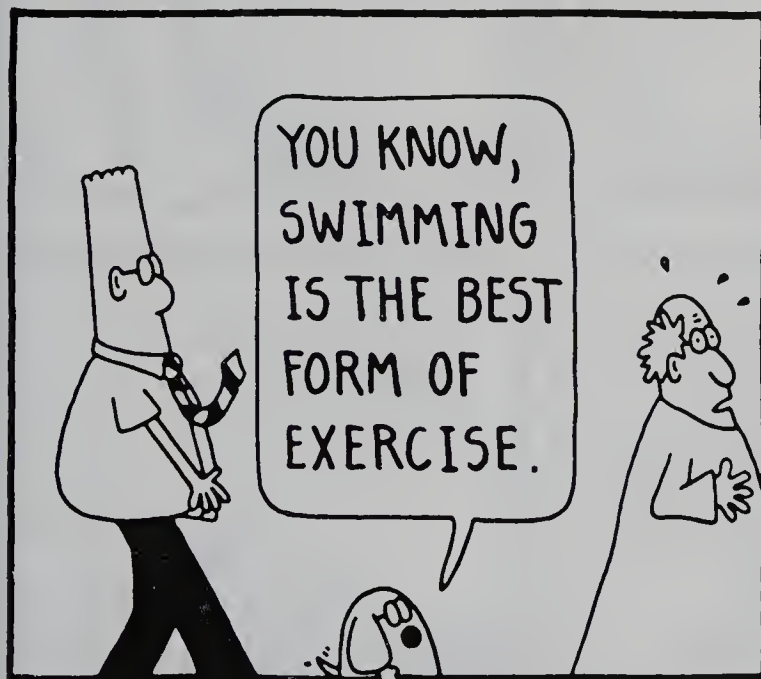
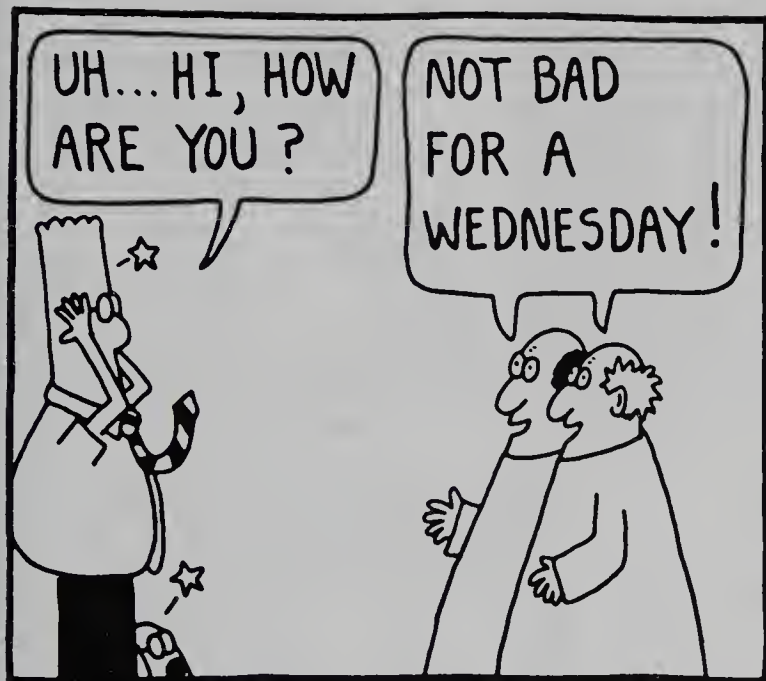
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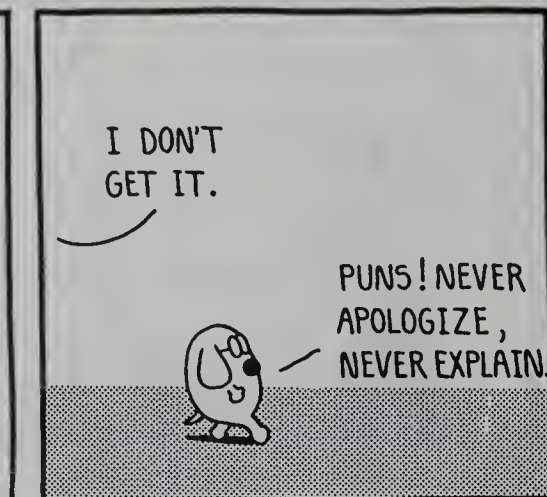
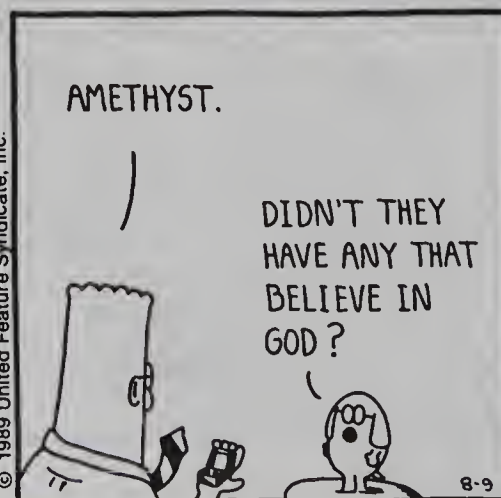
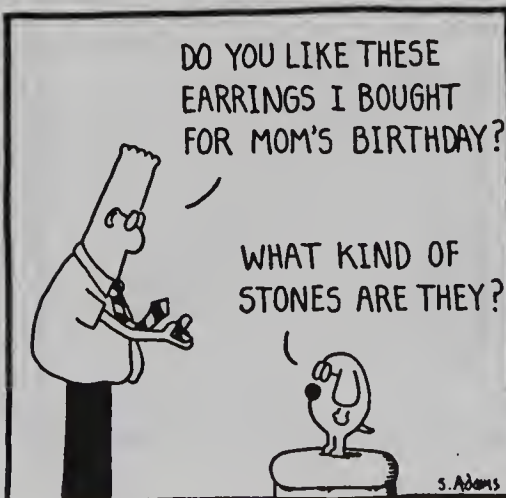
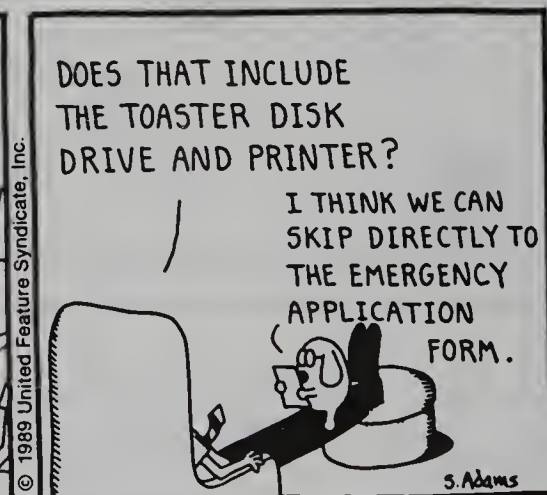
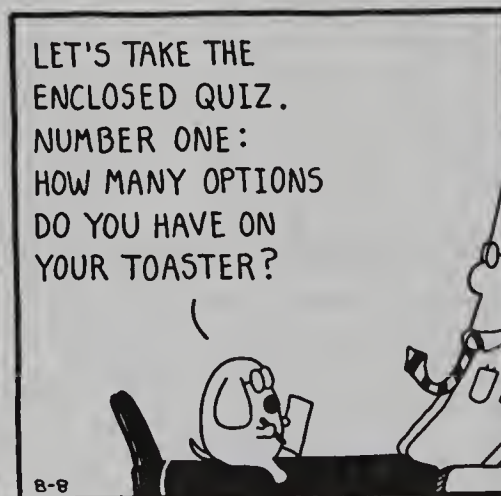
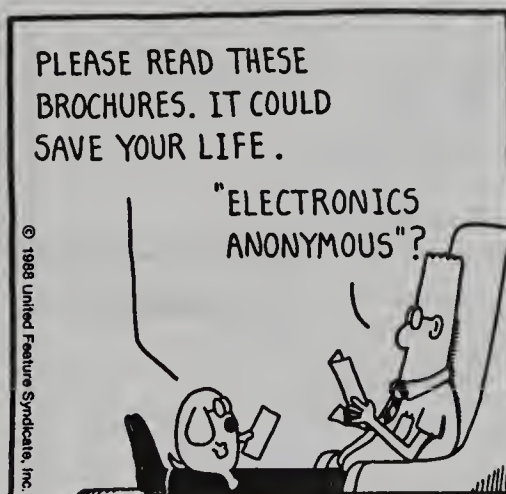
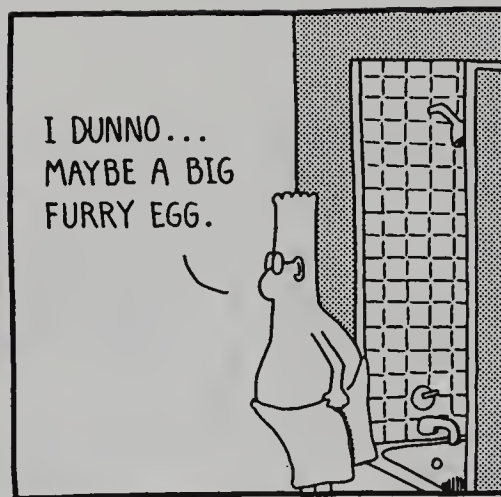
WELCOME TO  
THE LAND OF  
OVERUSED  
PHRASES.

BOY, THEY  
LET ANY-  
BODY IN  
HERE.

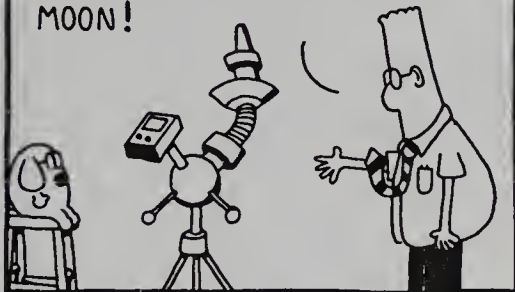








MY NEW INVENTION WILL  
GENERATE A SOLID PARTICLE  
BRIDGE TO PERMANENTLY  
CONNECT THE EARTH TO THE  
MOON!



WELL, I'M NO SCIENTIST,  
BUT WON'T THAT DISRUPT THE  
EARTH'S ORBIT AND CAUSE  
AN ICE AGE THAT WILL  
DESTROY ALL LIFE ON  
THIS PLANET?

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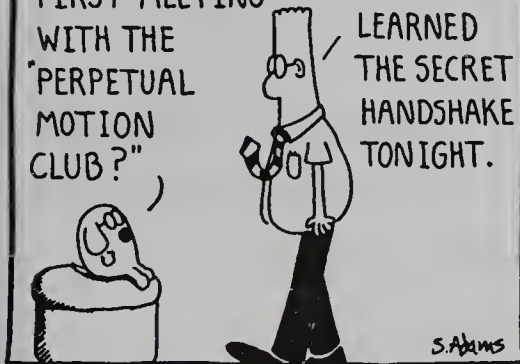
YOU THINK IT NEEDS A  
LITTLE WARNING LABEL?

JUST DON'T  
LET KIDS  
USE IT.



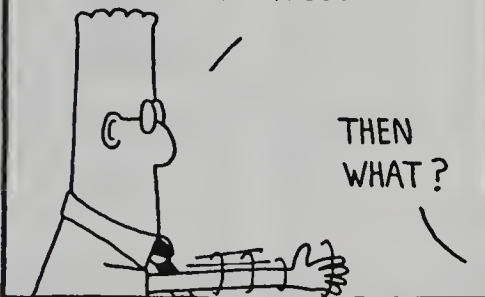
HOW WAS YOUR  
FIRST MEETING  
WITH THE  
"PERPETUAL  
MOTION  
CLUB?"

GREAT! I  
LEARNED  
THE SECRET  
HANDSHAKE  
TONIGHT.



YOU STICK YOUR  
HAND OUT AND  
SPIN IT AROUND  
LIKE THIS.

THEN  
WHAT?



THEN YOU JUST  
KEEP ON DOING  
IT FOREVER.

THAT EXPLAINS  
WHY YOU KEEP  
IT SECRET.



SOMETIMES I GET THIS  
WICKED URGE TO TAKE  
TWO NEWSPAPERS AND  
ONLY PAY FOR ONE.



WHAT'S THE WORST  
THAT CAN HAPPEN?  
BESIDES, THIS MACHINE  
ATE MY MONEY LAST  
TIME.

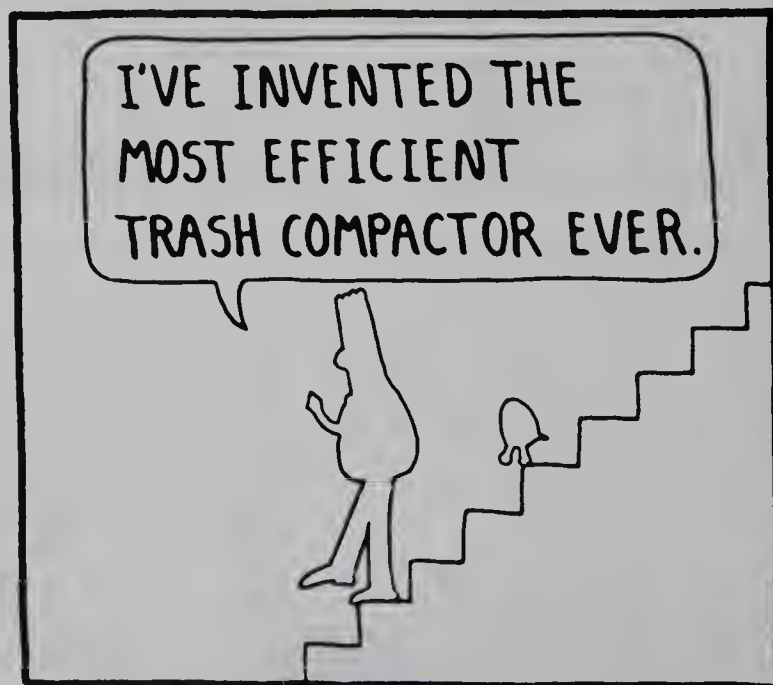
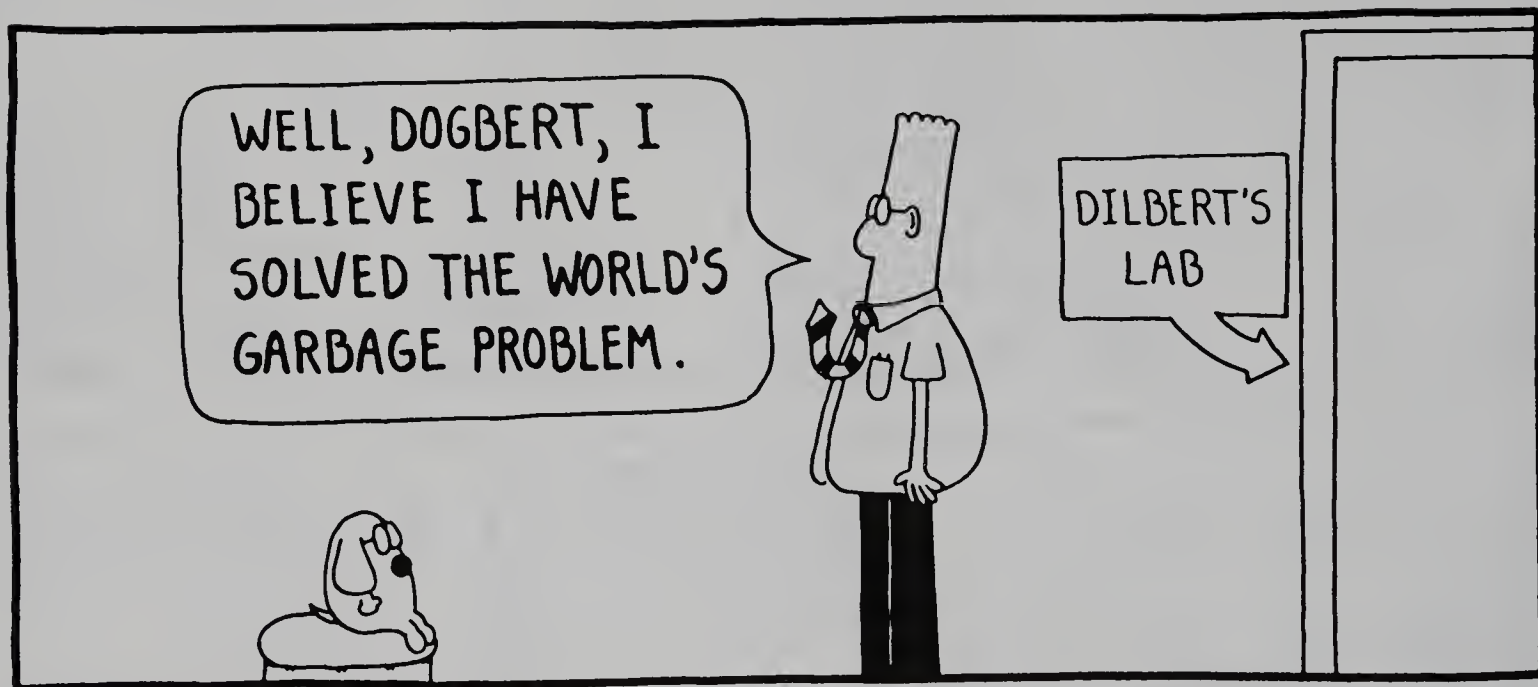
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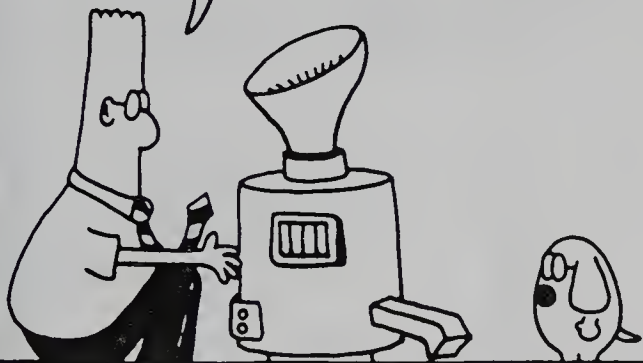
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THIS BABY CAN SQUASH  
TWO TONS OF GARBAGE  
INTO A LITTLE BRICK!



NO DOUBT YOU'VE  
CONSIDERED THE  
VALUABLE USES FOR  
THE BRICK ITSELF.



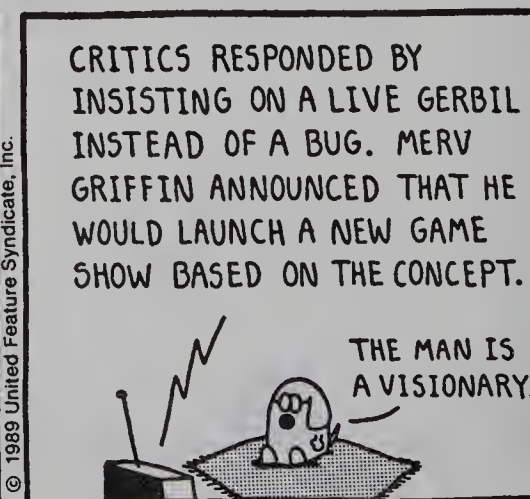
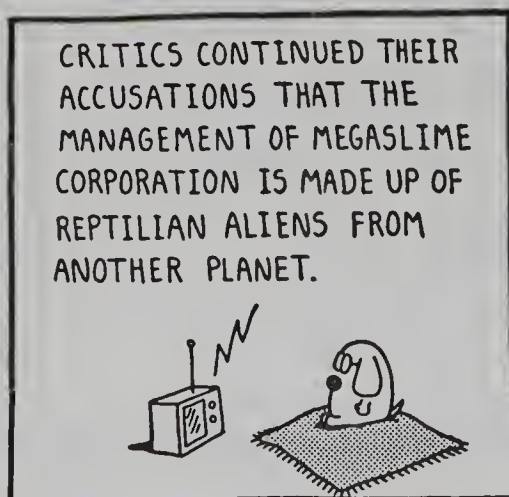
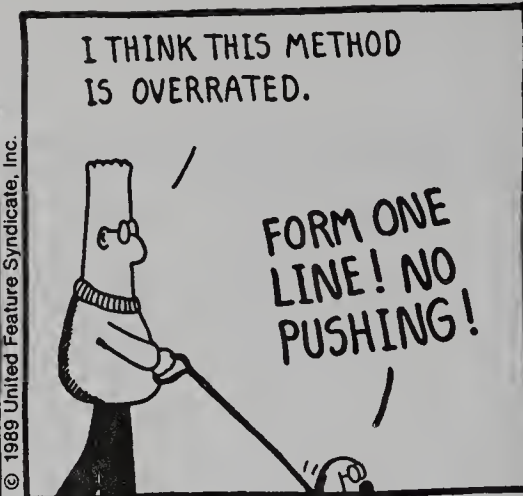
UH... RIGHT...  
FOR HOME  
CONSTRUCTION?

