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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!"

Luckily, both interpretations give me immediate and unlimited use of the

equipment. I guess I can't complain.

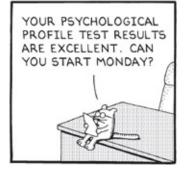
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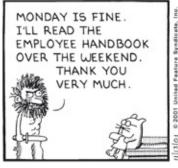
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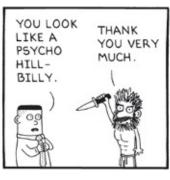


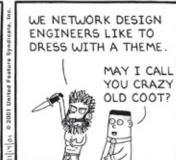






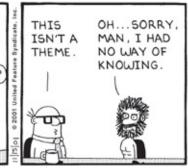


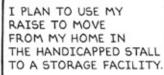














IF YOU ARE TRYING TO THINK OF A HOUSEWARMING GIFT, I WOULDN'T SAY NO TO A FLASH-LIGHT.



IF YOU NEED HELP MOVING, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ALICE.

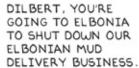




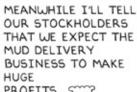










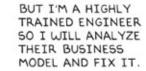






I'M SUPPOSED TO SHUT DOWN OUR ELBONIAN MUD DELIVERY BUSINESS.









IN ELBONIA

CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHY YOUR MUD DELIVERY BUSINESS IS FAILING? ANYONE?



IS IT BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SLOW-DOWN?



AND MAYBE
BECAUSE YOU
SELL MUD
TO PEOPLE
WHO LIVE
IN MUD?

WHAT IF
FUDGE?











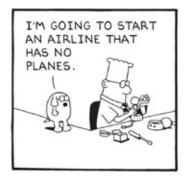












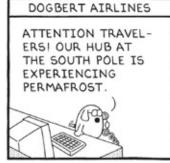






































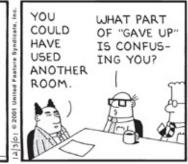




































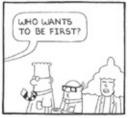






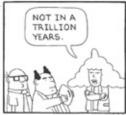










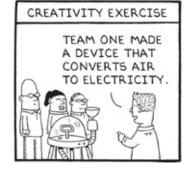








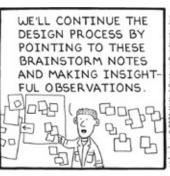


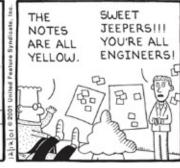








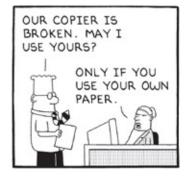








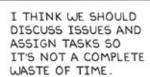












UNLEASH



MAYBE MEETINGS HAVE BECOME A LIFEFORM CAPABLE OF CALLING THEMSELVES AND THUS REPRODUCING VIA HUMAN HOSTS. WOW





















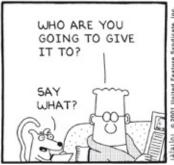




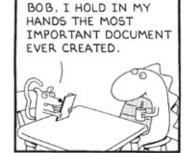


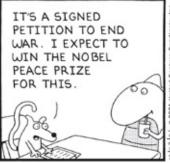


























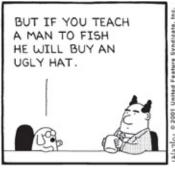


































DILBERT, I WANT









OUR

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MEETING

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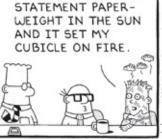












I LEFT MY MISSION











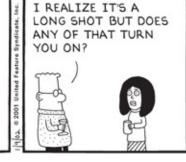


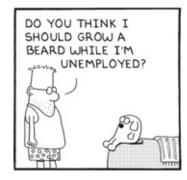






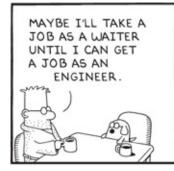


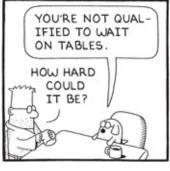






















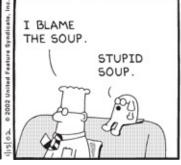




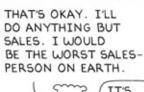








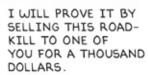


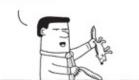
















DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE SELLING SOMETHING.



A GOOD SALE IS LIKE A GOOD WEDGIE: YOUR VICTIM SHOULDN'T SEE IT COMING.



