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Introduction

If you are an "employee," sooner or later you will be subjected to a horrible humiliation that forensic scientists refer to as your "performance review." You will need a strategy for coping, and I can help.

I recommend working for a timid boss who likes to avoid confrontation. You can test whether your boss fits that description by bringing a huge bag of fertilizer to work and shoving his head into it, then sewing it to his shirt collar and laughing as he goes running around like a man with a bag-o-fertilizer head.

After that, if he says something about how humor helps morale and how you're like a member of the family, then you have a timid boss, and your performance review will be just fine. He'll give you "exceptional" ratings on every category just to lessen the chance you will cry, complain, glare, or sew his head into another bag.

The next best kind of boss is a lazy boss. If he asks you to write your own performance review, you're home free. Try to weave into your evaluation words like *Einsteinian*, *overlord*, *magnificent*, and *deeeee-licious*. Even if he crosses out a few of your descriptors, whatever slips through the cracks will still serve you well.

If your boss is neither timid nor lazy, you'll have to do things the hard way. Sacrifice your health and your personal life by working extra hard to earn that highest performance review rating. Bankers will tell you that the 1 percent higher raise you earn for being a star performer will add up over time, thanks to the miracle of compounding. But later, when they're alone, the bankers will laugh heartily at your working 50 percent harder for a 1 percent higher raise. And they'll mock you for not understanding that compounding doesn't apply to people who spend all their extra money on beer to forget their jobs. Bankers are funny.

Or you could ignore your performance review altogether, and wait until Dogbert conquers the planet and makes all non-*Dilbert*-readers our personal domestic servants. To become a member of Dogbert's New Ruling Class (DNRC), and get the free *Dilbert Newsletter* that is published approximately whenever I feel like it, go to www.dilbert.com and follow the subscription instructions. If that doesn't work for some reason, send an e-mail to newsletter@unitedmedia.com.

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SWEET MOTHER OF
POTATOES! I JUST
THOUGHT OF A
BILLION-DOLLAR
IDEA!!



THE COMPANY OWNS
ALL OF YOUR IDEAS.
COUGH IT UP OR I'LL
FIRE YOU AND THEN
SUE YOU.



YOUR FIRST
BILLION-
DOLLAR IDEA
IS ALWAYS
THE HARDEST.



CAROL, I'M SENDING
YOU TO AN EXECUTIVE
BODYGUARD CLASS.



YOU'LL LEARN HOW
TO POUNCE ON A
KIDNAPPER AND
SACRIFICE YOUR-
SELF TO KEEP ME
SAFE.



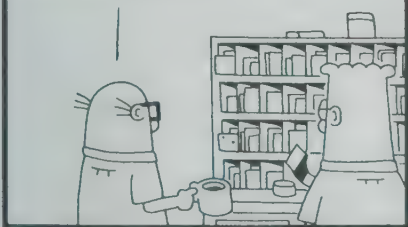
I'M
TAKING
A CLASS
CALLED
"INSIDE
HELP."



I CAN'T
REIM-
BURSE
FOR THAT.



I HAVE MAIL!
I'VE NEVER HAD
MAIL IN TWELVE
YEARS HERE.



IT'S NOT ADDRESSED
TO ME BUT IT WAS
IN MY BOX SO I'M
KEEPING IT.



NO MAIL
FOR
TWELVE
YEARS?



IF I HOLD
IT JUST
RIGHT IT
GLISTENS.

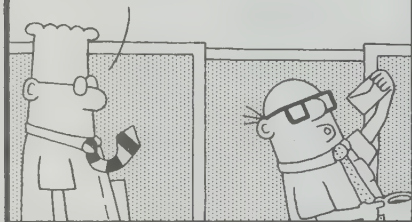


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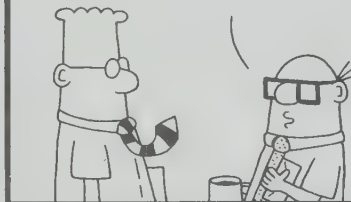
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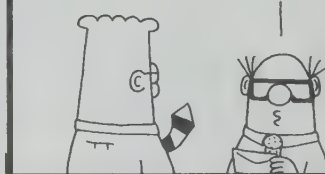
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY-
ONE GET THIS EXCITED
OVER A PIECE OF
JUNK MAIL.



I'VE NEVER BEEN ON
A MAILING LIST
BEFORE. THIS LETTER
IS VALIDATION OF
MY EXISTENCE.



IT'S NOT
ADDRESSED
TO YOU. I'LL GRANT
YOU THAT
IT'S NOT A
CLEAN WIN.

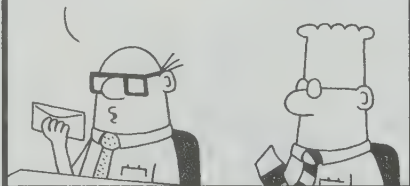


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MY MORALE SKY-
ROCKETED WHEN I
RECEIVED MY FIRST-
EVER ITEM OF BULK
MAIL.



I HAVE DESIGNATED
IT "WM1" FOR
"WALLY'S MAIL ONE"
AND IT SHALL REMAIN
FOREVER UNOPENED.



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BULK MAIL IS THE
SAME AS JUNK
MAIL.

DON'T LISTEN
TO HIS LIES,
WM1.



AND I
NEED THE
SOFTWARE
IN A
WEEK.
CHERYL IS
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
KNOWS THE
ORDERING
SYSTEM.



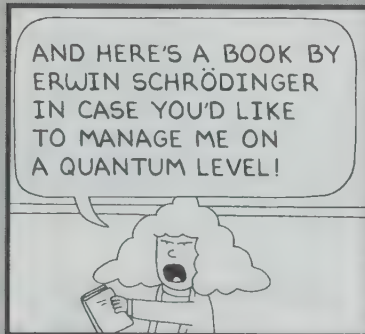
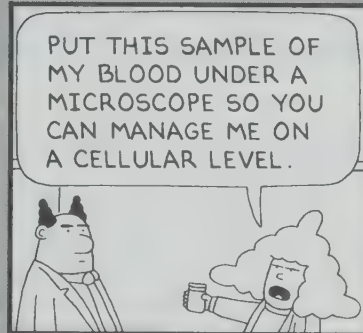
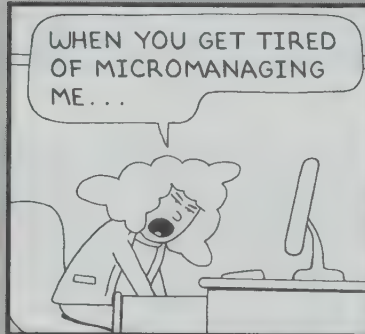
SHE'S ON HER HONEY-
MOON FOR TWO
WEEKS. YOU NEED
CFO APPROVAL TO BUY
SOFTWARE OUTSIDE
THE SYSTEM.



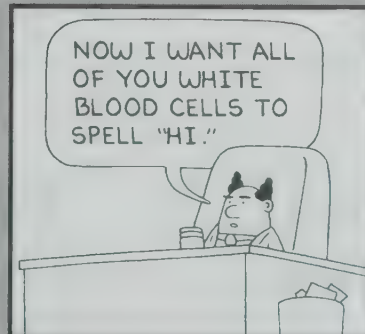
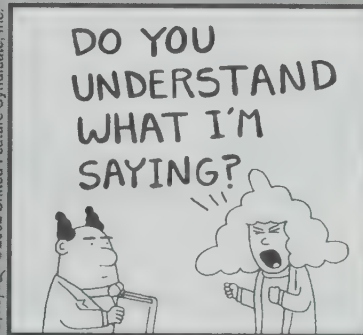
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FINE. I'LL
TALK TO
THE CFO.
WHEN WILL
HE BE
AVAILABLE?
DEPENDS
ON THE
PAROLE
BOARD.



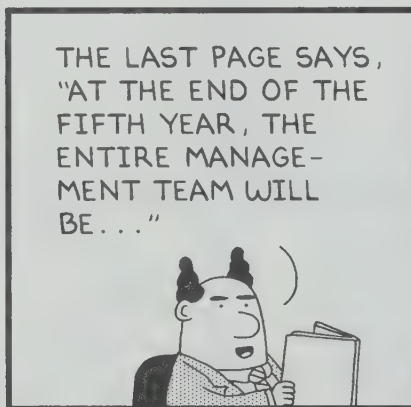


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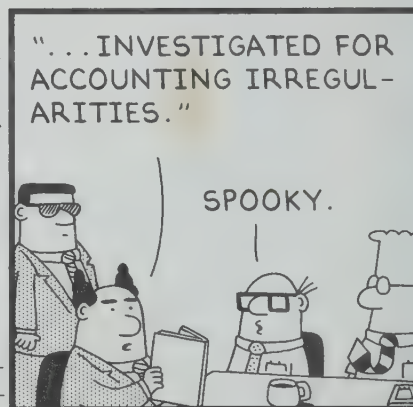




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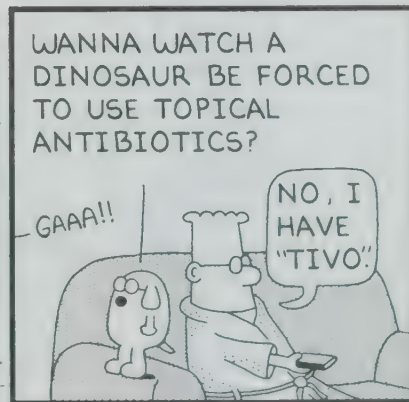
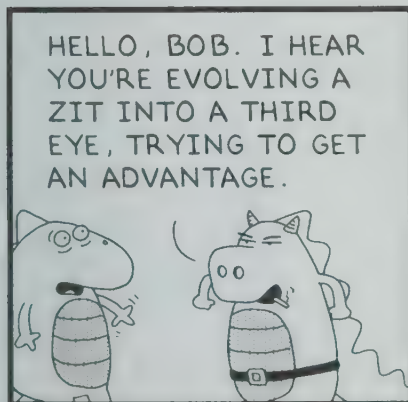
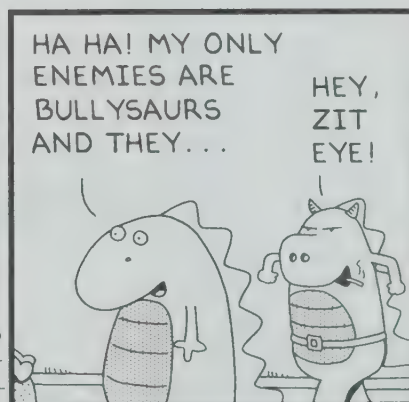
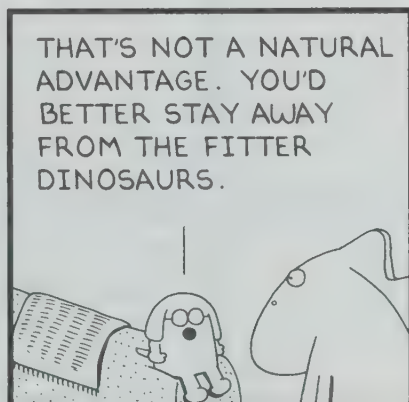
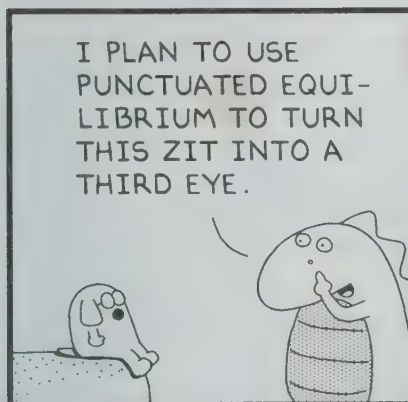
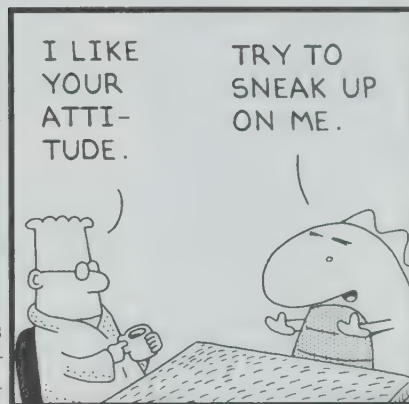
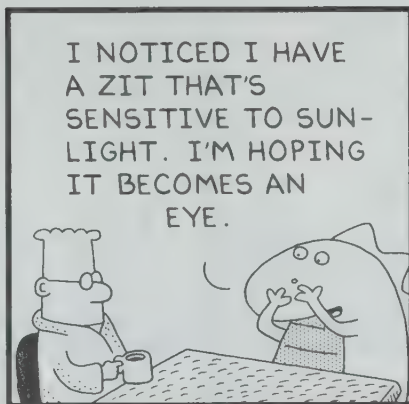
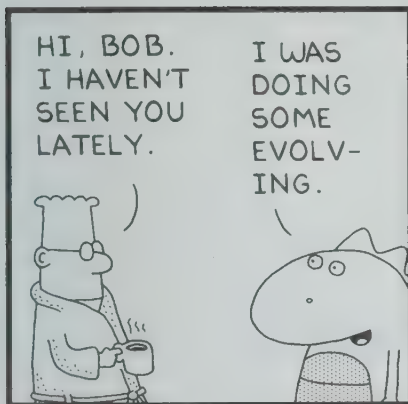


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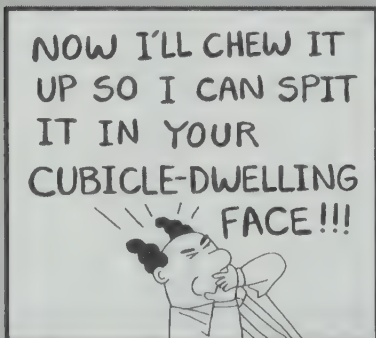
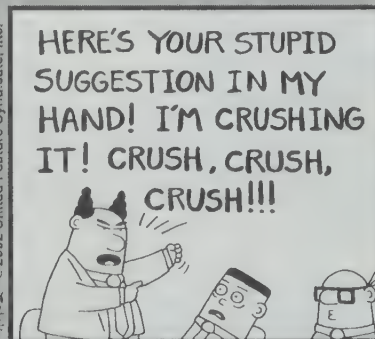
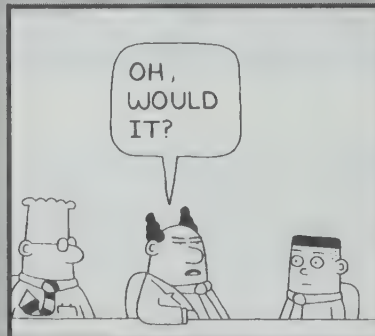
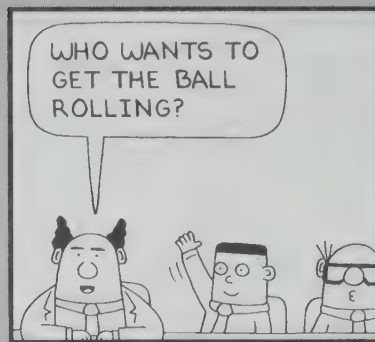




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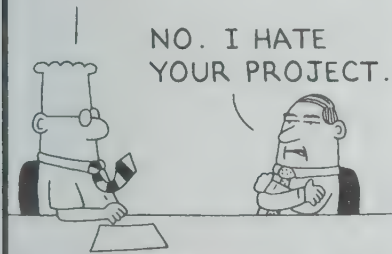
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AND I NEED A CODE
FOR CHARGING MY
PROJECT'S EXPENSES.



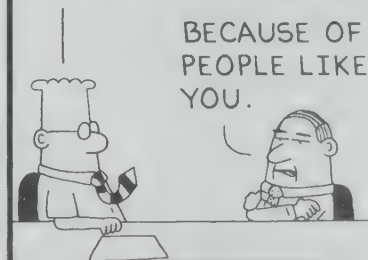
NO. I HATE
YOUR PROJECT.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF
YOU HATE IT. YOU'RE
JUST THE GUY WHO
ASSIGNS CODES.



GET OUT
OF HERE.

WHY IS EVERYTHING
IN THIS COMPANY
SO FREAKIN' HARD?



BECAUSE OF
PEOPLE LIKE
YOU.

TODAY I REALIZED
I HATE EVERYONE
IN THE ENTIRE
WORLD.

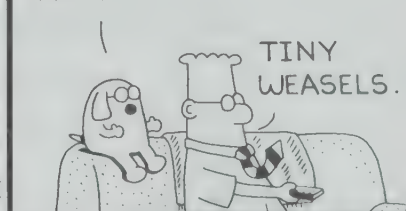


I USED TO THINK I
MIGHT LIKE SOME
PEOPLE I HADN'T
MET. BUT NOW I
THINK THEY'RE



WEASELS
TOO.

HOW ABOUT A WIDE-
EYED AND INNOCENT
CHILD WHO LOVES
YOU UNCONDITION-
ALLY?



TINY
WEASELS.

I'M SIGNING UP
PEOPLE FOR THE
MANDATORY MOUSE
TRAINING CLASS.



I SEE YOU'RE USING
A WESTERN GRIP.
THAT'S JUST BEGGING
FOR CARPAL TUNNEL.



WEAK MUSCLES...
I'LL PUT YOU IN THE
TWO-HANDED MOUSE
CLASS.



OUCH

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MOUSE TRAINING

WHO WANTS TO SHARE
AN OPINION ON WHY
MOUSE TRAINING IS
IMPOR-
TANT?



OOH-
OOH!
PICK
ME!



YES,
WALLY.



MOUSE TRAINING

TODAY YOU WILL
LEARN HOW TO AVOID
PREMATURE
CLICK-
AGE.



CONTORT YOUR FACE
AND VISUALIZE
WHAT YOU LOOK
LIKE WITH A
CONTORTED FACE.



NOW PAIR OFF AND
WE'LL DO SOME
FINGER EXERCISES
THAT I CALL "THE
THREE STOOGES."



OUR SURVEY OF
CUSTOMER SATIS-
FACTION SHOWS
IMPROVEMENT.



THE FOCUS GROUP
SPONTANEOUSLY
ATTACKED OUR
RESEARCHERS USING
NUMBER TWO PENCILS
AS SHIVS.



THAT'S
AN
IMPROVE-
MENT?

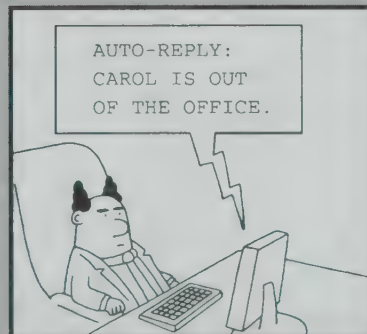
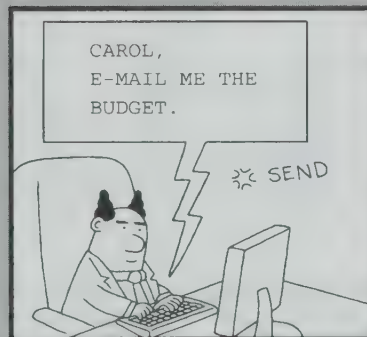
LAST YEAR
THE ATTACK
WAS PRE-
MEDITATED.



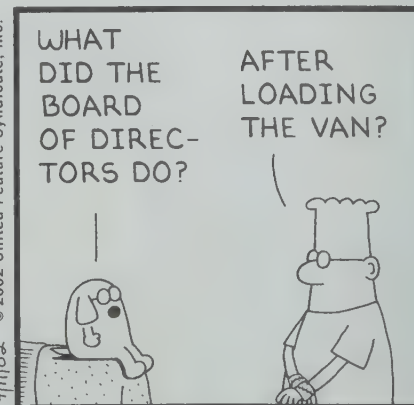
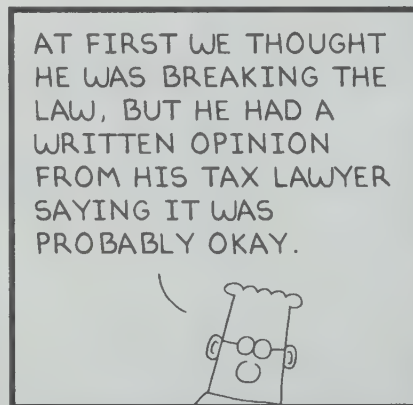
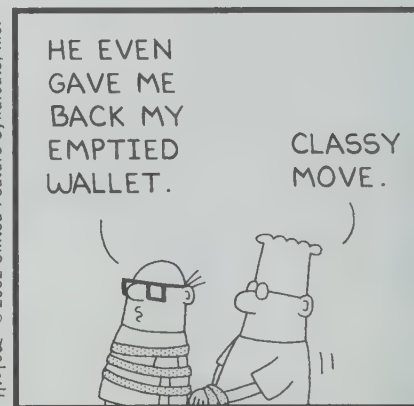
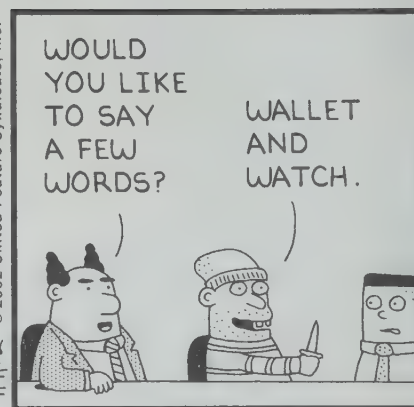
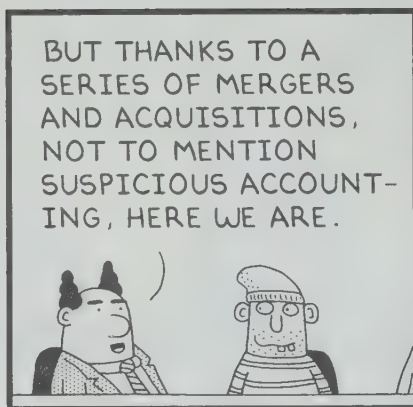
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TO REMIND US ALL
OF OUR NEED TO
REDUCE EXPENSES,
THE NEW DRESS
CODE IS BARRELS.



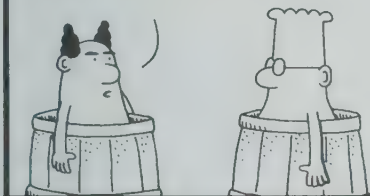
EXCEPT FOR FRIDAY,
WHICH WILL BE
CASUAL BARREL
DAY.



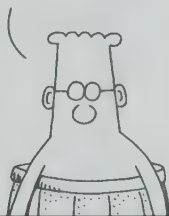
HAS ANYONE ELSE
NOTICED THAT THE
BARREL RIDES UP
ON YOU WHEN YOU
SIT?



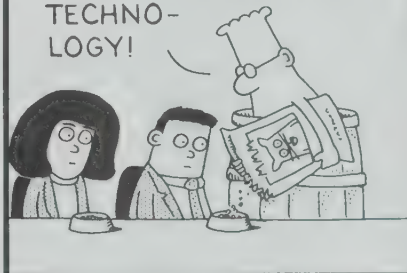
SET UP A MEETING
WITH THE CUSTOMER
SO WE CAN DEMON-
STRATE OUR TECH-
NOLOGY.



IT'S HUMILIATING
BECAUSE WE'RE SO
POOR NOW. WHAT
WILL I FEED THEM?



IF YOU THINK THE
FOOD IS GREAT, WAIT
UNTIL YOU SEE OUR
TECHNO-
LOGY!



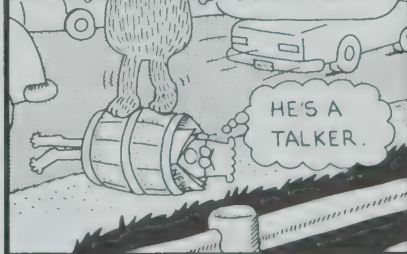
I'M SENDING YOU
TO ELBONIA FOR A
MEETING, BUT WE'RE
ON A TIGHT
BUDGET.



SO THERE WILL BE
NO LIMO SERVICE
TO THE AIRPORT.
GO THERE IN THE
CHEAPEST POSSIBLE
WAY.



AND THEN I STARTED
BROWNIE'S
BARREL
SERVICE.



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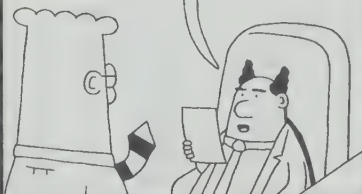
I COMPLETED
THE FEASIBILITY
ANALYSIS.



IT WOULD TAKE US
TWO YEARS TO BUILD
A PRODUCT THAT
WILL BE OBSOLETE
ONE YEAR FROM NOW.



OKAY, LET'S
GET STARTED.



UM... NO, THE POINT
IS THAT THE PROJECT
CAN'T SUCCEED.



WE WANT PEOPLE TO
THINK WE'RE DEVEL-
OPING THIS SORT OF
PRODUCT, SO WE'LL BE
CREDIBLE IN THE
MARKET.



SO OUR PLAN IS TO
DO STUPID THINGS
UNTIL WE APPEAR
CREDIBLE?



EXACTLY.



GAAA!! MY
LIFE IS A
COMPLETE
WASTE!!



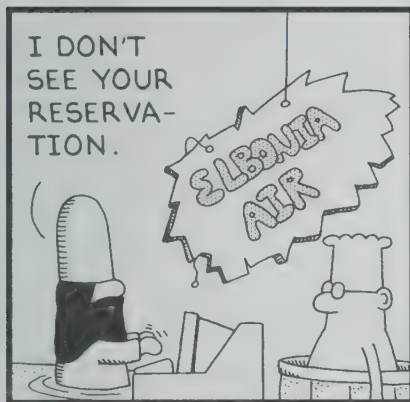
TOMORROW I'LL
ASK HIM WHY HE'S
BEHIND SCHEDULE.



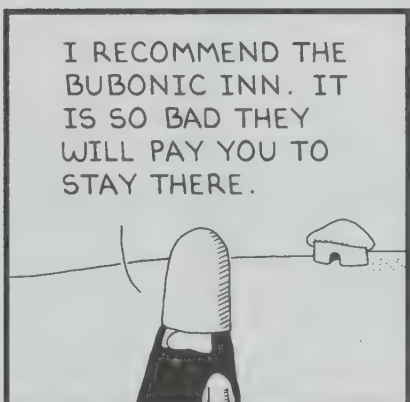
VERY EVIL.
NICELY DONE.



