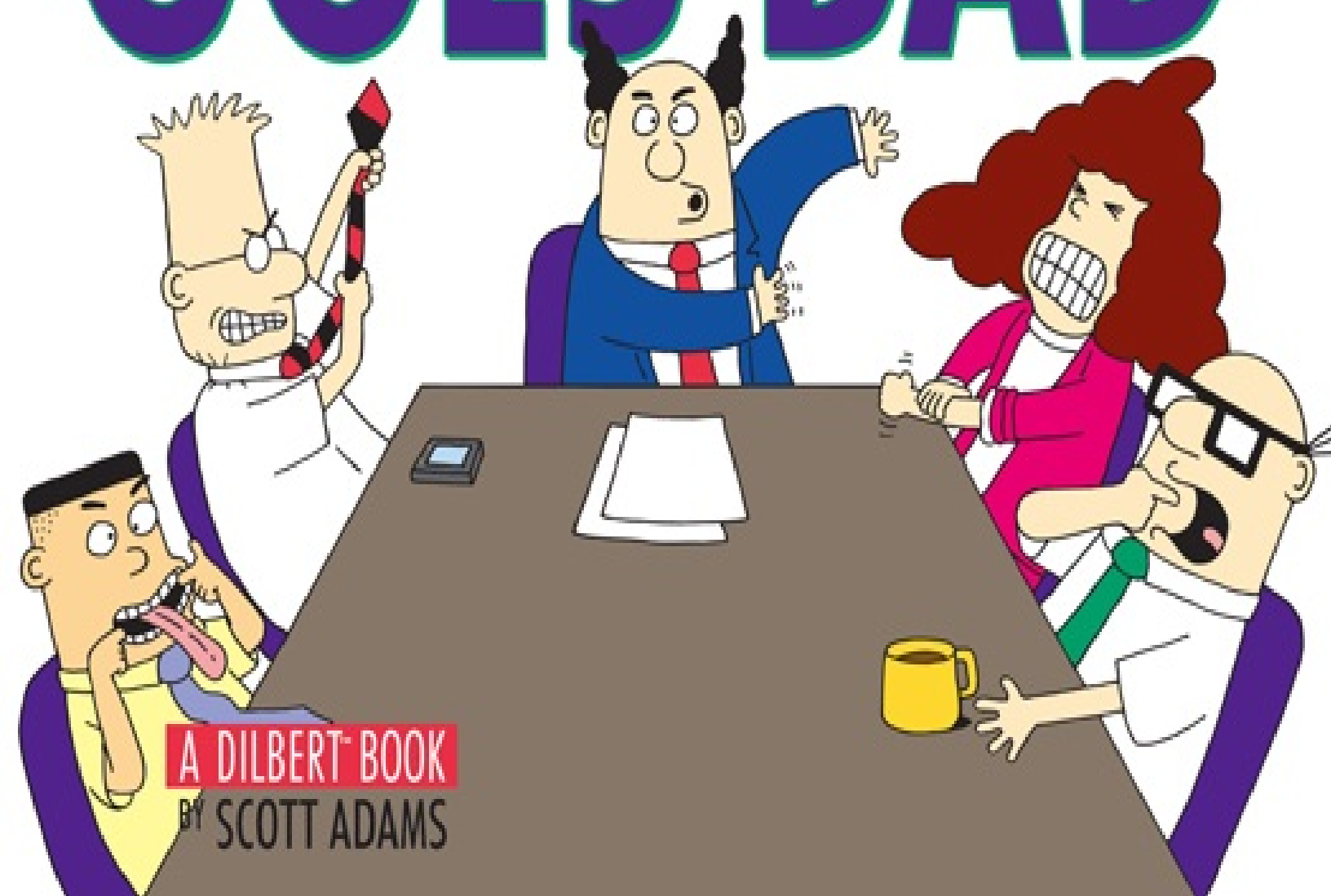


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Introduction

My body speaks several languages and that's not counting the stuff that comes out of my mouth. For example, my knees speak the African clicking language for the first few hours after I wake up. It's a sarcastic sound and I assume they are mocking me. I plan to record it someday and have it translated, as soon as I can find the African clicking embassy.

My face likes to send messages that are wholly independent from my brain. Sometimes my brain will be thinking a happy thought such as "I like cookies" while my face is saying, "I buried a salesman in my basement." This phenomenon worsens when I'm deep in thought. I'll be mentally writing my next hilarious *Dilbert* episode in my head while wandering around at the mall and the next thing I know children are screaming and the townspeople are gathering torches. That, along with the fact that my clothing size is pi, is why I hate shopping.

Needless to say, I am what you might call "unapproachable." I have been going to the same gym for the past ten years and no stranger has ever tried to start a conversation with me. Part of the problem is that when I lift anything heavier than a cotton ball I contort my face as if someone had just driven a railroad spike through my thigh. And on the odd occasion where I initiate conversation—say to ask if a piece of equipment is available—I am handicapped by a severe propensity to mumble. I can overcome the mumbling after I get warmed up, but because I work at home, I often go for hours with no human contact. So my first few words after a silent stretch always come off sounding like a demonic threat.

Me: "Are you done with that piece of equipment?"

What they hear: "I will disembowel you and send your soul to the Dark Region!"

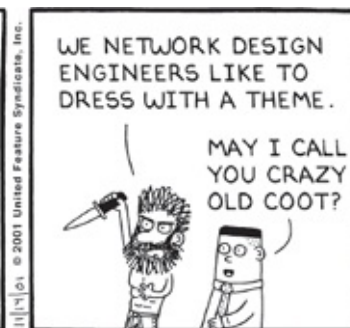
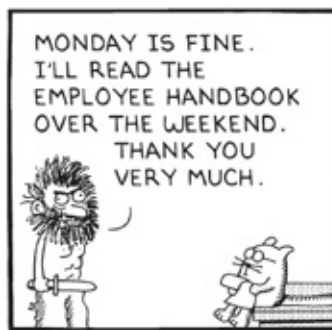
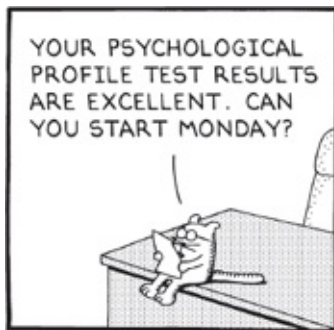
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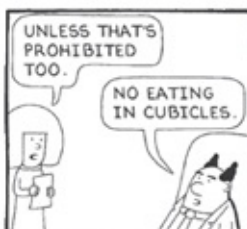
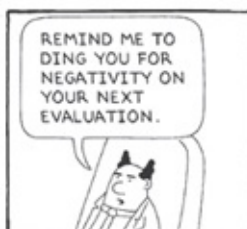
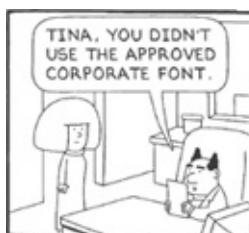
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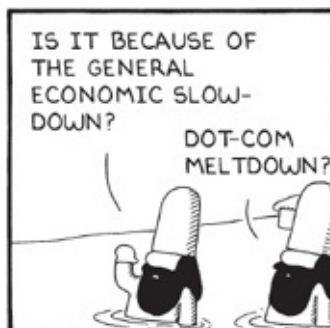
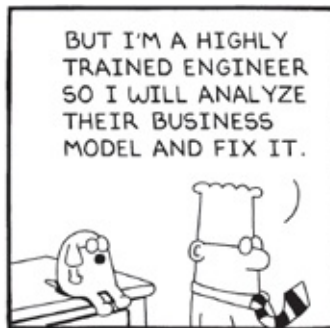
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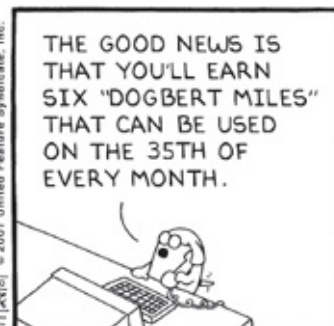














