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BEYOND YOUR NOSE THEN YOU
ARE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING
RUDE.

POSSIBLE
SLURP IN
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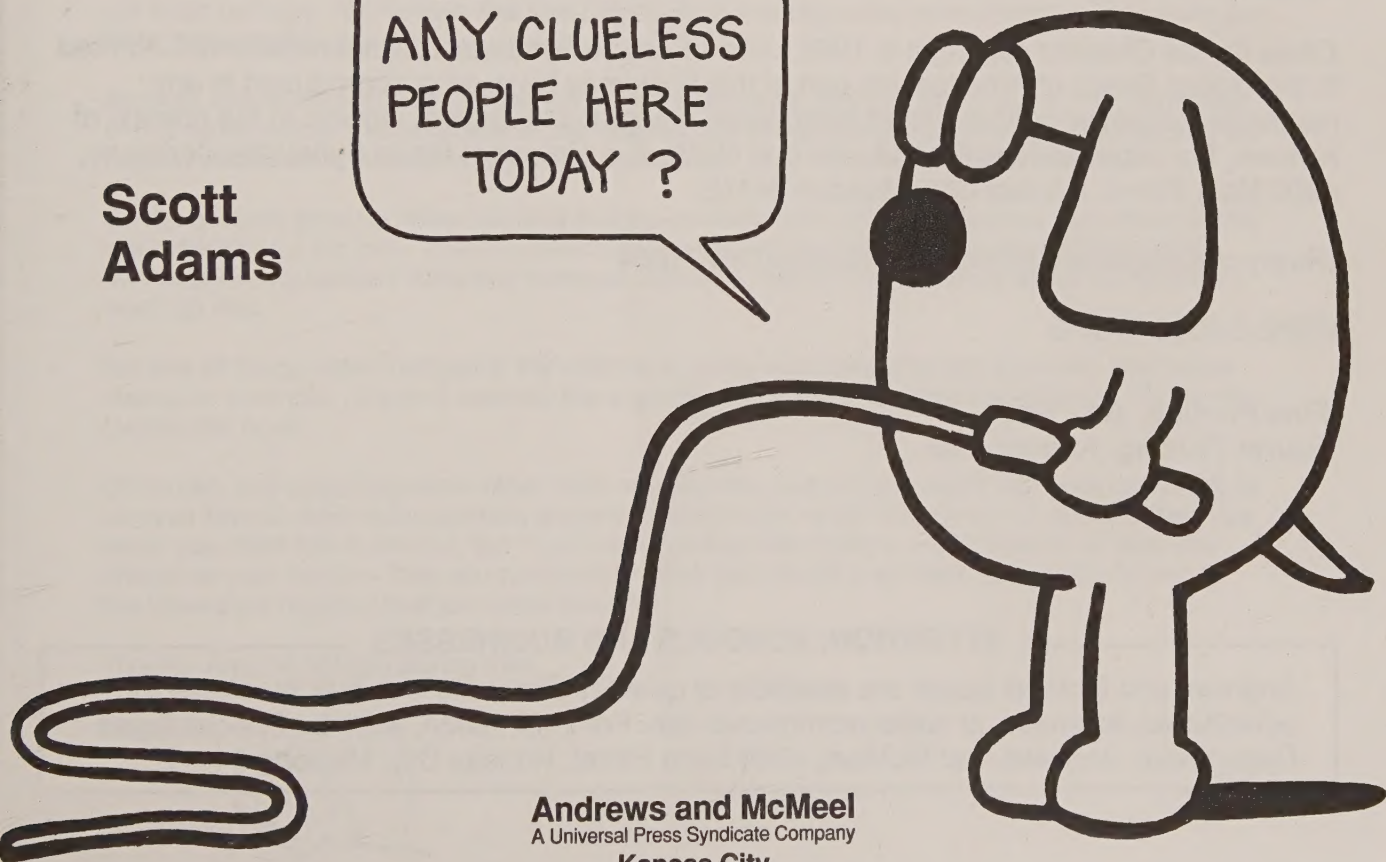
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DO WE HAVE
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PEOPLE HERE
TODAY ?



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Many years ago, a group of mischievous cave people were sitting in their little cave dwelling, chewing on dinosaur parts and thinking up cruel tricks to play on future generations. They decided it would be a major hoot to invent a whole bunch of inconvenient behaviors, teach them to their children and act as if it all made perfect sense.

Their plan was that when the children became adults — at about age six in those days — the elders would reveal their little joke, then roll around in their rancid fur loincloths, laughing until they got brain damage. Remember, this was before alcohol or cigarettes were invented. They were just being resourceful.

Anyway, before the adults could own up to their cruel hoax, they were all crushed by a stampede of frightened woolly mammoths who had accidentally walked across a carpet, thus generating the biggest wad of static electricity ever seen at that time. (You see, they were very woolly.)

So the children grew up never knowing that the moronic behaviors they learned from their parents were meant as a big joke. These behaviors were passed down from generation to generation, eventually being labeled “etiquette” because it sounds French, which makes sense for reasons I won’t go into.

But lots of things have changed in the millions of years since etiquette was invented. Microwave ovens, for example. And so it seemed like a good time to update the rules of etiquette. That’s why I wrote this book.

Of course, you could buy some other book on etiquette, and in it you might find such useful tidbits as what kind of uniform the upstairs servants should wear, or the proper way to address the Pope when you meet him in person. But if you want practical information — like what to do after you sneeze in your hand — then you have to buy this book. It’s the only book that speaks to you as the unwashed heathen that you know you are.

Thanks. And I’m not just saying that.

Dogbert



EATING AND DRINKING

TALKING WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL

IN THE OLD DAYS, WHEN
PEOPLE HAD MORE TIME, IT
WAS IMPOLITE TO TALK WITH
FOOD IN YOUR MOUTH.

NOW IT IS
A NECESSITY.



THE FOAMING-AT-THE-MOUTH METHOD

WE DON'T SELL PRODUCTS;
WE SELL SOLUTIONS.



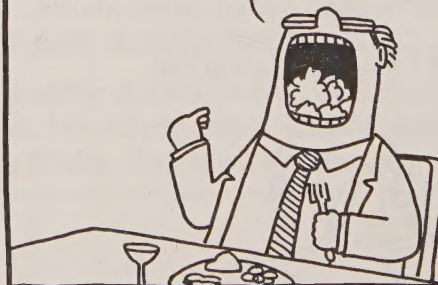
THE SQUIRREL METHOD

SO THEN I SAID
"THIS ISN'T MARKET-
DRIVEN."



THIS METHOD IS STILL CONSIDERED
IMPOLITE.

HEY! LOOK AT THOSE ENZYMES
WORK! IS THIS INCREDIBLE
OR WHAT?



TASTING WINE

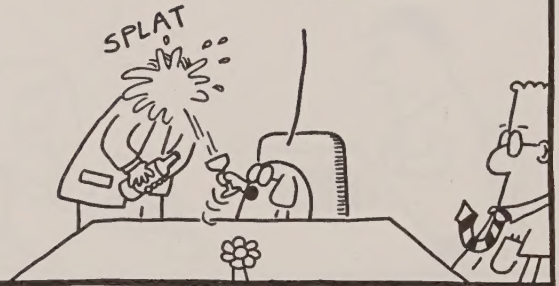
HOW SHOULD YOU INDICATE
TO THE WAITER THAT YOU
DISAPPROVE OF THE WINE?
THERE ARE THREE METHODS.



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THE DOGBERT METHOD.

WE DON'T
DRINK.



THE OVER-ACTING METHOD.

PHTOOO!!

DIVORCE



PRETEND YOU KNOW MORE
THAN YOU DO.

I SUSPECT THE
GRAPES WERE
PICKED A DAY
LATE.

THAT'S YOUR
WATER GLASS,
SIR.



WAITING FOR EVERYBODY TO BE SERVED

THERE IS NO GOOD REASON TO WAIT
FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO BE SERVED
BEFORE YOU START EATING.



UNDER TRADITIONAL RULES OF
ETIQUETTE EVERYBODY SITS
AWKWARDLY UNTIL THE LAST
PERSON IS SERVED.

YOUR SOUP WILL BE
READY IN FEBRUARY.



THE DOGBERT METHOD TOTALLY
ELIMINATES THE AWKWARD
AND UNNECESSARY WAITING
PERIOD.



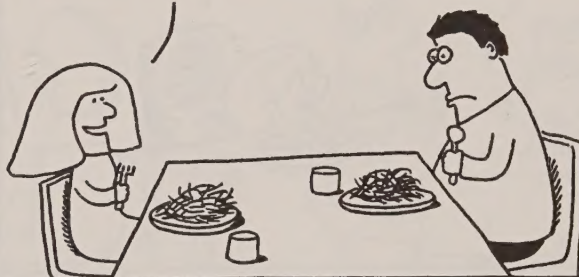
DINNER CONVERSATION

CONFINE YOUR DINNER CONVERSATION TO THE ALLOWED TOPICS.



DON'T MENTION CERTAIN TOPICS WHEN EATING PASTA WITH TOMATO SAUCE.

I GAVE BLOOD TODAY. THEY COULDN'T FIND A VEIN.



DINNER TIME NEWS SHOWS ARE ALLOWED TO DISCUSS ANY THING, BECAUSE YOU "NEED TO KNOW."

...OUR SPECIAL REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL DISEMBOWELMENT.



HOWEVER ENJOYABLE, IT IS NEVER POLITE TO BE A WISE-ASS VEGETARIAN AT A COOKOUT.

AND HOW ABOUT THE COW'S BUTT — DO YOU THINK THEY JUST THROW THAT PART AWAY?



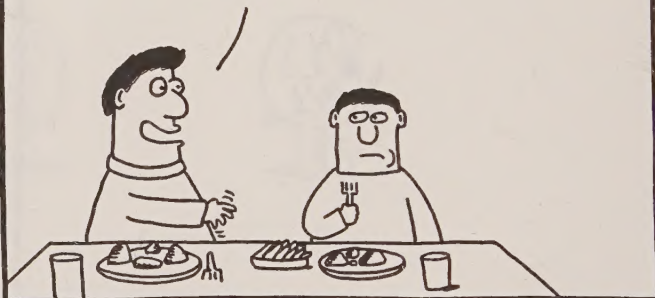
EATING OFF SOMEBODY ELSE'S PLATE

SOME RUDE PEOPLE WILL TRY TO EAT FROM YOUR PLATE. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECT WHAT IS YOURS.



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WOW! FRENCH FRIES! I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF ORDERING SOMETHING I WANTED TO EAT!



YOUR FINER RESTAURANTS PROVIDE AN EXTRA FORK FOR DEFENDING YOUR PLATE.



EXAGGERATE YOUR HEALTH PROBLEMS.

THE DOCTOR CALLED IT BUBONIC SOMETHING-OR-OTHER. HE KEELED OVER BEFORE I COULD ASK ANY QUESTIONS.

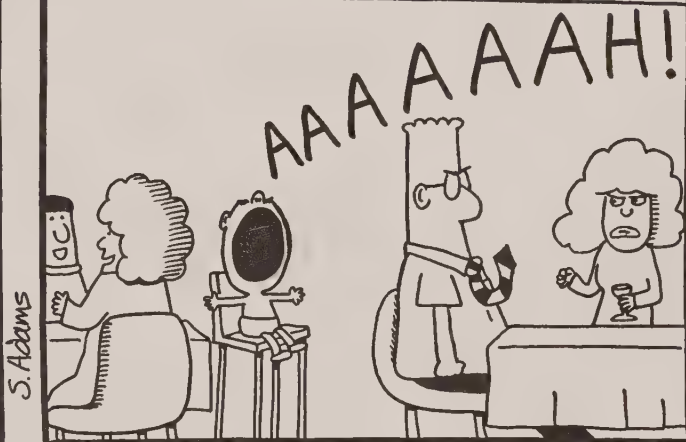


RESTAURANTS AND SCREAMING KIDS

CHILDREN ARE EXEMPT
FROM ETIQUETTE IN
RESTAURANTS AND SO
ARE THEIR PARENTS.



IT IS ACCEPTED PRACTICE TO
BRING YOUR SCREAMING CHILD
INTO FINE RESTAURANTS AND
IGNORE HIM.



IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO USE
YOUR TABLE BREAD TO MUFFLE
THE NOISE.

WAITER, WE
NEED MORE
BREAD.



YOUR BEST BET IS TO BE
DIRECT BUT BE GRACIOUS.

CHAMPAGNE AND A
VASECTOMY, COMPLI-
MENTS OF TABLE THREE.



THE LAST PIECE OF BREAD

IT IS NEVER POLITE
TO TAKE THE LAST
PIECE OF BREAD.



YOU MUST OFFER THE LAST
PIECE OF BREAD TO THE
OTHER PERSON NO MATTER
HOW MUCH YOU WANT IT.

WHY DON'T YOU
TAKE THE LAST
PIECE?

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PLEASE SAY NO.
PLEASE, PLEASE,
PLEASE! OH, GOD,
I WANT THAT
LAST PIECE!

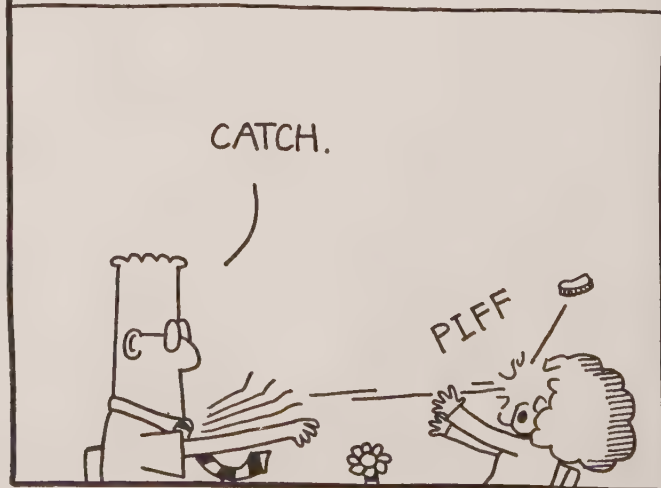
MAYBE I'LL
TAKE A
NIBBLE.



IF, IN YOUR OPINION, THE
OTHER PERSON WILL ONLY BE
WASTING THE BREAD, DO THIS.

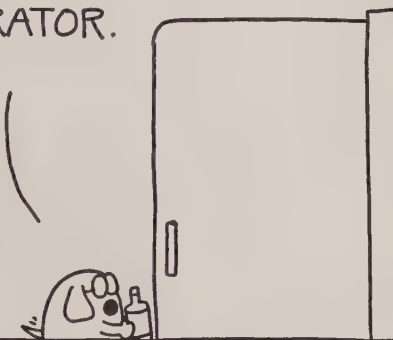
CATCH.