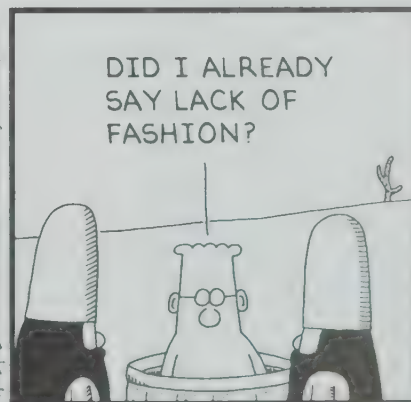
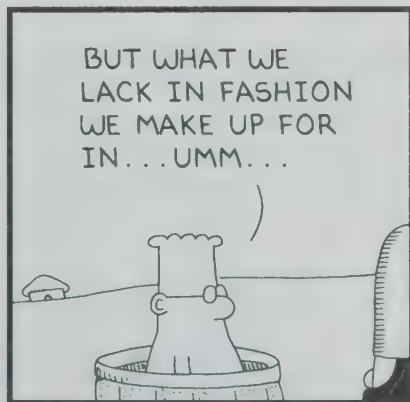
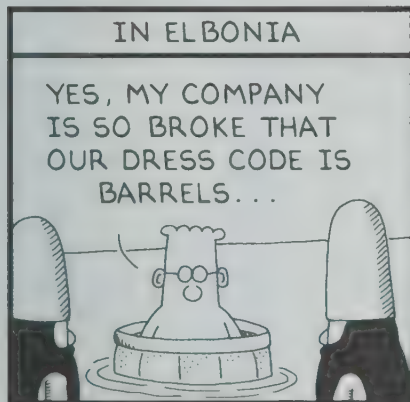
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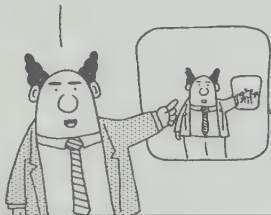


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OUR DRESS CODE
POLICY WILL GO
BACK TO BUSINESS
ATTIRE.



AND I WILL KEEP
CHANGING THE DRESS
CODE UNTIL I FIND
THE CLOTHING STYLE
THAT MAKES OUR
PROFITS GO UP!



LATER, AT THE SAR-
TORIAL ALCHEMY LAB

WATCH OUT. THIS
MIGHT SPARK.



DILBERT, MEET A
WOMAN WHO ACTS
PEEVED AT ANY
SORT OF QUESTION.



HOW
ARE
YOU?

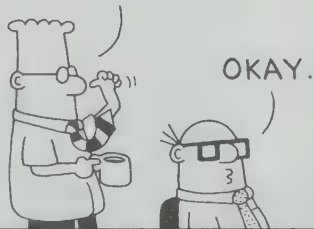


HOW
AM
I ???

WOW. I
GOTTA SHOW
THIS TO
WALLY.

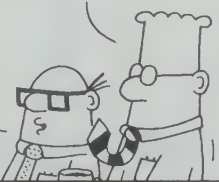


GRAB YOUR DENTAL
FLOSS AND FOLLOW
ME. I'LL EXPLAIN
ON THE WAY.



THE NEWLY HIRED
MUTANT IS NAMED
"PEEVED EVE." WAIT
UNTIL YOU SEE HER
PEEVED EXPRESSION.

HEE
HEE!



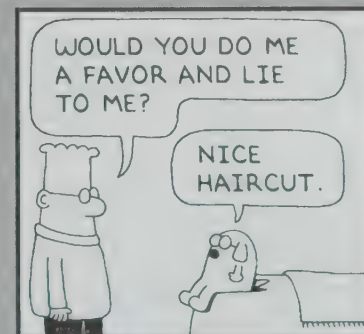
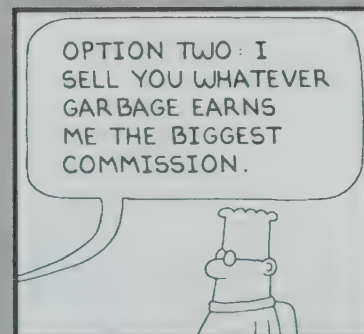
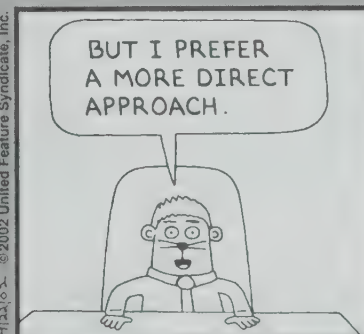
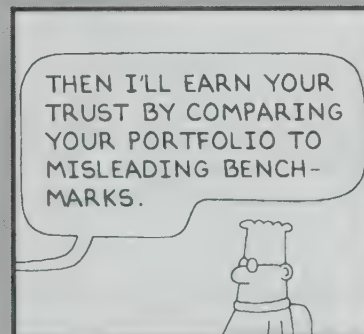
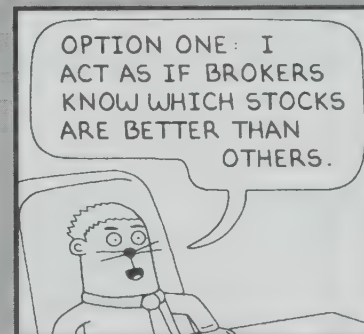
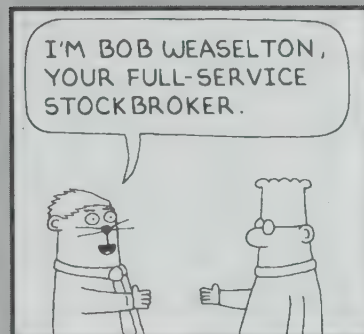
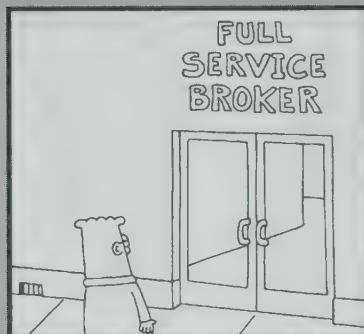
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FLOSSING!



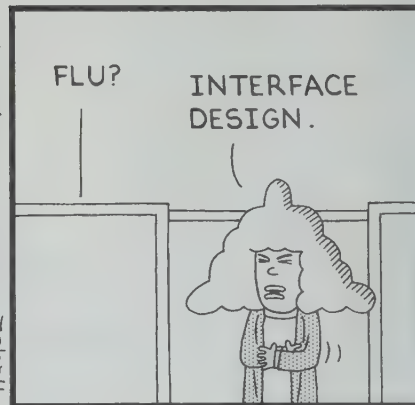
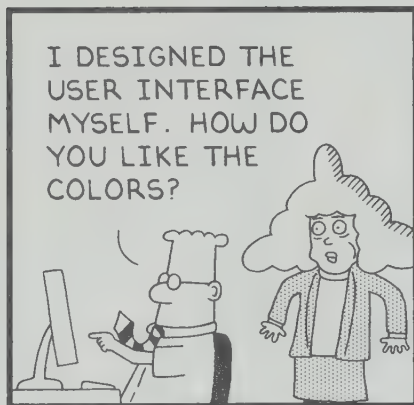
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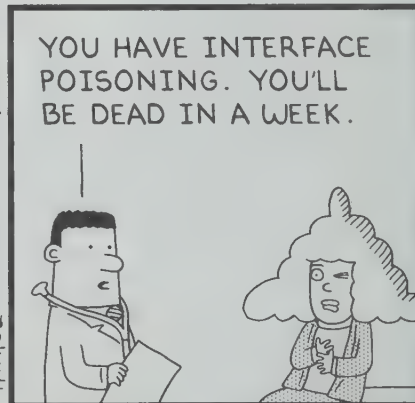
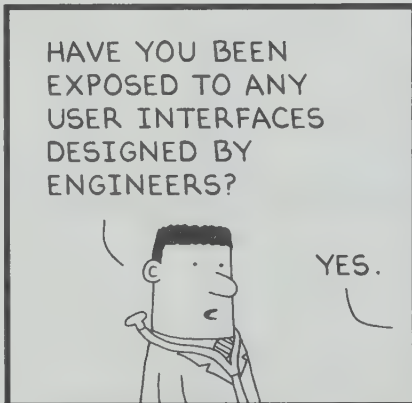
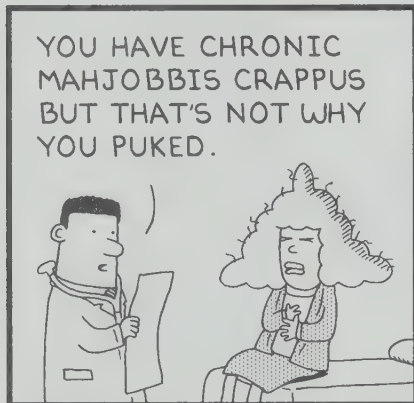
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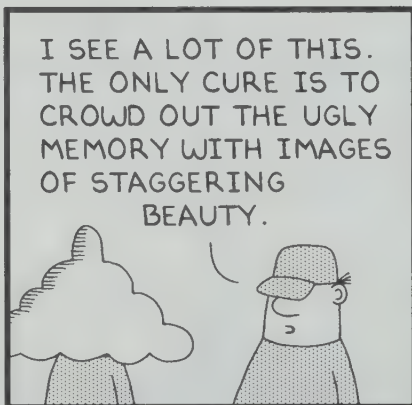
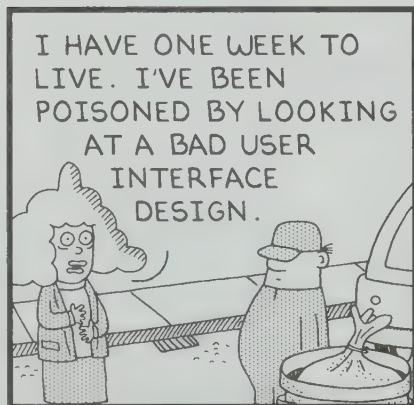
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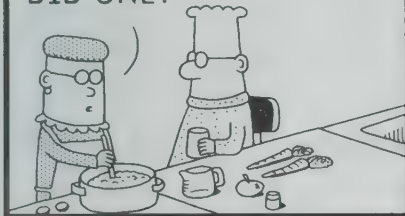


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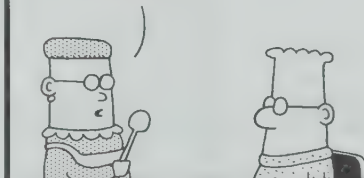


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NORMA'S SON
FINISHED THREE
PROJECTS LAST
YEAR. YOU ONLY
DID ONE.

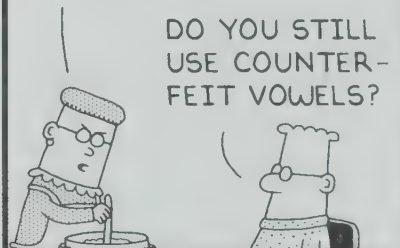


HIS CUBICLE IS A
DOUBLE-WIDE. AND
HIS CEO ONCE SAID
HI TO HIM IN THE
ELEVATOR.

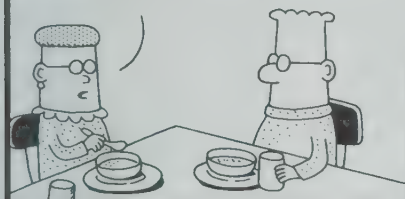


THANKS TO YOU, MY
"SCRABBLE" NIGHT IS
A LIVING HELL.

DO YOU STILL
USE COUNTER-
FEIT VOWELS?



WHY HAVE YOU ONLY
FINISHED ONE
PROJECT AT WORK
THIS YEAR? NORMA'S
SON DID THREE.



YOU CAN'T MEASURE
SOMEONE'S WORTH
BY COUNTING THE
NUMBER OF PROJECTS
HE DOES.

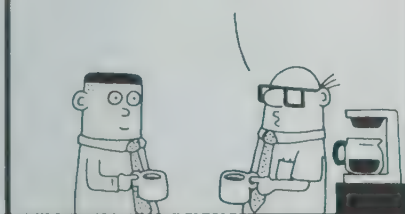


MAYBE WE SHOULD
TRACK ROI INSTEAD.

WHY, BECAUSE
YOU'RE LOSING?



IN SCHOOL, I WAS
ALWAYS THE LAST
KID PICKED TO BE
ON A TEAM.

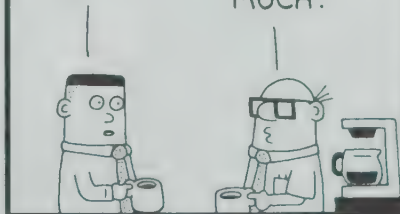


I NEED TWO PEOPLE
RIGHT NOW. I'LL
TAKE ASOK AND...
I'LL KEEP LOOKING.



SO IT'S
LIKE A
SUPER
POWER?

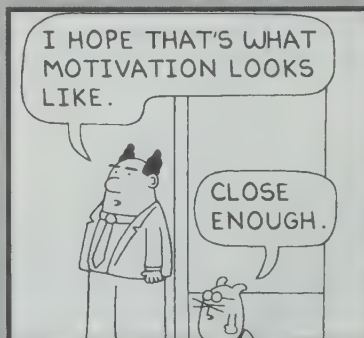
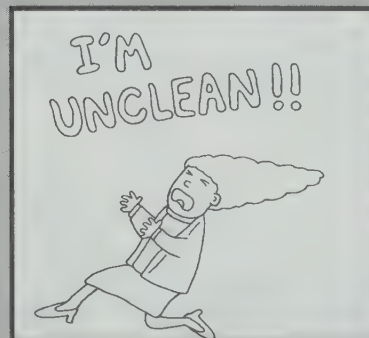
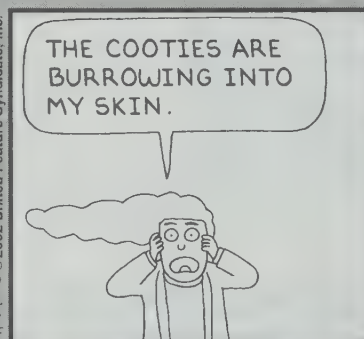
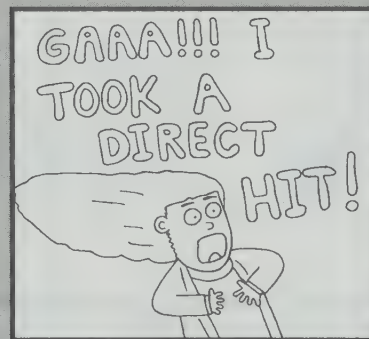
PRETTY
MUCH.



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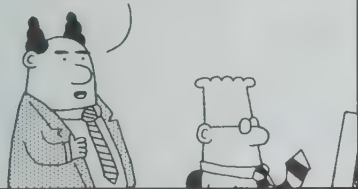
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DILBERT, I WANT YOU TO INTEGRATE OUR SALES DATABASE WITH OUR INVENTORY AND FINANCE SYSTEMS.

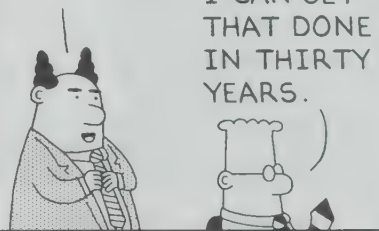


THE MANAGERS OF THOSE SYSTEMS ARE A NITWIT, AN OGRE, AND A ##!%, RESPECTIVELY.



AND THEY KNOW THAT TWO OF THEM WILL BE FIRED WHEN IT'S COMPLETE.

I CAN GET THAT DONE IN THIRTY YEARS.

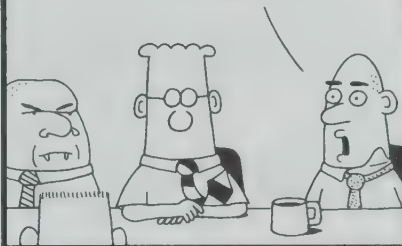


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OUR PROJECT TEAM IS COMPOSED OF A NITWIT, AN OGRE, AND A ##!%!

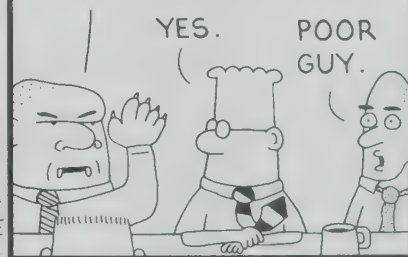


WHICH ONE OF THEM IS THE NITWIT?



YOU DIDN'T BRING DONUTS. MAY I EAT THE NITWIT?

YES. POOR GUY.



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MY PROJECT IS STALLED BECAUSE MY NITWIT HATES MY OGRE, AND MY ##!% WON'T DO ANY WORK.

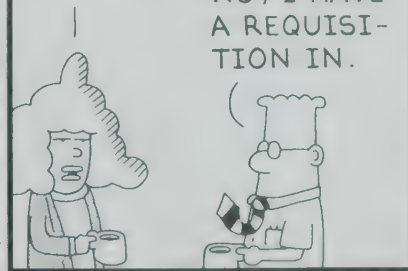


MY OGRE ATE MY NITWIT AND MY ##!% IS TRYING TO BLAME ME FOR IT.

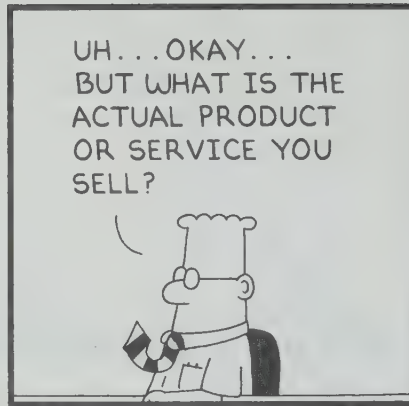


DO YOU WANT TO BORROW MY NITWIT?

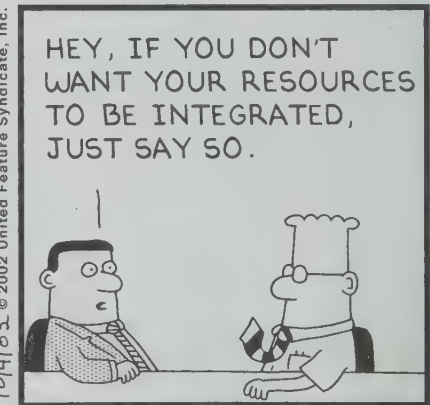
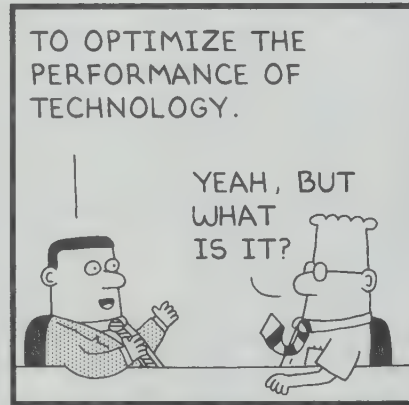
NO, I HAVE A REQUISITION IN.



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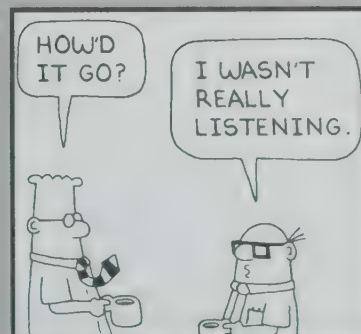
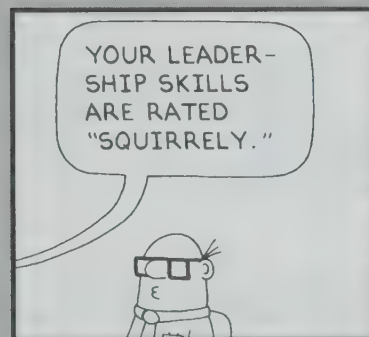
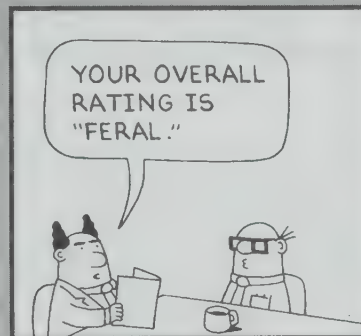
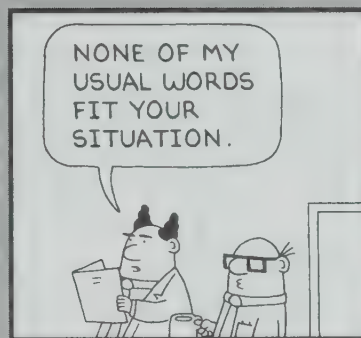
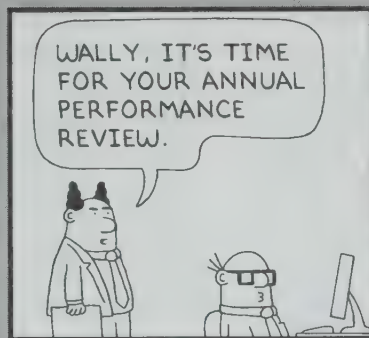
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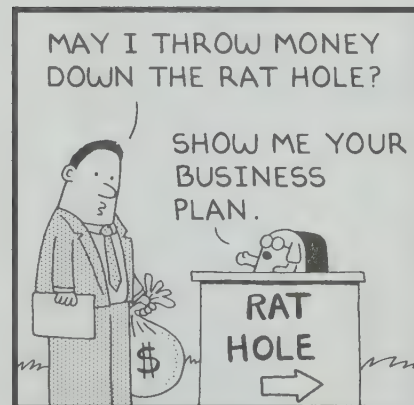
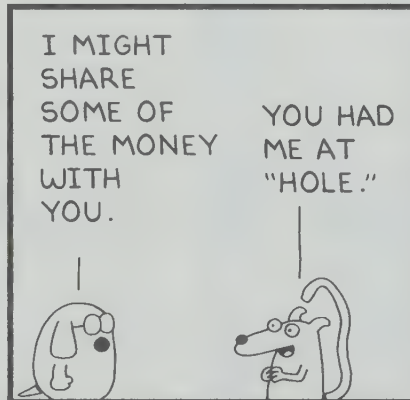
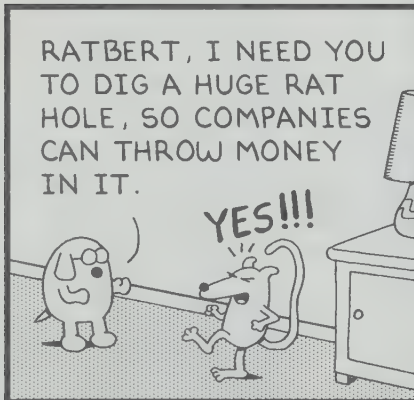
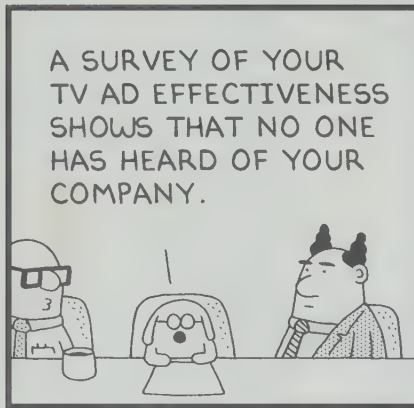
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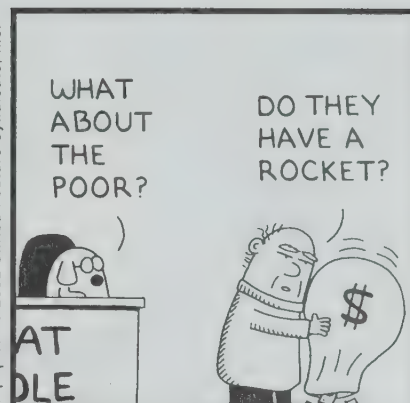
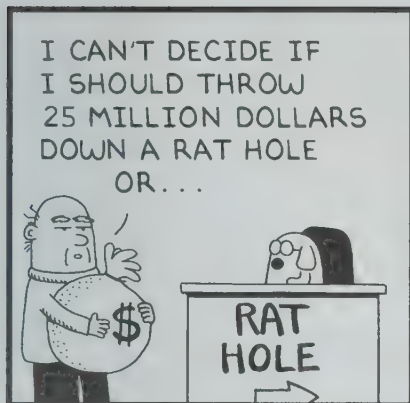


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THE THREE PILLARS
OF OUR PYRAMID ARE
COMMUNICATION,
INTEGRITY, AND
TEAMWORK.



QUESTION: SINCE
WHEN DO PYRAMIDS
HAVE PILLARS?



ANSWER:
SHUT UP.



PROBLEM: ALL OF
MY TEAM MEMBERS
ARE IDIOTS.



IF I COMMUNICATE
MY HONEST OPINION
OF THEIR IDEAS, I
WON'T BE A TEAM
PLAYER.



BUT IF I PRETEND
TO AGREE WITH
THEIR BAD IDEAS,
I WON'T HAVE
INTEGRITY.



SO INSTEAD OF
BEING A PYRAMID,
CAN I BE A TWO-
LEGGED STOOL LIKE
YOU?



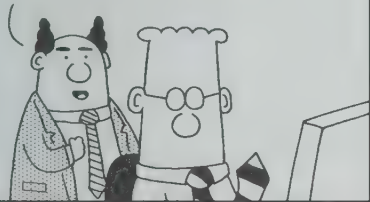
WOW! THAT WAS MUCH
BETTER THAN MY
PILLAR
QUESTION.

AREN'T I
ON YOUR
TEAM?

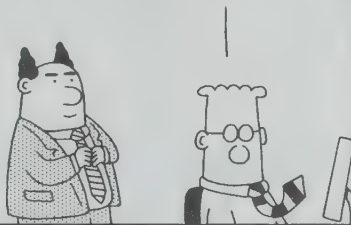


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IF WE CAN PUT A MAN
ON THE MOON, WE CAN
BUILD A COMPUTER
MADE ENTIRELY OF
RECYCLED PAPER.

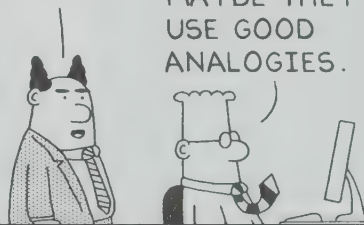


YOUR FLAWED ANALO-
GY ONLY SHOWS THAT
OTHER PEOPLE CAN
DO OTHER THINGS.



MAYBE YOU SHOULD
CALL OTHER PEOPLE
AND ASK HOW THEY
DO IT.

MAYBE THEY
USE GOOD
ANALOGIES.



I ASKED DILBERT TO
LEAD THE TEAM IN
MAKING A COMPUTER
ENTIRELY FROM
RECYCLED PAPER.



HA HA HA!!
YOU ARE TOTALLY
DOOMED TO
FAIL!!



WALLY IS TEACHING ME
TO FIND JOY IN THE
MISERY OF OTHERS.