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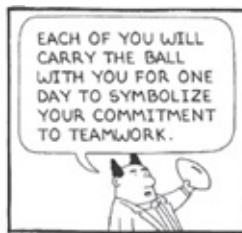


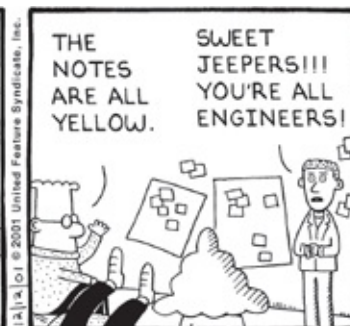
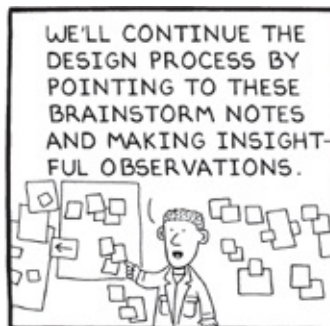
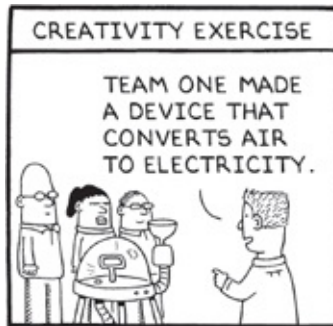
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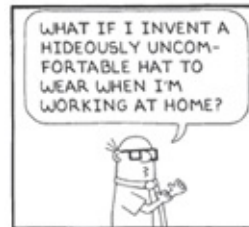
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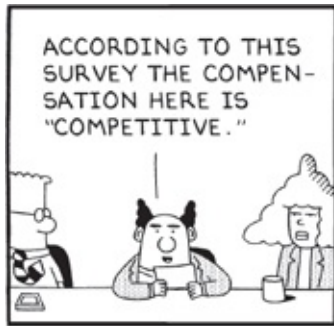








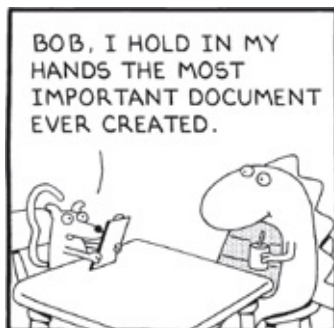




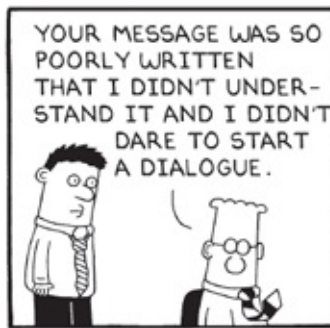
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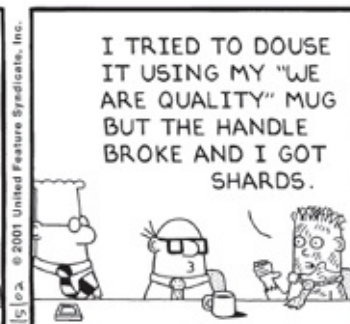
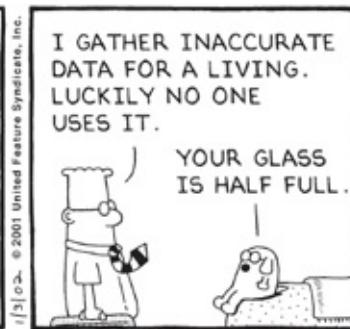
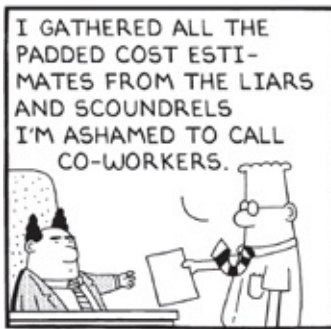




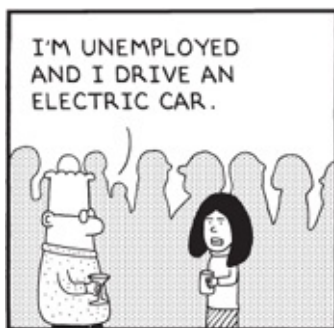
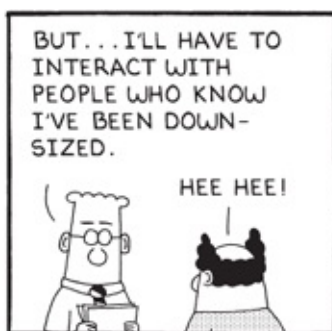


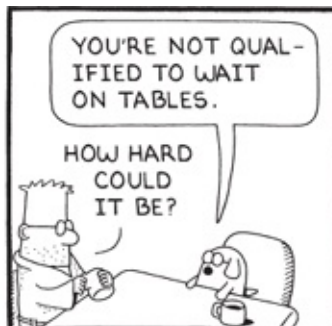
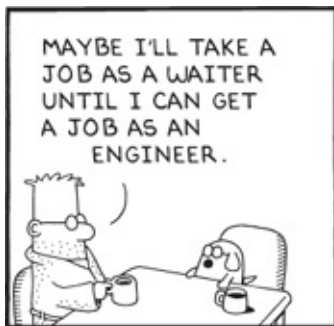
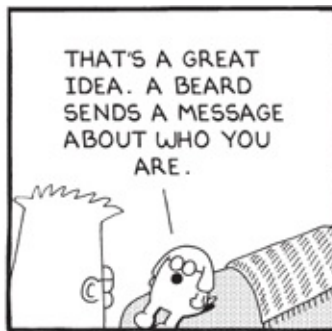


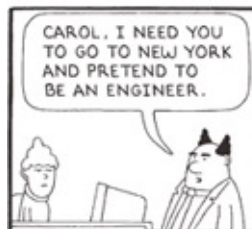
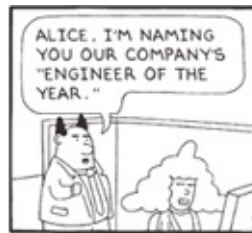


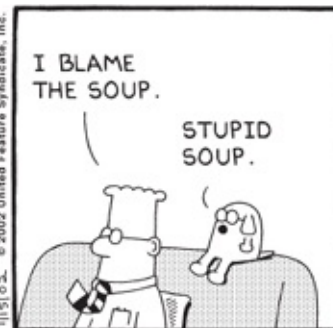
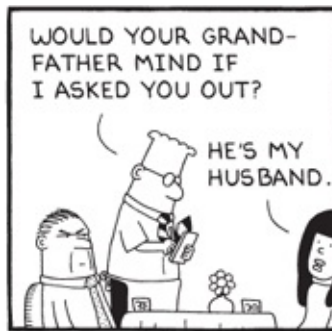