PIFF



DRINKING FROM THE CONTAINER

REMEMBER THESE
HELPFUL TIPS WHEN
DRINKING ANYTHING
FROM YOUR
REFRIGERATOR.



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WHEN PEOPLE ARE WATCHING,
MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT USING
A GLASS.

IT'S CALLED A
"GLASS." I USE
IT ALL THE TIME.



IF NOBODY IS LOOKING, YOU
HAVE THE RIGHT TO DRINK
THE ENTIRE CONTAINER
WITHOUT USING YOUR HANDS.



HOWEVER, IT IS NEVER GOOD
ETIQUETTE TO GIVE YOURSELF
A SPONGE-BATH WITH ANY
ITEM FROM THE REFRIGERATOR.



TIPPING THE WAITER

HERE ARE SOME TIPS
ON TIPPING THAT YOU
WON'T GET ANYWHERE
ELSE.



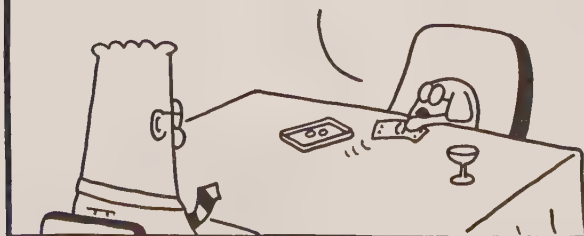
IF THE SERVICE IS PROMPT BUT
THE WAITER IS OBNOXIOUS,
TOSS THE TIP ON THE FLOOR
AND MAKE HIM CRAWL.



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PENALIZE THE WAITER FOR
POOR FOOD QUALITY OR ANY-
THING ELSE THAT'S BOTHERING
YOU LATELY.

MINUS A DOLLAR
BECAUSE PEOPLE
TAILGATE.



TIP IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE
ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS.

HERE'S A BUCK.
STOP MAKING
CLEVER CONVER-
SATION WITH US.



VEGETARIAN ETIQUETTE

IF YOU HAVE WEIRD
VEGETARIAN FRIENDS
IT IS BEST NOT TO
INVITE THEM TO
A BARBECUE.



JIMBO! GLAD YOU
COULD MAKE IT!
HELP YOURSELF TO
THE DOLPHIN SALAD!

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THIS MAY SEEM PRIMITIVE
TO YOU, JIM, BUT I
BELIEVE THE LOWER FORMS
OF LIFE ARE MEANT TO
BE EATEN.



POOR TONY ONLY SCORED
A COMBINED 700 ON
HIS S.A.T...



WATER FOUNTAINS

IT IS RUDE TO TOUCH
A PUBLIC WATER FOUNTAIN
WITH YOUR LIPS, UNLESS
YOU HAVE DEVELOPED A
RELATIONSHIP WITH IT.



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RUDE

SLURP
GURGLE



VERY RUDE!

SLURP GURGLE



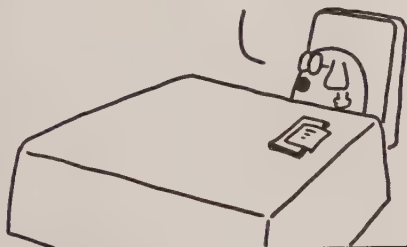
CORRECT

ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T KNOWN
YOU LONG, ALREADY I'M
THIRSTY.



WHEN WOMEN PAY FOR DINNER

MANY MEN ARE STILL UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN A WOMAN INSISTS ON PICKING UP THE CHECK. FOR THE MAN, THERE IS ONLY ONE CORRECT RESPONSE.



WRONG*: HITTING HER WITH THE BUTT OF YOUR GUN.



* EXCEPT IN UTAH

WRONG: TRYING HUMOR TO LIGHTEN THE TENSION.

NOW I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO SLEEP WITH YOU! HAW HAW!



CORRECT: RETURN TO THE OCEAN LIKE THE JELLYFISH YOU'VE BECOME.



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MANNERS FOR SINGLE EATERS

JUST BECAUSE YOU EAT ALONE IS NO REASON TO ABANDON GOOD MANNERS.



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WHEN EATING A DONUT OVER THE KITCHEN SINK, HUNCH THE BACK AND KEEP AN ELBOW OUT.



IT IS OKAY TO EAT A POTATO CHIP THAT FALLS ON YOUR CHEST BUT NOT ONE THAT FALLS IN THE COUCH CRACK.



NAPKINS ARE UNNECESSARY IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE A SHOWER IN THE MORNING ANYWAY.



EMPLOYEE EGOS

IT IS BAD FORM TO
DISCUSS YOUR SUPERIOR
LIFE IN FRONT OF
LOWER LEVEL EMPLOYEES.



DON'T TALK ABOUT YOUR INCOME.

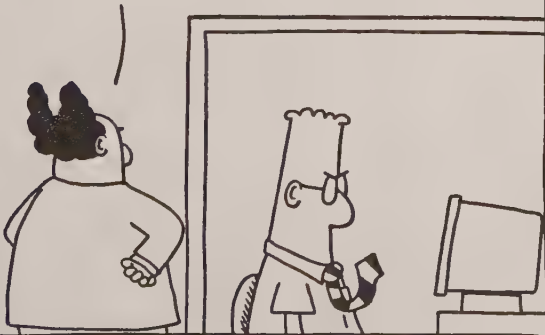
ALL I DID WAS WALK
AROUND TODAY... AND
I MADE TWICE YOUR
SALARY.



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DON'T TALK ABOUT THEIR CUBICLES.

THIS CUBICLE REMINDS
ME OF THE CARDBOARD
BOX THAT MY BIG SCREEN
TV CAME IN.



DON'T TALK ABOUT YOUR ACCESS
TO A MORE BOUNTIFUL SEX
LIFE.

I THINK I'LL GO USE
MY POSITION OF POWER
AS AN APHRODISIAC.



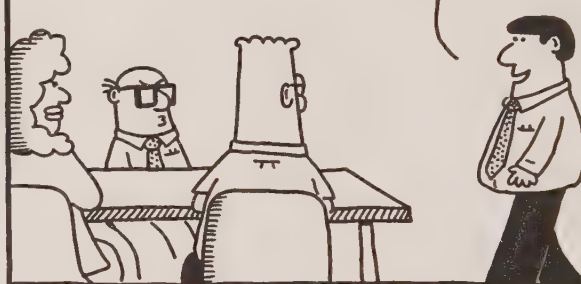
BEING LATE FOR MEETINGS

THE ACCEPTABLE LEVEL
OF LATENESS FOR A
MEETING DEPENDS ON
WHAT YOU THINK OF
THE OTHER ATTENDEES.



YOU CAN BE SEVEN MINUTES
LATE FOR A MEETING WITH
CO-WORKERS FOR WHOM YOU
HAVE NO REAL RESPECT.

I WAS DOING
MY MAIL.



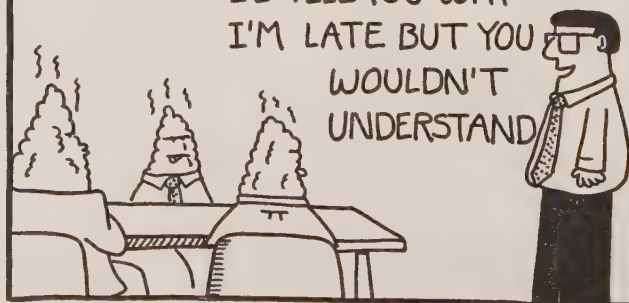
YOU CAN BE FIFTEEN MINUTES
LATE FOR A MEETING WITH
PEOPLE WHO ARE - IN YOUR
OPINION - FETID PILES OF
GARBAGE.

I FORGOT TO
LOOK AT MY
CALENDAR.



IF YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT EXEC-
UTIVE YOU CAN BE AN HOUR
LATE, BECAUSE TO YOU ALL
THE EMPLOYEES LOOK LIKE
FETID GARBAGE WITH BAD
ATTITUDES.

I'D TELL YOU WHY
I'M LATE BUT YOU
WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND



ELEVATOR EFFICIENCY

POLITE BEHAVIOR IN ELEVATORS CAN SERIOUSLY IMPACT YOUR SCHEDULE. USE THESE TRICKS TO BE MORE EFFICIENT.

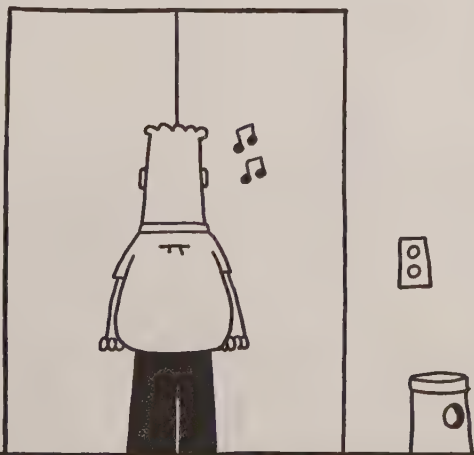


SCOWL AT THOSE WHO TAKE THE ELEVATOR FOR ONE FLOOR; IT MAY REDUCE FUTURE ABUSES.



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STAND DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE ELEVATOR AS THOUGH YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH.

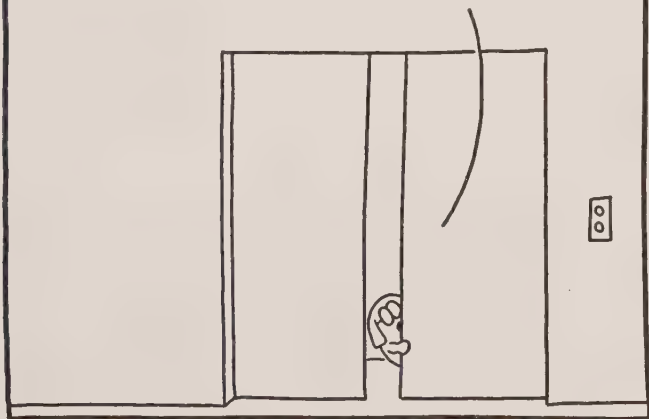


YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD THE ELEVATOR IF YOU PRETEND YOU DON'T SEE ANYBODY COMING.



ELEVATOR ETIQUETTE

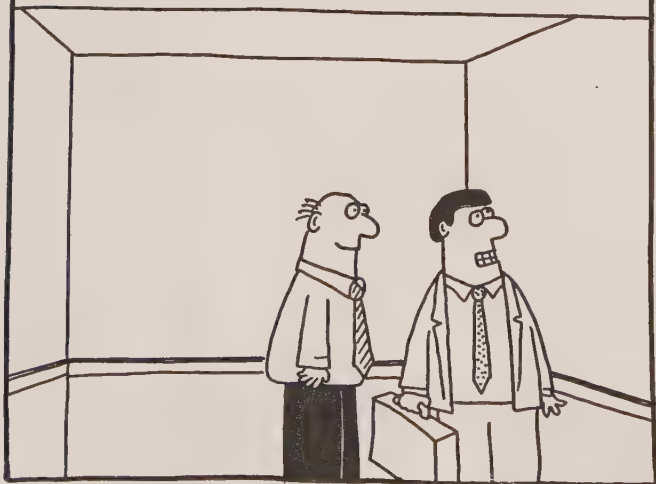
THERE ARE SOME THINGS
YOU SHOULD NEVER DO
ON AN ELEVATOR.



NEVER FACE THE BACK. IT MAKES
PEOPLE NERVOUS.



NEVER STAND NEXT TO A
PERSON IF THERE ARE ONLY
TWO OF YOU.



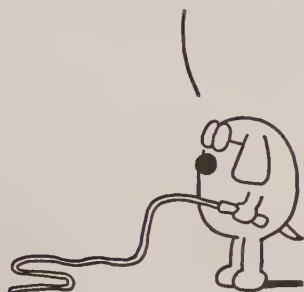
DON'T TRY TO CRUSH PEOPLE
BY PUSHING THE "CLOSE"
BUTTON. I'VE TRIED IT AND
IT DOESN'T WORK.



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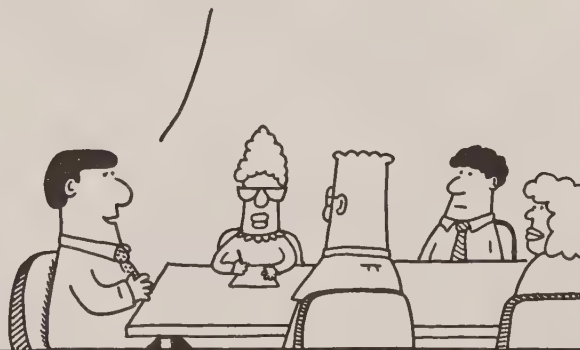
MY SECRETARY THE BOSS

YOU MAY DEBASE YOUR
SECRETARY BY WHIMSIC-
ALLY REFERRING TO HIM
OR HER AS YOUR "BOSS."



BEFORE WE START,
LET'S GO AROUND
THE TABLE AND
INTRODUCE OURSELVES.

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I'M LARRY, AND
I WORK FOR
IRENE ... HEH,
HEH...

HA
HA

REALLY?



HOWEVER, THERE IS A DANGER
THAT THIS WILL CONFUSE PEOPLE.

YES! MY HARD WORK PAID
OFF AND I DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW IT. GET ME SOME
COFFEE, YOU POMPOUS
REAR-END!



THE LAST DONUT

IT IS IMPOLITE TO TAKE THE LAST DONUT WITHOUT OFFERING IT TO OTHERS FIRST. USE THESE TRICKS TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T TAKE IT.



S. Adams

YOU TAKE IT, BETH. IT'LL HELP YOU KEEP THAT RUBENESQUE FIGURE.



HOW ABOUT YOU, WALLY? WE ALL LOVE TO WATCH THE WAY YOU EAT!



LATECOMERS TO THE MEETING ARE HARDER TO CONTROL.

DIG IN, I THINK THE FLIES GOT ALL THEY WANTED ON THIS ONE.



MANNERS AND YOUR BODY

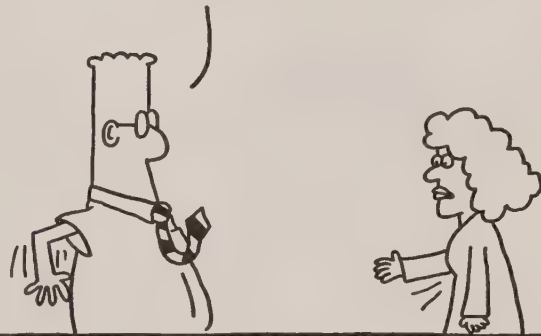
SNEEZING IN YOUR HAND

IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO SHAKE HANDS SOON AFTER YOU SNEEZED IN YOUR HAND, YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS.



