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BY SCOTT ADAMS



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I didn't forget this time, Pam.

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Introduction

In the past few years several great cartoonists have decided to retire, much to the sadness of their fans. It makes me feel like the guy who took the home movies of the Kennedy assassination—the right side of my brain is saying, “What a horrible tragedy,” while the left side is making those little cash register noises.

When the announcement of Bill Watterson’s retirement came out several reporters called me to get my reaction. The phone conversations went like this:

Reporter: “What do you think about Watterson retiring?”

Me: “Hee hee. Oops.”

Reporter: “Are you giggling?”

Me: “Um, no, I’m weeping over the loss of an excellent comic strip.”

Reporter: “What’s that music in the background?”

Me: “My cats are forming a conga line. They don’t seem to appreciate the sadness of this situation.”

Cats: “Tequila!!!!”

Maybe it didn’t go exactly like that, but you get the general picture.

Anyway, the question I’m most often asked lately is whether I’m also “burned out” and planning to retire. The answer is no, I haven’t made enough money to be “burned out” yet. I only have enough money to feel “tired” or maybe “overworked.” And frankly, I blame you readers for that.

In any event, quitting just isn’t my style. I’m more likely to hire illegal immigrants to do the writing and drawing for me. They might not bring the same wit and artistic integrity to the strip that I do ... and it might not be in English ... but let’s face it, my work isn’t a home run every single day either. It’ll probably take a decade for anybody to notice. And by then maybe I’ll be “burned out” too.

Speaking of home runs, you can still join Dogbert’s New Ruling Class (DNRC) before Dogbert conquers the world and makes everybody else our domestic servants. As you might have noticed, the members of the DNRC are brighter and more attractive than the “induhviduals” who have not joined, so don’t be an induhvidual.

To join the DNRC, simply put your name on the list for the free Dilbert Newsletter, published approximately “whenever I feel like it,” or about four times a year.

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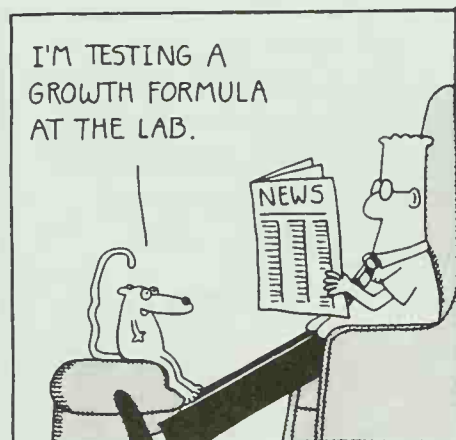
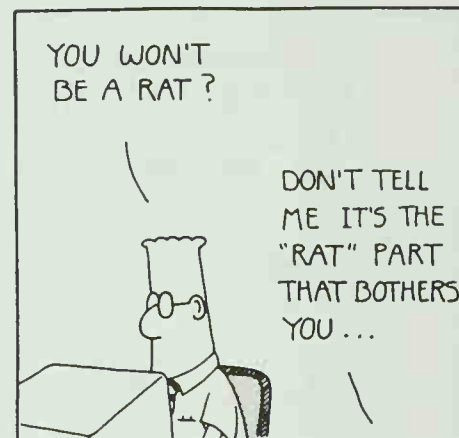
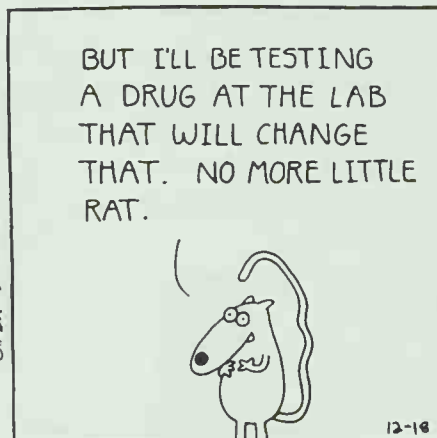
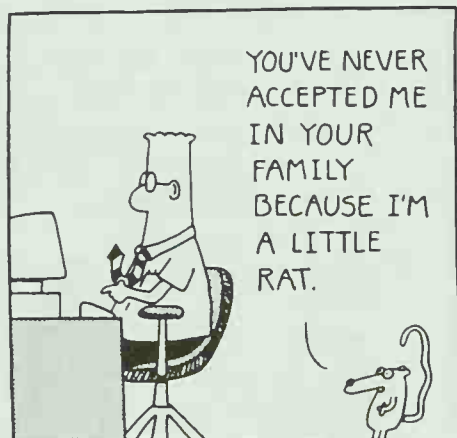
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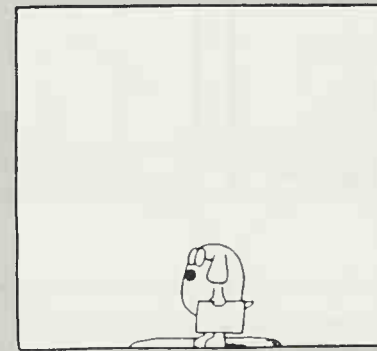
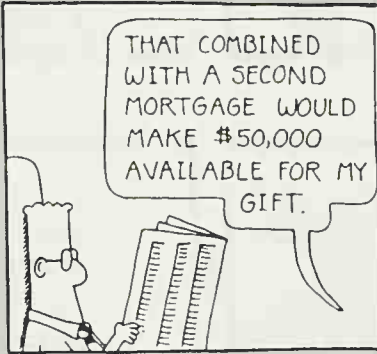
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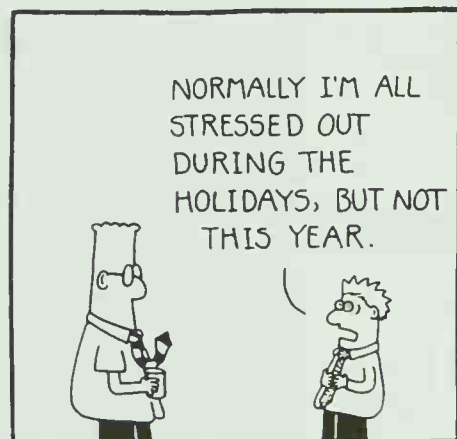
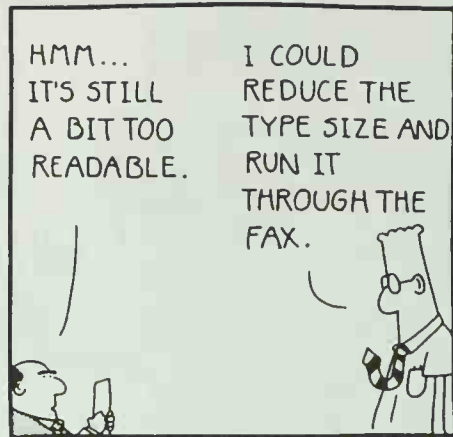


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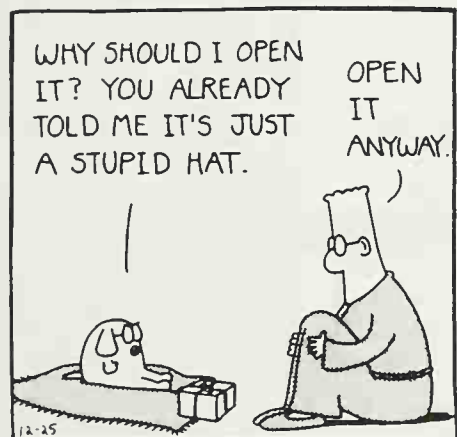




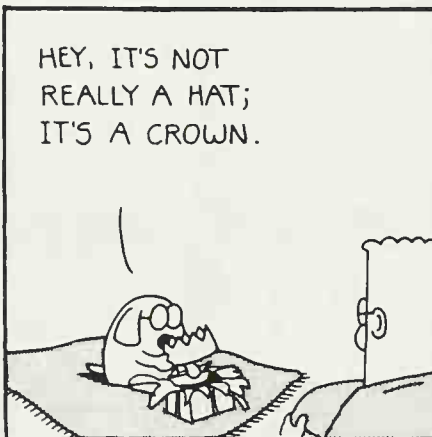
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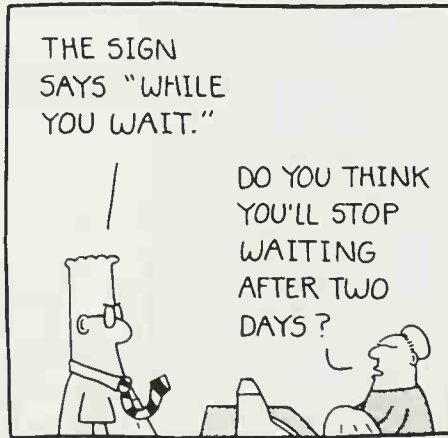
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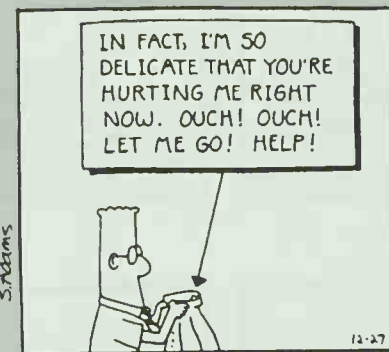
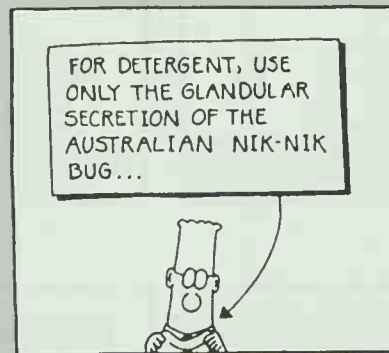
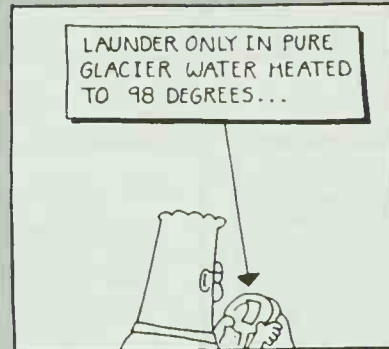
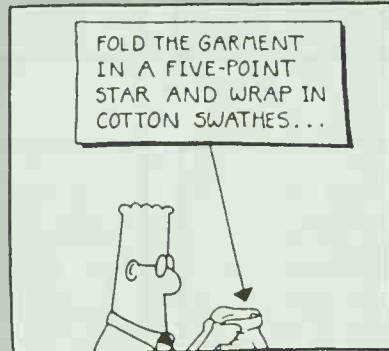
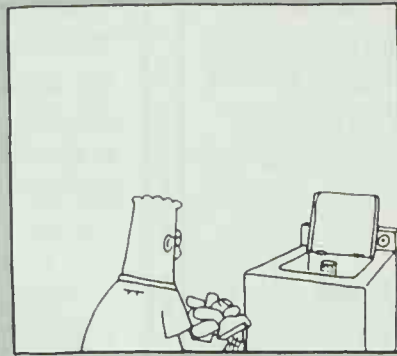


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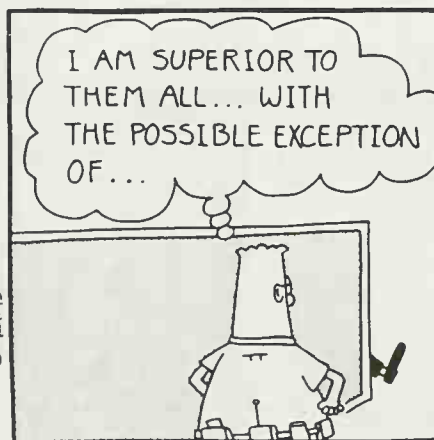
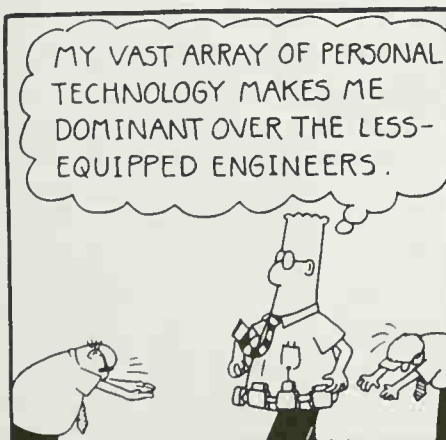
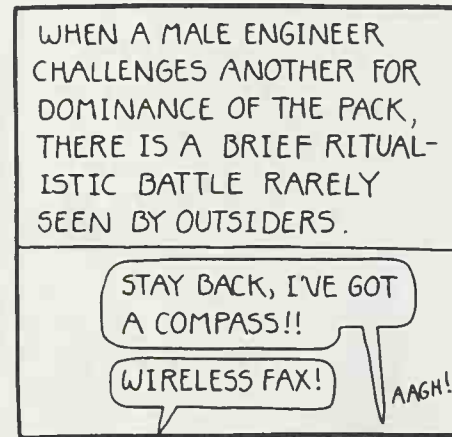
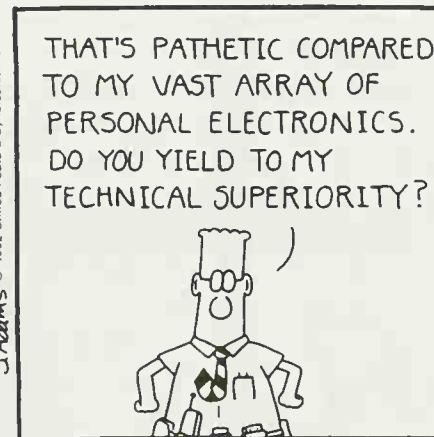
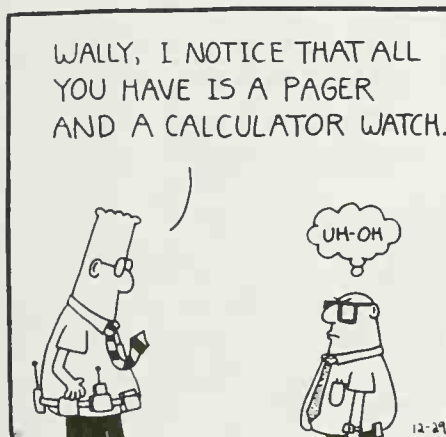
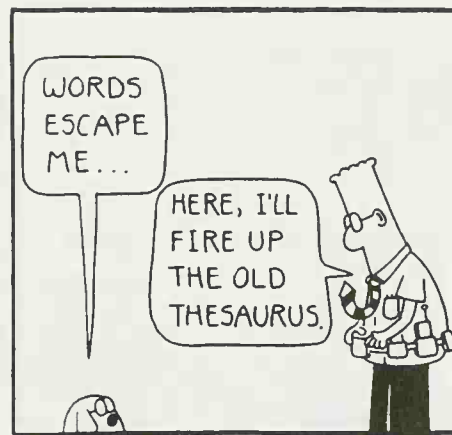
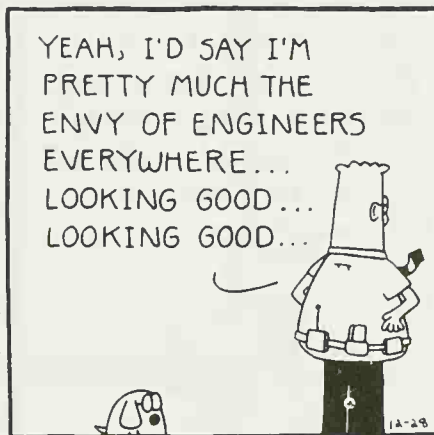
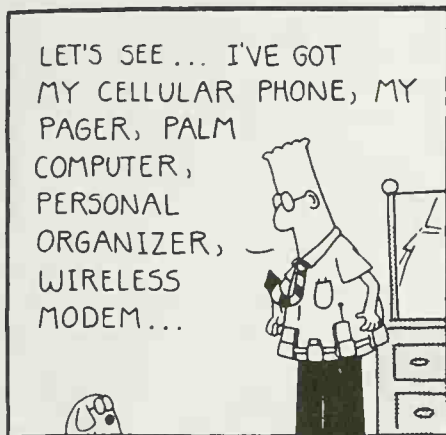
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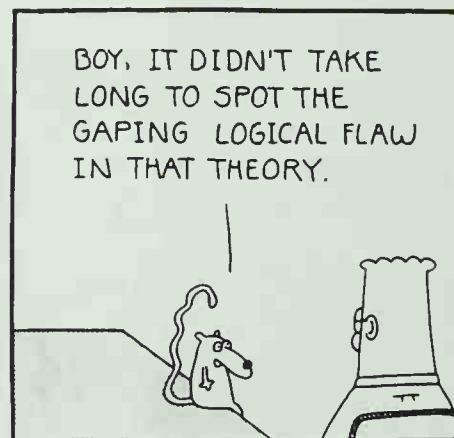
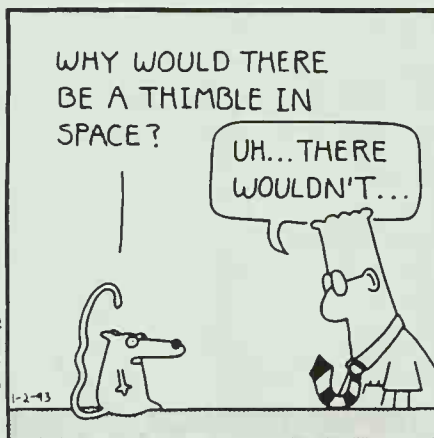
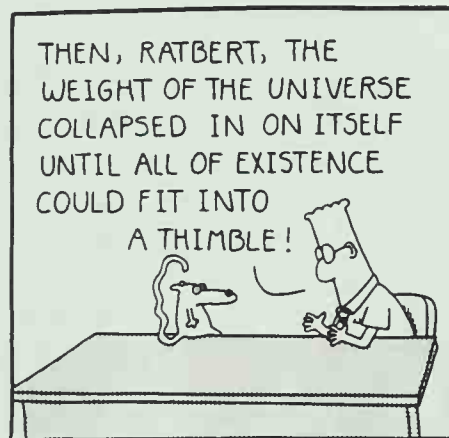
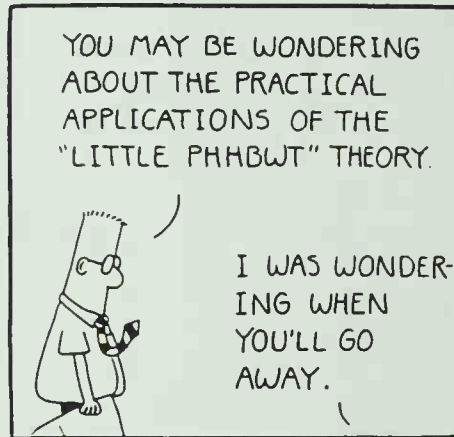
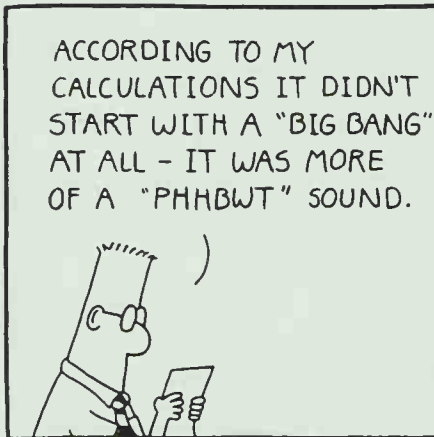
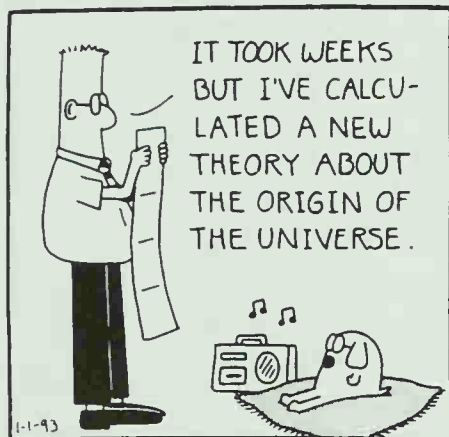
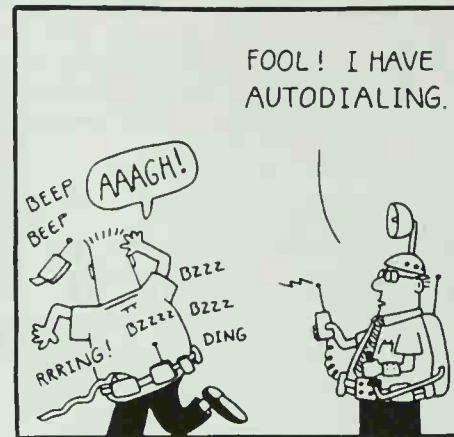
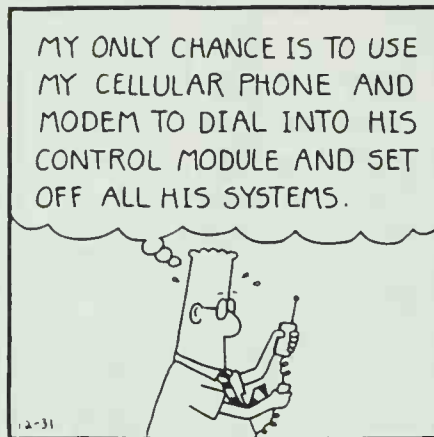
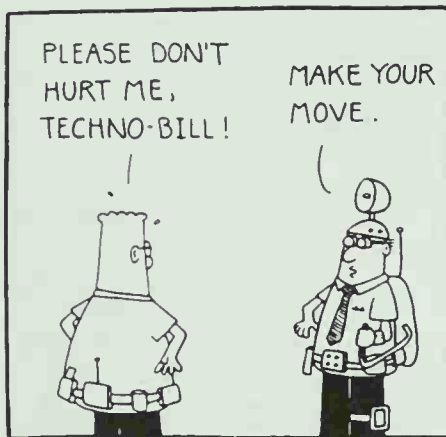


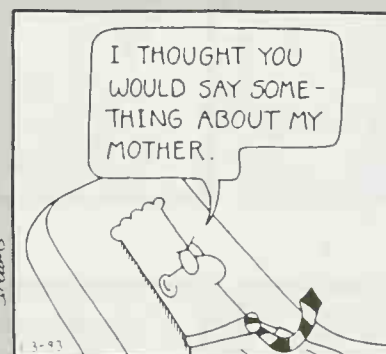


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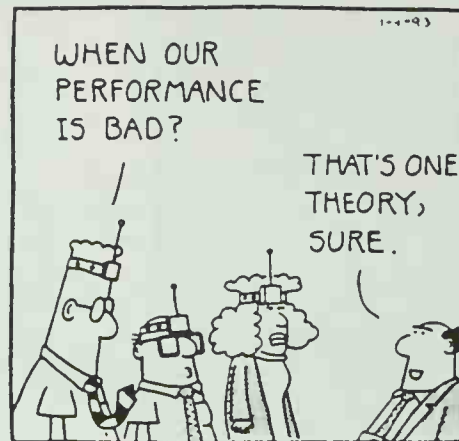
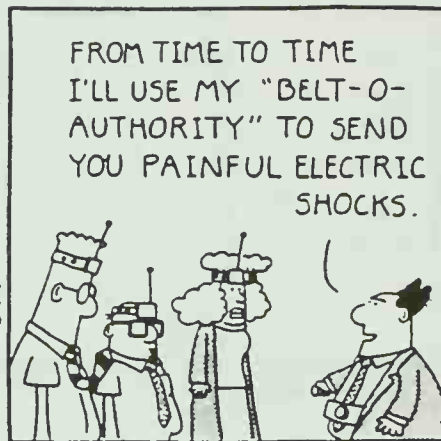








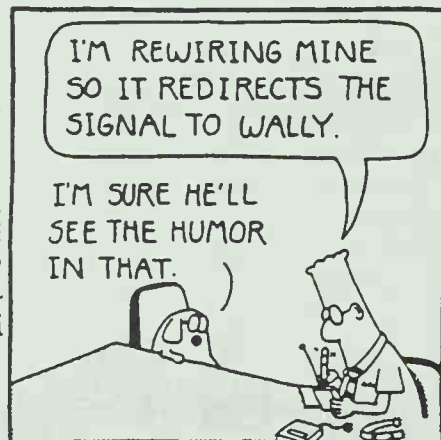
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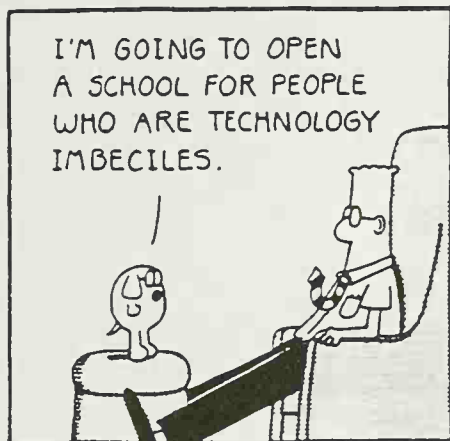


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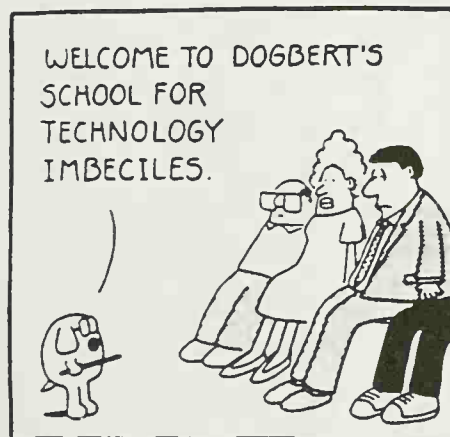




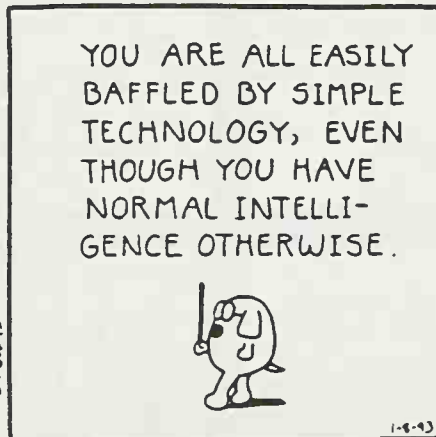
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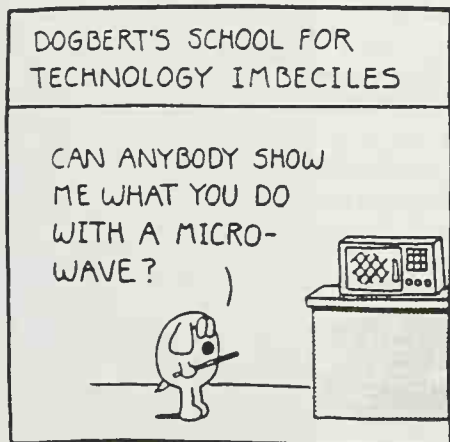
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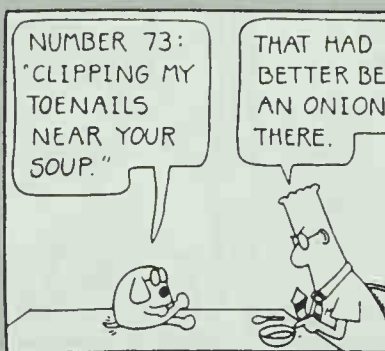
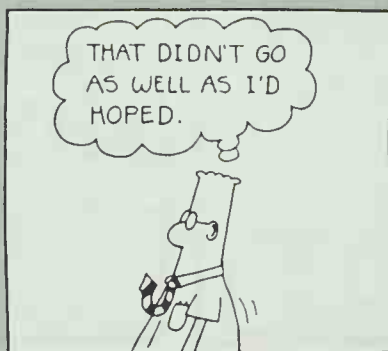
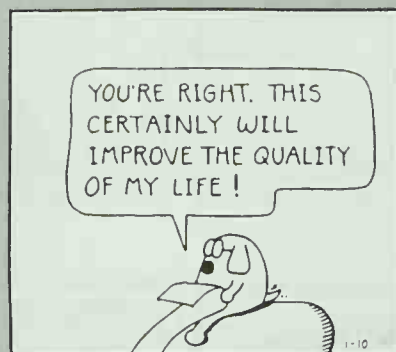
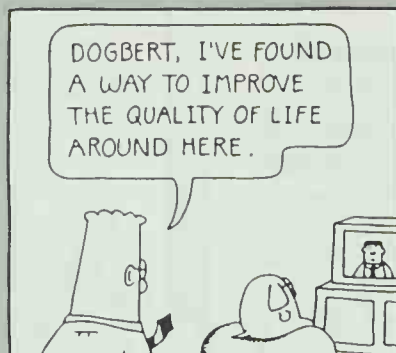


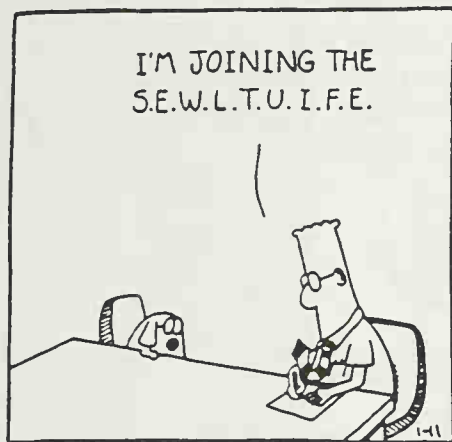
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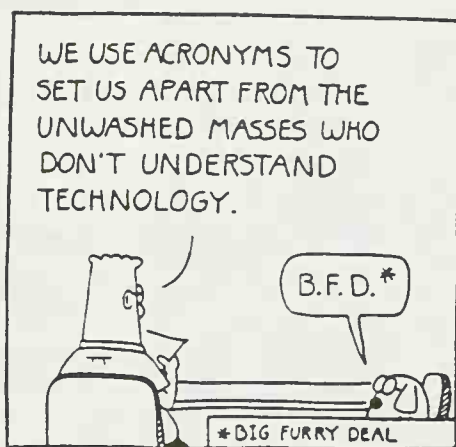
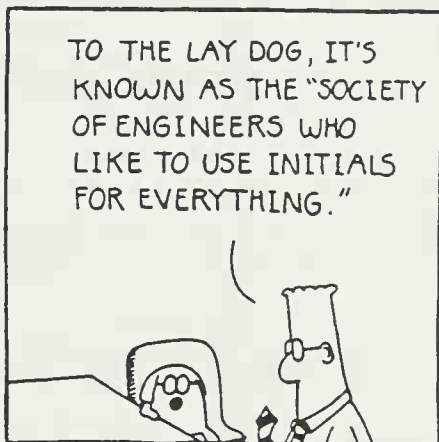
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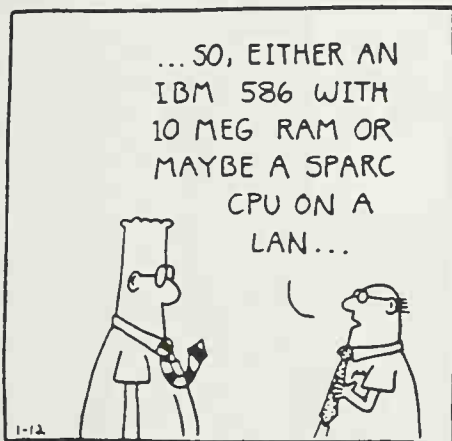




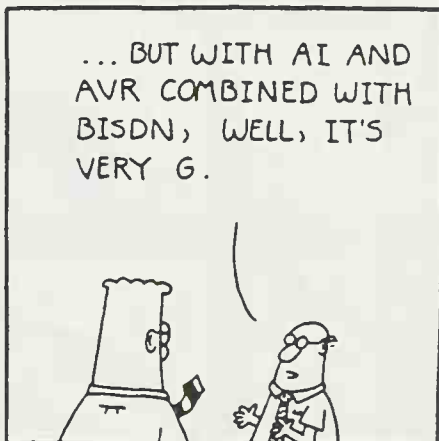
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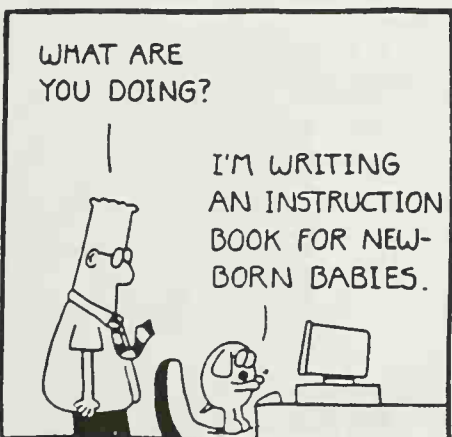
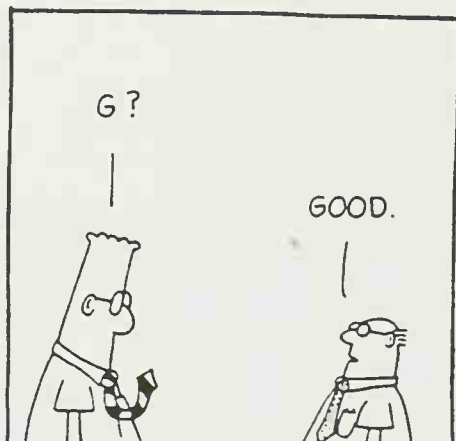
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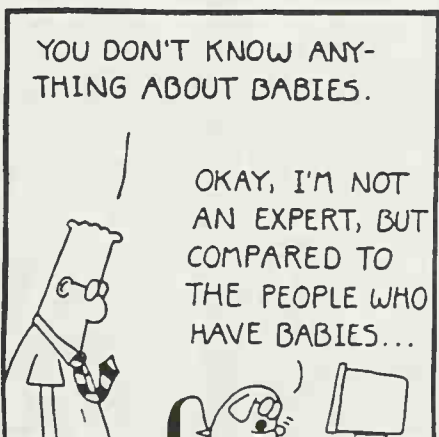
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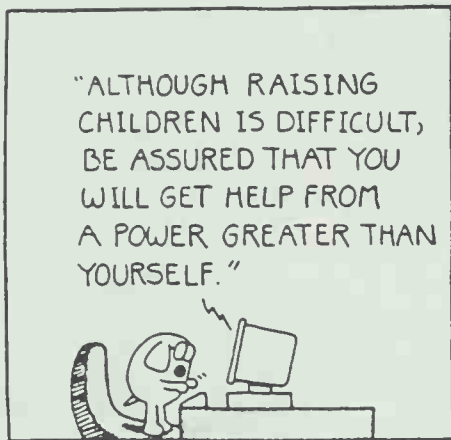