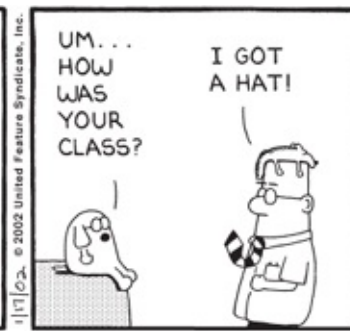


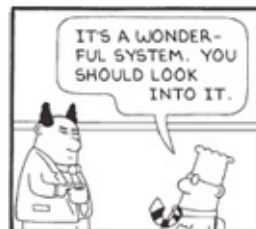


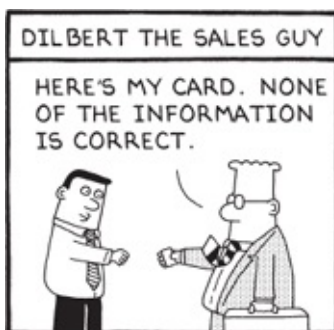
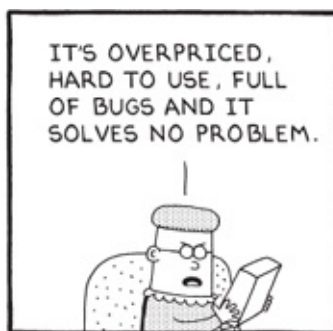


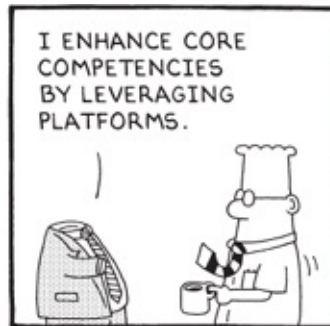
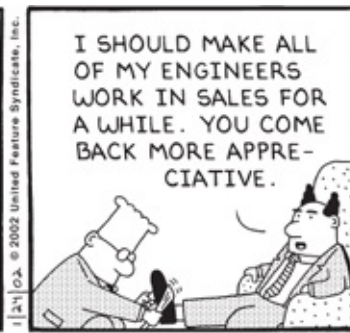
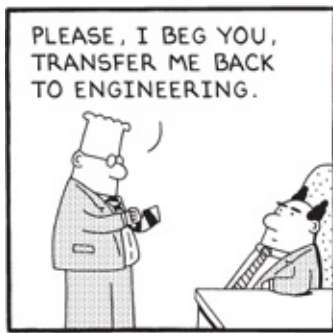








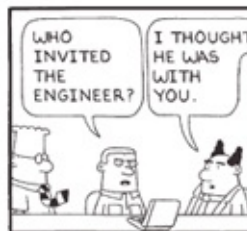
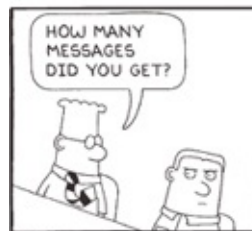


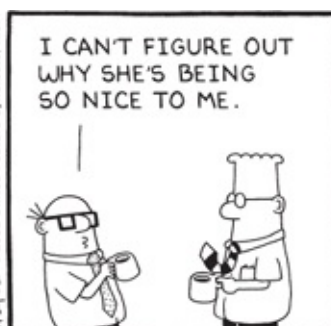


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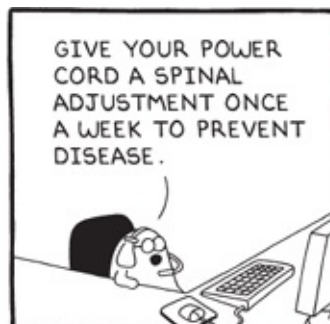
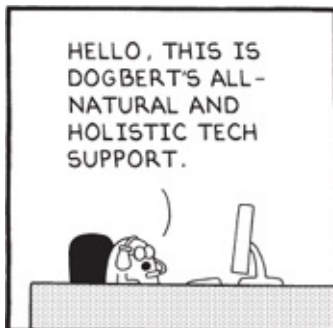
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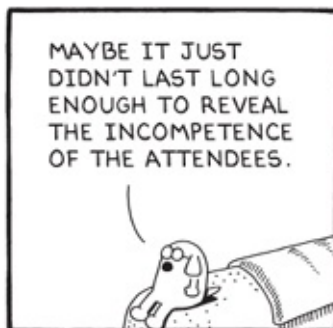
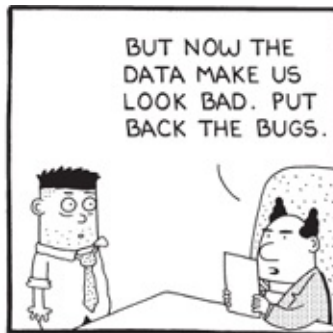


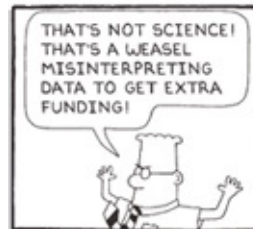
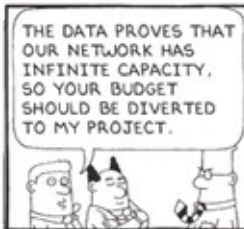
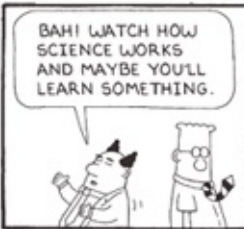
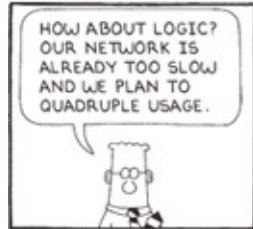


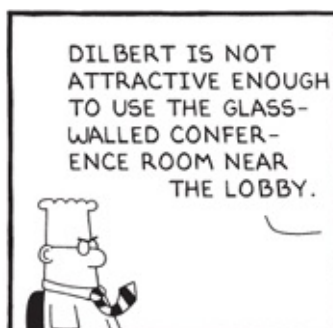
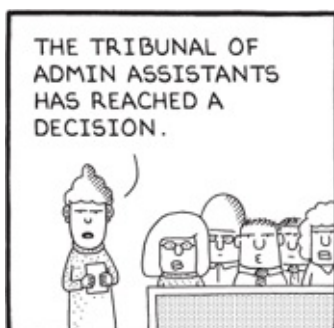