YOU'RE ON MY
PROJECT TEAM.



MARKETING

SOMEONE NAMED
WALLY IS TELLING
US TO LAUNCH THE
NEW PRODUCT.



OR IT MIGHT SAY TO
EAT LUNCH WITH A
PENGUIN. IT HAS
A FEW
TYPOS.

I ALREADY
ATE, SO
LET'S DO
THE
OTHER
THING.

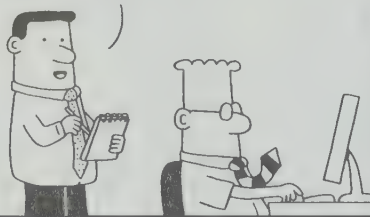


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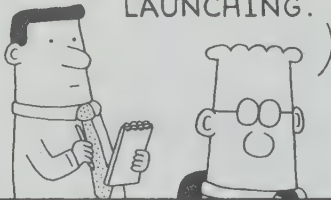
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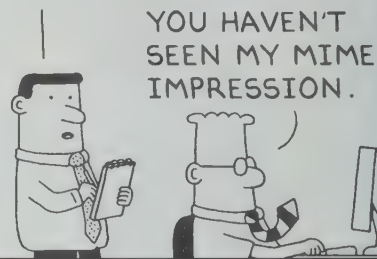
CAN YOU COME
TO THE PRODUCT-
LAUNCH PARTY
NEXT WEEK?



NO. I'LL BE WORKING
DAY AND NIGHT FOR
FIVE YEARS TO BUILD
THE PRODUCT YOU
THINK YOU'RE
LAUNCHING.

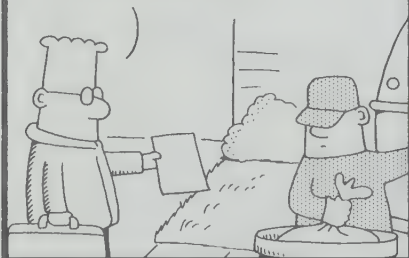


SOMETHING TELLS ME
YOU DON'T ADD MUCH
TO A PARTY.



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DOES MY LATEST
ASSIGNMENT LOOK
IMPOSSIBLE?



LET'S SEE... YOU'D
NEED TO SLOW THE
SPEED OF LIGHT, AND
PERFECT THE ART
OF HUMAN CLONING...



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SO
THERE'S
HOPE?



ELIMINATE
GRAVITY,
STOP THE
SUN, RE-
ANIMATE
THE DEAD...



CAN YOU HELP ME
WEASEL OUT OF AN
IMPOSSIBLE
ASSIGNMENT?



YOU CAME
TO THE RIGHT
PLACE.

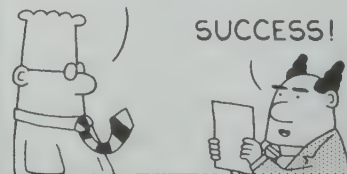
GRADUALLY REWORD
THE OBJECTIVES OF
THE PROJECT UNTIL
ONE DAY THEY MATCH
WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY
DONE.



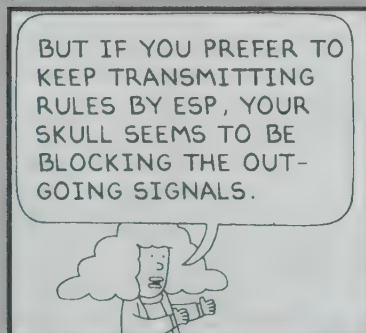
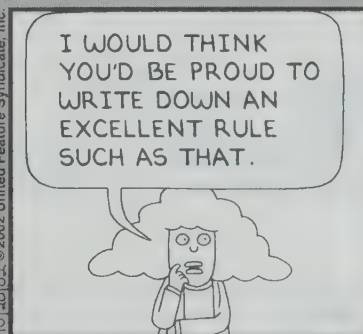
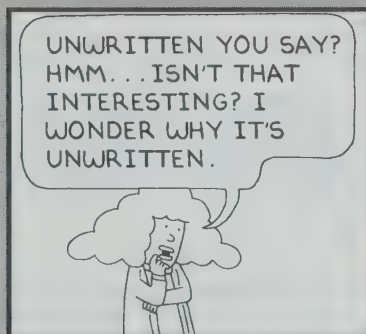
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SIX MONTHS LATER

I SUCCESSFULLY ANA-
LYZED THE FEASIBIL-
ITY OF DISCONTINU-
ING THE PROJECT.

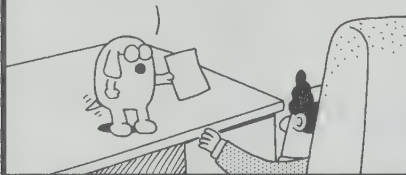


SUCCESS!



DOGBERT THE INVEST-
MENT BANKER

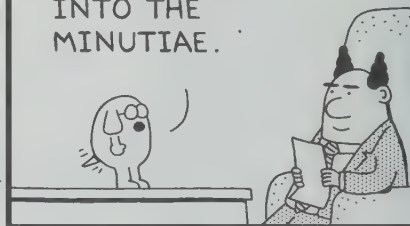
HERE'S A DEAL SHEET
FOR A COMPANY
YOU SHOULD BUY.



THEY'RE DEFENDING
AGAINST A TRILLION-
DOLLAR ASBESTOS
LAWSUIT, AND THEY
HAVE NO EARNINGS.



BUT THAT'S OKAY,
BECAUSE STOCK
ANALYSTS DON'T
DIG THAT FAR
INTO THE
MINUTIAE.



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DOGBERT THE INVEST-
MENT BANKER

WE HAVE ALL OF THE
ELEMENTS TO MAKE
THE MERGER A SUCCESS.



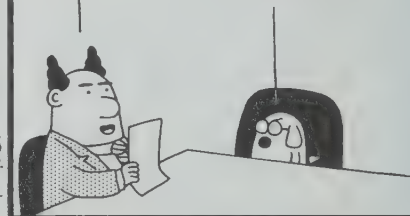
...CORRUPT AUDITORS,
CORRUPT CFO, CORRUPT
STOCK ANALYSTS,
GREEDY BANKERS AND
CLUELESS BOARD
MEMBERS.



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AND
YOU?

WHAT
ARE YOU
IMPLYING?

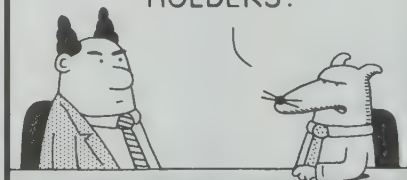


DOGBERT THE INVEST-
MENT BANKER

I HIRED A WEASEL
TO TEACH YOU HOW
TO ANSWER MEDIA
QUESTIONS.



NO MATTER WHAT
THE REPORTERS ASK,
ALWAYS GIVE THE SAME
ANSWER: "IT WILL BE
GOOD FOR STOCK-
HOLDERS."



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IS IT TRUE THAT YOU
RAN OVER A STOCK-
HOLDER IN THE PARK-
ING LOT?

IT'LL BE GOOD
FOR HIM.



I WORRY THAT OUR
UPCOMING MERGER
IS NOTHING BUT A
HUGE SCAM ON OUR
STOCKHOLDERS.



BUWAHA-
HAHAHA!!



I MEAN...
IT'S ACCRETIVE
TO EARNINGS.



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THIS STOCKHOLDER
IS SUING US TO STOP
THE MERGER. GO
ROUGH HER UP.



THIS ASSIGNMENT
DISTURBS ME ON
MANY LEVELS.



NAME
ONE.

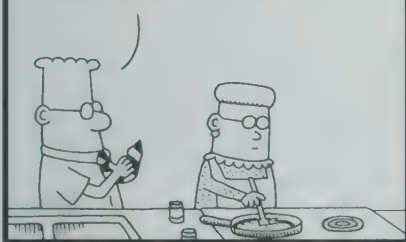
IT WILL
MAKE THE
HOLIDAYS
TENSE.



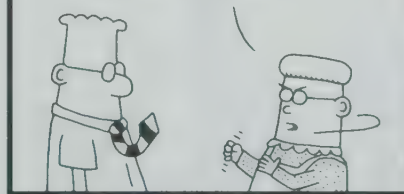
BLAH,
BLAH,
BLAH.

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MOM, YOU HAVE TO
DROP YOUR LAWSUIT
AGAINST MY COMPANY.
THEY FIGHT DIRTY.



BRING 'EM ON!
I'VE BEEN WATCHING
MY "TAE BO" VIDEOS!
I'LL DISPATCH THEIR
GOONS TO HELL!



THEY
SENT
ME. I'M
THEIR
GOON.



AFTER
DINNER,
I'M GOING
BILLY BLANKS
ON YOUR
BUTT!

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THANKS TO AN EPIC
YEAR OF UNETHICAL
BEHAVIOR...



WE NEED TO DO
SOME REBRANDING
SO THAT NO ONE
KNOWS WHO WE
ARE.



I HIRED THE
DOGBERT CONSULT-
ING COMPANY TO
HELP.



YOU CAN'T FIX YOUR
IMAGE ALL AT ONCE.
I RECOMMEND START-
ING WITH SMALL
IMPROVEMENTS.



FIRST, RENAME THE
COMPANY TO
STINKINGWEASELS INC.



THE NEW SLOGAN
WILL BE "WE STEAL
IN WAYS YOU'VE
NEVER EVEN HEARD
OF."

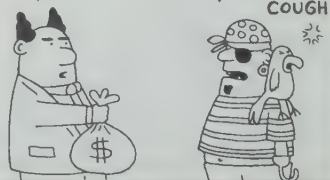


FOR YOUR SPOKES-
PERSON, I RECOM-
MEND HIRING A
PIRATE WITH A
DISEASED PARROT.



NO?

WE HAVE
STANDARDS.



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MOM, I'LL GET FIRED
UNLESS YOU DROP
YOUR LAWSUIT AGAINST
MY COMPANY.

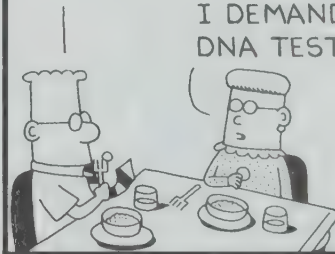


WHY DO YOU WORK
FOR A COMPANY
THAT'S MANAGED
BY DESPICABLE
WEASELS?



THEY TELL ME IT'S
BECAUSE I ENJOY
THE CHALLENGE.

I DEMAND A
DNA TEST.



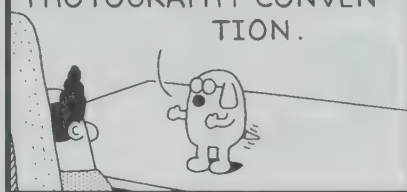
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DOGBERT THE ATTORNEY

YOUR BEST DEFENSE
IS TO SAY YOU WERE
IGNORANT OF YOUR
COMPANY'S
STOCK MANIPU-
LATION.



WE NEED TO CONVINCE
A JUDGE THAT YOU'RE
DUMBER THAN CHOCO-
LATE PANTS AT AN
OUTDOOR LAS VEGAS
PHOTOGRAPHY CONVEN-
TION.



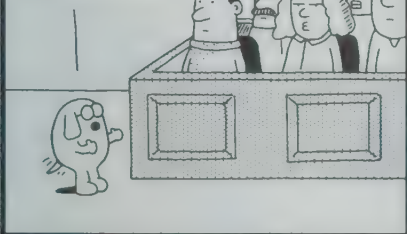
I DON'T
GET
THAT.

E-E-EXCELLENT.



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I WILL PROVE THAT
MY CLIENT IS TOO
DUMB TO
EMBEZZLE.



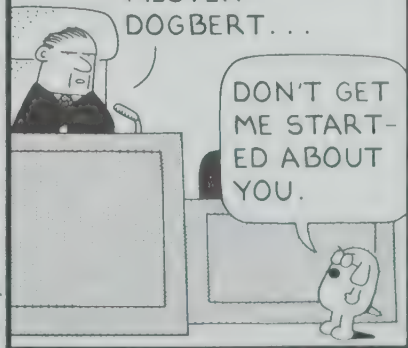
OR, FAILING IN
THAT, I'LL PROVE
THAT YOU'RE TOO
DUMB TO KNOW HE
DID IT.



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MISTER
DOGBERT...

DON'T GET
ME START-
ED ABOUT
YOU.



WE FIND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY AND WE SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH.



UMM...WE HAVEN'T DELIBERATED. WE HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD ANY EVIDENCE YET.



OKAY, SO, WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT LENO'S MONOLOGUE IS NOT EVIDENCE?



DOGBERT THE ATTORNEY

YOUR HONOR, IS IT TOO LATE TO CHANGE SIDES?



AFTER HEARING THE EVIDENCE, I WANT TO PUNISH MY CLIENT.



I EXPECT SOME AWKWARD SILENCES DURING THE NEXT BREAK.



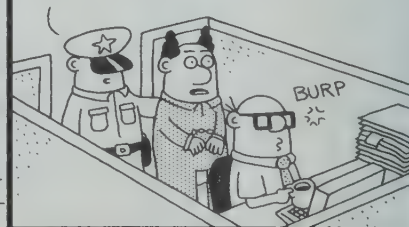
THE COURT FINDS YOU GUILTY OF DEFRAUDING STOCKHOLDERS.



YOU WILL SERVE YOUR TIME IN A PLACE SO HORRIBLE THAT IT HAS NO NAME.



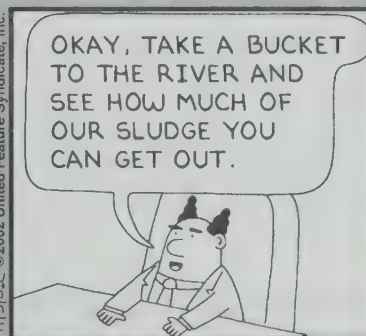
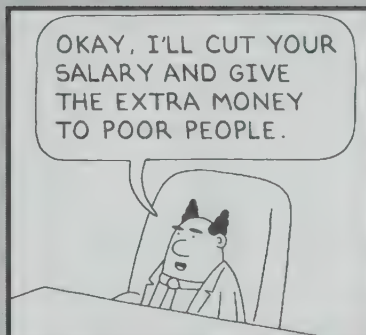
HERE'S YOUR ROOMIE.



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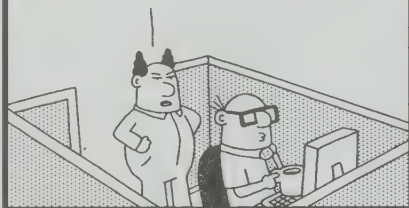
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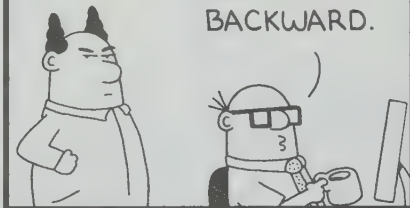
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POINTY-HAIRED CONVICT

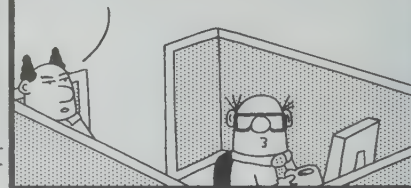
I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO BUST OUT OF THIS JOINT.



TRY WALKING BACKWARD.



WELL, THAT DIDN'T WORK... OH, I GET IT: THIS IS A LITTLE JOKE YOU PLAY ON ALL THE FRESH MEAT.



WHAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS IN JAIL?



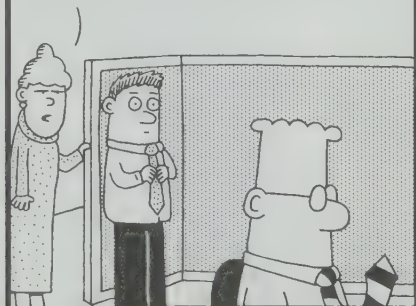
MORALE SKYROCKETED, PROFITS SOARED, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, LIFE HAD MEANING.



IT'S JUST MY LUCK THAT I'D MISS THOSE TWO DAYS.



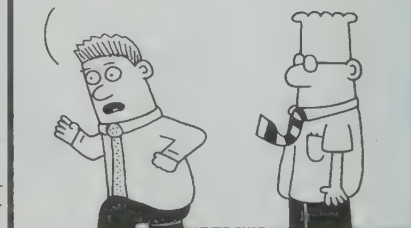
HERE'S THE TEMP YOU REQUESTED.



GAAA!!! NO HANDSHAKE! I'M AFRAID OF COMMITMENT!!



I WON'T NEED A CHAIR. I LIKE TO STAND IN THIS POSITION.



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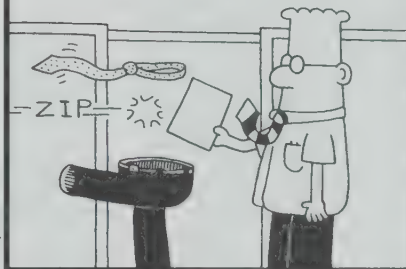
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I'M A TEMP WITH A
FEAR OF COMMITMENT.
I KEEP ONE FOOT OUT
THE DOOR.

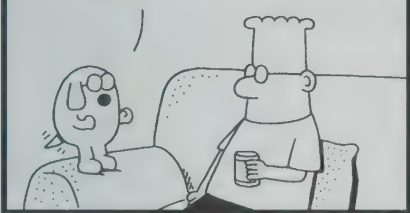


WHATEVER. JUST
TAKE CARE OF THIS
FOR ME. IT'LL TAKE
TEN MINUTES.

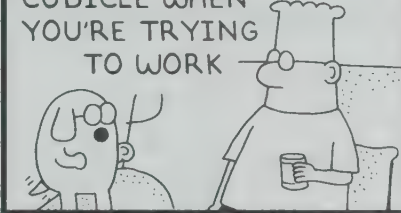


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I'VE DEVELOPED A
NEW THEORY OF
INTELLIGENCE THAT
I CALL "DROP-BY I.Q."



IT'S A MEASURE OF
HOW LONG A DROP-
BY VISITOR WILL
STAY IN YOUR
CUBICLE WHEN
YOU'RE TRYING
TO WORK



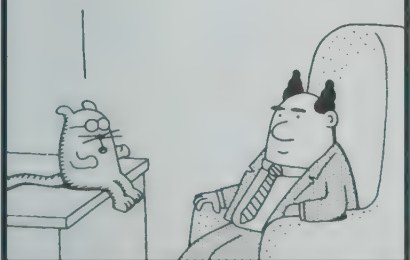
ONE
HOUR
AND
COUNT-
ING.

...AND
THAT'S WHY
I'M AFRAID
OF BANANAS.

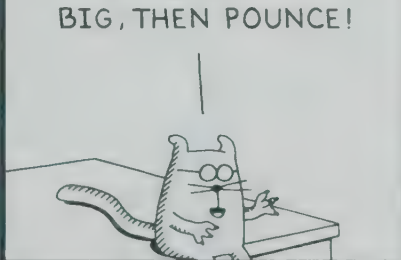


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DON'T GIVE PERFOR-
MANCE REVIEWS ON
TIME.



WAIT UNTIL AN
EMPLOYEE SCREWS
UP SOMETHING
BIG, THEN POUNCE!

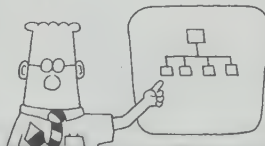


...I FORGOT TO UN-
PLUG THE DEMO UNIT
AND IT BURNED DOWN
OUR CUSTOMER'S
HEADQUARTERS.



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AND THEN I WOULD
END THE PRESENTA-
TION WITH THIS.



WHOA! I DON'T LIKE
THE LOOK OF THAT
BACKGROUND COLOR.



RED SAYS DANGER.
WE DON'T WANT TO
SCARE OUR
CUSTOMERS.



UM... OKAY. HOW
ABOUT YELLOW?



YELLOW? ARE WE
SAYING WE'RE
COWARDS?



WHAT WE NEED IS A
COMMITTEE TO SET
SOME STANDARDS
FOR BACKGROUND
COLORS.



WHAT WE NEED IS A
METEOR TO PULVERIZE
YOU THREE POINTY-
HAIRD, MICRO-
MANAGING NITWITS.



IF YOU DIDN'T MOVE
YOUR MOUTH, HOW
DID IT GET OUT?

IT CAME OUT OF
MY EAR HOLE.



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...AND I NEED IT
THIS AFTERNOON.

FORGET IT!
I'M A SHORT-
TIMER.

I PLAN TO SIT IN
THIS CHAIR AND
NOT MOVE MY ARMS
OR LEGS FOR A
WEEK. AFTER THAT,
I'LL NEVER WORK
ANOTHER DAY!

I HESITATE TO ASK
THIS, BUT I HAVE
AN ITCH IN AN
AWKWARD
PLACE.

ASOK, GO GET THE
SHORT-TIMER AND
PUSH HIS CHAIR TO
MY OFFICE.

IS HE
INJURED?

NO, HE REFUSES TO
MOVE HIS ARMS OR
LEGS UNTIL RETIRE-
MENT.

ARE YOU A GOOD
EXAMPLE OF WHAT
IS CALLED A "PIECE
OF WORK"?

EXCEPT FOR
THE "WORK"
PART.

THE SHORT-TIMER

YOU'RE RETIRING
SOON, SO YOU CAN
GIVE ME HONEST
FEEDBACK.

WOULDN'T THAT
BE HARDER THAN
DOING ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING?

HOW ABOUT IF I
CREATE THE ILLUSION
OF LISTENING WHILE
I FANTASIZE ABOUT
FISHING?

GOOD
ENOUGH.

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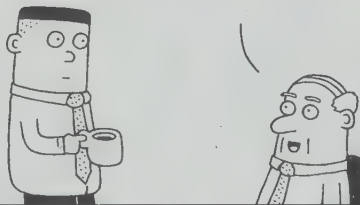
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THE SHORT-TIMER

HOW WILL YOU LEAVE
IF YOU REFUSE TO
USE ANY MAJOR
MUSCLE GROUPS UNTIL
RETIREMENT?



I'M HOPING SOME-
ONE WILL BUY ME A
MOTORIZED WHEEL-
CHAIR AND LIFT ME
INTO IT.



I WOULD BE WILLING
TO DRAG YOU TO THE
CURB.

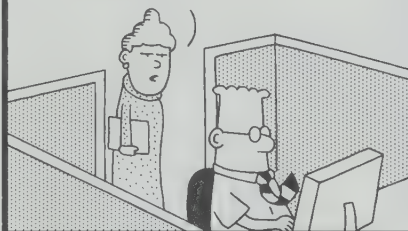


FACE
UP?

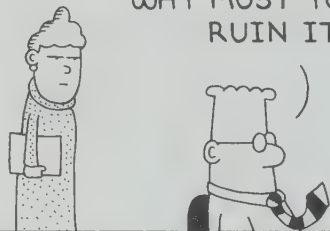


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THERE'S AN EMER-
GENCY STRATEGY
MEETING IN FIVE
MINUTES.



I WAS ALL WARM
AND COZY IN MY
CUBICLE PARADISE.
WHY MUST YOU
RUIN IT?



CAN YOU HEAR
THE SOUND OF
ME NOT CARING?



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WE NEED A CLEAR
STRATEGY. DOES
ANYONE HAVE A
SUGGESTION?



LET'S FIGURE OUT
WHAT MAKES US
THE MOST PROFIT,
AND THEN DO MORE
OF IT.



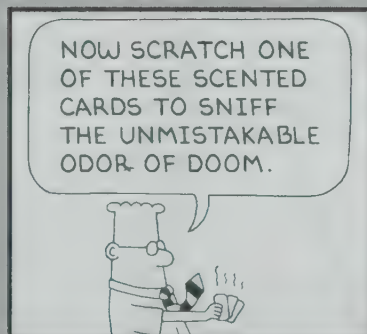
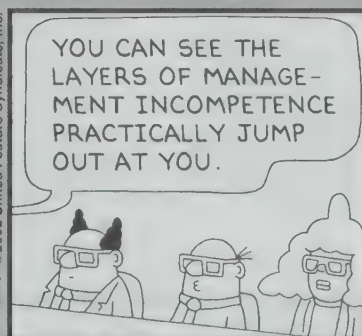
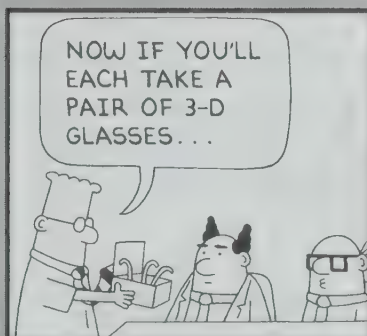
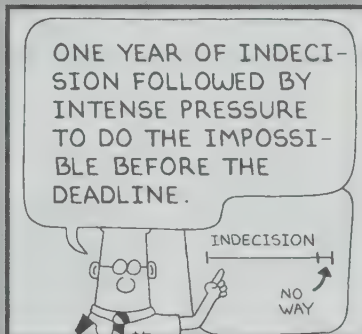
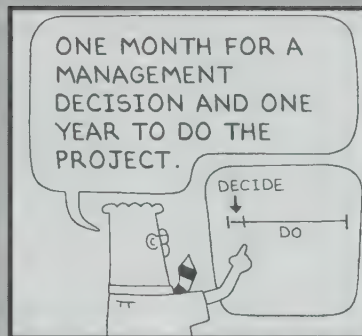
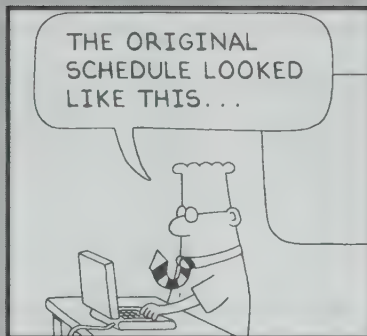
IT NEEDS
TO BE LESS
CLEAR
THAN THAT.



CAN
IT BE
ILLEGAL?



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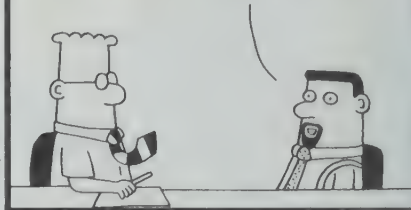
THE MARKETING
DEPARTMENT WANTS
YOU TO BUILD A
DEVICE THAT TURNS
CUSTOMERS INTO
SHEEP.



WHY? SO THEY'LL
BUY WHATEVER
WE TELL THEM
TO BUY?