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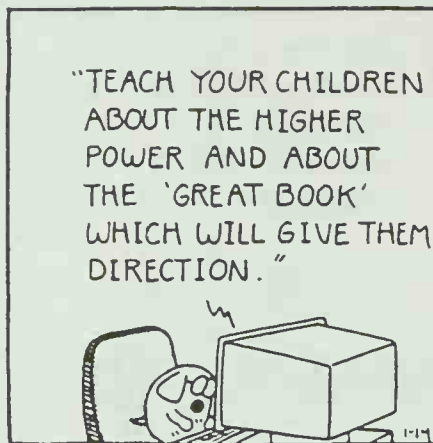


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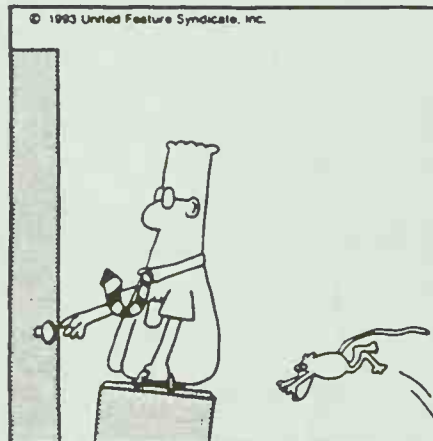




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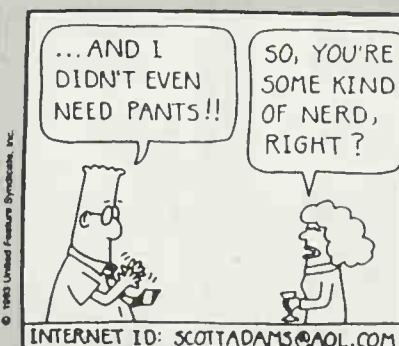
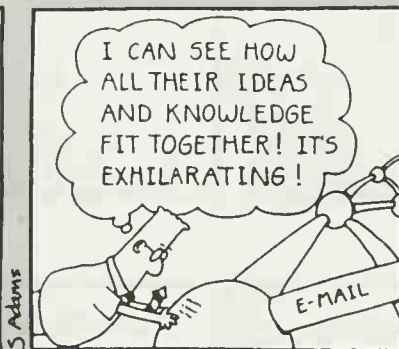
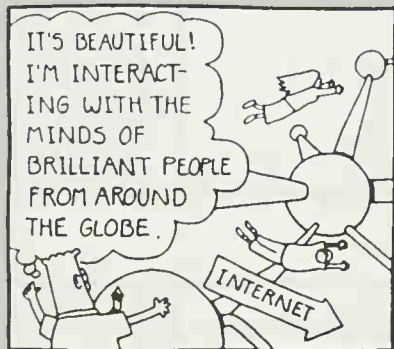
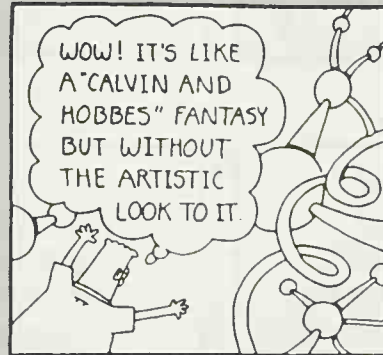


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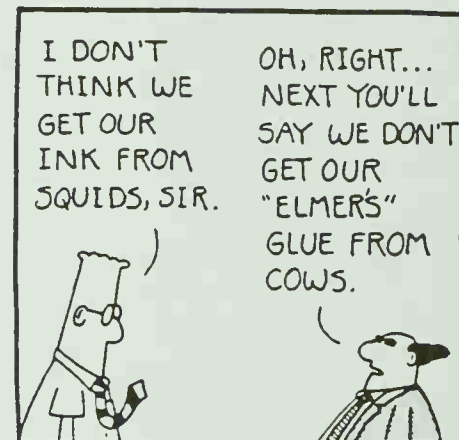
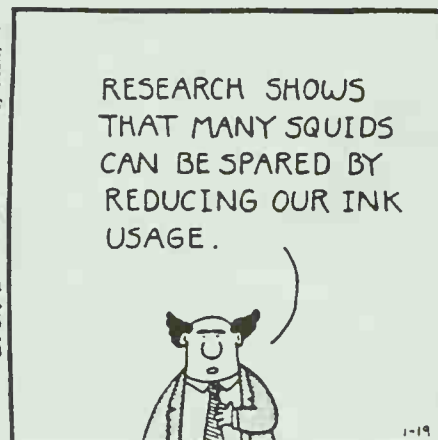
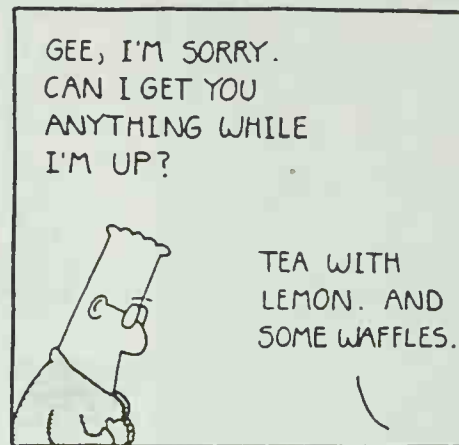
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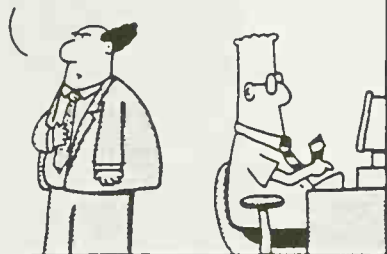


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SOMETIMES I WONDER,
HOW WOULD MY LIFE
BE DIFFERENT IF ALL
WHALES WERE EXTINCT?



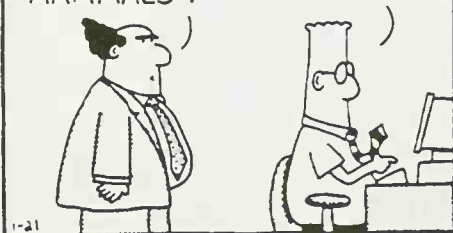
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IT'S NOT LIKE THEY DO ANY-
THING FOR US. YOU NEVER
HEAR OF SEEING-EYE
WHALES. THEY CAN'T
FETCH THE PAPER OR DRAG
YOU OUT OF A BURNING
BUILDING...

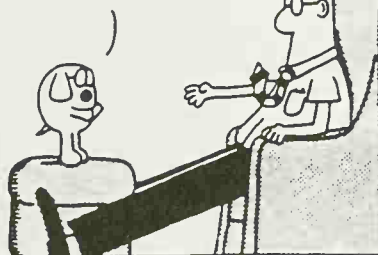


DON'T YOU THINK
THE WORLD HAS
TOO MANY FAT,
WORTHLESS,
MAMMALS?

I WAS JUST
THINKING
THAT, SIR.



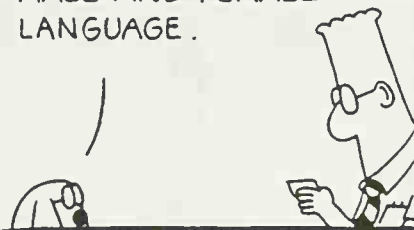
HERE'S MY NEW
BUSINESS CARD.
I'M A ROMANCE
INTERPRETER.



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FOR A SMALL FEE
I'LL ACCOMPANY
YOU ON DATES AND
TRANSLATE BETWEEN
MALE AND FEMALE
LANGUAGE.



SHE'S TELLING A
POINTLESS STORY
ABOUT WORK. BY
ANNOYING YOU IN
THIS WAY SHE HOPES
TO FORM A
CLOSER BOND.

BLAH
BLAH
BLAH



DOGBERT IS A ROMANCE
INTERPRETER

HE'S TELLING YOU HOW
TO LOGICALLY SOLVE
ALL OF THE EMOTIONAL
PROBLEMS YOU
SEEM TO
HAVE.



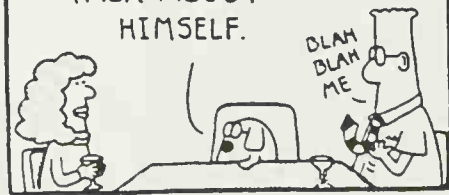
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HE REASONS THAT IF
HE CAN FIX YOUR
PROBLEMS HE WON'T
HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT
THEM ANYMORE.

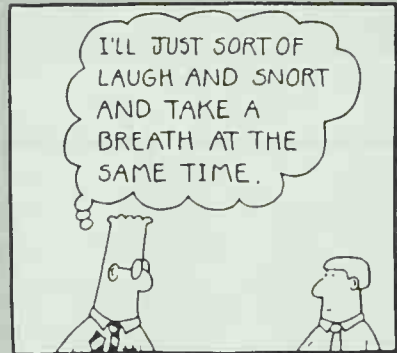
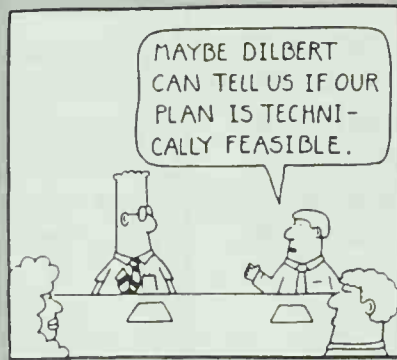


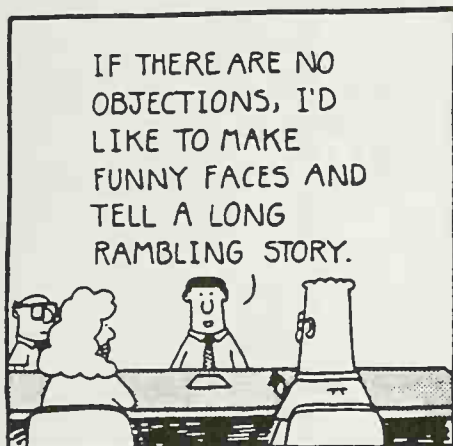
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HE HOPES THAT THE
WISDOM AND COMPASSION
HE JUST FAKED WAS
ENOUGH TO AROUSE
YOU. NOW HE WILL
TALK ABOUT
HIMSELF.

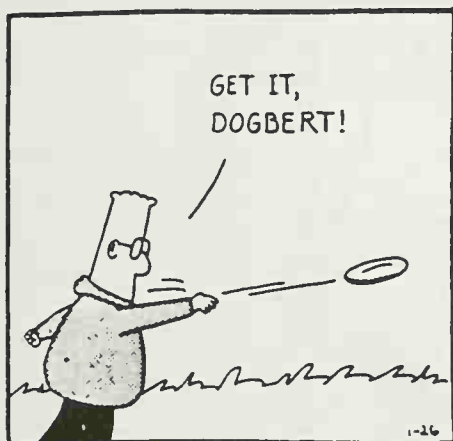


BLAH
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ME

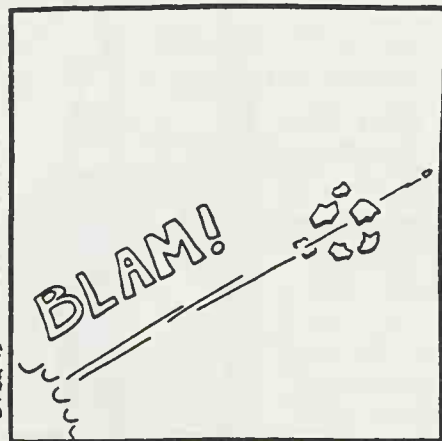




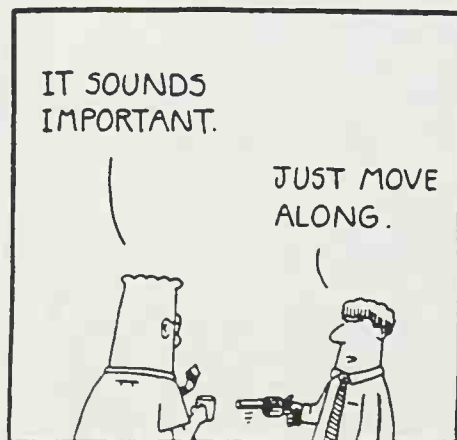
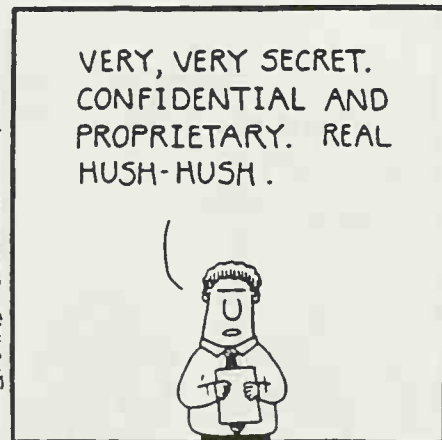
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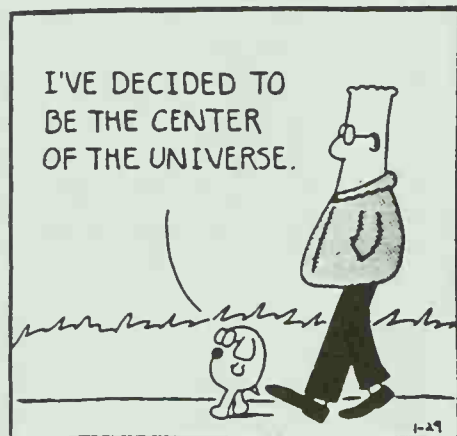


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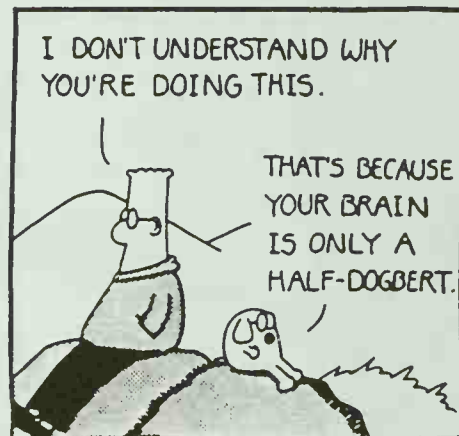
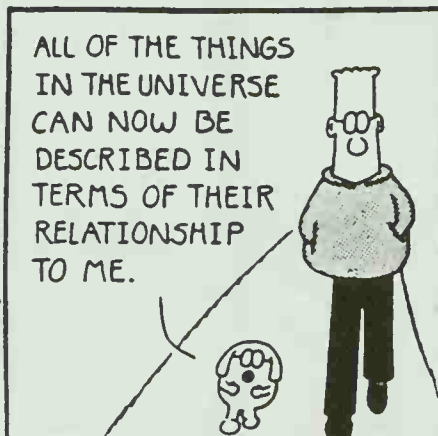




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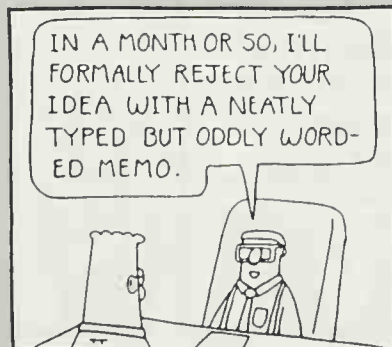
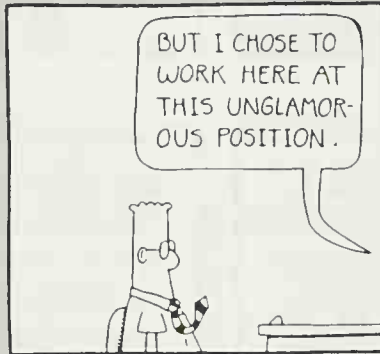


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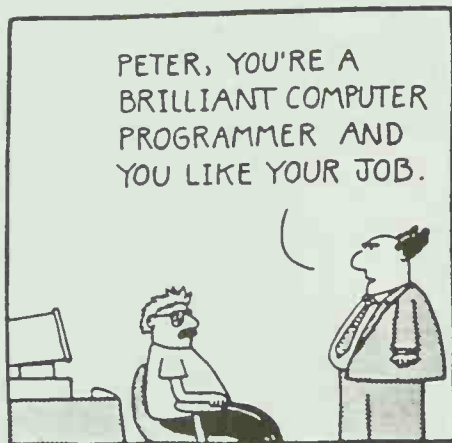




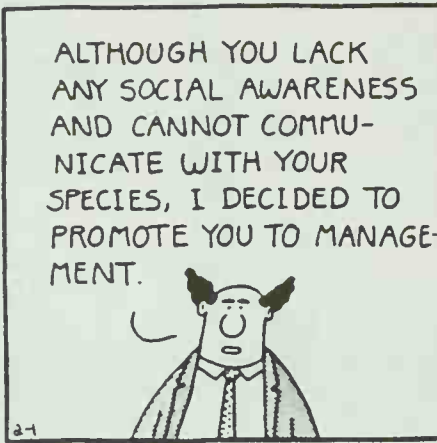
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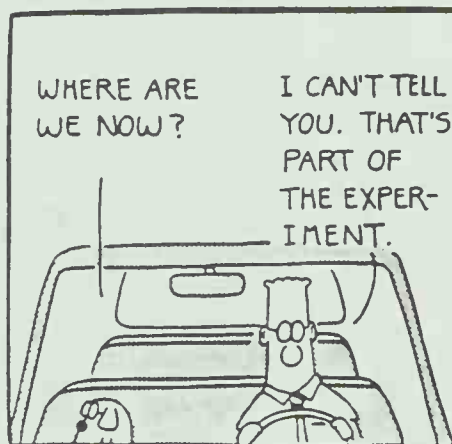
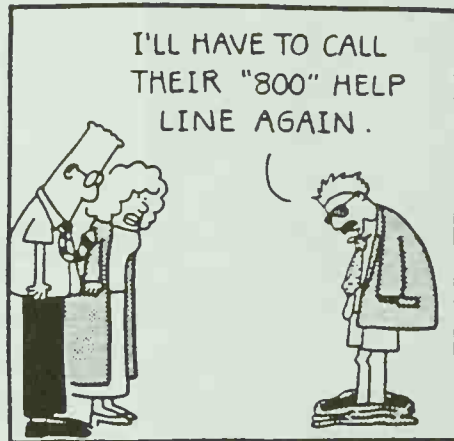
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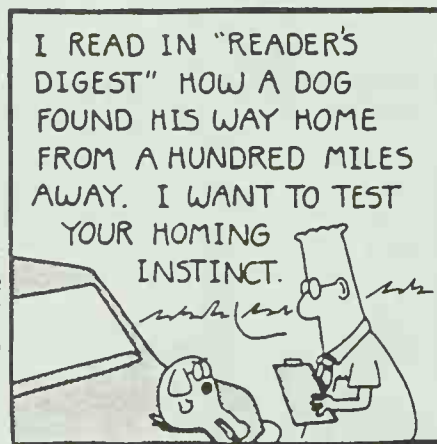
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THE COMPANY IS A
BILLION DOLLARS BELOW
ITS EARNINGS
PROJECTIONS.



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FROM NOW ON, ONLY
THE MANAGERS AT
MY LEVEL OR ABOVE
MAY EAT DONUTS AT
COMPANY MEETINGS.



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THIS WON'T BE EASY
FOR ANY OF US. HECK,
I DON'T EVEN KNOW
IF I CAN EAT THIS
MANY DONUTS.



THEIR CARS ARE ALWAYS
CLEAN



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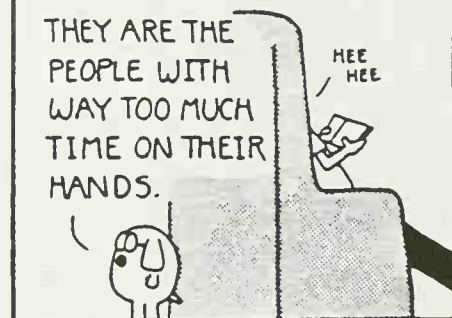
THEY WRITE LETTERS TO
EXPRESS THEIR OUTRAGE

Dear Editor,
The funny pages is no
place for sarcasm!
Think about the
children!



THEY READ THE SAME BOOK
MORE THAN ONCE.

THEY ARE THE
PEOPLE WITH
WAY TOO MUCH
TIME ON THEIR
HANDS.



HEE
HEE

HI, GUYS. I'M WENDELL
J. STONE THE FOURTH,
RECENT STANFORD MBA
AND BRAND NEW TO
THE WORKFORCE.



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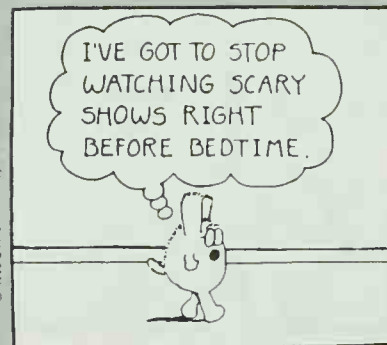
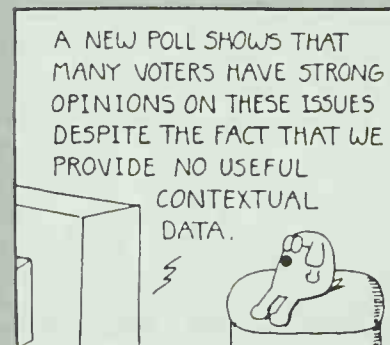
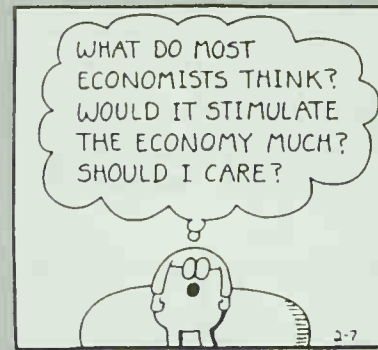
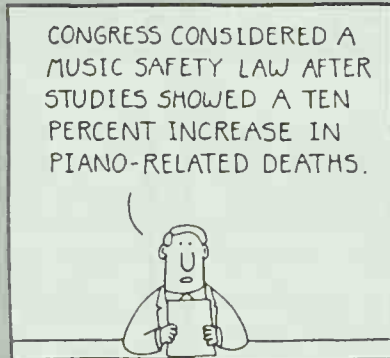
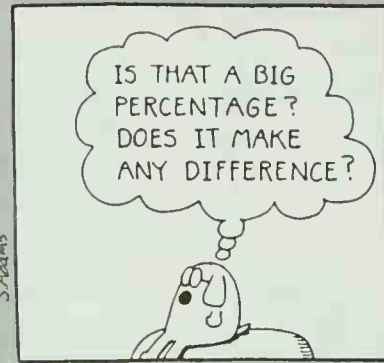
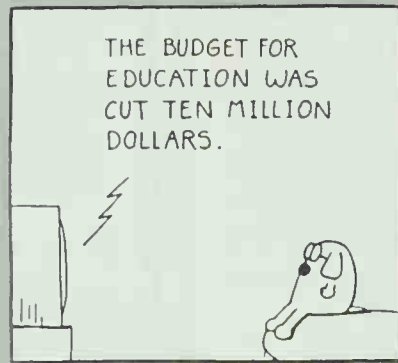
LOOK, "WEN-DULL," WE
AREN'T IMPRESSED BY
YOUR EDUCATION. AT
THIS COMPANY IT'S THE
QUALITY OF YOUR WORK
THAT COUNTS!



I'M YOUR NEW SENIOR
VICE PRESIDENT, AND I
WANT YOU TO LICK THE
TAR OFF MY PORSCHE
NOW.

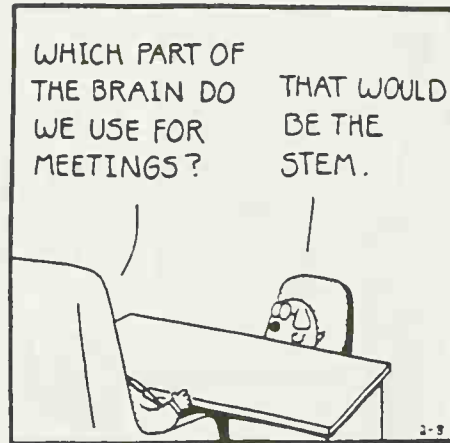
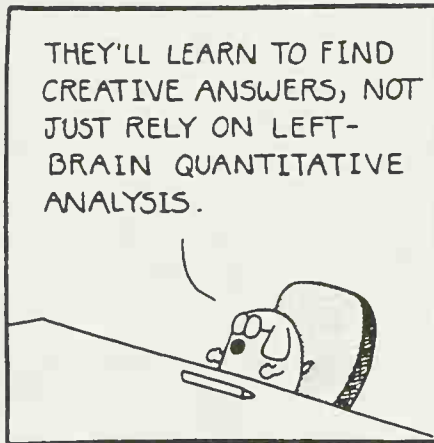
OKAY, BUT WATCH
THE QUALITY OF
MY WORK!



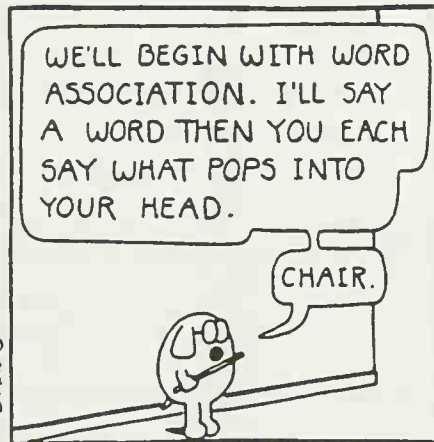




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DOGBERT IS A CREATIVITY CONSULTANT

WE DON'T NEED ANY OF YOUR "INTUITION" MUMBO JUMBO. WE NEED QUANTITATIVE DATA!



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THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE DECISIONS IS TO PULL NUMBERS OUT OF THE AIR, CALL THEM "ASSUMPTIONS," AND CALCULATE THE NET PRESENT VALUE.



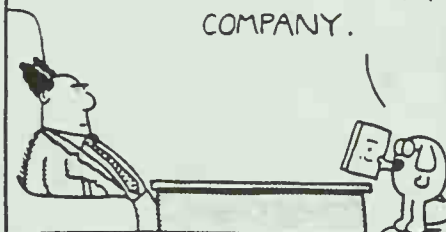
OF COURSE, YOU HAVE TO USE THE RIGHT DISCOUNT RATE, OTHERWISE IT'S MEANINGLESS.



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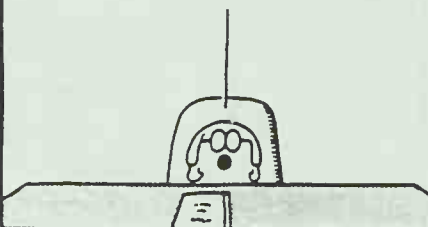
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HERE'S MY FINAL REPORT ON YOUR COMPANY.



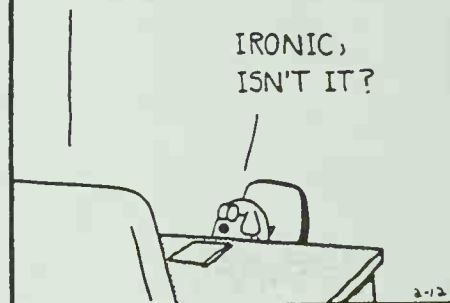
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I'VE CONCLUDED THAT YOU'RE DOOMED. YOU WASTE TOO MUCH MONEY ON CONSULTANTS.



YOU'RE A CONSULTANT.

IRONIC, ISN'T IT?



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THIS IS IT... THE CRITICAL THIRD DATE.



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THIS IS WHEN THEY CASUALLY MENTION ANY HIDDEN DEFORMITIES OR HORRIBLE SECRETS TO SEE IF YOU STILL LIKE THEM.

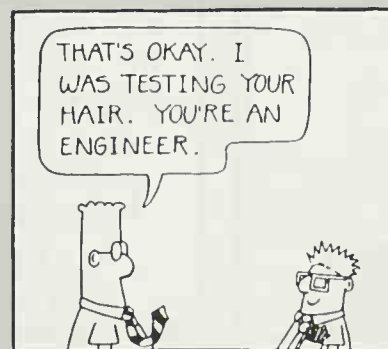
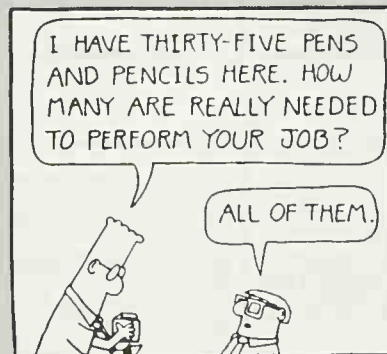
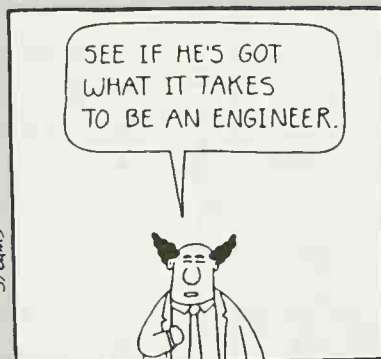


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SOME PEOPLE SAY YOU SHOULD STOP DATING AFTER YOU MARRY A MOB BOSS.