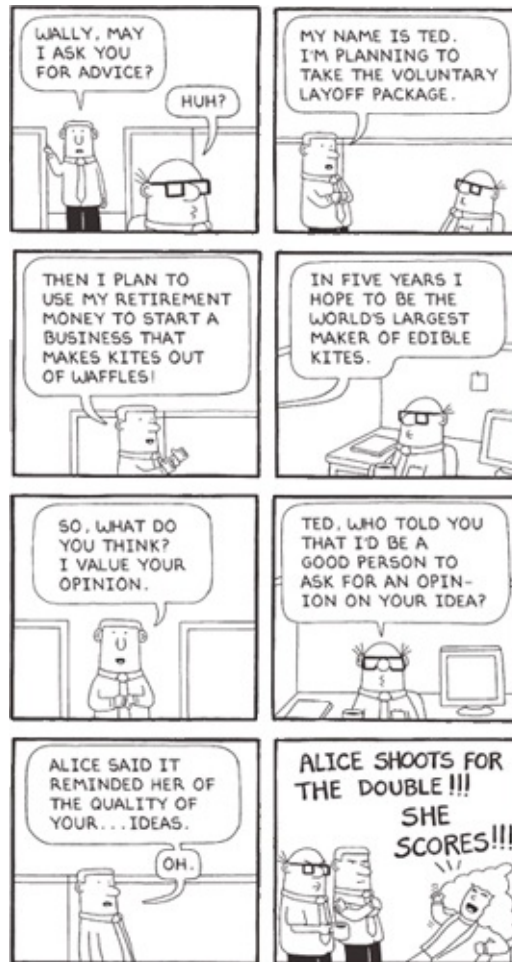


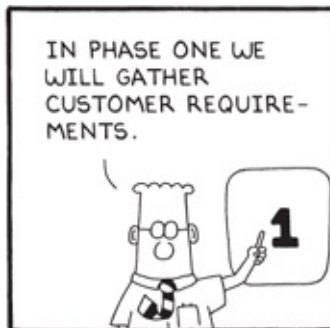
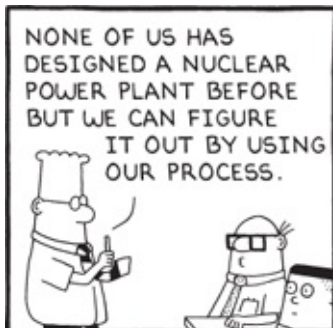
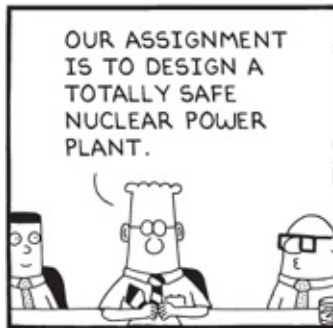
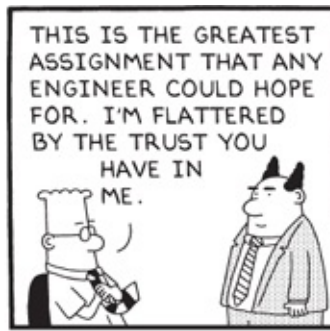
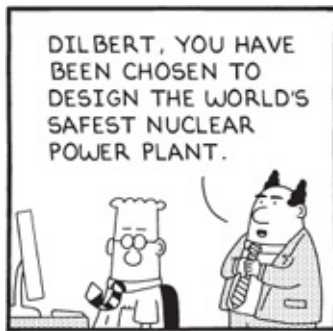


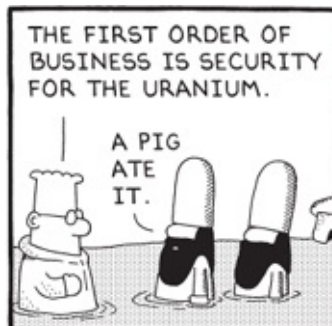
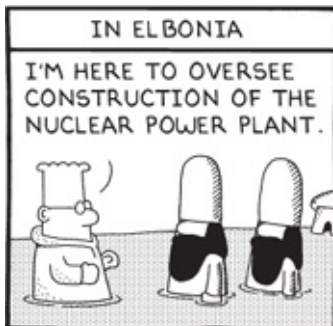
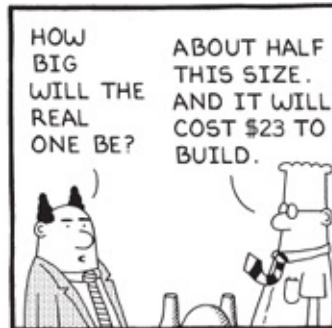
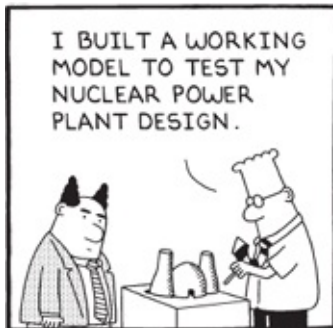
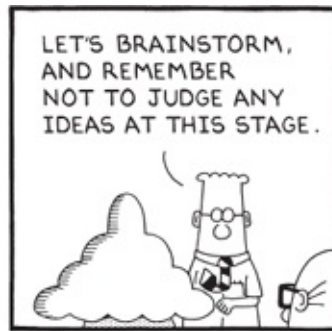




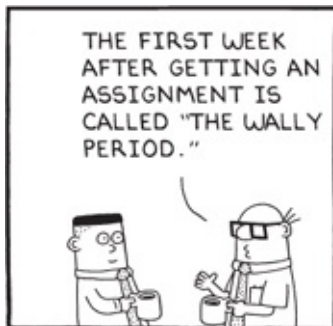
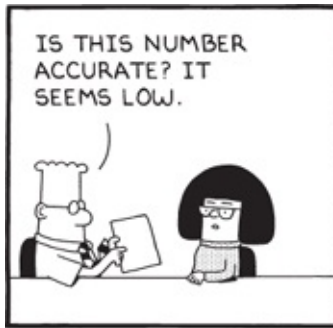


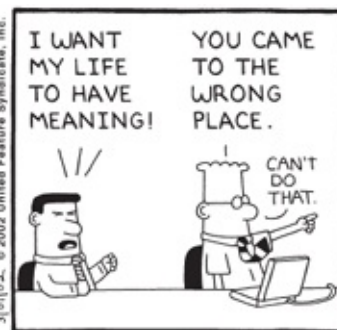








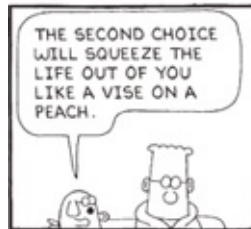


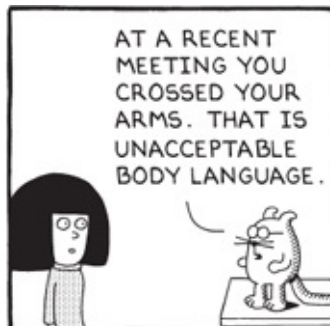


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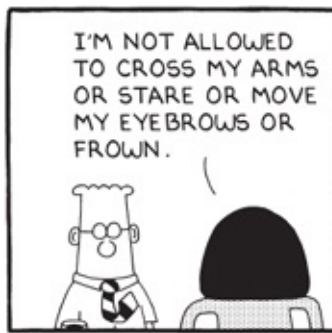