FOR THIS NEXT
DEMONSTRATION
I NEED A VOLUNTEER
WHO CAN'T SEE WHAT'S
COMING.



SALES TRAINING

NEVER SELL TO YOUR CUSTOMER. MAKE YOUR CUSTOMER SELL TO YOU.





OUR PRODUCTS ARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO DARE TO BE GREAT! MAKE THE CUSTOMER EXPLAIN WHY HE IS WORTHY.



WHAT
DID YOU ME, GOOBER.

JUST
CALL ME? FOR OUR
PRODUCT.



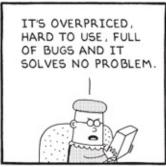




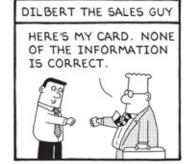










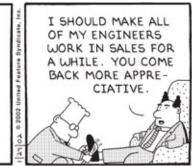


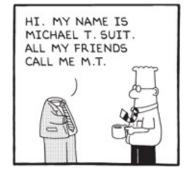




















































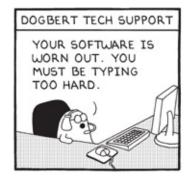




















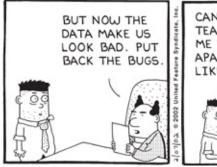


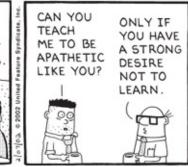




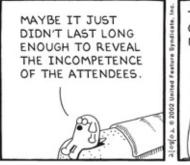
















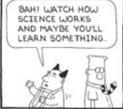




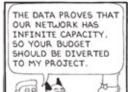
















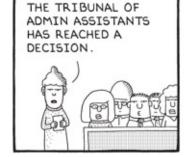


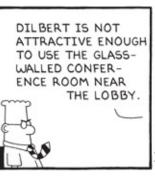








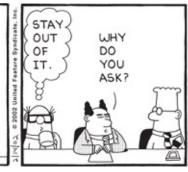
















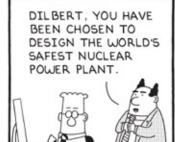




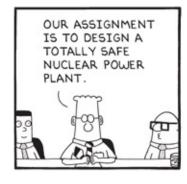






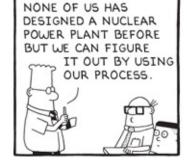








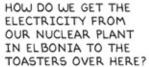




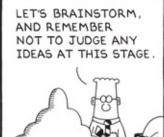


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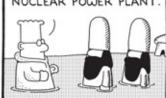


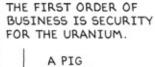


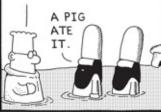


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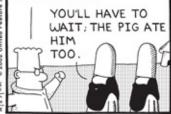
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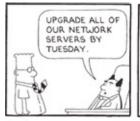






WHAT?! I DEMAND TO SEE YOUR DIRECTOR OF SECURITY!