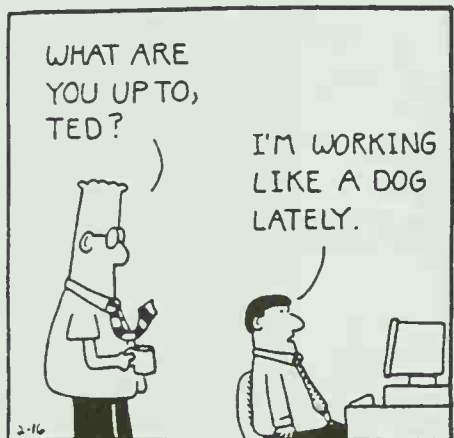


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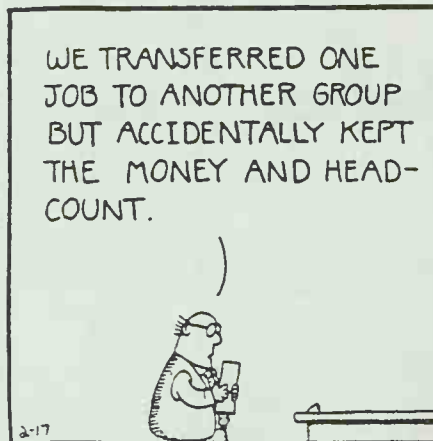
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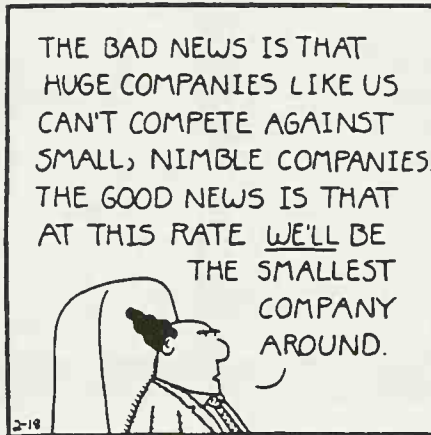


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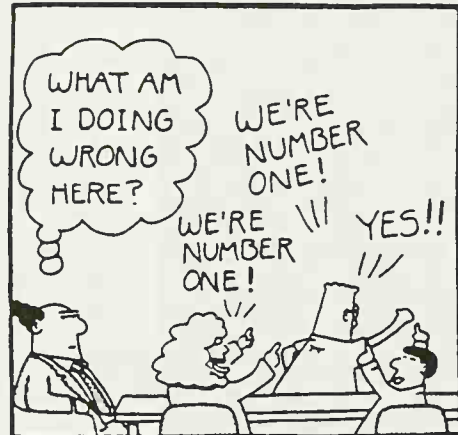




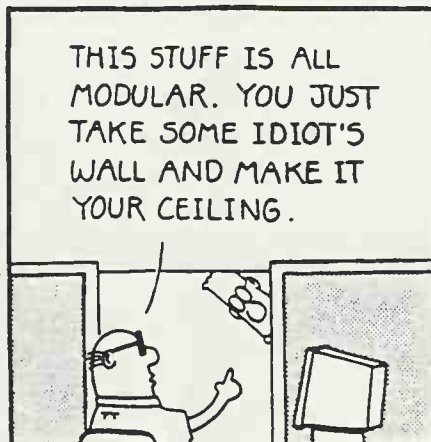
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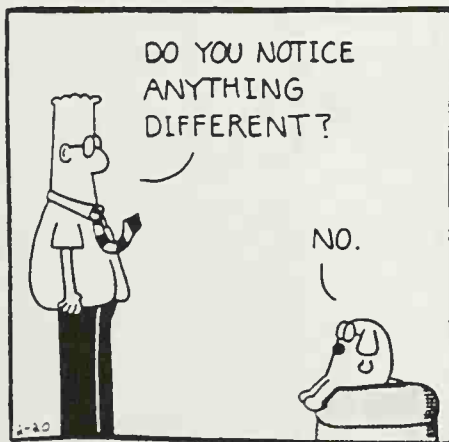
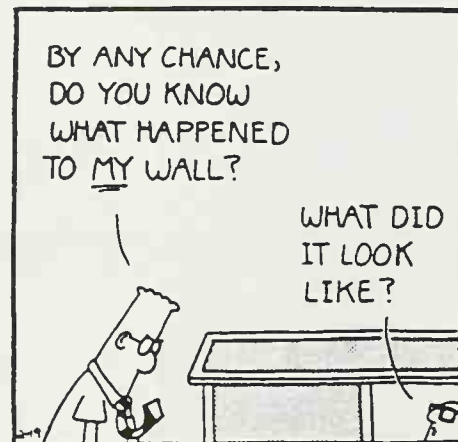
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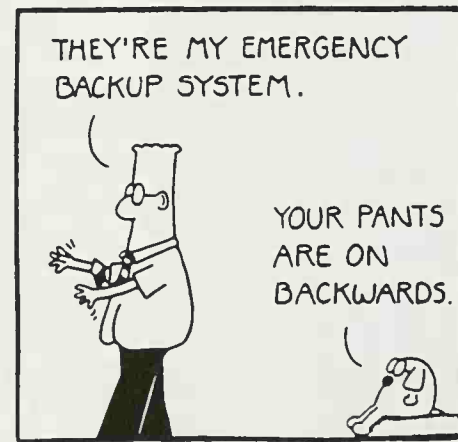
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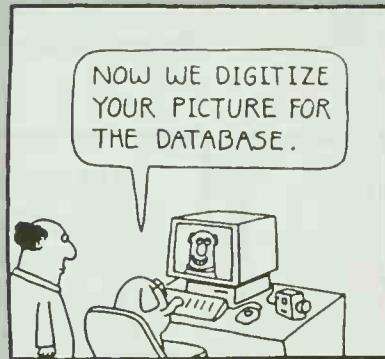
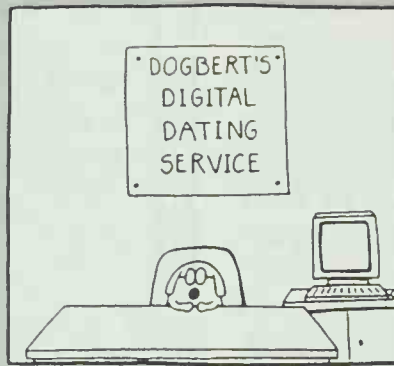


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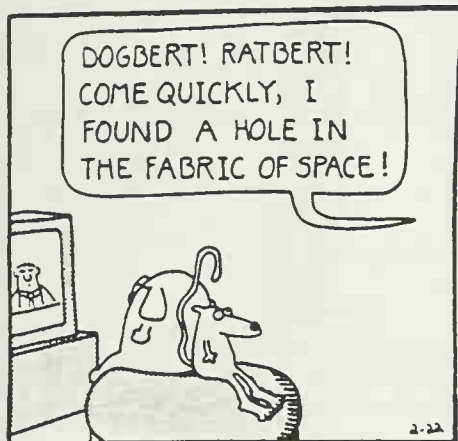


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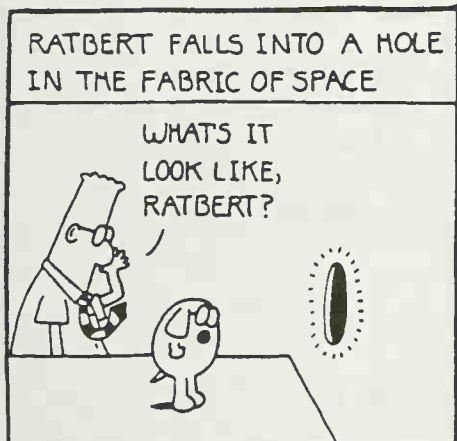
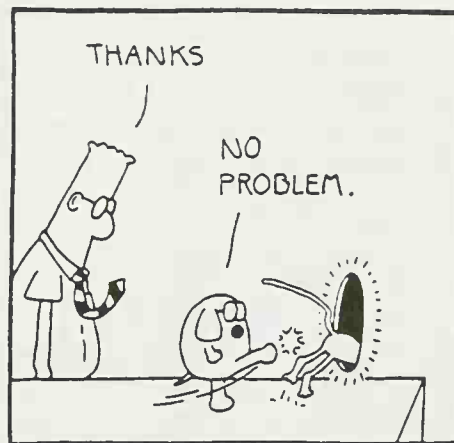




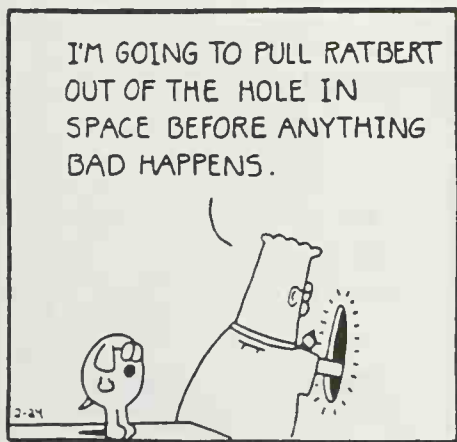
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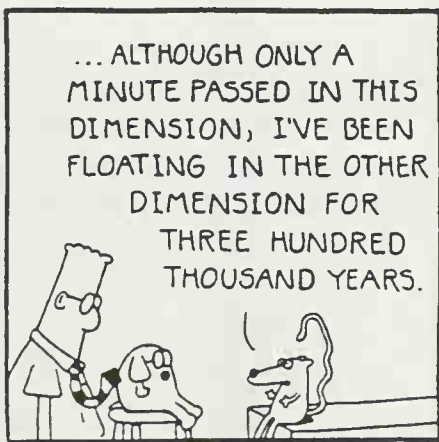
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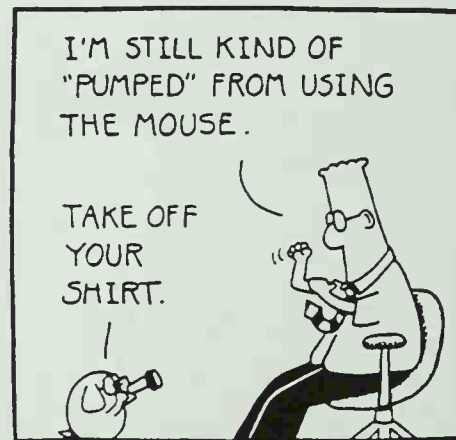
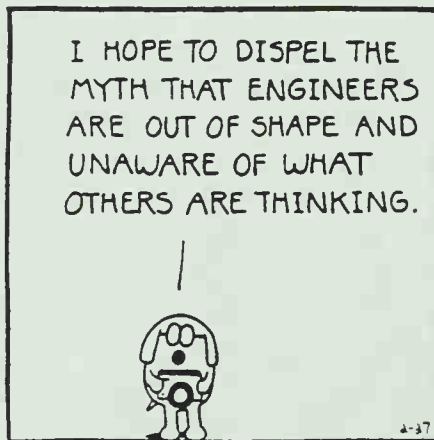
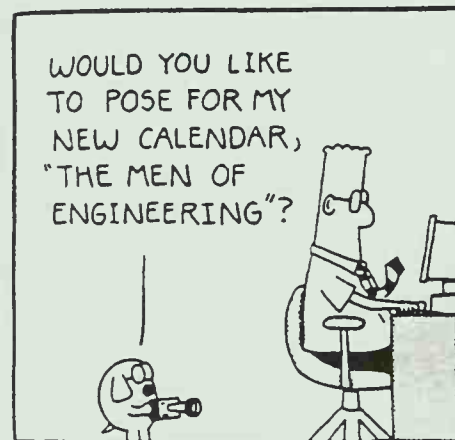
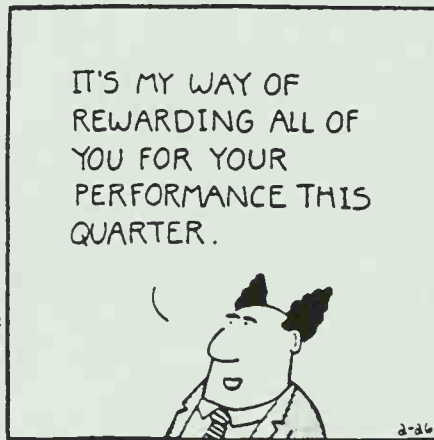
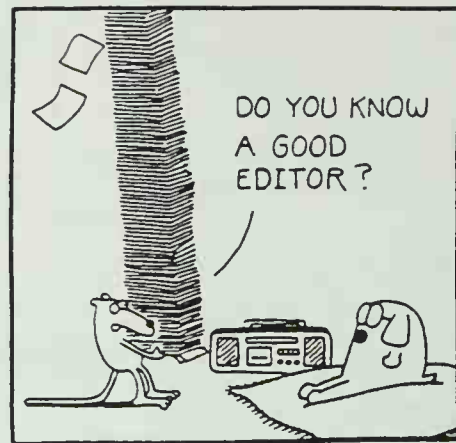
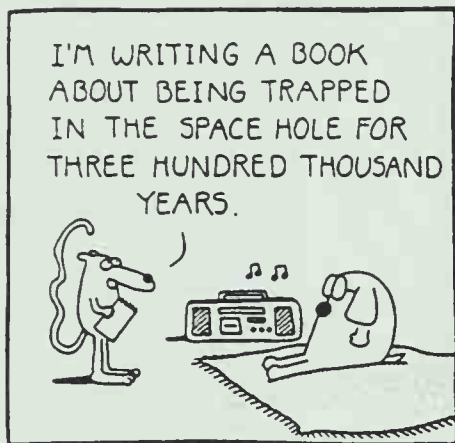


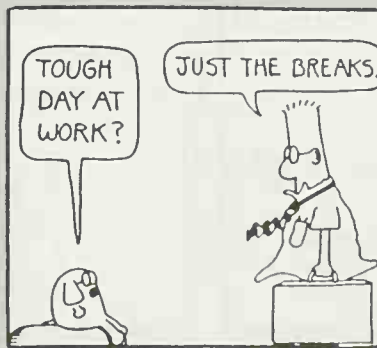
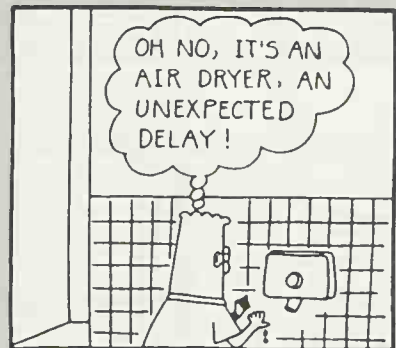
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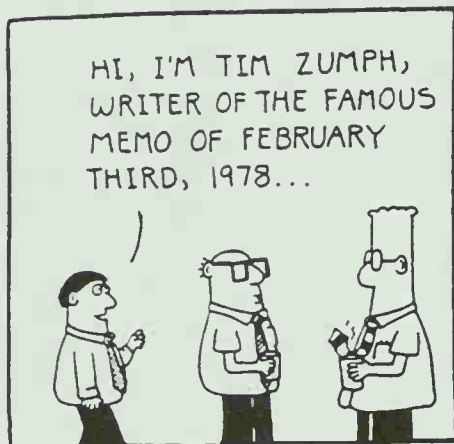


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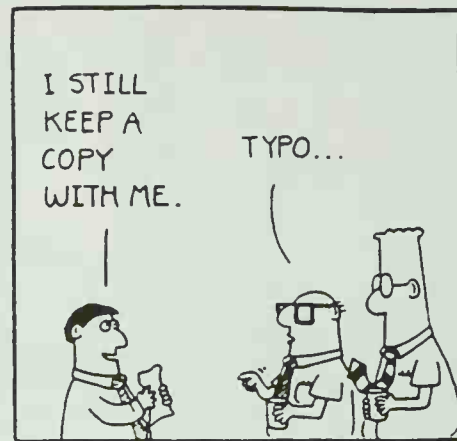
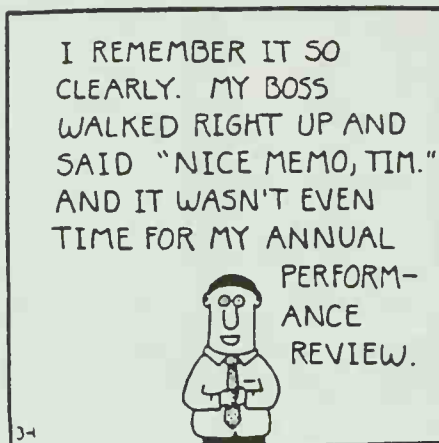




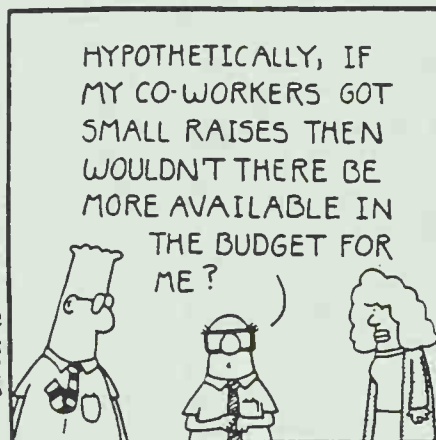




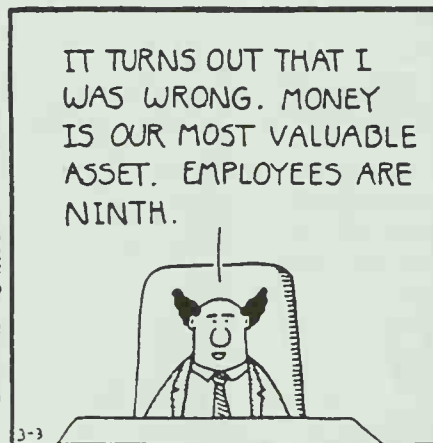
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LOOK EVERYONE,
I'M ENGAGED!



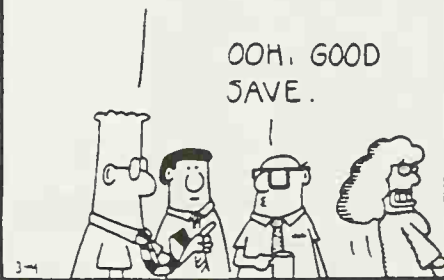
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HEY, IT'S ONE OF
THOSE "NEAR DIAMOND"
RINGS THEY WERE
SELLING ON THE
TV SHOPPING CHANNEL
FOR \$29.95.



UH... OF COURSE IT HAS
A LIST PRICE OF OVER
A HUNDRED DOLLARS...

OOH, GOOD
SAVE.



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GEE, LINDA, IF YOU
DON'T MIND SOME
CONSTRUCTIVE CRITI-
CISM, THAT DRESS MAKES
YOU LOOK PUDGY.



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HAAIII!!!



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I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND
WOMEN, BUT I THINK
WHEN THEY YELL "HAAIII"
IT MEANS THEY
LIKE THE DRESS
THEY'RE WEARING.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
PHOTOGRAPHERS TRY SO
HARD TO GET EMBAR-
RASSING PICTURES
OF CELEB-
RITIES.



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HECK, I COULD JUST SCAN
THE CELEBRITY PHOTOS
INTO MY COMPUTER AND
CREATE ANY EMBARRAS-
SING SITUATION YOU CAN
THINK OF.

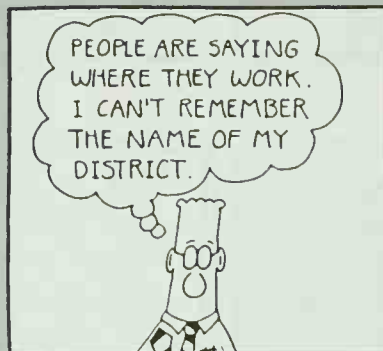
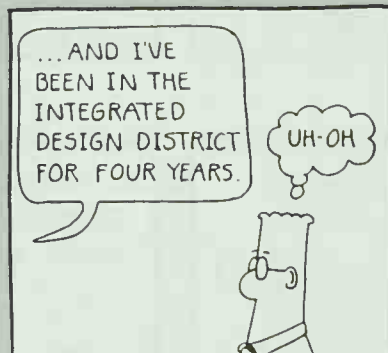


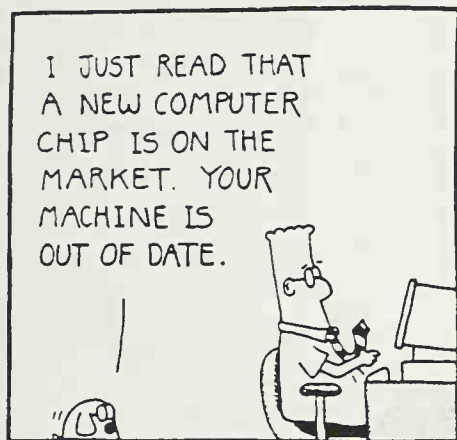
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I THINK CINDY
CRAWFORD SHOULD
LOOK MORE
REPULSED.

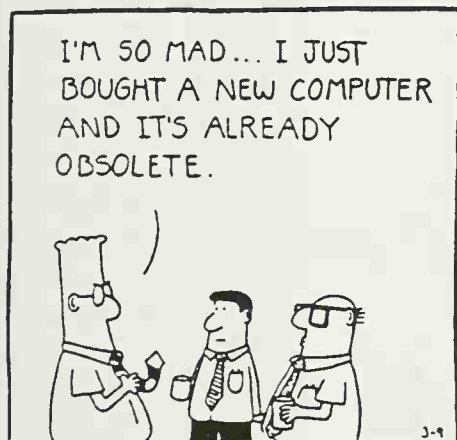
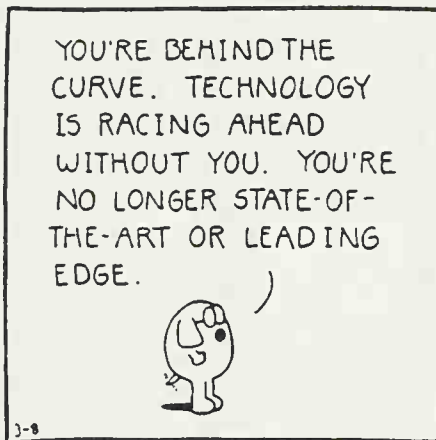
THIS IS
BEFORE WE
KISS.



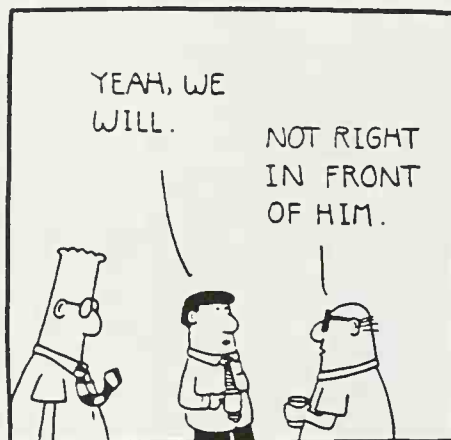
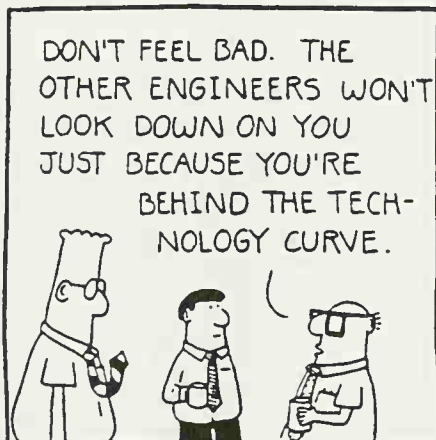




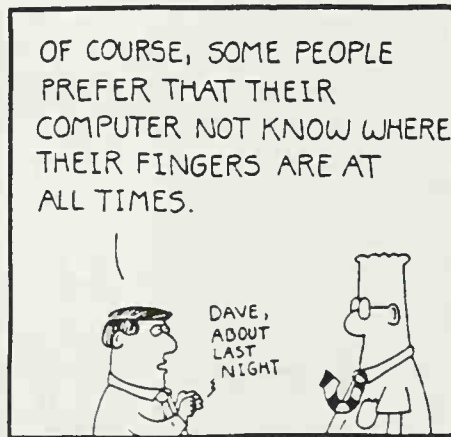
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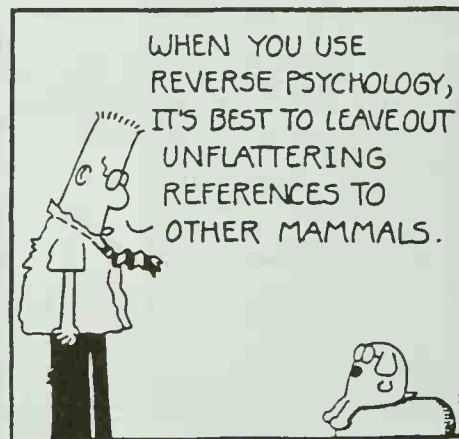
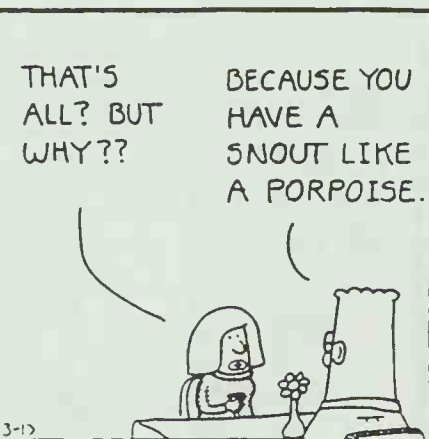
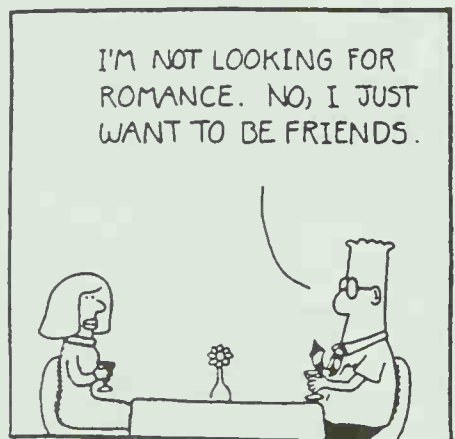
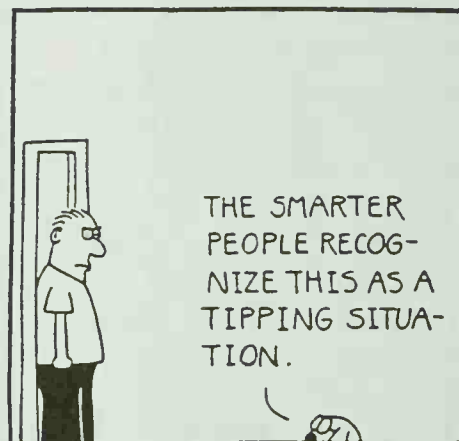
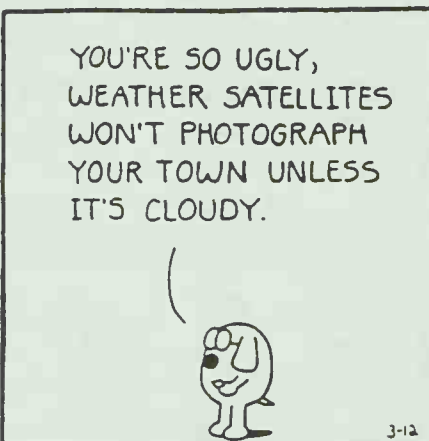
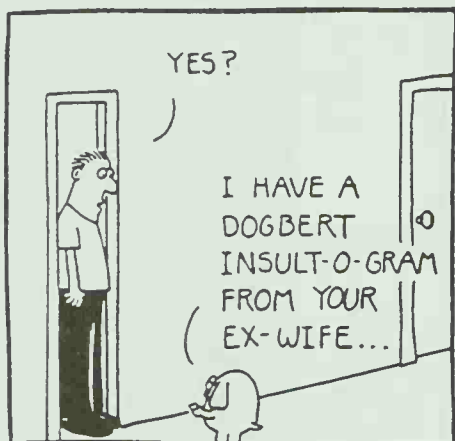
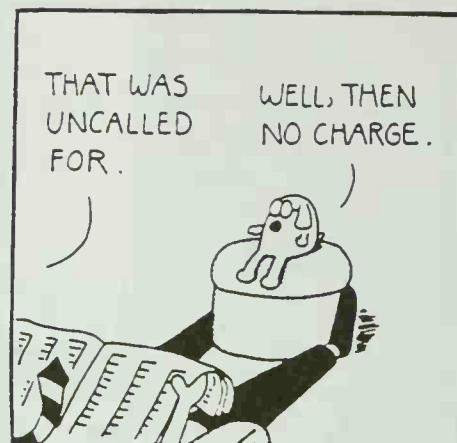
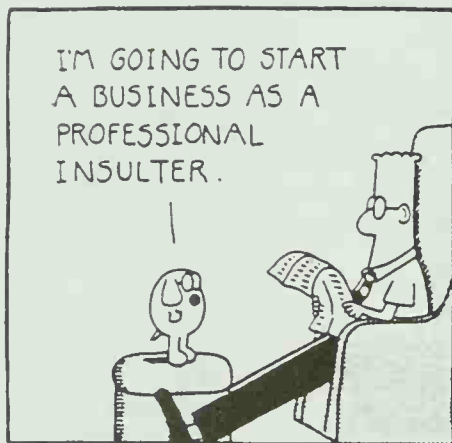


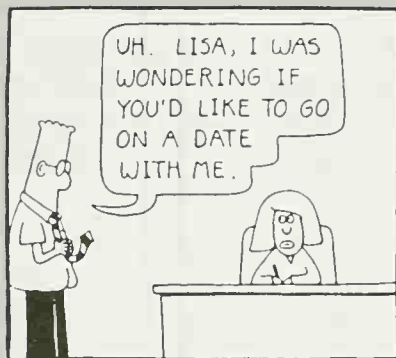
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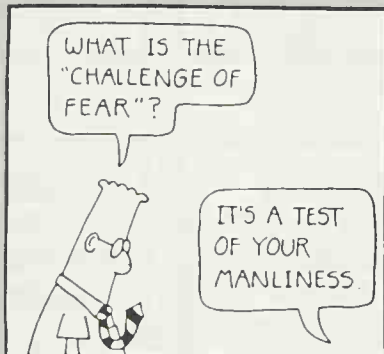
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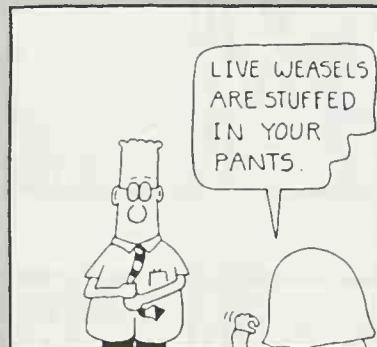


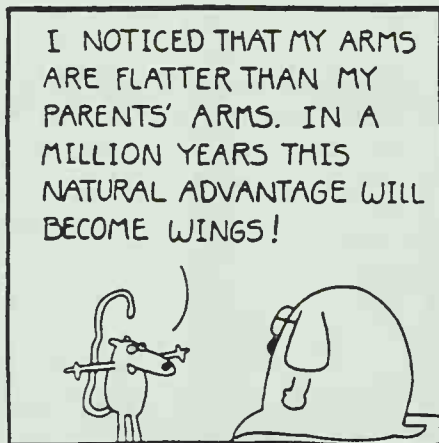
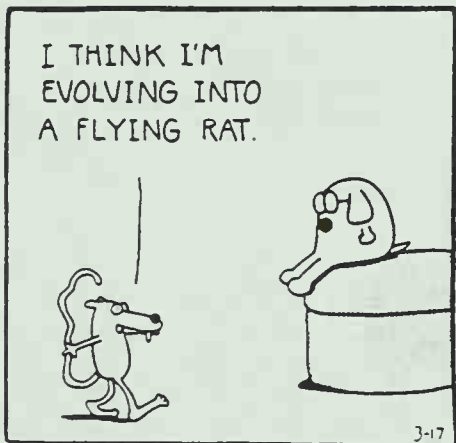
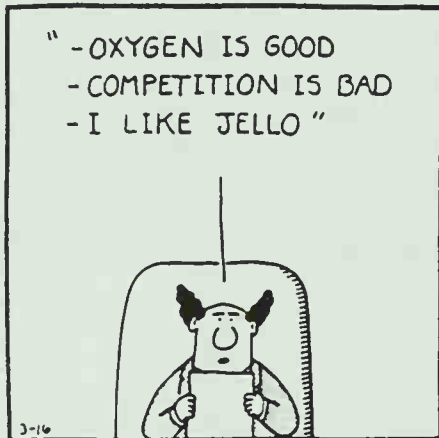
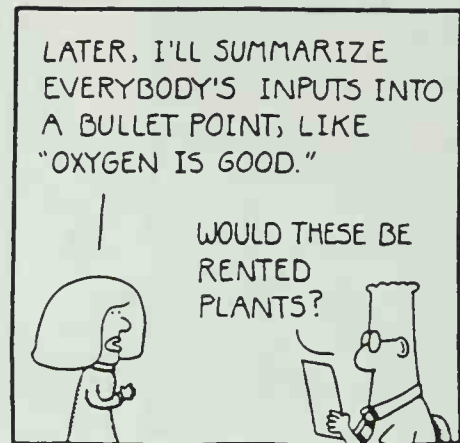


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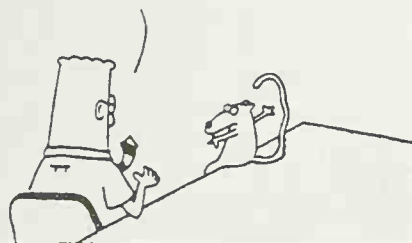


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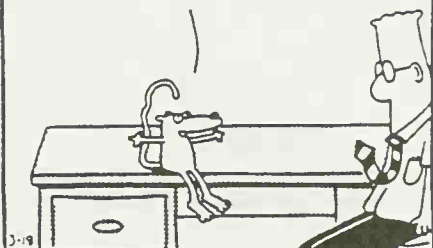


EVOLUTION TAKES MILLIONS OF YEARS, RATBERT. YOU'LL BE LONG GONE BEFORE RATS DEVELOP FLYING SKILLS.



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THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID TO THE WRIGHT BROTHERS.



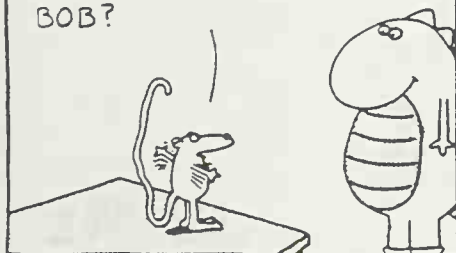
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BUT THEY BUILT AN AIRPLANE.

DON'T YOU THINK THEY TRIED THIS FIRST?



DILBERT SAYS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FLY BY FLAPPING YOUR ARMS. IS HE RIGHT, BOB?



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IT JUST DEPENDS HOW HARD YOU FLAP.



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IT MUST BE EMBARRASSING TO BE YOU.