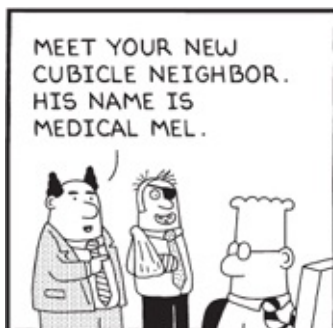
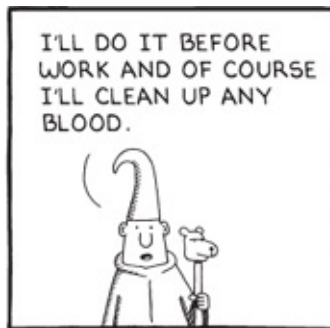
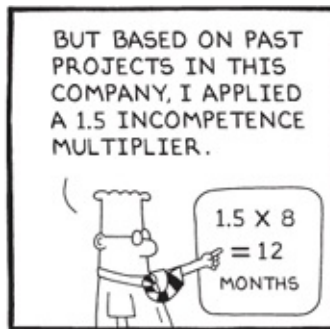
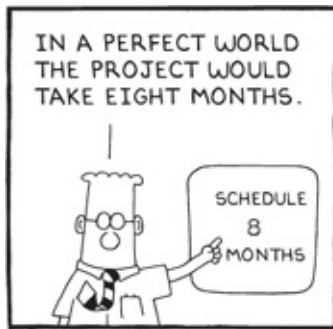
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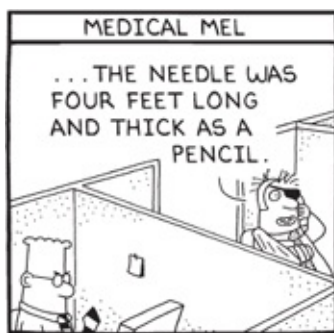
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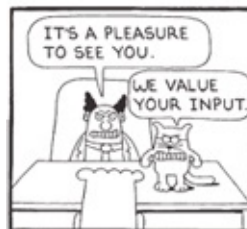
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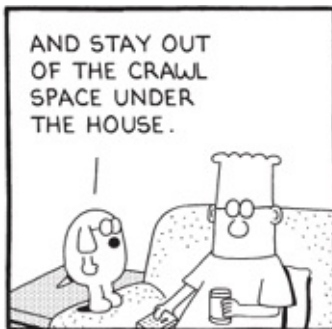
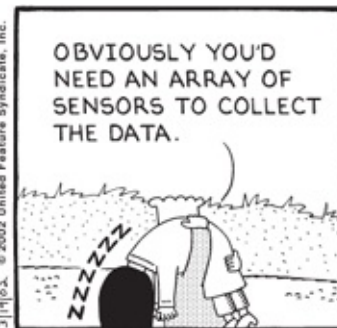
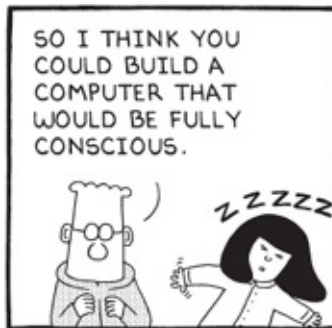
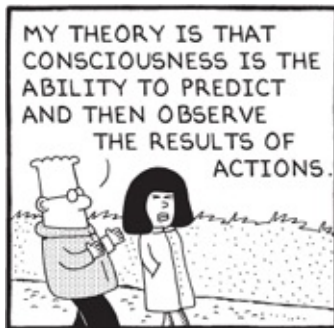
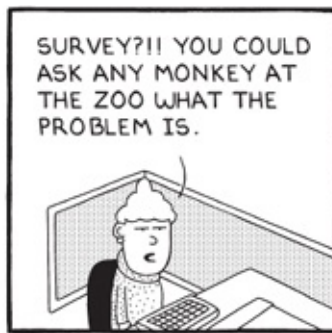


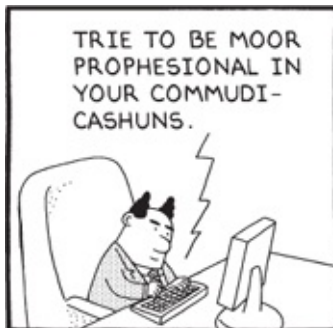
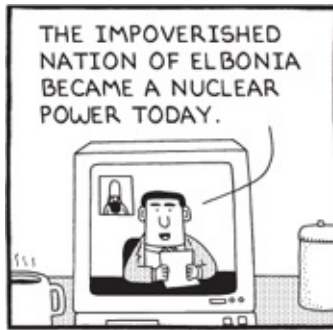
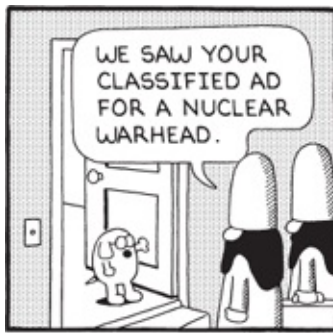


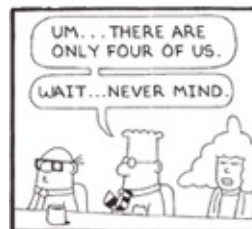
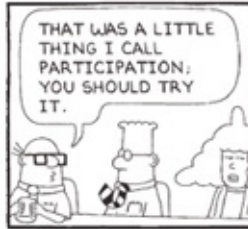




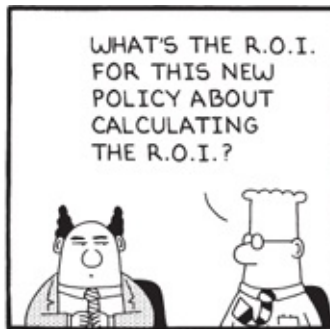


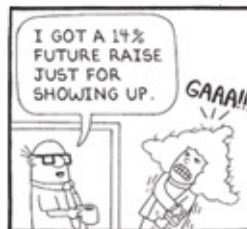














TODAY IS THE THREE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.



AND WE'RE STILL DISCUSSING REQUIREMENTS. DOES ANYONE ELSE SEE A PROBLEM HERE?



WHEN YOU'RE DONE, CAN WE TALK ABOUT REQUIREMENTS?



DOGBERT'S TECH SUPPORT

IT WORKS FINE ON MY MACHINE.



YES, BUT THIS CALL IS ABOUT MY PC. MAY WE TALK ABOUT MY PROBLEM NOW?



OKAY. YOUR PC IS DEFECTIVE AND YOU'RE SELFISH. THAT'S AN ATTRACTIVE PACKAGE YOU'VE GOT GOING THERE.



SAFETY TIP OF THE DAY:



ALWAYS BEND YOUR KNEES WHEN BANGING YOUR HEAD AGAINST A WALL.



I CAN'T REMEMBER IF MANAGING IS AN ART OR A SCIENCE.



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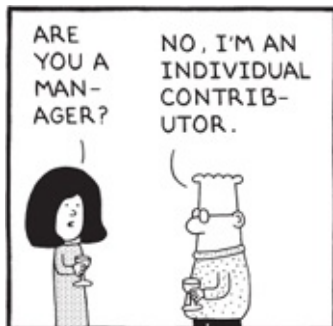
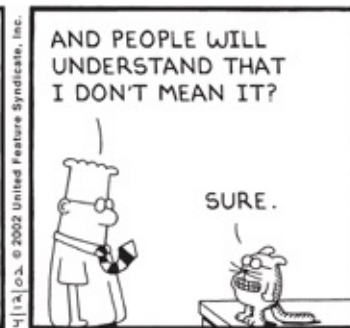
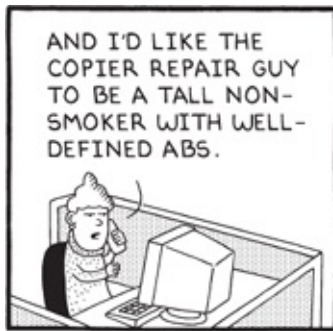