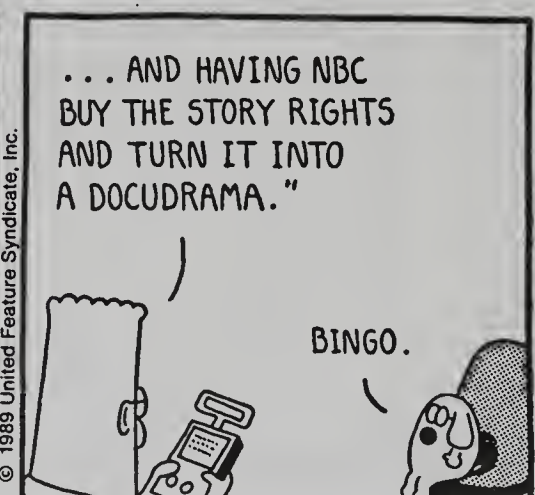
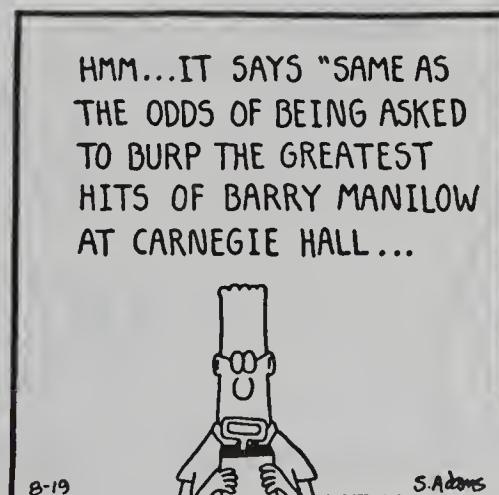
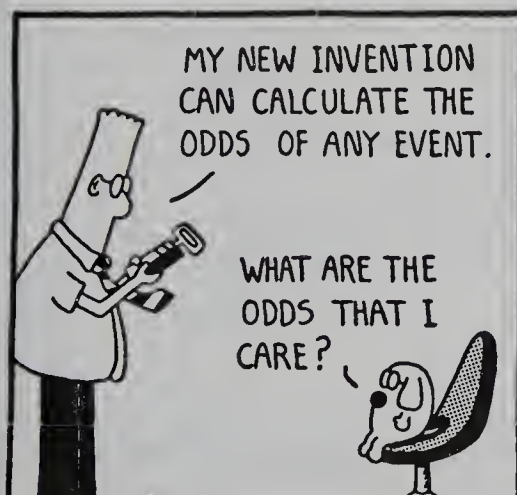
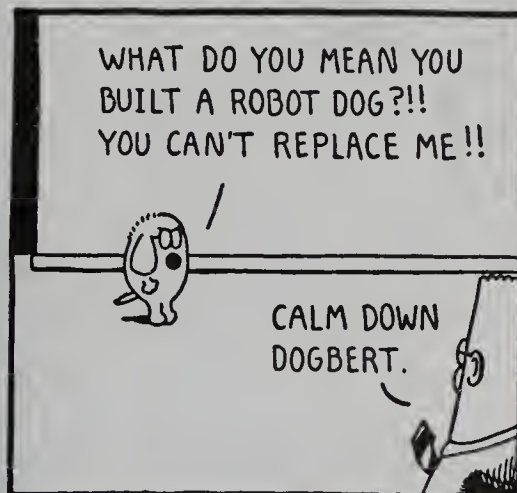
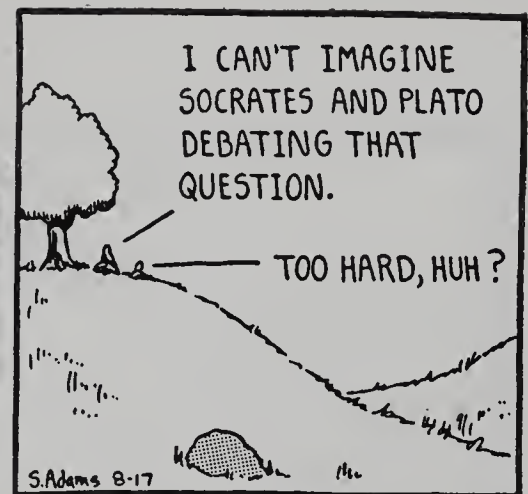
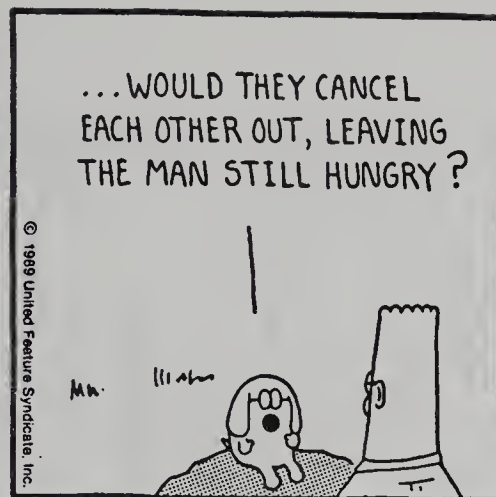
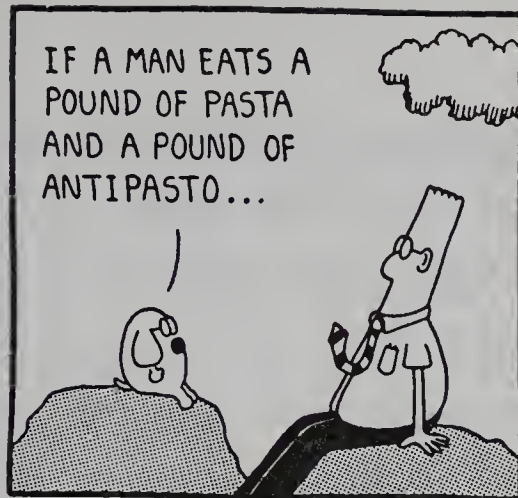


OR JUST AS AN  
IMMOVABLE OBJECT  
THAT SMELLS LIKE  
SYLVESTER STALLONE'S  
SOCKS.

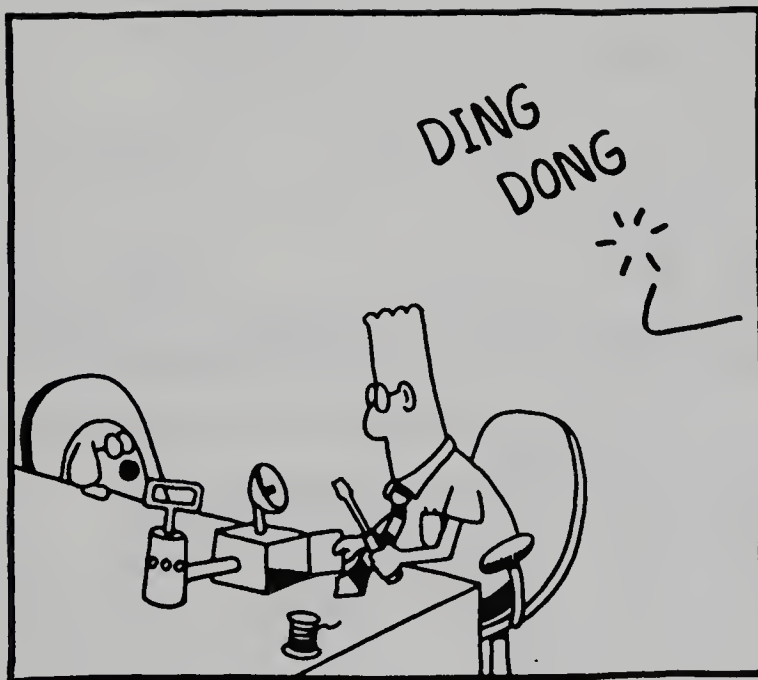


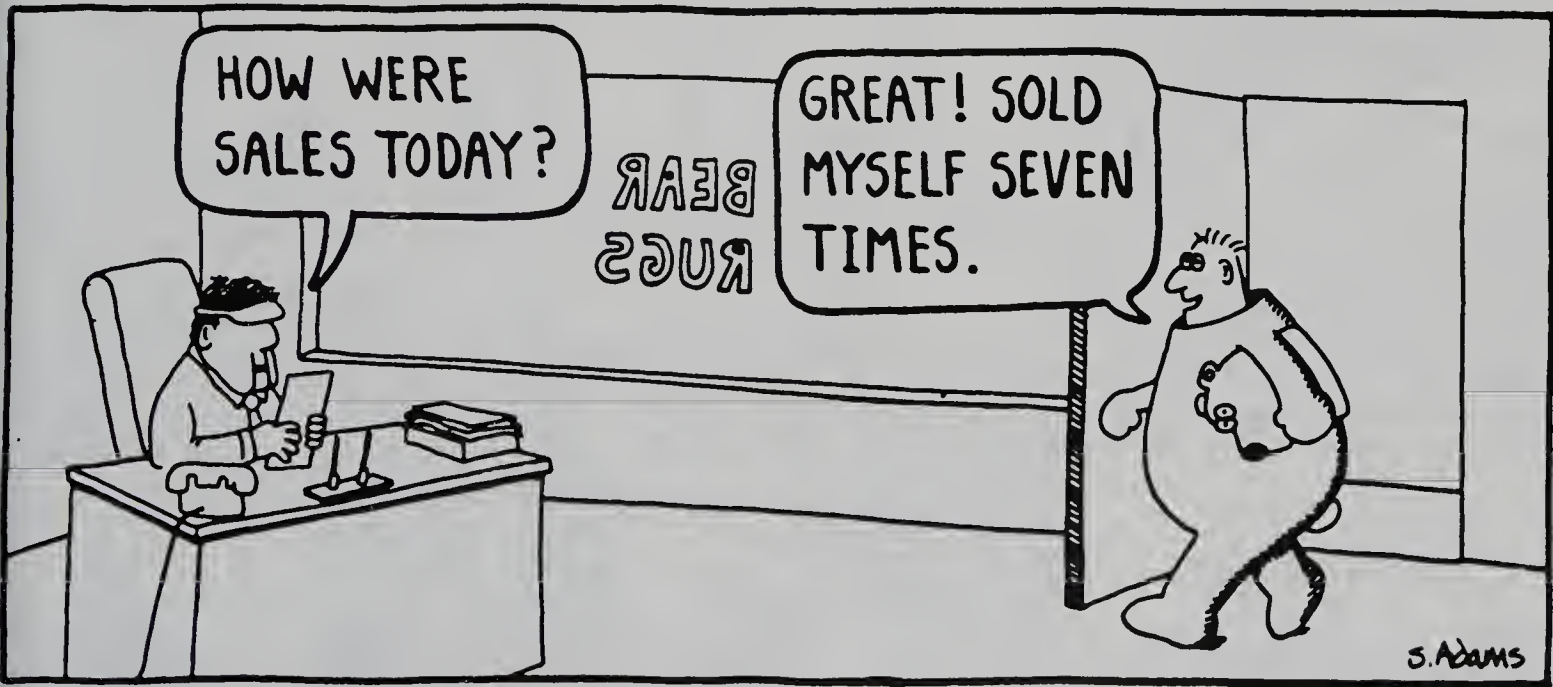
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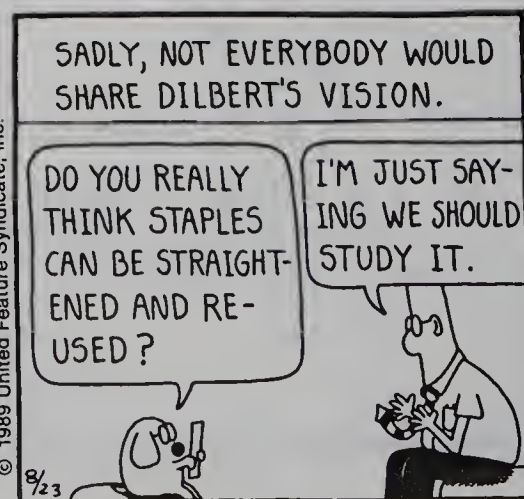
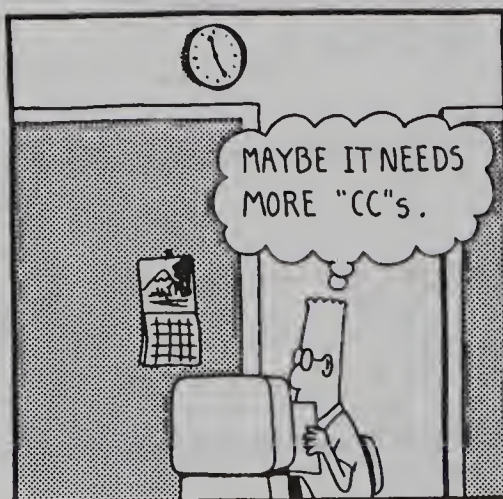
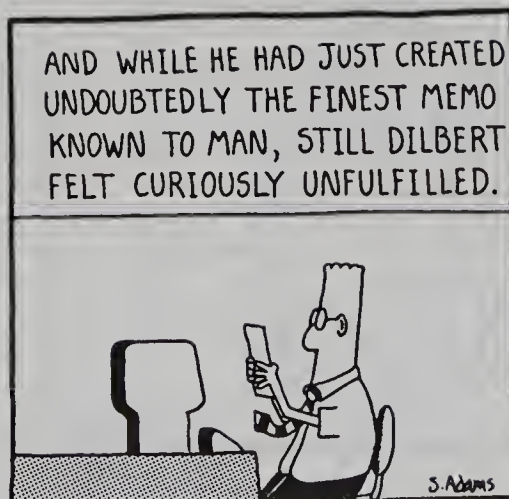
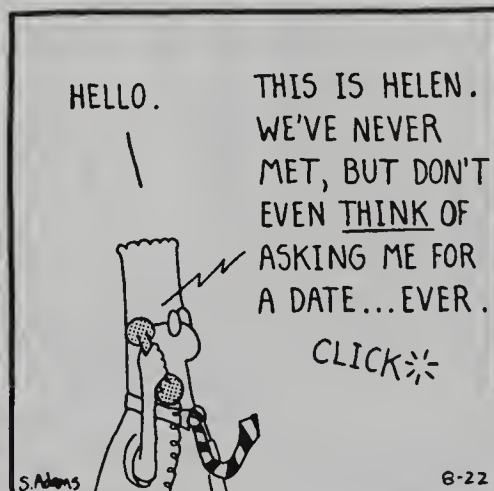
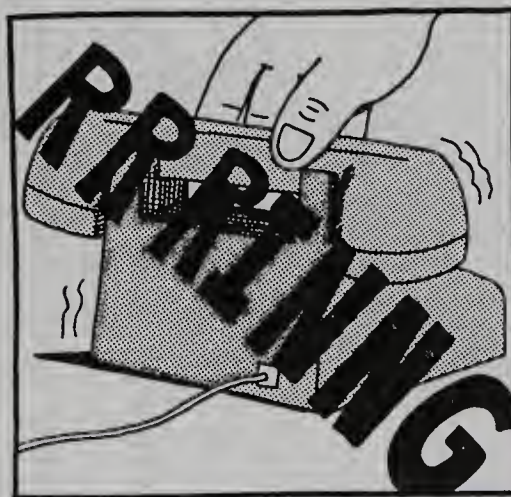
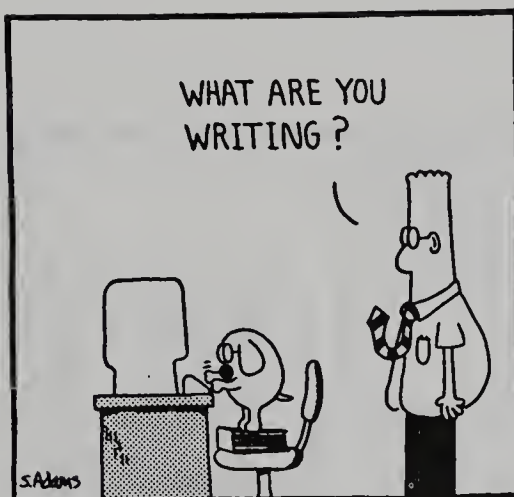






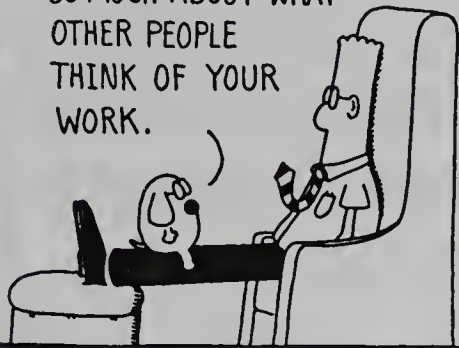








YOU SHOULDN'T CARE  
SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT  
OTHER PEOPLE  
THINK OF YOUR  
WORK.

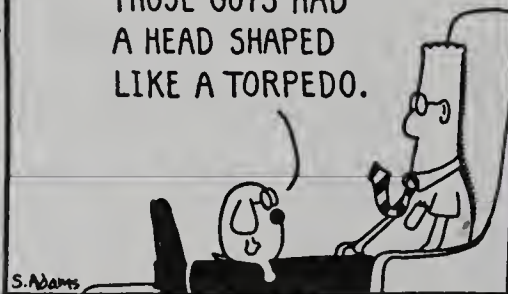


I MEAN, EVERYBODY SCOFFED  
AT THE WRIGHT BROTHERS.  
GALILEO WAS JAILED.  
COLUMBUS WAS RIDICULED.



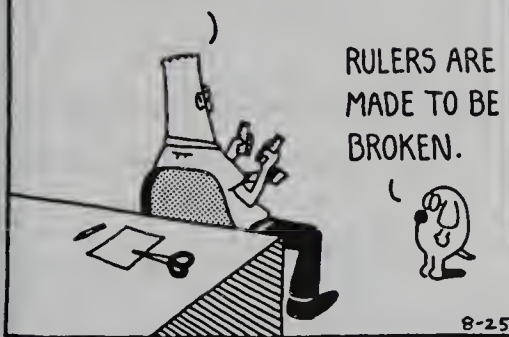
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'COURSE, NONE OF  
THOSE GUYS HAD  
A HEAD SHAPED  
LIKE A TORPEDO.



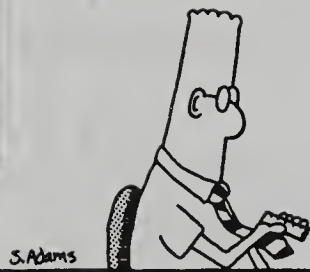
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DOGBERT, DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY  
GOOD RULER ?



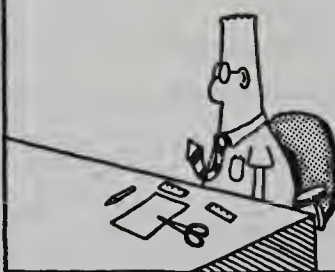
RULERS ARE  
MADE TO BE  
BROKEN.

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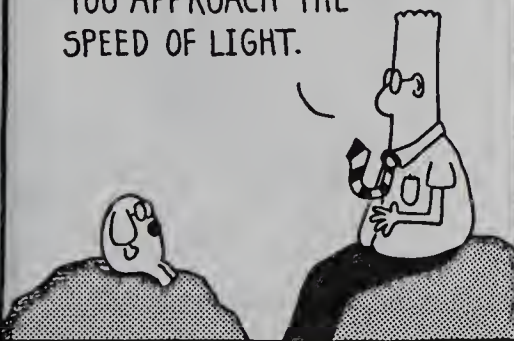
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I JUST KNOW THERE IS  
SOME FLAW IN THAT  
ARGUMENT...

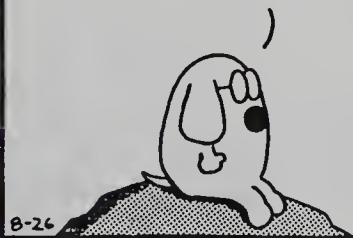


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ACCORDING TO EINSTEIN,  
TIME SLOWS DOWN AS  
YOU APPROACH THE  
SPEED OF LIGHT.



DIDN'T HE ALSO  
PROVE THAT TIME  
FLIES WHEN YOU'RE  
HAVING FUN ?



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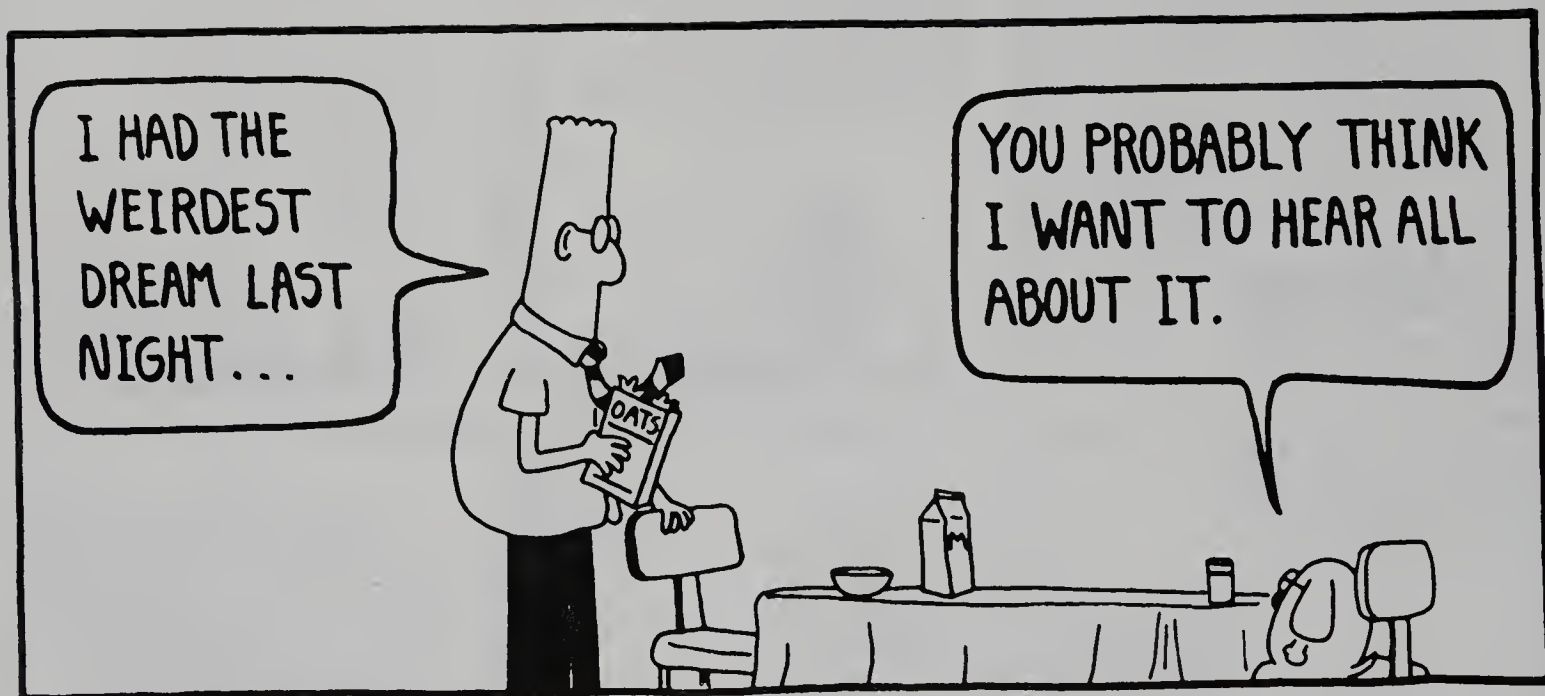
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SO, IF YOU WALK  
SLOWER, DO YOU  
HAVE MORE FUN OR  
JUST GET MORE  
LIGHT ?