THOUGHTFUL

OOH, BETTER NOT. I SNEEZED IN MY HAND.



PLAYFUL

BAD TIMING, BOB.



DOGBERTFUL

PARDON MY DAMP PAW; I JUST WASHED IT.

HE'S BOTH CLEAN AND POLITE.

SARMS



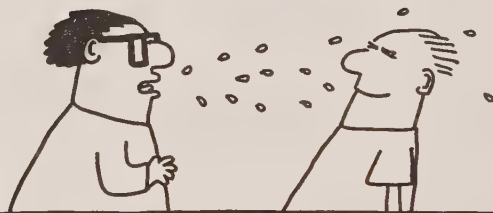
SPITTERS

THERE ARE NO GRACEFUL
METHODS FOR DEALING
WITH PEOPLE WHO SPIT
WHEN THEY TALK.



IMAGINE YOURSELF STANDING
ON THE BEACH AND FEELING
THE COOL OCEAN SPRAY.

BLAH BLAH
BLAH



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BUILD A "CONE OF DRYNESS"

BLAH BLAH
BLAH



SPIT BACK, BUT MAKE IT
LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT

BLAH BLAH
BLAH

BLAH BLAH
BLAH !!



BREAST FEEDING

WHEN WOMEN BREAST-FEED BABIES IN PUBLIC YOU MUST TRY TO ACT LIKE IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU.



MAKE WITTY COMMENTS.

HEY, WHERE'S THE LINE FORM?

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NONCHALANTLY EXCUSE YOURSELF FROM THE ROOM.

I THINK I'LL SEE WHAT'S ON THE BOOB TUBE.



TRY TO ONE-UP HER.

THOSE FLOWERS LOOK LIKE THEY NEED WATERING.



YAWNING

REMEMBER THESE
HANDY TIPS ON
YAWNING.



TRY THE ONE-NOSTRIL SECRET
YAWN METHOD.



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COVER YOUR MOUTH SO NOBODY
CAN TELL THAT YOU YAWNED.

I WONDER IF
HE'S YAWNING
BEHIND THAT
HAND.

AAAAHH!



FOR YOUR MORE VIGOROUS
YAWNS, TRY NOT TO CATCH
OTHER PEOPLE IN YOUR
VORTEX.



THE SOUNDS OF EATING

FOR REASONS UNKNOWN,
IT IS IMPOLITE TO MAKE
SOUNDS WHILE EATING,
EXCEPT IN SOME CULTURES.



S. Adams

E-E-E-RP!!
OH, EXCUSE
ME.

IN MY COUNTRY
A BURP IS
CONSIDERED
A COMPLIMENT.



FRRP



I SUPPOSE THAT
WAS TOO MUCH
TO HOPE FOR.



BAD BREATH

IF YOU KNOW SOMEBODY
WHO HAS BAD BREATH,
THERE ARE THREE WAYS
TO TELL HIM.



THE CLEVER APPROACH

HEY, TODD, DID
SOME KIND OF
ANIMAL CRAWL
IN YOUR MOUTH
AND DIE?



J. Adams

LEAVE SUBTLE CLUES AND LET
THE OFFENDER DEDUCE IT ON
HIS OWN.

WHICH ITEM
DOES NOT
BELONG ON
THIS LIST?



THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD

NOW, TODD, CAN
YOU GUESS
WHAT MADE
THIS LITTLE
EXPERIMENT
WORK?



SITTING ON "THEM" (MEN ONLY)

SOMETIMES THE COMBINATION OF TEMPERATURE AND ILL-FITTING CLOTHES CAUSES A GUY TO SIT AND SCRUNCH "THEM" IN MIXED COMPANY. HE HAS THREE OPTIONS.



TOUGH IT OUT



DIVERT AND CORRECT

WHAT IS THAT UP THERE ??



EXPLAIN, THEN CORRECT
(NOT RECOMMENDED)

IN A MOMENT, I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING THAT MAY SEEM UNUSUAL ...

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NUDITY

THIS IS A SENSITIVE TOPIC, SO I'LL DEAL WITH IT IN A DELICATE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER.



IT IS EQUALLY IMPOLITE FOR ANIMALS TO WEAR PANTS AS IT IS FOR PEOPLE TO BE NUDE.



S. Adams

SOME EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE HAIRLESS MANX CATS WHO MUST WEAR PANTS AND, IDEALLY, A PAPER BAG...



MEN WITH HAIRY BACKS ARE REQUIRED BY GOOD ETIQUETTE TO MOVE TO TIBET AND LIVE AS YETIS.



NUDITY

THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF CLOTHING DEPENDS ON CUSTOM, CONTEXT, AND GOOD JUDGEMENT.



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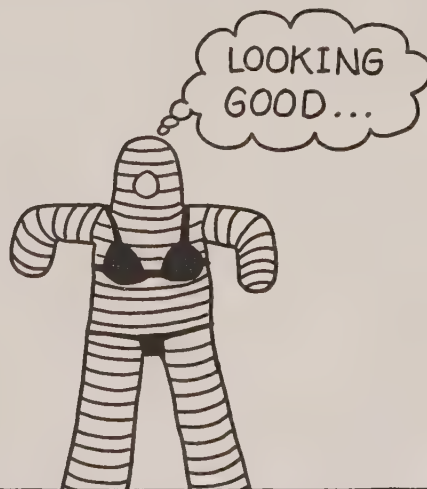
FOR EXAMPLE, A WELL-DRESSED MUMMY SHOULD COVER THE ENTIRE BODY.



BUT A BEACH-GOER CAN WEAR AS LITTLE AS A THONG BIKINI.



HOWEVER, A MUMMY SHOULD NEVER WEAR A BIKINI.



RUDENESS WARNING SIGNS

RATHER THAN MEMORIZING THE MANY RULES OF ETIQUETTE YOU CAN USE THESE SIMPLE EARLY WARNING INDICATORS TO AVOID RUDENESS.



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IF YOUR LIPS ARE EXTENDED BEYOND YOUR NOSE THEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING RUDE.

POSSIBLE SLURP IN PROGRESS.



IF A LOUD NOISE IS ABOUT TO COME OUT OF YOUR BODY — AND IT IS NOT LANGUAGE — THEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE RUDE.

POSSIBLE BURP, SNEEZE, OR WORSE.



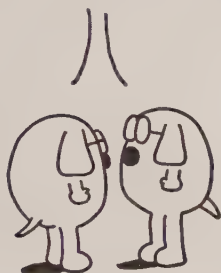
IF YOU USE SOMETHING FOR OTHER THAN ITS INTENDED PURPOSE YOU MAY ALREADY BE RUDE.

HONK!!



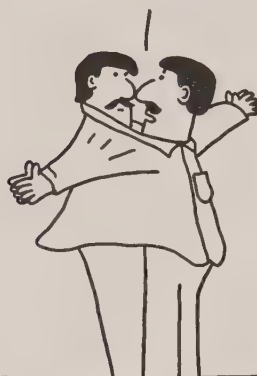
PERSONAL SPACE

YOUR PERSONAL SPACE REQUIREMENTS DEPEND ON YOUR CULTURAL INFLUENCES.



IN ITALY YOU MAY GET INSIDE ANOTHER PERSON'S CLOTHES.

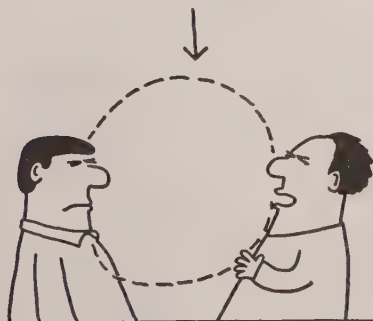
HI, I'M MARIO.



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IN THE UNITED STATES YOU ARE ALLOWED JUST INSIDE THE BAD BREATH ZONE.

BAD BREATH ZONE



IN AUSTRALIA ANY DISTANCE IS TOO DANG CLOSE.

HEY! CAN WE TALK?!

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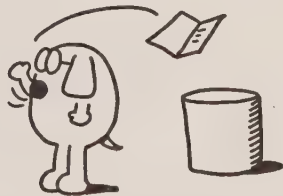


HE MUST BE A TOURIST.

MEN AND WOMEN

GREETING CARD DISPOSAL

MEN AND WOMEN HAVE DIFFERENT ACCEPTED STANDARDS FOR HOW LONG TO KEEP A GREETING CARD.



FEMALE STANDARD

OH MY GOD, IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL! I SHALL KEEP IT ALWAYS.



MALE STANDARD

HAPPY TENTH ANNIVERSARY, HONEY.



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DOUBLE DOOR DILEMMA

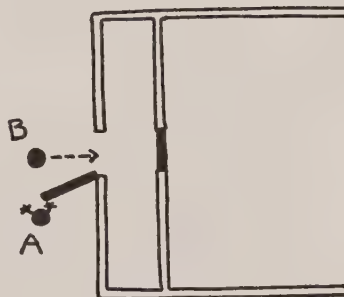
HOLDING DOORS CAN
BE COMPLICATED IF
YOU ENCOUNTER THEM
IN PAIRS.



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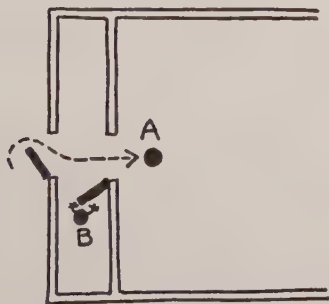
PERSON "A" HOLDS DOOR ONE
FOR PERSON "B."

TOP VIEW



PERSON "B" SCURRIES TO
DOOR TWO AND HOLDS IT
FOR PERSON "A."

TOP VIEW



ACTUALLY, THIS ONLY APPLIES
TO DORKY MALES, WHO ARE
ALSO REQUIRED BY LAW TO
MAKE STUPID FACES AND SAY...

AGE BEFORE
BEAUTY!



KEEPING YOUR SEAT (FOR MEN)

OFTEN IT IS THE MAN WHO IS EXPECTED TO GIVE UP HIS SEAT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. USE THESE TRICKS TO KEEP YOURS.



S. Adams

PRETEND TO BE ASLEEP.



ACT CRAZY AND MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE WILL MOVE.



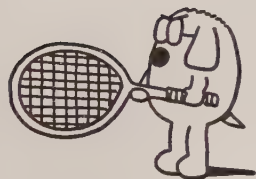
USE PSYCHOLOGY TO INSTILL A GREATER SENSE OF GUILT IN SOMEBODY ELSE.

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT?



LETTING HIM WIN

IN LESS ENLIGHTENED
DAYS IT WAS POLITE
FOR A WOMAN TO LET
A MAN WIN AT SPORTS.



BUT THOSE
DAYS ARE
GONE

S. Adams

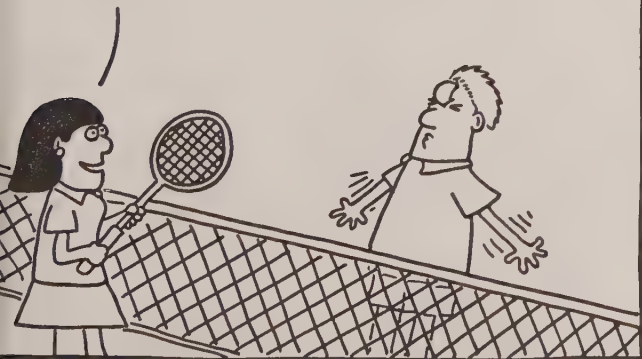
OLD METHOD

I THINK I
HIT ONE OF
THEM!



NEW METHOD

I LOVE THE
SOUND THAT
MAKES.



FUTURE METHOD

ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT WE
COULD TAKE TURNS. WE DON'T
ALWAYS HAVE TO KICK-BOX
TO DECIDE WHO PAYS FOR
THE MOVIE.



WOMEN'S LEG HAIR

WOMEN ARE SENSITIVE
WHEN THEY HAVEN'T
HAD TIME TO SHAVE
THEIR LEGS. BE CAREFUL.



DO NOT TRY TO MAKE THE BEST
OUT OF THE SITUATION.

WE'RE OUT OF SANDPAPER,
AND I NEED TO TAKE
THE EDGE OFF THIS
BREAD BOARD, SO
I WAS THINKING...



S. Adams

DON'T NAG.

WELL, GREAT, NOW
YOU'VE KILLED THE
CAT.



WHEN SHE WANTS TO SPOON,
TAKE IT LIKE A MAN.



COMPLIMENTING A WOMAN

THE PROPER METHOD FOR
COMPLIMENTING A WOMAN
ON HER APPEARANCE
DEPENDS ON YOUR SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC STATUS.



S. Adams

THE WEALTHY

I SIMPLY MUST
HAVE THE NAME
OF YOUR PLASTIC
SURGEON.

I'M
FLATTERED.



MIDDLE CLASS

THAT OUTFIT
LOOKS GOOD
ON YOU.

LAWSUIT



LOWER CLASS

NICE
HOOTERS.

THANKS.



FLIRTING

CASUAL FLIRTING IS
ACCEPTABLE, BUT YOU
SHOULD AVOID THESE
EXTREMES.



IT IS RUDE TO ACTIVELY
ENCOURAGE FLIRTERS WHILE
ON A DATE.

GOOD, GOOD. NOW
DO THIS ONE.



S. Adams

IT IS RUDE TO NEGOTIATE IN
FRONT OF YOUR DATE.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED,
I COULD BREAK IT OFF
WITH HIM RIGHT NOW.



AND IT IS VERY RUDE TO
ACT LIKE YOUR DATE DOESN'T
EVEN EXIST.

FIVE MORE MINUTES
AND YOU CAN JUST
FORGET THE MOVIE.



HUSBAND REVENGE

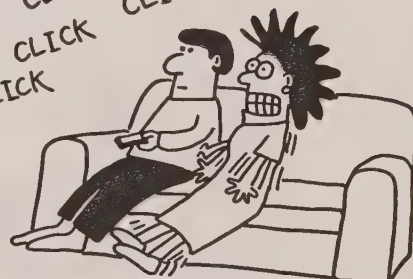
HUSBANDS MAY ANNOY WIVES WITHOUT BEING RUDE IF THEY FOLLOW THESE TIME-TESTED METHODS.



CHANGE CHANNELS QUICKLY AND CONSTANTLY AS IF YOU WILL NEVER STOP.

S. Adams

CLICK CLICK
CLICK CLICK
CLICK CLICK
CLICK CLICK

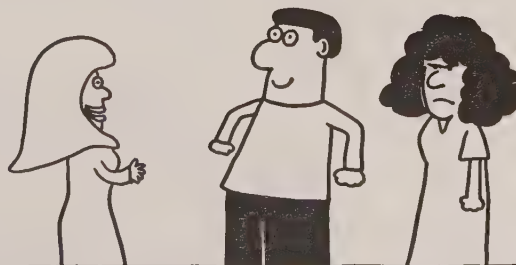


BUY TOOLS FOR THINGS SHE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU NEEDED A TOOL FOR.