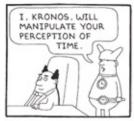






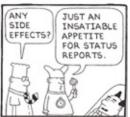








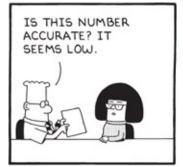








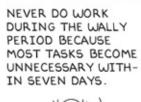




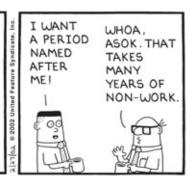




















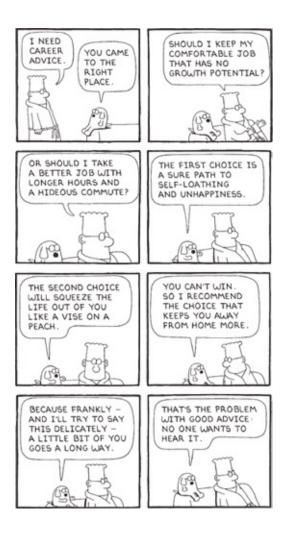






















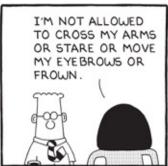








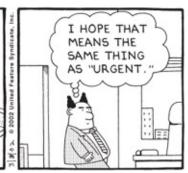










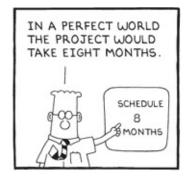


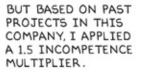


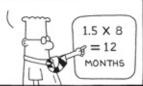




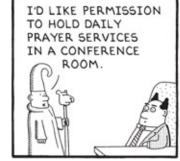


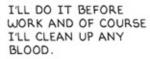








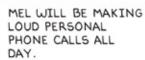






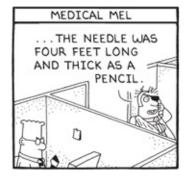






















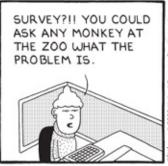


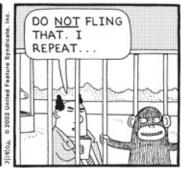


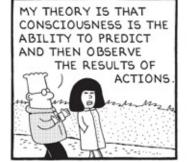


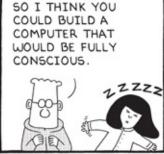


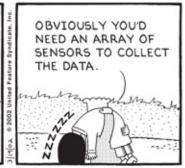


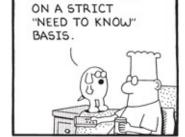




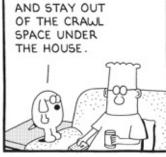








I'M PUTTING YOU







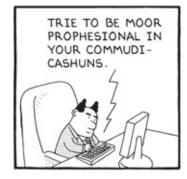


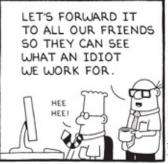






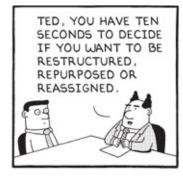












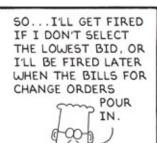








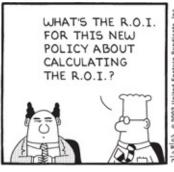


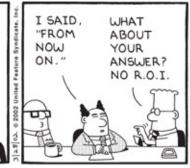




WE OFFER OUTPLACE-MENT SERVICE WITH EVERY SALE.







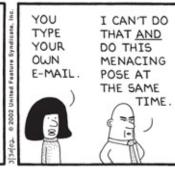


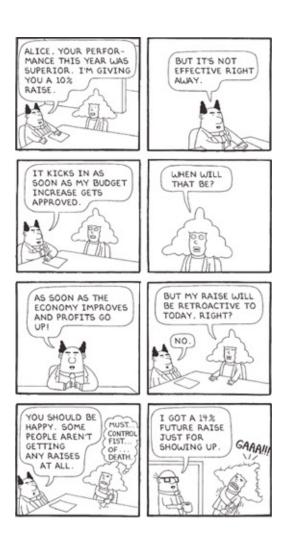








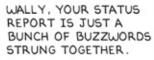








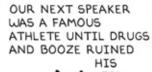








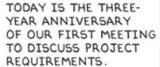








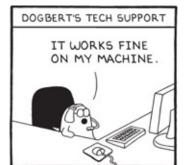
























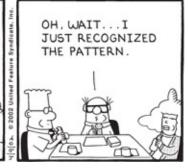


















AND I'D LIKE THE COPIER REPAIR GUY TO BE A TALL NON-SMOKER WITH WELL-DEFINED ABS.



OH, YOU'RE NOT A
DATING SERVICE, EH?
WELL IF I GIVE YOU
MONEY AND YOU
SEND ME A GUY THEN
IT'S JUST





I CAN'T COMPLETE
THE ONLINE SELFASSESSMENT SURVEY.
IT ASKS WHERE I NEED
IMPROVEMENT AND I



THE PROGRAM WON'T LET ME LEAVE THAT QUESTION BLANK.



AND PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I DON'T MEAN IT?



YOU A NO, I'M AN INDIVIDUAL CONTRIB-UTOR.



SO, BASICALLY, YOU HAVE THE SAME JOB DESCRIPTION AS AN ANT?



I'D LIKE TO SEE AN ANT TRY TO WEAR HUGE GLASSES LIKE THESE!











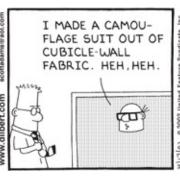


















I'M TRYING TO TAKE OVER ANOTHER DE-PARTMENT BY DOING THEIR WORK. LATER I'LL SAY THEIR MAN-AGER SHOULD REPORT TO ME.