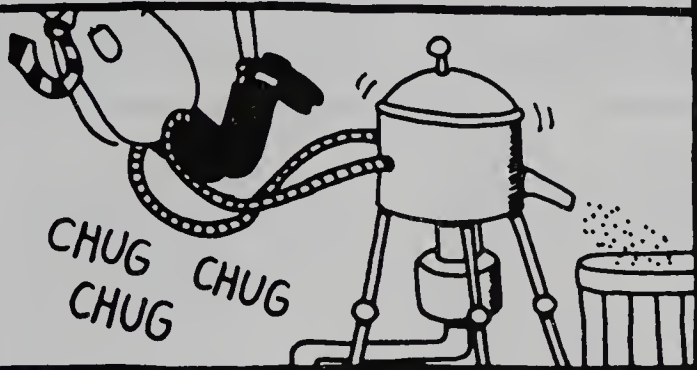


WERE WE  
FINISHED  
HERE ?

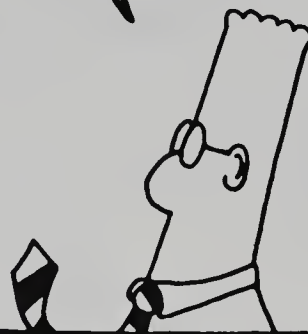
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THEY FED ME ONLY FLANNEL  
AND WATER, AND MINED  
MY POCKETS TWICE A DAY.



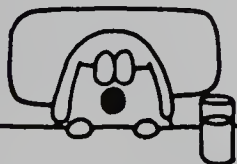
THANK GOD IT WAS  
ONLY A DREAM...



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ONLY A DREAM?  
MAYBE YOU SHOULD  
CHECK YOUR POCKETS.

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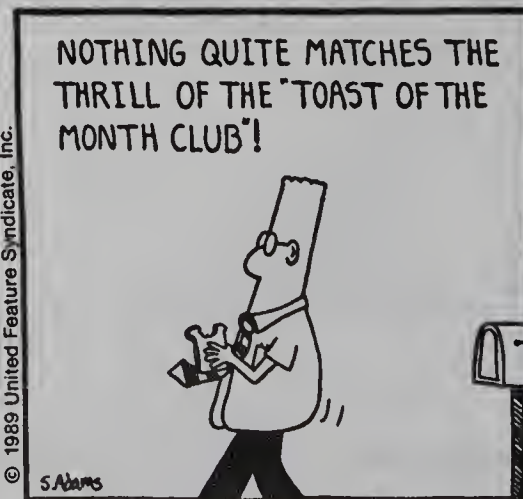
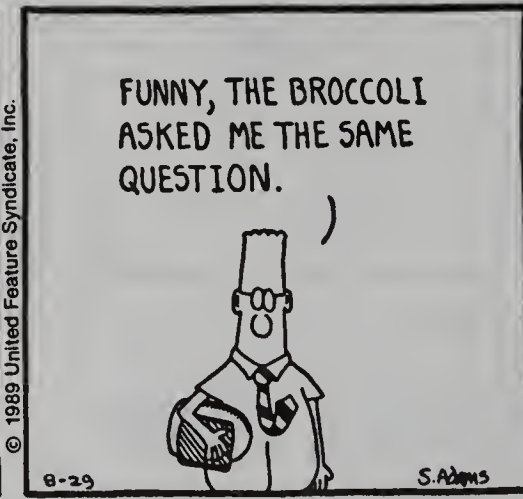
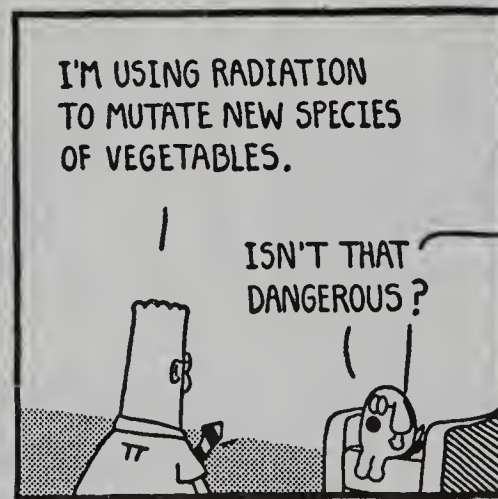
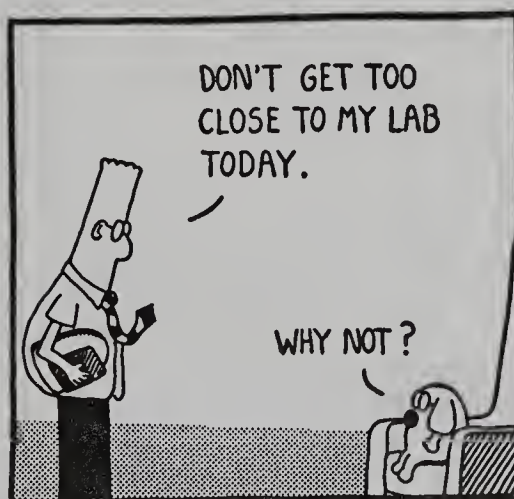
AAAGHH!!  
LINT!

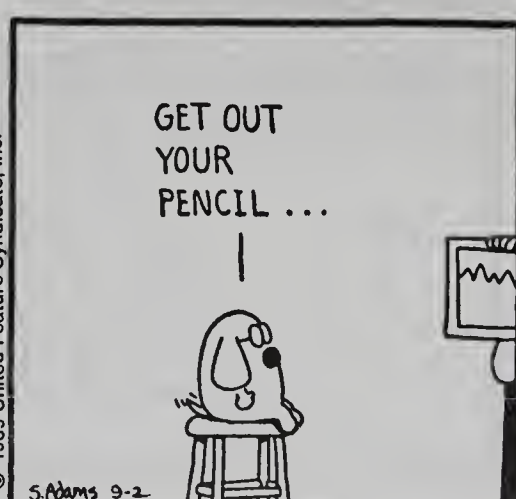
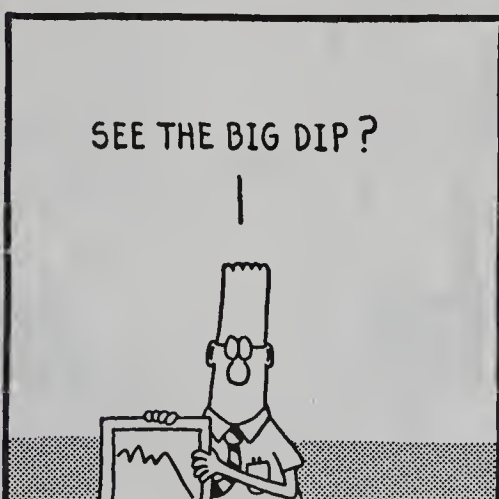
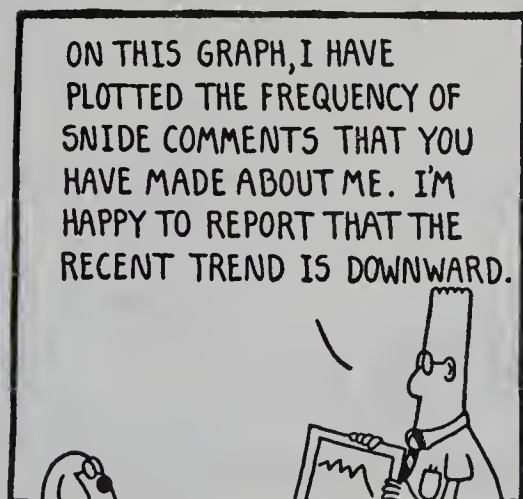
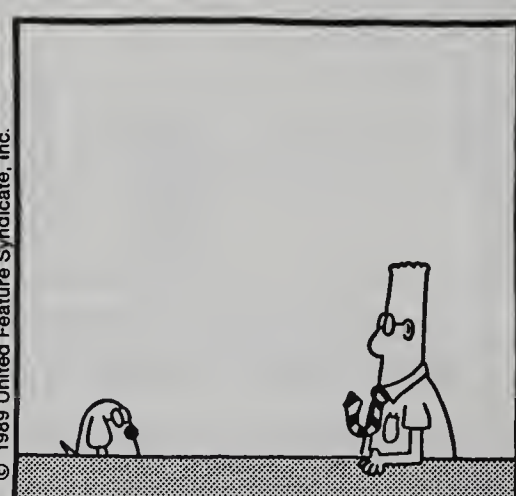
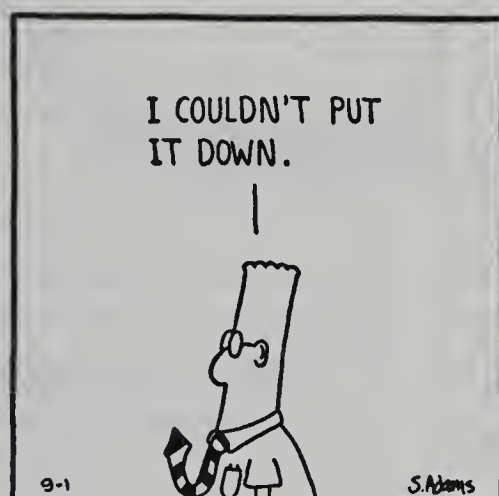
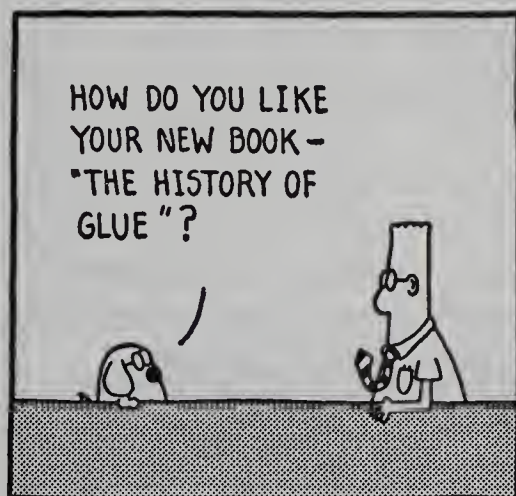


STRANGER  
THAN  
FICTION.

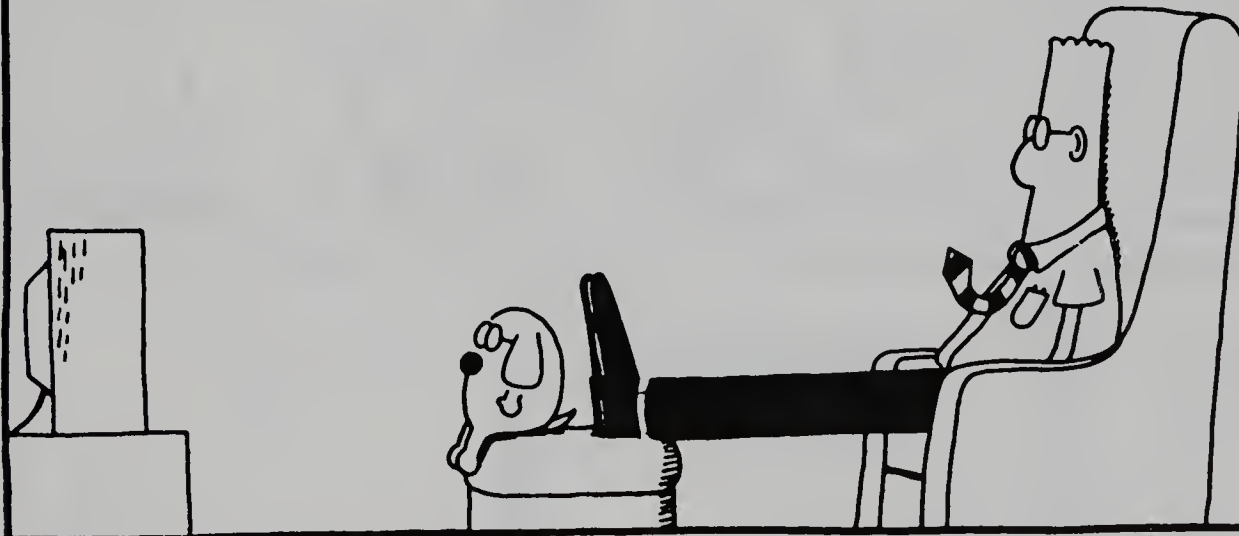






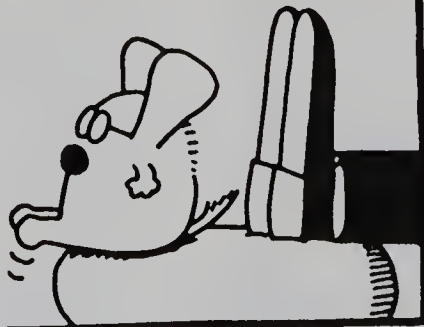


TO THE ANCIENTS IT WAS KNOWN AS THE "TIME OF DEGAUSS."

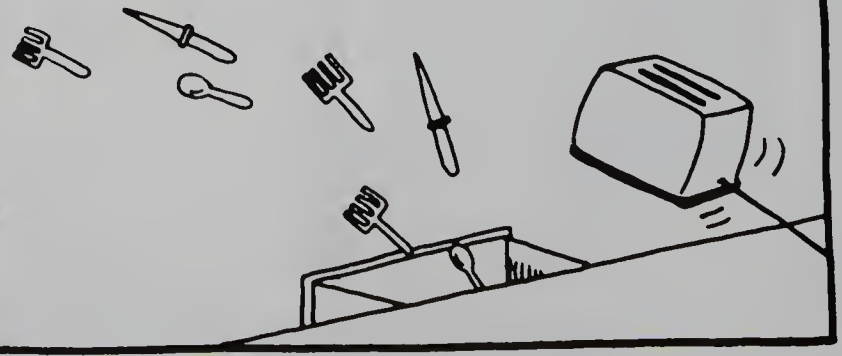


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EVERY THOUSAND YEARS,  
THE ANIMAL MAGNETISM  
OF DOMESTICATED  
CREATURES REVERSES.

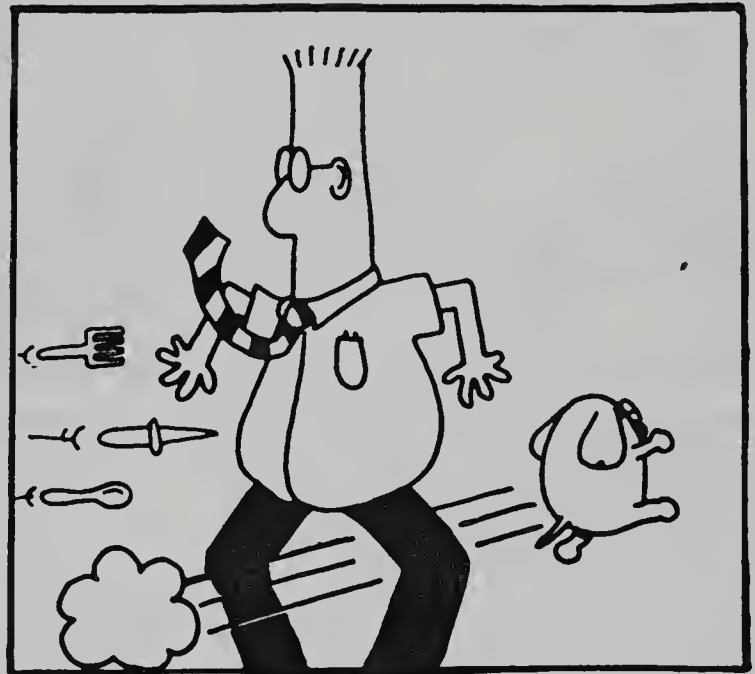
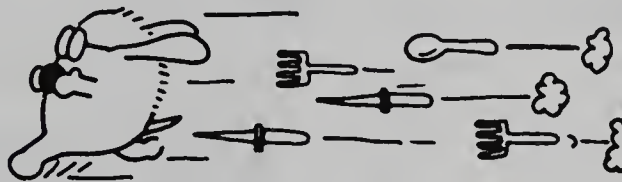


THE RESULT CAN BE CATASTROPHIC...





... OR DOGASTROPHIC.

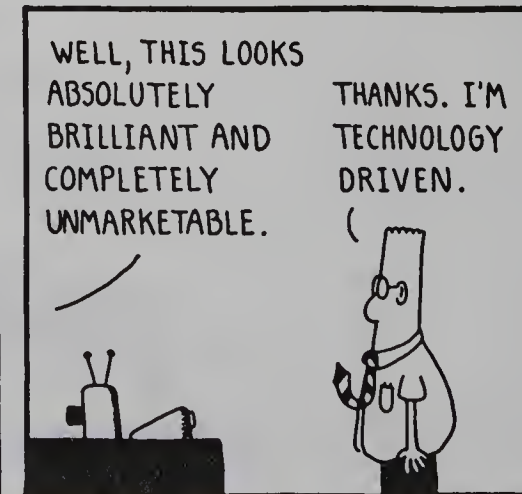
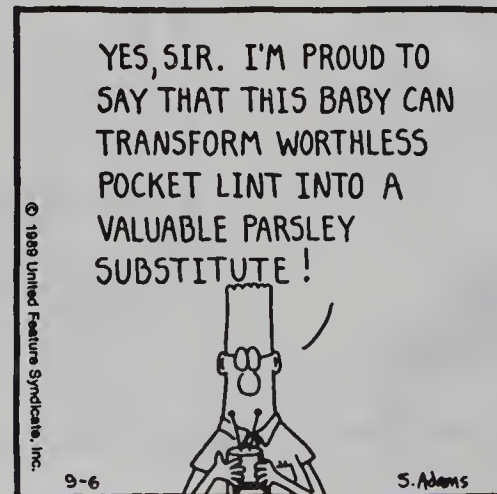
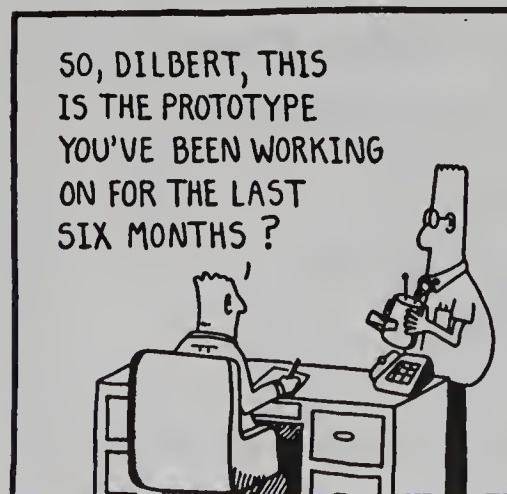
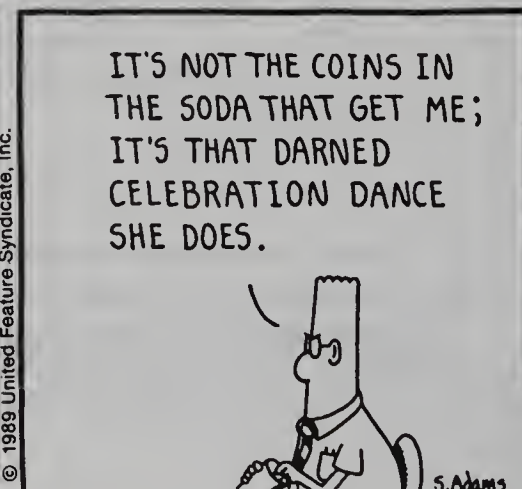


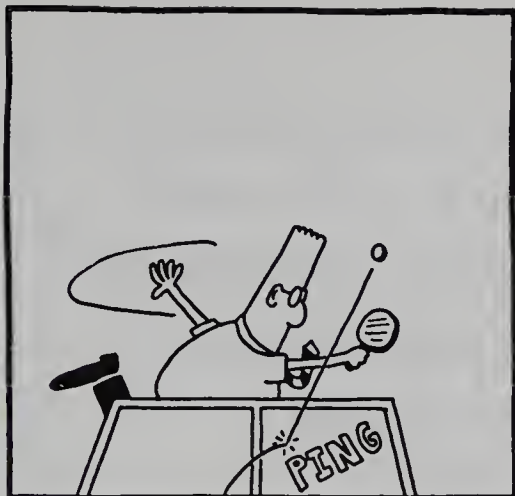
SOON THE FIELD STABILIZES, AND THE THREAT IS FORGOTTEN.



THAT REMINDS ME -  
WHAT'S FOR SUPPER  
TONIGHT?

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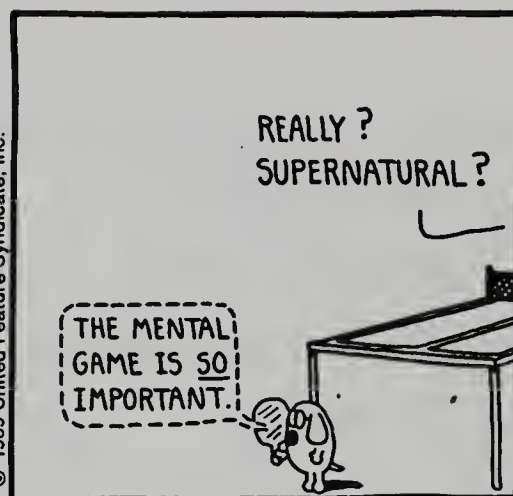


YOU WIN, AGAIN.  
I SURE WISH I  
KNEW HOW YOU  
MAKE THAT SHOT.

SUPER-  
NATURAL  
FORCES.