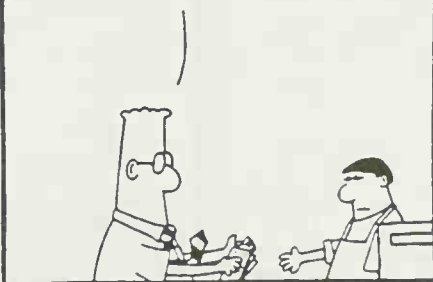


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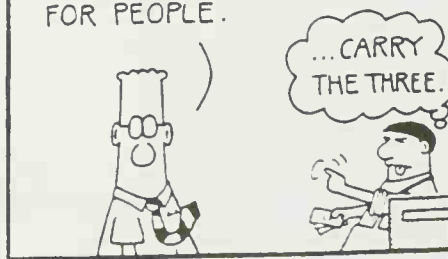
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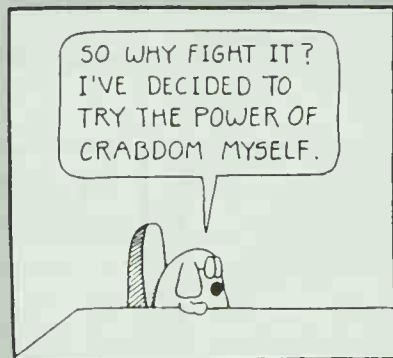
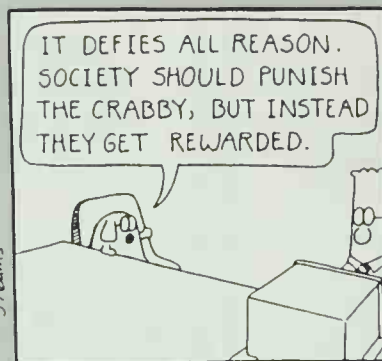
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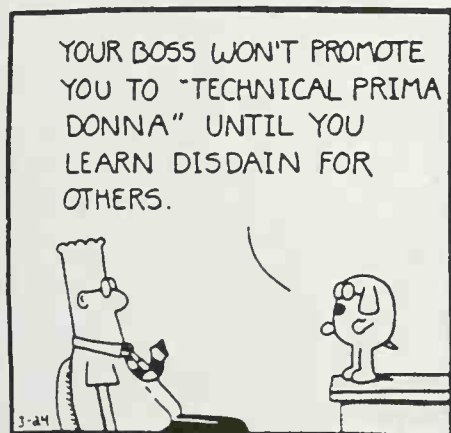
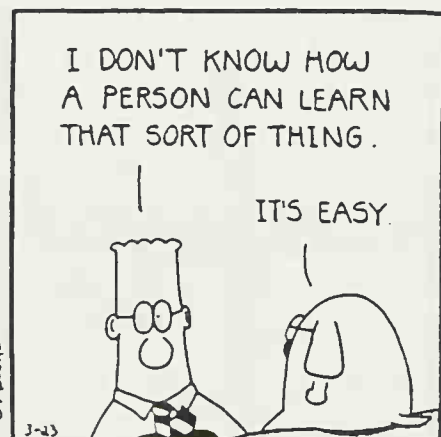
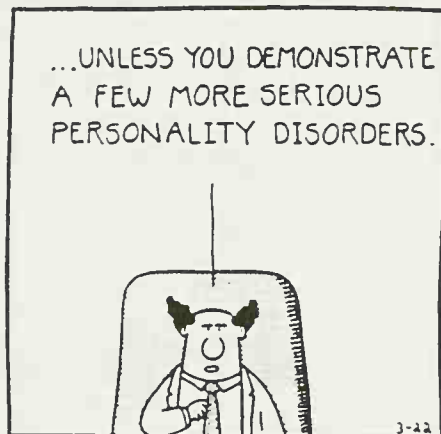
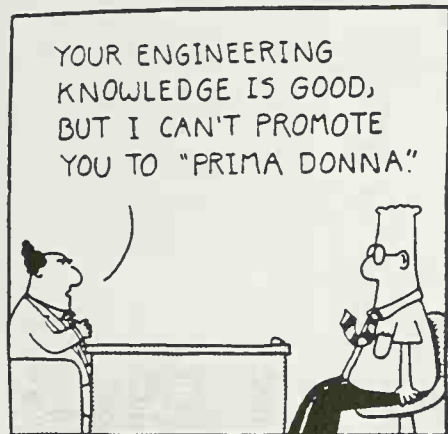


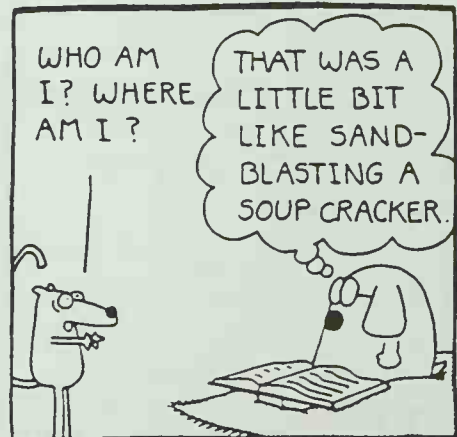
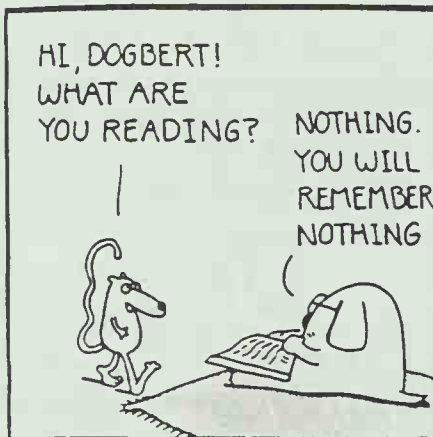
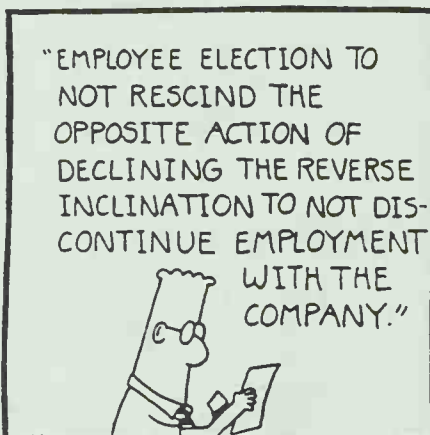
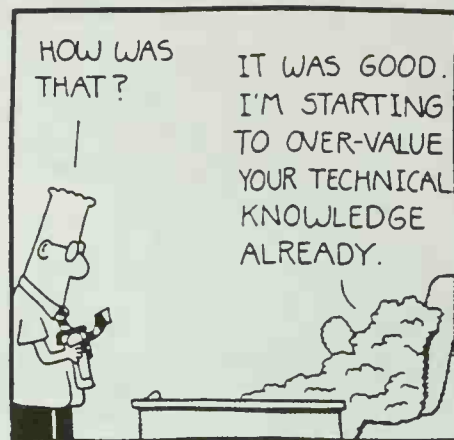
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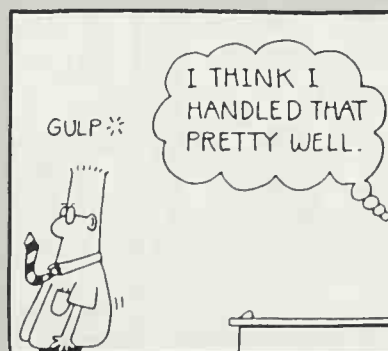
AS AN ENGINEER, I FEEL A PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THINGS EASY FOR PEOPLE.







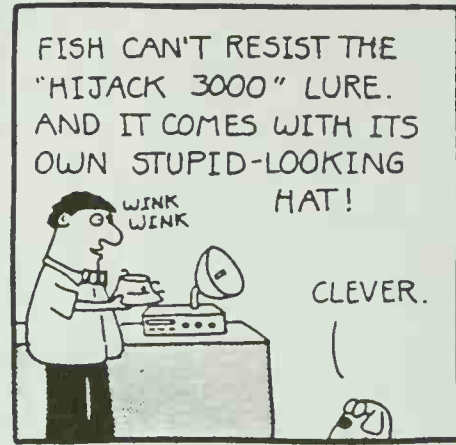




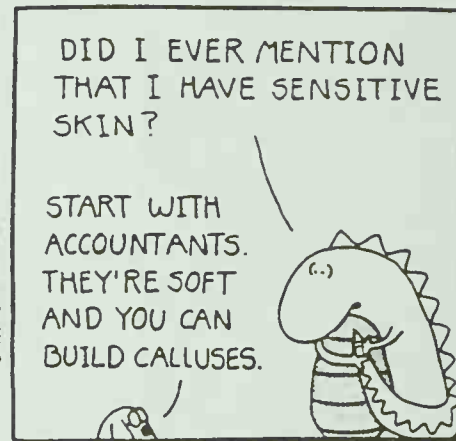
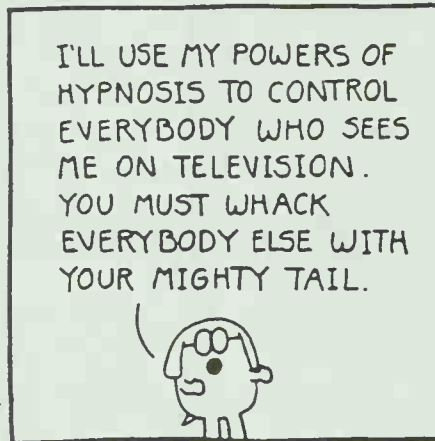
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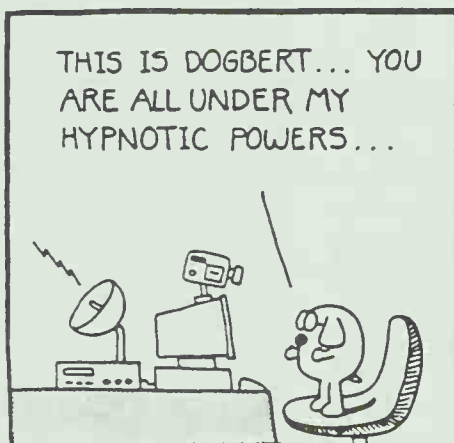
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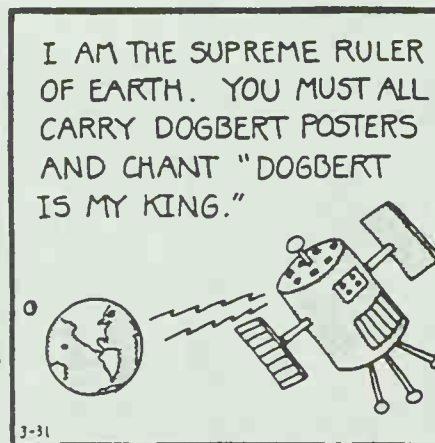
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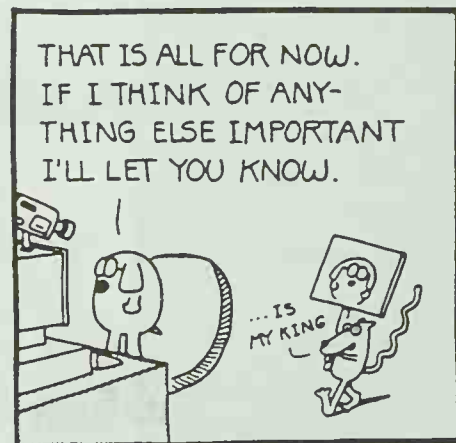
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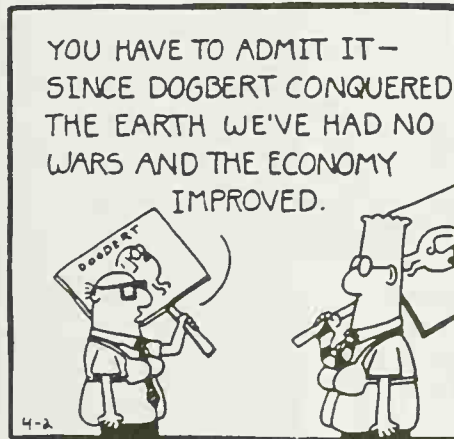
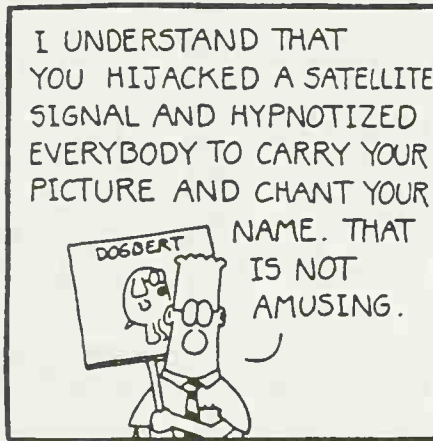


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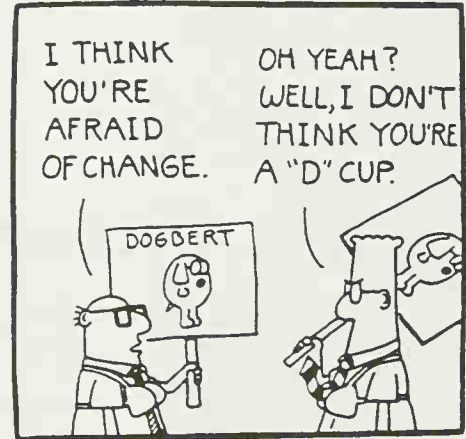
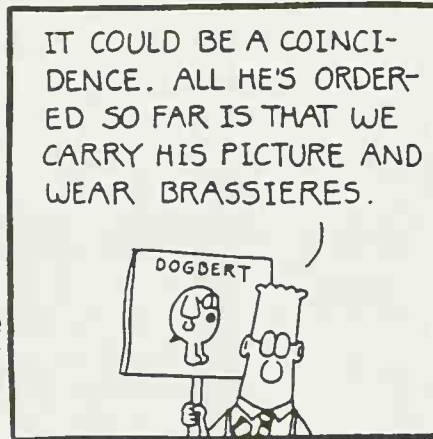




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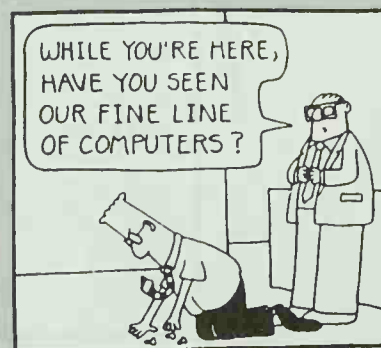
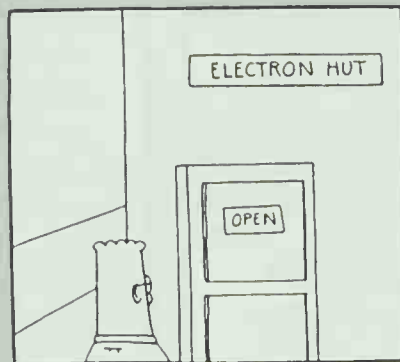


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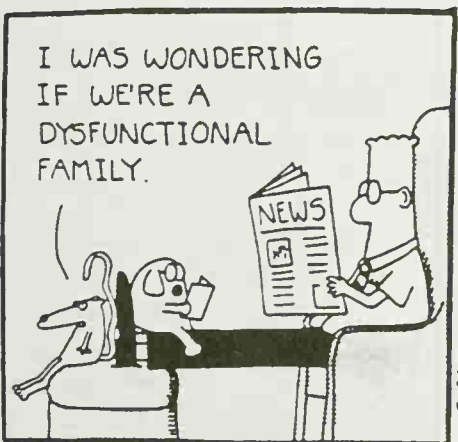
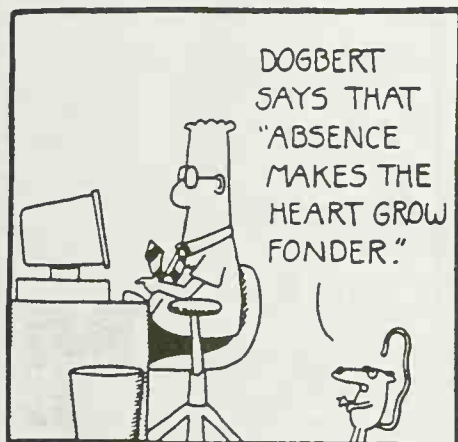
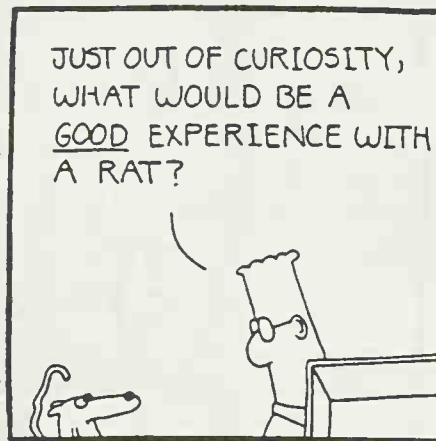
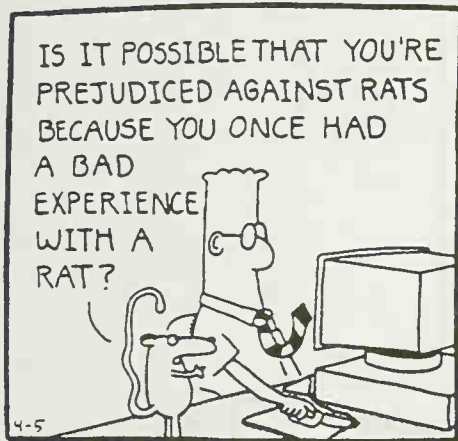
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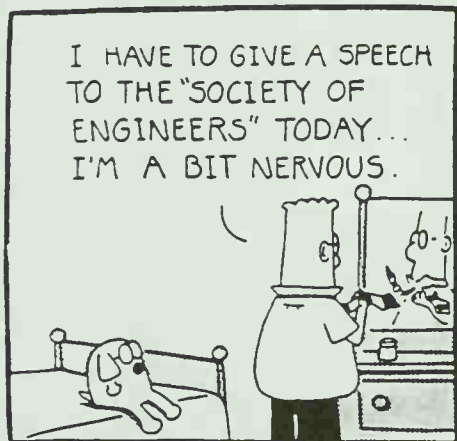
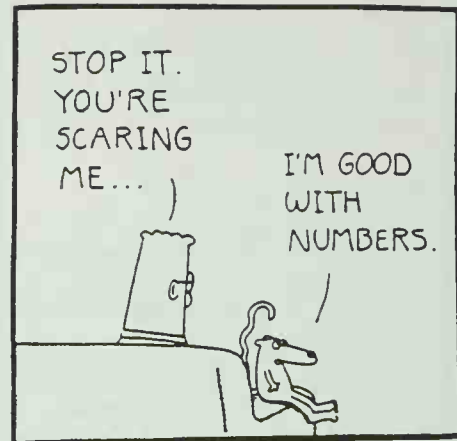




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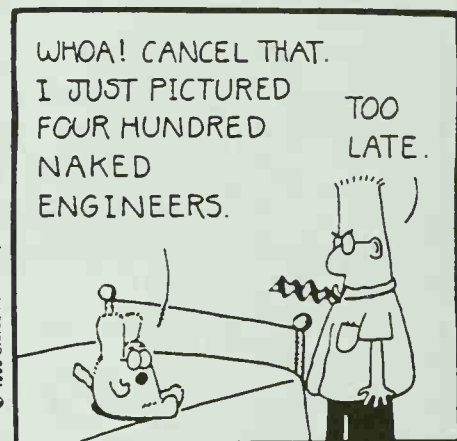
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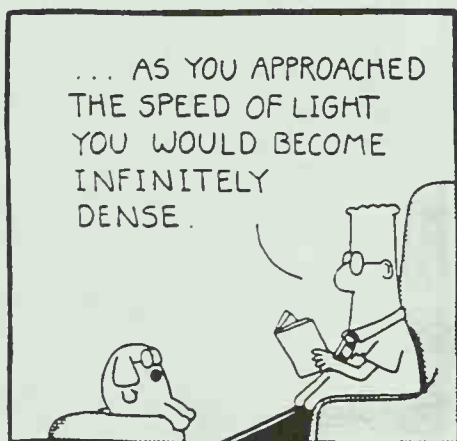
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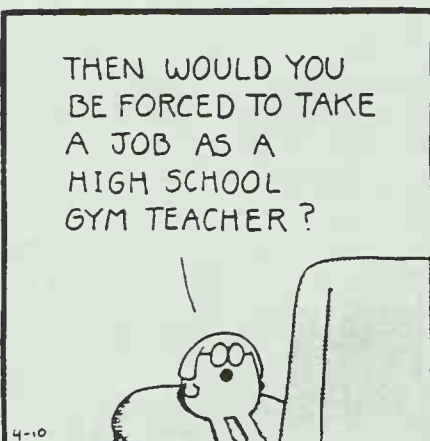
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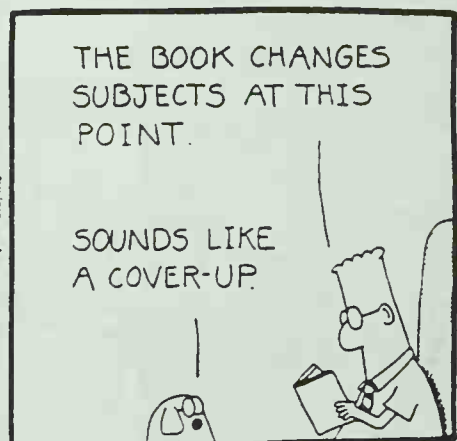
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A SMALL BAND OF THE CREATURES WERE KNOWN TO LIVE HIGH IN AN ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURE.



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ON MY WAY TO STUDY THEM I TOOK NOTE OF THE NATIVE VEGETATION.



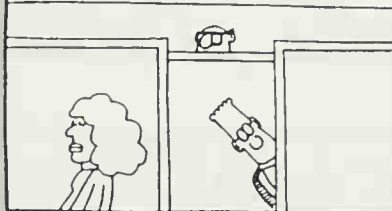
THE YOUNGER MALES WERE AT PLAY. THEY BECAME SELF-CONSCIOUS WHEN WATCHED.



THE DOMINANT MALE HAD A GRAY BACK. HE CONTROLLED THE OTHERS BY WAVING LITTLE ENVELOPES.



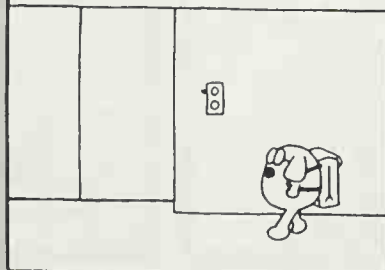
THERE WERE FEW FEMALES IN THE GROUP. THE LESS DOMINANT MALES HAD NO CHANCE OF MATING.



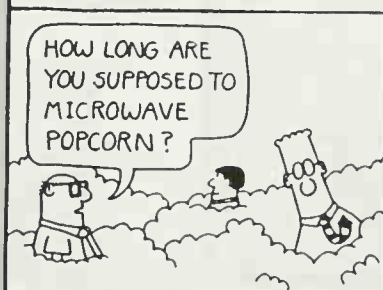
UNLIKE OTHER SPECIES THEY HAD NO INSTINCT FOR GROOMING.



MY TIME WAS UP. BUT I WILL MISS THEM, THOSE...



ENGINEERS IN THE MIST



DON'T GET TOO CLOSE--
I FOUND OUT THAT MY
BALDNESS IS CAUSED BY
TOO MUCH TESTOSTERONE.



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NOW WITH MY HAIR
GONE I'M AFRAID THE
TESTOSTERONE WILL
START FLINGING OUT
OF MY PORES.



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HEY! YOU GOT
SOME ON MY
SHIRT!

DO YOU
HAVE A
PROBLEM
WITH THAT?



BEING BALD ISN'T SO
BAD. WITH ALL THIS
TESTOSTERONE, MEN
WILL FEAR ME AND
WOMEN WILL DESIRE
ME.



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TAKE A HIKE, FUZZY.
SHE'S MINE NOW.



I DO FIND
YOU STRANGELY
ATTRACTIVE.

TESTOSTER-
ONE; YOU'RE
HELPLESS.



GEE, WALLY, YOU SURE HAVE
BEEN POPULAR WITH WOMEN
SINCE THE TESTOSTERONE
STARTED SPEWING FROM
YOUR HEAD.



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IT'S AMAZING... I EVEN
BOUGHT A PICKUP TRUCK
AND A RIFLE SO I CAN
HUNT AFTER WORK.



WHAT DO
YOU HUNT
AROUND
HERE?

PIGEONS ARE
THE MOST
CONVENIENT...
DON'T EVEN
HAVE TO GET OUT
OF THE TRUCK.



MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF MY HIGH TESTOSTERONE LEVELS, BUT I COULDN'T RESIST GETTING MY PICKUP JACKED UP.

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I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE FRIGHTENING TO THE PEOPLE I TAILGATE.

THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT YOU CAN'T LET PEOPLE SEE YOU TRYING TO GET IN IT.

LIFE HAS BEEN GREAT SINCE THE TESTOSTERONE STARTED SPEWING FROM MY HEAD.

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IT LOOKS LIKE THE FLOW IS STOPPING.

WAIT-A-MINUTE. WHY WAS I TOUCHING YOU?

I HOPE YOU WON'T BE SHALLOW ABOUT THIS.

...AND PEOPLE WHO DON'T BOTHER TO VOTE HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN.

WHY NOT?

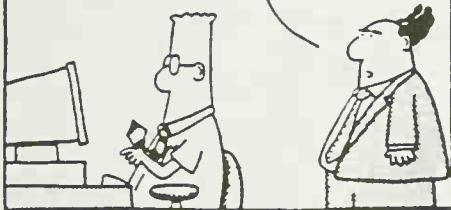
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WHY NOT? IT'S OBVIOUS. NO VOTE MEANS NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN. YOU CAN'T GET MUCH MORE LOGICAL THAN THAT.

BESIDES, THAT'S HOW I WAS RAISED.

YOU WERE RAISED BY BUMPER STICKERS?

THE LOCAL SCHOOL WANTS SOMEBODY TO TALK TO THE KIDS ABOUT A CAREER AS AN ENGINEER.



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I'M GIVING THIS PLUM ASSIGNMENT TO YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD ROLE MODEL.



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IT'S MORE SINCERE SOUNDING WHEN YOU DON'T GIGGLE.

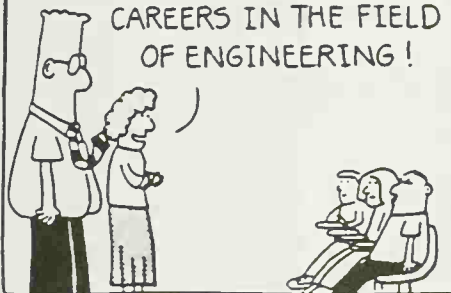


REMEMBER, CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE!



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DILBERT HAS AGREED TO TALK TO THE CLASS ABOUT EXCITING CAREERS IN THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING!



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THERE'S MORE TO BEING AN ENGINEER THAN JUST WRITING TECHNICAL MEMOS THAT NOBODY READS.



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ONCE IN A WHILE, SOMEBODY READS ONE. THEN YOU HAVE TO FIND A SCAPEGOAT, OR USE SOME VACATION TIME AND HOPE IT ALL BLOWS OVER.



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DILBERT TALKS TO A CLASS ABOUT CAREER OPTIONS.

ENGINEERING IS ONE OF THE BEST CAREERS AVAILABLE.



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FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS I'LL SIT IN A BIG BOX CALLED A CUBICLE. IT'S LIKE A RESTROOM STALL BUT WITH LOWER WALLS.



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I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME HOPING THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS FROM MY OFFICE EQUIPMENT AREN'T KILLING ME.



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DILBERT TALKS TO A CLASS ABOUT CAREER OPTIONS.

AND DON'T FORGET THE SOCIAL LIFE THAT COMES WITH BEING AN ENGINEER.



NINETY PERCENT OF ALL ENGINEERS ARE GUYS, SO IT'S A BONANZA OF DATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LADIES WHO ENTER THE FIELD.



FOR THE MEN, THERE ARE THESE LITTLE VIDEO GAME DEVICES...



WOULD I BE ALLOWED TO DATE A NON-ENGINEER?



DILBERT TALKS TO A CLASS ABOUT CAREER OPTIONS.

THE GOAL OF EVERY ENGINEER IS TO RETIRE WITHOUT GETTING BLAMED FOR A MAJOR CATASTROPHE.



ENGINEERS PREFER TO WORK AS "CONSULTANTS" ON PROJECT TEAMS. THAT WAY THERE'S NO REAL WORK, BLAME IS SPREAD ACROSS THE GROUP, AND YOU CAN CRUSH ANY IDEA FROM MARKETING!



... AND SOMETIMES YOU GET FREE DONUTS JUST FOR SHOWING UP!



GET OUT OF MY CLASSROOM.



LOOK WHAT I GOT FOR MY COMPUTER! IT'S A ROMOSTATIC REAL-TIME DATA COMPRESSION PROCESSOR!



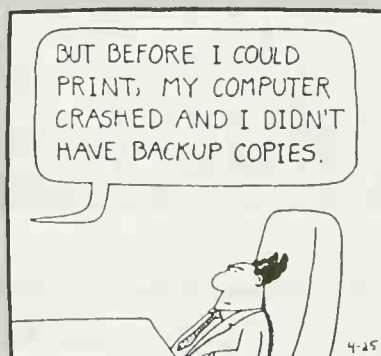
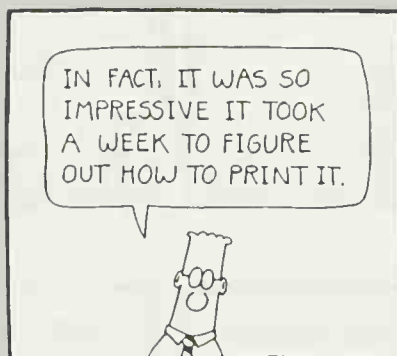
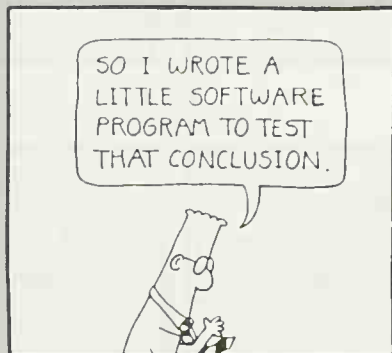
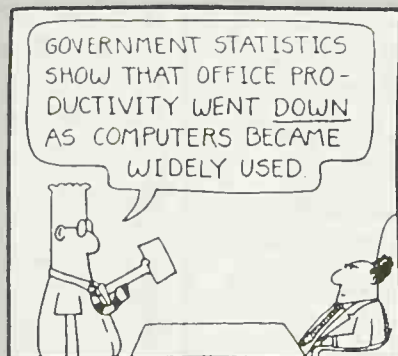
OOOH... I CAN'T WAIT TO PLUG YOU IN, MY LITTLE DARLING. I'VE WAITED SO LONG.



OH YES!
YES!

DOES THE CHURCH KNOW ABOUT THIS?



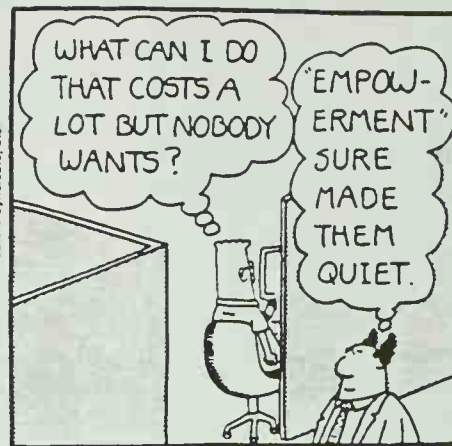




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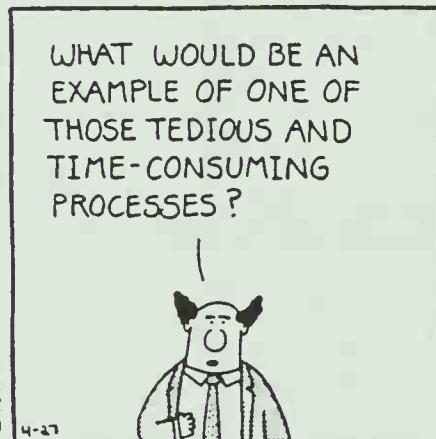
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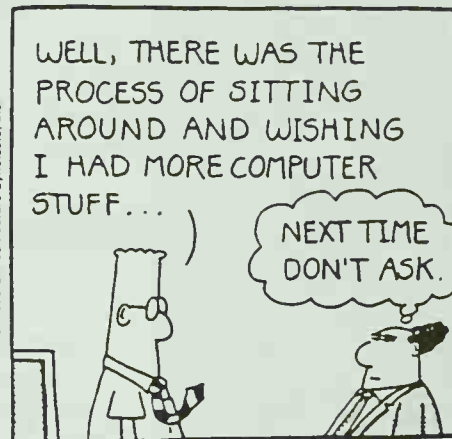
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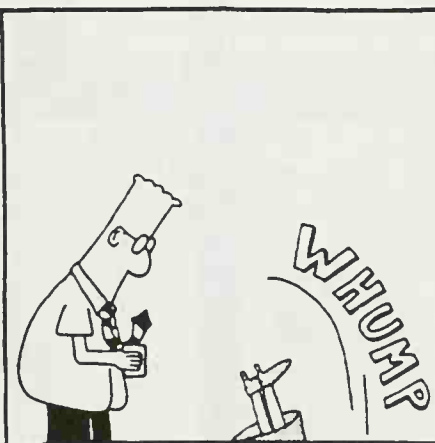
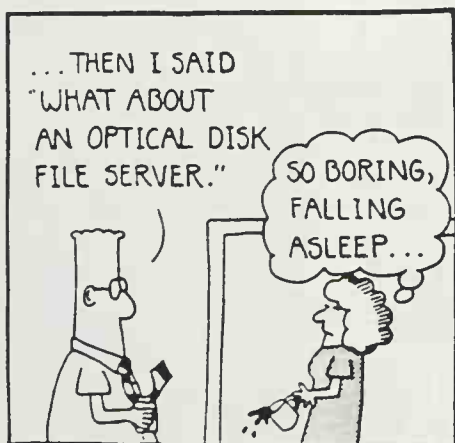
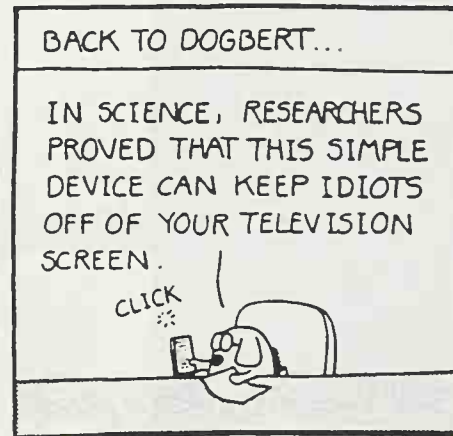
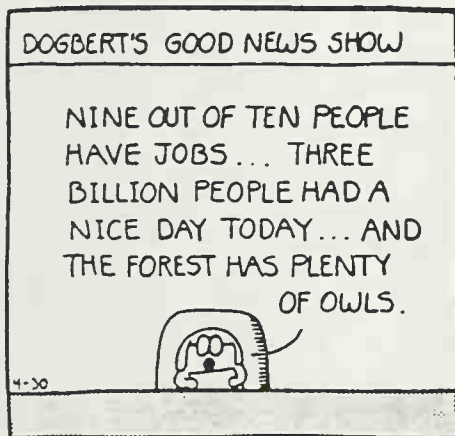
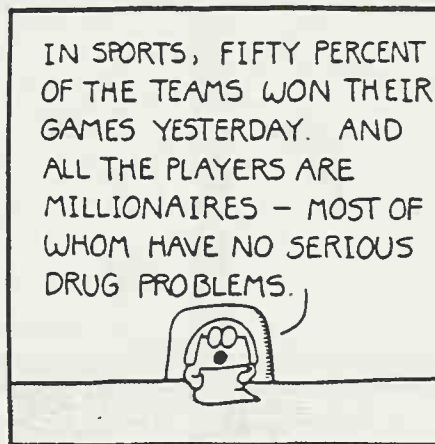
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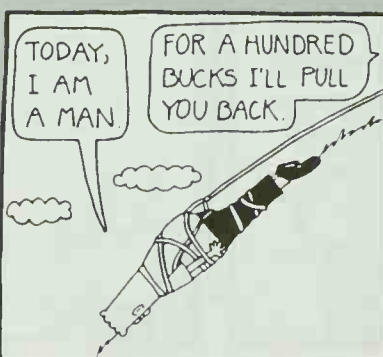
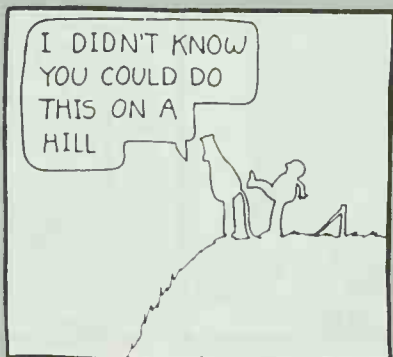
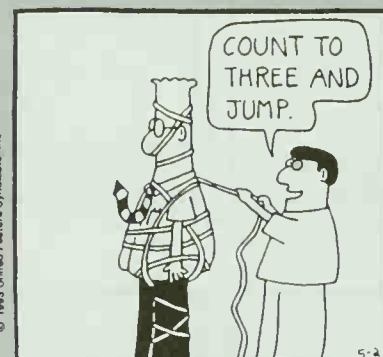
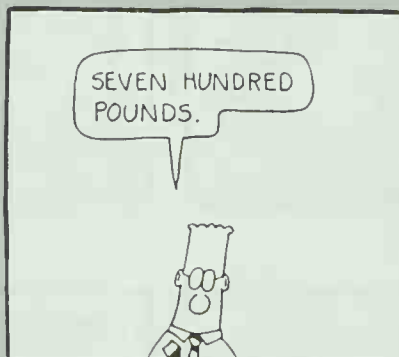
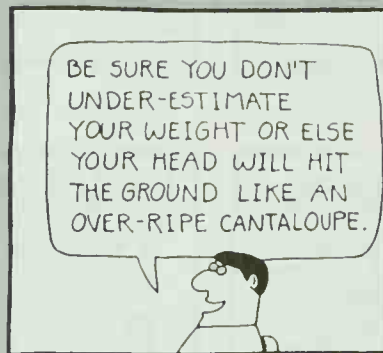
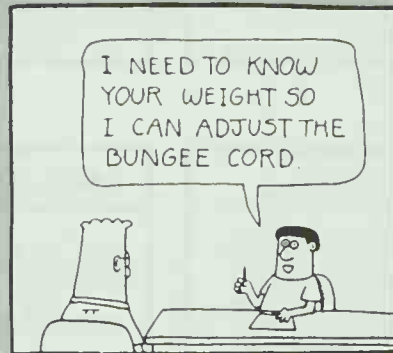
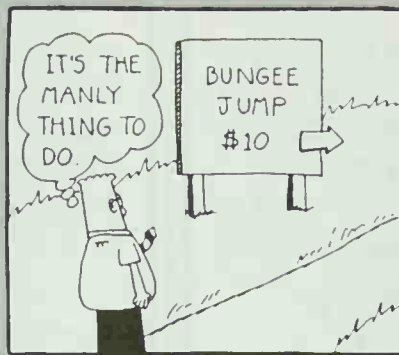