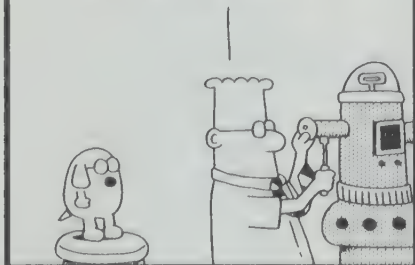


TO BE HONEST, WE
HAVEN'T GIVEN IT
MUCH THOUGHT
BEYOND FREE WOOL.

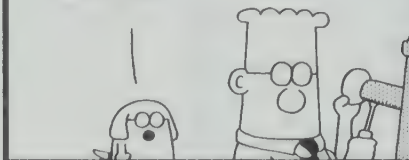


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MY INVENTION WILL
TURN PEOPLE INTO
MINDLESS SHEEP.



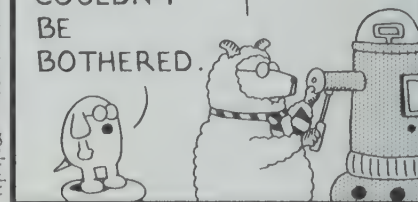
I'M CURIOUS HOW
YOU'LL KNOW IT
WORKS. I ASSUME
IT'S MOSTLY A
COSMETIC
CHANGE.



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DOGBERT, DID
YOU UNPLUG IT
AS I ASKED YOU?

COULDN'T
BE
BOTHERED.



A LAB ACCIDENT
TURNED ME INTO
A SHEEP.



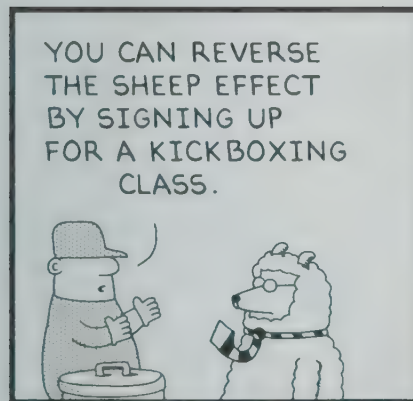
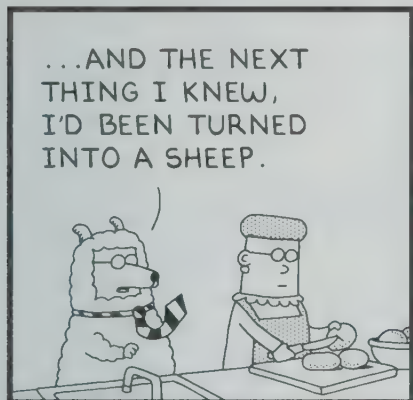
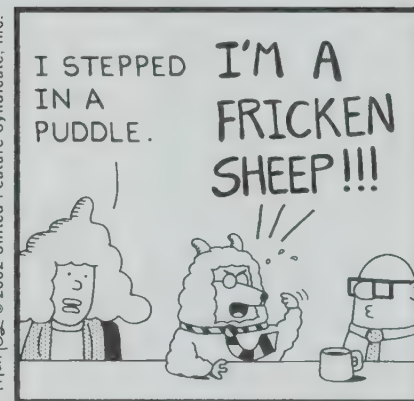
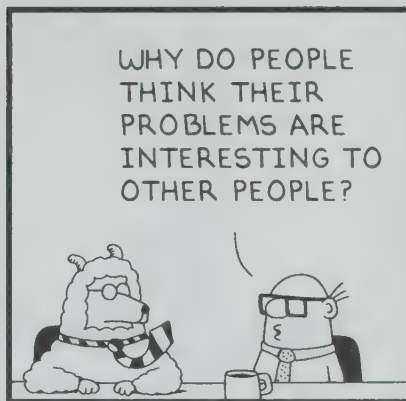
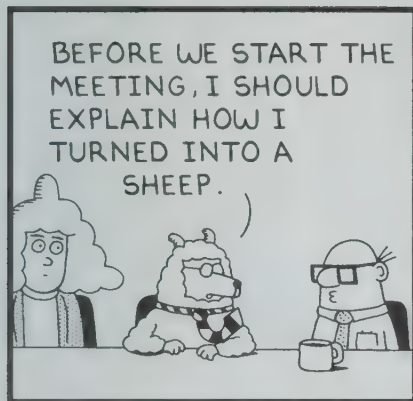
IT'S NOT ALL BAD.
IN ADDITION TO
BEING SOFT AND
WARM, I NEVER NEED
TO FORM OPINIONS.



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IF YOU WANT SOME
WOOL, JUST GRAB ME
AND START SHAVING.
I'LL BARELY STRUGGLE.

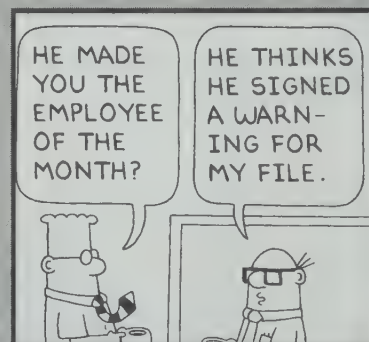
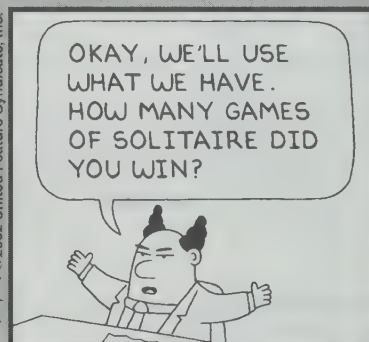
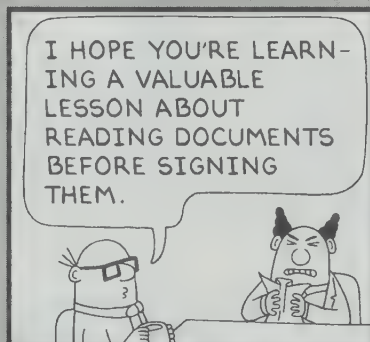




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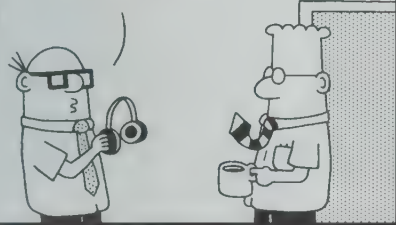
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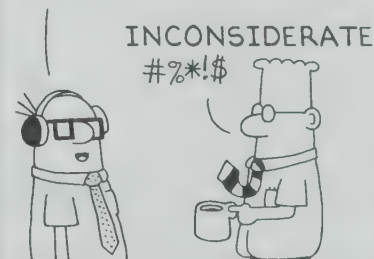
FROM NOW ON,
I PLAN TO WEAR
HEADPHONES IN
THE OFFICE.



I'LL BE DRUMMING
MY FINGERS AND
HUMMING ALL DAY.
I MIGHT EVEN
WHISTLE.



I CAN'T HEAR YOU,
BUT I ASSUME YOU'RE
WISHING ME LUCK.

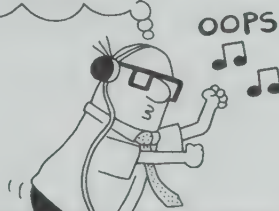


INCONSIDERATE
#%*!\$

OOPS, I DID
IT AGAIN...



WITH HEADPHONES
I SOUND EXACTLY
LIKE BRITNEY
SPEARS.

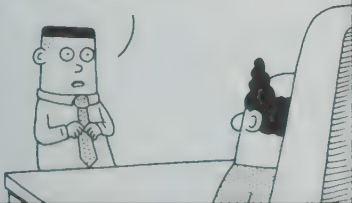


I'D SLAP HIM BUT
I DON'T WANT TO
TOUCH HIM.



OOH OOH

THE LOWER LEFT PART
OF MY COMPUTER
SCREEN IS DEFECTIVE.
MAY I ORDER A
REPLACEMENT?



THAT PART OF
THE SCREEN IS
OVERRATED. TRY
IGNORING IT.



MAY I VIGOROUSLY
BANG MY HEAD ON
YOUR DESK?



SURE.
KNOCK
YOURSELF
OUT.

EACH OF YOU WILL
GET A SHIRT AS
PART OF MY WAR ON
WASTE PROGRAM!



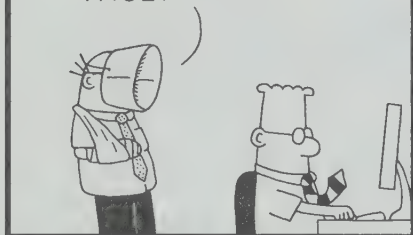
I WOULDN'T WEAR
THAT SHIRT AT
HOME OR IN THE
OFFICE, SO WHAT
GOOD IS...



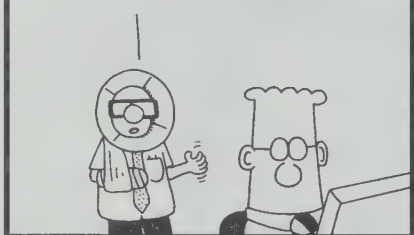
OH.
NEVER
MIND.



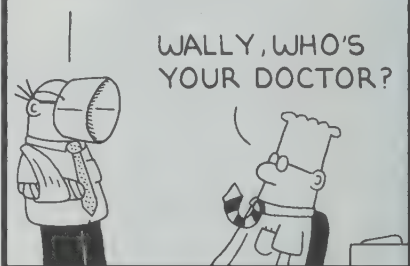
I SPRAINED MY
ARM USING THE
TV REMOTE CON-
TROL.



I TRIED TO CHANGE
THE CHANNEL AND
THE VOLUME AT
THE SAME TIME.

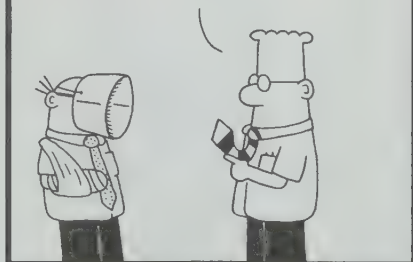


THAT'S WHY YOU
SHOULD ALWAYS
STRETCH FIRST.

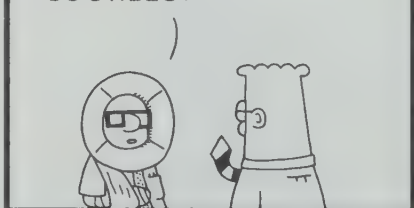


WALLY, WHO'S
YOUR DOCTOR?

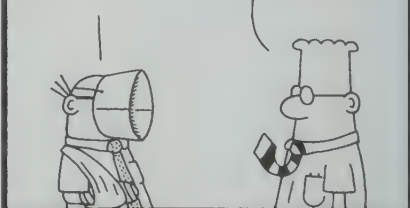
THIS IS A GUESS,
BUT I THINK YOUR
DOCTOR IS A VET.



I DON'T KNOW
ABOUT HIS MILITARY
SERVICE. I JUST
KNOW HE HAS GREAT
COOKIES.



AND I
LIKE IT
WHEN
HE RUBS
MY BELLY.

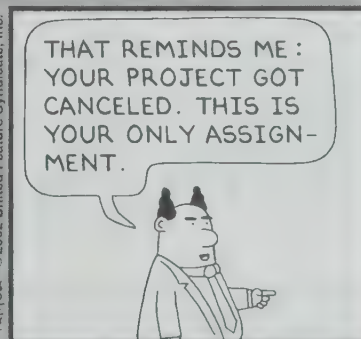
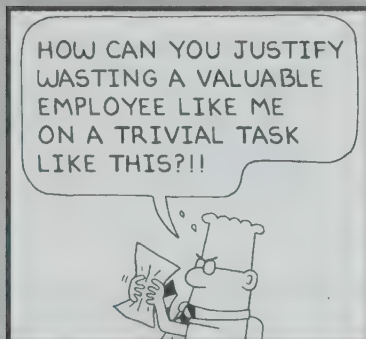
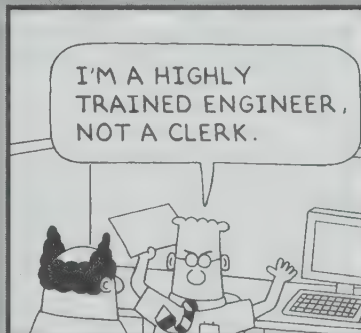
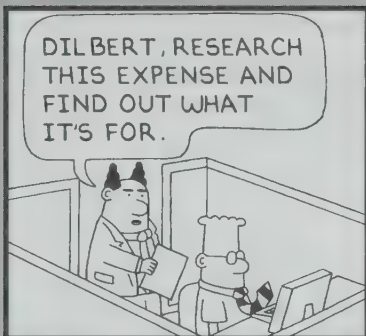


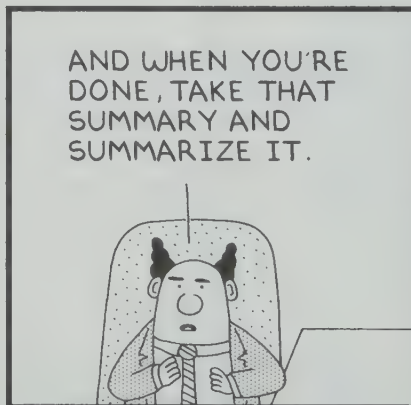
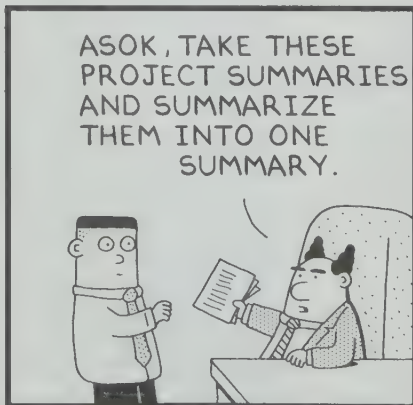
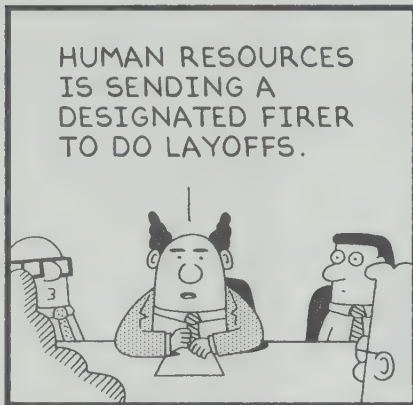
I KNOW
SOMETHING
YOU DON'T
KNOW.

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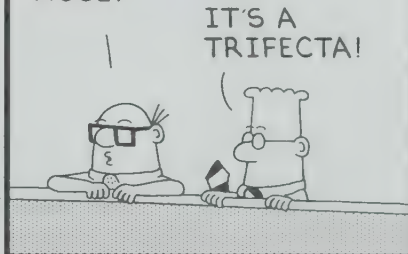
SO I TOLD HIM TO
STOP MAKING MOTOR
NOISES WITH HIS
LIPS.



GET THE SCORPION
KING ACTION FIGURE
AWAY FROM YOUR
SISTER'S BARBIE!!!

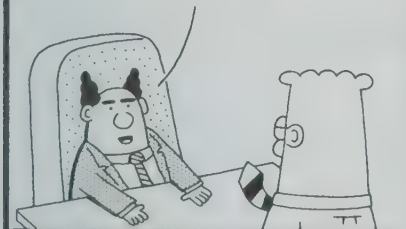


NOW SHE'S ALSO
TYPING A PERSONAL
MESSAGE WITH HER
NOSE!

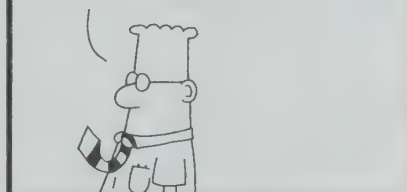


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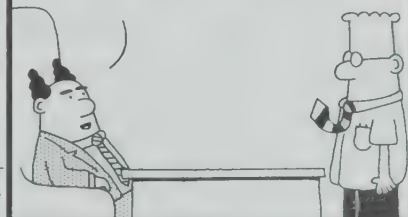
I NEED YOU TO DO
TED'S JOB AND YOUR
OWN JOB UNTIL WE
HIRE SOMEONE.



IF I DO WELL, YOU'LL
MAKE ME DO TWO
JOBS FOREVER. IF
I DO POORLY, I'LL
GET NO RAISE.



I CAN'T PROMISE
ANYTHING, BUT
THERE MIGHT BE
SOME VERBAL PRAISE
DOWN THE ROAD.



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CAROL, TELL THOSE
KIDS THEY CAN'T
SKATEBOARD IN OUR
PARKING LOT.



SHOULD I GIVE THEM
A REASON, OR IS
THIS PART OF YOUR
MASTER PLAN TO
REMOVE ALL JOY
FROM THE UNIVERSE?

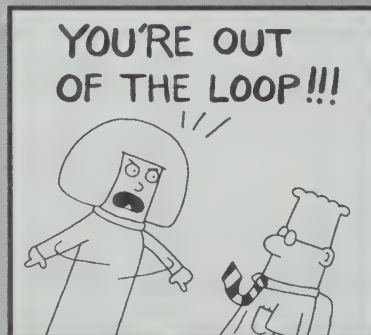
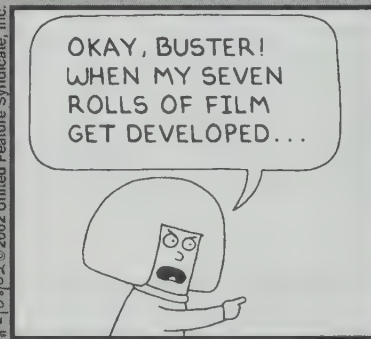
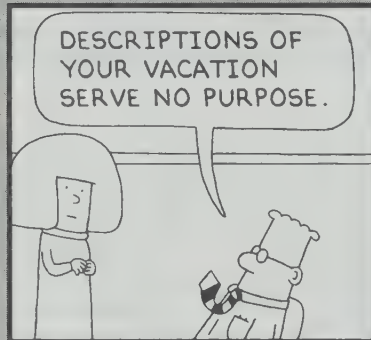
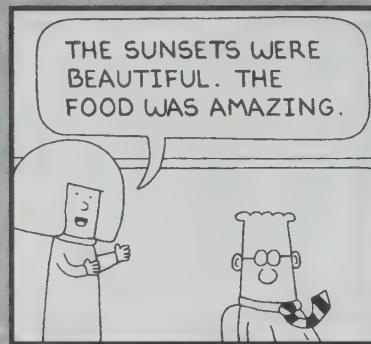
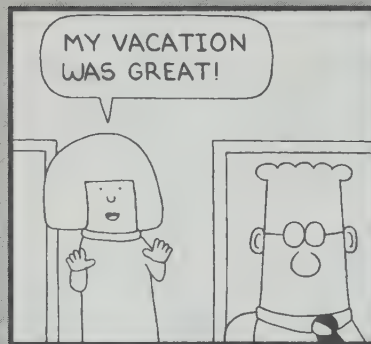


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THEY
KNOW
ABOUT
THE
PLAN.

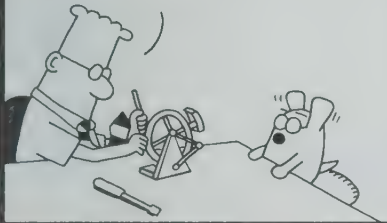


FOOL! I TOLD
YOU TO
BLAME OUR
INSURANCE
CARRIER!



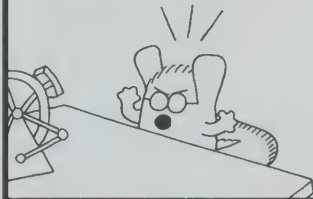
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MY MAGNETIC-CANCEL-
LATION WHEEL WILL
CREATE UNLIMITED
FREE ENERGY.



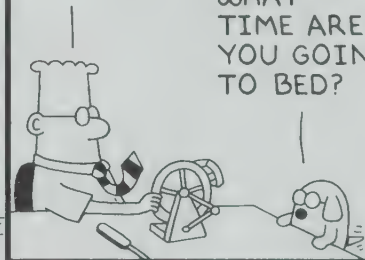
BUWAHAHA!!!

I WILL USE THIS
TECHNOLOGY TO
RULE THE WORLD!!!

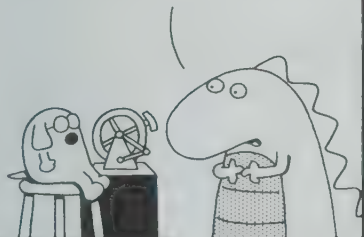


UM...
IT'S NOT
YOURS.

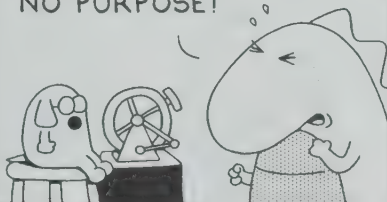
WHAT
TIME ARE
YOU GOING
TO BED?



MY DREAM WAS TO
SOMEDAY DECOMPOSE
AND BECOME FOSSIL
FUEL.



BUT DILBERT'S
CRUEL INVENTION
WILL MAKE FUEL
UNNECESSARY. NOW
MY LIFE HAS
NO PURPOSE!



YOU CAN
BE MY
DISPOSABLE
EVIL
LACKEY.

I-I-I
CAN?



WE'LL ARTIFICIALLY
BOOST REVENUES BY
SELLING TO OUR OWN
OFFSHORE SUBSIDIARY.



THEN WE'LL BOOK OUR
EXPENSES AS CAPITAL,
LIE TO THE MEDIA
ABOUT OUR PROSPECTS,
BRIBE AN INDUSTRY
ANALYST, AND CASH
OUT!



I KNOW I'M DOING
SOMETHING RIGHT
WHEN MY BUSINESS
PRACTICES GAG A RAT.



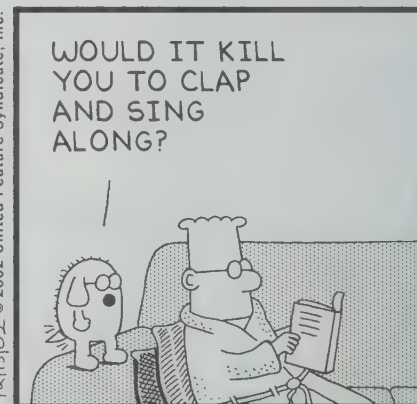
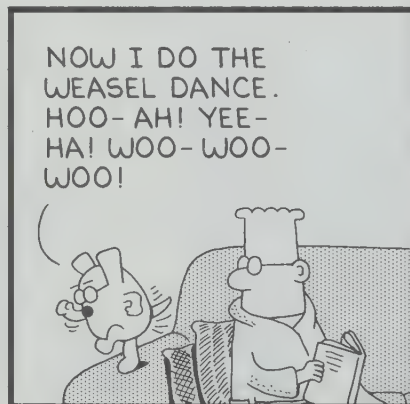
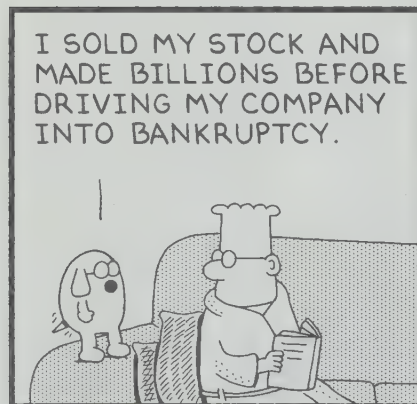
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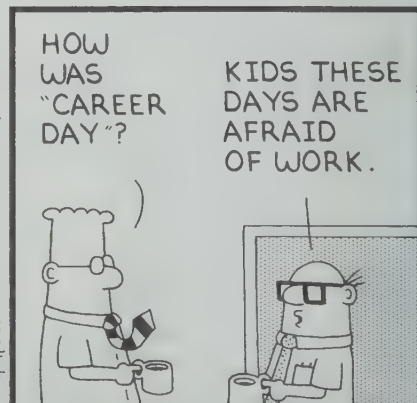
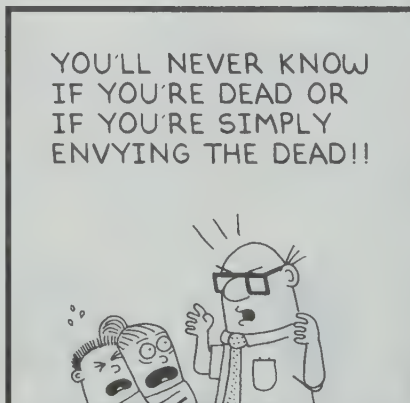
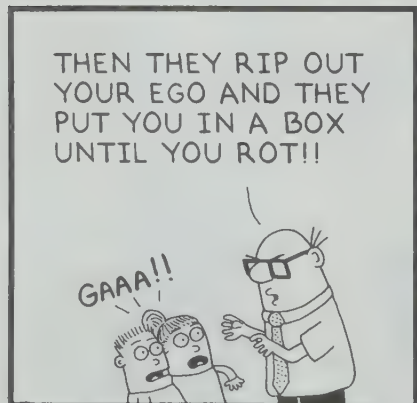
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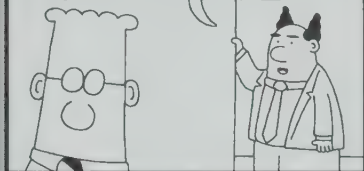


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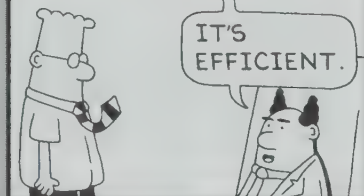
DILBERT, I WANT YOU TO WRITE A LETTER TO OUR NEW CUSTOMER.



I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO SAY, THEN YOU'LL GO WRITE IT AND I'LL SIGN IT.

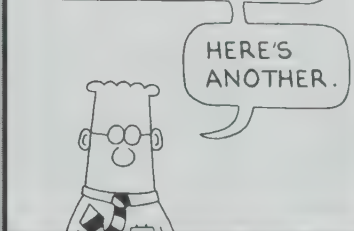


THIS WAY I WON'T WASTE MY VALUABLE EXECUTIVE TIME.



IT'S EFFICIENT.

YES, THAT'S ONE POSSIBLE OUTCOME.



HERE'S ANOTHER.

YOU'LL KEEP FORGETTING TO MENTION IMPORTANT THINGS THAT SHOULD BE IN THE LETTER.



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I'LL BE TRAPPED IN AN ENDLESS LOOP OF WRITING, TRACKING YOU DOWN, GETTING CRITICIZED AND STARTING OVER.



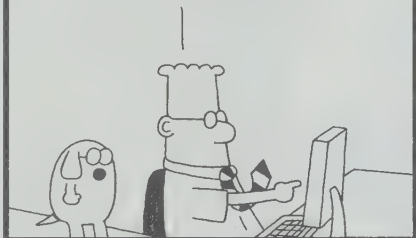
OR YOU COULD SIMPLY WRITE THE LETTER YOURSELF AND SAVE US BOTH A HUGE HASSLE.