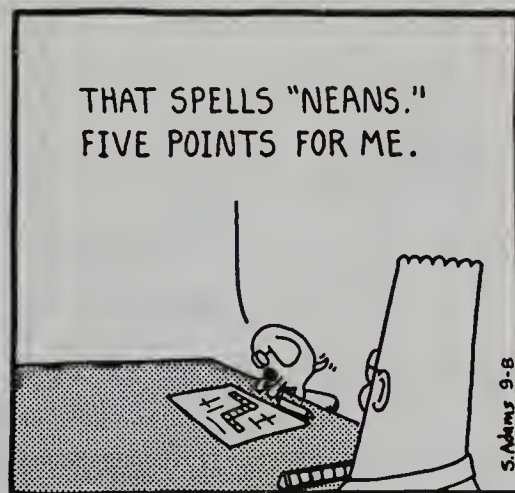
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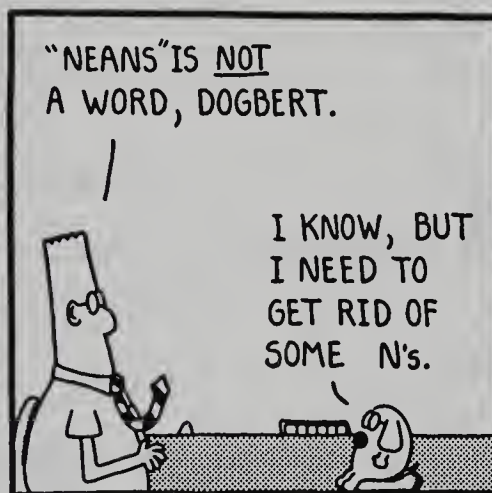
REALLY?  
SUPERNATURAL?

THE MENTAL  
GAME IS SO  
IMPORTANT.



THAT SPELLS "NEANS."  
FIVE POINTS FOR ME.

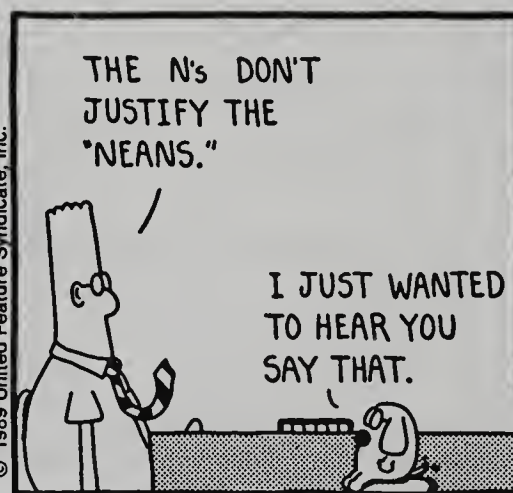
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"NEANS" IS NOT  
A WORD, DOGBERT.

I KNOW, BUT  
I NEED TO  
GET RID OF  
SOME N's.

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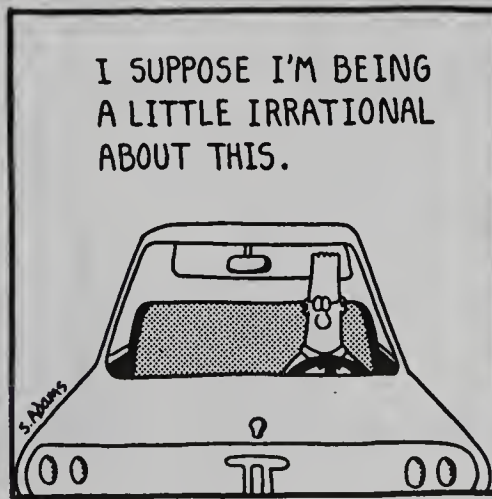


THE N's DON'T  
JUSTIFY THE  
"NEANS."

I JUST WANTED  
TO HEAR YOU  
SAY THAT.

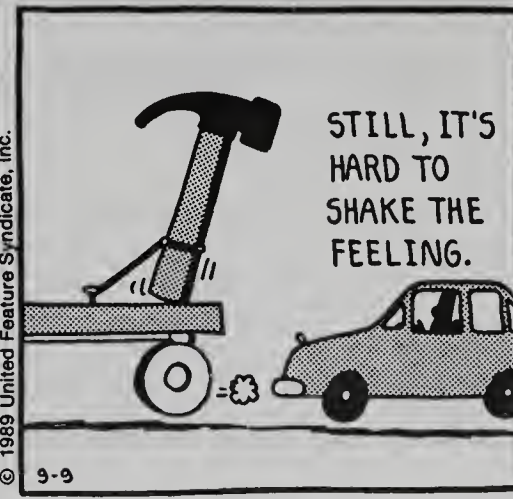


OH NO... I ALWAYS GET  
STUCK BEHIND A TRUCK  
CARRYING STUFF THAT  
COULD FALL OFF AND CRACK  
MY WINDSHIELD.



I SUPPOSE I'M BEING  
A LITTLE IRRATIONAL  
ABOUT THIS.

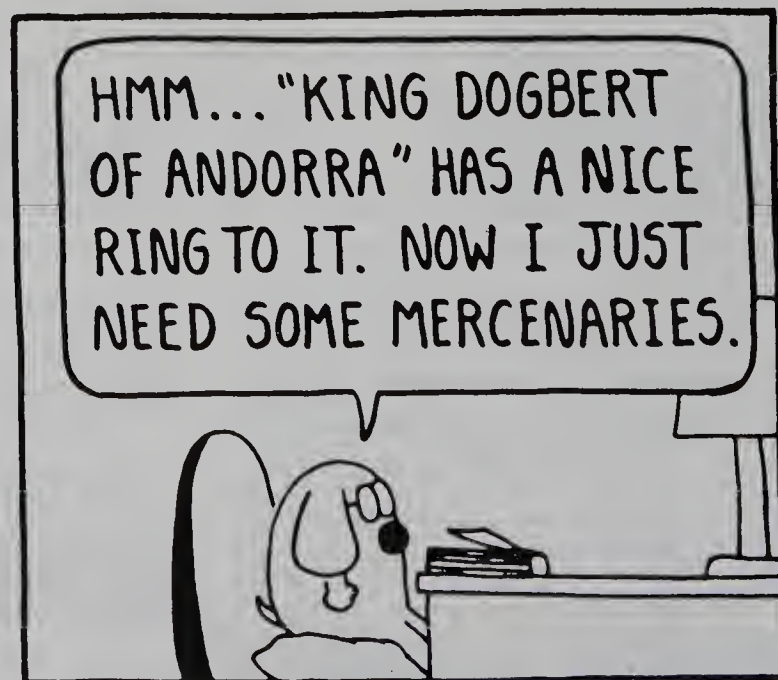
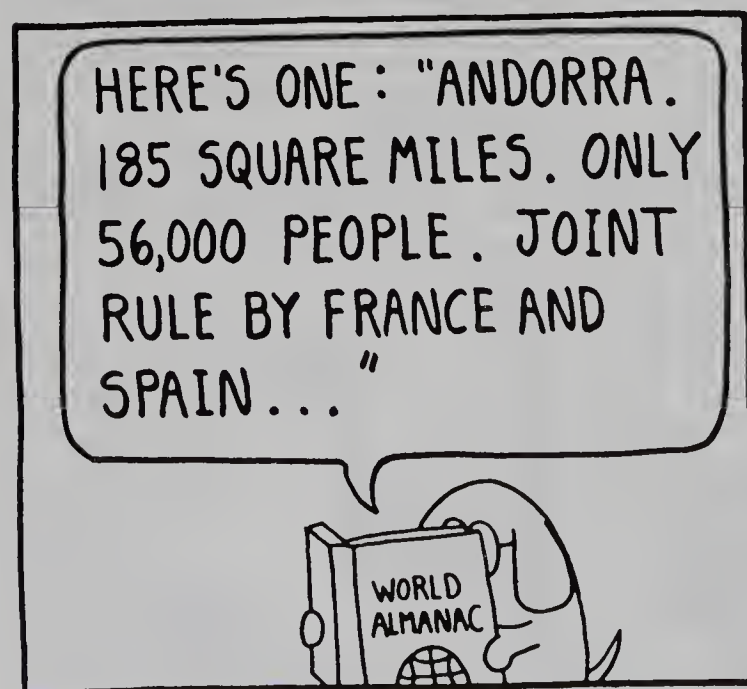
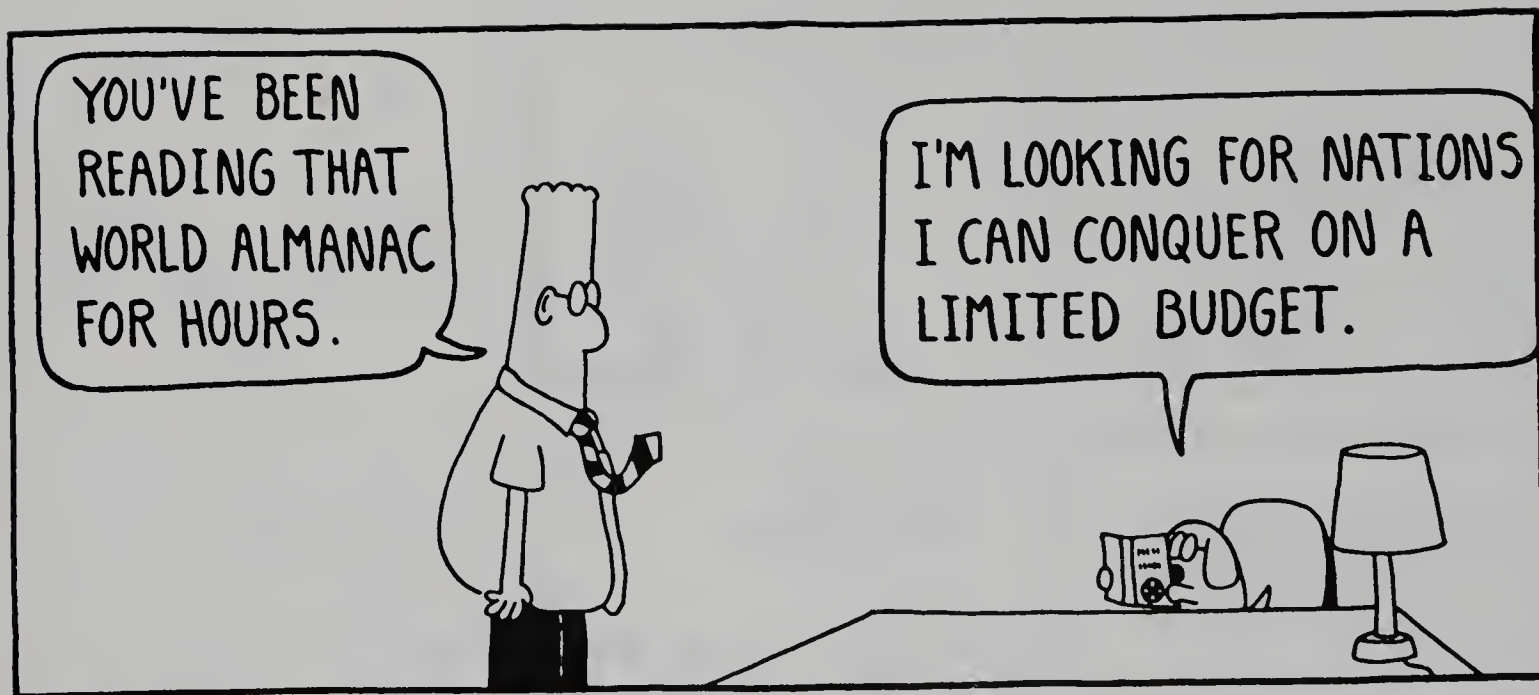
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STILL, IT'S  
HARD TO  
SHAKE THE  
FEELING.

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HOW ARE YOU GOING  
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MERCENARIES ?

I'LL FLOAT SOME JUNK  
BONDS UNTIL WE CAN  
LOOT THE TREASURY  
OF ANDORRA.

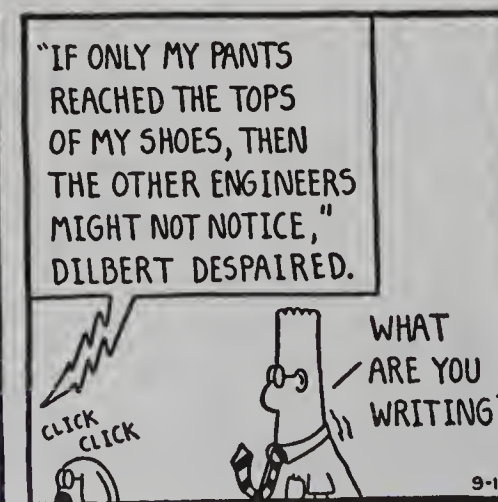
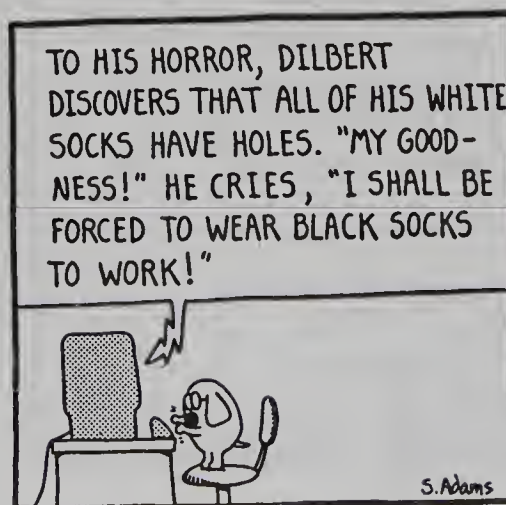
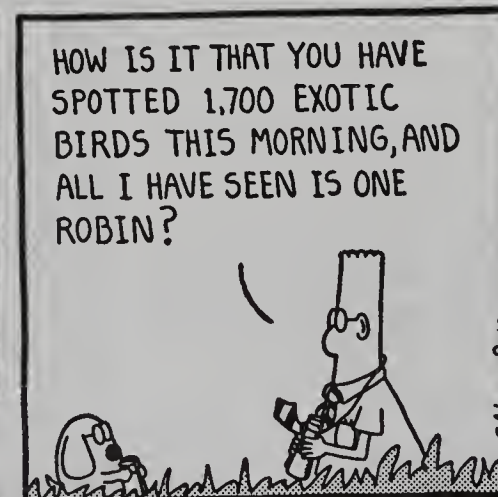
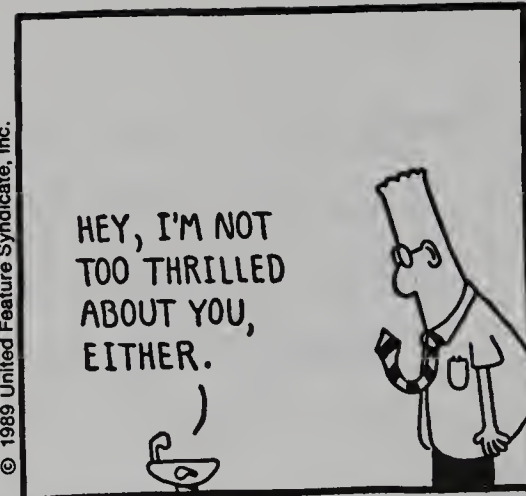
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IT STRIKES ME  
AS A BIT  
UNETHICAL.

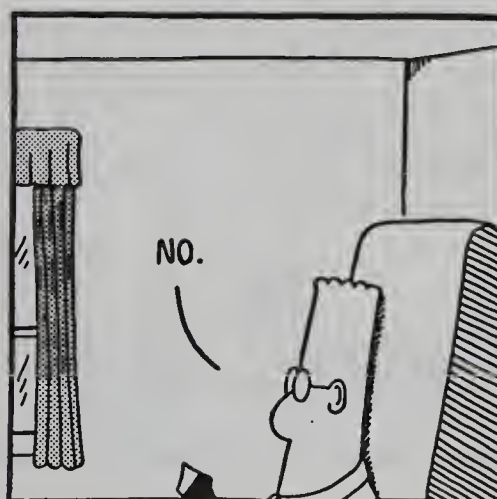
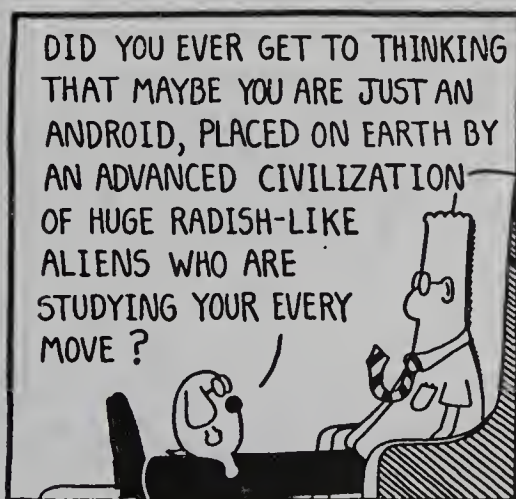
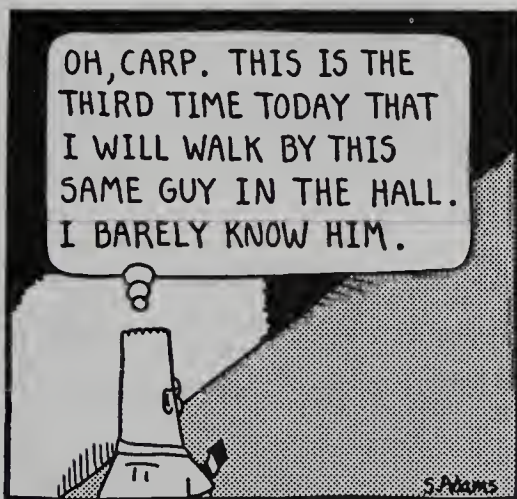
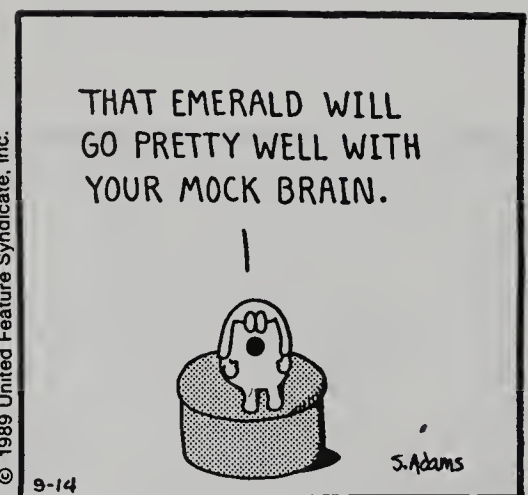
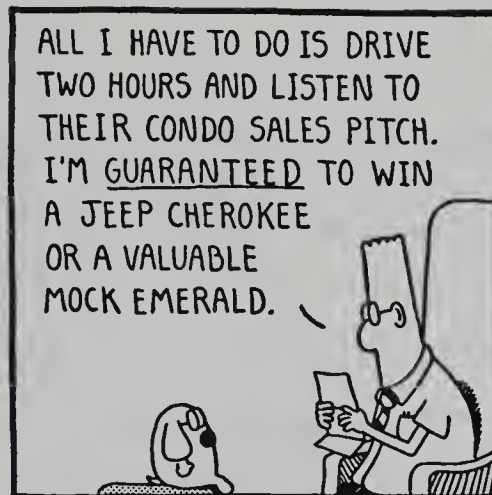
APPARENTLY I'LL  
HAVE TO IMPRISON  
SOME DISSIDENTS.