I NEEDED IT TO DEMAGNETIZE THE RAIN GUTTERS.



BECOME UNUSUALLY ANIMATED AND ATTENTIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF ATTRACTIVE WOMEN.



KISSING AND TELLING

IT'S OKAY TO KISS AND TELL, AS LONG AS YOU OBSERVE SOME SIMPLE RULES OF TACT.



WAIT AWHILE. DON'T TELL RIGHT AWAY.

I'M SERIOUS, MONICA. IT WAS LIKE KISSING A SQUID...



S. Adams

A DESCRIPTION IS SUFFICIENT. THERE'S NO NEED TO RE-ENACT THE EVENT.

THEN ONE OF US STARTED KISSING LIKE THIS.



DON'T TELL YOUR UNATTACHED MALE FRIENDS. IT'S CRUEL.

I'M GLAD I HAVE A FRIEND WHO LISTENS TO MY ROMANCE STORIES IN ALL THEIR BORING DETAIL.



KNEE ROOM

WHEN A BIG UGLY MAN
STEALS A WOMAN'S KNEE
SPACE, THE WOMAN HAS
THREE ALTERNATIVES.



AVOIDANCE AND THOUGHTS
OF VIOLENCE

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EXPLAIN THE SITUATION CLEARLY
AND APPEAL TO HIS SENSE OF
SOCIAL EQUITY. (NOT RECOMMEND-
ED)

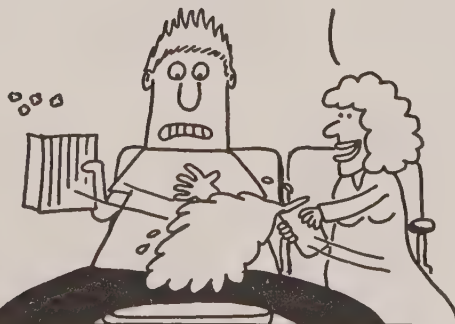
SHE WANTS ME.
MY PLAN IS
WORKING.

IMAGINE AN
INVISIBLE
LINE BETWEEN
OUR SEATS...



ACCIDENTAL SODA SPILL

OOPS! SORRY!
SOMEBODY BUMPED
MY KNEE.

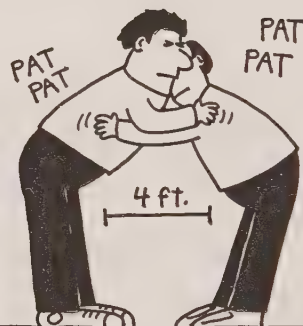


MEN HUGGING MEN

IN WESTERN CULTURES,
WHEN HETEROSEXUAL
MEN HUG THEY MUST
OBSERVE CERTAIN
CONVENTIONS.



KEEP THE NAUGHTY PARTS
AT LEAST FOUR FEET AWAY.



S. Adams

DO NOT USE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO REVEAL YOUR FEMININE
SIDE.

YOU KNOW, I
LIKE FLOWER
ARRANGING.



DON'T LET ANYBODY SEE YOU
GET THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES
AFTERWARD.



POLITE TURN-DOWN LIES

WOMEN SHOULD USE
POLITE LIES TO REJECT
UNACCEPTABLE SUITORS.



S. Adams

NEARLY-NORMAL GUYS DESERVE
VAGUE YET PLAUSIBLE LIES.

I'M SORRY, I
HAVE "PLANS"
THIS WEEKEND.



LOSER-TYPE GUYS CAN BE
DISMISSED WITH SPECIFIC
YET IMPLAUSIBLE LIES.

I HAVE TO WAX
MY CAT.



BUT FOR THE TRULY PATHETIC,
IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO USE
SADISTIC AND MALICIOUS LIES.

WAIT BY THE PHONE.
I'LL CALL SOMETIME
BEFORE SATURDAY
TO LET YOU KNOW.



OH BOY!
OH BOY!

PREGNANCY AND WEIGHT

PREGNANT WOMEN CAN
BE SENSITIVE ABOUT
WEIGHT GAIN. DO NOT
MAKE THESE MISTAKES.



WHEN'S THE
BABY DUE?
TOMORROW?

IN SEVEN
MONTHS.



AH, MUST
BE TWINS,
RIGHT?

NOPE.



WHEN YOU'RE "EATING
FOR TWO" HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED THAT THE
BABY IS ABOUT THE
SIZE OF A GOLF BALL?



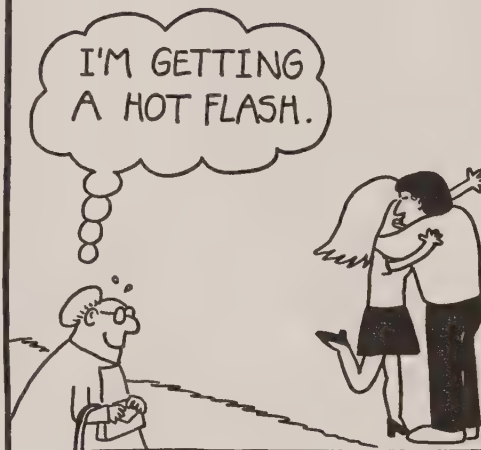
PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

DEPENDING ON HOW ATTRACTIVE YOU ARE, PEOPLE WILL EXPERIENCE VARYING LEVELS OF REVULSION AT YOUR "PDA."



BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE HAVE NO LIMITS.

S. Adams



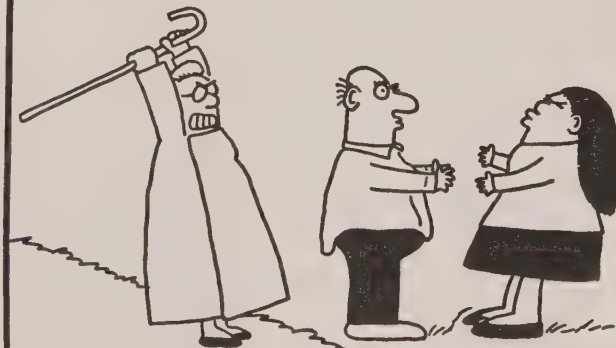
AVERAGE LOOKING PEOPLE SHOULD AVOID TOUCHING LIPS IN PUBLIC.

HEY!! THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH!

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THE REST OF YOU HAD BETTER NOT RISK IT AT ALL.



SAYING NO TO A DANCE

IF AN UNDESIRABLE PERSON ASKS YOU TO DANCE, USE THESE METHODS TO POLITELY EXTRACT YOURSELF.



S. Adams

PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW THE LANGUAGE.

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

QUACK QUACK
QUACK QUACK
QUACK



SPILL YOUR DRINK ON HIS PANTS.

THIRD TIME TONIGHT.
IT CAN'T BE A
COINCIDENCE.



SPLASH



FIND A SACRIFICIAL DANCER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.



SHARING YOUR DREAMS

DO NOT TELL PEOPLE WHAT
ROLE THEY PLAYED IN
YOUR DREAMS, NO MATTER
HOW MEANINGLESS IT
SEEMED TO YOU.



S. Adams

DILBERT, I HAD
A FASCINATING
DREAM ABOUT
YOU LAST NIGHT.



I DREAMED IT WAS
A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER
EVENING. THE MOON
WAS FULL...



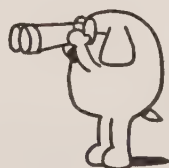
YOU APPEARED AS
A FIELD RODENT.
I CRUSHED YOU
WITH A BIG FLAT
ROCK.

THANKS FOR
TELLING ME.



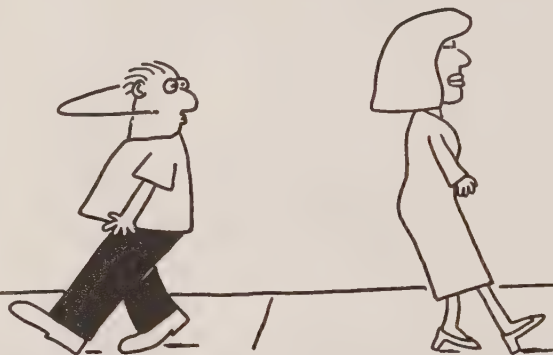
STARING

IT IS IMPOLITE FOR A
MAN TO GET CAUGHT
STARING AT A WOMAN.
MEN MUST USE THESE TRICKS
TO AVOID DETECTION.

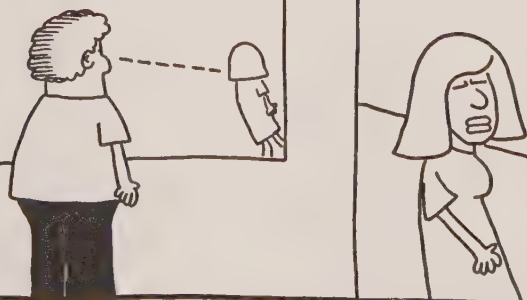


S. Adams

EXORCIST
METHOD



USE REFLECTIVE
SURFACES



CLEVER DECOY
METHOD

WHERE DID YOU
GET THAT NICE
NECKLACE?



THREE "MOODS" OF THE MONTH

TO MEN, IT MAY SEEM
THAT WOMEN HAVE THREE
DISTINCT MOODS PER
MONTH. THIS IS ONLY
A MALE MYTH AND SHOULD
NEVER BE MENTIONED.



S. Adams

"PRE"

STUPID
BASTARD



"DURING"

I DIDN'T MEAN
TO MENTION
BLIMPS!! WE CAN
TALK ABOUT SOME-
THING ELSE!!

INSENSI-
TIVE
BASTARD.



"DENIAL"

YOU SEEMED
A BIT MOODY
YESTERDAY.

NO I
WASN'T.

BASTARD

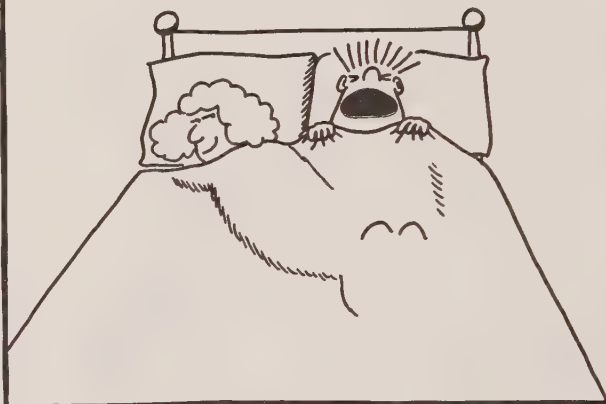


WIFE REVENGE

THE FOLLOWING ACTS
ARE STILL PERMISSIBLE
BUT THEY'VE BEEN ADDED
TO THE WATCH LIST.



PUT YOUR COLD FEET ON HIM.



S. Adams

COOK LARGE QUANTITIES OF
SOMETHING HIDEOUS AND
MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU
FEEL "VULNERABLE" TONIGHT.

IT'S OKAY IF
YOU DON'T
LIKE IT.



ASK HIM TO PICK UP SOME
PERSONAL ITEMS AT THE STORE.

AFTER GOLF, WOULD YOU
MIND STOPPING AT THE
STORE?



WOMEN'S HANDS (TRADITIONAL VIEW)

TRADITIONAL MANNERS
DICTATED THAT WOMEN
BE TREATED AS THOUGH
THEIR HANDS WERE
JUST SCRUBBED FOR
SURGERY.



S. Adams

WOMEN COULD NOT
TOUCH DOORKNOBS



WOMEN COULD NOT
TOUCH CHAIRS



WOMEN COULD NOT
TOUCH MONEY

MOST DOLLAR BILLS
HAVE BEEN IN
PEOPLE'S NOSES.



WOMEN'S HANDS (MODERN VIEW)

THE MODERN VIEW IS THAT WOMEN SHOULD TOUCH ALL THE SAME OBJECTS AS MEN. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS WHEN MODERN MEN DATE TRADITIONAL WOMEN.



J. Adams

WOMEN CAN TOUCH
DOORKNOBS

WATCH OUT
FOR THE
DOOR.



WOMEN CAN TOUCH
CHAIRS

HER CHAIR IS
BETTER. I'LL
TAKE IT FOR
MY SIDE.



WOMEN CAN TOUCH
MONEY

HERE'S MY HALF.
MAYBE YOU CAN
WASH DISHES WITH
YOUR ELBOWS FOR
YOUR SHARE.



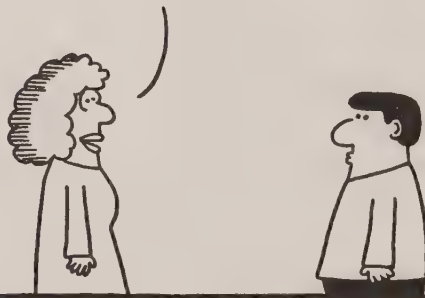
LAUGHING AT TRAGEDY

IT IS NOT POLITE TO
LAUGH AT THE MISFORTUNE
OF OTHERS, UNLESS IT
BECOMES A HEALTH RISK
TO CONTAIN IT.



S. Adams

IT WAS TWO YEARS
AGO THAT I LOST
MY HUSBAND AT
"JUNGLE SAFARI
WORLD."



I SAID, "HONEY,
PLEASE DON'T MOON
THE CHEETAHS. THEY
LOOK FAST."

DON'T
LAUGH.



SOME PEOPLE
THINK IT WAS
"FUNNY."



LAUGHTER AS DEFLECTION

YOU MAY USE LAUGHTER
AS A POLITE WAY TO
DEFLECT UNWANTED
INVITATIONS.



TRY A SMALL LAUGH FIRST.

I WAS THINKING
MAYBE WE COULD
GO TO A MOVIE.

HEH-HEH
HEH



S. Adams

IF THE OFFENDER DOES NOT
GET THE HINT, ESCALATE.

MAYBE
SATURDAY?

HA HA HA
HA HA



IF THIS TECHNIQUE DOES NOT
PRODUCE RESULTS, QUIT
BEFORE IT GETS UGLY.

I LIKE A WOMAN
WHO CAN LAUGH
EASILY.

HA-HA



BORES AT MEETINGS

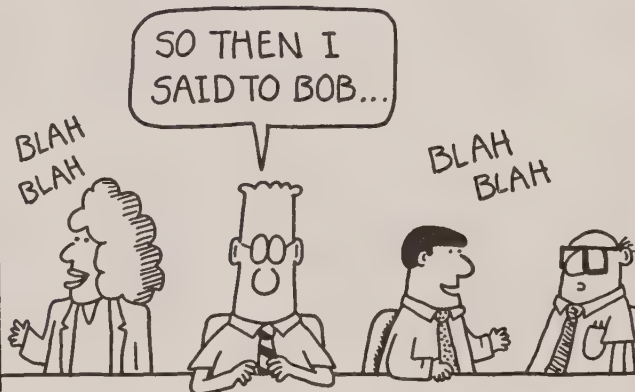
THERE ARE THREE
POLITE METHODS FOR
DEALING WITH BORES
AT MEETINGS.