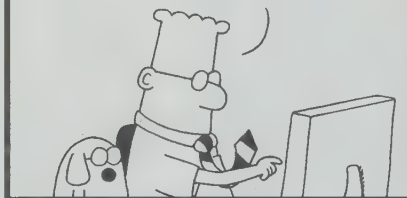
IN PARAGRAPH ONE, SAY SOMETHING LIKE "HI."



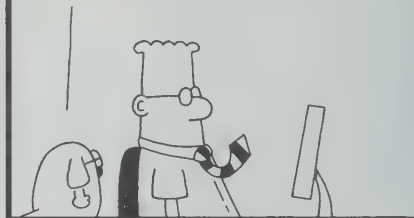
I CALCULATED THE
IMPACT OF WORK
ON MY HEALTH AND
LIFE EXPECTANCY.



AT MY CURRENT
WORKLOAD, DOING
TWO PEOPLE'S JOBS,
I HAVE...SIX MONTHS
TO LIVE.



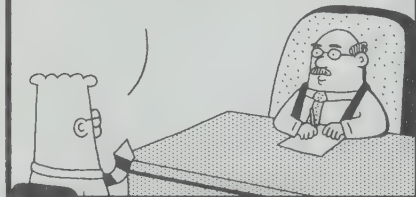
REMIND ME IN
FIVE AND A HALF
MONTHS SO I CAN
SHOP FOR A CARD.



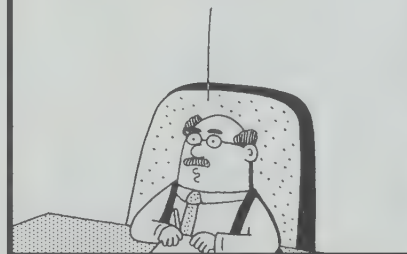
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I EXPECT TO WORK
MYSELF TO DEATH IN
SIX MONTHS, SO I
NEED A WILL.

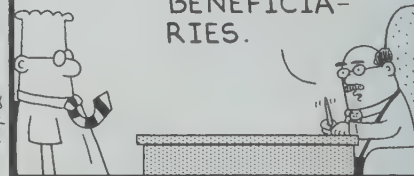


ARE YOU MENTALLY
INCOMPETENT?



I DON'T
THINK
SO.

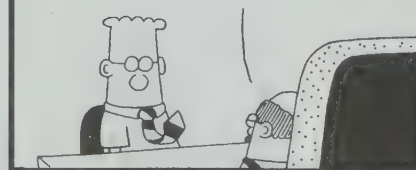
OKAY THEN,
I'LL REMOVE
MY NAME FROM
THE LIST OF
BENEFICIA-
RIES.



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YOU CAN AVOID
PROBATE COSTS
BY CREATING A
LIVING TRUST.



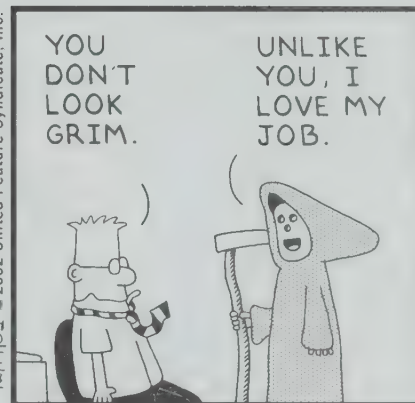
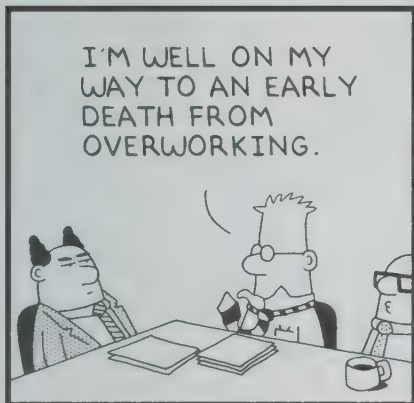
SO...I CAN USE
AN INCONVENIENT
SYSTEM CREATED
BY LAWYERS TO
AVOID A WORSE
SYSTEM CREATED BY
LAWYERS?



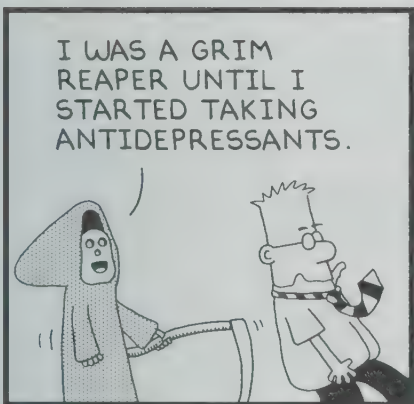
ACCORDING TO
MY WATCH, THAT
WITTY OBSER-
VATION COST
YOU FOUR
DOLLARS.



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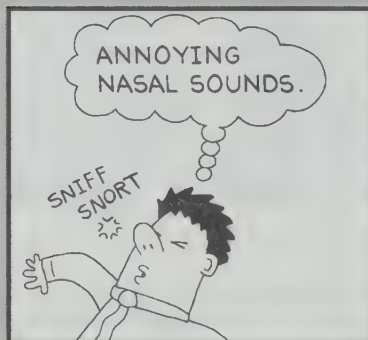
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COME
WORK OUT
WITH ME.

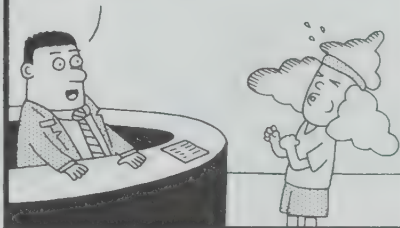
WE DON'T
HAVE A
COMPANY
GYM.



TRY HAVING A
CONVERSATION WITH
JIM THE SECURITY
GUARD; IT'S TOTALLY
EXHAUSTING!



...BUT A COW IS NOT
ENTIRELY FULL OF
MILK; SOME OF IT IS
HAMBURGERS!



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I PLAN TO SELL
AN ANTI-ITCH
LOTION THAT'S
REALLY JUST
MONEY.

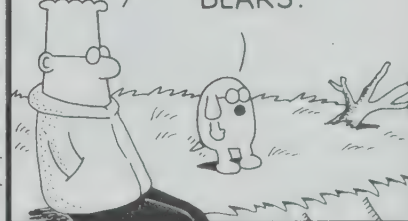


I'LL PUT A TINY
DISCLAIMER ON
THE BOTTLE THAT
SAYS, "MIGHT
CAUSE ITCHING."



THAT'S
NOT
NICE.

AND THEN
I'LL SELL MY
CUSTOMER
LIST TO
BEARS.



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I GOT AN
AWARD!



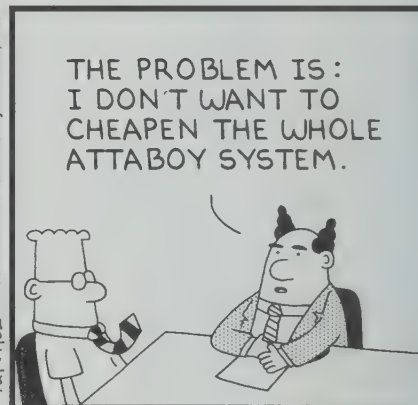
"THE 'FAMILY-HATERS
ASSOCIATION' IS
PROUD TO GIVE YOU
THIS AWARD FOR
YOUR ANTI-FAMILY
PRACTICES."



I HOPE
NO ONE
READS IT.



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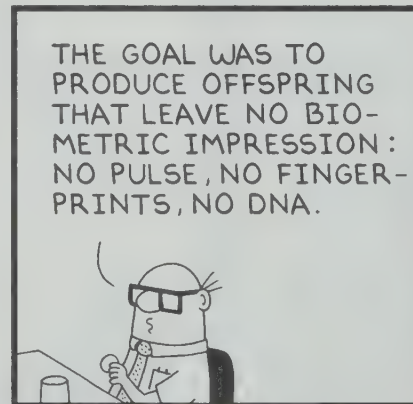
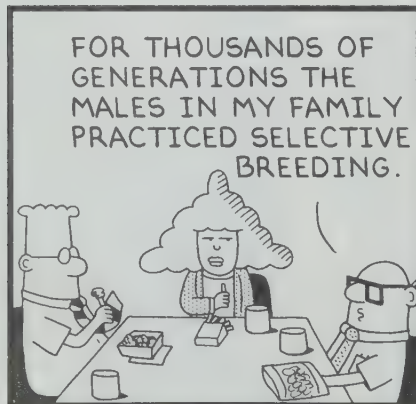
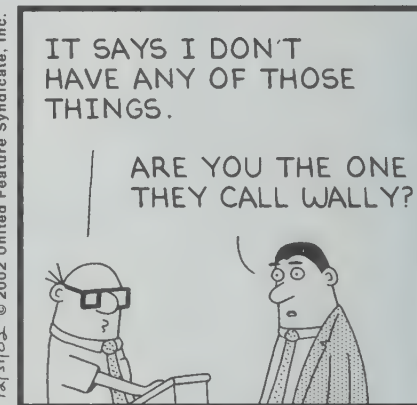
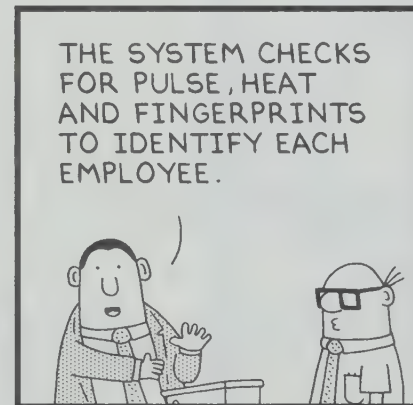
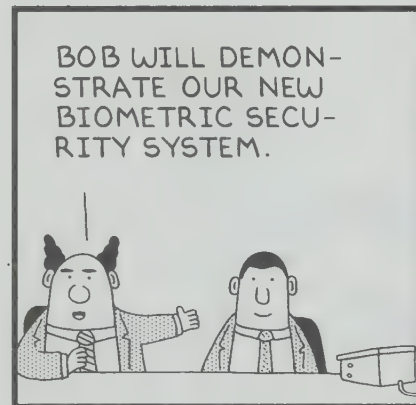
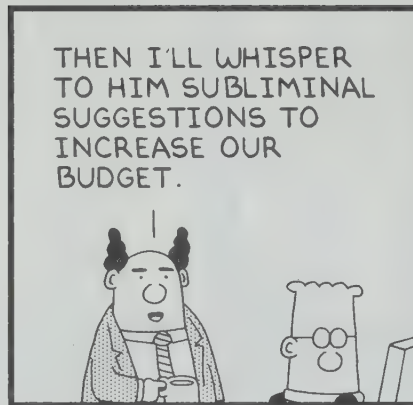
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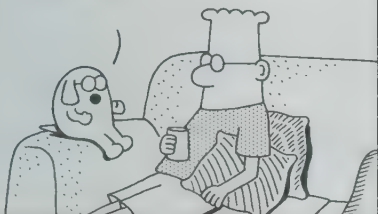


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MY PLAN IS TO SELL
LOW-COST VIDEO-
PHONES TO DIM-
WITTED IDENTICAL
TWINS.



I'LL EVEN THROW
IN FREE LONG-
DISTANCE CALLING
BECAUSE THAT'S
THE KIND OF
GUY I AM.



GAAA!!! WHAT ARE
YOU DOING AT MY
GIRLFRIEND'S
HOUSE???



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A REPORTER WANTS
TO SEE YOU.



HE CLAIMS WE'VE
BEEN DELIVERING
ALL OF OUR GARBAGE
TO THE LOCAL PARK
FOR TWENTY YEARS.



HOW IS
THAT
EVEN
POSSIBLE? THE SECRET
IS IN THE
SPREADING.



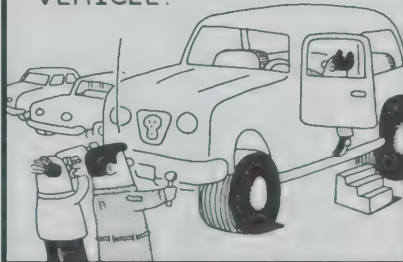
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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

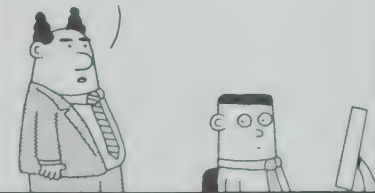
EXPLAIN WHY YOUR
COMPANY DUMPS
GARBAGE IN THE
PARK.



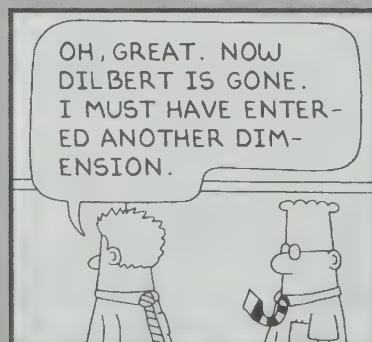
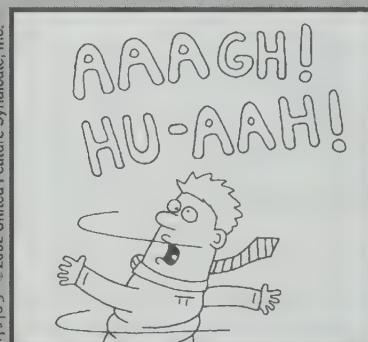
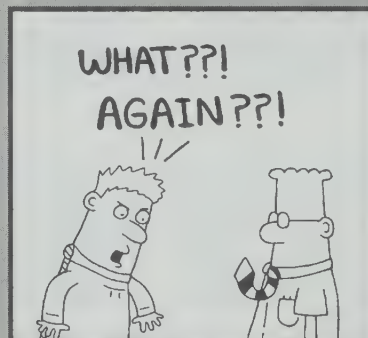
AND WHY DO YOU
DRIVE SUCH A HUGE,
WASTFUL
VEHICLE?



I NEED YOU TO
SCRAPE SOMETHING
OFF MY TIRES AND
TAKE IT TO THE
PARK.

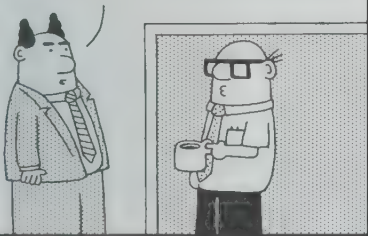


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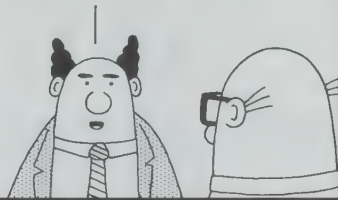


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I NEED YOUR SELF-EVALUATION SO I CAN WRITE YOUR PERFORMANCE REVIEW.



REMEMBER TO RATE YOURSELF ON OUR CORE VALUES OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.



WALLY CLAIMS HE DID NO WORK THIS YEAR. BUT HE'S DISHONEST, SO YOU CAN'T BE SURE.



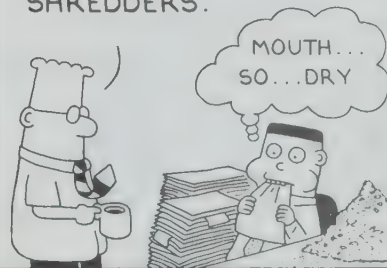
ALL SHREDDERS ARE BEING CENTRALIZED AT OUR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS.



IF YOU NEED SOMETHING SHREDDED, GIVE IT TO ASOK.



DUDE, I THINK HE MEANT YOU WOULD TAKE IT TO THE SHREDDERS.



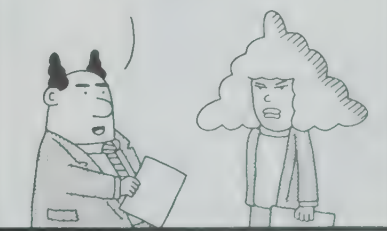
HOW DO I MAKE THIS SOFTWARE SCHEDULE ONE PERSON TO TWO TASKS AT THE SAME TIME?



I CAN WRITE A PATCH THAT INSERTS NEW MONTHS IN THE TIMELINE.



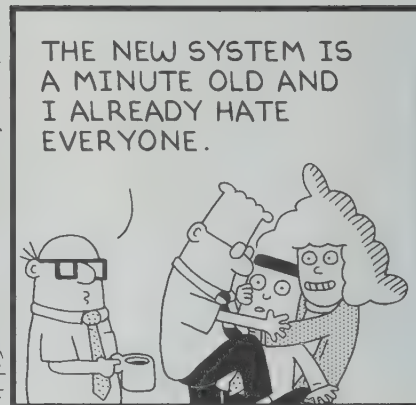
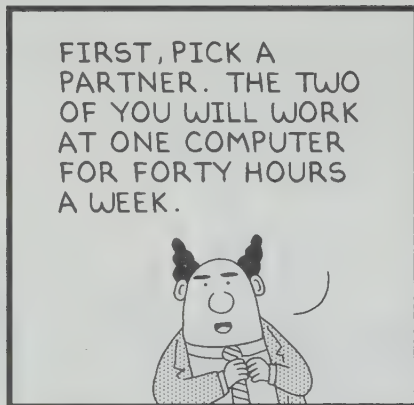
AND THE SECOND TASK IS DUE ON THE FIFTEENTH OF FLOOPYUARY.



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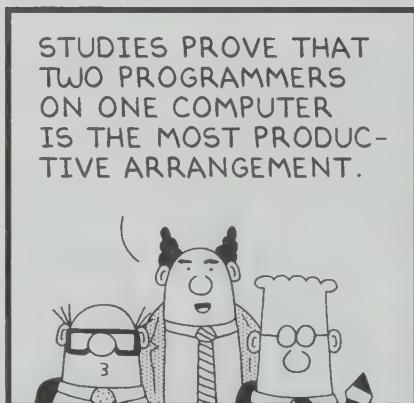
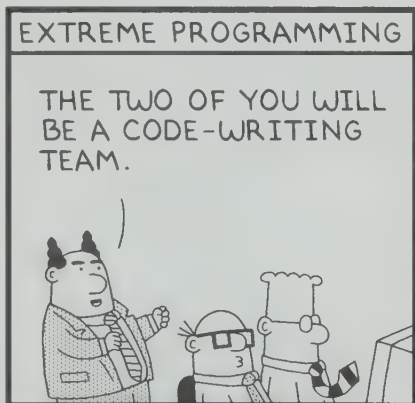
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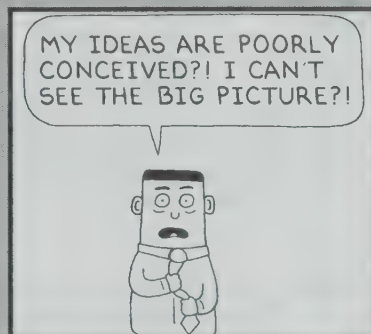
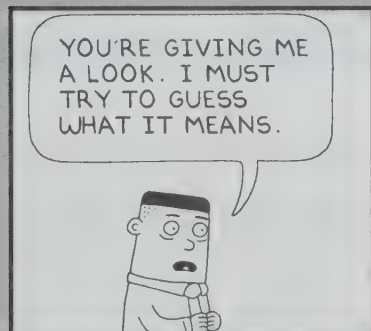
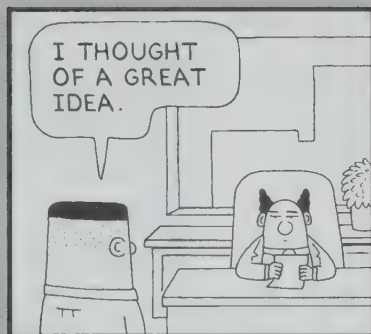
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HELLO, POTENTIAL
CLIENT. I'M A
CONSULTICK.

I'LL BURROW INTO
YOUR CORPORATE
SKIN, SUCK YOUR
CASH AND NEVER
LEAVE.

MY FIRM HAS A TRACK
RECORD OF HUGE
CONSULTING FAILURES
AND CONFLICTS OF
INTEREST!

NO RED
FLAGS.

THE CONSULTICK

HE'LL DO MORE
THAN GIVE US
BAD ADVICE...

HE'LL ALSO MAKE
SURE WE CAN'T
IMPLEMENT IT
WITHOUT HIM.

HA HA! NOW HE'S
BURROWING INTO
MY TORSO, AND I'VE
CONVINCED MYSELF
IT'S OKAY.

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU
NEED "DOGBERT'S
CONSULTANT
REMOVAL SERVICE."

HE'S IN THERE GOOD.
YOU MUST BE LOSING
A LOT OF CASH.

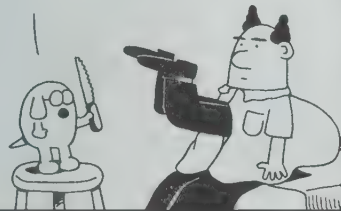
IT ALREADY SPREAD
TO YOUR WALLET.
I'LL HAVE TO OPERATE
IMMEDIATELY.

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I CAN EITHER SAVE
YOUR LIFE OR THE
CONSULTANT'S LIFE,
BUT ONE OF YOU WILL
DIE.



GIVE US A
MINUTE TO
DISCUSS IT.



HE RECOMMENDS
THAT YOU KILL
ME.

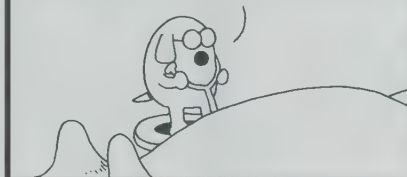


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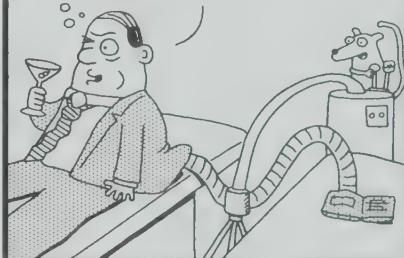
THE CONSULTECTOMY
WAS SUCCESSFUL, BUT
YOU LOST A LOT OF
CASH.



WE'RE GIVING YOUR
WALLET A TRANS-
FUSION, BUT WE
HAD TO SEDATE AN
UNWILLING DONOR.



WHOEVER THOUGHT
OF HAPPY HOUR AT A
HOSHPIAL ISH A
GENIUSH.



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WALLY,
WOULD
YOU...



OH...NEVER MIND.
I SEE THAT YOU'RE
RADIATING AN
AURA OF EXTREME
INCOMPETENCE.

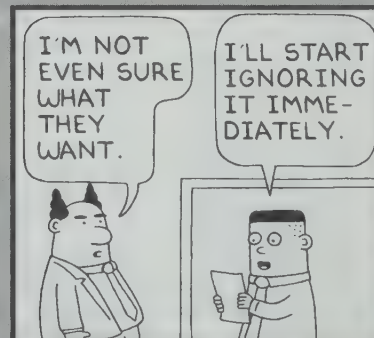
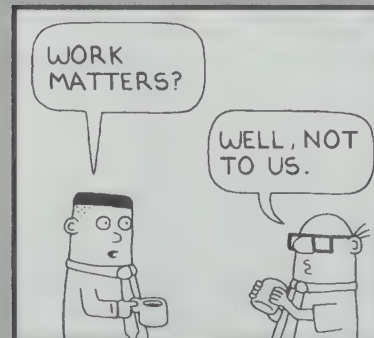
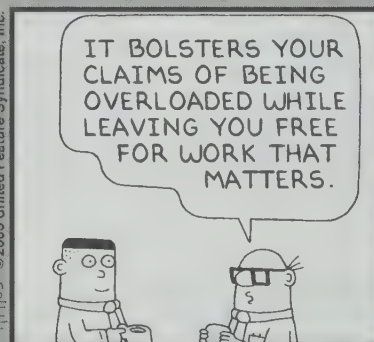
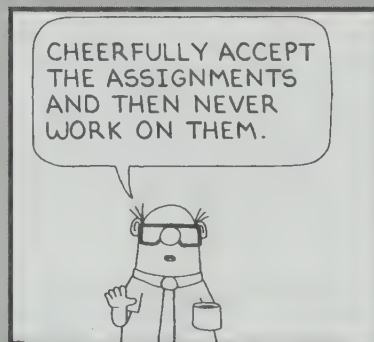
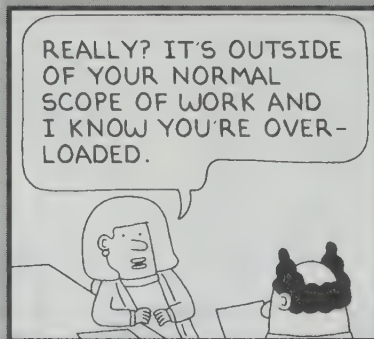


YOU FORGOT TO
TURN OFF YOUR
AURA.

IT TAKES
A MINUTE
TO COOL
DOWN.

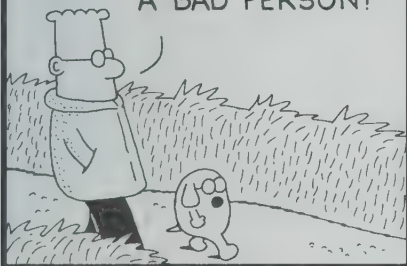


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I WORK FOR AN
UNETHICAL COMPANY.
DOES THAT MAKE ME
A BAD PERSON?



YOU'RE LOATHSOME
AND DESPICABLE.
IF CRUD WORE SHOES,
YOU WOULD
BE THE CRUD
IN THE CRUD'S
SHOES.

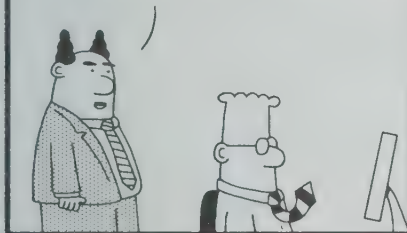


WHY DID THAT
SEEM REHEARSED?

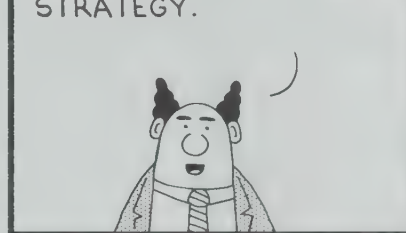


THAT'S ALL I
THINK ABOUT
WHEN WE GO
FOR WALKS.

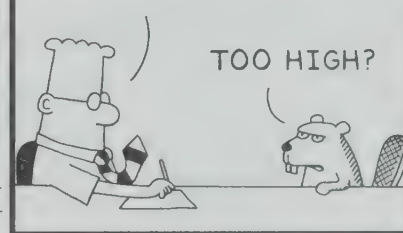
I'M PUTTING YOU
IN CHARGE OF
BUILDING OUR NEW
TECHNOLOGY LAB.