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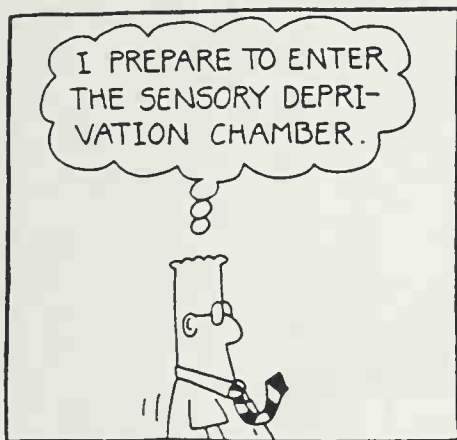
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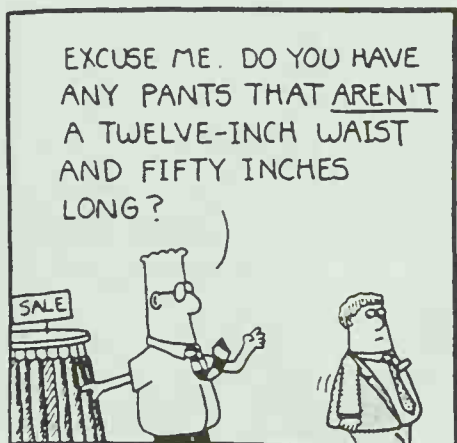
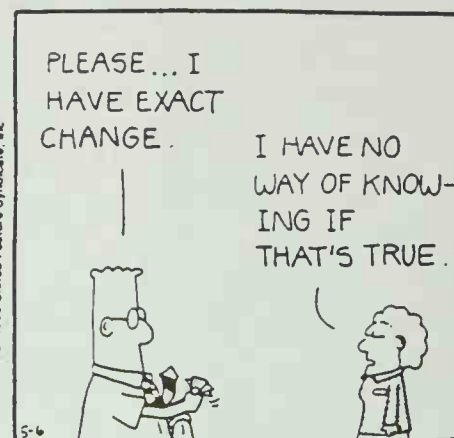
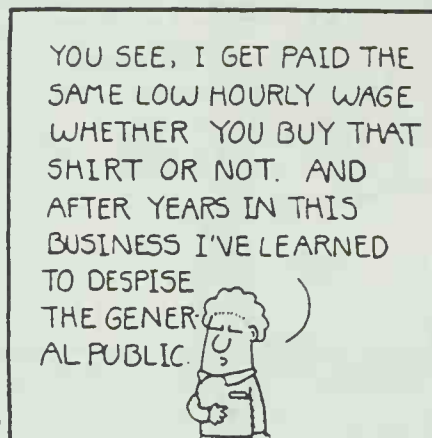
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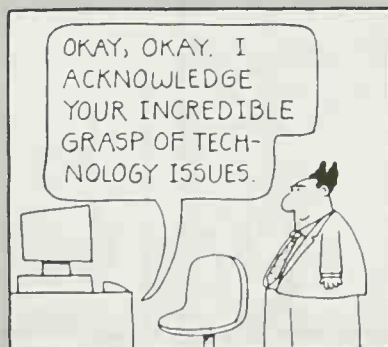
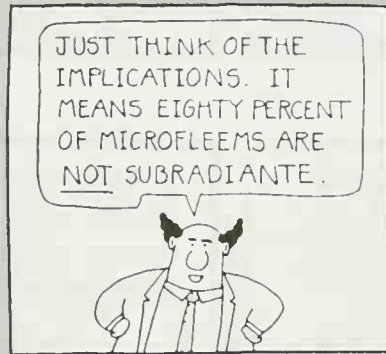
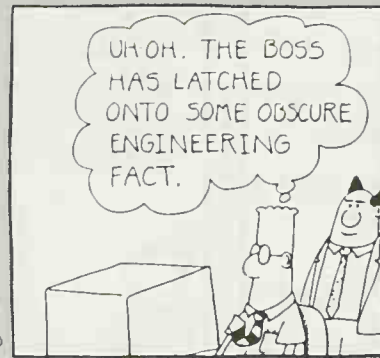
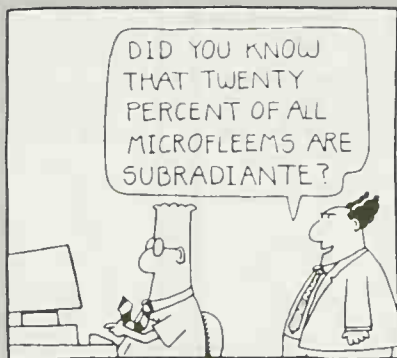


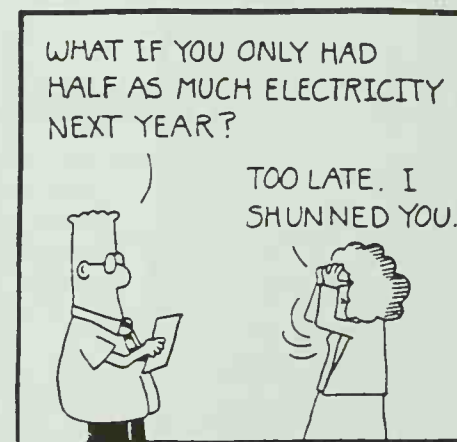
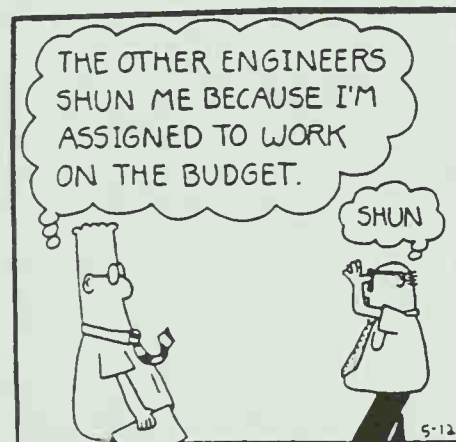
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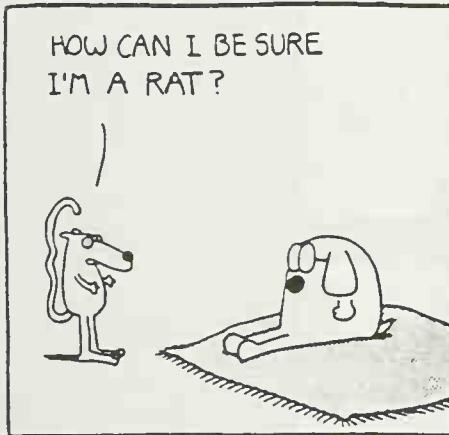




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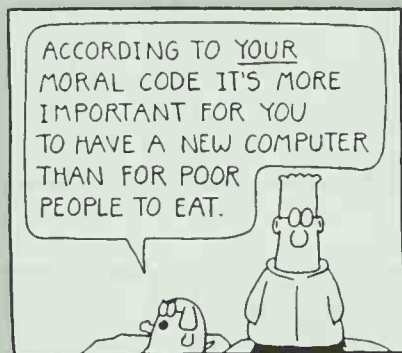
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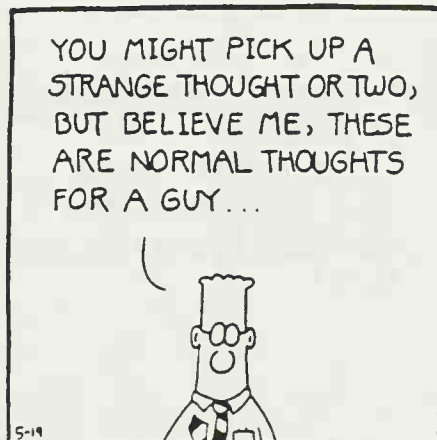
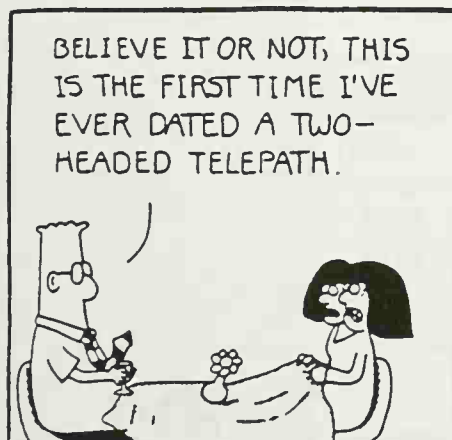
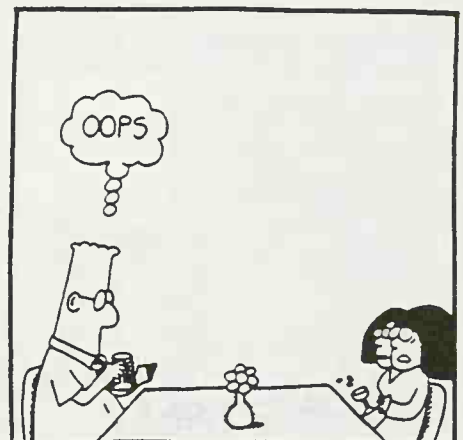
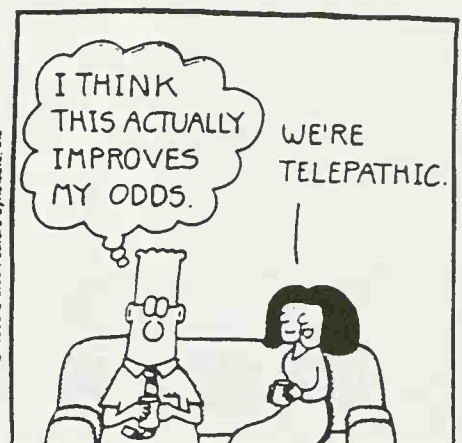
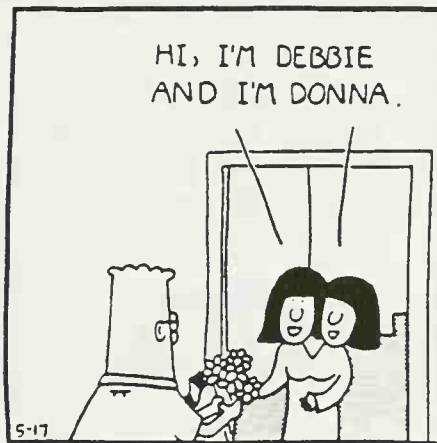
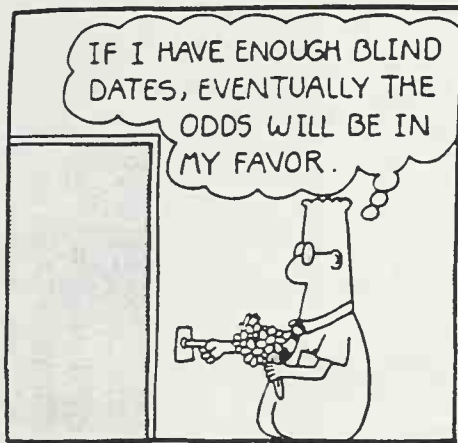


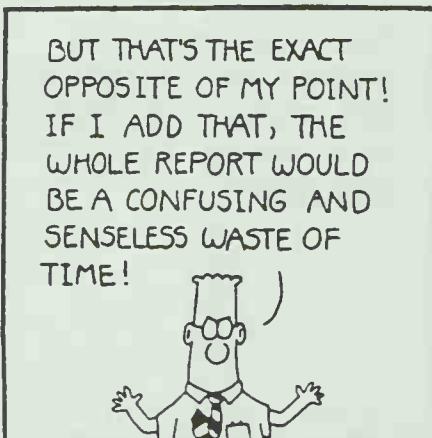
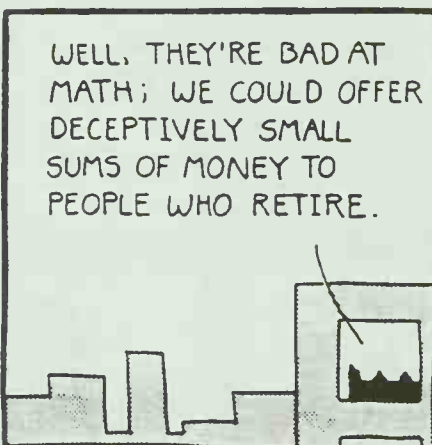
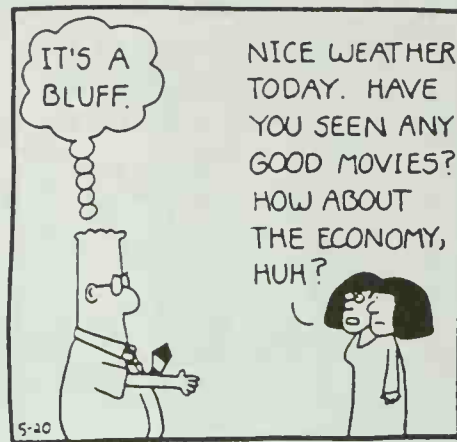
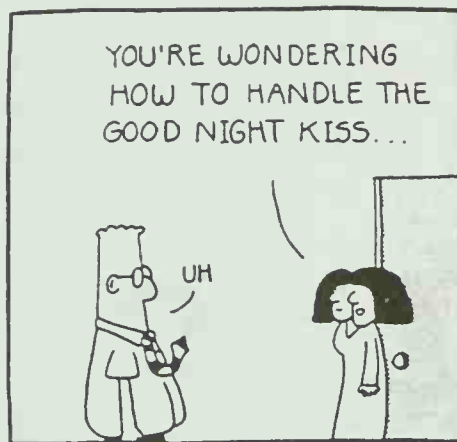
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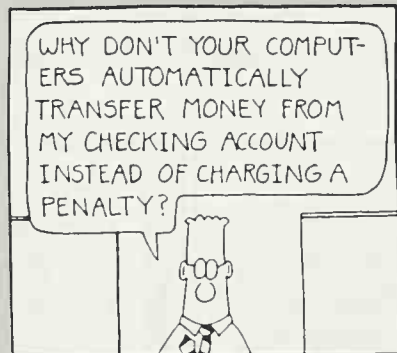
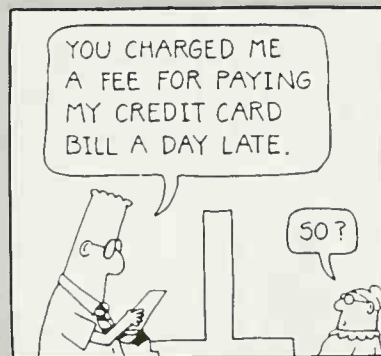






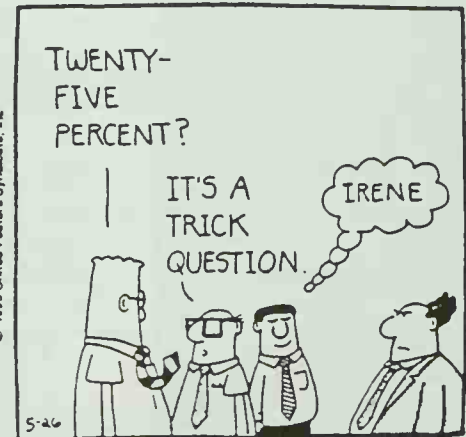
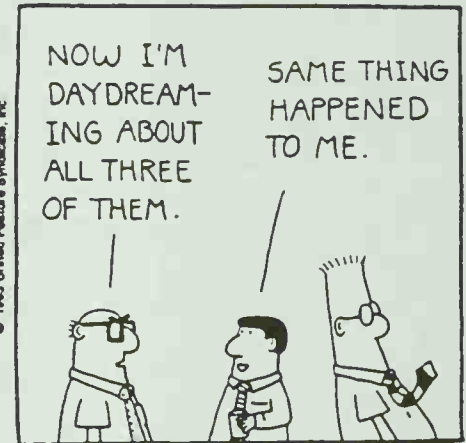
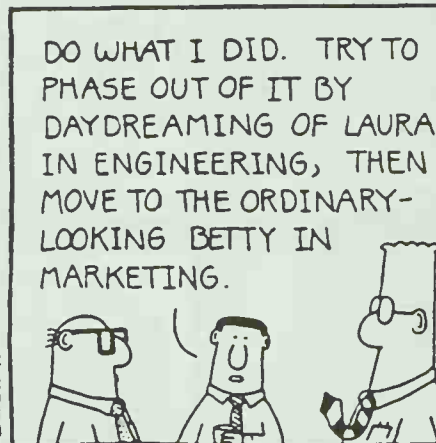


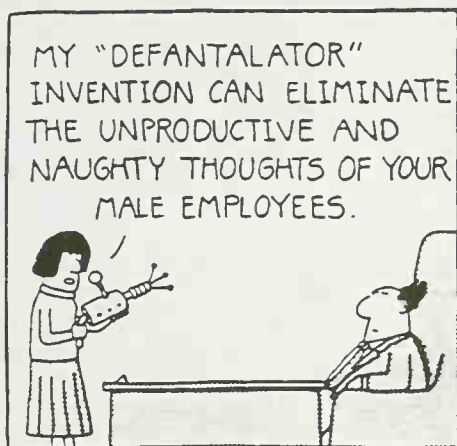
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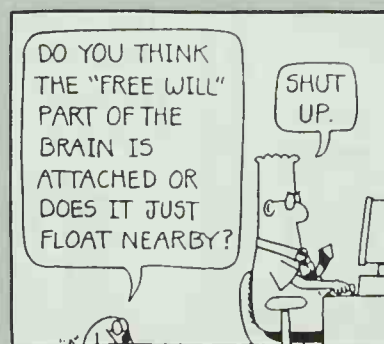
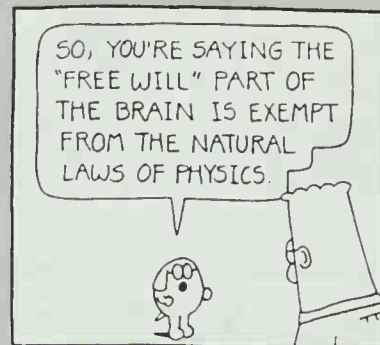
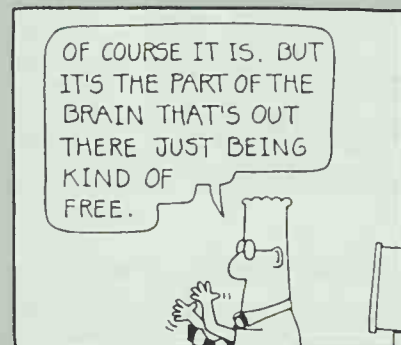
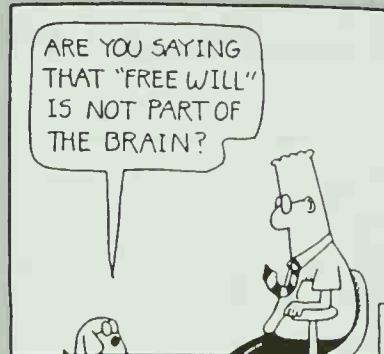
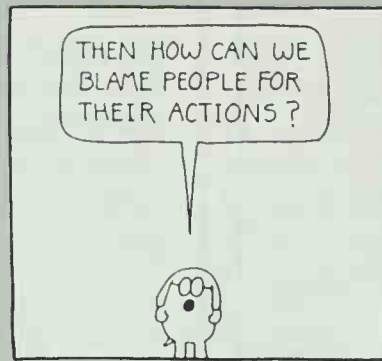
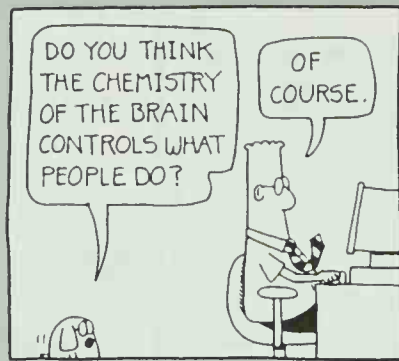


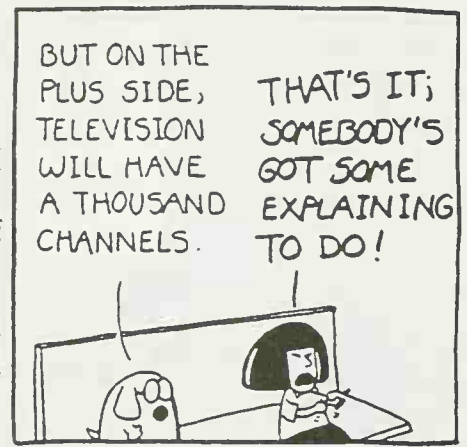
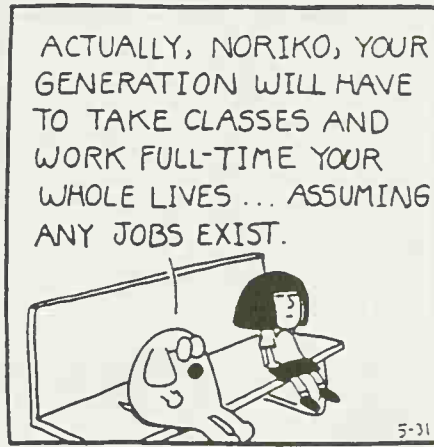
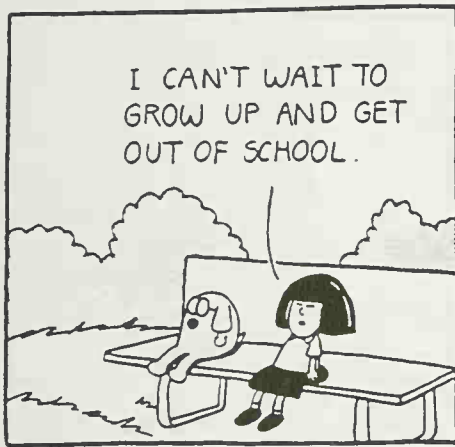
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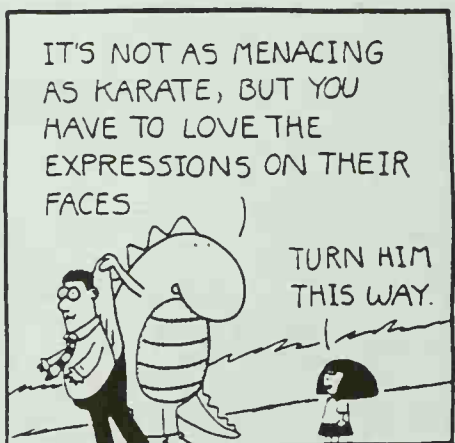
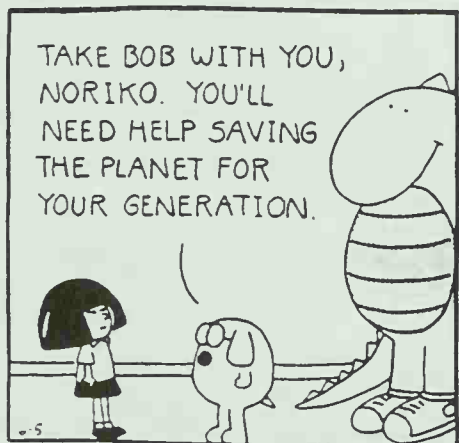
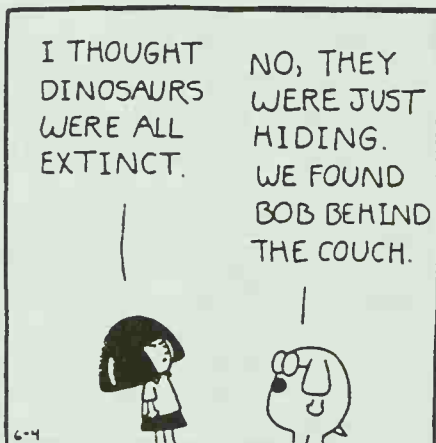
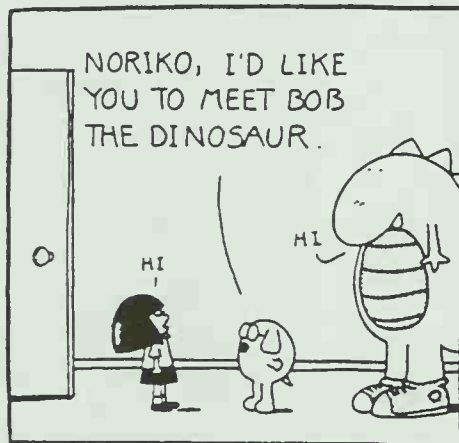
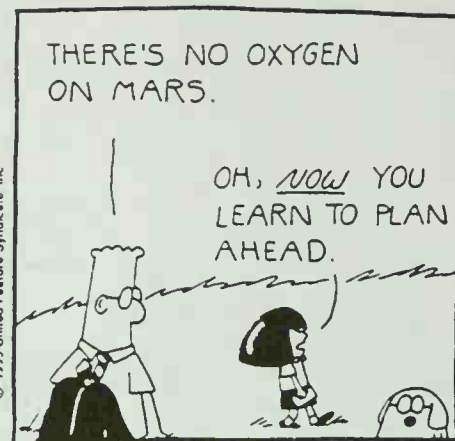
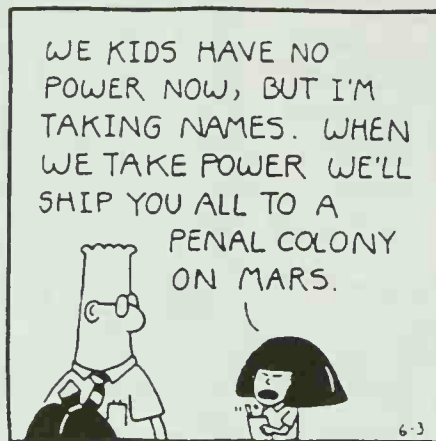
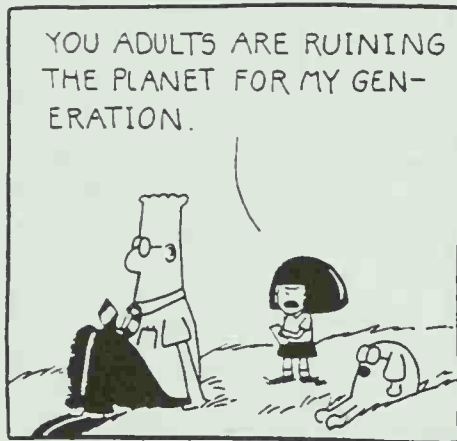


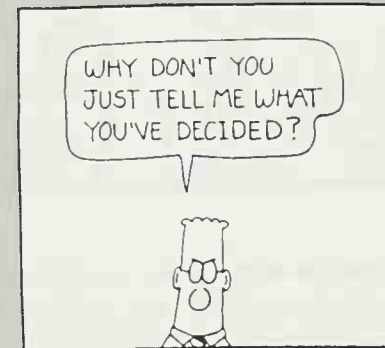
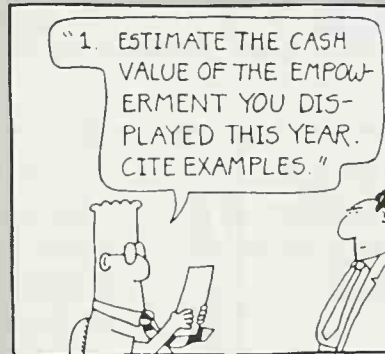






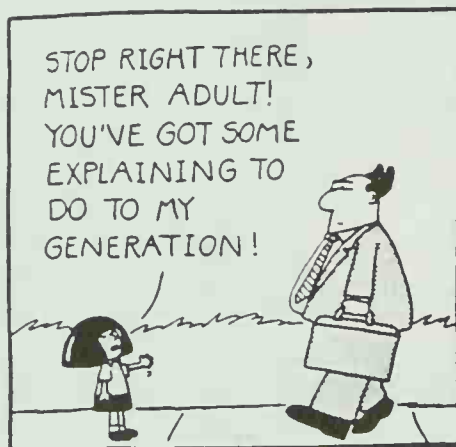




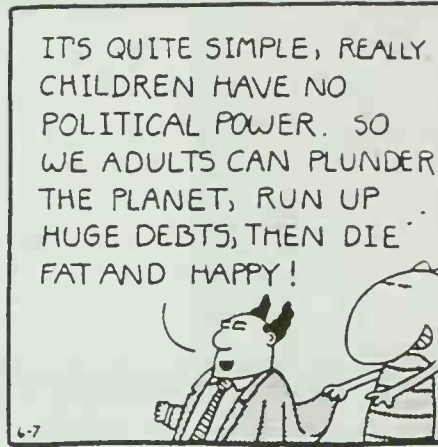


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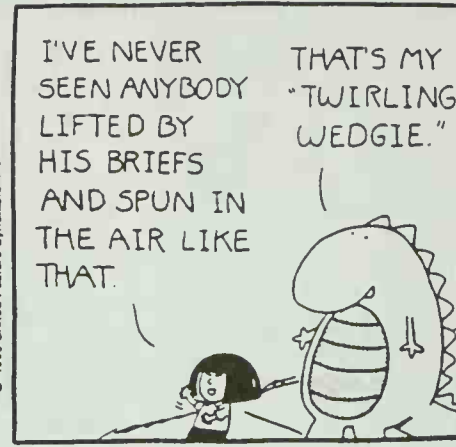
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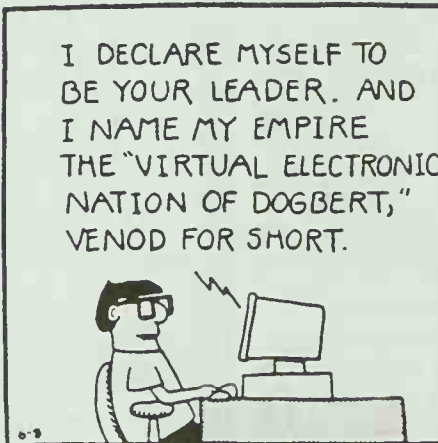
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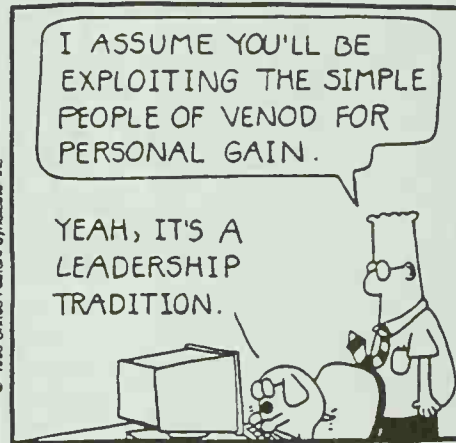
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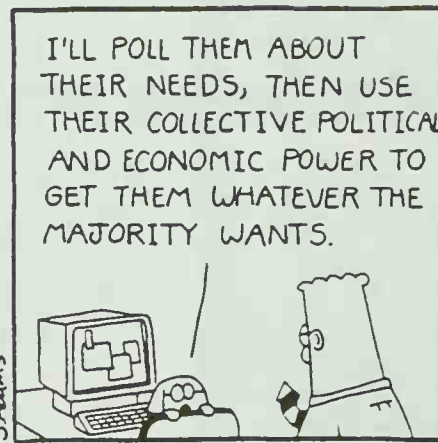


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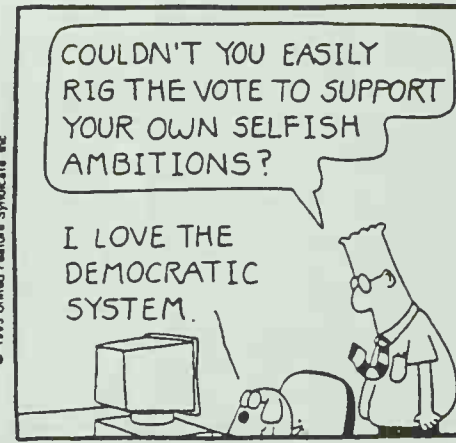


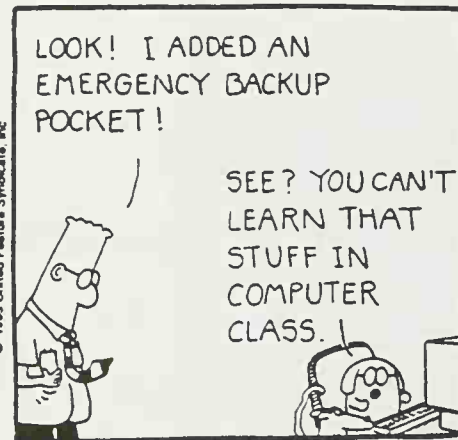
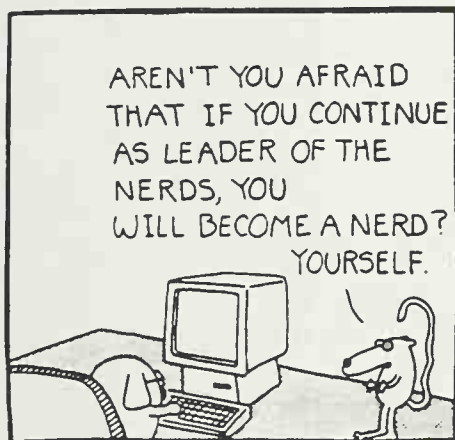
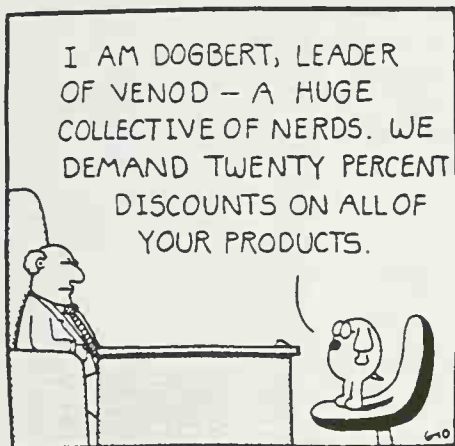
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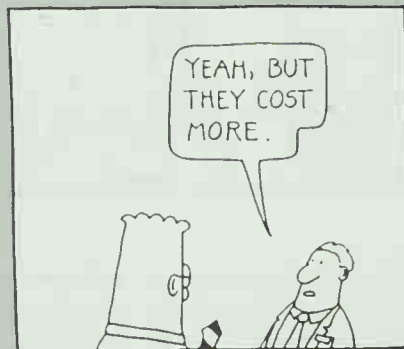
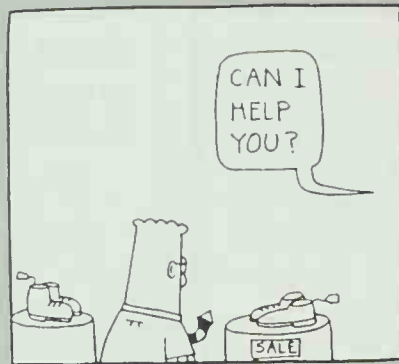
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DOGBERT'S SEMINAR ON
MANAGEMENT ZOMBIES

THE SUCCESSFUL
ZOMBIE KNOWS
HOW TO SQUASH
THE CREATIVITY
OF CO-WORKERS.