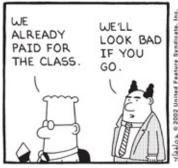




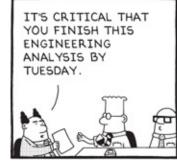














AAHH . . . IT HAS THE





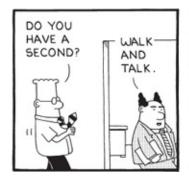






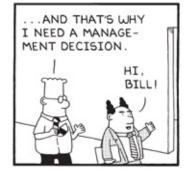


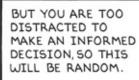






























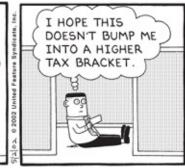
























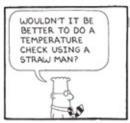














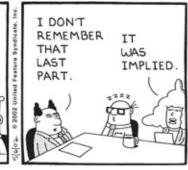
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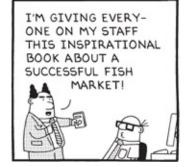
IF YOU OR ANYONE
YOU LOVE UNDERSTANDS THE PRECEDING CONVERSATION
YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

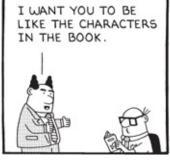
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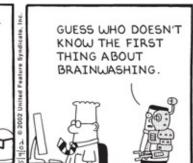


MY TRAINING CD HAS GONE BAD. IT IS BRAINWASHING ME TO BECOME A CYBORG.



DON'T WORRY. SMART PEOPLE SUCH AS YOU CAN'T BE BRAIN-WASHED TO DO STUPID THINGS.



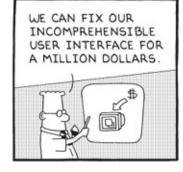




YOUR INSURANCE DOESN'T COVER COS-METIC SURGERY BUT YOU CAN GAME THE SYSTEM BY JUMPING OFF THE ROOF.







OR WE CAN CLOSE OUR EYES AND WISH REAL HARD THAT OUR USERS WON'T CARE.



HE'S SAVING A
MILLION DOLLARS.
WHAT DID YOU
DO TODAY?

































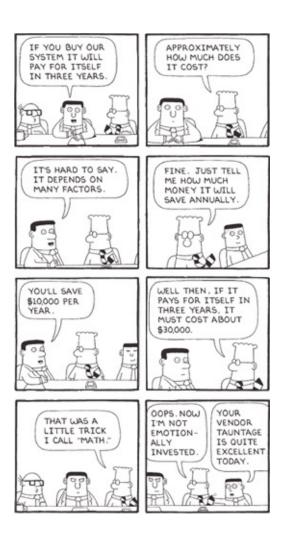


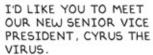


THE CEO VISIT







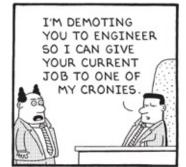




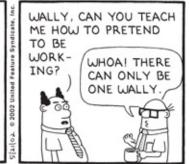
LIKE AN INFECTION, HE WILL SOON ATTACK THE MANAGERS IN THIS COMPANY AND REPLACE US WITH HIS OLD CRONIES.







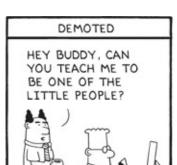






















MAYBE IT'S A GOOD THING THAT I WAS DEMOTED TO WORK AMONG YOU NOBLE LITTLE PEOPLE.



I HAVE GAINED A
VALUABLE EMPATHY
THAT WILL SERVE ME
WELL IF I EVER
BECOME A MANAGER
AGAIN.

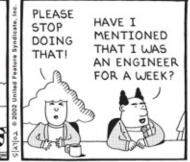


















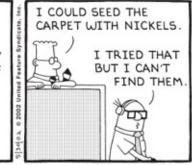








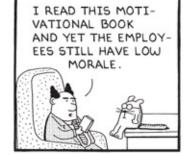


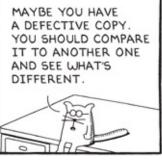








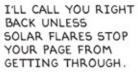




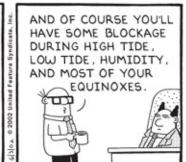






















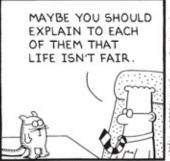




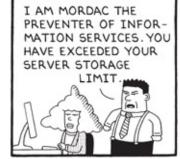












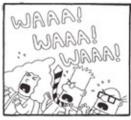


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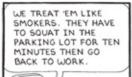














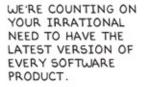












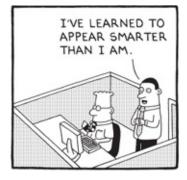




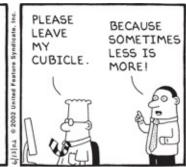


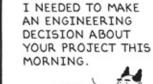






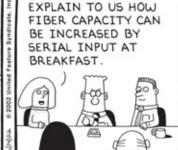




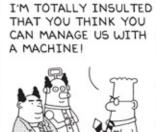
























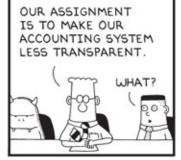






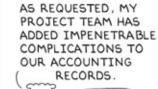










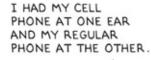






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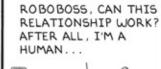




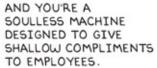






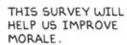














I MISJUDGED YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
AN EVIL DIRECTOR
OF H.R., BUT YOU
CARE ABOUT MORALE.