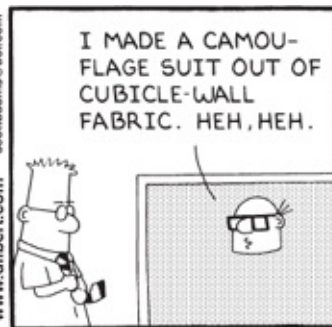
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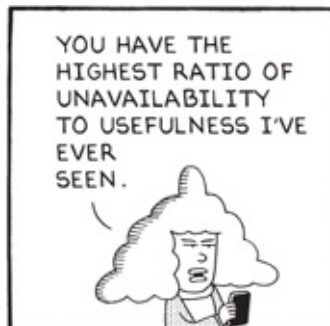
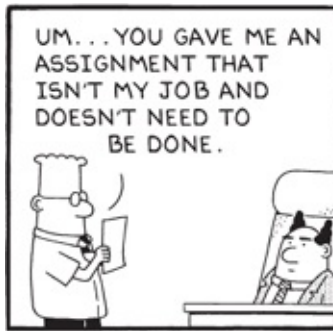
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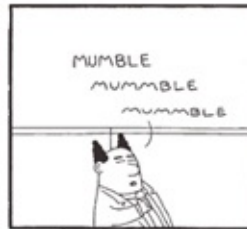


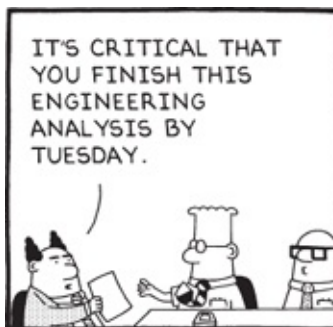


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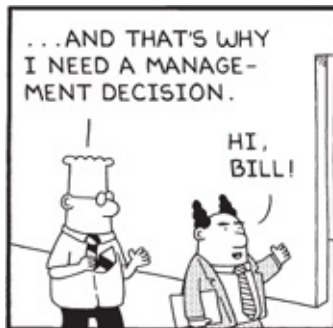




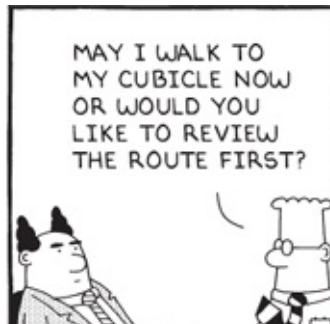
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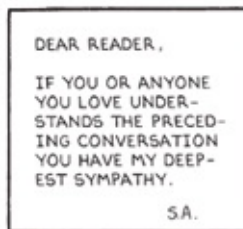
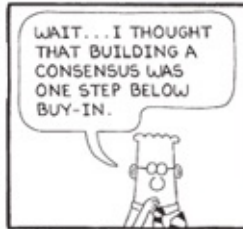


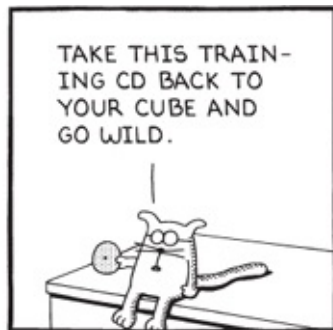
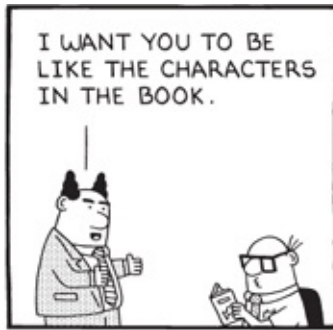
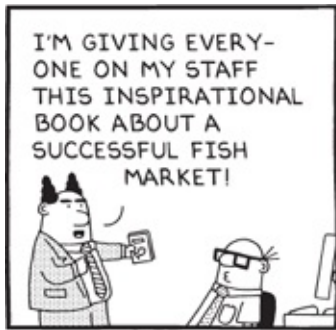


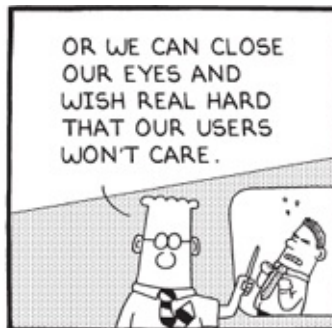
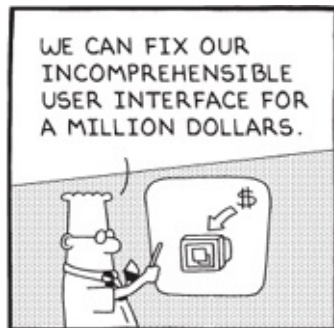
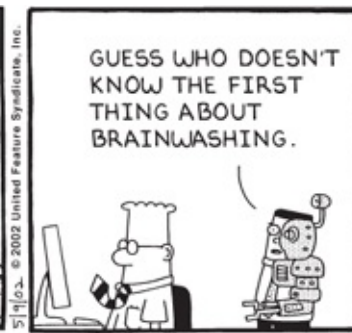
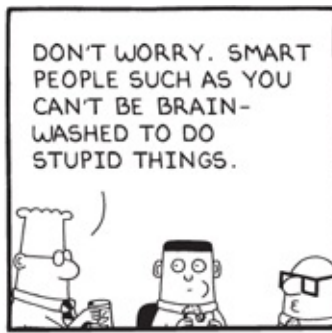
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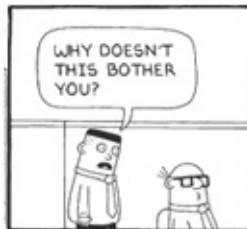
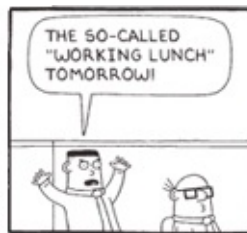
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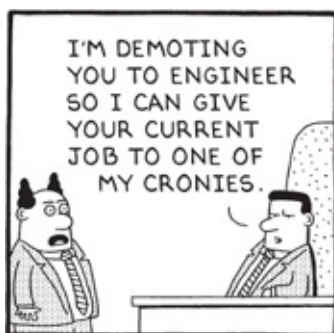
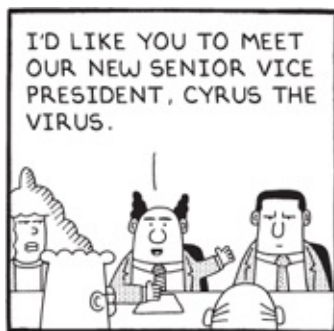


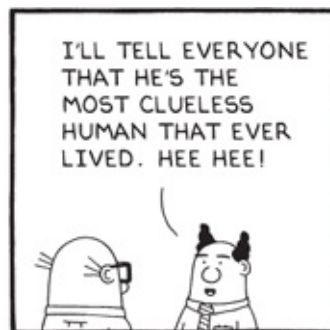
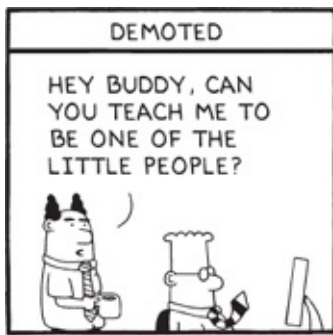


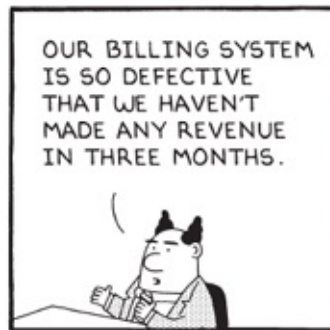
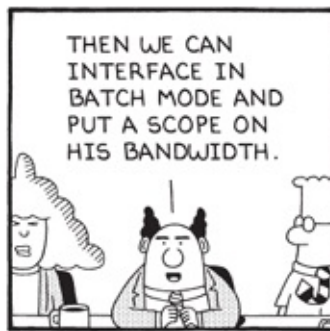