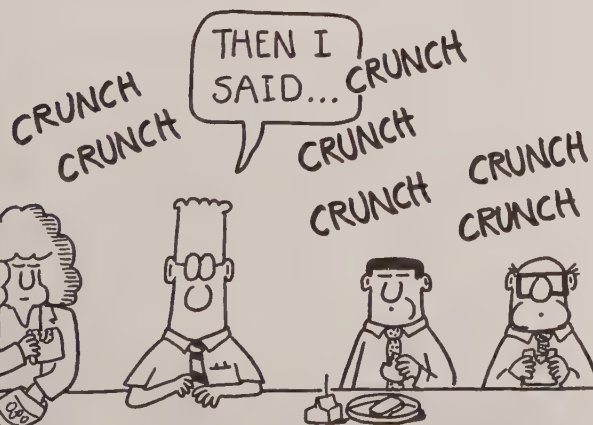
BORING PEOPLE

FEEL FREE TO HAVE SIDE
CONVERSATIONS IF YOU NEITHER
FEAR NOR RESPECT THE
PERSON SPEAKING.

S. ADAMS



BRING CRUNCHY FOOD AND TRY
TO DROWN OUT THE SPEAKER.



INTERRUPT FREQUENTLY SO
YOU CAN USE UP THE MEETING
TIME WITH YOUR OWN LONG-
WINDED STORIES.



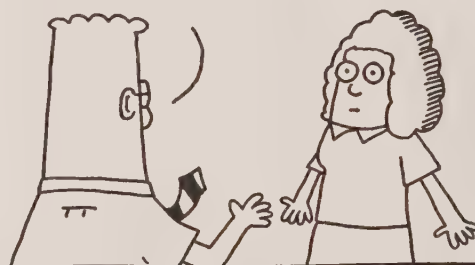
BORING OTHER PEOPLE

IF YOU ARE BORING AND
DON'T KNOW IT, USE
THESE VISUAL CUES TO
KNOW WHEN YOUR STORY
HAS GONE ON TOO LONG.



STAGE ONE OF BOREDOM IS
CHARACTERIZED BY SHRINKING
PUPILS AND A ZOMBIE-LIKE
STIFFNESS.

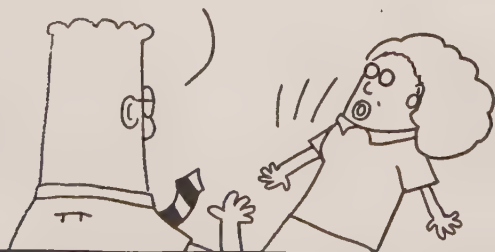
...SO I TRIED THE
MATH COPROCESSOR
SOCKET AND...



J. Adams

STAGE TWO OF BOREDOM IS
CHARACTERIZED BY THE EYES
ROLLING BACK IN THE HEAD
AND A LOSS OF BALANCE.

...SO I SAID "WHO
BURNED THESE EPROMS
IN ANYWAY?"



IF YOU GET TO STAGE THREE,
YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST GO
AHEAD AND FINISH YOUR
STORY.

...AND THAT
WASN'T EVEN THE
INTERESTING
PART!



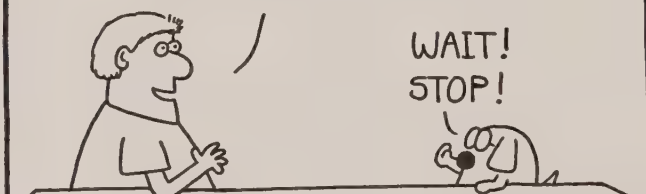
DEALING WITH BORES

IN THE OLD DAYS, BEFORE TELEVISION, BORES WERE TOLERATED BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING BETTER TO DO. BUT IN THESE BUSY TIMES IT IS NECESSARY TO POLITELY DISMISS THEM.

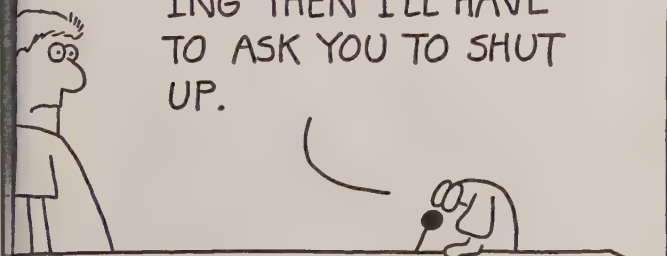


... SO THEN I THOUGHT, WHY NOT EAT AN APPLE? SO, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THAT'S JUST WHAT I DID. THEN I THOUGHT...

S. Adams

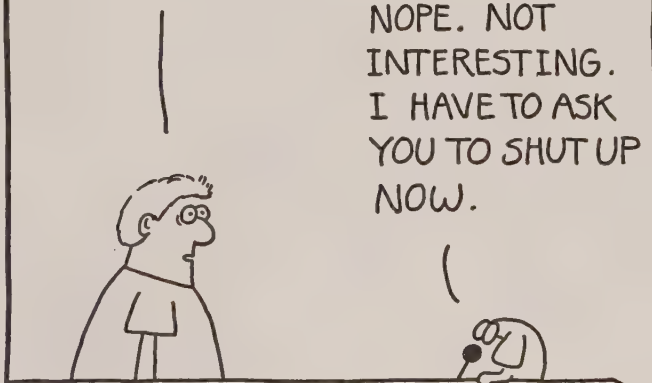


NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU'RE BORING ME TO DEATH. IF YOU CAN'T COME UP WITH SOMETHING INTERESTING THEN I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO SHUT UP.



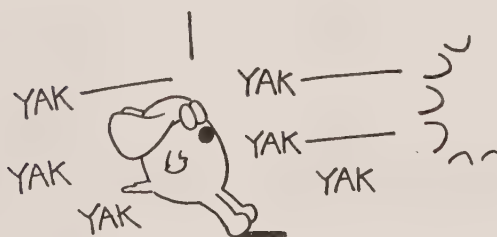
GEE, I'M SORRY.

NOPE. NOT INTERESTING. I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO SHUT UP NOW.



DISCOURAGING A SERIAL TALKER

A "SERIAL TALKER" IS A PERSON WHO CAN TALK CONSTANTLY AND FOREVER WITHOUT PAUSING FOR TOPIC SHIFTS. YOU MUST DISCOURAGE THEM.



S. Adams

SUBTLE HINTS DO NOT WORK.

NOTICE THE SERIAL TALKER'S TRANCE STATE



HIDING WILL NOT WORK.



THE ONLY KNOWN SOLUTION IS TO PLUG THE HOLE.



EXCUSING YOURSELF FROM BORES

YOU CAN AVOID PROLONGED INTERACTION. WITH BORES BY USING THESE ESCAPE TACTICS.



SIGNAL YOUR DISTRESS AND HOPE AN INTERESTING PERSON WILL COME TO YOUR RESCUE.

S. ADAMS



CARRY AN EMPTY GLASS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.

OOH... I'D BETTER GET A REFILL.



FIND AN UNWITTING REPLACEMENT AND EXCUSE YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU'VE "ALREADY HEARD THE STORY."

TELL THAT STORY AGAIN FOR JOSH.



PARENTS AND CHILDREN

ACKNOWLEDGING THE DIFFERENT CHILD

IF ONE CHILD IN THE FAMILY HAS NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE OTHERS, IT'S BEST TO LEAVE THE TOPIC ALONE.



THESE ARE MY SONS, JOHNNY, JACK AND BIFF.



SADAMS

IT CAN BE EMBARRASSING TO SINGLE OUT A FAMILY MEMBER WHO LOOKS "DIFFERENT."

JOHNNY AND JACK LOOK JUST LIKE YOU... BUT BIFF... GEE, THAT'S UNUSUAL...



DON'T MAKE IT WORSE BY SPECULATING.

WAIT A MINUTE... IS YOUR GARBAGEMAN GUS SIMPSON?



BABYSITTING

IF FRIENDS IMPOSE ON
YOU TO BABYSIT IT IS
WITHIN YOUR RIGHTS
TO CONVERT THE CHILD
TO A NEW RELIGION.



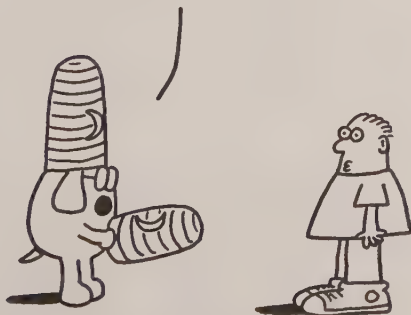
THANKS FOR AGREEING
TO BABYSIT, DOGBERT.



SHOO!
HAVE FUN.



DAVE, YOUR PARENTS
ARE HEATHENS. LET
ME TEACH YOU THE WAYS
OF DOGBERTISM.



LATER

THANKS, DOGBERT.
WE WON'T IMPOSE
ON YOU LIKE THAT
AGAIN.



I WOULDN'T
THINK SO.



S. Adams

BRAGGING ABOUT YOUR KID

WHEN PARENTS BRAG
ABOUT THEIR KIDS,
YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION
TO BRING THEM GENTLY
BACK TO REALITY.



THIS IS MY
YOUNGEST SON,
TIMMY. HE'S
A GENIUS.



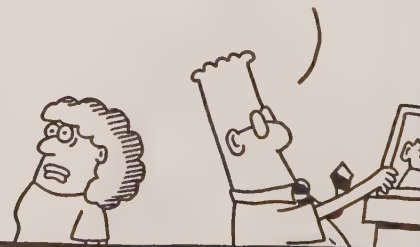
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WELL, I WOULDN'T BE
TOO PROUD. LOOK AT
THE EARS ON THIS
KID! THEY'RE HUGE!



NOTE: AFTER YOU MAKE YOUR
POINT, IT'S POLITE TO STOP.

DOES YOUR HUSBAND
KNOW YOU WERE
DATING "DUMBO"
THE FLYING ELEPHANT?



RESPECT YOUR PARENTS

SHOW RESPECT FOR
YOUR PARENTS BY
AVOIDING THESE
BEHAVIORS.



DON'T TRY TO TRICK THEM INTO
THINKING YOU'RE NOT
RELATED TO THEM.

I THINK YOU'RE OLD
ENOUGH TO KNOW...
I'M ADOPTED.



S. Adams

DON'T MAKE THEM GRAND-
PARENTS IN THEIR THIRTIES

SAY HI TO
GRAMPS AND
GRANNY.



DON'T MAKE THEM HAVE TO
PRETEND THEY'RE OPEN-
MINDED.

BRENT IS A
COWBOY!



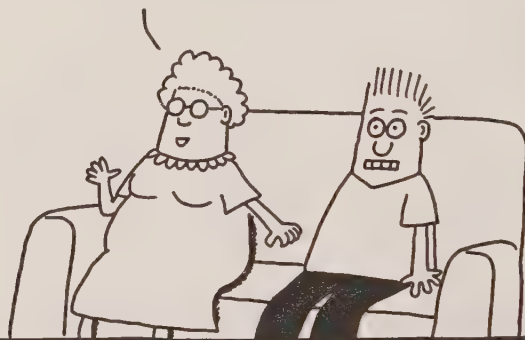
EMBARRASSING STORIES

YOUR MOTHER HAS A
LIFETIME RIGHT TO
TELL EMBARRASSING
STORIES ABOUT YOU.



S. ADAMS

DID I EVER TELL
YOU THE CUTE STORY
ABOUT JEFFREY'S
FIRST VISIT TO THE
ZOO?



HA HA! WELL, JEFFREY
WAS JUST REACHING
PUBERTY, AND STILL
CONFUSED ABOUT A
LOT OF THINGS ...



LATER

... AND TO THIS
DAY HE'S STILL
BANNED FROM
THE MONKEY
CAGE AREA.



GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN

GRANDPARENTS MAY SEEK REVENGE ON THEIR CHILDREN BY HOW THEY TREAT THE GRANDCHILDREN.



GRANDPARENTS MAY ONE-UP THEIR CHILDREN'S GIFTS.

G.I. JOE



KEYS TO YOUR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT VEHICLE.



GRANDPARENTS MAY TELL STORIES TO REMOVE ANY SHRED OF RESPECT THE CHILDREN MIGHT HAVE FOR THEIR PARENTS.

YOUR DAD TRIED OUT FOR THE GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM, BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE IT.



GRANDPARENTS MAY SPOIL THE GRANDCHILDREN WITH LOW LEVELS OF DISCIPLINE.

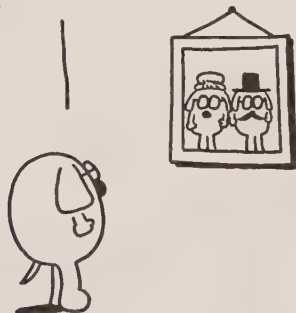
I'M NAKED AND I'M GOING TO HITCH-HIKE TO NORWAY.

HAVE FUN, DEAR.



MOTHERS VERSUS FATHERS

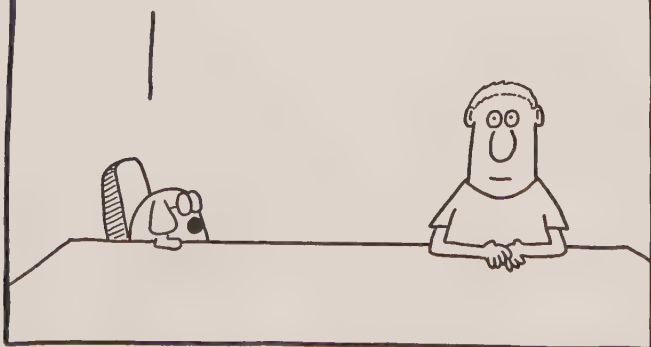
IT IS NOT POLITE TO
INSULT A PERSON'S
MOTHER. HOWEVER,
FATHERS ARE FAIR
GAME.



YOUR FATHER
IS SO DUMB
HE DRIVES HIS
CAR BACKWARD
TO REFILL THE
GAS TANK.



HE'S THE ONLY
PERSON WHO
EVER BOUGHT
AN INDOOR
KITE.



HE WAITED YEARS
TO HAVE CHILDREN
BECAUSE HE THOUGHT
IT WAS WRONG
TO SLEEP WITH
A MARRIED
WOMAN.

HEY! IS THAT
AN INSULT TO
MY MOTHER?