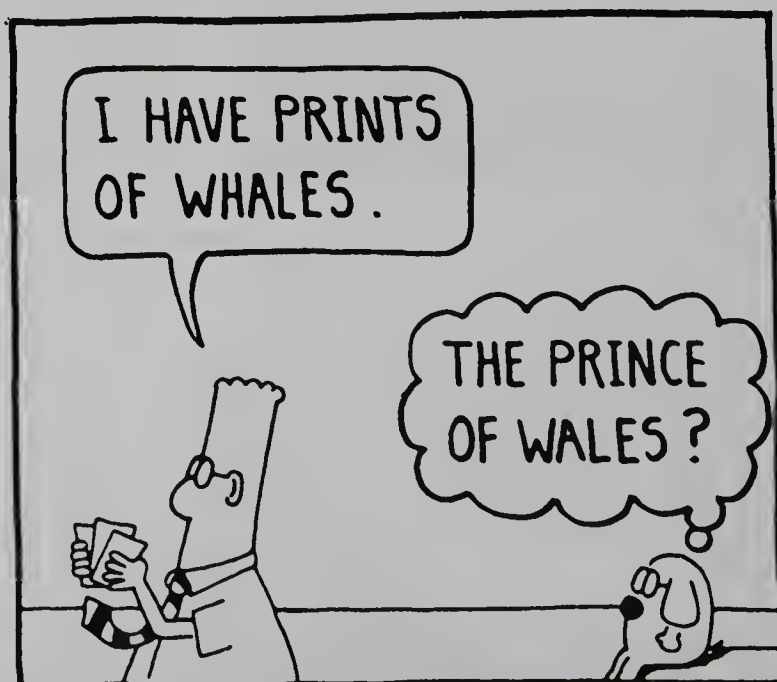
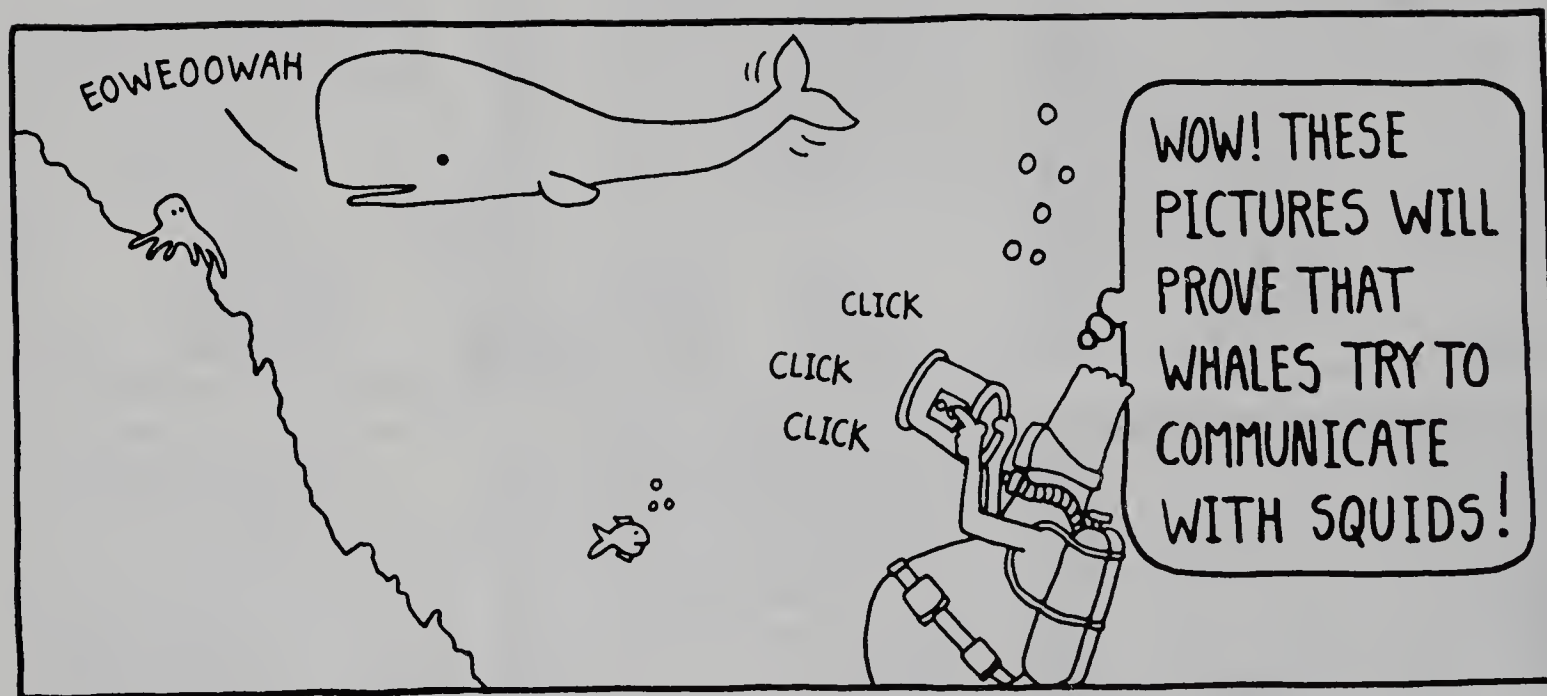
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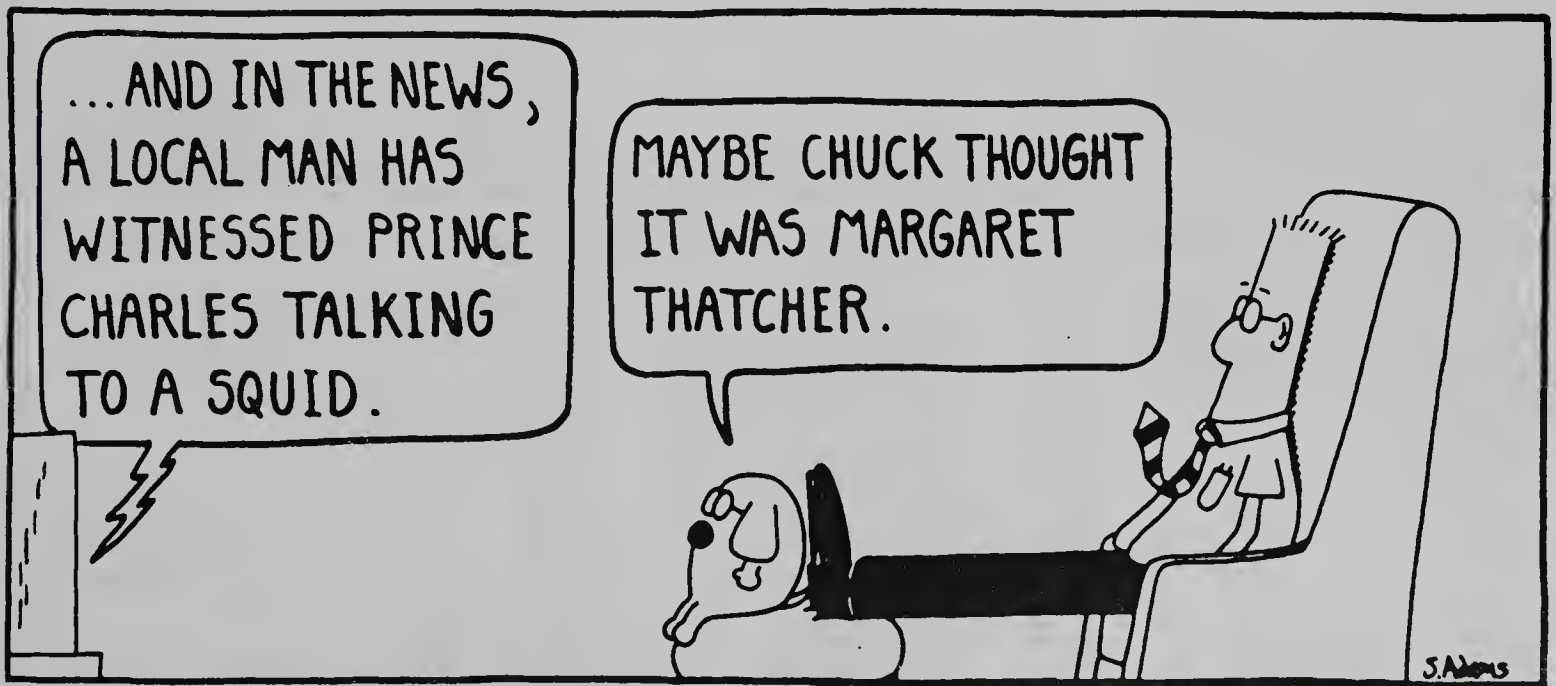
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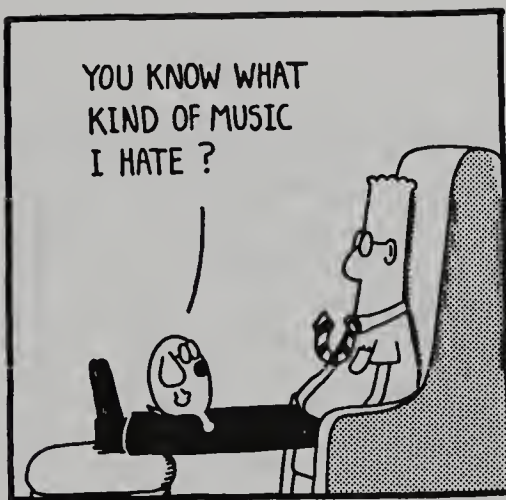




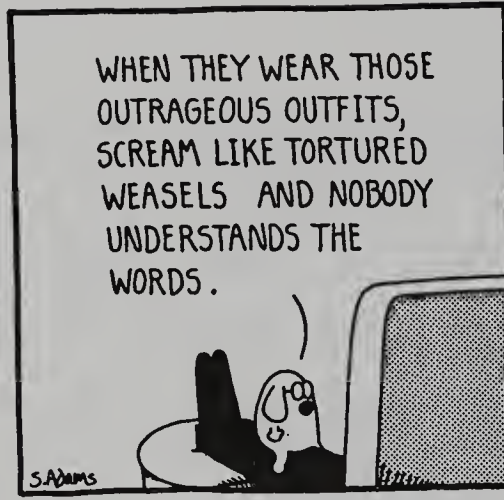








YOU KNOW WHAT  
KIND OF MUSIC  
I HATE ?



WHEN THEY WEAR THOSE  
OUTRAGEOUS OUTFITS,  
SCREAM LIKE TORTURED  
WEASELS AND NOBODY  
UNDERSTANDS THE  
WORDS.

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HEAVY METAL  
ROCK ?

OPERA.

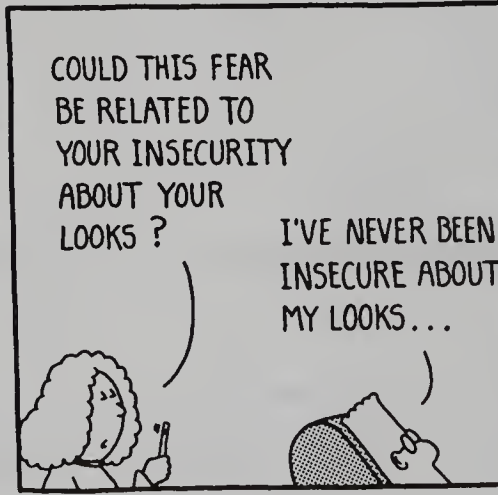
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...AND IT SEEMS LIKE  
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID  
OF MOTHS...

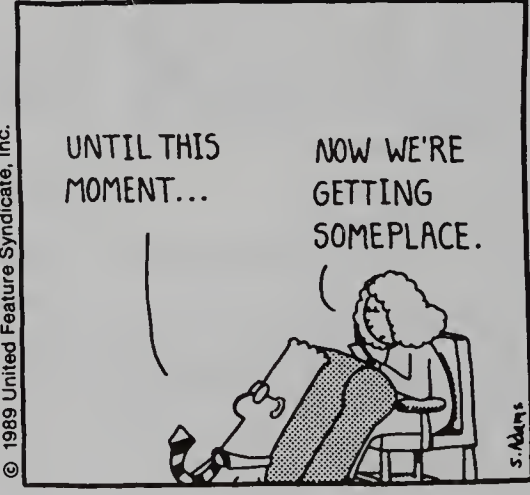
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COULD THIS FEAR  
BE RELATED TO  
YOUR INSECURITY  
ABOUT YOUR  
LOOKS ?

I'VE NEVER BEEN  
INSECURE ABOUT  
MY LOOKS...

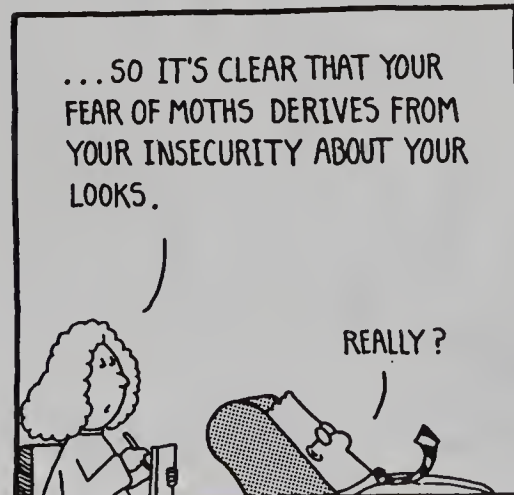
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UNTIL THIS  
MOMENT...

NOW WE'RE  
GETTING  
SOMEPLACE.

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... SO IT'S CLEAR THAT YOUR  
FEAR OF MOTHS DERIVES FROM  
YOUR INSECURITY ABOUT YOUR  
LOOKS.

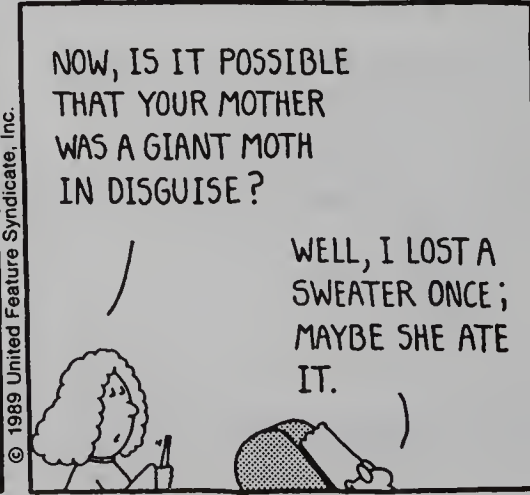
REALLY ?



I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE  
THAT THOSE BIG FLOPPY  
EARS OF YOURS MAKE  
YOUR HEAD LOOK LIKE  
A WINGED INSECT IN  
FLIGHT.

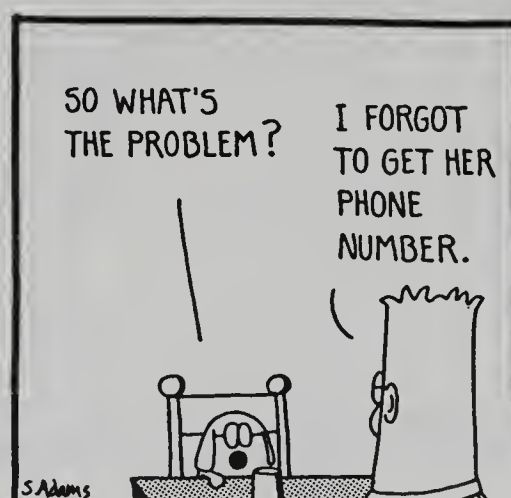
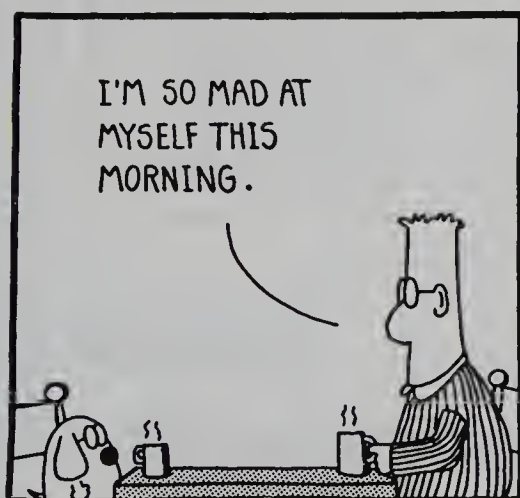
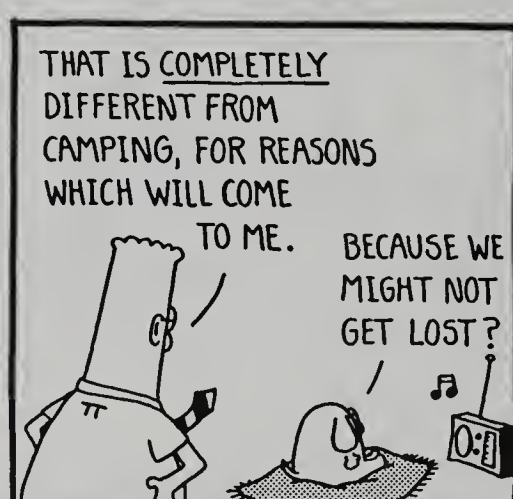
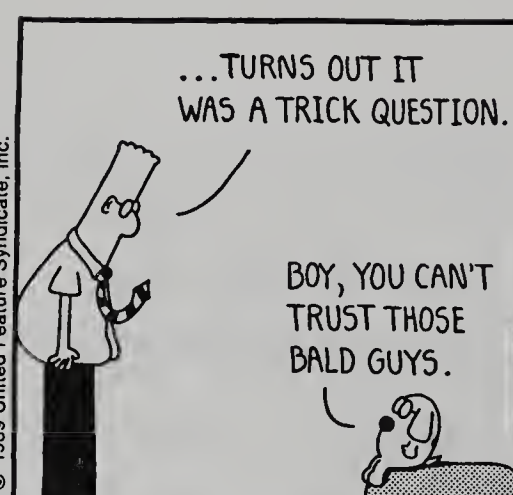
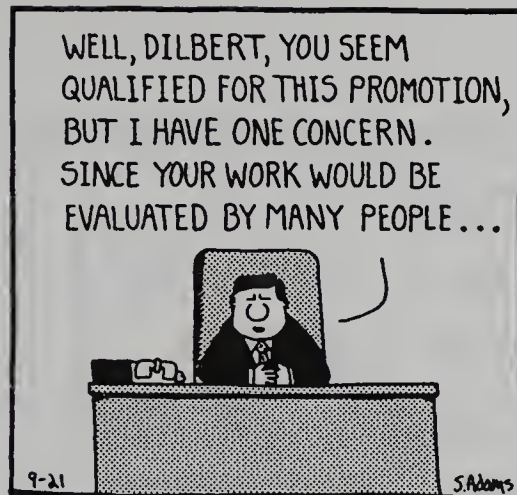
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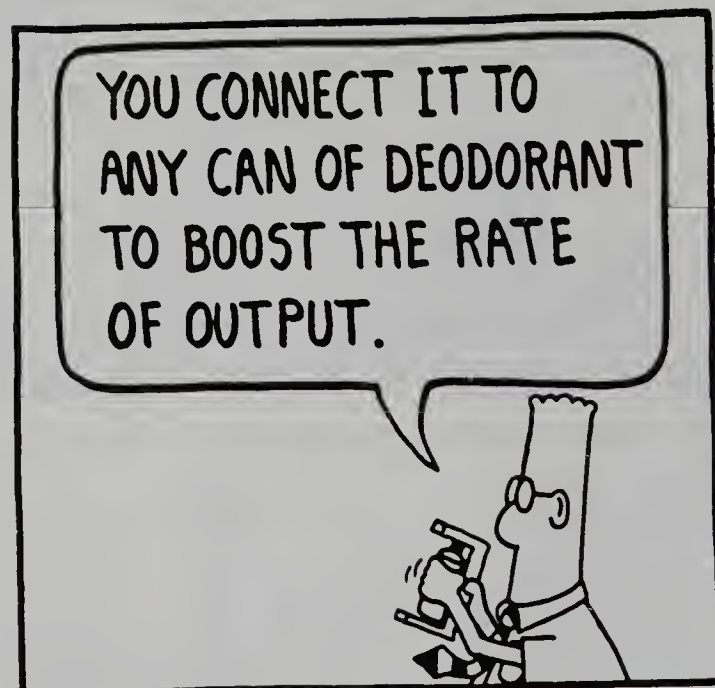
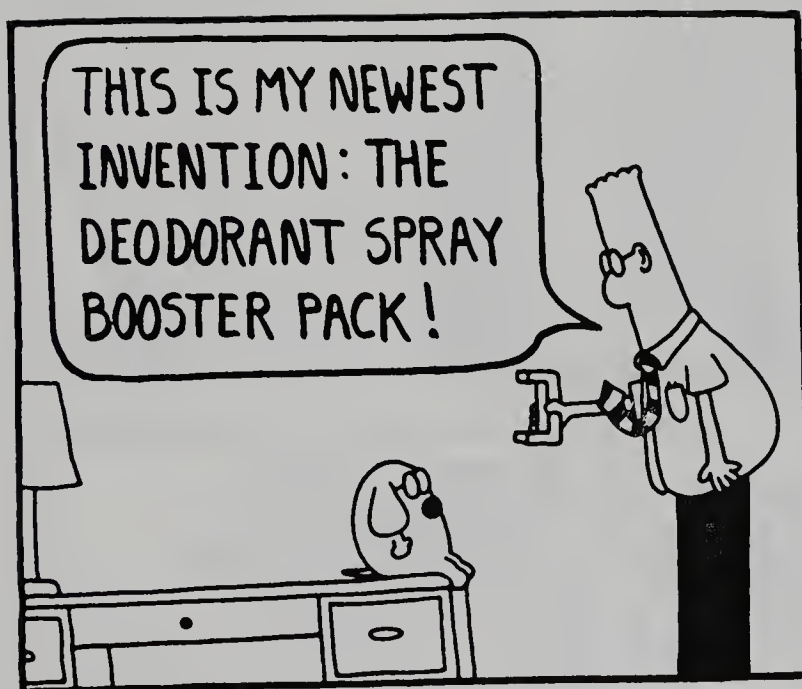
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NOW, IS IT POSSIBLE  
THAT YOUR MOTHER  
WAS A GIANT MOTH  
IN DISGUISE ?