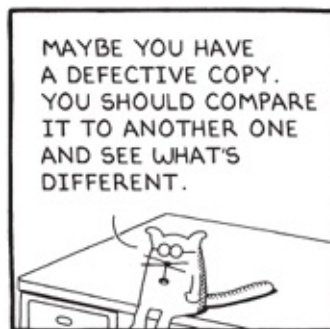
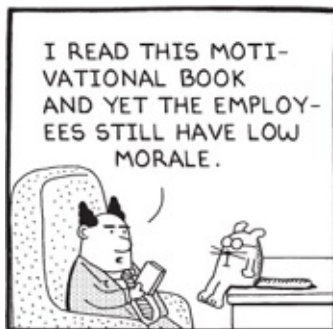
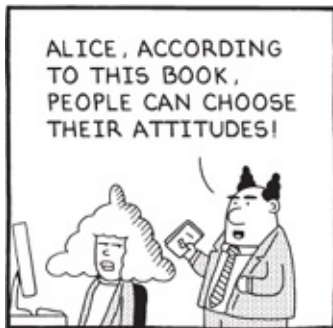
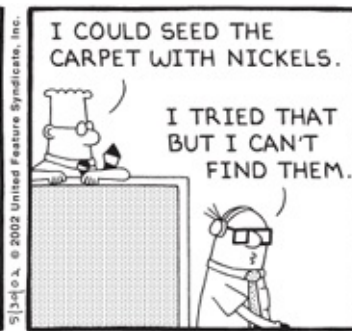


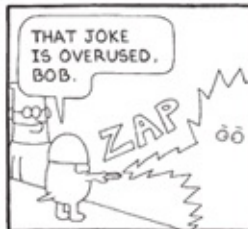
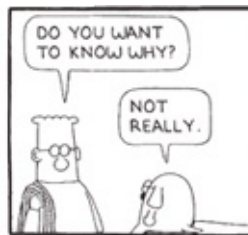


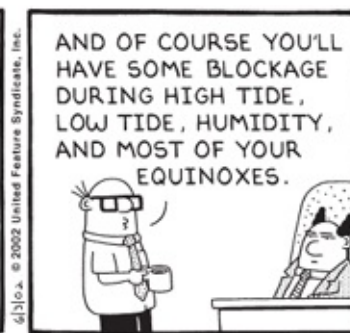
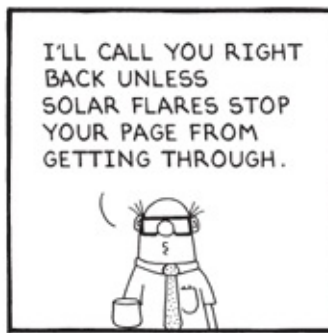


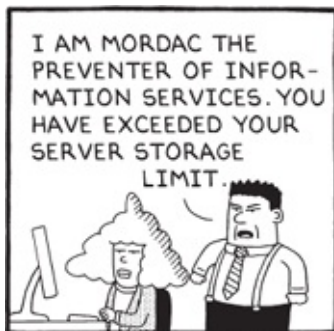
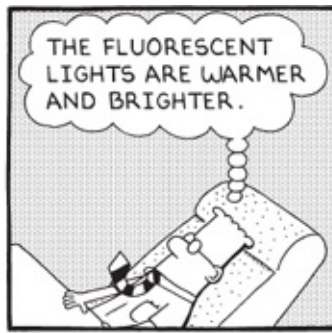












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TO: EMPLOYEES
FROM: CATBERT

ALL NON-WORK CON-
VERSATIONS ARE
BANNED.



FROM NOW ON
YOU'RE ONLY
ALLOWED TO TALK
ABOUT WORK.



I THINK IT ONLY
APPLIES DURING
WORK
HOURS. I CAN'T TAKE
THAT CHANCE.



OUR NEW VERSION
IS A STEP BACK-
WARD IN QUALITY
AND RELIABILITY.



WE'RE COUNTING ON
YOUR IRRATIONAL
NEED TO HAVE THE
LATEST VERSION OF
EVERY SOFTWARE
PRODUCT.



I HATE YOUR WEASEL
GUTS... BUT I'LL TAKE
ONE FOR HOME AND
ONE FOR THE OFFICE.



I'M A NEW GUY WITH
NO ASSIGNMENT.
I'M LOOKING FOR A
PROJECT TO HORN
INTO.



BUT DON'T BE
THREATENED BY
ME. I'M EXCEPTION-
ALLY INEFFECTUAL.



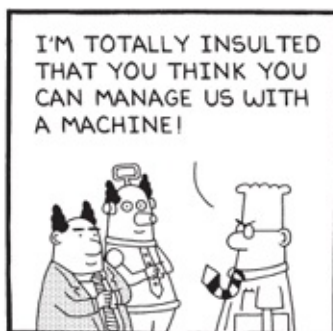
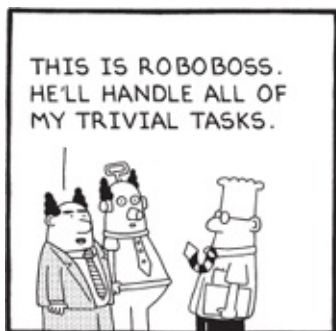
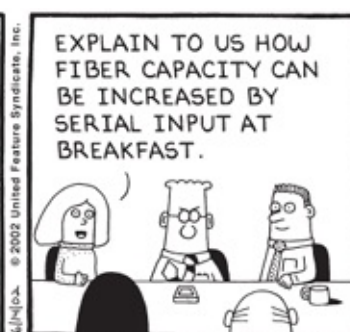
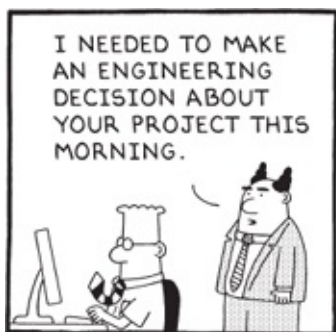
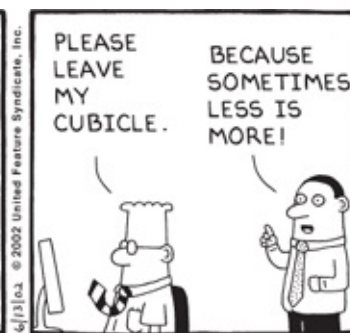
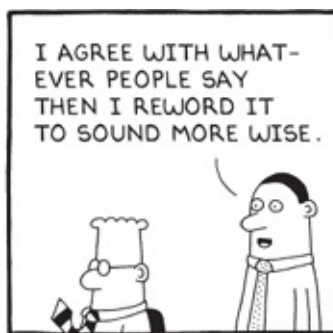
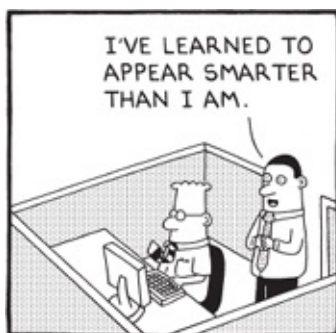
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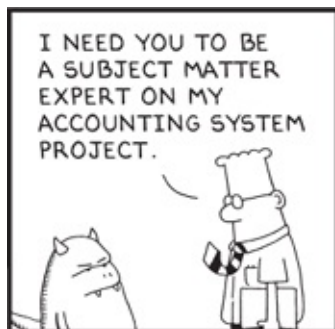
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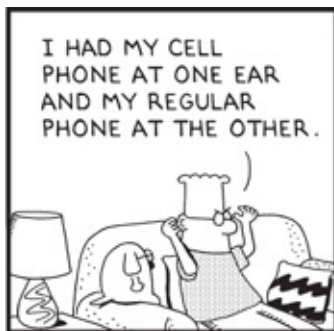
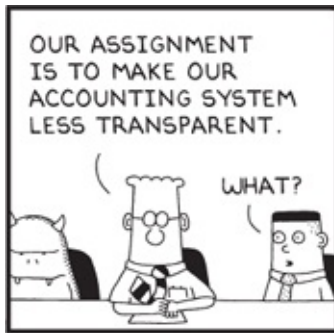
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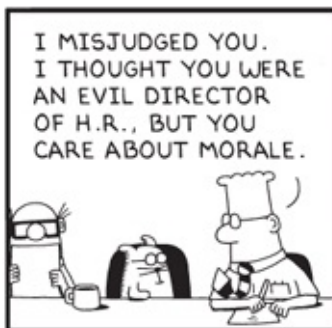
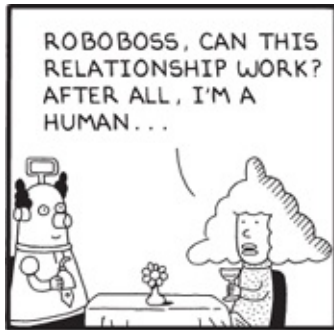
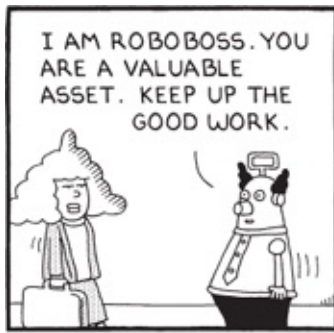