J. Adams

DEATH

ASHES OF THE DEPARTED

CREMATION WAS INVENTED AFTER ETIQUETTE, SO MOST ETIQUETTE BOOKS LACK THESE IMPORTANT TIPS.



DON'T SNEEZE WHEN THE LID IS OFF.

GESUNDHEIT.



S. Adams

DON'T EXPLAIN THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS EVEN IF YOU KNOW THEM.

IT'S LIKE YOUR BARBECUE, BUT THEY DON'T USE STEAK SAUCE. I MEAN, WHY WOULD THEY? ANYWAY...



NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU NEED A FLOWER VASE, DON'T EVEN CONSIDER IT.

OF COURSE, HE'S DEAD WHEREAS THE FLOWERS ARE ALIVE...



FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

NEVER USE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SOMEBODY'S DEATH TO PLAY A PRACTICAL JOKE, UNLESS IT'S A REALLY GOOD ONE LIKE ONE OF THESE.



S. Adams

THE "BORED TO DEATH" GAG

THAT WAS A GOOD STORY, BARRY, BUT I THINK ALICE WAS A BIT BORED.



THE "BREATHING" GAG

HE'S BREATHING!



THE "SCRATCHING TO GET OUT" GAG

SCRATCH
SCRATCH



MARRIAGE ASKING "WHY AREN'T YOU MARRIED?"

WHEN MARRIED PEOPLE
BADGER SINGLE PEOPLE
ABOUT GETTING MARRIED,
THE SINGLE PERSON MAY
RESPOND IN TWO WAYS.



S. ADAMS

SO, BOB, WHEN
ARE YOU GOING
TO FIND SOME
NICE WOMAN AND
TIE THE KNOT ?



WIMP RESPONSE

I HOPE THAT SOON I MAY
IMITATE YOUR LIFESTYLE
AND FIND THE MATE WHO
CAN MAKE ME WHOLE.



AGGRESSIVE RESPONSE

GOSH, MAYBE IF I GET BORED
DATING THE WALLEMDA
TRIPLETS I'LL JOIN YOU
IN THE BOWELS OF HELL.



COMPLIMENTING A SPOUSE (WIFE)

IF SOMEBODY COMPLIMENTS
YOUR WIFE, YOU MAY TAKE
THE CREDIT YOURSELF.



OUR WIFE
IS VERY
PRETTY.



THANK YOU VERY
MUCH. I SELECTED
HER BECAUSE SHE
MATCHES MY FURN-
ITURE.



BUT DON'T GO OVERBOARD

OF COURSE, YOU'VE
GOT TO HAVE ONE
OF THESE TO GET
A WOMAN LIKE
THAT!



S. Adams

SIGNIFICANT OTHER

UNMARRIED PEOPLE
WHO LIVE TOGETHER
SHOULD AVOID THESE
MISTAKES...



J. Adams

DO NOT CAVE-IN TO SOCIETY'S
VIEWS WHEN INTRODUCING
YOUR "OTHER."

HI, I'M BOB, AND
THIS IS THE GODLESS
TRAMP THAT LIVES
WITH ME.



DO NOT CONCOCT A RIDICULOUS
FIB THAT ONLY YOUR PARENTS
WOULD BE NAIVE ENOUGH
TO BELIEVE.

MOM, DAD, THIS IS MY
FRIEND ARNOLD. HE
RENTS A ROOM IN MY
APARTMENT.



DO NOT CLING STUBBORNLY TO
YOUR LIBERAL VIEWS.

LINDA ISN'T COVERED
BY MY MEDICAL PLAN
AT WORK, BUT SHE'S
BEEN A REALTROOPER
SINCE THE FISHING
INCIDENT.



TELEPHONE

ANSWERING THE PHONE

TO BE A TELEPHONE
RECEPTIONIST, LEARN
THE THREE MAJOR
BEHAVIORS WHICH ARE
CONSIDERED GOOD
MANNERS.



SPEAK LIKE A ZOMBIE ON A
COFFEE BUZZ AND HIT "HOLD."

HELLOUNITEDCONGLOMERATE
IHATEMYJOBSOPLEASEHOLD.



S. Adams

ACT LIKE TAKING A MESSAGE
WOULD BE A MAJOR BOTHER.

SIGH* THAT WOULD REQUIRE
PAPER... AND A WRITING
THING... I COULD CHECK
AROUND...



ACT LIKE A TEMP WORKER WHO
WAS TRANSPORTED INTO THE
BUILDING IN A SEALED BAG.

I DON'T KNOW WHO DOES
THAT... I DON'T KNOW
OUR ADDRESS... I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
PRODUCTS
WE MAKE.



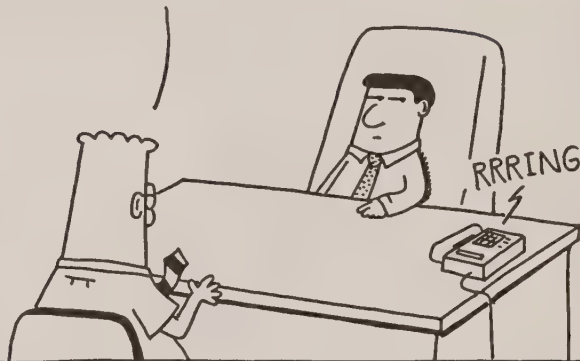
TAKING CALLS

YOU CAN MAKE PEOPLE
FEEL INSIGNIFICANT
BY ANSWERING YOUR
PHONE WHILE THEY'RE
IN YOUR OFFICE.

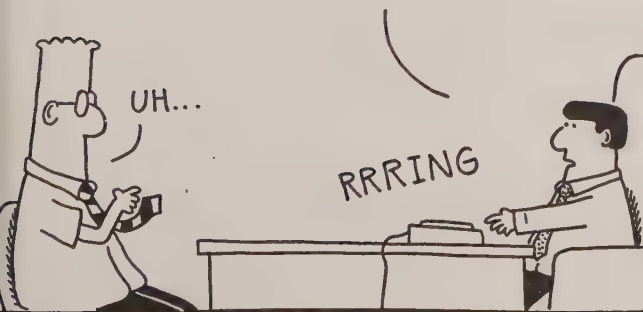


...AND SO, IT'S
CLEAR THAT WE
HAVE THREE
OPTIONS...

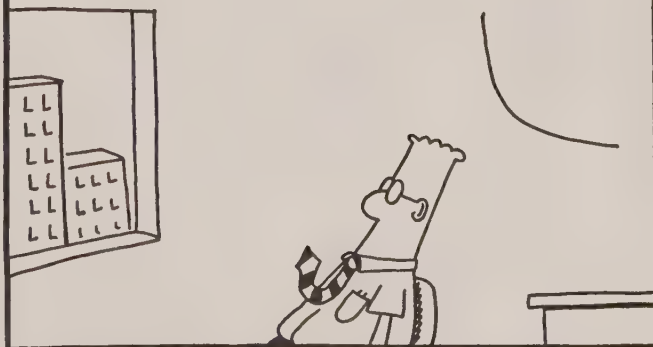
J. Adams



EXCUSE ME, THIS IS
PROBABLY SOMETHING
MORE IMPORTANT
THAN YOU. FEEL FREE
TO STARE OUT MY
WINDOW.



NO, NO PROBLEM.
THIS IS A GOOD
TIME TO TALK...



VOICE MAIL ETIQUETTE

VOICE MAIL IS A GOOD WAY TO POLITELY BLOW OFF PEOPLE YOU'D RATHER NOT SPEAK TO.



LEAVE A MESSAGE THAT INSTILLS HOPELESSNESS AND DESPAIR IN THE CALLER.

... I'M NOT HERE. IF THIS IS AN EMERGENCY CALL JACKIE... HA HA... AS IF SHE ANSWERS HER PHONE.



S. Adams

LEAVE CONFUSING AUDIO MENU CHOICES.

... BUT IF YOU HAVE TYPE "AB" NEGATIVE BLOOD AND YOU'RE TALL BUT NOT BLONDE PRESS THE SQUARE ROOT OF 42 ON YOUR KEYPAD...



RETURN YOUR VOICE MAIL CALLS DURING LUNCH TO AVOID GETTING A LIVE PERSON. THEN LEAVE ILLOGICAL ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.

THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS "TROUT." I HOPE THAT HELPS.



WHEN TO CALL

PEOPLE DON'T SIT AROUND WAITING FOR YOUR CALL; THEY'RE ALWAYS BUSY. YOU MUST LEARN WHICH ACTIVITIES ARE BEST TO INTERRUPT.



DON'T CALL DURING DINNER — PEOPLE ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

BONT CHLOL
BLURING MINNER,
MLUTHEAD !!

S. Adams



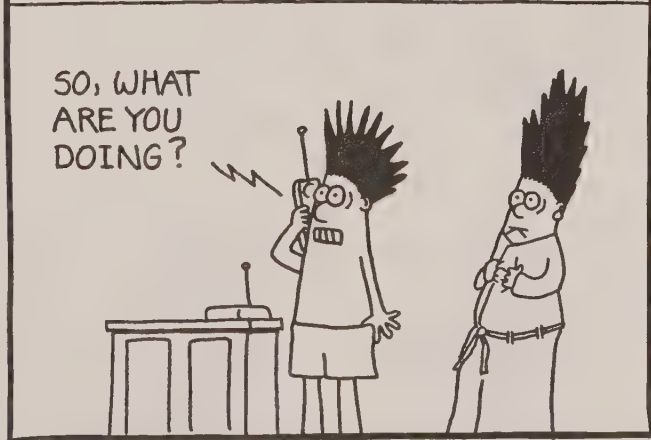
DON'T CALL FROM 9 PM TO 11PM UNLESS YOU WANT EVERYBODY'S PERSONAL LIFE TO BE JUST LIKE YOURS.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



THE BEST TIME TO CALL IS AT 3 AM. THAT WAY THE CALLEE THINKS IT'S AN EMERGENCY AND GIVES YOU FULL ATTENTION .

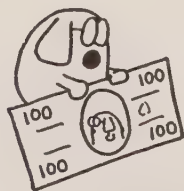
SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



GIFTS, PARTIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

GIVING CASH

CASH IS A PERFECTLY
ACCEPTABLE GIFT AS
LONG AS YOU AVOID
THESE MISTAKES.



STICK TO ROUND NUMBERS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
HONEY. I GOT YOU
SEVENTEEN DOLLARS
AND... LET'S SEE...



S. Adams

DON'T TRY TO MIX CUSTOMS.

WHY IS IT
ALL COVERED
BY INK?

I DIDN'T
WANT YOU TO
KNOW HOW
MUCH I SPENT.



DON'T ASK FOR A RECEIPT.

I'D LIKE YOU TO
COUNT IT AND
THEN INITIAL
THIS FORM.



HOME-MADE GIFTS

YOU CAN MAKE POLITE
PEOPLE UNHAPPY BY
GIVING THEM HOME-MADE
GIFTS TO DECORATE THEIR
HOMES.



J Adams

IMPOSE YOUR HOBBIES ON
OTHER PEOPLE'S HOMES.

I TRIED TO CAPTURE
THE MOST COLORFUL
MOMENT IN DUCK
HUNTING... AND IT'S
ALL YOURS.



PERSONALIZE THE GIFT TO MAKE
IT HARD TO GIVE AWAY.

IT'S YOUR HOUSE,
MADE ENTIRELY
FROM PASTA !



SOLVE YOUR RECYCLING PROBLEM
AND ANNOY YOUR FRIENDS
AT THE SAME TIME.

ALL YOU NEED IS
A LAMP SHADE!



BOTTLES



SELECTIVE INVITATIONS

USE THESE TRICKS TO
AVOID INVITING AN
UNPOPULAR CO-WORKER
TO YOUR PARTY.



THE FLAWED DIRECTIONS TRICK

IS THIS MAP RIGHT?
DO YOU REALLY LIVE
IN NEW ZEALAND?

S. Adams



EMPHASIZE THE POSITIVE

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU MADE THE LIST
OF ALTERNATES. IF
SOMEBODY DIES DURING
THE PARTY WE'LL CALL
YOU!



SPECIALLY TRAINED DOGS CAN
CUT THE UNDESIRABLES FROM
THE HERD.



GIFTS FOR PARTIES

FOR SOME STRANGE REASON IT IS EXPECTED THAT GUESTS BRING GIFTS TO PARTIES.



GENERALLY, A HOST WILL KNOW IF YOUR GIFT IS SOMETHING YOU FOUND IN YOUR GLOVE COMPARTMENT.

S. Adams



AVOID GIFTS WHICH REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL MAINTENANCE.

LOOK, HONEY, IT'S A BALD EAGLE.



HOLD ONTO YOUR GIFT UNTIL YOU'RE SURE THE PARTY IS WORTH IT.

NOT SO FAST. I'D LIKE TO LOOK AROUND FIRST.



ENTERTAINING GUESTS

GUESTS ARE ANNOYING.
THEY EAT YOUR FOOD AND
MAKE YOU MISS GOOD
TELEVISION SHOWS. USE
THESE TRICKS TO AVOID
REPEAT VISITS.



WE USED TO JUST
THROW AWAY THE
SOAP BARS WHEN
THEY GOT SMALL.



HAVE YOU HEARD THE
DIGITALLY REMASTERED
"TINY TIM" CLASSICS?



WHICH WAY
TO YOUR
BATHROOM?

I DON'T
HAVE ONE.



BAD GIFTS

DO NOT SIT PASSIVELY
AND ACT LIKE YOU
ENJOY A POORLY
THOUGHT OUT GIFT.



BE HONEST

SHODDY CRAFTSMANSHIP,
HAPHAZARD DESIGN...
YEAH, I THINK IT'S TIME
TO CONSIDER ADOPTION.

S. Adams



SOME GIFTS — LIKE TUBE SOCKS
AND A PAPER WEIGHT — CAN
BE COMBINED TO MAKE ONE
GOOD GIFT.



SOMETIMES YOU CAN FIND
A WAY TO GET ENJOYMENT
FROM PURELY PRACTICAL
GIFTS.

THANKS FOR THE
GRAVY BOAT,
SWEETHEART.



MISCELLANEOUS ETIQUETTE

LOSING GRACEFULLY

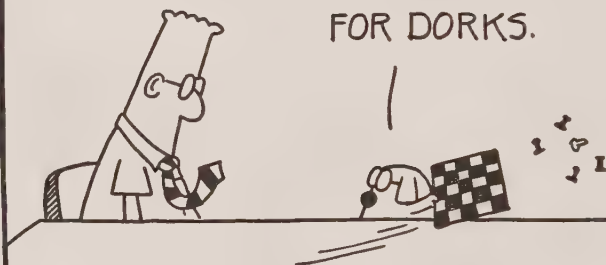
THERE'S NO SUCH THING
AS "LOSING GRACEFULLY."
TRY THESE METHODS
INSTEAD.