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WHEN YOU HEAR A NEW
IDEA, ADOPT A FACIAL
EXPRESSION WHICH
CONVEYS BOTH FEAR AND
AN UTTER LACK OF
COMPREHENSION.



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THOSE OF YOU WHO
WORK IN MARKETING
ONLY NEED TO ADD
THE FEAR PART.

WHY IS
THAT?



DOGBERT'S SEMINAR ON
MANAGEMENT ZOMBIES

TO BE A ZOMBIE YOU
MUST DRINK THE
ZOMBIE ELIXIR.



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THE ZOMBIE ELIXIR
WILL REMOVE ANY
DISTRACTING THOUGHTS
OF SLEEP OR FAMILY
LIFE.



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IT LOOKS LIKE
COFFEE.



YOU HAVE TO
ADD ONE
SCOOP OF
ZOMBIE
SUGAR.



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DOGBERT'S SEMINAR ON
MANAGEMENT ZOMBIES

AS A ZOMBIE, YOU
MUST SPEAK IN
EMPTY GENERAL-
ITIES.



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YOUR BUSINESS PLAN
MIGHT SAY "WE
STRIVE TO UTILIZE A
VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES
TO ACCOMPLISH A
BROAD SPECTRUM OF
RESULTS TOWARD THE
BOTTOM LINE."



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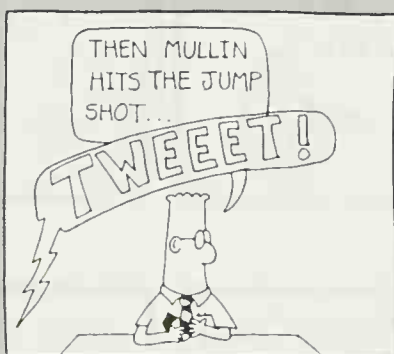
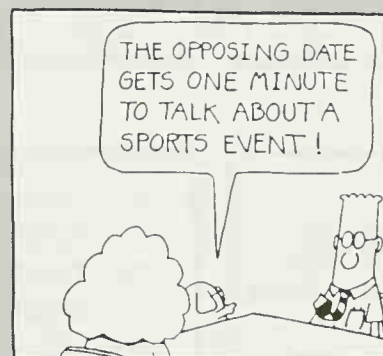
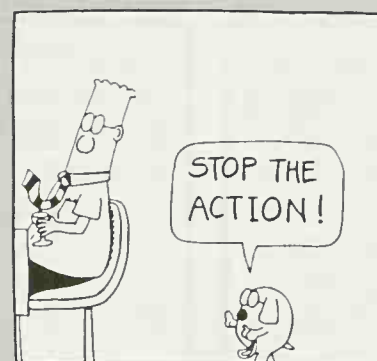
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CLAMMY AND I HAVE THE
URGE TO CALL A MEETING!

ME TOO!



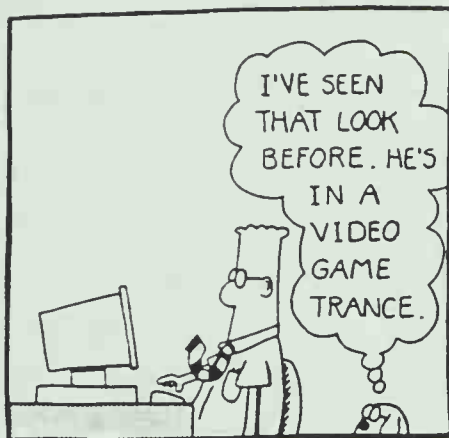
GOOD...
GOOD...



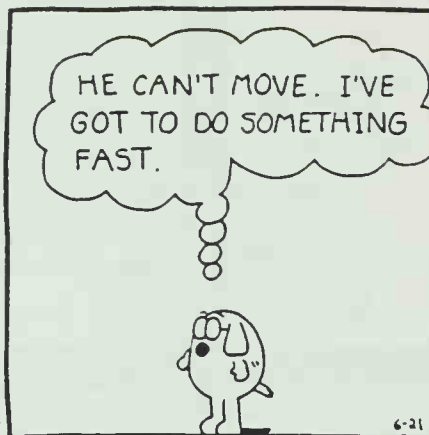


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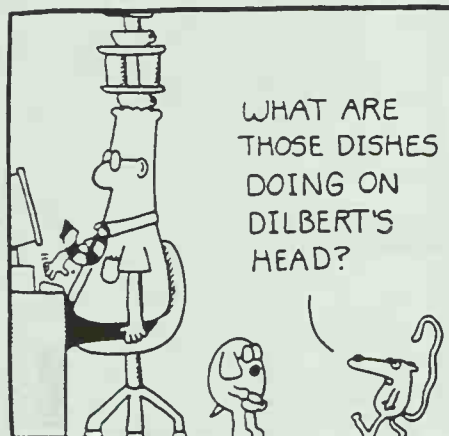
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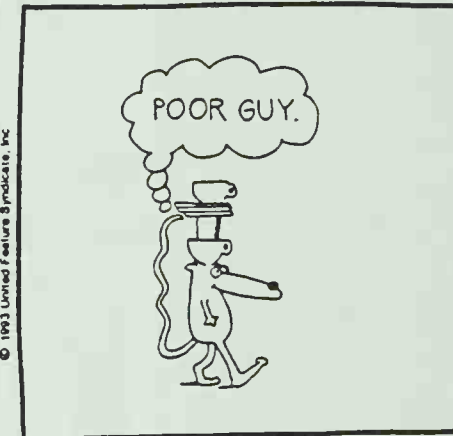
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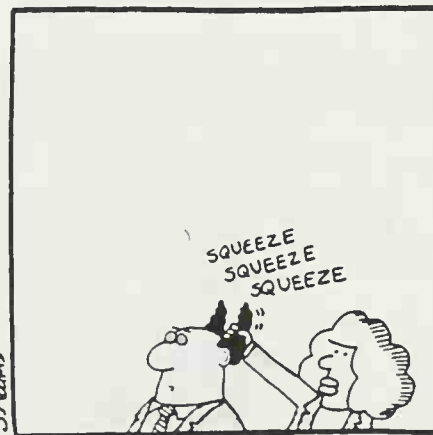
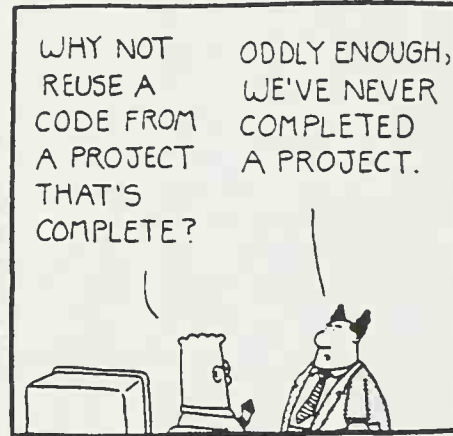
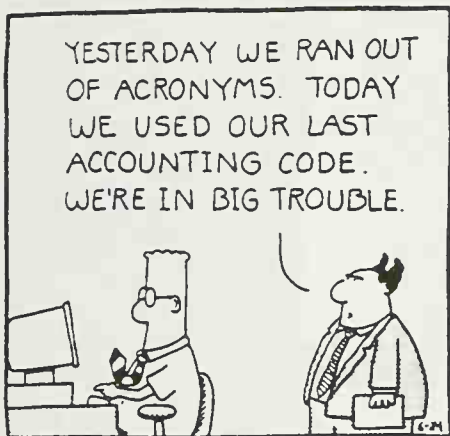
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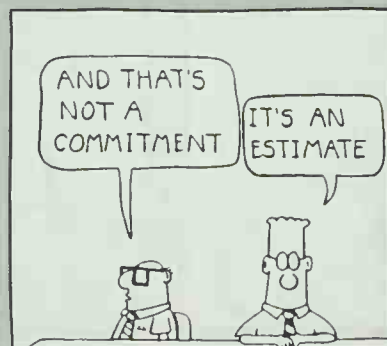
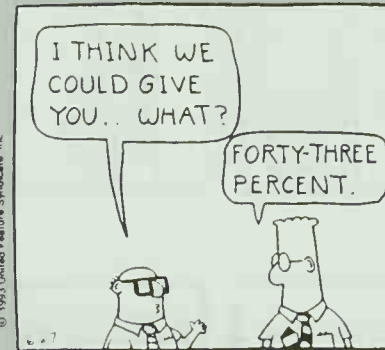
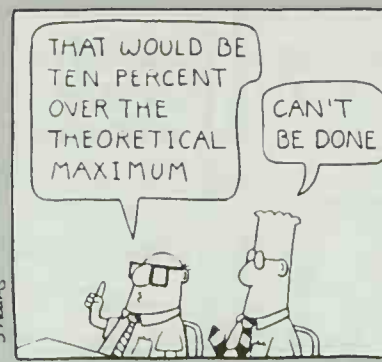


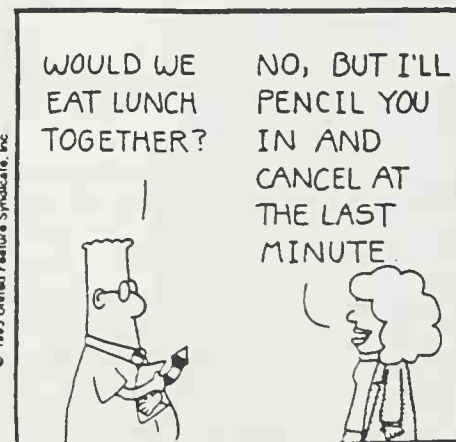
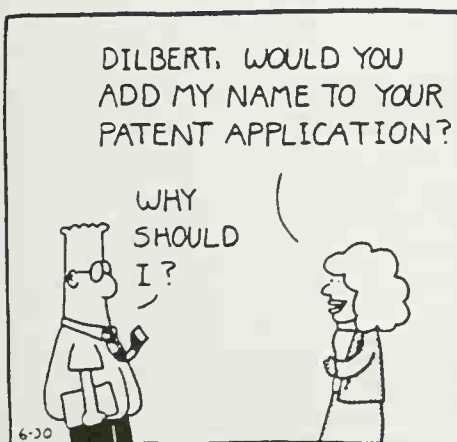
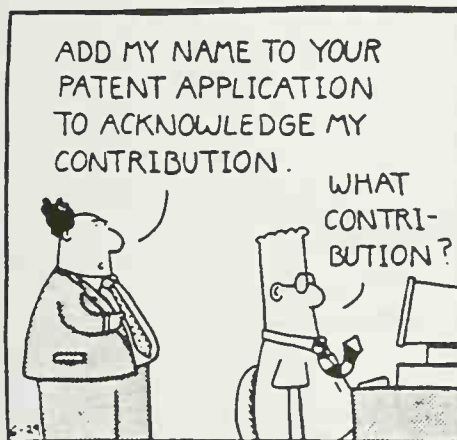
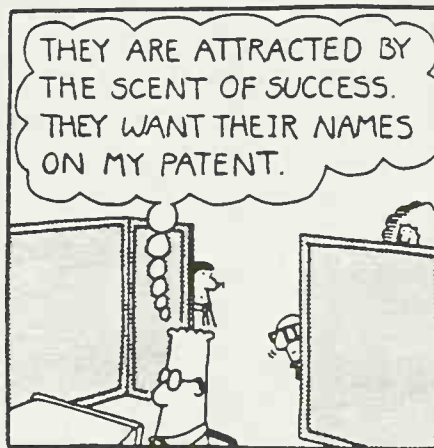
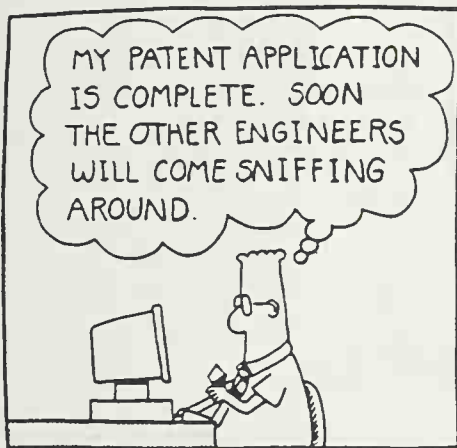
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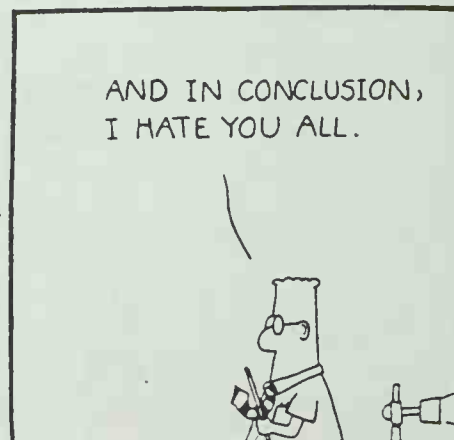
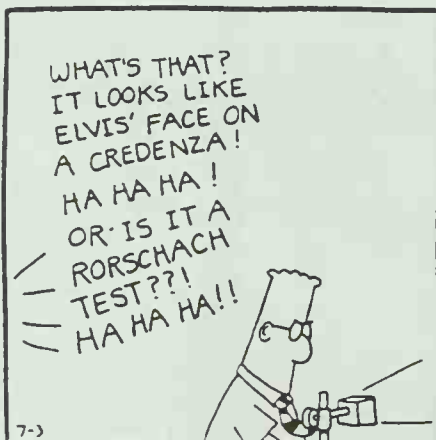
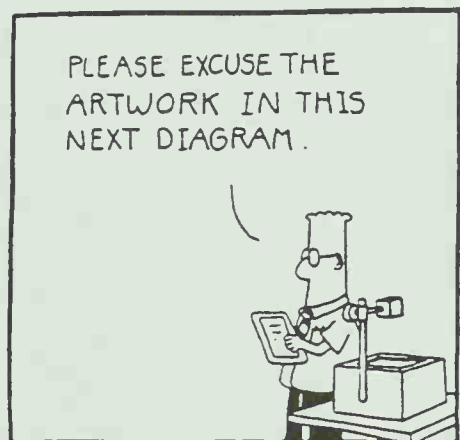
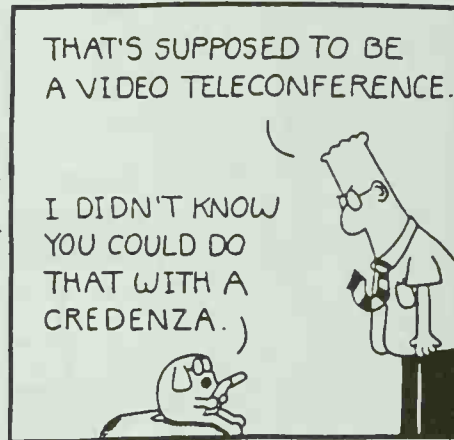
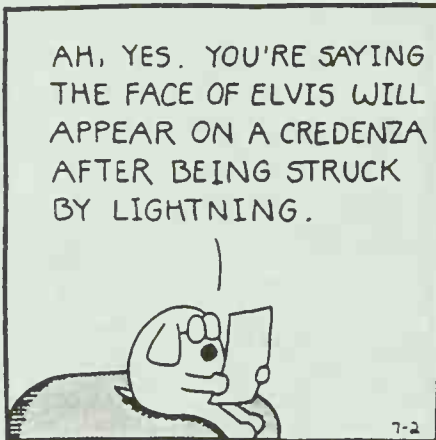
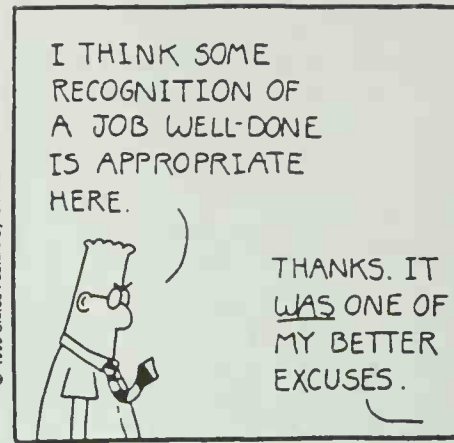
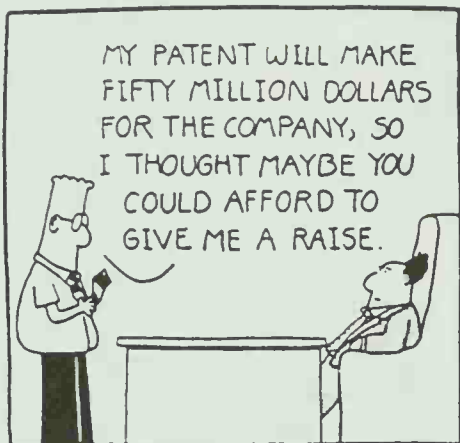


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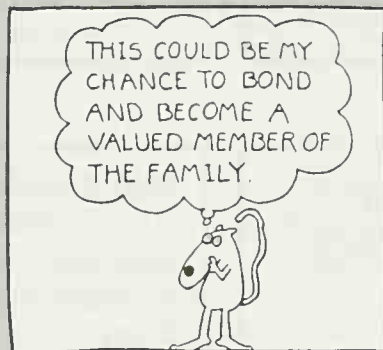
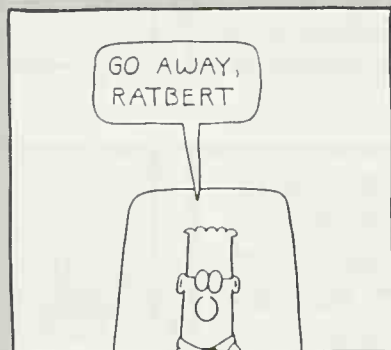
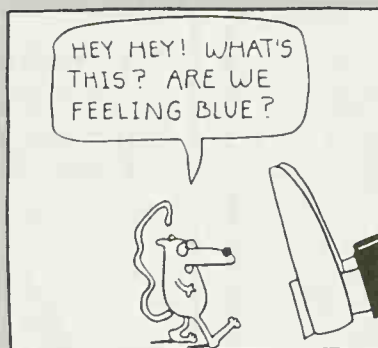








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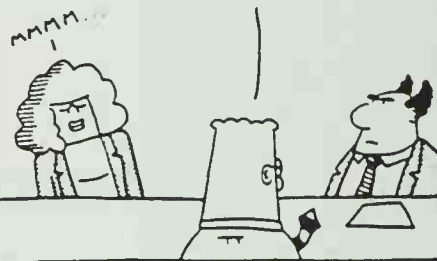
LET'S START WITH A
BRAINSTORMING
EXERCISE. ALICE,
YOU GO FIRST.



I IMAGINE MYSELF
NOT SURROUNDED
BY DULL, UNATTRAC-
TIVE, AND LARGELY
CLUELESS MEN.



I THINK SHE
JUST INSULTED
YOU GUYS.



I'VE IDENTIFIED
THE BRAIN CHEMICAL
THAT CONTROLS
HAPPINESS.



AND I FOUND THE EXACT
MIX OF FRUIT AND
VEGETABLE JUICES THAT
STIMULATE ITS PRODUC-
TION.



DO YOU
REALIZE
WHAT THIS
MEANS?

YEAH. FRUITS
AND VEGET-
ABLES WILL
BE BANNED
BY THE GOV-
ERNMENT.



WE'RE THE GOVERNMENT. WE
CAME TO CONFISCATE YOUR
SO-CALLED "HAPPINESS
DRUG."



IT'S NOT A DRUG! IT'S
JUST A MIXTURE OF FRUITS
AND VEGETABLES THAT
MAKES YOU FEEL HAPPY!
YOU CAN'T OUTLAW
GOOD NUTRITION!



HMM... I
GUESS THAT
WOULDN'T
MAKE SENSE,
WOULD IT?

IGNORE
HIM. HE'S
A NEW
GUY.



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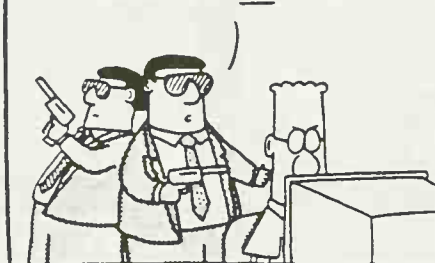
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ERASE ALL THE FORMULAS
FOR MAKING YOUR
"HAPPINESS POTION" AND
WE WON'T JAIL YOU.

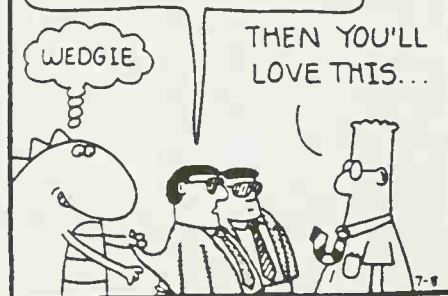


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YOU CITIZENS ONLY HAVE
THE RIGHT TO PURSUE
HAPPINESS — YOU'RE NOT
ALLOWED TO BE HAPPY.



CITIZENS NEED DISCOMFORT
IN ORDER TO BE PRODUC-
TIVE AND FULFILLED.



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WHAT ARE
YOU MAKING?

COMMEMORATIVE
COLLECTIBLE
PLATES.



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ONE OF THE MYSTERIES
OF LIFE IS THAT YOU
CAN PUT ANY PICTURE
ON A PLATE AND HORDES
OF MORONS WILL WANT
TO OWN IT.



WOW! AN ACORN!
AND IT'S ON A
PLATE!

WHAT'S IT
LIKE TO BE
A MEMBER
OF A HORDE?



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YOU ALREADY OWN THE
"ACORN SERIES" OF
DOGBERT'S COMMEMORATIVE
PLATES...



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FOR A LIMITED TIME
YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE
MY NEW ISSUE: THE
"FRENCH GUY WITH A
HAT" SERIES.

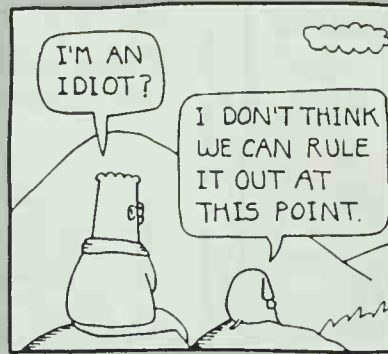
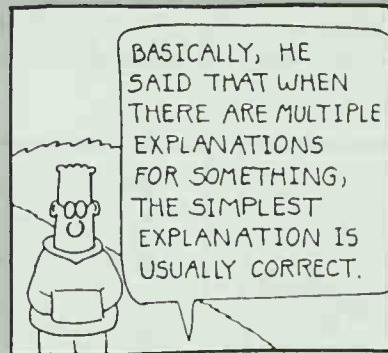
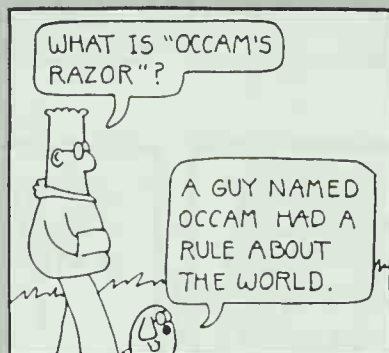


MY ACORN PLATES
ARE MISSING.

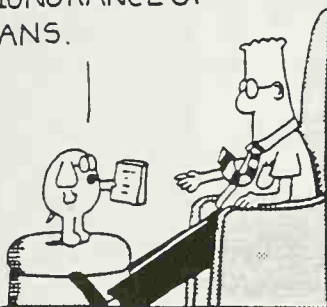
TOMORROW I'LL
INTRODUCE MY
NEW SERIES:
"RUSSIAN WITH
FRENCH HAT."



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I THOUGHT OF ANOTHER
WAY TO PROFIT FROM
THE IGNORANCE OF
HUMANS.



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I WROTE "THE DOGBERT
FORMULA FOR HEALTH."
I RECOMMEND A DAILY
DOSE OF FOOD, SLEEP
AND EXERCISE.



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AND FOR ONLY \$19.95
YOU CAN BUY THE
PATENTED "DOGBERT
JOGGEROBIC CARPET
PATCH" TO HELP YOU
RUN IN PLACE.



ARE YOU TIRED OF FAD
DIETS AND FAD EXER-
CISE DEVICES?



YES I
AM!



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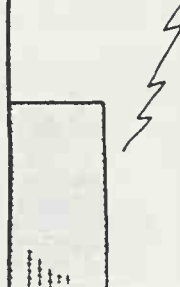
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THEN BUY MY BOOK AND
GET THE REVOLUTIONARY
JOGGEROBIC CARPET
PATCH FOR ONLY \$19.95
PLUS SHIPPING AND
HANDLING.



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TO PROVE IT WORKS, WE
PHOTOGRAPHED AN ACTUAL
ATHLETE.



PICTURES
DON'T LIE!



IT LOOKS LIKE SALES OF
THE "DOGBERT JOGGEROBIC
CARPET PATCH" ARE BRISK.

YEAH, AND I'M
LOOKING TO
EXPAND.



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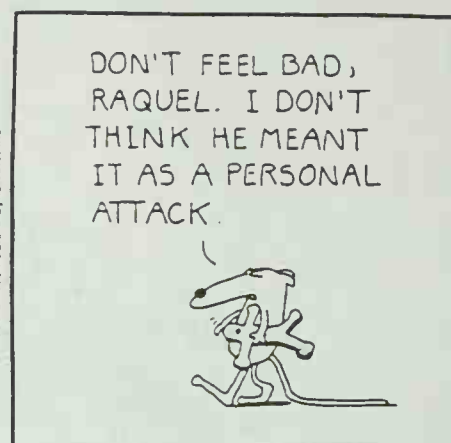
RATBERT IS BUSY
RESEARCHING NEW
PRODUCT CONCEPTS
FOR THE CARPET
PATCH.



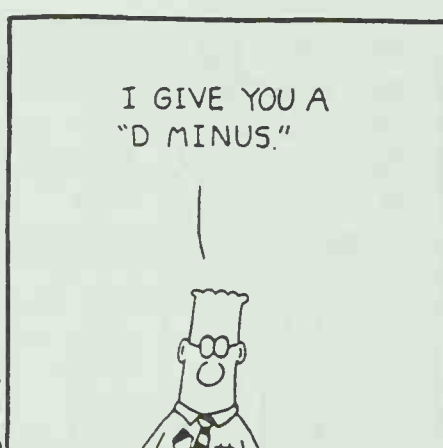
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"CARPET CLUB
FOR MEN"

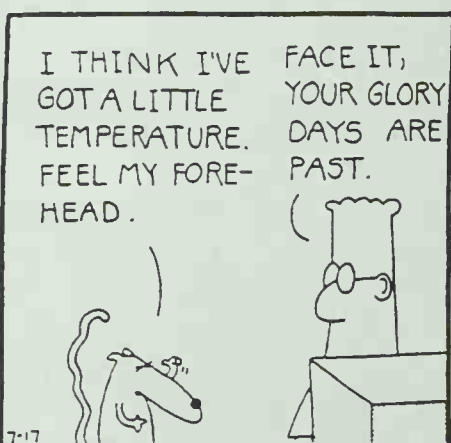
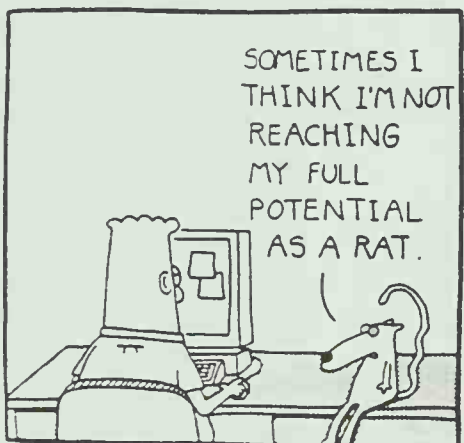




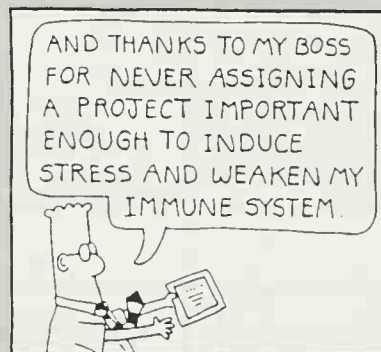
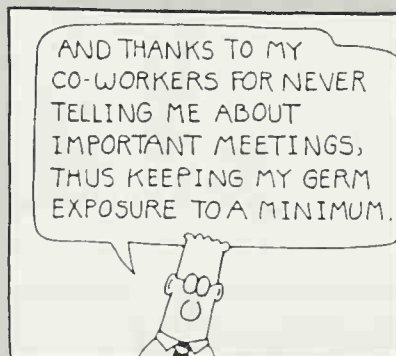
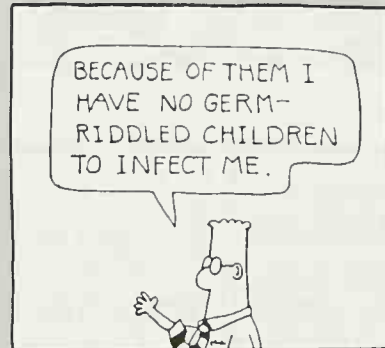
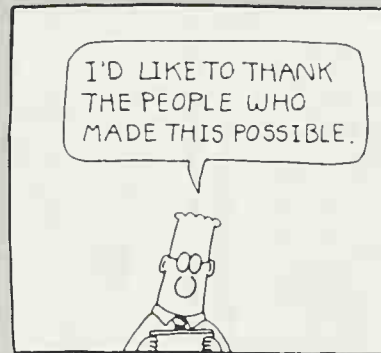
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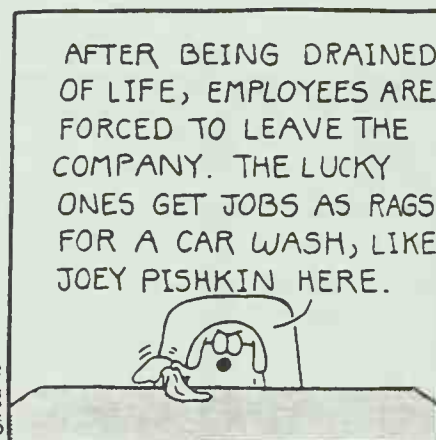
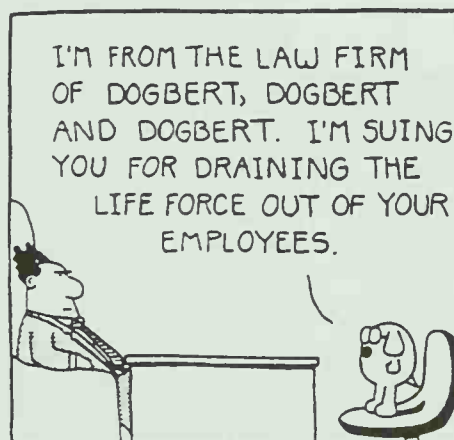
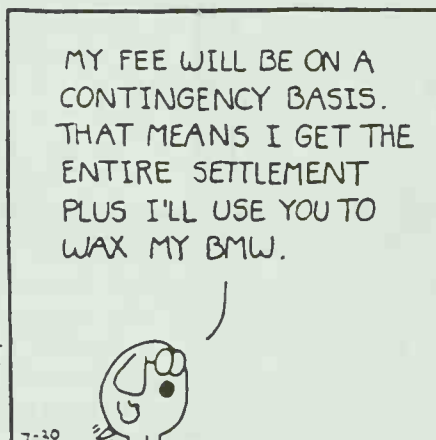


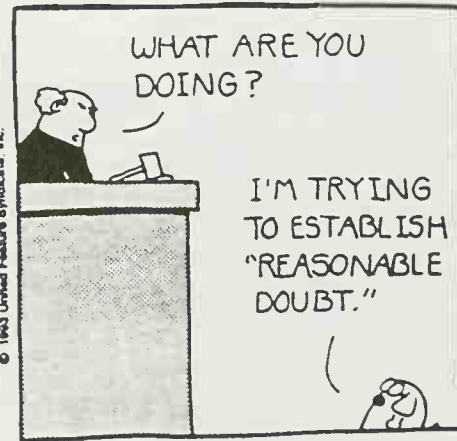
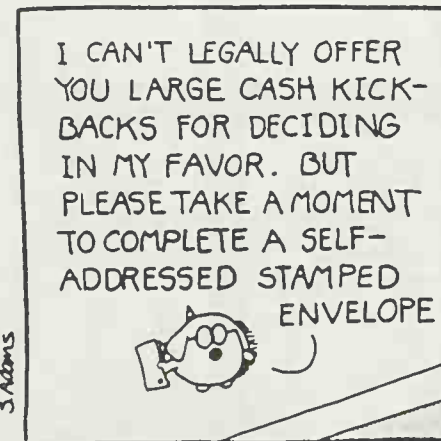
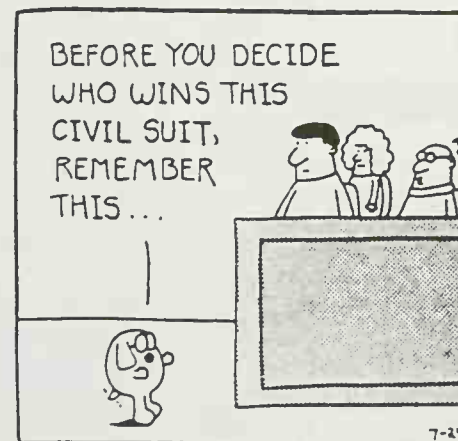
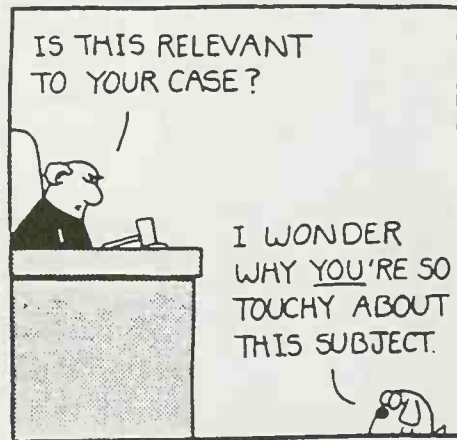
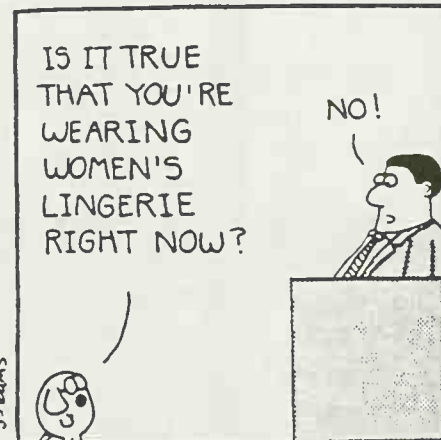
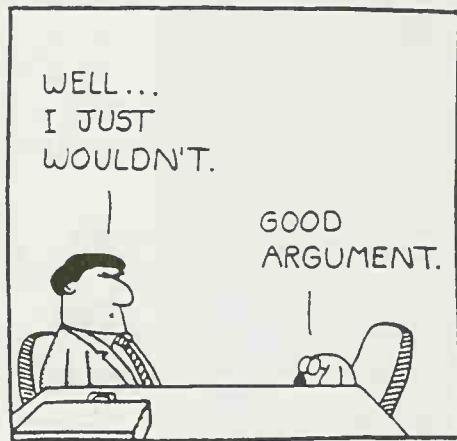
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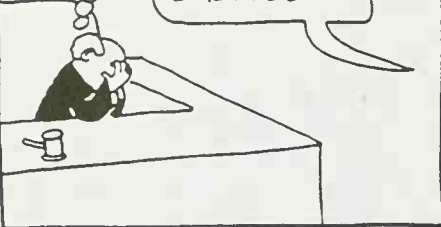


WE AWARD DOGBERT
FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS
BECAUSE WE HATE BIG
COMPANIES AND WE
LIKE LITTLE DOGS WITH
GLASSES.