PICK THE CONTRACTOR
WITH THE LOWEST BID.
I DON'T FORESEE ANY
PROBLEMS WITH THAT
STRATEGY.

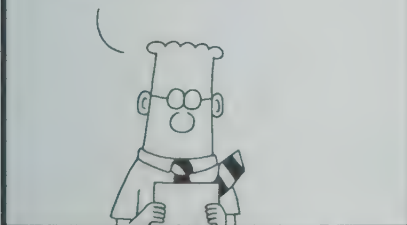


SO, YOUR BID SAYS
YOU'LL DO THE JOB
FOR "...A CHANCE
TO GNAW ON WOOD."

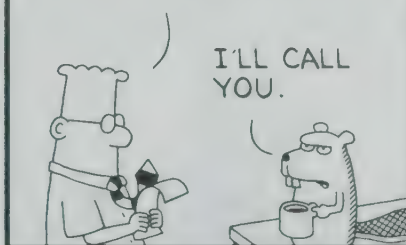


TOO HIGH?

YOUR CONSTRUCTION
BID IS THE LOWEST,
SO I HAVE TO AWARD
YOU THE JOB.

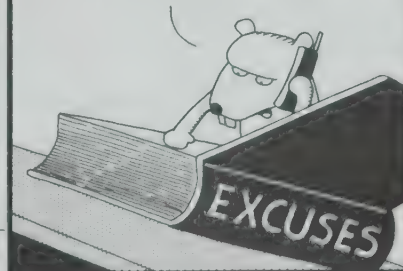


WHEN CAN YOUR TEAM
OF HIGHLY SKILLED
CRAFTSMEN BEGIN?



I'LL CALL
YOU.

DAY ONE: MY EX-
WIFE SET MY TRUCK
ON FIRE.



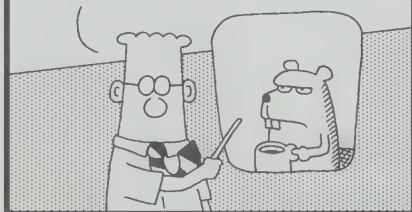
EXCUSES

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THE PROJECT IS
BEHIND SCHEDULE
BECAUSE OUR
CONTRACTOR IS A
LAZY BEAVER.

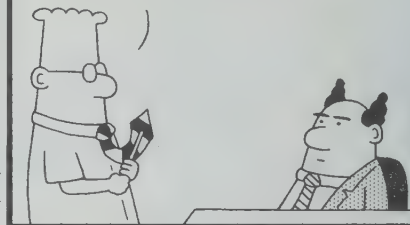


FOR A WHILE HE
WAS MAKING UP
EXCUSES. NOW, HE
DOESN'T RETURN
CALLS.



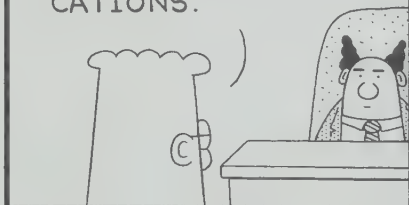
WHAT'S
YOUR PLAN?

I HOPE TO GET HIM
BACK TO MAKING UP
EXCUSES BY PROMIS-
ING HIM MORE JOBS
IN THE FUTURE.



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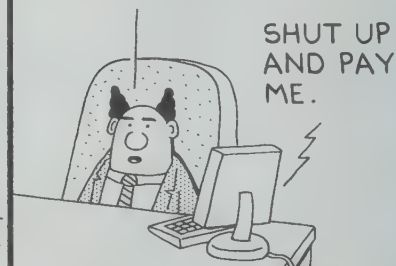
WE NEED TO UPGRADE
OUR PC OPERATING
SYSTEMS, SO WE HAVE
A STABLE ENVIRON-
MENT FOR APPLI-
CATIONS.



THINK OF IT
AS A FORM OF
TAXATION BY AN
EVIL SHADOW
GOVERNMENT.



SHADOW GOVERN-
MENT? THAT'S
RIDICULOUS.



SHUT UP
AND PAY
ME.

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FOR ONLY A MILLION
DOLLARS, YOU CAN
UPGRADE TO OUR
NEWEST SOFTWARE
VERSION.



OR YOU CAN SLOWLY
DECOMPOSE IN THE
MIASMA OF OUR
PLANNED OBSOLESCENCE.

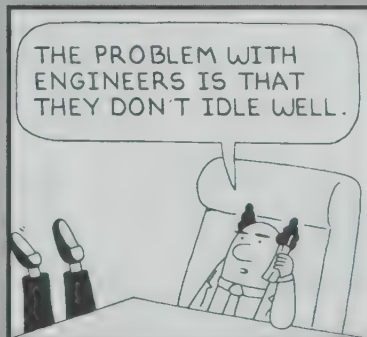
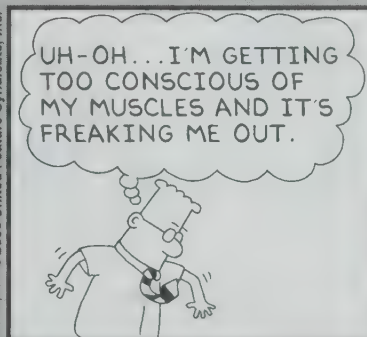
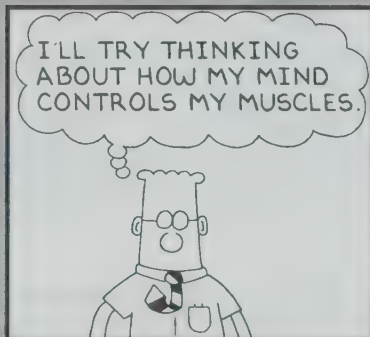
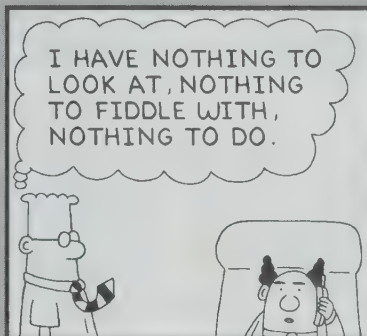


WE CAN'T
AFFORD
TO UP-
GRADE
NOW.

SAY GOOD-
BYE TO
THE DIGITS
THREE AND
NINE.

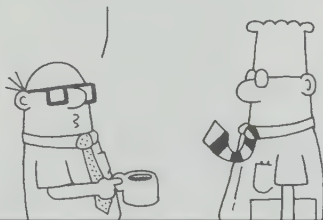


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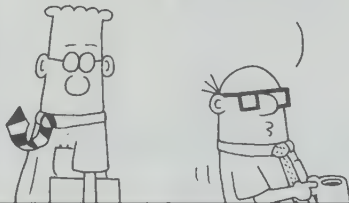


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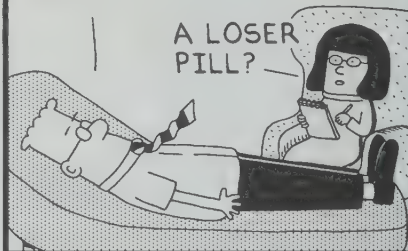
I'M BAILING OUT
OF YOUR PROJECT;
IT HAS THE SCENT
OF FAILURE.



I WILL ATTACH
MYSELF TO A MORE
SUCCESSFUL HOST
TO ENSURE MY
SURVIVAL.

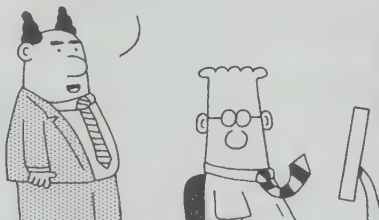


DO YOU HAVE A PILL
FOR SOMEONE WHO
GETS REJECTED BY
WALLY?



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IN RESPONSE TO
YOUR CONTINUOUS
HARPING ABOUT NOT
HAVING ENOUGH
FUNDING...



I HIRED AN
EXPENSIVE
CONSULTANT TO
ANALYZE YOUR
BUDGET.

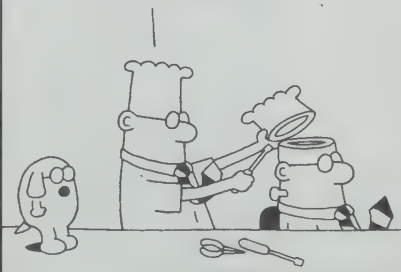


I'LL HAVE TO RUN SOME
CHAOS AND COMPLEXITY
SIMULATIONS, BUT IT
LOOKS AS IF YOU NEED
MORE MONEY.



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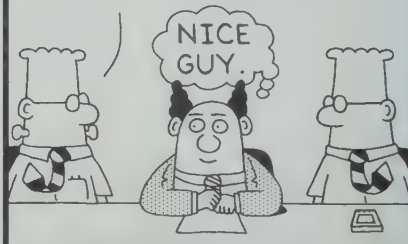
I CALL MY
INVENTION THE
"VISIBUDDY."



IT'S A MINDLESS
REPLICA THAT
CAN ATTEND
MEETINGS AND
INCREASE MY
VISIBILITY.

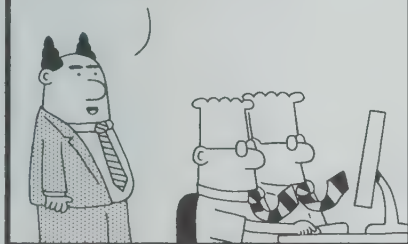


AM I WORKING
HARD OR HARDLY
WORKING? DO YOU
GOLF?

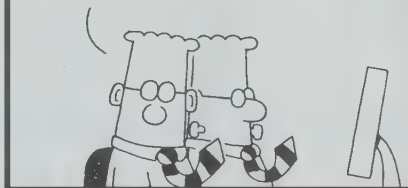


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YOUR VISIBILITY
HAS BEEN EXCELLENT
LATELY. WHAT'S
YOUR SECRET?

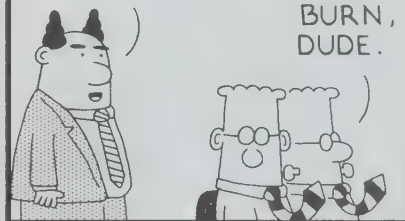


I CREATED A MIND-
LESS REPLICA TO
ATTEND MEETINGS.
HE HAS NO PERSON-
ALITY WHATSOEVER.



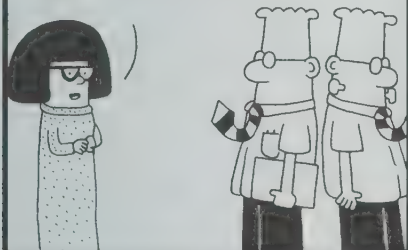
WOW!
YOU LOOK
TOTALLY
REAL.

HEE
HEE!
BURN,
DUDE.

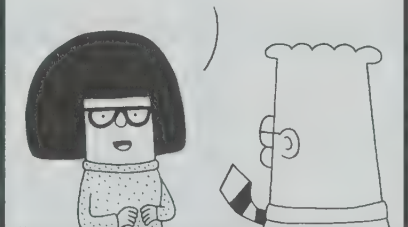


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WOULD IT BE OKAY
IF I ASKED YOUR
MINDLESS REPLICA
FOR A DATE?

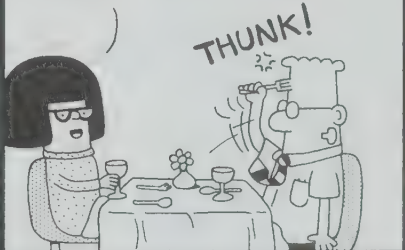


I'M FULL OF UNINTER-
ESTING STORIES AND
I NEED A GUY WHO'S
A GOOD LISTENER.



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NOW I'LL DESCRIBE
THE CLOTHING OF EACH
PERSON AT THE CAT
SHOW.



WE SAVED MONEY
BY HIRING A GUY
WHO'S HAD MANY
PERSONAL PROBLEMS.



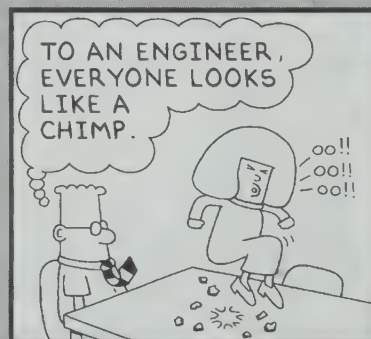
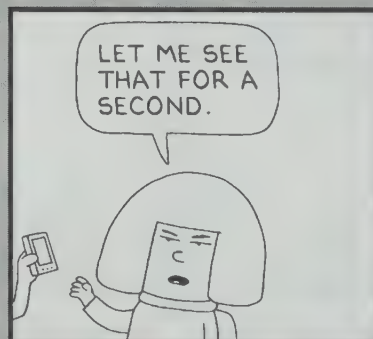
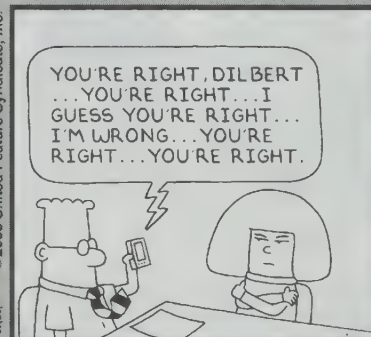
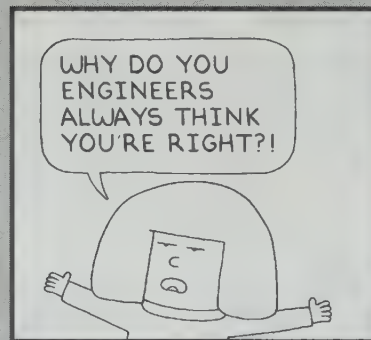
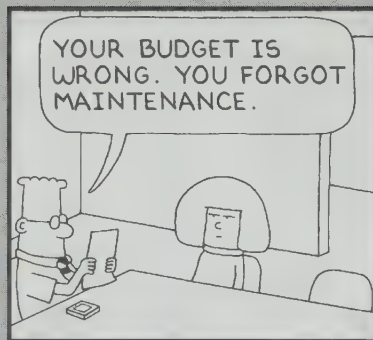
BUT WE'RE SURE HE
WAS JUST UNLUCKY;
NO ONE WOULD INVITE
THAT MANY PROBLEMS
INTO HIS LIFE.



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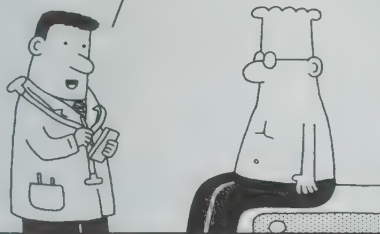
YES, OF COURSE YOUR
EX-BOYFRIEND CAN
STAY WITH US UNTIL
THE CHOPPERS LEAVE
AND HE SOBERS UP.





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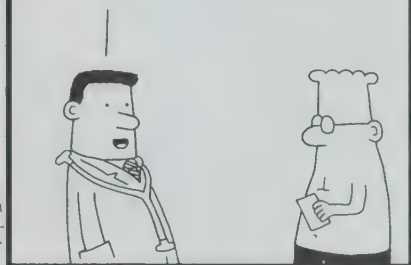
IT'S A MILD RASH.
I'LL SCRIBBLE AN
INDECIPHERABLE
PRESCRIPTION FOR
YOU. /



WHAT IF YOUR BAD
HANDWRITING
CAUSES THE PHARM-
ACY TO GIVE ME A
HARMFUL MEDICATION?



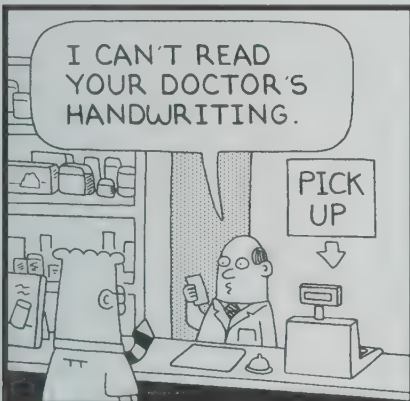
THAT'S A LITTLE
THING I CALL
MARKETING.



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I CAN'T READ
YOUR DOCTOR'S
HANDWRITING.

PICK
UP
↓



I'LL GIVE YOU THIS
MOOD-ALTERING
DRUG TO MAKE
YOU HAPPY.



I HAVE
A SKIN
RASH!

AND IT'S
MAKING
YOU UN-
HAPPY,
RIGHT?



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I'M TAKING A MOOD-
ALTERING PRESCRIPTION
DRUG TO TREAT
A SKIN RASH.

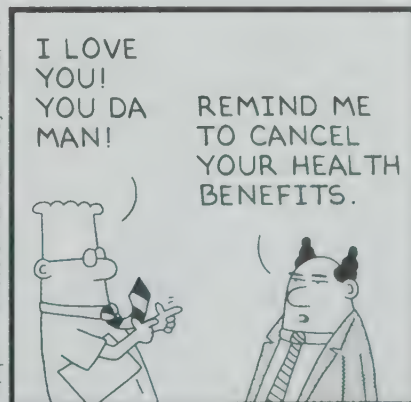


I STILL ITCH, BUT
I DON'T CARE. IN
FACT, I DON'T EVEN
THINK YOU'RE A
HUGE, STINKIN'
WEASEL.



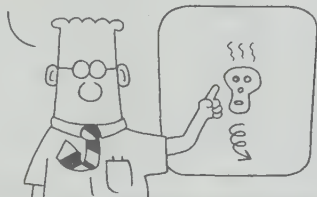
I LOVE
YOU!
YOU DA
MAN!

REMIND ME
TO CANCEL
YOUR HEALTH
BENEFITS.



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MY PROJECT IS IN
A FLAMING DEATH
SPIRAL, THANKS TO
YOU LAZY, SELFISH
WEASELS.



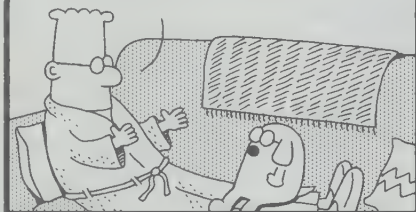
BUT I'M FEELING
TERRIFIC BECAUSE
I'M TAKING MOOD-
ALTERING PRESCRIP-
TION DRUGS!



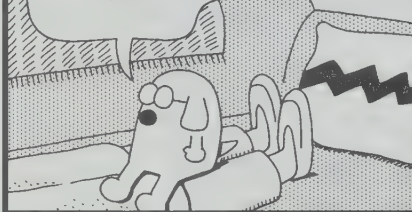
I CAN SEE BY YOUR
EXPRESSIONS THAT
MY DOCTOR IS MUCH
BETTER THAN YOURS!



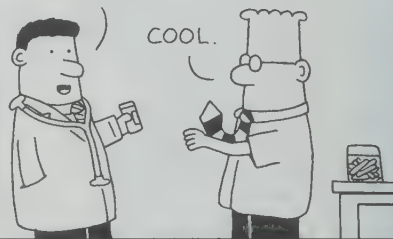
THE PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS MAKE ME
HAPPY, BUT I WORRY
THAT IT'S NOT GEN-
UINE HAPPINESS.



ASK YOUR DOCTOR
FOR A DRUG THAT
CURES WORRYING.
THEN YOU'LL HAVE
IT ALL.



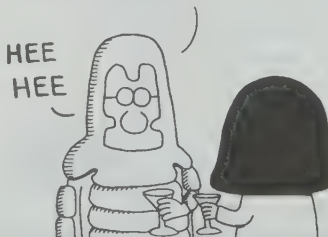
IT MIGHT MAKE YOU
GROW AN EXOSKELE-
TON, BUT YOU WON'T
CARE.



MY MEDICATION
MAKES ME CAREFREE
AND HAPPY, BUT THE
SIDE EFFECT IS AN
EXOSKELETON.



REMEMBER THE
OLD SAYING -
"BEAUTY IS ONLY
BONE DEEP."



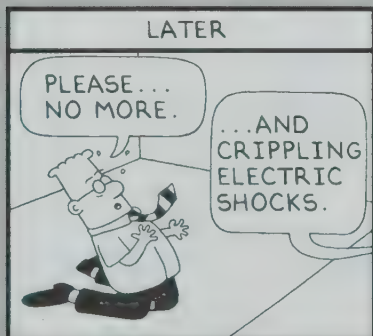
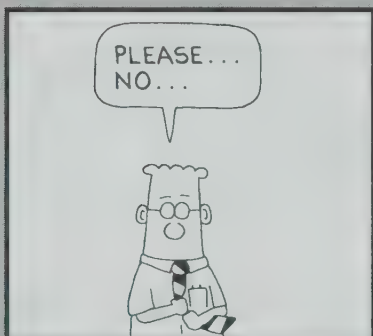
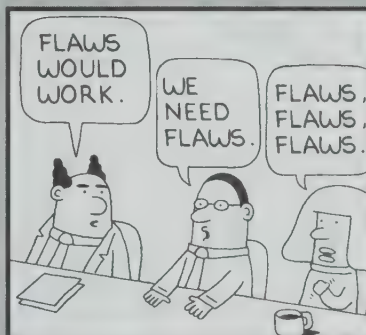
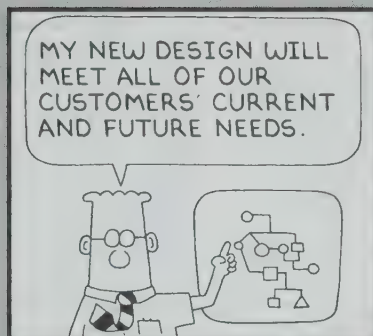
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT
ME. I DON'T WANT
TO LOOK
SHELLFISH.



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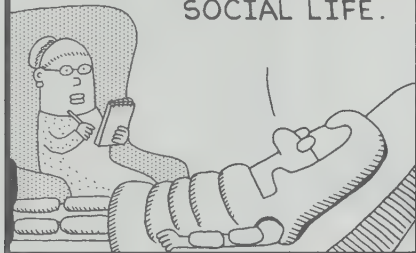
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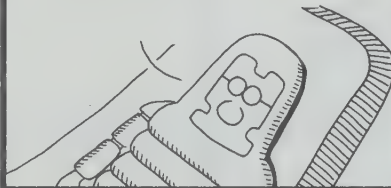


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MY MEDICATION
MAKES ME HAPPY
DESPITE MY EXOSKELE-
TON, BAD JOB, AND
SOCIAL LIFE.

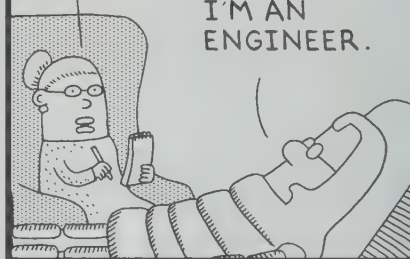


IF CHEMICALS CAN
CHANGE THE WAY I
THINK AND WHAT I
ENJOY, THEN FREE
WILL MUST BE AN
ILLUSION.



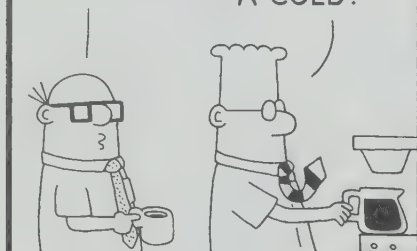
WHAT
ABOUT
YOUR
SOUL?

I'M AN
ENGINEER.



I HEARD
YOU HAD
A COLD.

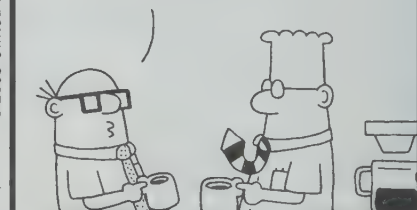
IT WASN'T
A COLD.



I WAS ADDICTED TO
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
AND I GREW AN
EXOSKELETON. I'VE
BEEN IN REHAB AND
SURGERY FOR SIX
MONTHS.



JUST TO BE CLEAR :
CAN I CATCH ANY
OF THAT BY TOUCHING
THE COFFEEMAKER
AFTER YOU?



EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR

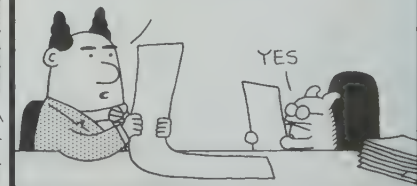
I NEED TO CHECK A
FEW THINGS BEFORE
WE HIRE YOU.



GIVE ME BLOOD,
HAIR, AND URINE
SAMPLES, FINGER-
PRINTS, SOCIAL-
SECURITY NUMBER,
PAST EMPLOYERS,
AND PAST LOVERS.



BEFORE WE STARTED
DOING ALL OF THIS
CHECKING, DID YOU
KNOW THAT EVERYONE
IN THE WORLD WAS
DESPICABLE?



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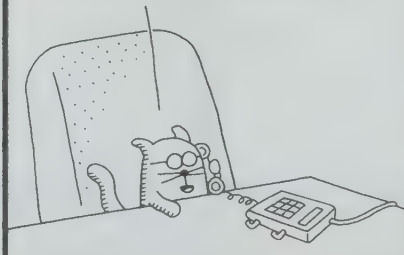
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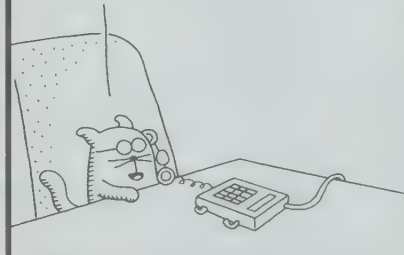
EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR



I'M SORRY, I CAN'T
GIVE REFERENCES
FOR EX-EMPLOYEES.



BUT IF I DID, IT
WOULD RHYME WITH
"MAZY LORON."



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FROM NOW ON, I
WANT YOU TO
STAGGER YOUR LUNCH
HOURS SO SOMEONE
IS ALWAYS HERE.



GAAA! AS THE
LOWEST PERSON IN
THE PECKING ORDER,
I WILL NEVER KNOW
IN ADVANCE WHEN I
CAN EAT!!



SHEESH,
TAKE
A PILL.

IT IS THE
END OF
ERRANDS
AS I KNOW
THEM!!



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THE GOOD NEWS IS
THAT HALF OF YOU
WILL GET HUGE
RAISES.



THE BAD NEWS IS
THAT HALF OF YOU
WILL BE DOWNSIZED
TOMORROW.