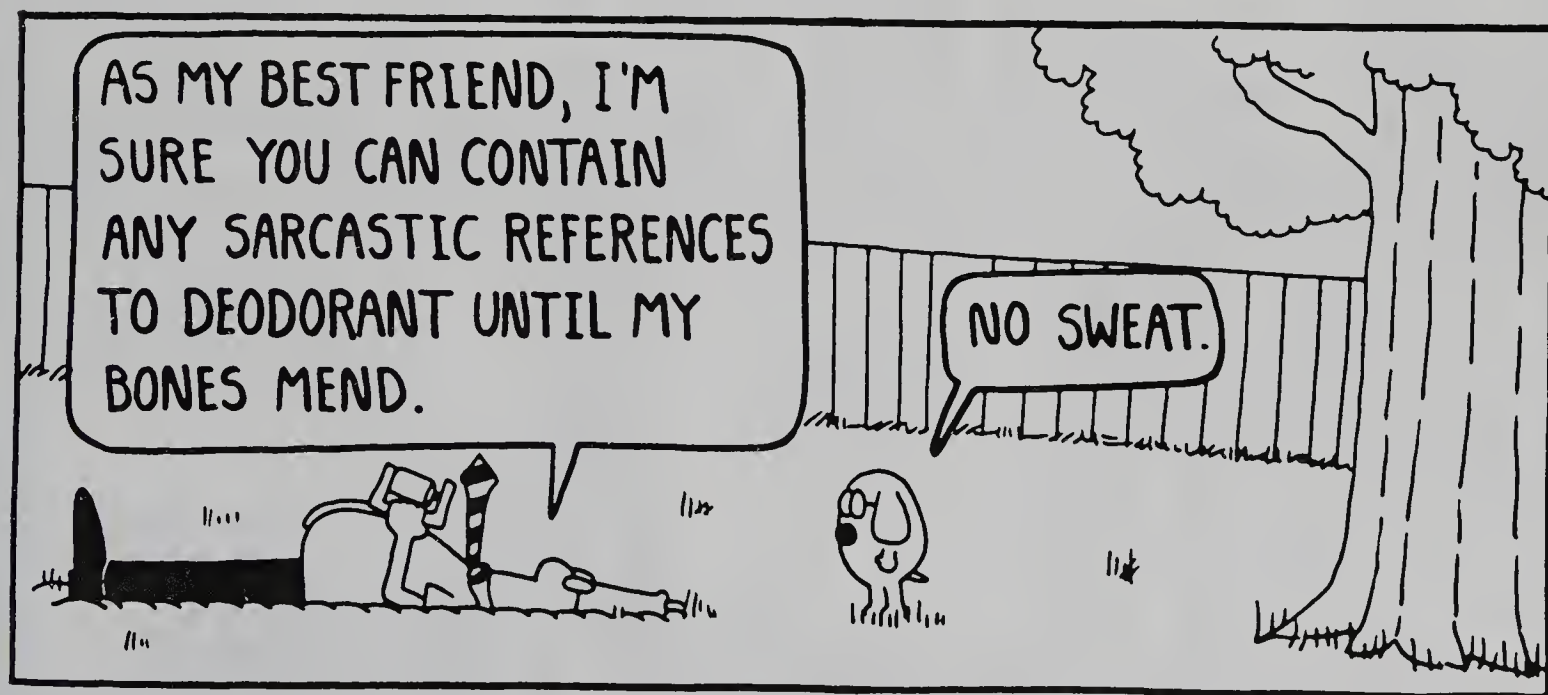
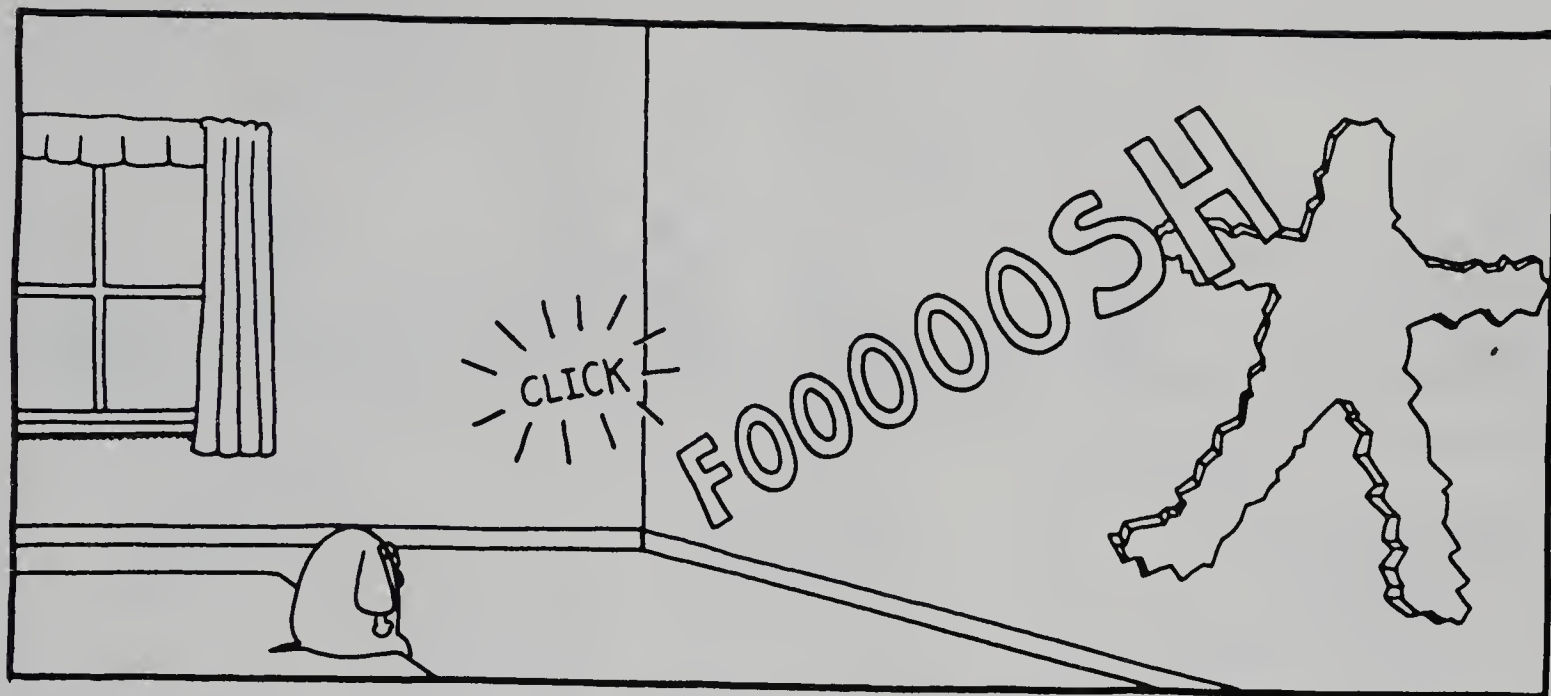
WELL, I LOST A  
SWEATER ONCE ;  
MAYBE SHE ATE  
IT.

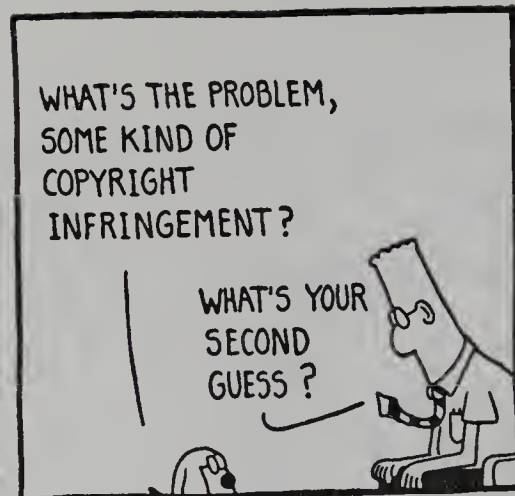
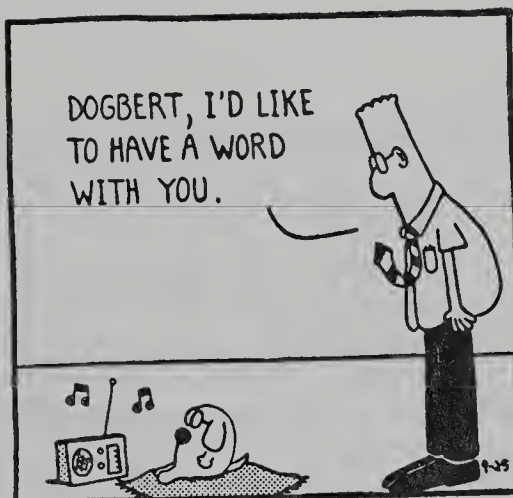




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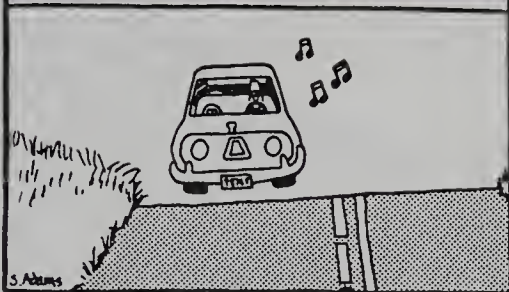




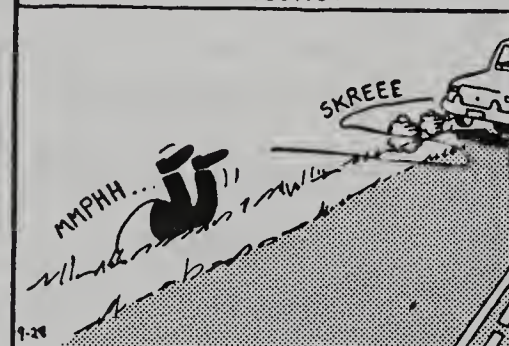




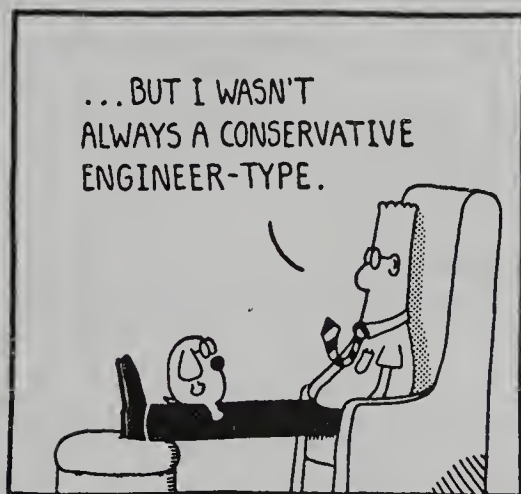
A FRIEND IS SOMEBODY WHO WILL NOT THINK LESS OF YOU FOR SINGING THE "OOH-OOH!" PART OF A SONG ON THE RADIO.



OF COURSE, FRIENDS WILL ALSO FEEL FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR MUSICAL OPINIONS.



...BUT I WASN'T ALWAYS A CONSERVATIVE ENGINEER-TYPE.

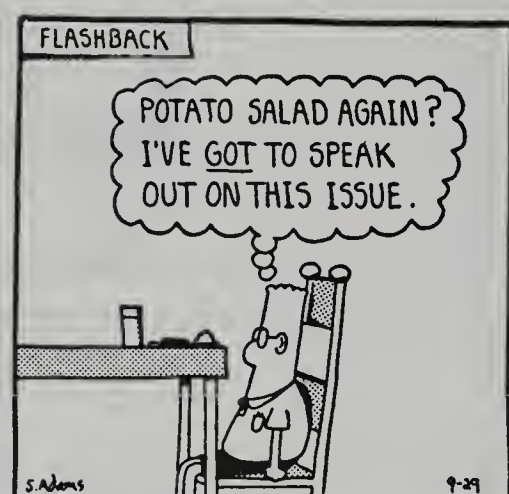


I WAS QUITE THE LITTLE REBEL WHEN I WAS A KID.



FLASHBACK

POTATO SALAD AGAIN? I'VE GOT TO SPEAK OUT ON THIS ISSUE.



I SHOULD KEEP MYSELF BUSIER.



TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE BUSY...

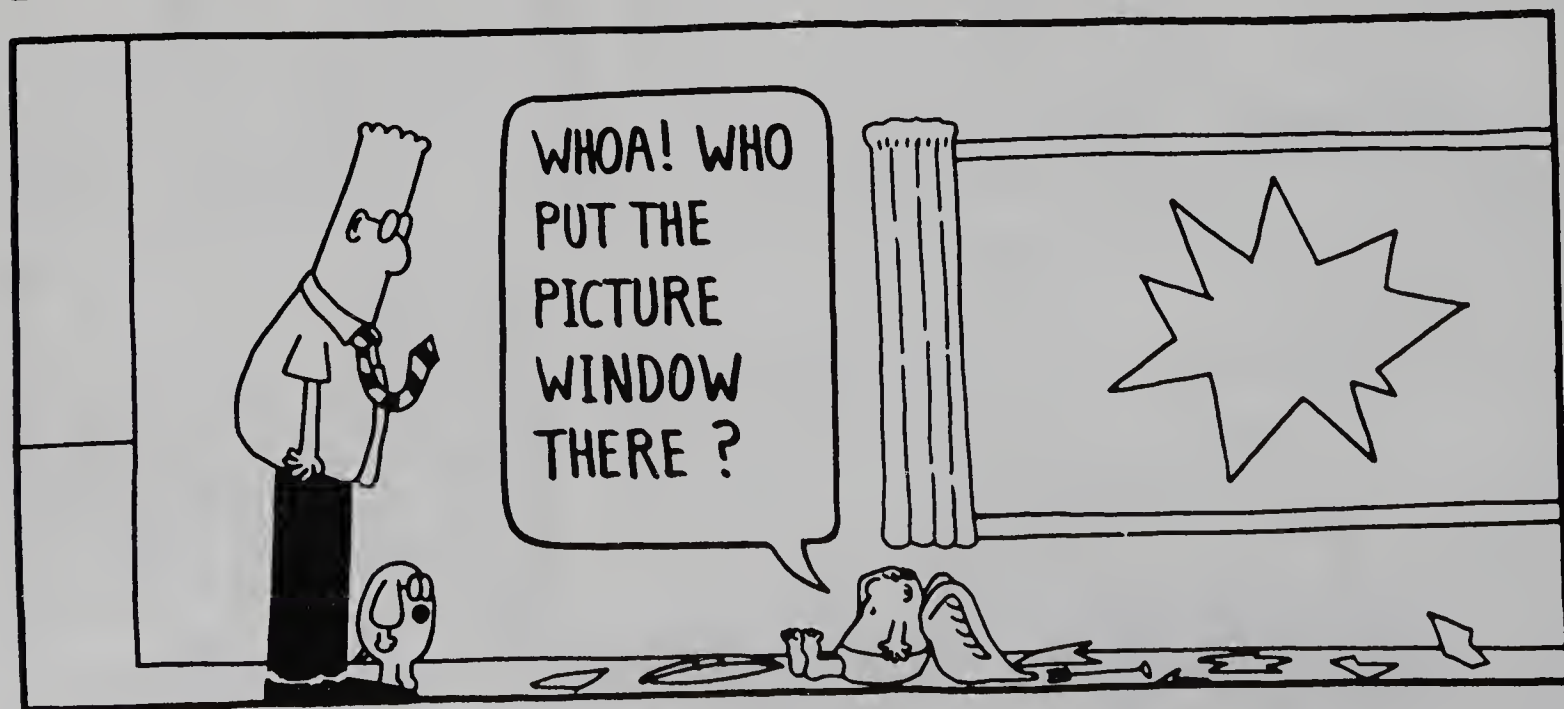
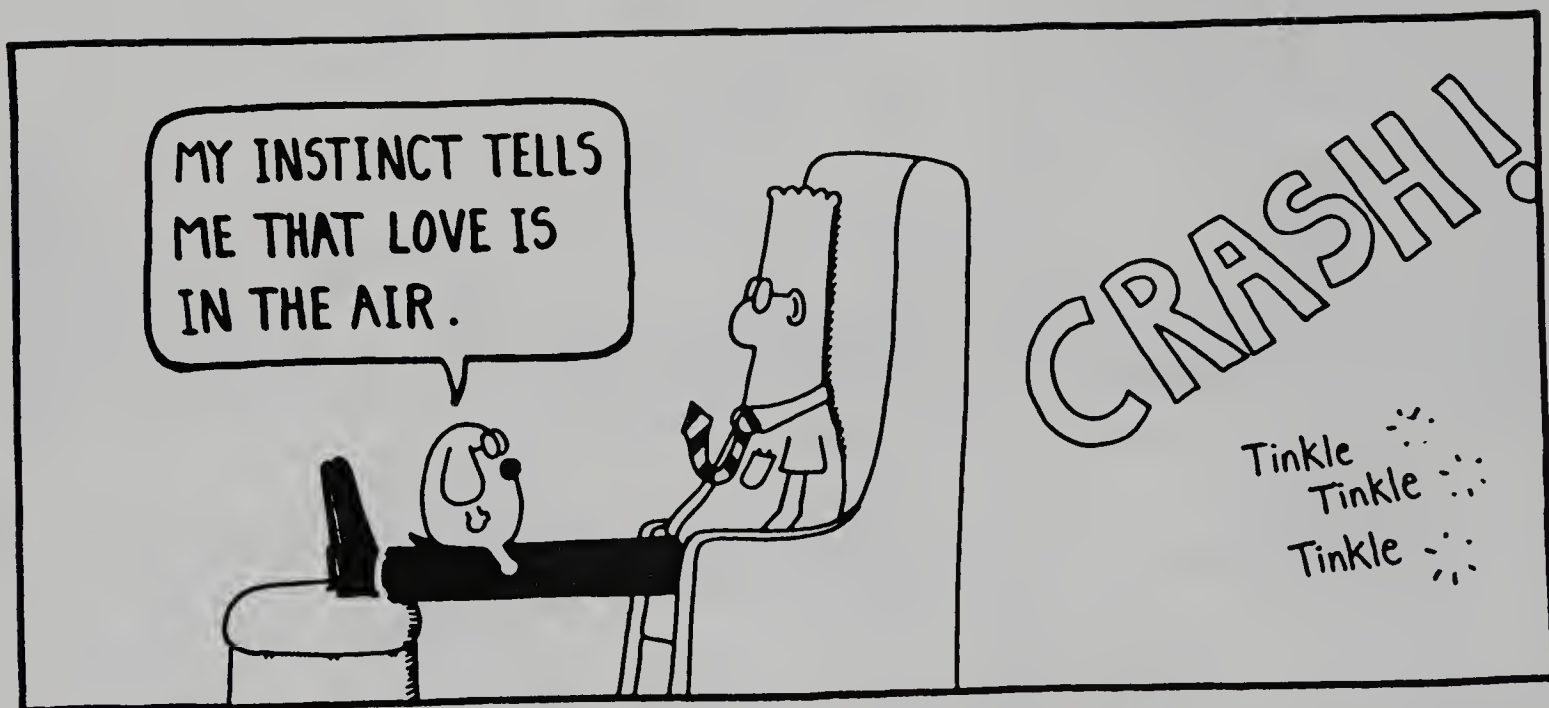


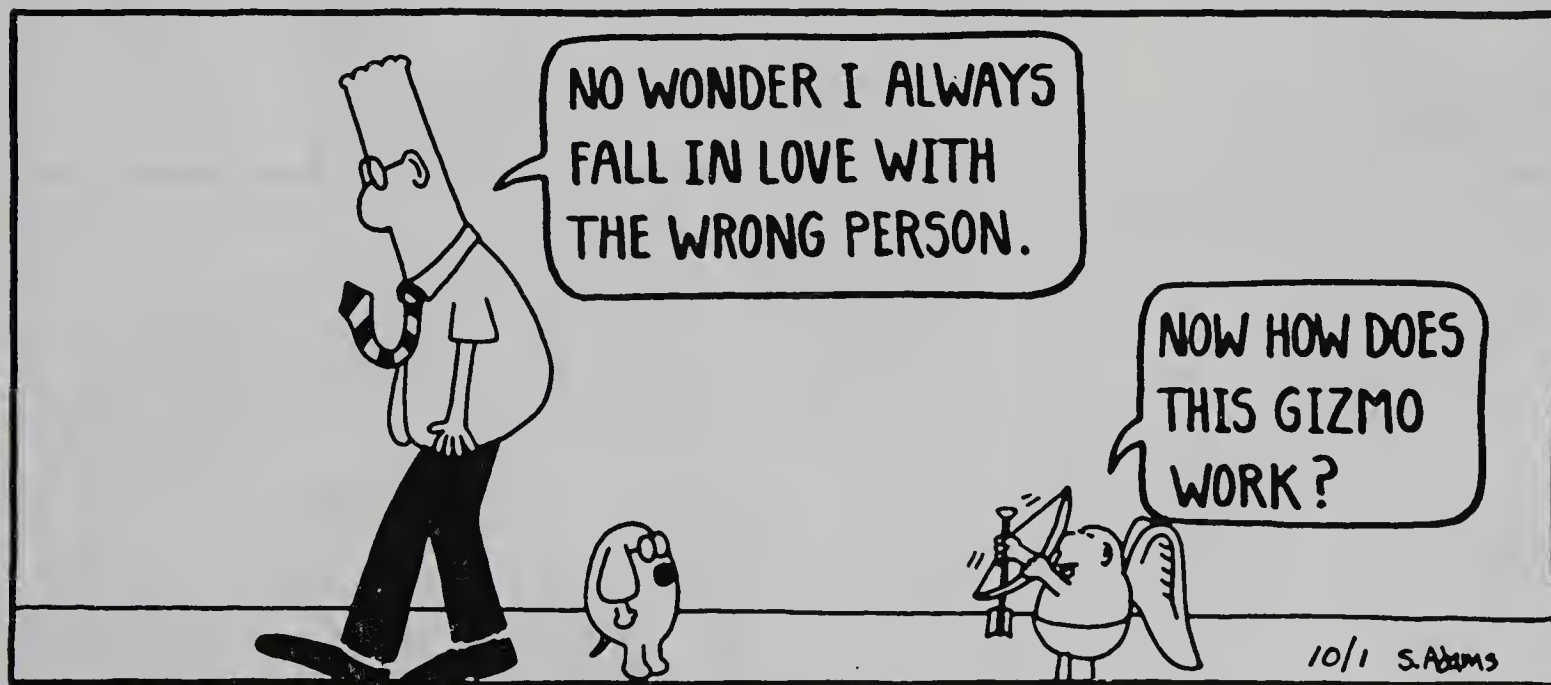
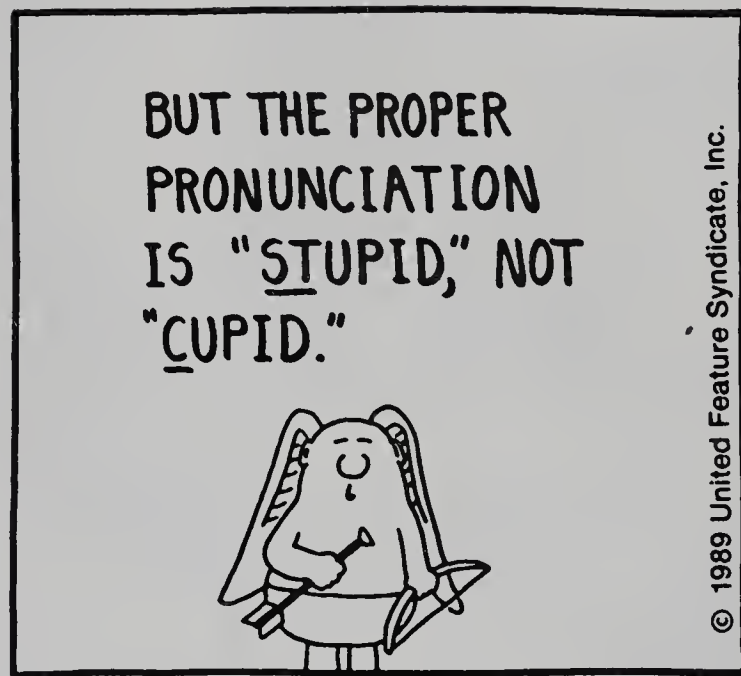
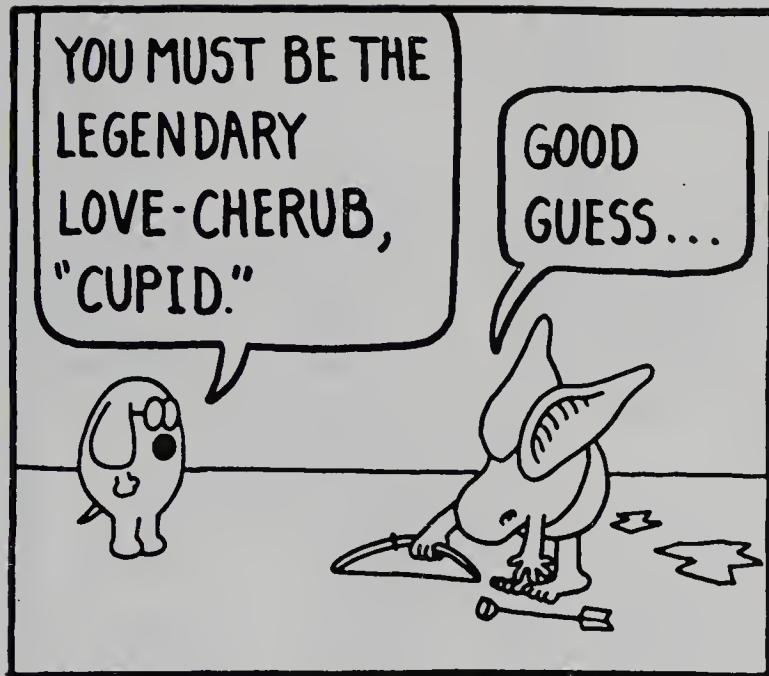
WHICH MEANS YOU DIE SOONER.