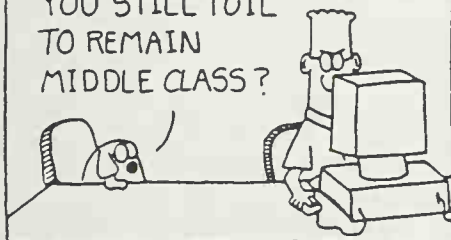


I HATE
MY LIFE.

AND WE AWARD
A MAYTAG DRYER
TO JUROR MINDY
FOR BEING "BEST
DRESSED."



DOES IT BOTHER YOU
THAT I WON FIFTY
MILLION DOLLARS IN
MY LAWSUIT, WHEREAS
YOU STILL TOIL
TO REMAIN
MIDDLE CLASS?



DOES IT BOTHER YOU
TO KNOW THAT I
COULD BUY YOU AND
SELL YOU... HOW
MANY TIMES?



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TIMES.

HEY, IT'S
GONE UP
SINCE
LUNCH!



... SO I THOUGHT YOU
MIGHT USE SOME OF YOUR
NEWLY WON MILLIONS
TO FUND MY "BIOWORLD"
SCIENCE EXPERI-
MENT.



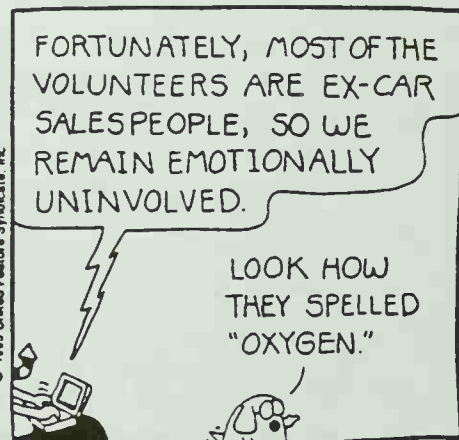
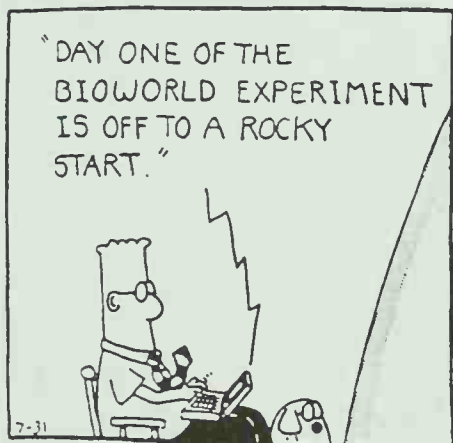
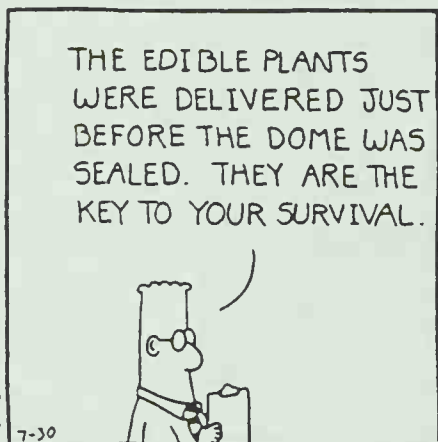
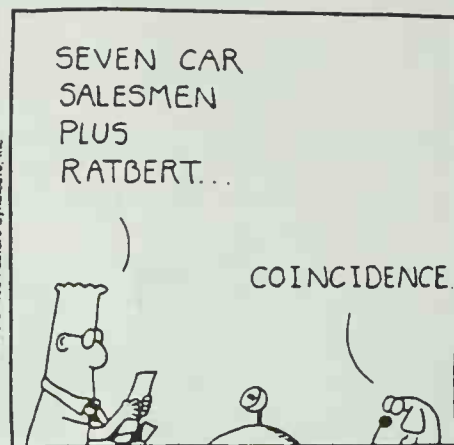
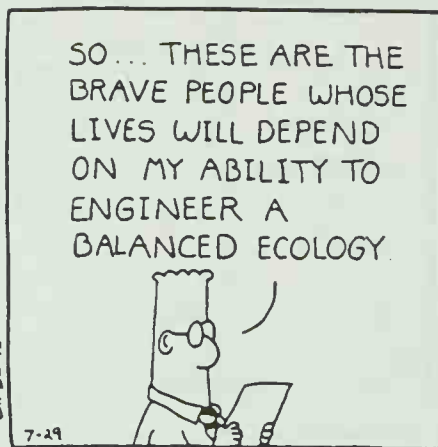
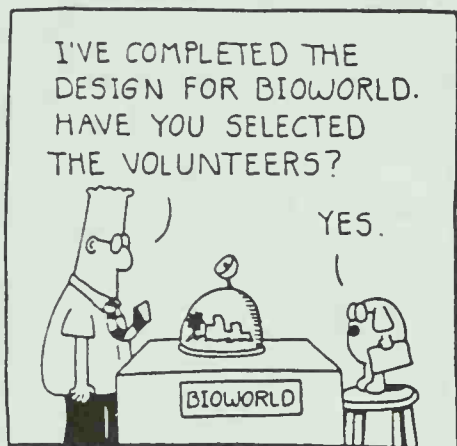
IT'S A COMPLETE ECOL-
OGY ENCLOSED IN AN
AIRTIGHT DOME. THE
SURVIVAL OF THE VOLUN-
TEERS WOULD DEPEND
ON MY FORESIGHT AND
ENGINEER-
ING SKILLS.

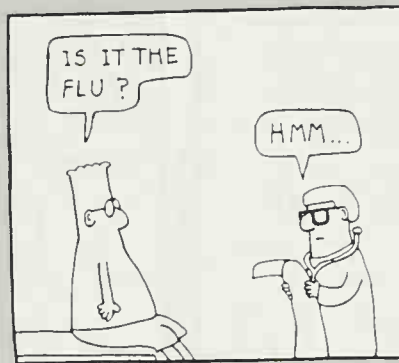


GEE, I THOUGHT IT WOULD
BE HARDER TO TALK YOU
INTO IT.

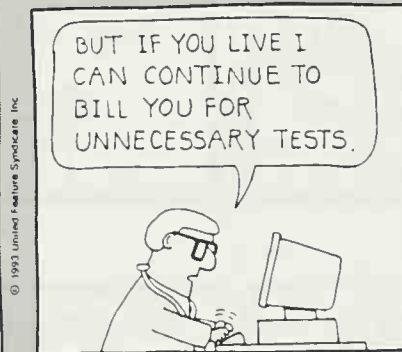
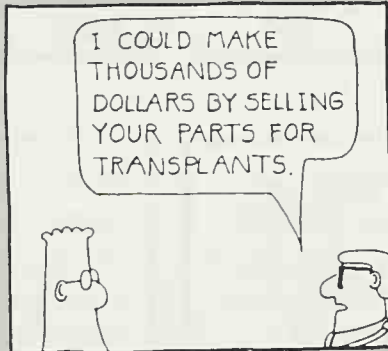
I GET TO
PICK THE
VOLUNTEERS
MYSELF.



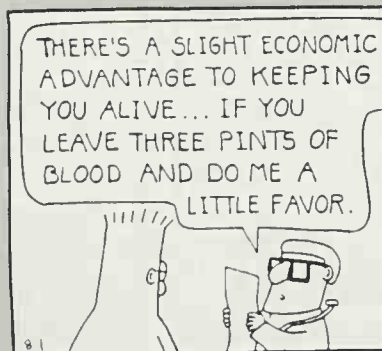


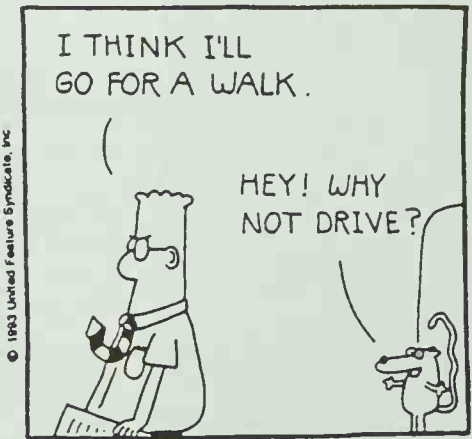
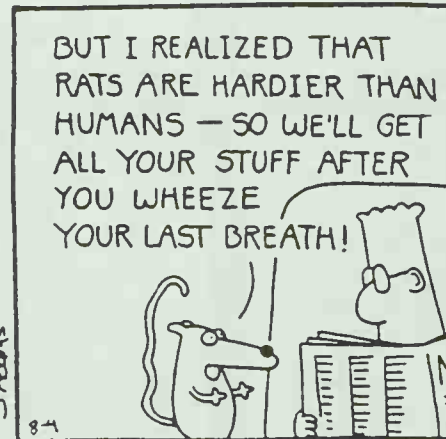
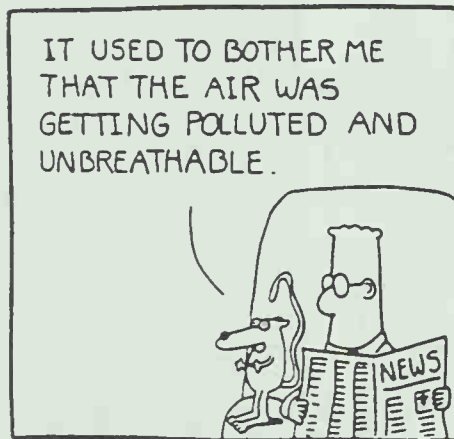
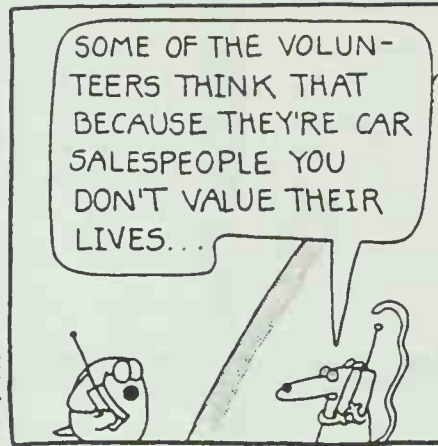
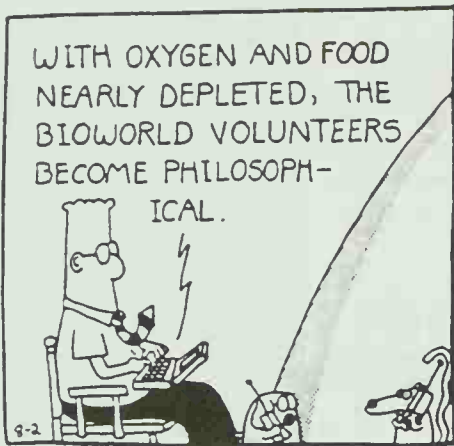


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YOU KNOW, AS A RAT
I'M FAR MORE LIKELY
TO SURVIVE A MAJOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
CALAMITY.



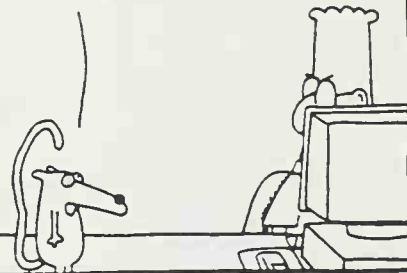
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AND THERE'S NO
SHORTAGE OF POTENTIAL
DISASTERS — YOU'VE
GOT GLOBAL WARMING,
OZONE DEPLETION,
AIR POLLUTION...



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CAN I TRY ON
ONE OF YOUR
SHIRTS?



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I'D MISS YOU IF
THE HUMAN RACE
DIED FROM
POLLUTION BUT
RATS LIVED
ON.



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SO I'M DEDICATING
MY LIFE TO LEARNING
THE SCIENCE OF
PRESERVING HUMAN-
KIND.



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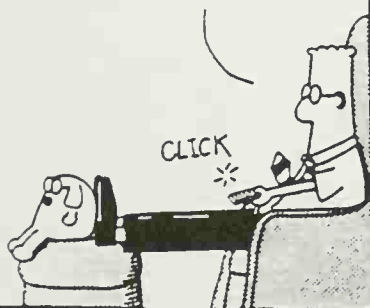
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PICKLING
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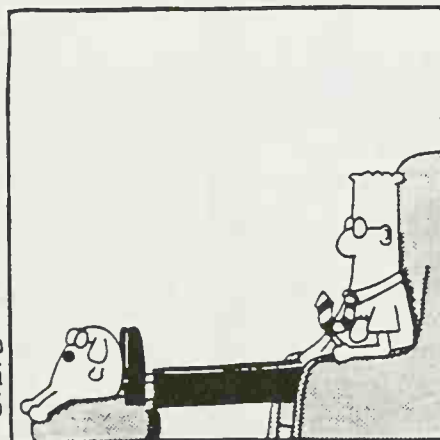


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THIS SHOW IS GARBAGE.
I WILL ESCHEW IT.



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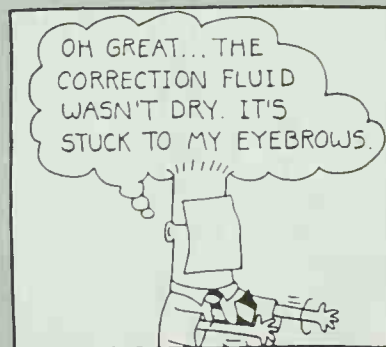
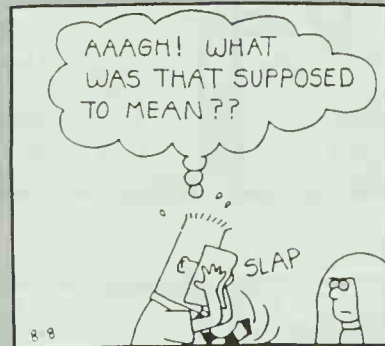
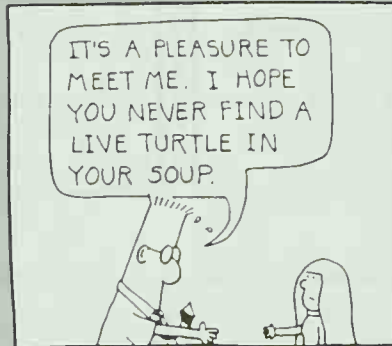
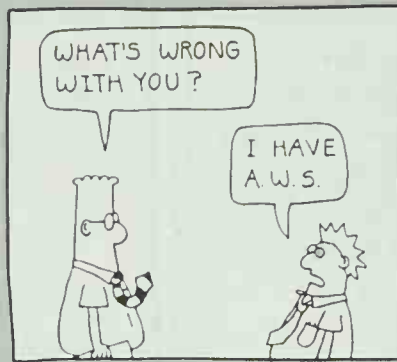
THAT
EXPLAINS
YOUR
BREATH.

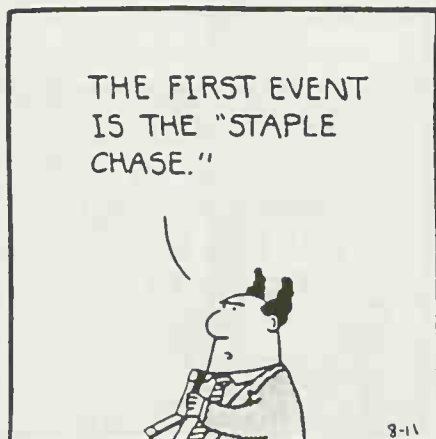
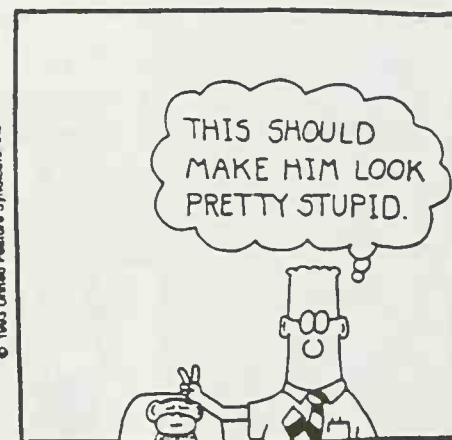
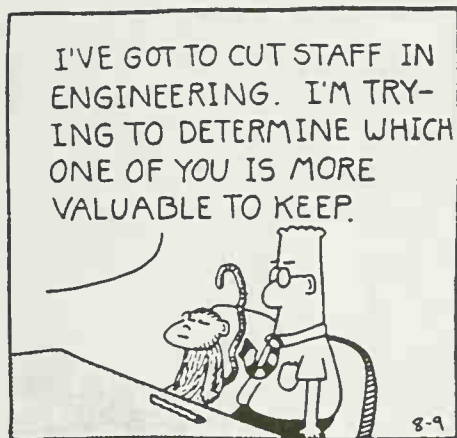
YOU'RE IN YOUR
OWN LITTLE
WORLD,
AREN'T YOU?

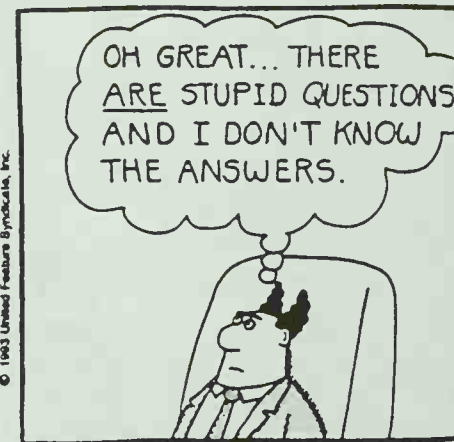
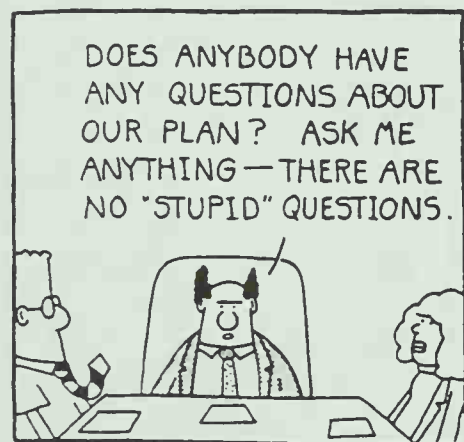
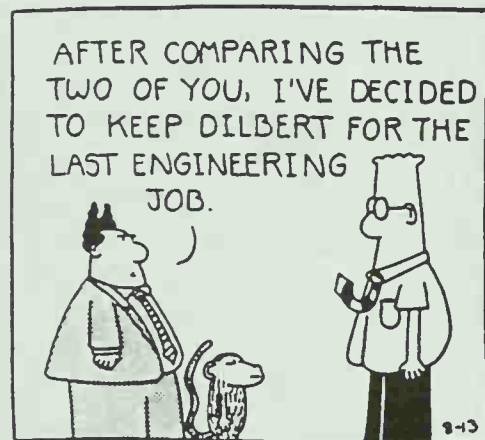


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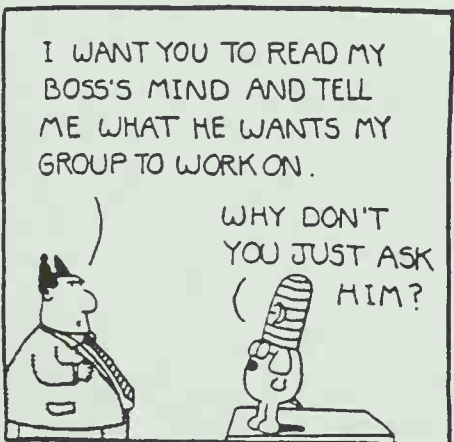
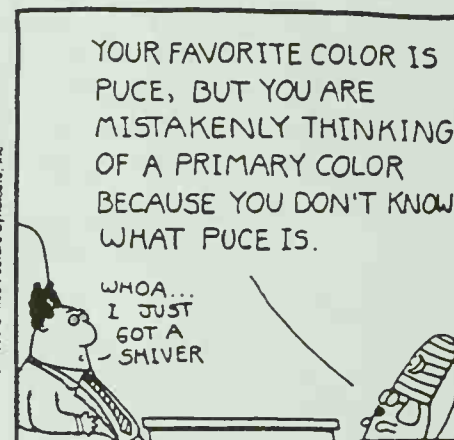
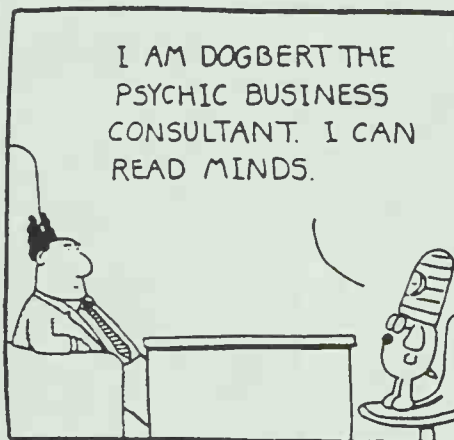
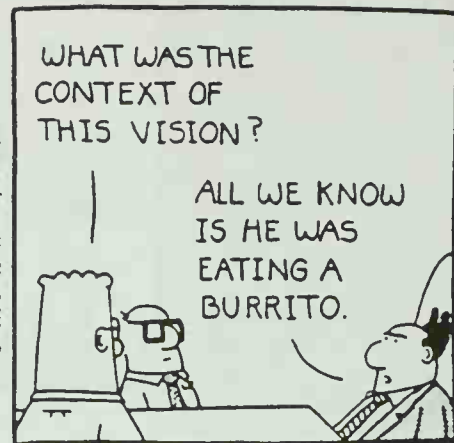
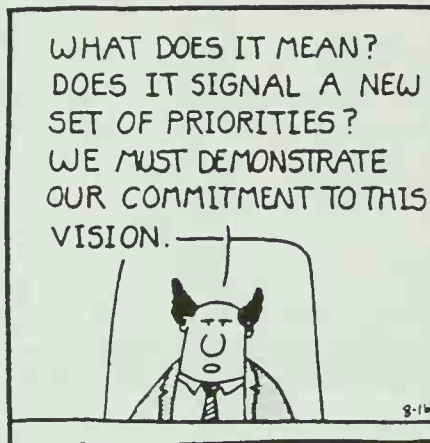
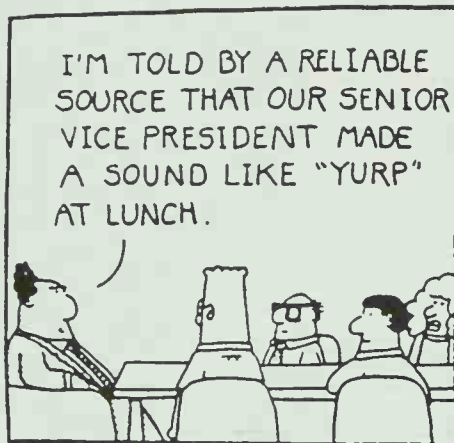
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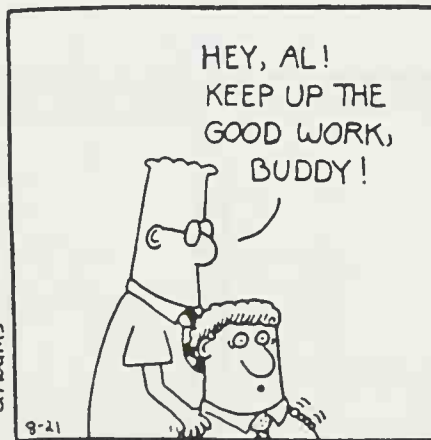
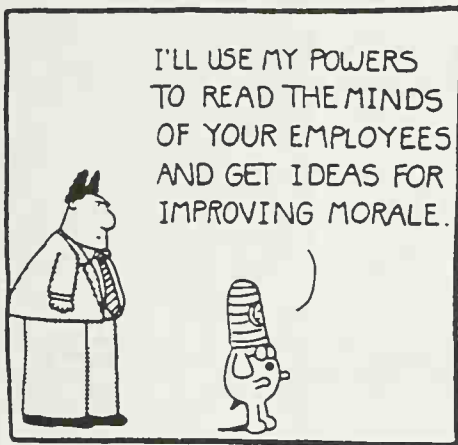


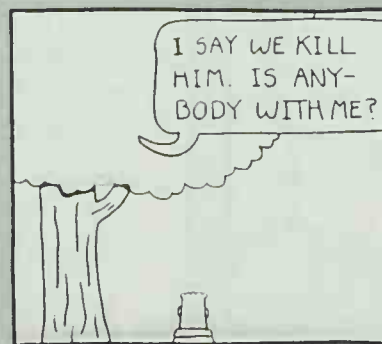
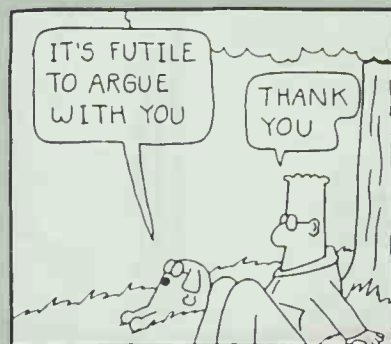
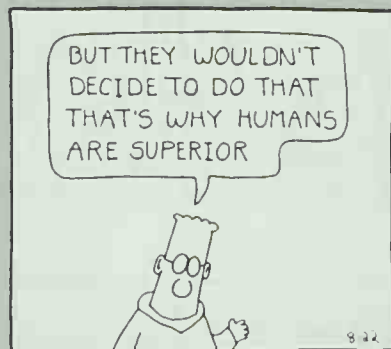
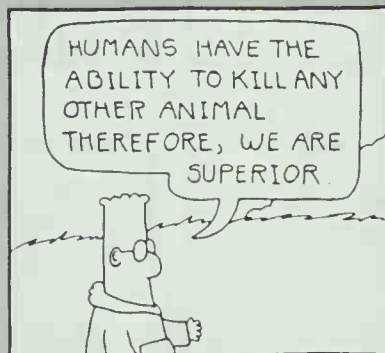
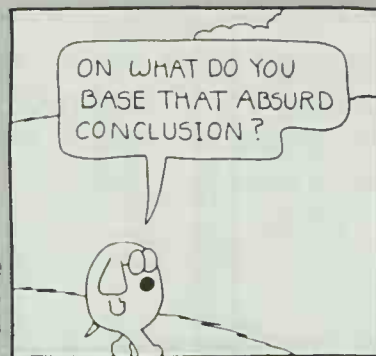


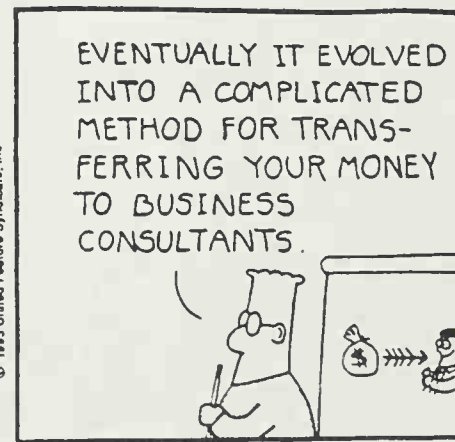
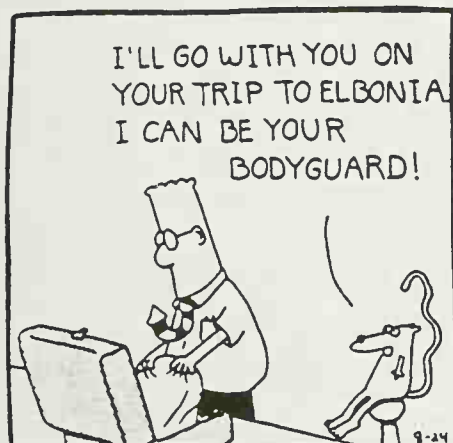