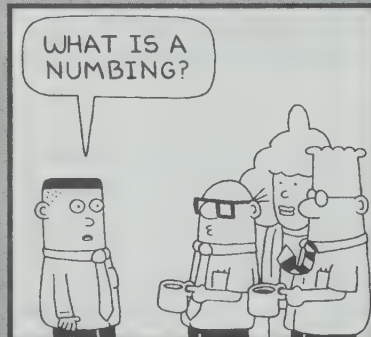
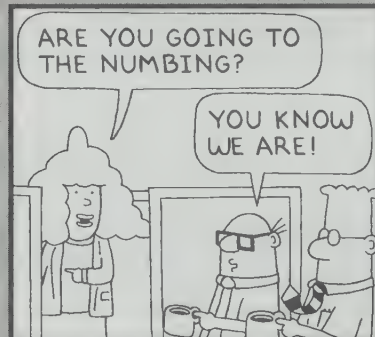
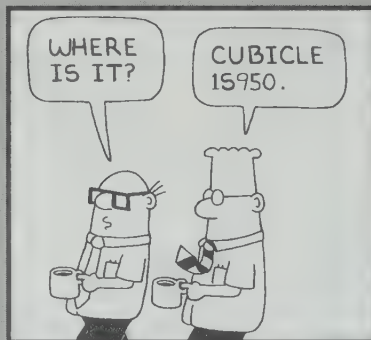


IS IT
THE
SAME
PEOPLE?

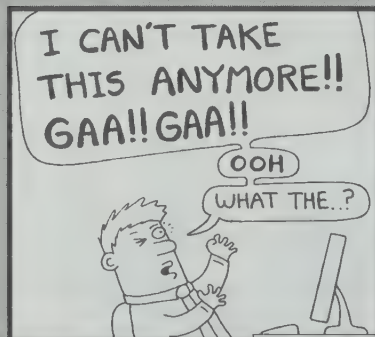
YEAH, WE
RAN THE
NUMBERS.



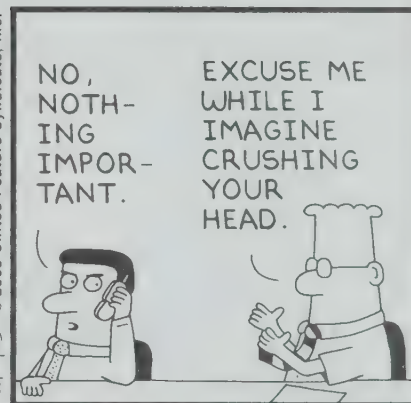
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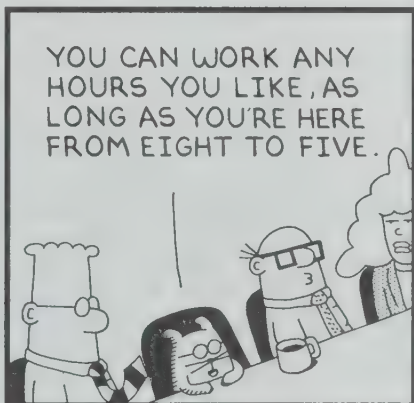
NO TWO ARE ALIKE.



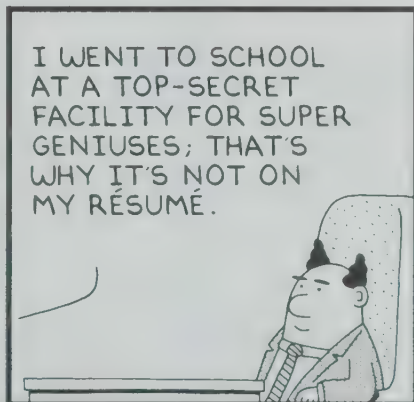
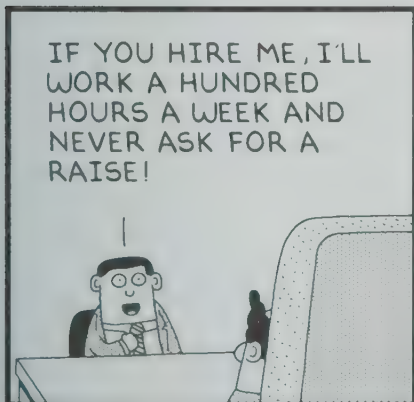
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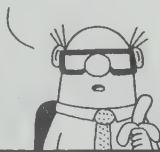


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MY FANTASY IS TO
OWN A LUXURY
MOTOR COACH.



I'D DRIVE IT TO
WORK AND SLEEP
ALL DAY IN THE
PARKING LOT. IT
WOULD BE LIKE
PARADISE.



THAT'S
YOUR BEST
FANTASY?

IT WOULD
ALSO HAVE
A TV, IN
CASE I
WOKE UP.



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DO YOU HAVE ANY
CUSTOMER REFERENCES
I COULD CALL?



RIGHT HERE.

BEEP
BEEP
BOOP
BEEP

R-R-RING



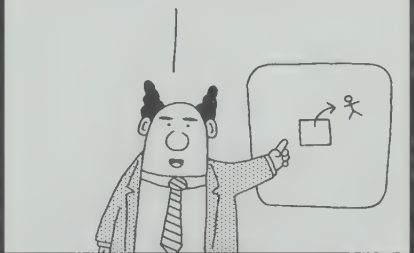
NO
ANSWER.

TRY AGAIN
WHEN I'M
IN THE
PARKING
LOT.

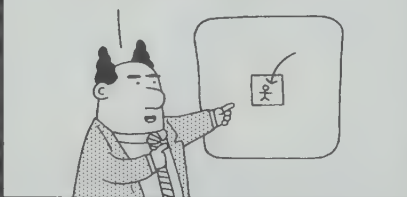


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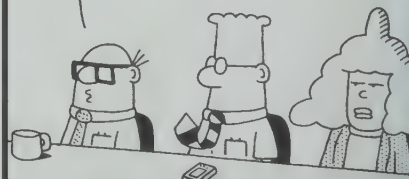
WE'LL SAVE MONEY
BY OUTSOURCING
OUR I.T. FUNCTION.



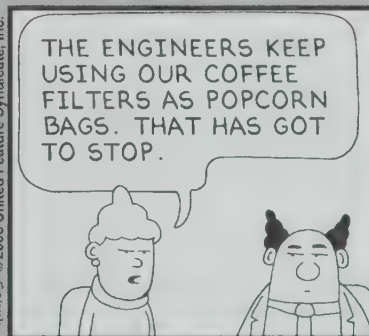
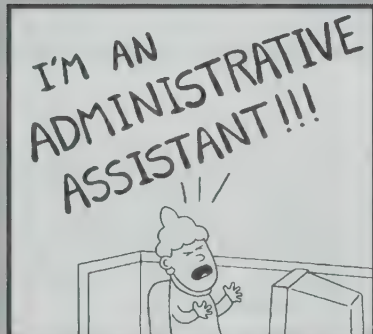
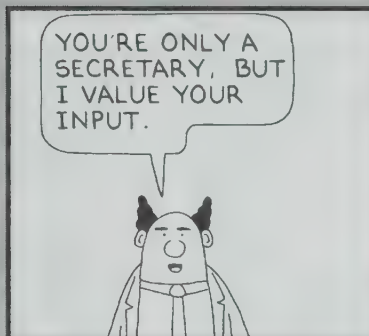
THEN WE'LL SAVE
MORE MONEY BY
REPLACING OUR OUT-
SOURCING WITH FULL-
TIME EMPLOYEES!



WHEN IT'S TIME FOR
US TO PANIC, WILL
THERE BE A WARNING
SOUND, OR WAS THAT
IT?

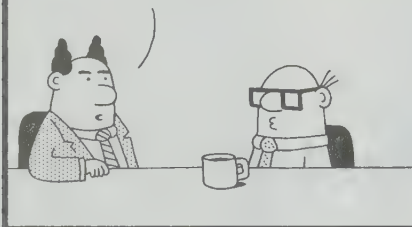


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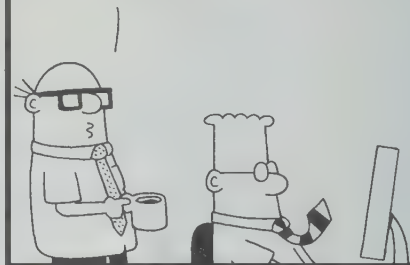
I HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT
FOR YOU THAT HAS NO
VALUE WHATSOEVER TO
THE COMPANY.



FOR REASONS OF
COMPANY POLITICS,
I NEED TO PRETEND
I'M DOING SOMETHING
IN THAT AREA.



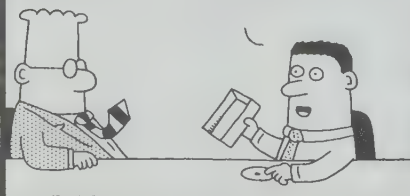
SO, YOU'RE DOING
ACTUAL WORK. WHAT'S
THAT ALL ABOUT?



I HAVE AN APPOINT-
MENT TO SEE A DEMO
OF YOUR NEW
PRODUCT.



AND THE UNIT WILL
BE IN A CASE LIKE
THIS, BUT COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT, AND IT
WILL HAVE SOFTWARE,
ONCE WE WRITE IT.



YOU LET ME TRAVEL
FOUR HOURS TO SEE AN
EMPTY
CASE?



HOW OFTEN WOULD
YOU CHARGE US THIS
"ANNUAL FEE"?



IS THAT
A JOKE?

SADLY,
NO.



ONCE A MONTH.

SOUNDS
FAIR.

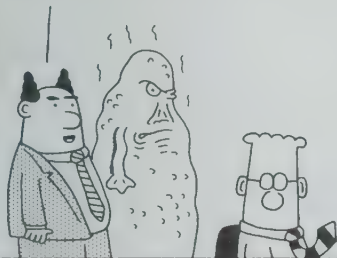


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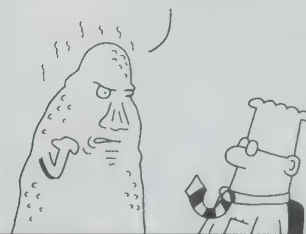
DILBERT, MEET YOUR
NEW CO-WORKER,
TOXIC TOM.



HE COMPLAINED
ABOUT HIS LAST JOB
ALL THROUGH HIS
INTERVIEW. BUT HE'LL
BE HAPPY HERE.



HE SAYS HE THINKS
YOU'RE STUPID
BECAUSE YOU ASK
TOO MANY QUESTIONS.

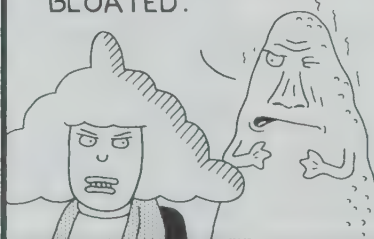


THE TOXIC CO-WORKER

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE
WHAT PEOPLE ARE
SAYING ABOUT YOU.



I TRIED TO DEFEND
YOU. I SAID YOU
LOOK SLOW ONLY
BECAUSE YOU'RE
BLOATED.



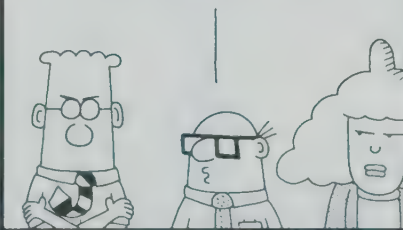
BUT WHAT TICKS ME
OFF IS THAT EVERYONE
IN THE DEPARTMENT
EARNS MORE THAN
YOU DO.



WE DEMAND THAT
YOU FIRE OUR TOXIC
CO-WORKER.



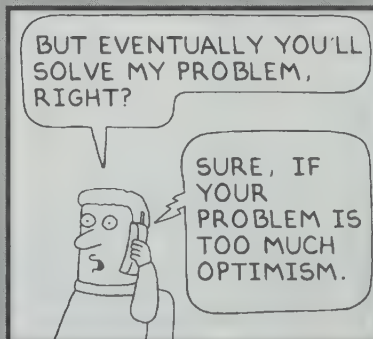
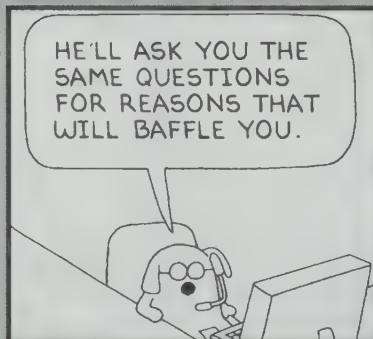
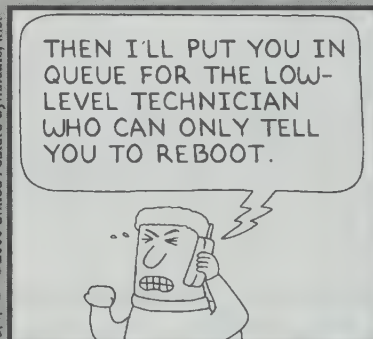
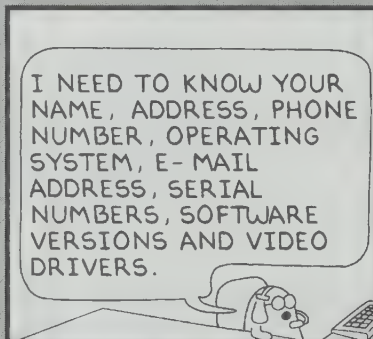
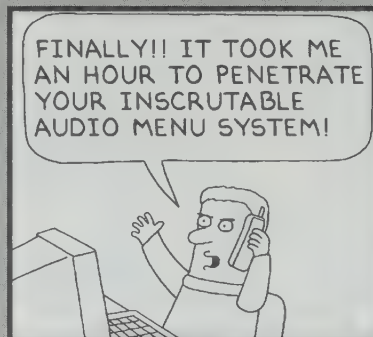
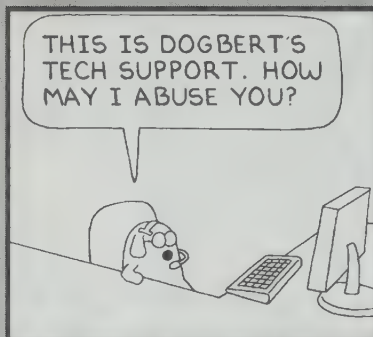
YOU AREN'T
TALKING ABOUT
ME, ARE YOU?



NO, YOU'RE LAZY AND
INEFFECTUAL WITH
AN OVERLAY OF SELFISH.



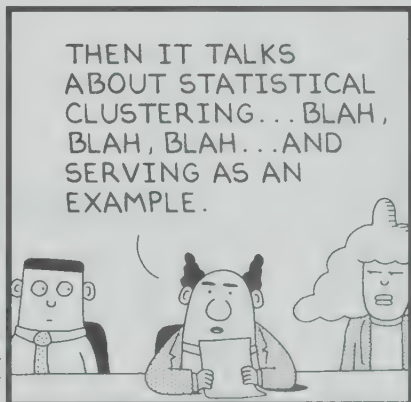
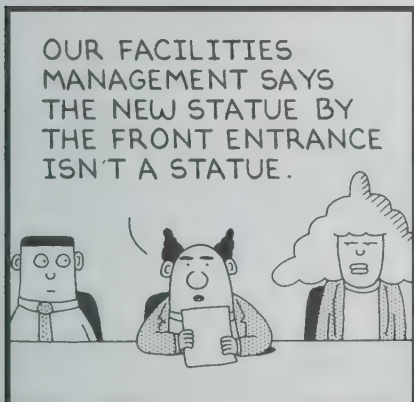
AND I HATE THE
TOXIC
GUY?



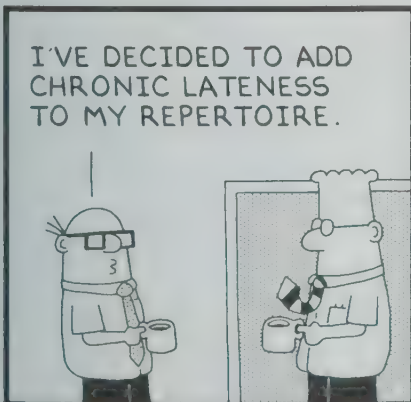
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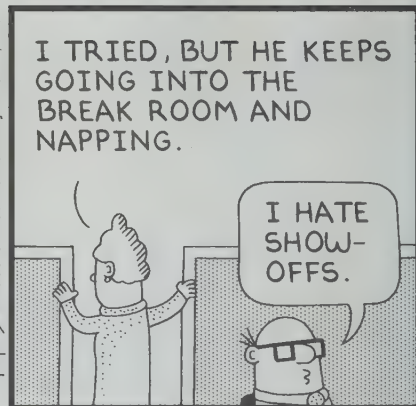
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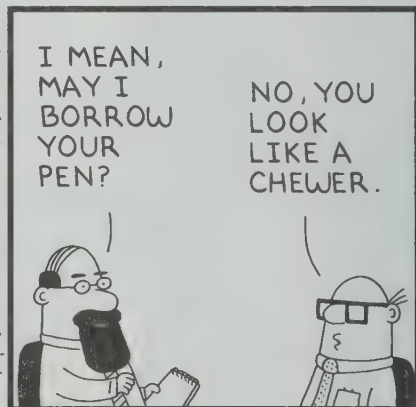
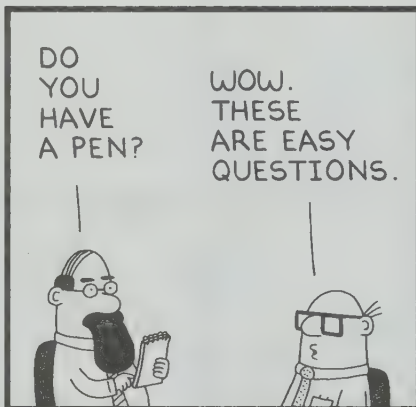
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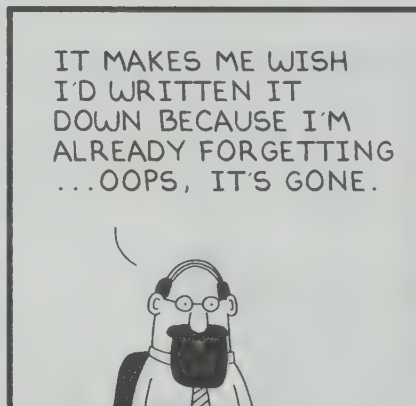
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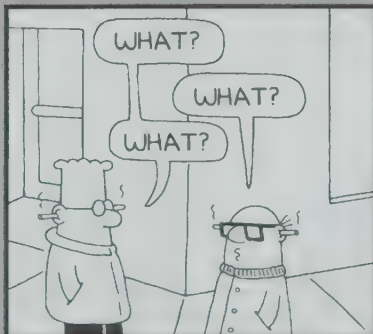
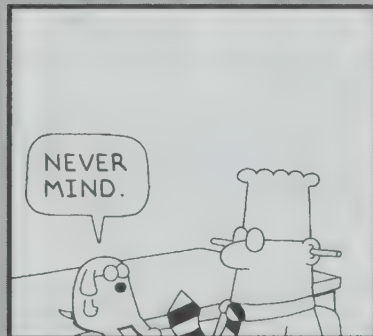
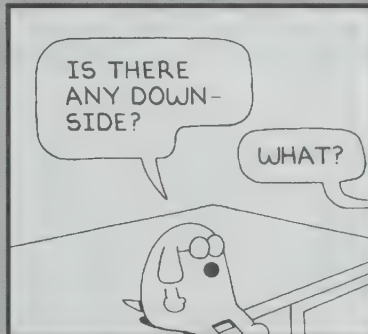
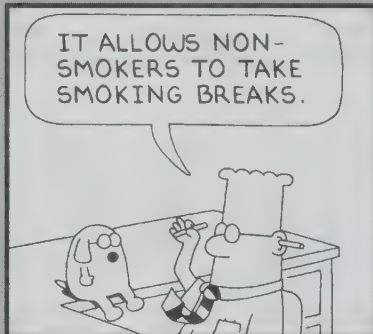
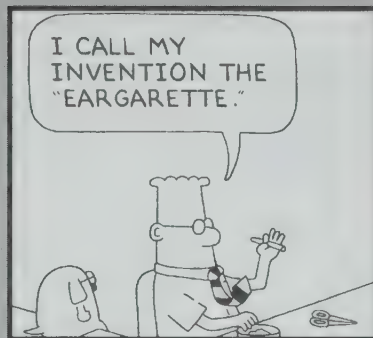
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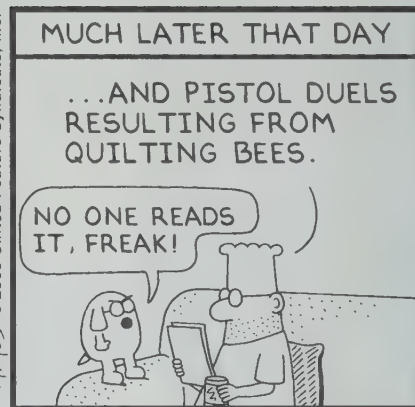
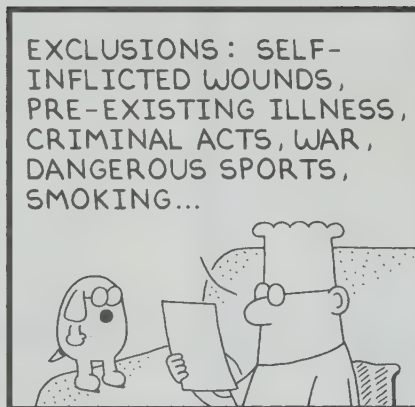
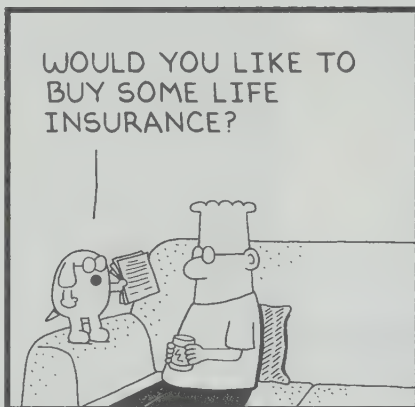
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WALLY HAS BEEN
RESEARCHING GREEK
WORDS TO NAME OUR
NEW PRODUCT.



ALL I HAVE IS ZEUS,
AND PARTHENON,
AND THE WORD
"GREEK" ITSELF.

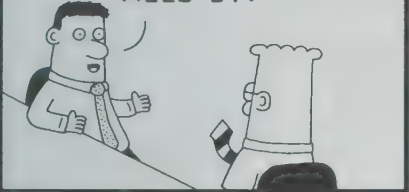


I UNDERSTAND THEY
HAVE A WORD FOR A
SPORTS EVENT, TOO. I'M
TRYING TO TRACK THAT
DOWN.



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MY COMPANY IS
MOVING TO A "JUST
IN TIME" INVENTORY
STRATEGY. YOU'LL
DELIVER WHEN WE
NEED IT.



SO...YOUR SUCCESS
DEPENDS ON MY
COMPANY DOING
WHAT IT PROMISES?
YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST
SYMPATHY.



I FEEL
A SHARP,
STABBING
PAIN IN
MY CHEST.

AND
SO IT
BEGINS.



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A CUSTOMER KEEPS
ASKING WHEN WE'LL
DELIVER THE STUFF
THEY BOUGHT.



WHEN
WILL
WE?

NEVER. YOU LIED
TO THEM TO GET
THEIR BUSINESS.

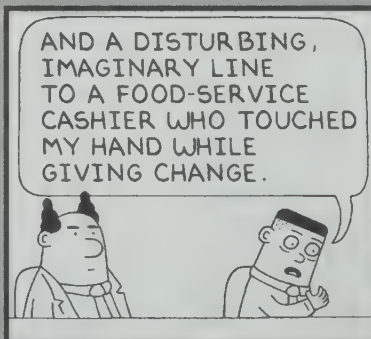
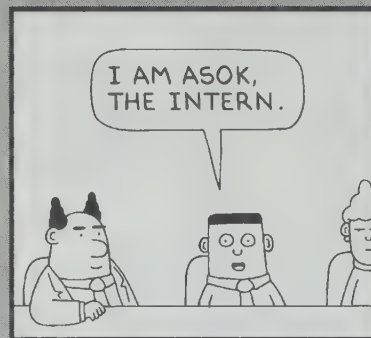


YOU TOOK THEIR MONEY
AND GAVE THEM NOTH-
ING. DO YOU KNOW
WHAT THAT MAKES YOU?



THE
WINNER!

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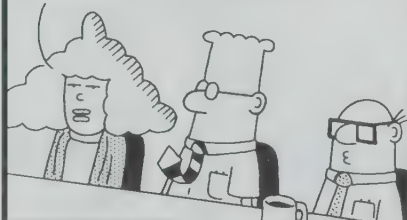


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LET'S BRAINSTORM
IDEAS FOR "EMPLOYEE
MORALE-ENHANCEMENT
DAY."



WE COULD PLAY "PIN
THE TAIL ON THE
POINTY-HAIRED
WEASEL WHOSE BREATH
SMELLS LIKE FEET."



WE MIGHT NEED MORE
MORALE-ENHANCEMENT
DAYS.

HOW ABOUT
THIS WEEKEND
WHEN I'M NOT
HERE?



MARKETING GENIUS

WE DESIGNED A
REBATE PROGRAM
THAT WON'T COST
A PENNY.



THE REBATE PROCESS
IS AN IMPENETRABLE
FORTRESS OF UNCLEAR
INSTRUCTIONS AND
PHYSICAL IMPOSSI-
BILITIES.



NEXT WE HAVE TO FIND
THE HIDDEN 300-DIGIT
SERIAL NUMBER AND
WRITE IT IN A BOX
THAT'S HALF AN INCH
LONG.

STINKIN'
WEASELS.



THE DEPARTMENT
THAT CUTS COSTS THE
MOST WILL GET OUR
CEO AS ITS SECRETARY
FOR A DAY.



I'M DEEPLY OFFENDED
BY THE IMPLICATION
THAT MY JOB IS SO
TRIVIAL THAT IT CAN
BE USED AS A PRIZE.



MAYBE YOU CAN
TRAIN HIM TO PHONE
YOUR KIDS AND
YELL AT
THEM.

NOT FUNNY!!



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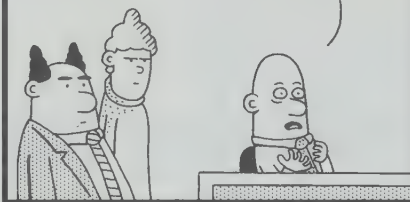
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OUR DEPARTMENT WON THE COST-CUTTING CONTEST, SO OUR CEO WILL DO YOUR JOB FOR A DAY.