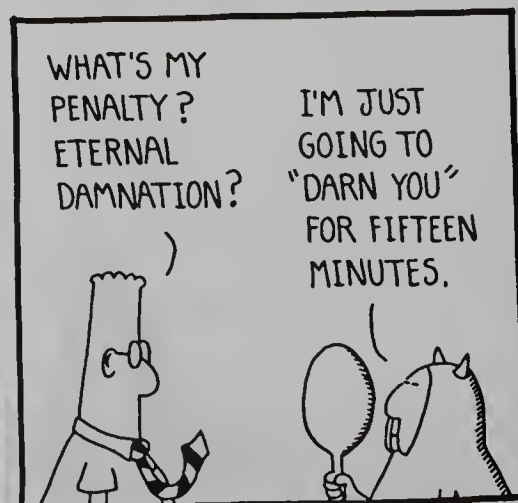
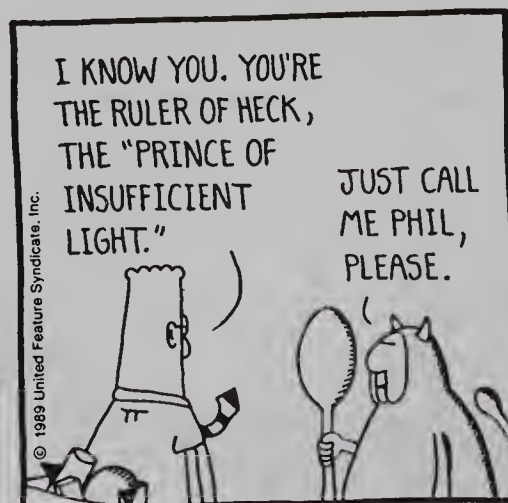
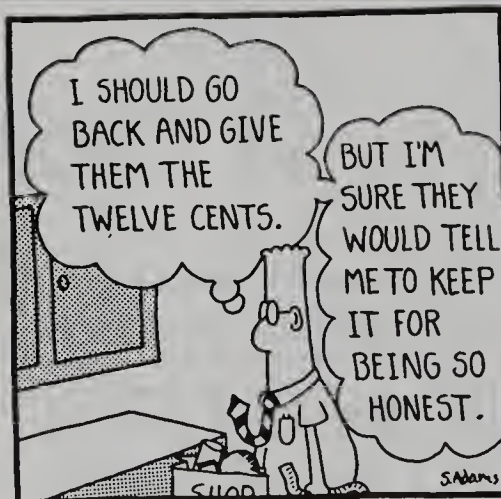
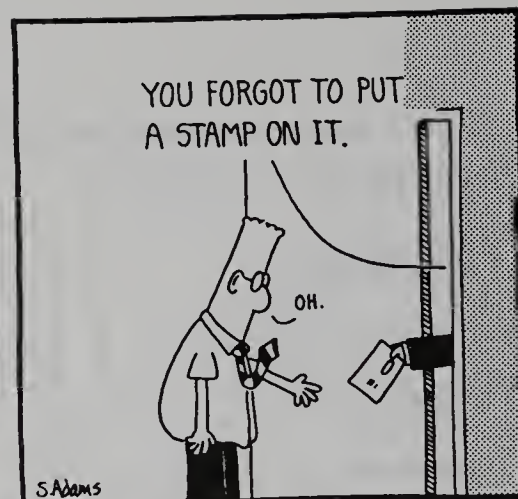
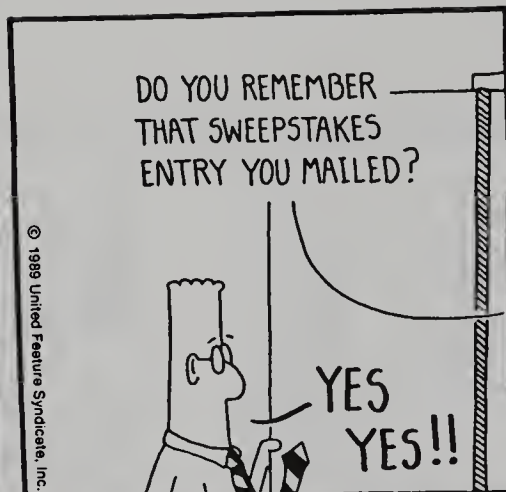
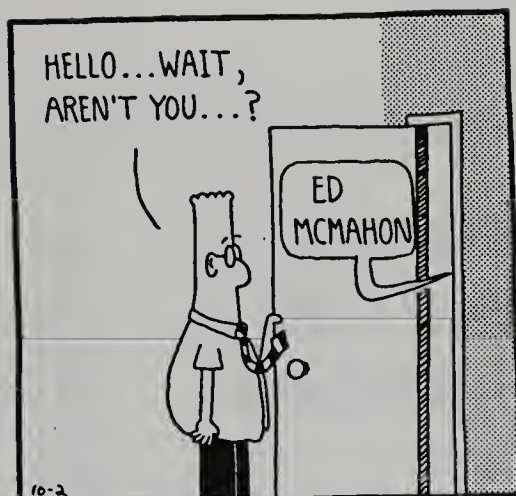
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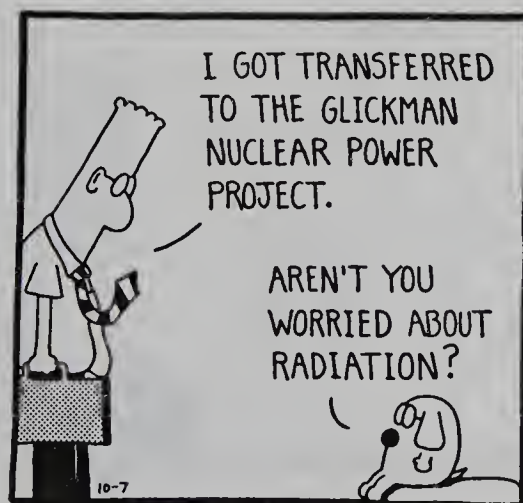
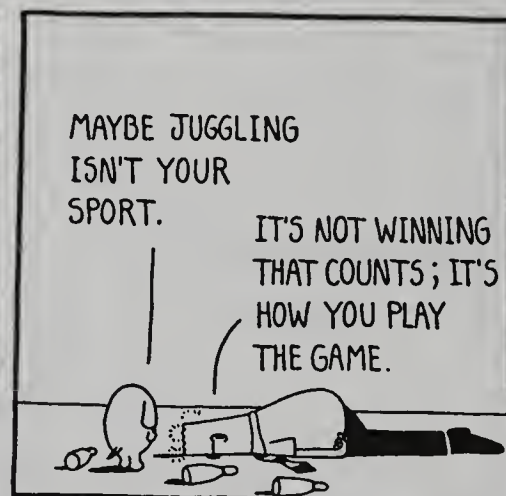
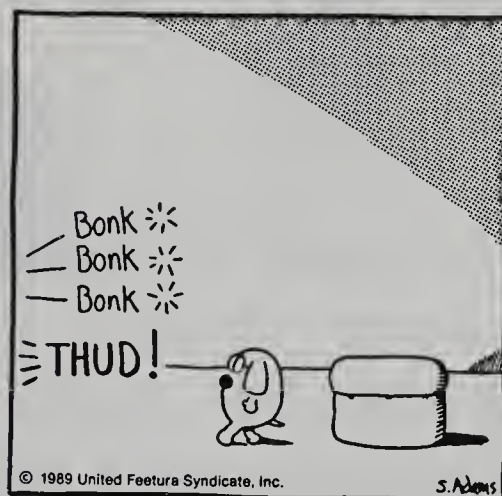
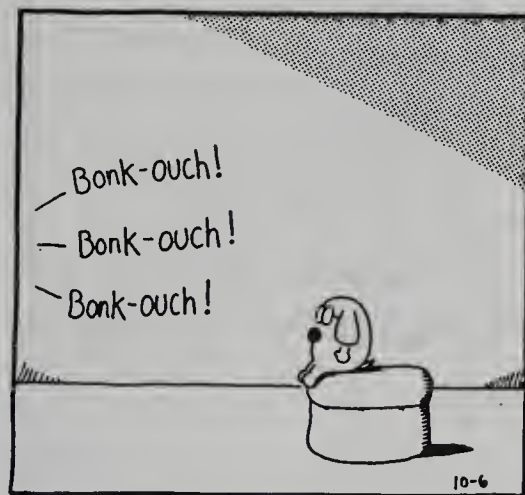
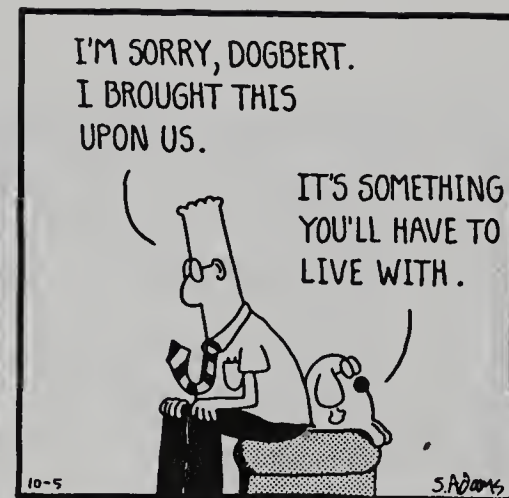
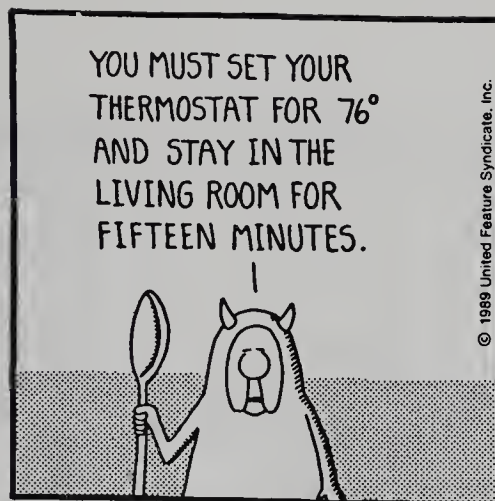


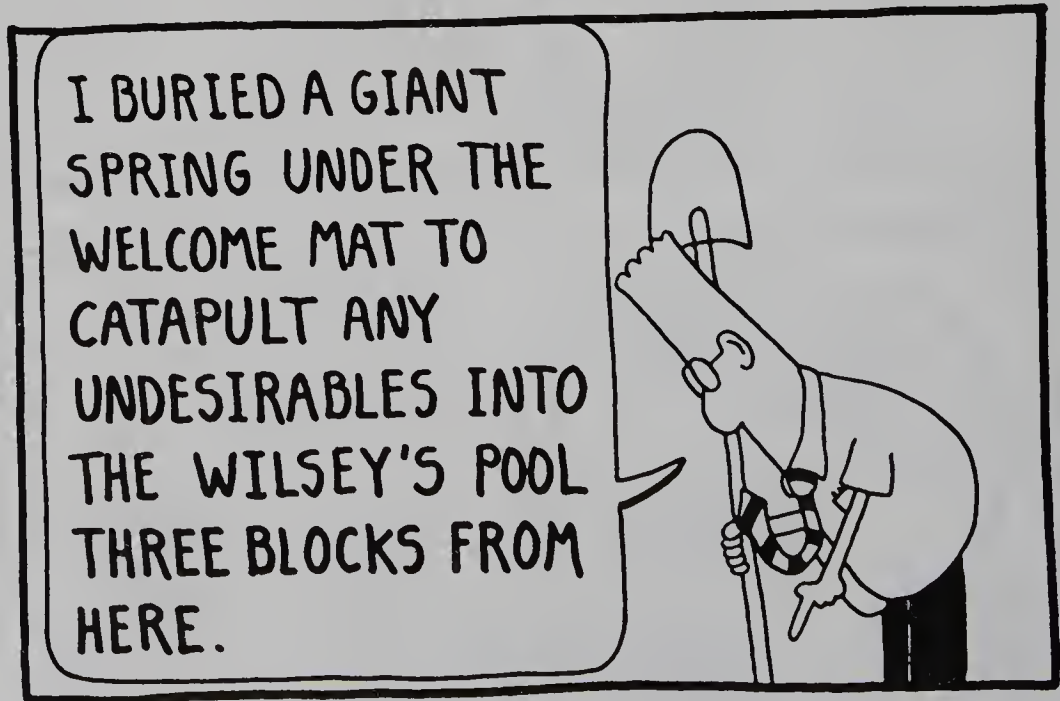
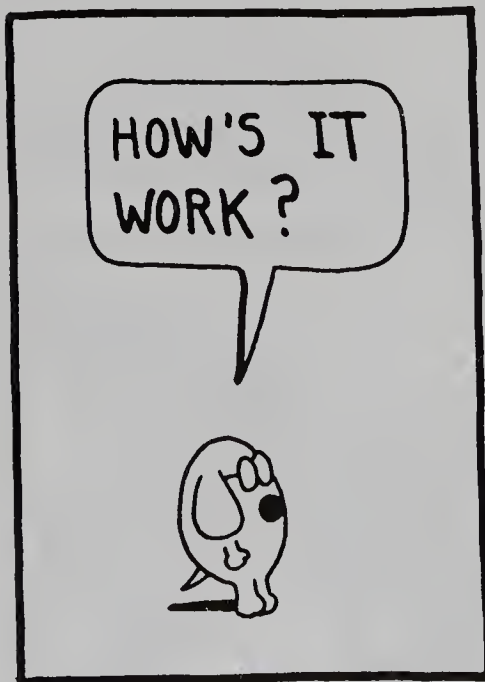












YOU JUST TAP THAT  
LITTLE BUTTON ON  
THE FLOOR THERE....



TIME STANDS STILL AS  
DOGBERT PONDERES THE  
GIFT THAT FATE HAS  
GIVEN HIM.



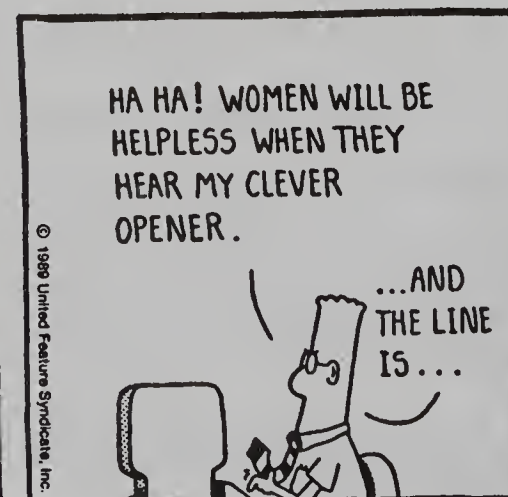
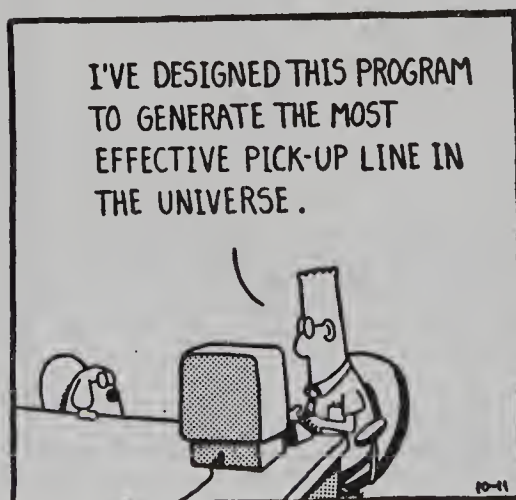
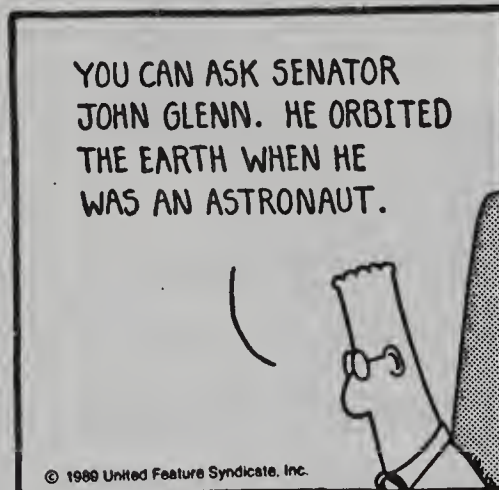
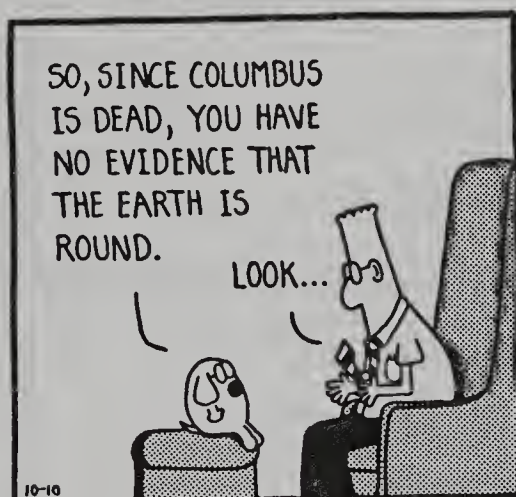
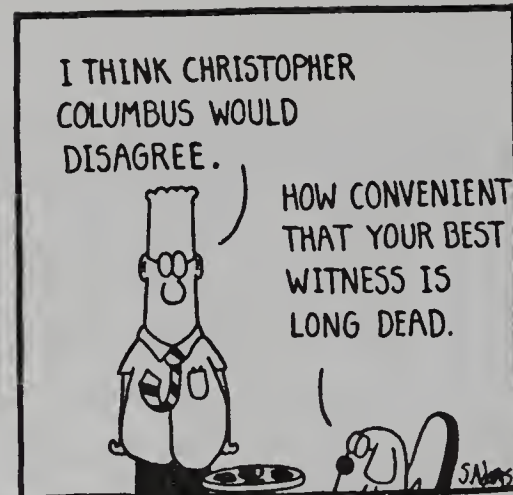
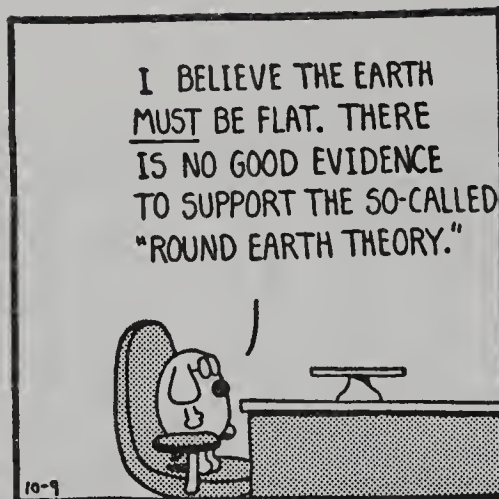
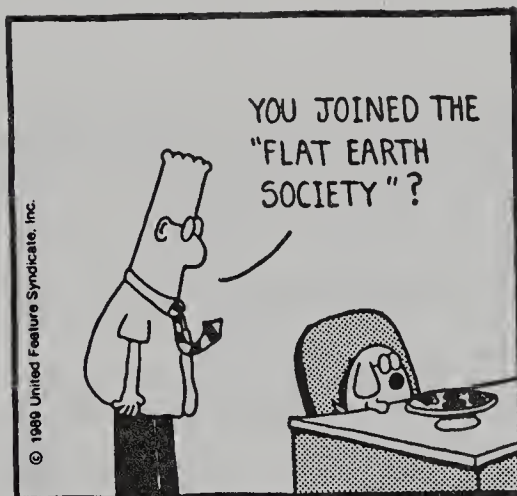
I'M PRETTY SURE THE LOOK  
ON HIS FACE WILL BE WORTH  
WHATEVER MINOR GUILT  
I FEEL OVER THIS.