S. Adams

MINIMIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE LOSS.

CHESS IS
FOR DORKS.



HIDE THE RULEBOOK BEFORE THE
GAME AND CLAIM VICTORY ON
A TECHNICALITY.

THERE... I
WIN.

BUT WAIT! YOU'VE
ILLEGALLY PASSED
PAWN WITH
ROOK WHILE
(QUEEN HAS PMS.



CHEAT AND ACT INDIGNANT
IF CAUGHT.

I HAD A QUEEN
BEFORE I WENT
TO THE BATHROOM!

WHAT ARE YOU
SUGGESTING??!



PEER PRESSURE

PEER PRESSURE IS
WHAT YOU DO TO
PEOPLE WHO ARE
NOT, IN YOUR
OPINION, PEERS.



YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN
FUN WITH PEER PRESSURE.

I'LL BET YOU'RE NOT
SOBER ENOUGH TO
DISASSEMBLE YOUR
CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY.

S. Adams



IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO
GLAMORIZE AN ACTIVITY TO
GET OTHERS TO JOIN IN.

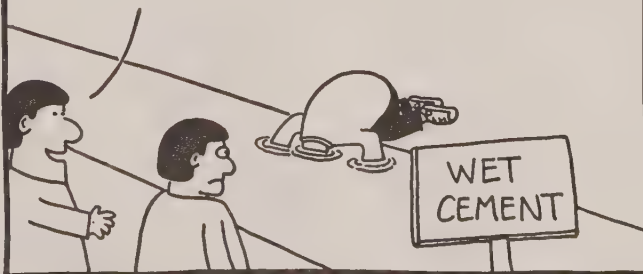
IT MAKES YOU
COUGH AND STINK
AND DIE. TRY IT!

WHAT HAVE
I GOT TO
LOSE?



THERE IS NO LOGICAL LIMIT
TO THE FUN YOU CAN HAVE
WITH PEER PRESSURE.

DON'T BE A WUSS.
YOU CAN PULL OUT
BEFORE IT HARDENS
IF YOU GET SCARED.



PET ETIQUETTE

HEY! THIS ISN'T
FUNNY.



S. Adams

TIP#1: TRY TO MINIMIZE THE
INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS OF
YOUR PET.

THAT JUST MEANS
HE LIKES YOU.



TIP#2: TAKE YOUR PET'S SIDE.

I USED TO DISCOURAGE
THAT BEHAVIOR, BUT IF
YOU THINK ABOUT IT
THEY REALLY DON'T ASK
FOR MUCH OUT OF LIFE...



TIP#3: LIE TO PROTECT YOUR
PET FROM BLAME.

THAT WAS THERE
BEFORE WE CAME
OVER.



SHAKING HANDS

TRY TO AVOID THESE
EMBARRASSING
SITUATIONS WHEN
SHAKING HANDS.



IT IS IMPOLITE TO TOWEL OFF
AFTER SHAKING HANDS, NO
MATTER HOW CLAMMY IT WAS.

THAT WAS
PRETTY GROSS.



S. Adams

IN A BUSINESS SETTING IT IS
NEVER APPROPRIATE TO MAKE
WEAK PEOPLE BEG FOR MERCY.

BARK LIKE
A DOG.



IT IS IMPOLITE FOR A MAN TO
EXTEND HIS HAND UNLESS THE
WOMAN MAKES THE FIRST MOVE.

DANG! FAKED
OUT AGAIN.



THANK YOU NOTES

SOME PEOPLE FOLLOW AN ANCIENT PRACTICE OF WRITING THANK YOU NOTES. THEY MUST BE STOPPED.



S. Adams

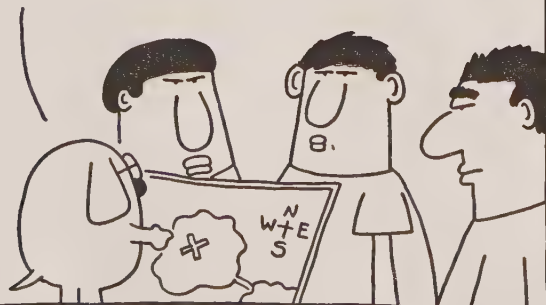
WELL-BRED PEOPLE WITH TINY NOSES WRITE PERSONAL NOTES TO THANK PEOPLE FOR ANYTHING.

Thank you for selling those tires to me. I shall cherish them always.



THE WELL-BRED PEOPLE WITH TINY NOSES MUST BE LOCATED AND STOPPED.

SHE'S HERE.



EVENTUALLY WE CAN RID THE WORLD OF THIS OUT-DATED AND INEFFICIENT PRACTICE, THUS REDUCING THE EXPECTATIONS ON THE REST OF US.



VACATION PICTURES

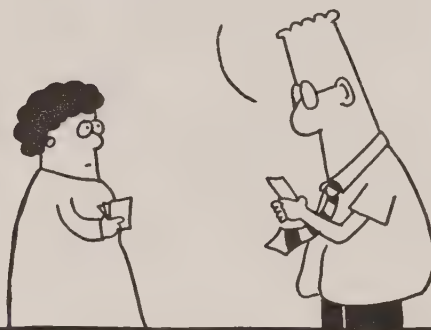
REMEMBER THESE TIPS
WHEN LOOKING AT
PEOPLE'S BORING
VACATION PICTURES.



S. Adams

DON'T GUESS WHAT THE PICTURE
IS SUPPOSED TO BE.

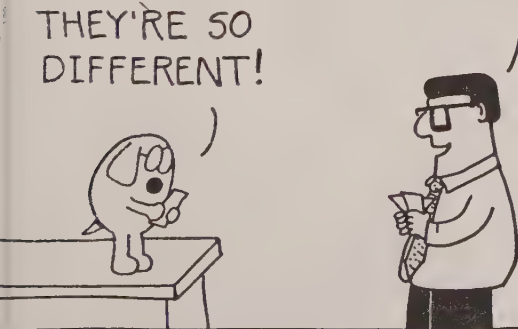
HEY, IT'S A WALRUS...
WEARING YOUR
BEACH HAT... OH...



SARCASM IS OKAY BECAUSE IT
WILL GO COMPLETELY UNNOTICED.

DO YOU HAVE ANY
MORE PICTURES
OF FLORIDA CLOUDS?
THEY'RE SO
DIFFERENT!

ISN'T IT
AMAZING?



DON'T QUESTION A PERSON'S
PHOTOGRAPHIC TALENT.

I DON'T THINK
A PHOTO OF THE
MONA LISA IS
ART IN ITSELF.

DIDN'T YOU
NOTICE I
USED BLACK
AND WHITE
FILM?



RECOGNIZING FINE ART

YOU WOULDN'T KNOW FINE ART IF IT BACKED OVER YOUR HEAD WITH A TRUCK. USE THESE CLUES TO KNOW WHEN YOU SEE IT.



S. Adams

IT'S "FINE ART" IF THE MALE PERFORMERS WEAR TIGHTS.

I ADORE SHAKESPEARE, AND I LOVE THE BALLET.

THERE'S A PATTERN HERE.



IT'S "FINE ART" WHEN PEOPLE WITH EATING DISORDERS DON COSTUMES AND SHOUT AT EACH OTHER IN ITALIAN.

AND OPERA ALWAYS MAKES ME WEEP.

WELL, IT BORES ME TOO, BUT YOU DON'T SEE ME CRYING ABOUT IT.



PAINTINGS OF "FINE ART" ARE THOSE DONE BY ARTISTS WHO ARE EITHER INSANE OR AT LEAST VERY SENSITIVE.

THE ARTIST HANGED HIMSELF BECAUSE OF A BAD HAIRCUT.



FINE ART.

CLEANING FOR COMPANY

SOMETIMES YOU GET SO ACCUSTOMED TO YOUR OWN FILTH THAT YOU DON'T SEE IT. USE THESE CLUES TO TELL WHEN YOU SHOULD TIDY UP FOR GUESTS.



CLUE #1: THE SHOWER HEAD IS SHORTER THAN IT USED TO BE AND THERE ARE STALACTITES.



CLUE #2: IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO TELL THE BABY FROM THE CAT.



CLUE #3: THE PARAKEET DIES AND YOU ACCIDENTALLY BURY IT IN THE DINING ROOM.

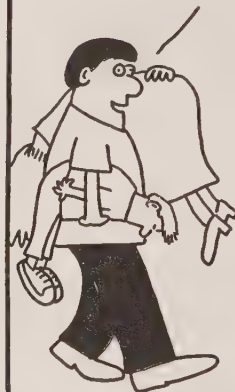


BORROWING STUFF

IF YOU FIND SOMEBODY
NICE ENOUGH TO LEND HIS
POSSESSIONS, GET ALL YOU
CAN BEFORE SOMEBODY
ELSE DOES.



I NOTICED YOU WEREN'T
USING YOUR FAMILY SO
I DECIDED TO BORROW
THEM.



SADAMS



HEY, IT FEELS LIKE
YOU'RE NOT EVEN USING
A LOT OF THESE INTERNAL
ORGANS.



I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE
WAS SO MUCH GOOD
STUFF LEFT.



PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT

FLAUNTING YOUR WEALTH

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR INCOME, THERE IS SOMEBODY POORER TO MAKE YOU FEEL SUPERIOR.

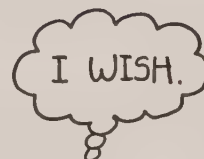
USE THESE TECHNIQUES TO RUB IT IN.



S. Adams

COMPLAIN ABOUT YOUR TAX BURDEN.

IF NOT FOR MY SIX HOMES, THE TAXES WOULD EAT ME ALIVE.



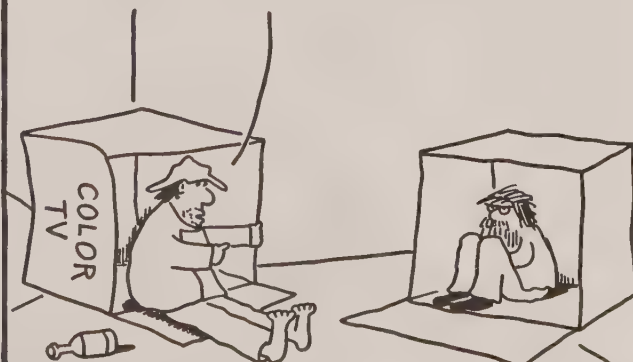
BRAG ABOUT YOUR FOOLISH CONSUMER HABITS.

I ONLY USE "SUPREME ULTRA UNLEADED" GAS. IT'S THE SAME AS "UNLEADED" BUT WITH A MUCH COOLER NAME.



COMPARE YOUR ASSETS, FEATURE BY FEATURE.

DOES THAT MODEL HAVE "PICTURE IN PICTURE"?



SUFFERING FOOLS

USE THESE METHODS
TO POLITELY ENDURE
THE FOOLS IN YOUR
LIFE.



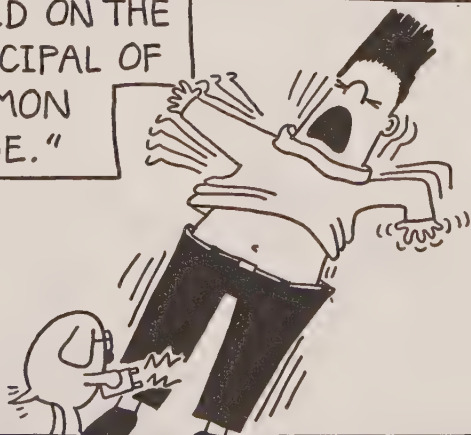
TO KEEP FROM KILLING THEM,
TRY READING AND HUMMING
AS A DISTRACTION.

WHAT IF ALL THE
PEOPLE ON WELFARE
BECAME LAWYERS?
PROBLEM SOLVED.



S. Adams

IT IS NOT YET POLITE TO USE
ELECTRIC STUN GUNS ON FOOLS.
HOWEVER, IF ENOUGH PEOPLE
DO IT, IT BECOMES ACCEPTABLE
BASED ON THE
PRINCIPAL OF
"COMMON
USAGE."



YOUR BEST BET IS TO FIND A
WAY TO TRAP ALL THE FOOLS
IN ONE PLACE, THEN LEAVE.



OTHER RELIGIONS

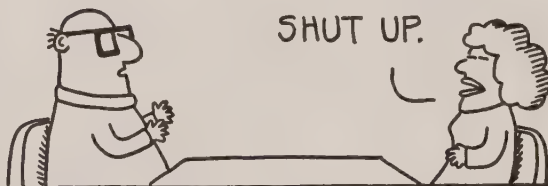
NEVER DISCUSS
RELIGION WITH THOSE
WHO ARE SO IGNORANT
THEY DON'T SUBSCRIBE
TO YOUR BELIEFS.



NEVER MIX LOGIC AND
RELIGION.

... BUT IF HE'S OMNIPOTENT
AND HE CREATED ME, IT
MUST BE HIS FAULT IF I
SIN.

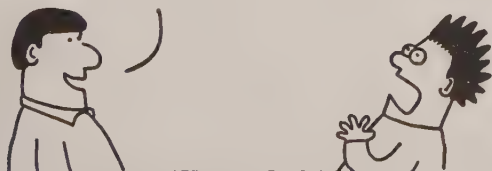
LET ME PUT IT
THIS WAY:
SHUT UP.



S. Adams

DON'T MAKE JOKES ABOUT
GOD TO PEOPLE WHO ARE
NERVOUS ABOUT RETRIBUTION.

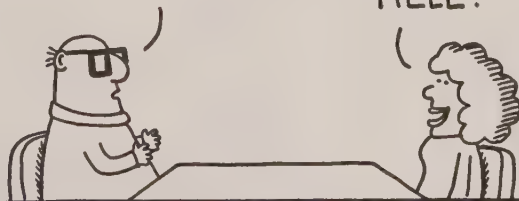
I USED TO HEAR GOD'S
VOICE ALL THE TIME. BUT
I TALKED HIM INTO
PLAYING "EASY LISTENING"
MUSIC INSTEAD.



AND DID I MENTION NEVER
TO MIX LOGIC AND RELIGION?

WHAT HAPPENS TO
THE FOUR BILLION
PEOPLE WHO DON'T
KNOW THAT GOD
LOVES ALL HIS
CHILDREN?

ETERNAL
HELL.



SMOKERS

SMOKERS HAVE NO SENSE OF SOCIAL CONSCIENCE. THEY CAN RATIONALIZE ANYTHING AS BEING ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR.



IN OUTDOOR TICKET LINES

MY SMOKE IS DISSIPATING HARMLESSLY IN THE AIR. NOBODY EVEN NOTICES.



S. Adams

IN RESTAURANTS

WE GOT OUR SECTION, THEY GOT THEIRS. EVERYBODY'S HAPPY.