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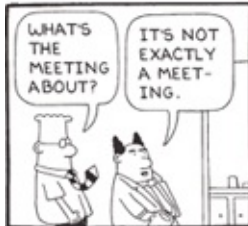
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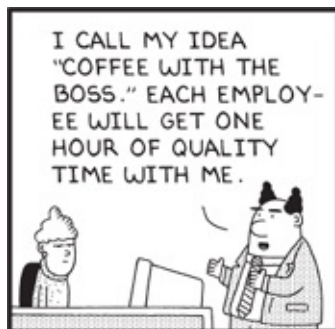
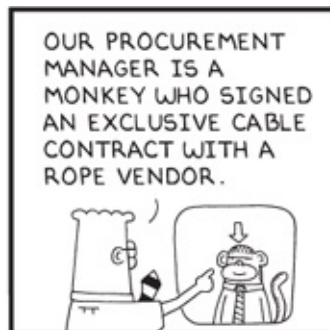
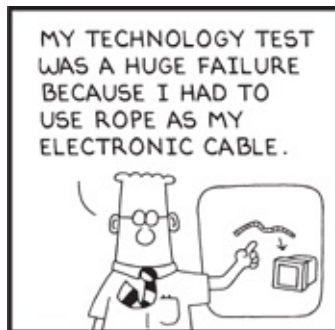


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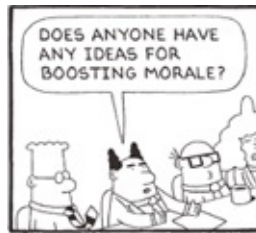


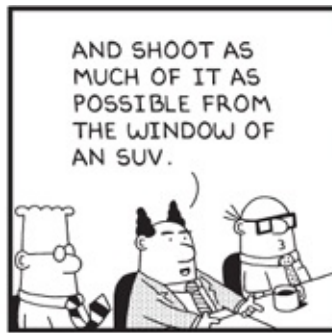
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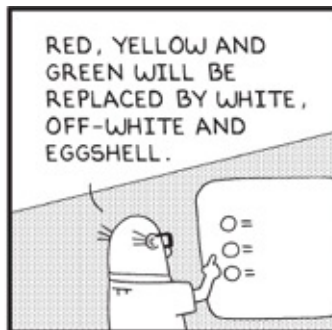
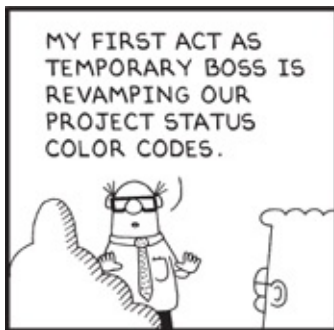
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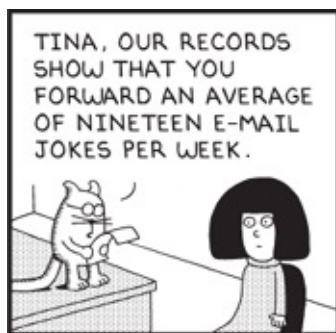








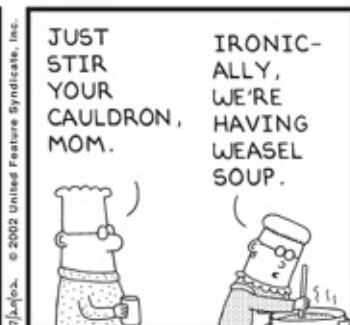


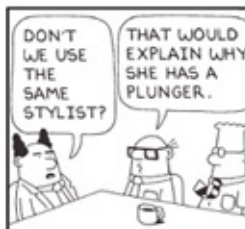
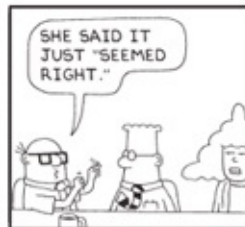


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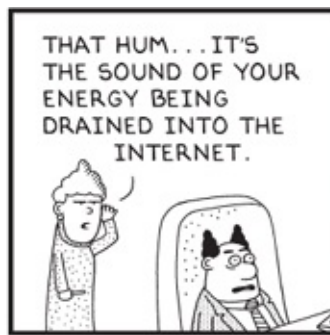
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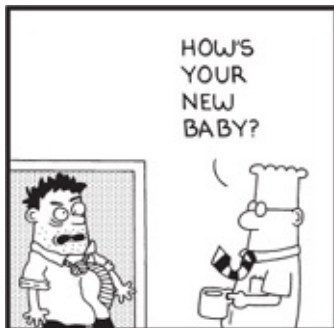






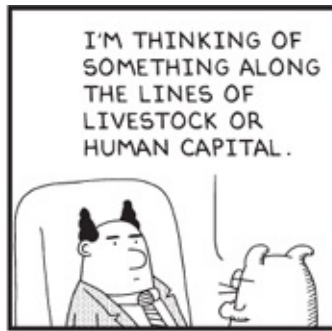


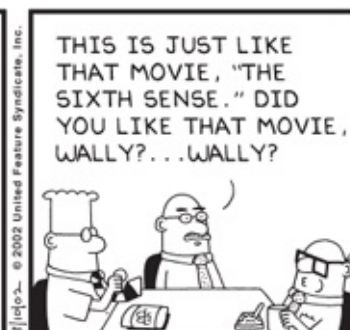
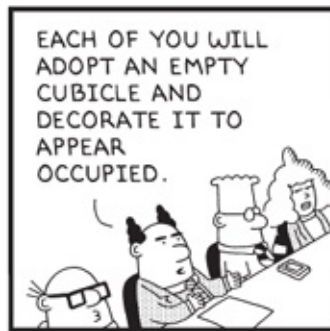












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