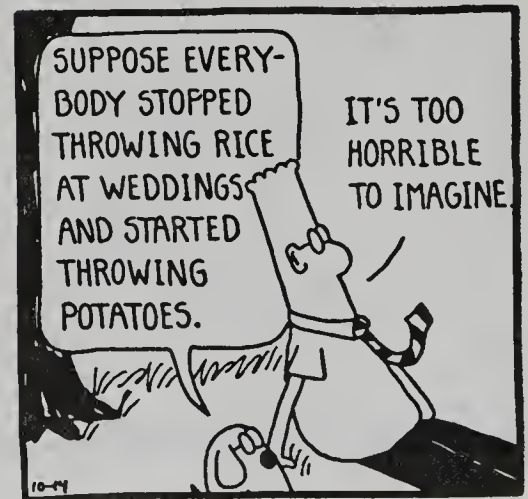
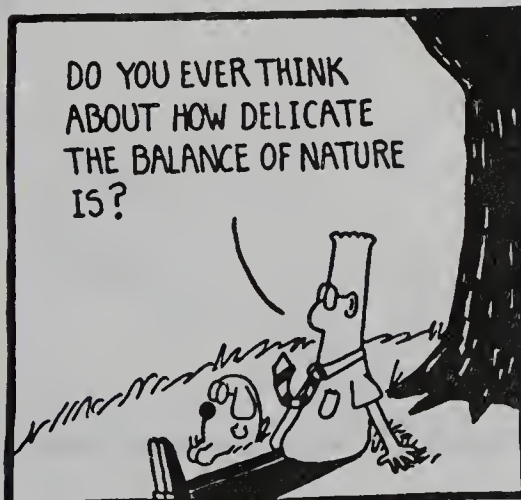
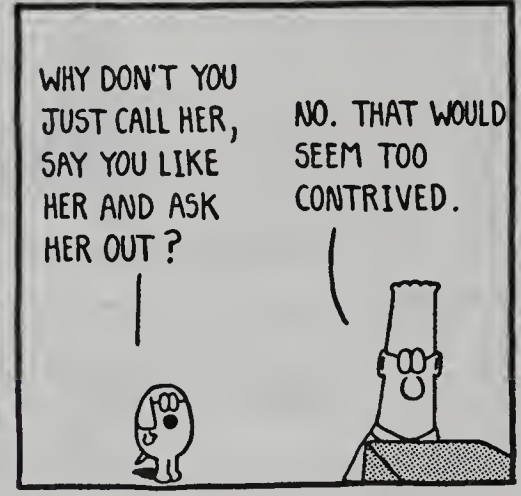
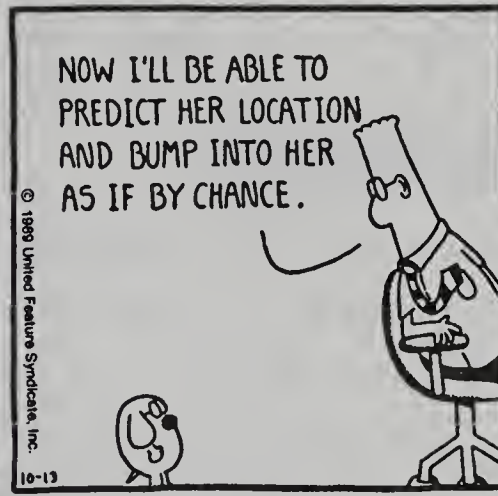
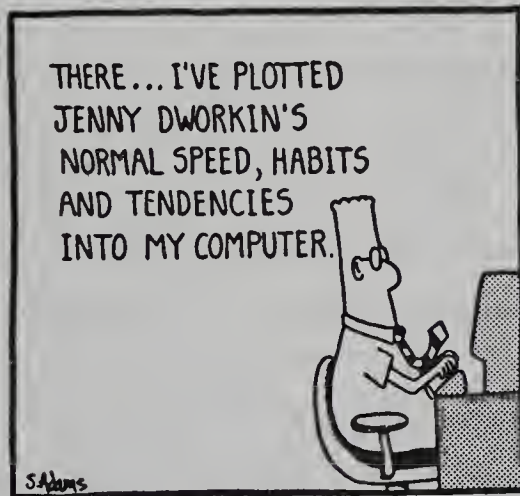
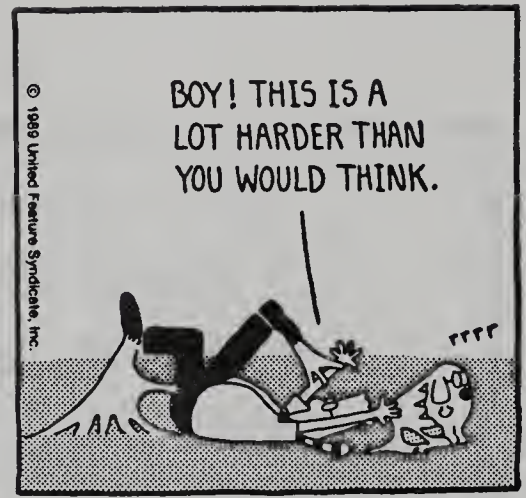
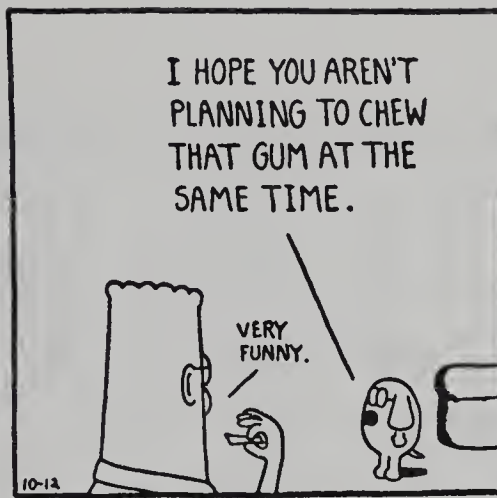


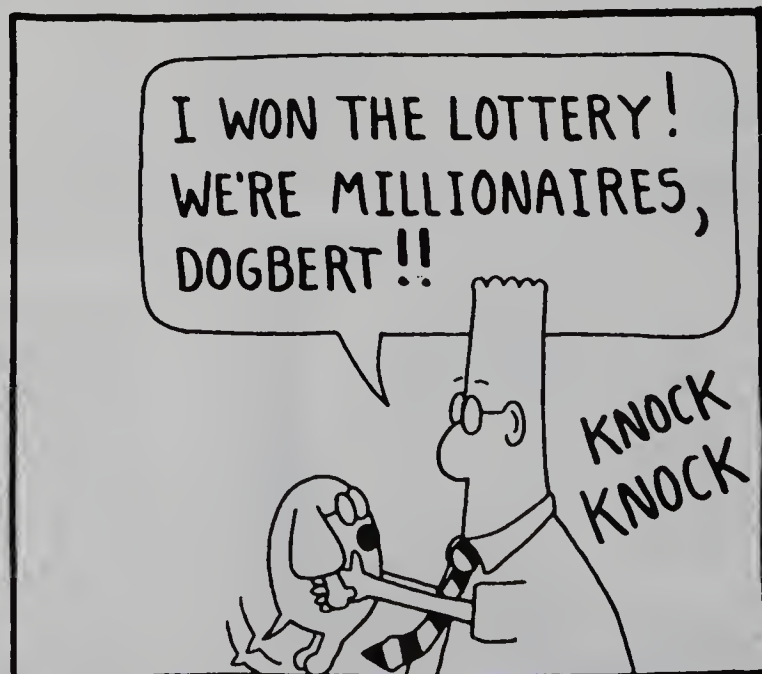
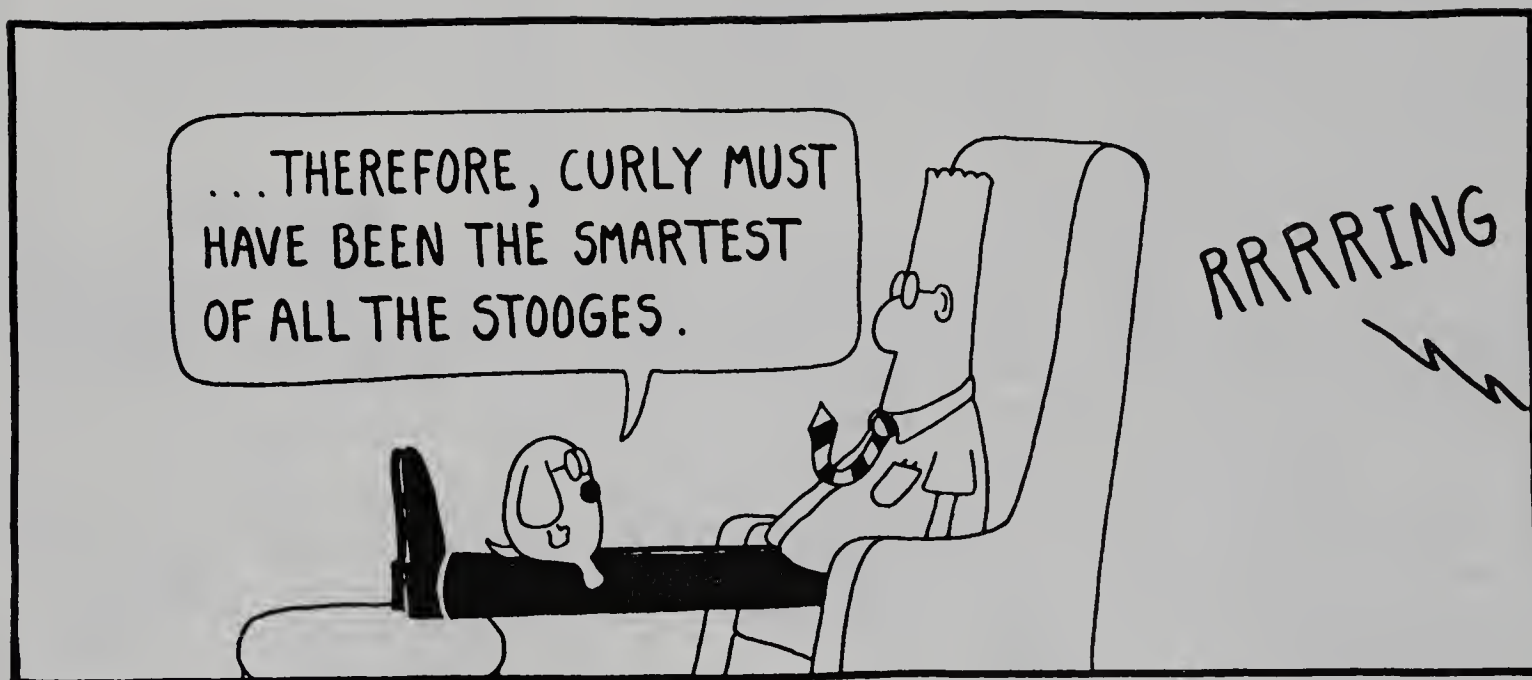
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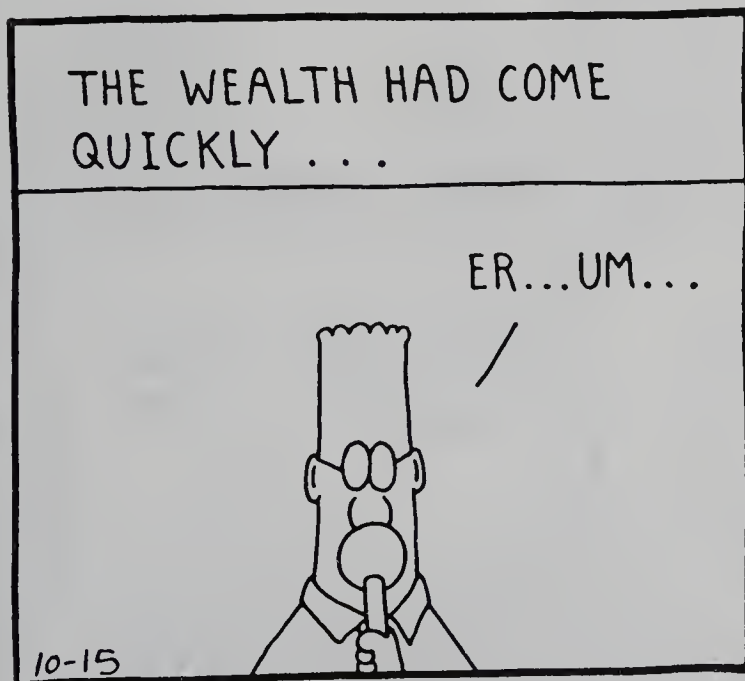
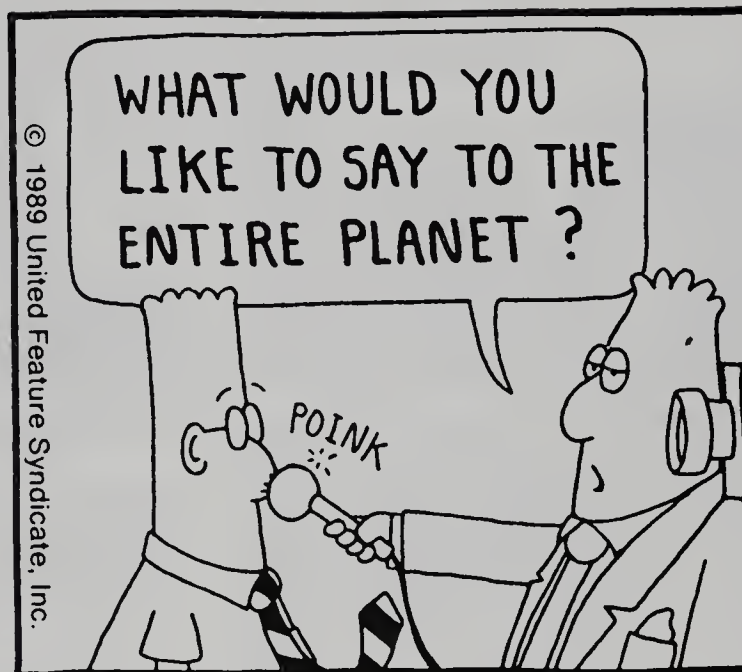


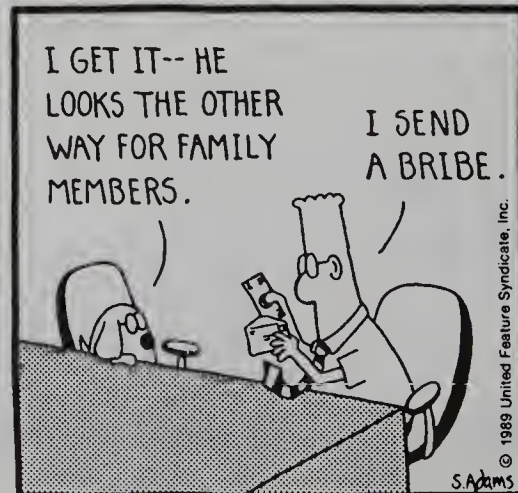
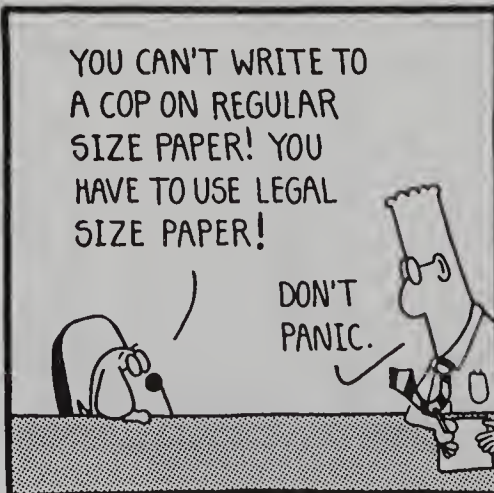
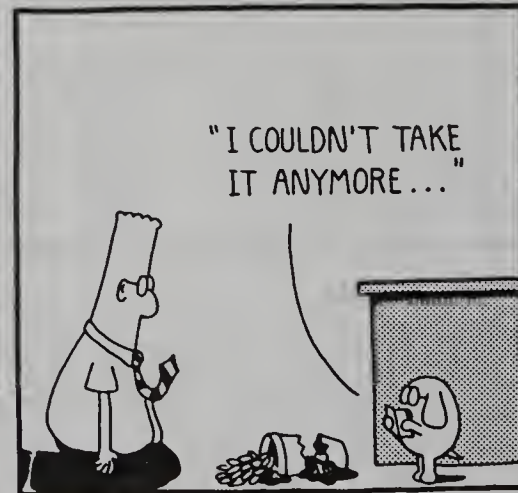
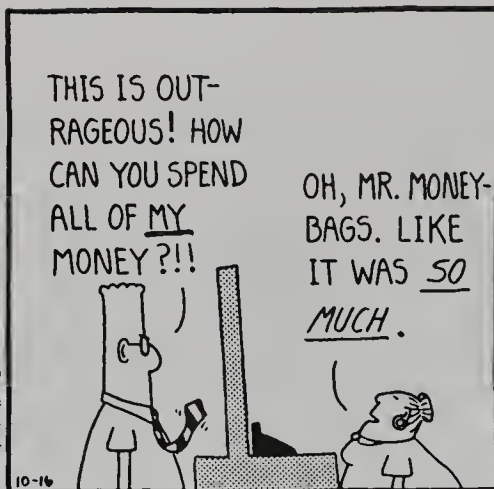
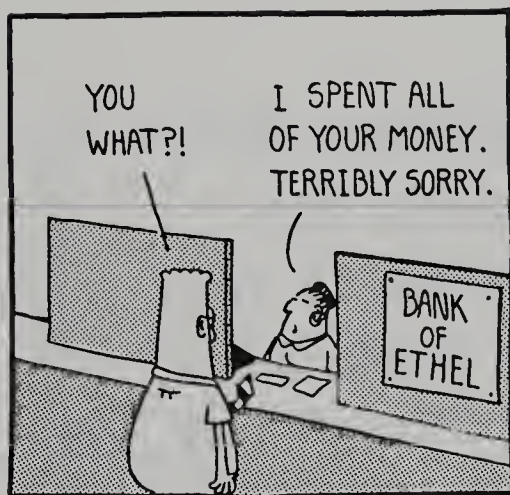




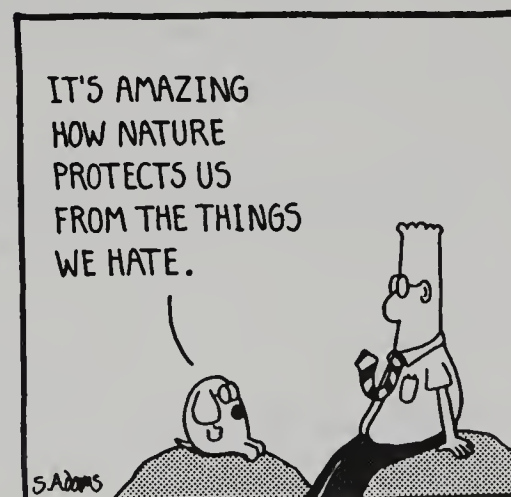
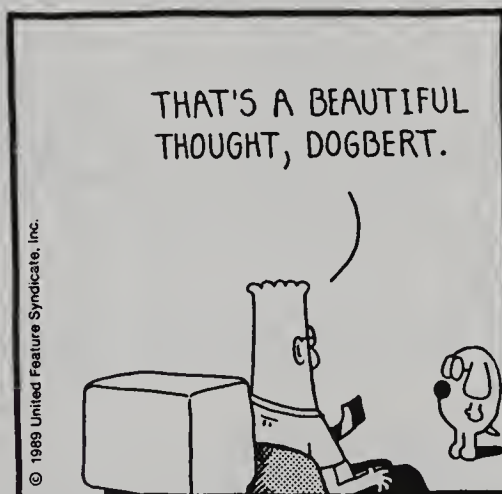
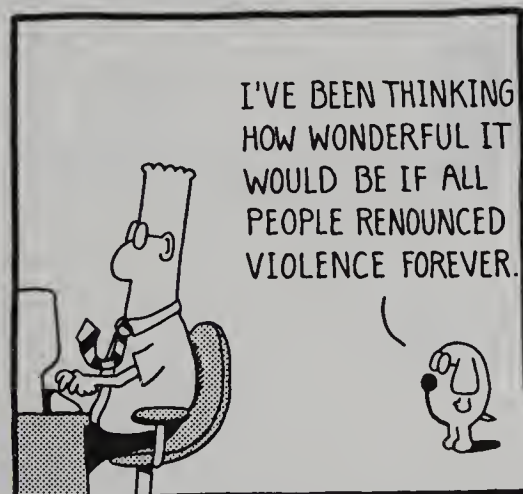
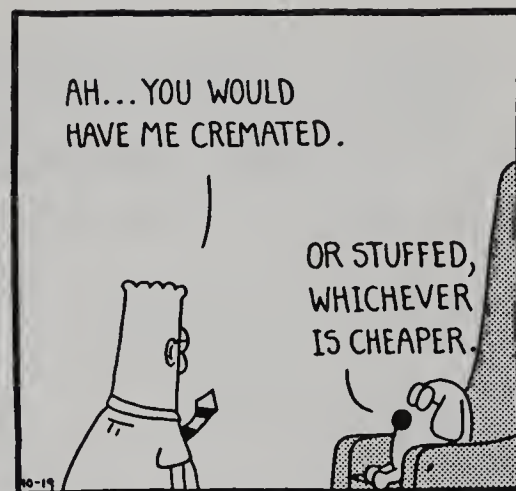
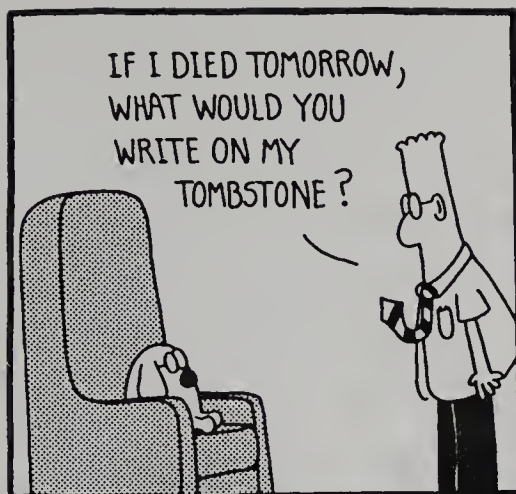






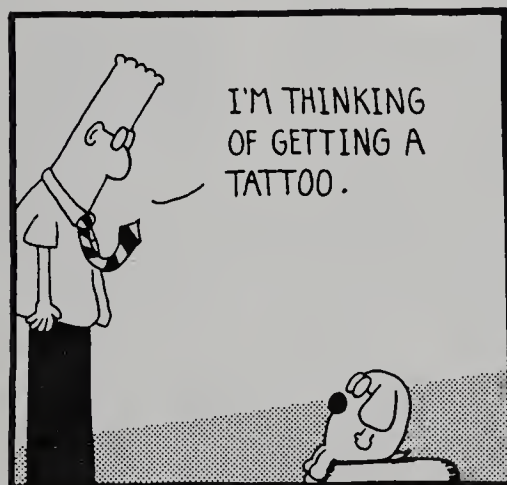








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