NO SMOKING SECTION



ASKING PERMISSION

DO YOU MIND IF I RUIN YOUR LUNGS AND MAKE YOU STINK, OR DO YOU WANT A CAREER HERE ?



OTHER PEOPLE'S ETHNICITY

NEVER MAKE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE ETHNIC ORIGINS OF OTHER PEOPLE.



S. Adams

...THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION ASKS FOR YOUR ETHNIC GROUP.



WRONG

I'LL JUST PUT "POOR WHITE TRASH" UNLESS THERE'S SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC.



MAKING IT WORSE

ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF YOUR HERITAGE AS ANYBODY ELSE.



WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO MERGE
IN FRONT OF YOU, THEY
ARE, IN EFFECT, CALLING
YOU A "WUSS." YOU HAVE
THE RIGHT TO KILL THEM.



HE'S TRYING TO
MERGE. HE MUST
BE STOPPED.



AAAHH!



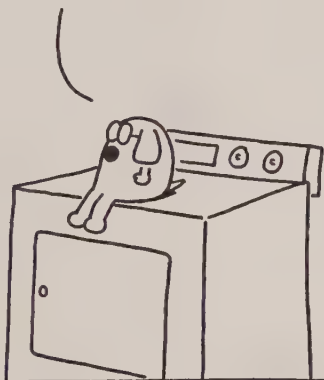
HOWEVER IT IS STILL
CONSIDERED IMPOLITE
TO FLASH THE "I'M
NUMBER ONE" SIGN
AFTERWARD.



S. ADAMS

PUBLIC LAUNDRY ETIQUETTE

PUBLIC LAUNDRY FACILITIES HAVE SPECIAL RULES OF ETIQUETTE.



THERE IS NO DRESS CODE. YOU CAN WEAR ANYTHING THAT IS STILL CLEAN.

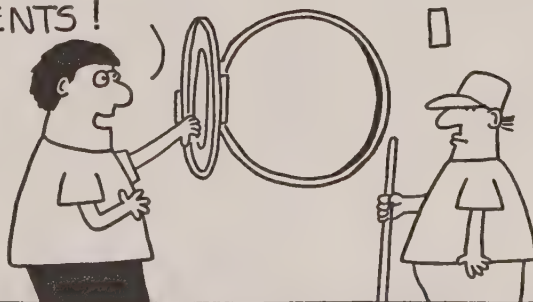


IF SOMEBODY LEAVES THEIR LAUNDRY IN THE WASHER THAT YOU WANT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SCULPT A LAUNDRY BUNNY WITH THEIR STUFF.



NO MATTER HOW BORED YOU GET, IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO TALK THE NIGHT JANITOR INTO TAKING A DRYER RIDE.

IT'S ONLY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS!



WEDGIES

MANY PEOPLE ASK ME,
"DOGBERT, WHEN IS
IT OKAY TO GIVE A
WEDGIE?"



AFTER GETTING A TICKET



S. Adams

AFTER RECEIVING YOUR ANNUAL
JOB PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.

THANKS FOR
THE FEEDBACK!

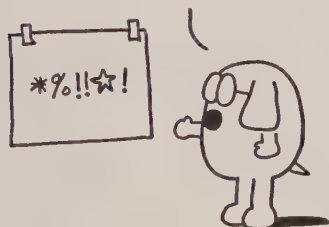


AFTER AN ESPECIALLY BORING
DATE



SWEARING

POLITE SOCIETY IS
ACCEPTING MORE AND
MORE SWEARING. YOU
MUST TRY HARDER IF
YOU WISH TO SHOCK.



IN THE OLD DAYS, SWEARING
WOULD EASILY SHOCK PEOPLE.

BULL FEATHERS



THESE DAYS THE TRADITIONAL
SHOCKING WORDS ARE OVER-
USED AND INEFFECTIVE.

AND IN THE WEATHER,
IT LOOKS LIKE A
*!@☆% DAY TOMORROW.



SO IN ORDER TO SHOCK SOME-
ONE YOU MUST CHOOSE WORDS
SO VILE THEY CAUSE PEOPLE
AND THEIR PETS TO CATCH FIRE.



EXCUSE ME

OVER TIME, THE PHRASE
"EXCUSE ME" HAS CHANGED
FROM BEING A WIMPY
REQUEST TO BEING A
SARCASTIC REMARK.



IN THE EARLY DAYS (ENGLAND)

EXCUSETH ME,
PLEASE, KIND
SIR.

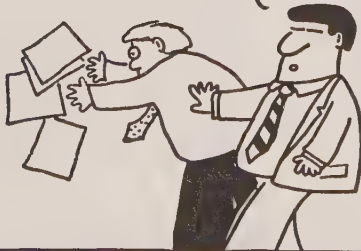
IT DOTH
BE MY
PLEASURE.



S. ADAMS

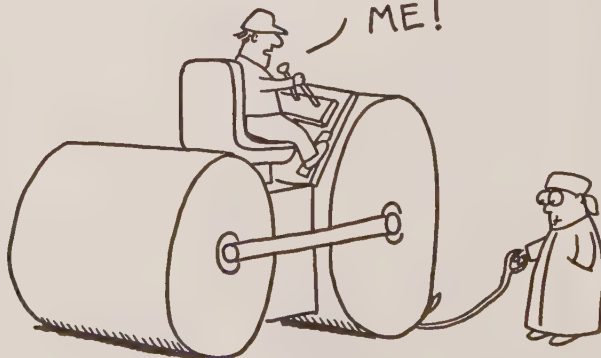
EVENUALLY IT BECAME A
COMMAND MEANING "GET OUT
OF MY WAY."

'SCUSE
ME.



NOW IT IS ACCEPTED AS A
SARCASTIC REMARK.

EXCU-U-U-SE
ME!



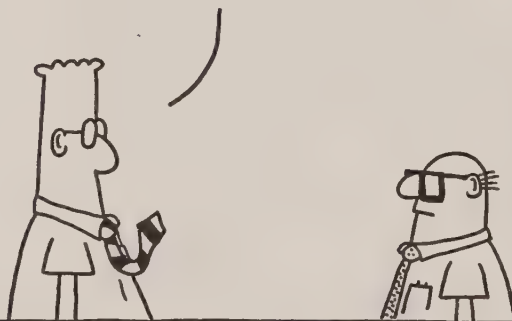
QUIET SUFFERING

KNOWING WHAT TO SAY

WHEN SOMEBODY SAYS
"HOW ARE YOU," IT IS
IMPOLITE TO ANSWER
HONESTLY.



HI, LARRY,
HOW ARE
YOU?



WRONG

I'VE GOT A WICKED CASE
OF JOCK ITCH. MY WIFE
IS DATING MY BROTHER.
I THINK I'M ATTRACTED
TO MEN.



CORRECT

OH, CAN'T
COMPLAIN.
HOW 'BOUT
YOU?

S. Adams



THE OPEN ZIPPER

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO
DISCREETLY INFORM
A MAN IF HIS TROUSER
ZIPPER IS DOWN. USE
CUTE TERMS TO MINIMIZE
THE EMBARRASSMENT.



S. Adams

EXCUSE ME, BUT
YOU'RE "FLYING
LOW."

WHAT?



LET'S SEE, UH...

MISTER ED IS LEAVING
THE BARN?

THE SHUTTLE BAY DOOR
IS OPEN?

WILLY'S GOING TO
THE CIRCUS?

WHAT ARE
YOU TALK-
ING ABOUT?



IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, TRY
GUIDED IMAGERY.

YOU ARE IN A HOTEL IN
PARIS ... THE CURTAINS
SHOULD BE CLOSED BUT
INSTEAD YOU SEE THE
EIFFEL TOWER OUTSIDE...



BAD HAIRPIECES

WHEN CONFRONTED WITH
A BAD HAIRPIECE TRY
TO AVOID THESE MISTAKES.



NO MATTER HOW TEMPTING,
DO NOT SLAP IT OFF.



DON'T BE CONDESCENDING,
UNLESS YOU DISGUISE IT AS
SARCASM.

IT MUST BE TOUGH TO
HAVE SO MUCH TESTOSTERONE
COURSING THROUGH YOUR
VEINS.



DO NOT BECOME OBSESSED BY
THE HAIRPIECE AND STARE
TRANSFIXED WHILE TALKING.



FOREIGN LANGUAGES

IT IS RUDE TO SPEAK
A FOREIGN LANGUAGE
IN FRONT OF SOMEBODY,
BUT IT IS NOT WITHOUT
ADVANTAGES.



RUDE

XMPHLACA BI
FLUCALAKA UN
BIJNANA Y
AQUAHOLDER*

BUS
STOP

GNE!



*HIS HEAD IS LIKE A BUCKET

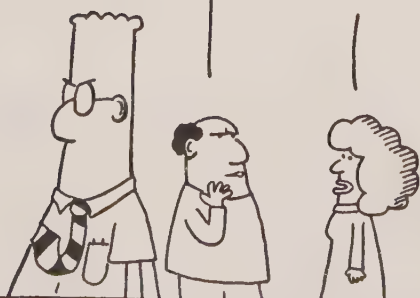
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VERY RUDE

UCKET-BAY
EAD-HAY.

ES-YAY

BUS
STOP



EXTREMELY RUDE

SEE, WALTER? IF
YOU TURN THIS
BUCKET UPSIDE
DOWN AND PUT
YOUR GLASSES ON
IT ... IT'S HIM!

BUS
STOP



DISABILITIES

IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO INQUIRE ABOUT A PERSON'S DISABILITY ONLY IF THE DISABILITY IS ON THE "APPROVED" LIST.



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VISION-IMPAIRED IS OKAY.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN VISION-IMPAIRED?



I'M NOT. I'M JUST FOND OF THE LOOK.



AWARENESS-IMPAIRED IS NOT ON THE APPROVED LIST.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THIS WAY?

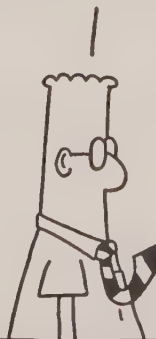


WHAT WAY?



ATTRACTIVENESS-IMPAIRED IS NOT ON THE LIST EITHER.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THIS PROBLEM?



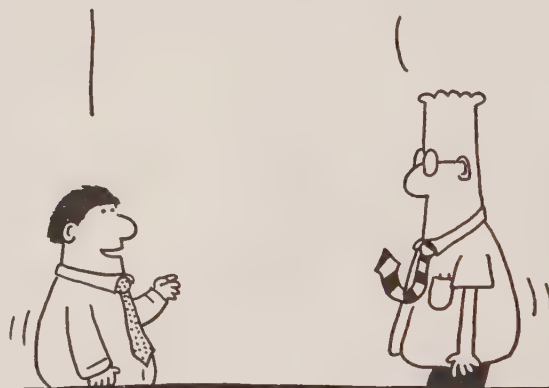
FORGETTING NAMES

IF YOU FORGET
SOMEBODY'S NAME
IT IS ALWAYS BETTER
NOT TO GUESS.



HI
DILBERT!

HI ... UH...
HOW'S IT
GOING?



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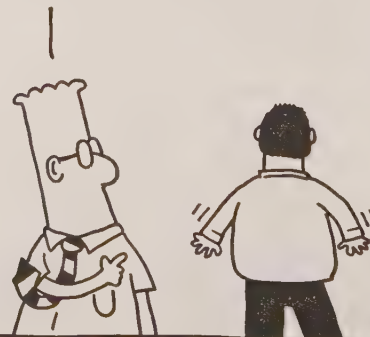
DOESN'T HE
REMEMBER MY NAME?
WHY DIDN'T HE SAY
"HI DAVE"?

THINK



AND IF YOU DO GUESS, AT
LEAST GUESS SOMETHING
THAT SOUNDS DIGNIFIED.

GOOBER?



CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

CRITICISM IS OFTEN
CONSTRUCTIVE BECAUSE
IT MAKES YOU FEEL
SUPERIOR WHEN YOU
GIVE IT.



I WAS JUST
NOTICING HOW
UGLY YOU ARE
COMPARED TO
ME.



DIDN'T I SEE YOU
IN THE MOVIE
"MASK" ?



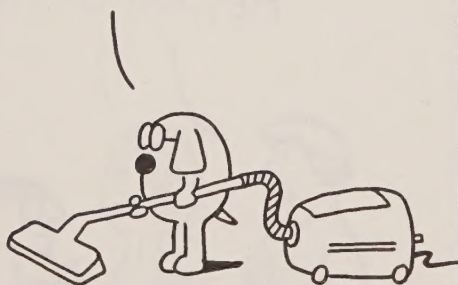
HEY! I'M WITTIER
THAN YOU TOO!
MAN, I'M FEELING
GOOD. THANKS!

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NEVER SAY "IT _____"

ETIQUETTE-WISE, THERE
IS NO PROPER TIME
TO USE THE PHRASE
"IT SUCKS."



WRONG

DO YOU
LIKE MY
HAIR?

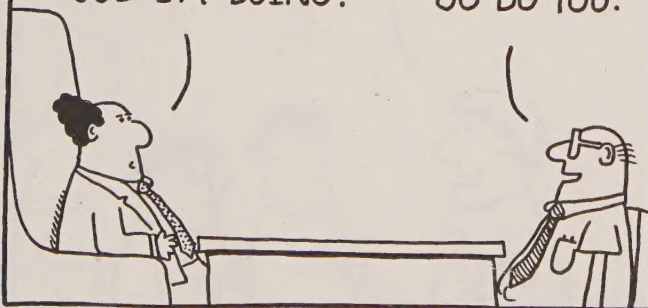
IT SUCKS.



VERY WRONG

I'M YOUR BOSS,
BUT TELL ME WHAT
YOU HONESTLY
THINK OF THE
JOB I'M DOING.

IT SUCKS...
SO DO YOU.



WRONG, WRONG, WRONG

WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF MY
NEW HUMOR
BOOK?

IT SUCKS.



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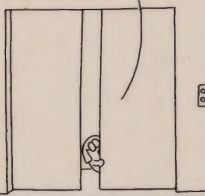
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THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO ON AN ELEVATOR.



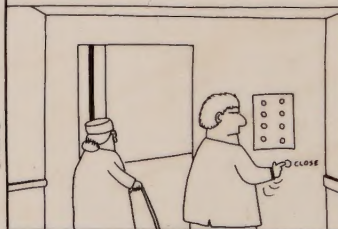
NEVER FACE THE BACK. IT MAKES PEOPLE NERVOUS.



NEVER STAND NEXT TO A PERSON IF THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF YOU.



DON'T TRY TO CRUSH PEOPLE BY PUSHING THE "CLOSE" BUTTON. I'VE TRIED IT AND IT DOESN'T WORK.



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