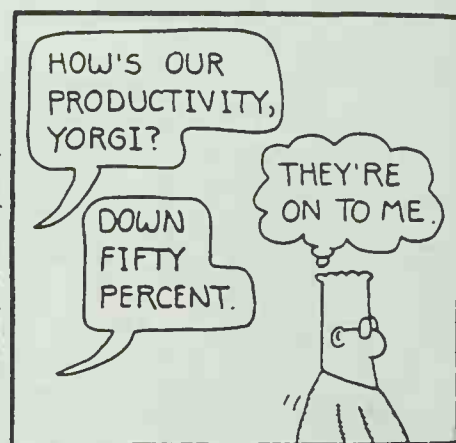
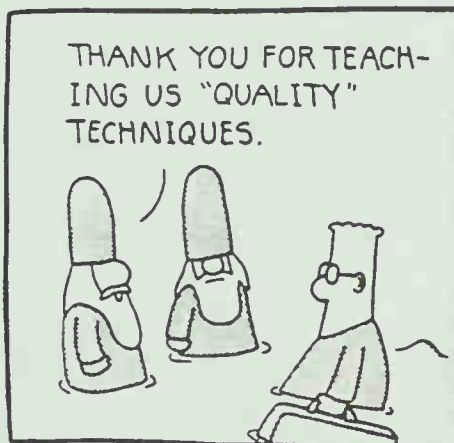
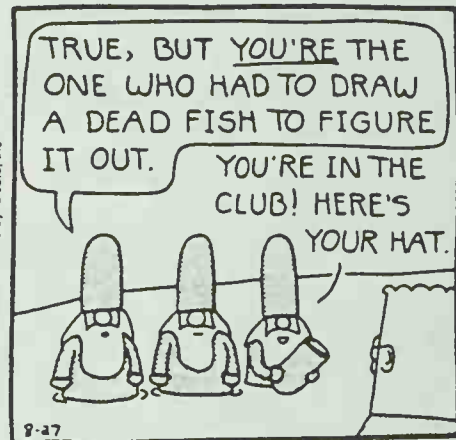
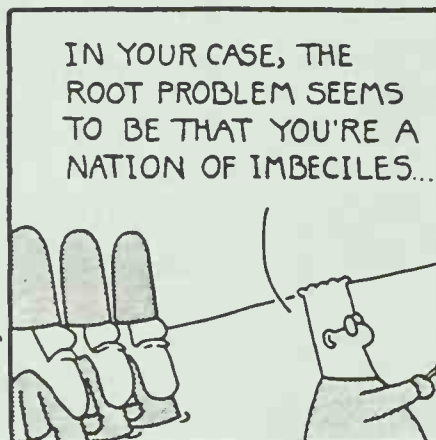
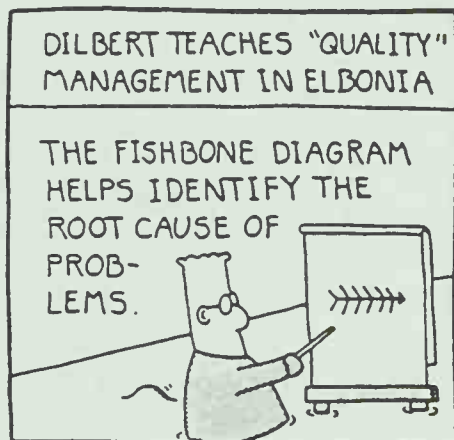
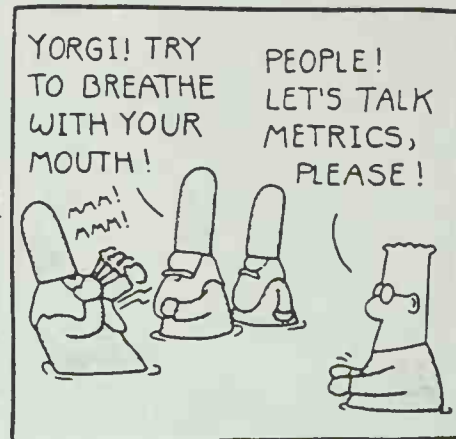
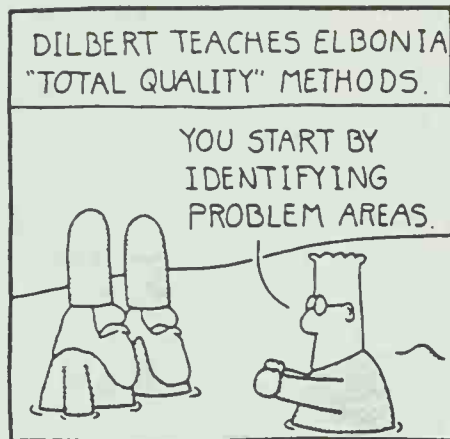














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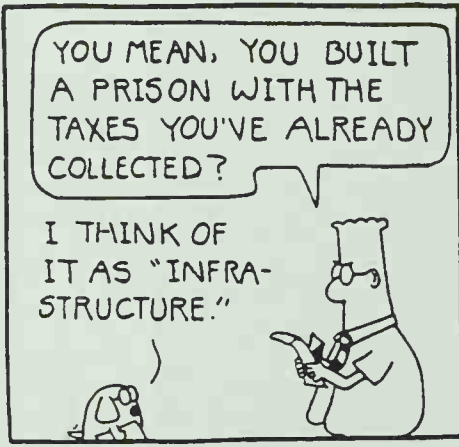
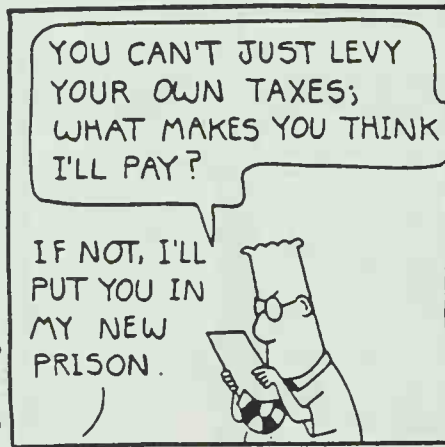
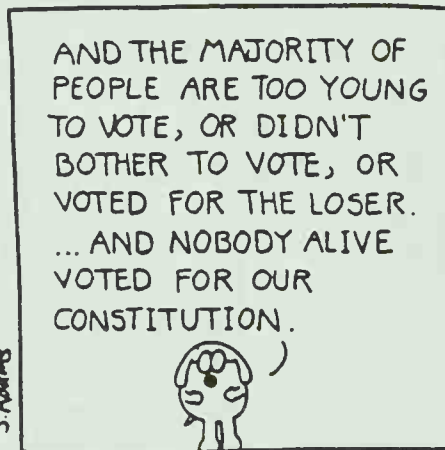
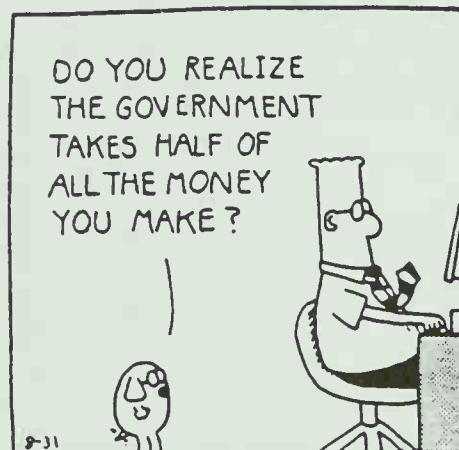
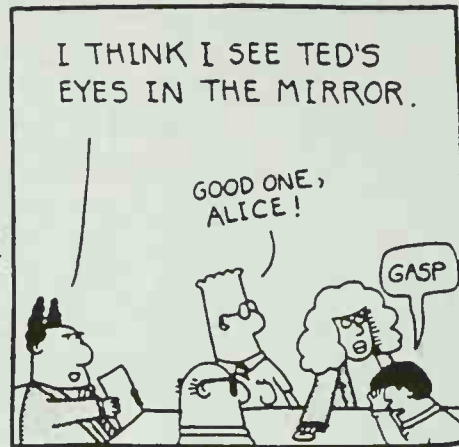
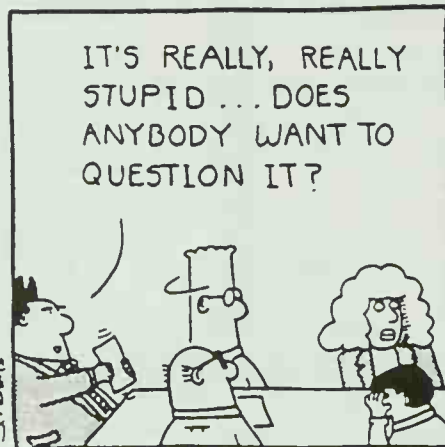


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LISTEN TO ME, BOB.
INDIVIDUALLY, WE'RE
NOTHING BUT A RAT
AND A DINOSAUR...



BUT IF WE TEAM UP
WE'D HAVE YOUR
MIGHTY STRENGTH
PLUS MY...UH...
MY...



BRAIN?

NO, THAT
DOESN'T
SOUND
RIGHT.



WHAT A TEAM
WE MAKE, BOB!



NOW I WON'T NEED TO
ACT PATHETIC TO GET
LOVE. I'LL GET ALL THE
SPILLOVER LOVE THAT
PEOPLE NATURALLY
HAVE FOR DINOSAURS!



EW! IT'S
A HUGE
LIZARD
WITH A
TALKING
ZIT. I'M
GONNA BE
SICK.

GREAT... I
GOT A
DEFECTIVE
DINOSAUR.



AS PART OF OUR
SYMBIOTIC RELATION-
SHIP I'LL SHOUT A
WARNING WHEN
DANGER
APPROACHES.



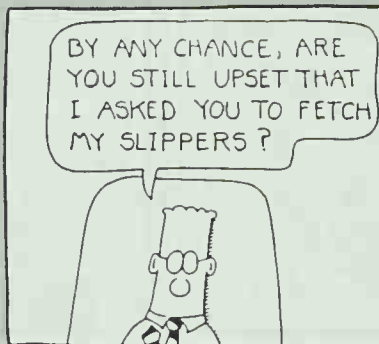
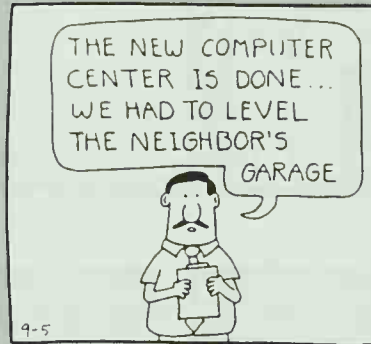
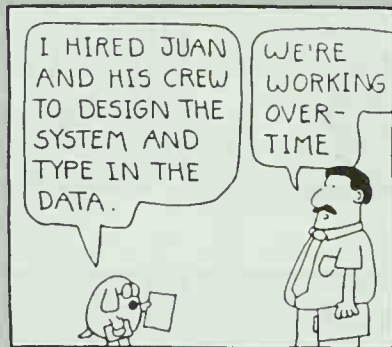
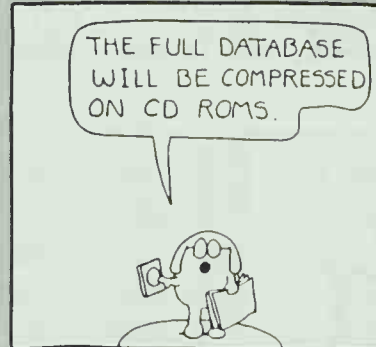
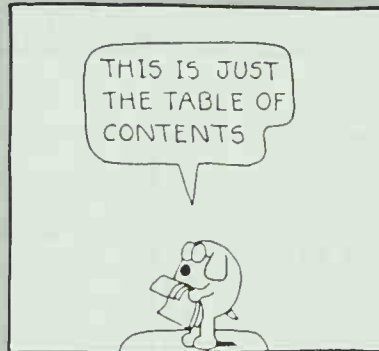
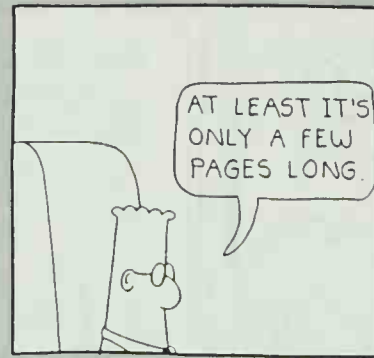
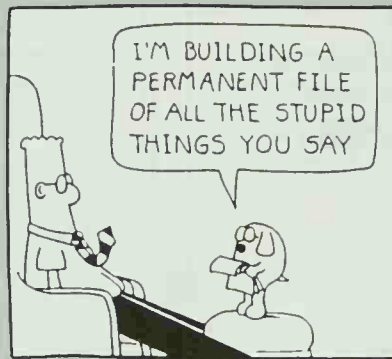
THERE'S A HOLE IN
THE OZONE LAYER!
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE
IS DOWN A POINT!



ANGRY
DINOSAUR
WITH BIG
TAIL!

YOU CALL THAT
SYMBIOTIC??!





I JUST LOVE
HIRING THESE
TEMPORARY
WORKERS!



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NO EMPLOYEE BENE-
FITS... NO UNION...
JUST TOSS 'EM IN
THE DUMPSTER WHEN
YOU'RE DONE WITH
THEM!



S. Adams

THE DUMPSTER
SEEMS A BIT
INAPPROPRIATE.



THEY'RE WAY
TOO BIG TO
FLUSH. (



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WOW! YOU TEMPO-
RARY CONTRACT
PROGRAMMERS SURE
ARE PRODUCTIVE!



S. Adams

IT MUST BE EXCITING
TO KNOW YOU CAN BE
DISMISSED AT ANY
MOMENT. YOUR
VERY SURVIVAL
DEPENDS ON
RESULTS!



9-7

LET'S GO BLAME
MARKETING FOR
NOT GIVING US
DETAILED
REQUIRE-
MENTS.



WHAT'S
THE BIG
RUSH?



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YOU ENGINEERS HAVE
DONE NOTHING ON MY
PROJECT. YOU JUST
KEEP SAYING I HAVEN'T
GIVEN YOU SUFFICIENT
REQUIREMENTS!



S. Adams

I DON'T KNOW WHAT
ELSE YOU NEED AND
YOU WON'T TELL ME
WHAT YOU NEED!!
IS THIS JUST YOUR WAY
OF AVOIDING WORK??!



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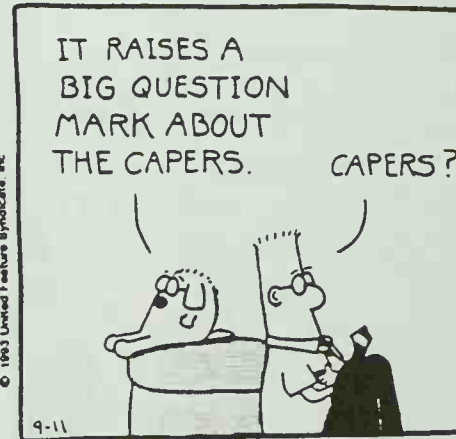
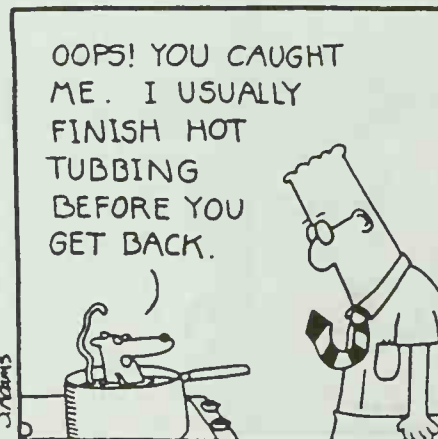
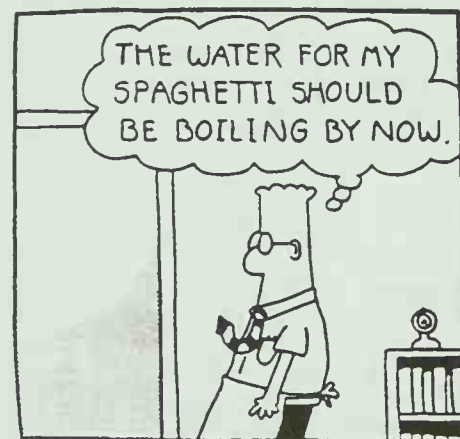
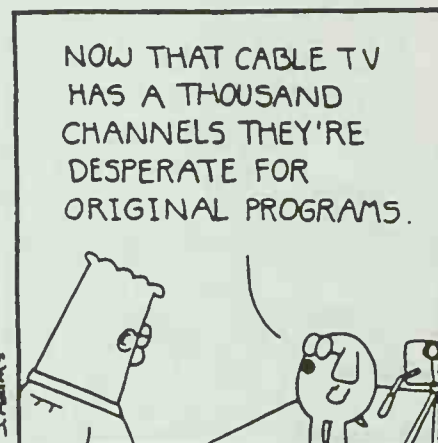
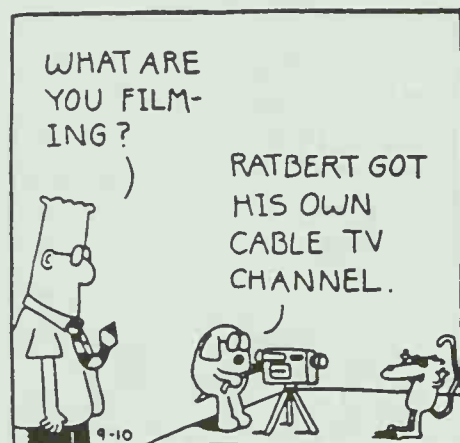
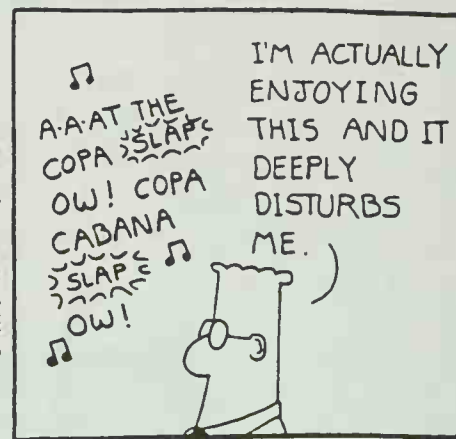
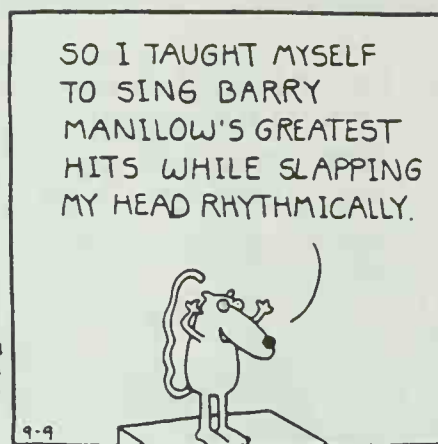
I'LL BET YOU REGRET
CHOOSING MARKETING
AS A CAREER PATH.



IT LOOKS LIKE
A LOT OF WORK.

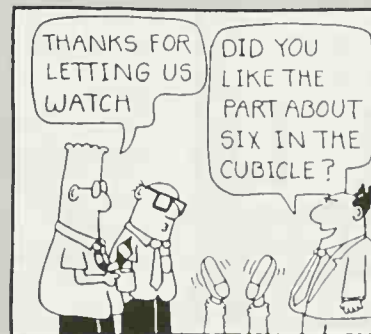
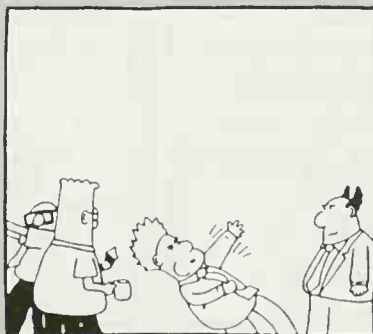
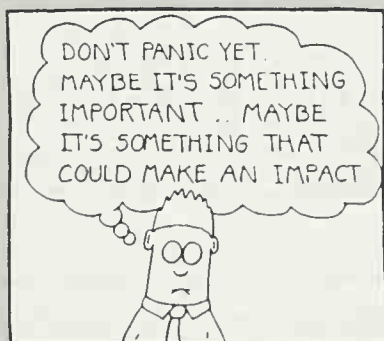


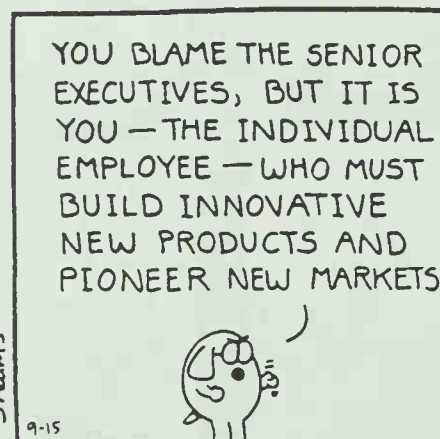
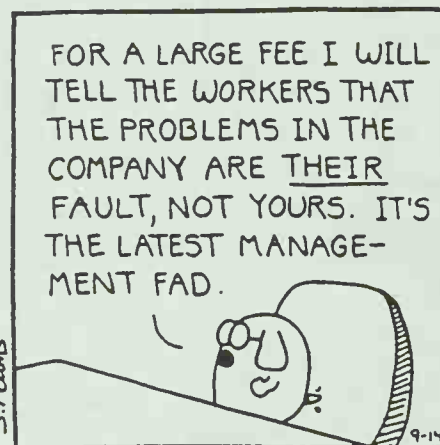
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DOGBERT IS HIRED AS A
BLAME CONSULTANT.

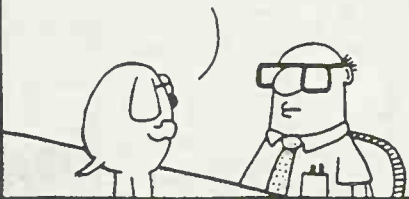
THE COMPANY'S WOES
ARE YOUR FAULT, NOT
SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S!



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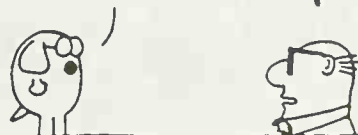
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DO YOU REALIZE HOW
MUCH YOU COULD GAIN
PERSONALLY BY
MAKING THE COMPANY
A SUCCESS?



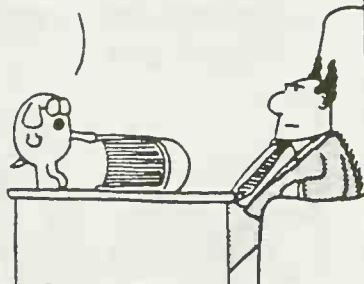
I WOULD GET A NICE
PLAQUE IN A PLASTIC
FRAME.

YEAH... I WAS
HOPING YOU
DIDN'T KNOW.



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HERE'S MY CONSULTING
REPORT ON YOUR
COMPANY.



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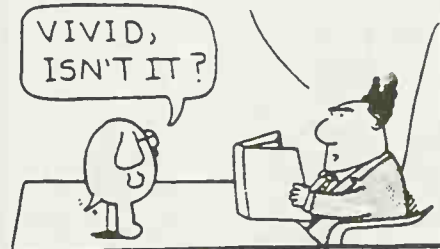
S. Adams

I HAD NO INSIGHTS
SO I BULKED IT UP
BY ADDING WITTY
ANALOGIES.



"HIS HEAD WAS LIKE
A HOLLOW PUTTY BALL
ATTACKED BY TWO
POINTY DUST BUNNIES."

VIVID,
ISN'T IT?



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RATBERT, DID YOU KNOW
THAT YOUR BRAIN AUTO-
MATICALLY COORDINATES
MILLIONS OF ACTIVITIES
EVERY SECOND?



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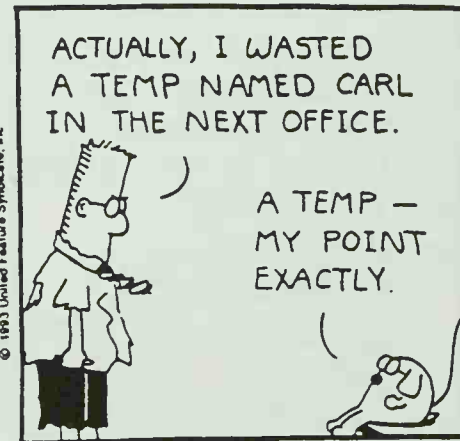
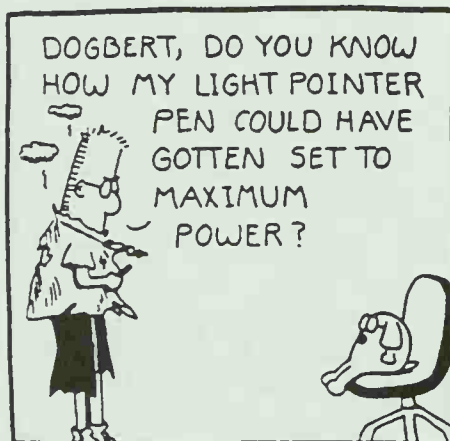
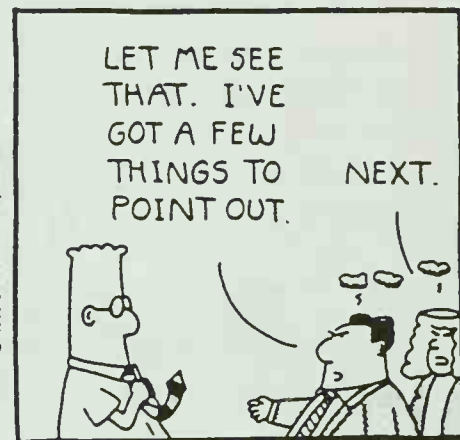
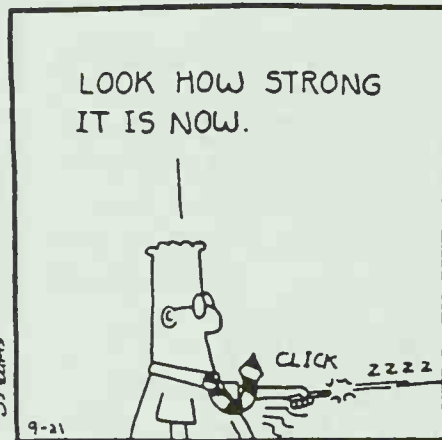
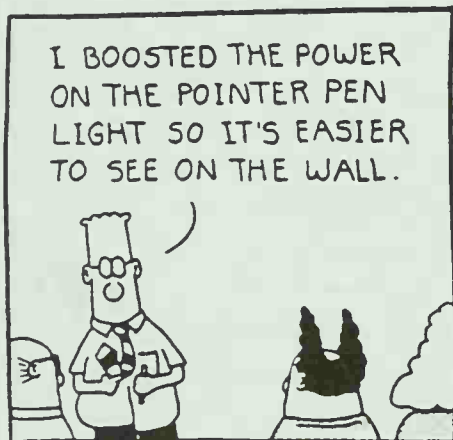
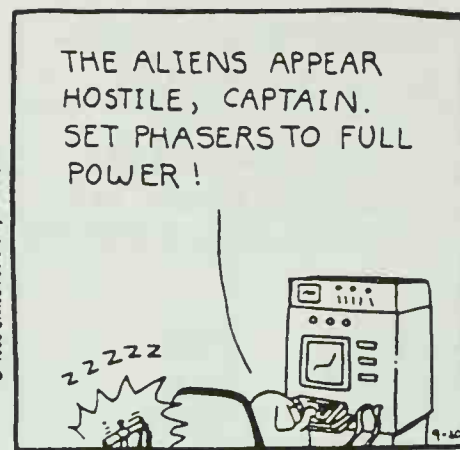
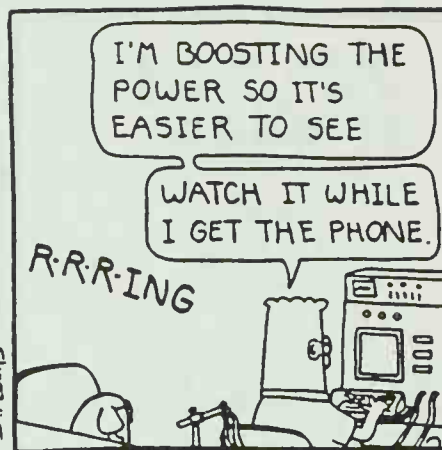
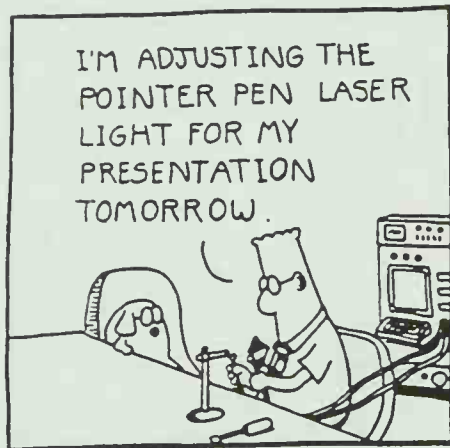
IMAGINE IF IT GOT
JUST A LITTLE BIT
CONFUSED - ALL THOSE
NEURONS FIRING
RANDOMLY...

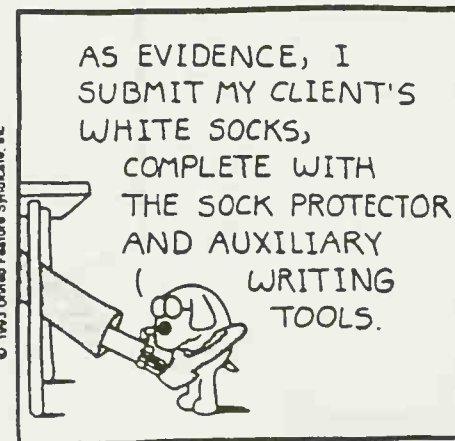
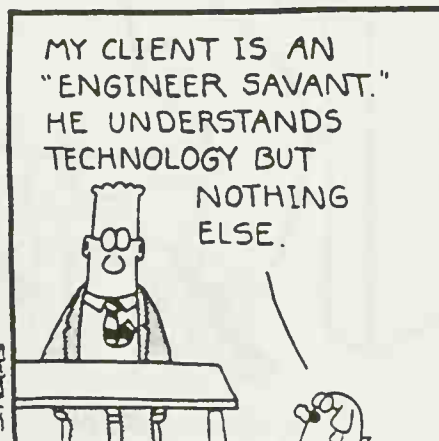
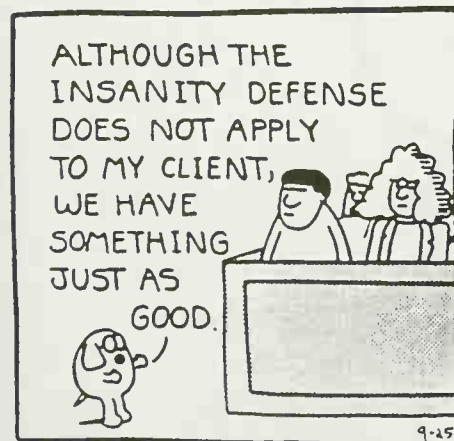


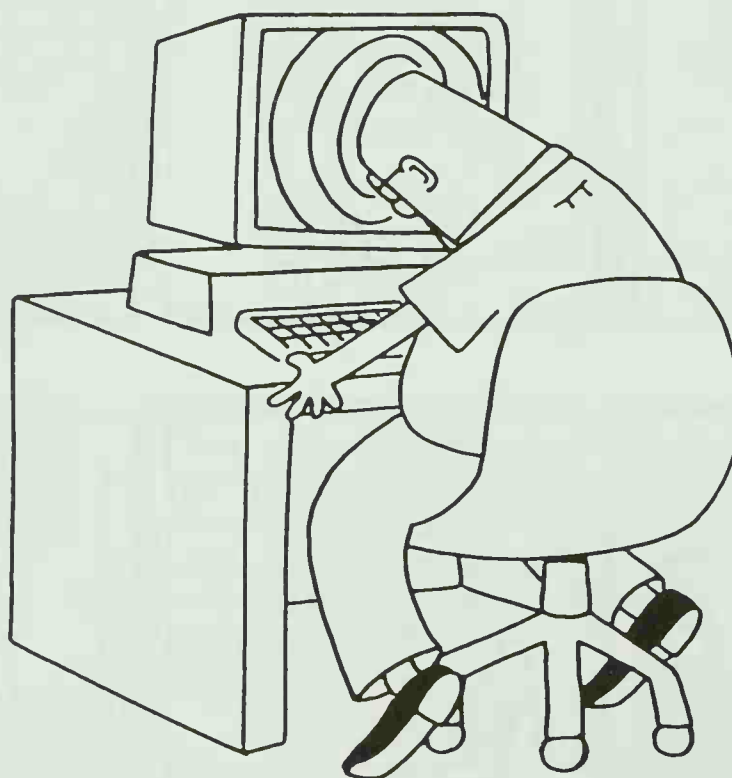
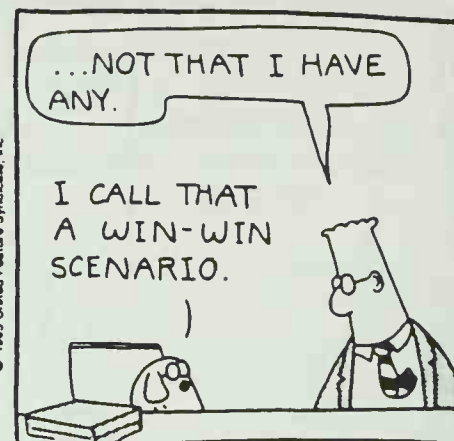
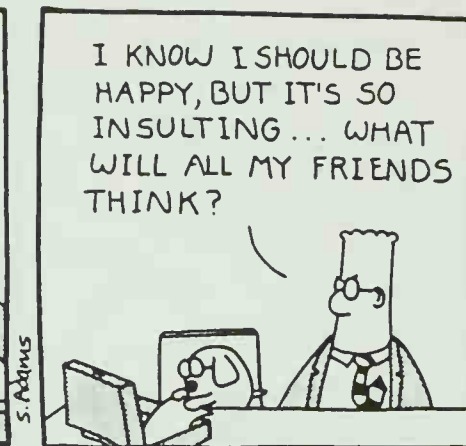
YOU DON'T ADD MUCH
TO A CONVERSATION,
BUT YOU'RE EASILY
THE BEST LISTENER
I'VE EVER MET.



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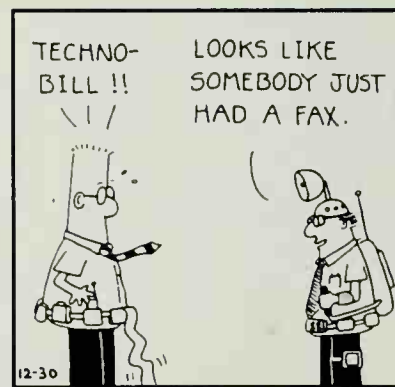
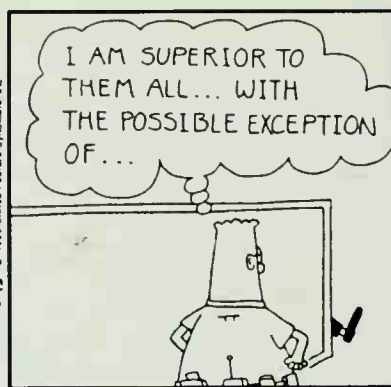
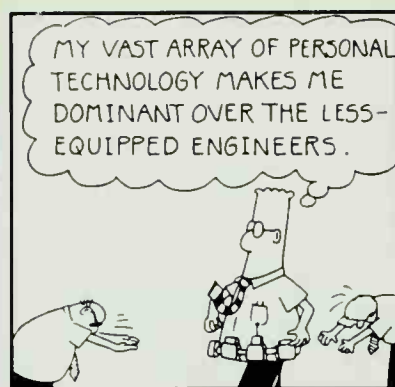




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- In the sensory deprivation chamber (his cubicle)
- With his therapist (who tells him to drink beer until he feels handsome)
- Playing Frisbee with his power-hungry dog, Dogbert (who shoots, not chases, the Frisbee) and
- Waging daily battles with ignorant management and clueless co-workers.

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