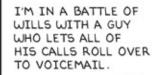
WHEN WE FIRE THIS DISGRUNTLED GUY, MY MORALE WILL GO WAY UP.







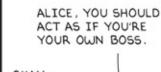


























MY TECHNOLOGY TEST WAS A HUGE FAILURE BECAUSE I HAD TO USE ROPE AS MY ELECTRONIC CABLE.



OUR PROCUREMENT MANAGER IS A MONKEY WHO SIGNED AN EXCLUSIVE CABLE CONTRACT WITH A ROPE VENDOR.





I CALL MY IDEA
"COFFEE WITH THE
BOSS." EACH EMPLOYEE WILL GET ONE
HOUR OF QUALITY
TIME WITH ME.



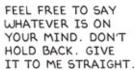
I'D RATHER STAPLE A SKUNK TO MY FOREHEAD AND GO TO A TRADE SHOW FOR BANJO MAKERS.



AND YET, IT'S STILL BETTER THAN WORKING, SO COUNT ME IN.











I'M HAVING THESE COFFEE MEETINGS TO FIND OUT HOW I CAN IMPROVE MORALE.



MY ONLY PROBLEM WAS THAT I WASN'T DRINKING ENOUGH COFFEE WITH YOU. SO NOW I'M GOOD, THANKS.



PROMISE ME YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS TABLE. I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY THINGS WERE.



I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH YOUR BUDGET IS, BECAUSE IF I DID, YOU'D TRY TO SPEND ALL OF IT.



CAN YOU TELL ME WHEN I'M OVER BUDGET?



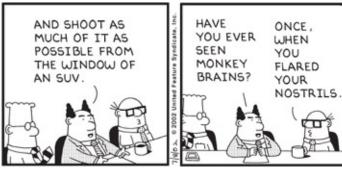
NO, BECAUSE THEN YOU'D KNOW WHAT THE BUDGET IS.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT OUR COMPANY STRATEGY IS?











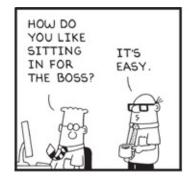








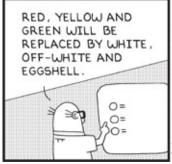












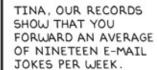




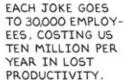














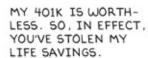








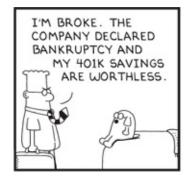


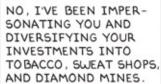




THIS WOULD BE A BAD TIME TO MAKE QUOTE MARKS IN THE AIR WHILE SAYING, "IN EFFECT."



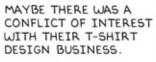














THIS ONE SAYS,
"I'M WITH BANKRUPT" AND IT HAS
AN ARROW.



OUR ACCOUNTANTS ARE WEASELS. THEY LET US GO BANKRUPT SO THEY COULD SELL T-SHIRTS THAT SAY, "I'M WITH BANKRUPT."



DIDN'T YOUR COMP-ANY MAKE ALL OF ITS MONEY SELLING PRODUCTS YOU KNEW WERE DEFECTIVE?



JUST STIR YOUR CAULDRON, MOM.



IRONIC-

ALLY,

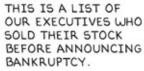










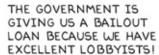




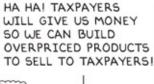






























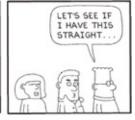












I'LL BE INCONVENIENCED BY HAVING TO FILL OUT A FORM AND CARRY YOUR STUPID CARD AROUND...





AND YOU'LL EXPECT ME TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IT?!!









OVER THE PAST YEAR, MOST OF MY CO-WORK-ERS HAVE MANAGED EXPENSIVE PROJECTS THAT FAILED.











WONDERFUL, BUT

























