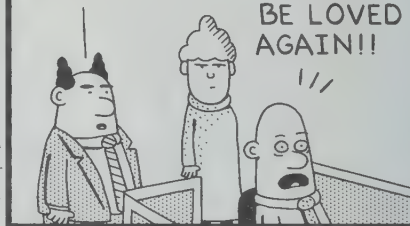


I FEEL LIKE A FAILURE... DARKNESS FILLS MY DAYS... I DREAM OF THE GRAVE.



THIS IS LESS MOTIVATING THAN I'D HOPED.

I'LL NEVER BE LOVED AGAIN!!



I'LL DESIGN THE SYSTEM AS SOON AS YOU GIVE ME THE USER REQUIREMENTS.

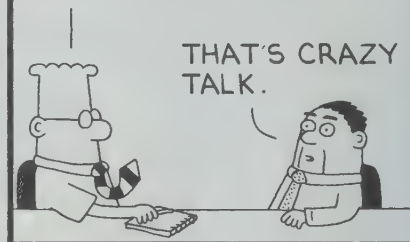


BETTER YET, YOU COULD BUILD THE SYSTEM, THEN I'LL TELL YOUR BOSS THAT IT DOESN'T MEET MY NEEDS.



I DON'T MEAN TO FRIGHTEN YOU, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO SOME ACTUAL WORK.

THAT'S CRAZY TALK.



I CAN'T START THE PROJECT BECAUSE THE USER WON'T GIVE ME HIS REQUIREMENTS.

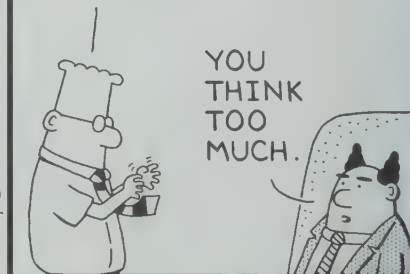


START MAKING SOMETHING ANYWAY. OTHERWISE WE'LL LOOK UNHELPFUL.



SO, OUR PLAN IS TO CLEVERLY HIDE OUR COMPETENCE.

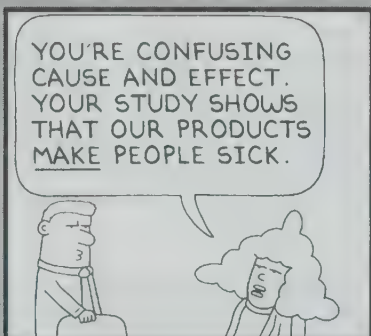
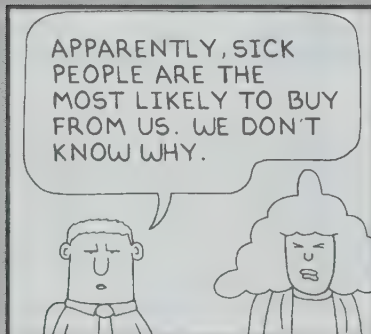
YOU THINK TOO MUCH.



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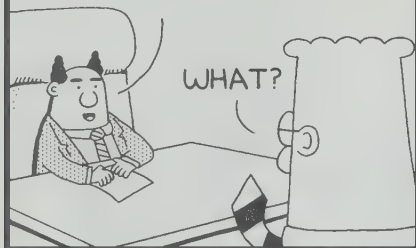
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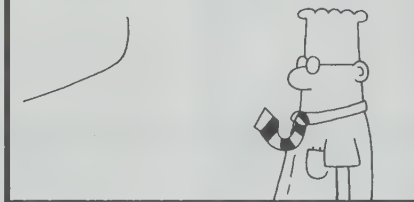


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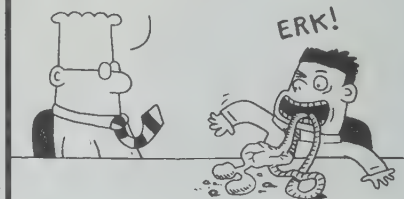
THERE'S NO BUDGET
FOR YOUR PROJECT;
YOU NEED TO TIN-CUP
IT.



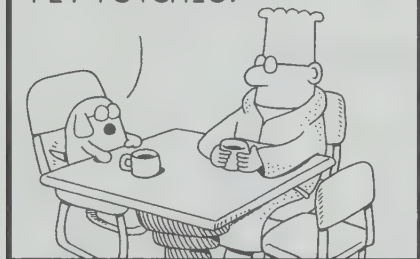
BE LIKE A BEGGAR
AND ASK EACH
DEPARTMENT TO GIVE
YOU A BIT OF THEIR
BUDGET.



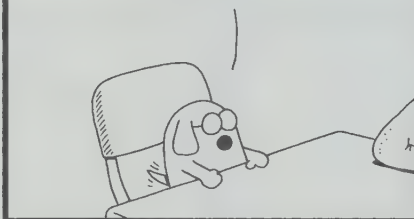
WELL, NOW THAT
YOU'VE LAUGHED YOUR
GUTS OUT, DO YOU
FEEL BETTER?



THEY BELIEVE IN
FENG SHUI. THEY
BELIEVE IN THE
PET PSYCHIC.



THIS SUGGESTS
AN EXCELLENT
NEW CAREER
FOR ME.



THE FURNITURE
PSYCHIC IS HERE. HE
SAYS MY WASTEBASKET
IS IN LOVE WITH MY
DESK.

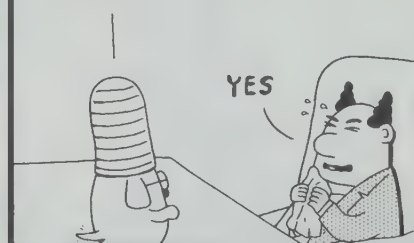


FURNITURE PSYCHIC

YOUR OLD CHAIR
HAS PASSED TO THE
OTHER SIDE.

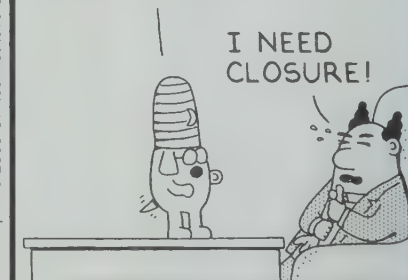


HE SAYS YOU'LL
KNOW WHAT THIS
MEANS: "SQUEAK,
SQUEAK."



YOUR DESK
SAYS, "THANKS
FOR THE GUM."

I NEED
CLOSURE!



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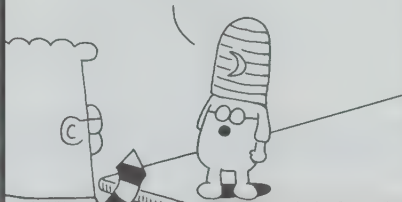
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YOU HAVE TO STOP
TELLING PEOPLE THAT
YOU CAN TALK TO
FURNITURE. IT'S
NOT RIGHT.



YOU WORK FOR A
COMPANY THAT
ACTIVELY MISLEADS
CUSTOMERS. HOW'S
THAT DIFFERENT?



WE CALL IT MARKET-
ING, AND WE DON'T
WEAR
HATS.



THE TABLE
SAYS YOU'RE
A HYPOCRITE.



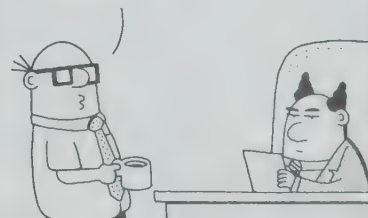
I TOOK THE INITIA-
TIVE AND MADE A
LIST OF PEOPLE YOU
COULD DOWNSIZE.



THIS IS JUST THE
DEPARTMENT PHONE
LIST WITH YOUR NAME
COVERED UP.



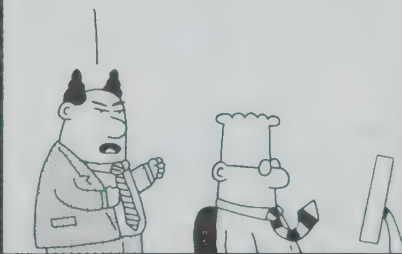
THAT'S THE SORT
OF EFFICIENCY
THAT KEPT ME
OFF THE LIST.



YOU FOOL! HOW
COULD YOU BE SO
STUPID?



YOU FOOL! HOW
COULD YOU BE
SO STUPID?



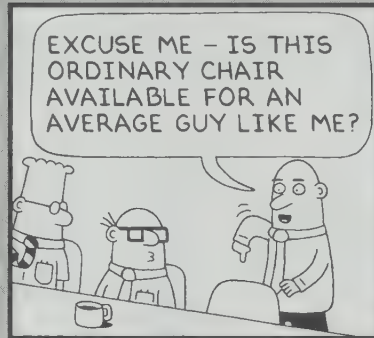
YOU STUPID
COFFEE MUG!!



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DOGBERT THE HEADHUNTER

LET ME TELL YOU
HOW GOOD MY CEO
PLACEMENTS HAVE
BEEN.

AN ASTONISHING
FIFTY PERCENT OF
THEM HAVE PER-
FORMED BETTER
THAN THE OTHER
HALF!

IF YOU'RE ON A
BUDGET, I RECOMMEND
ONE OF OUR STUFFED
CEO UNITS WITH A
"MAGIC 8 BALL"
HEAD.

DILBERT, MEET YOUR
NEW TEAM MEMBER,
PERI NOID.

WHY HAVEN'T YOU
INVITED ME TO A
MEETING? WHO'S
FILLING YOUR HEAD
WITH LIES?

YOUR HAND IS SOFT
AND CLAMMY! ARE
YOU THE UNDEAD?!!

ENGINEER.

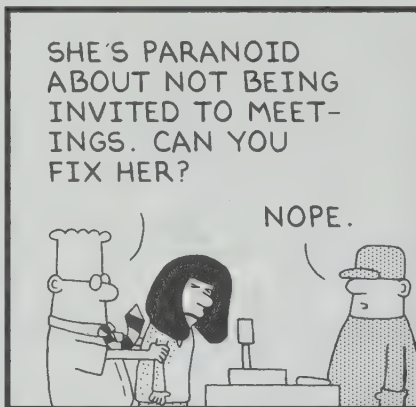
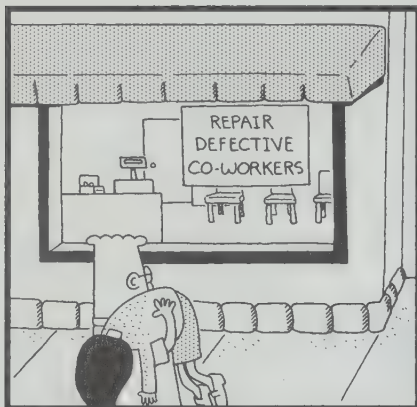
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WE'LL HAVE
THE DATA BY
TUESDAY.

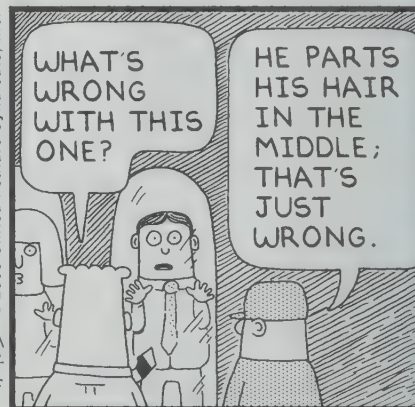
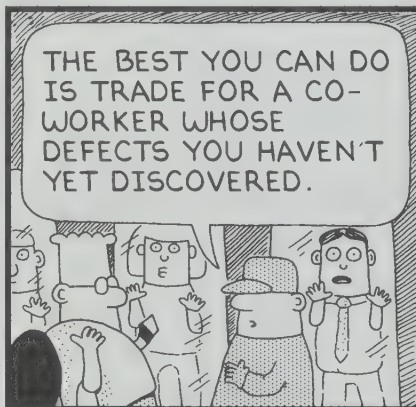
HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
THAT?

YOU MUST BE GETTING
INVITED TO MEETINGS
AND THEN SAYING,
"DON'T INVITE PERI."

WOULD IT
BE WRONG
TO ENJOY
THIS OPPOR-
TUNITY?
**PLOTTING!!
RIGHT
THERE!!!**



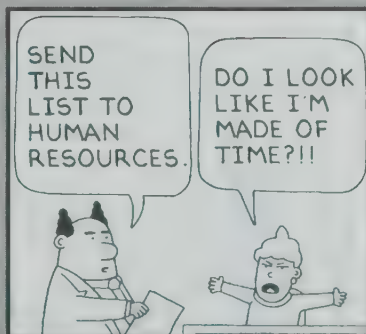
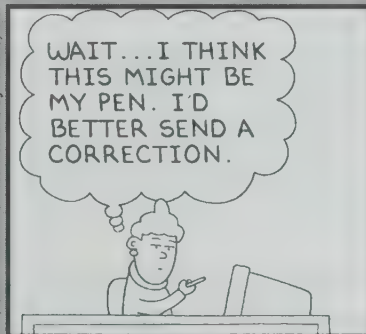
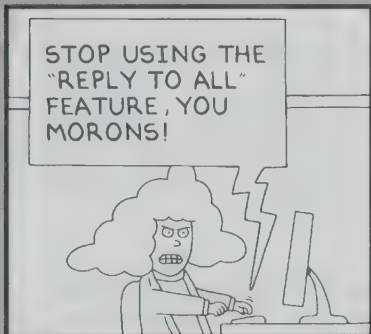
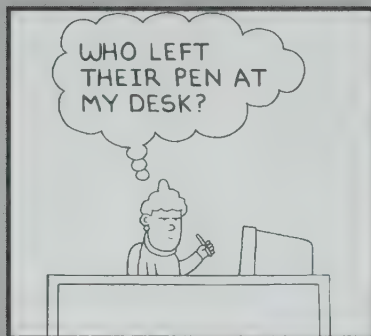
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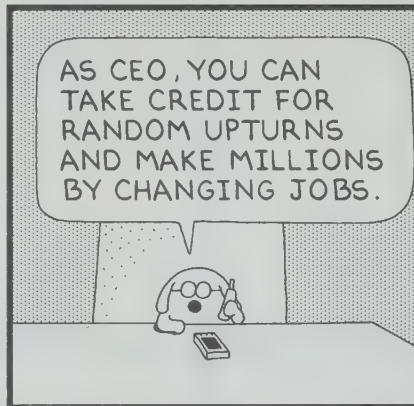
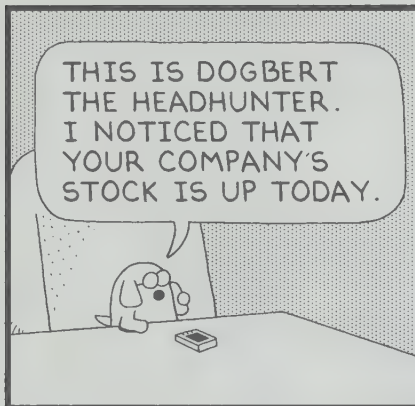
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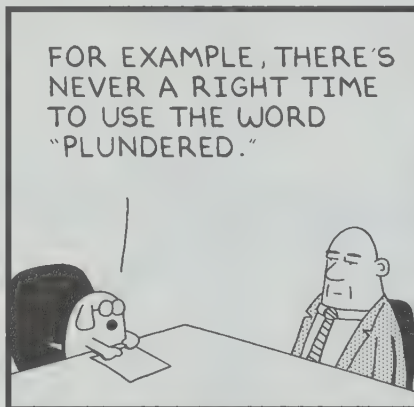
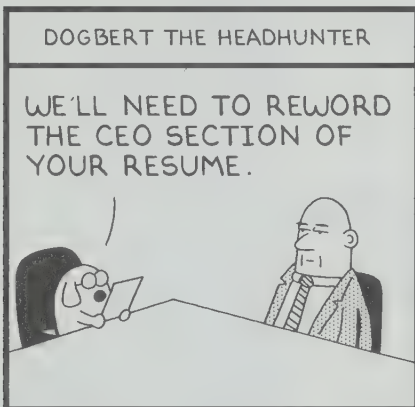
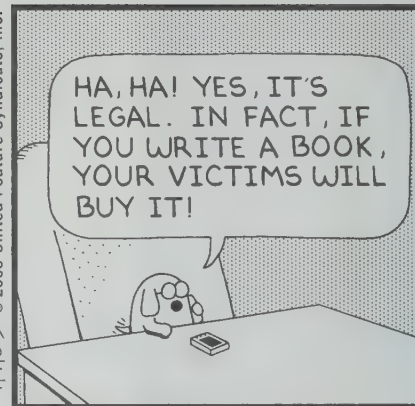
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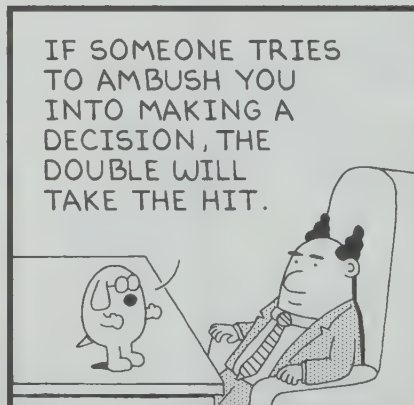
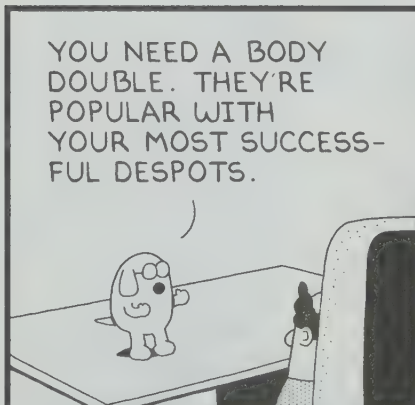
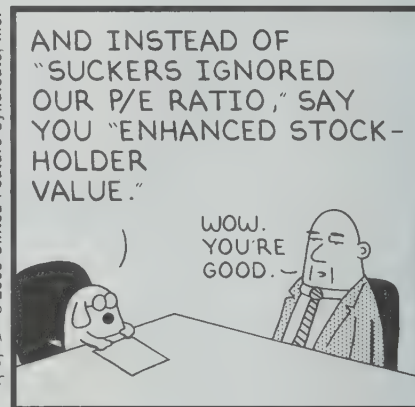
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ASOK, AS MY NEW
BODY DOUBLE, YOUR
JOB IS TO WALK INTO
AMBUSHES.



IF SOMEONE TRIES
TO TRAP YOU INTO
BEING HELPFUL,
DO WHAT I WOULD
DO.



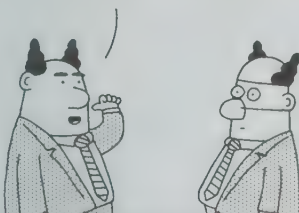
WHAT
WOULD
YOU
DO?

I'D GET
A BODY
DOUBLE.



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I'M LEAVING EARLY,
IN CASE I HAVE A
DENTAL APPOINT-
MENT OR WHATNOT.



WALK AMONGST THE
CUBICLES UNTIL
7 P.M. AND SCOWL
AT ANYONE WHO
ISN'T WORKING.



NICE SCOWL. I
FEEL SLIGHTLY
MENACED.



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WE NAMED THE
PRODUCT "GENEIOUS
MISTRO" BECAUSE IT
CONDUCTS AN ORCHES-
TRA OF DATA.



CAN YOU BELIEVE
THE DOMAIN NAME
"GENEIOUSMISTRO"
WASN'T ALREADY
TAKEN?

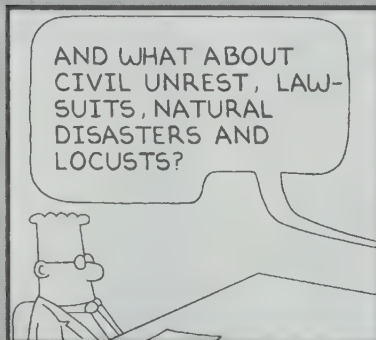
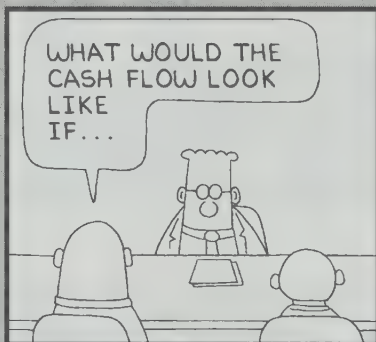
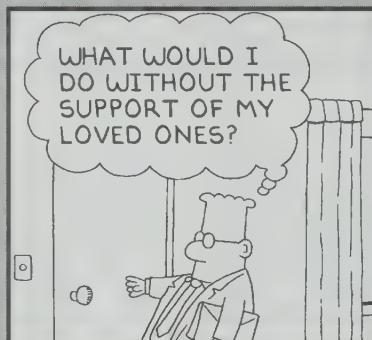
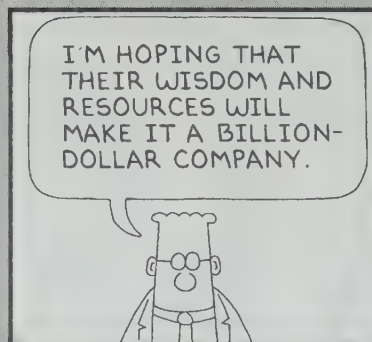


IS THE
SPELLING
MEANT
TO BE
IRONIC?

WHY DO
YOU ASK?



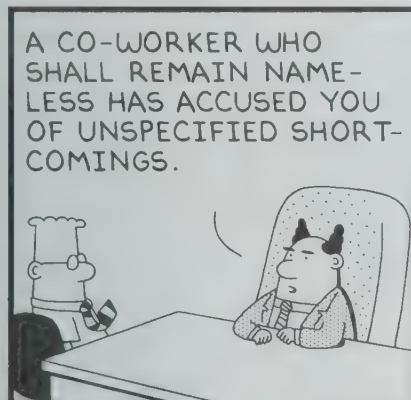
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DILBERT, THIS IS
IRENE. I DON'T YET
KNOW WHAT HER
DEFECT IS.



STOP BEING RUDE
TO ME, YOU PIECE
OF DIRT!!!



I'M
THINKING:
MOOD
SWINGS.

WE'RE
LIKE
FAMILY
NOW.



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YOU'RE AN ENGINEER;
MAYBE YOU CAN TELL
ME WHAT KIND OF
DIGITAL CAMERA I
SHOULD BUY.



WOULD YOU ASK A
DOCTOR FOR FREE
ADVICE?



I GOT A
COMPLETE
PHYSICAL
BY THE
APPETIZER.

YEAH, I'M
NEVER OFF
DUTY.



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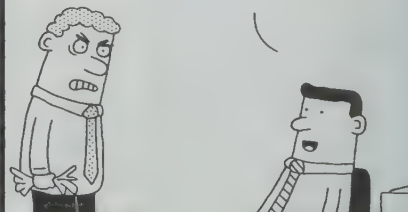
SO TED HAS BEEN
TRAINING YOU FOR
THE PAST SIX MONTHS.



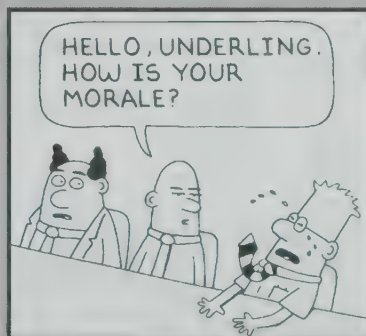
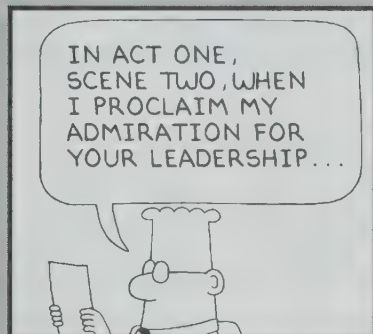
BASED ON YOUR
WORK, I'D SAY HE'S
PLAYING THE WORLD'S
LONGEST PRACTICAL
JOKE ON YOU.



SOMETIMES THERE'S A
FINE LINE BETWEEN
CRIMINALLY ABUSIVE
BEHAVIOR AND FUN.

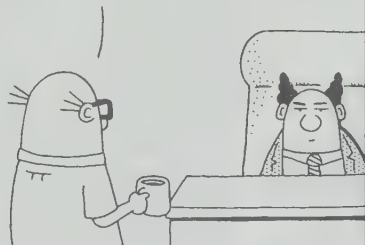


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YOU'RE CREATING
A HOSTILE WORK
ENVIRONMENT.



IT'S LIKE THERE'S
CONTINUOUS
PRESSURE ON ME
TO WORK.



BUT I'M ONLY ONE
PERSON; I CAN'T
WORK AND DRINK
COFFEE!



I'M CUTTING
YOU BACK
TO FORTY
CUPS A DAY.

WALLY, I'M SENDING
YOU TO A COFFEE
REHAB PROGRAM.



GAAA!!!

THEY'LL GET YOU
DOWN TO FORTY
CUPS A DAY.



NOT DOUBLE
DIGITS!!!

YOU
MONSTER!!!
I WON'T
SURVIVE!!!



IF
YOU'RE
LUCKY.

COFFEE REHAB

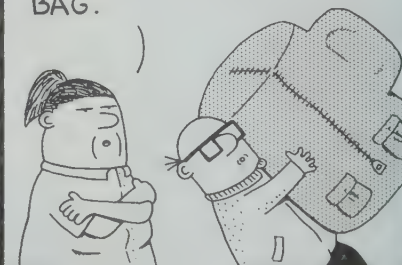
NO SODA, NO TEA,
NO CHOCOLATE.



YOU'RE ALLOWED
ONE PIECE OF
LUGGAGE AND YOU
HAVE TO CARRY IT
YOURSELF.



I MIGHT WANT TO
TAKE A LOOK
INSIDE THAT
BAG.



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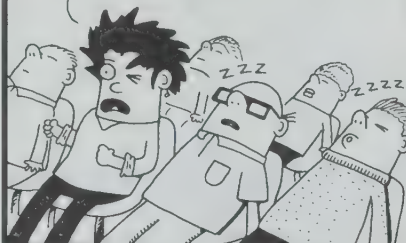
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COFFEE REHAB

STATE YOUR NAME
AND HOW LONG
YOU'VE BEEN WITH-
OUT COFFEE.



I AM GOING TO RIP
OFF YOUR LITTLE
BEARD AND BEAT YOU
TO DEATH WITH IT.

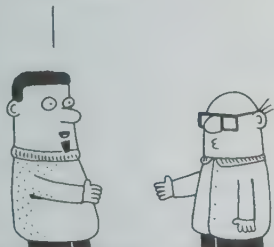


DON'T
PANIC...
WAIT...
WAIT...

AND THEN
I'LL...UM...
ZZZZZZZ
ZZZZZ
ZZZ.



WALLY, CONGRATULA-
TIONS ON FINISHING
THE COFFEE REHAB
PROGRAM.

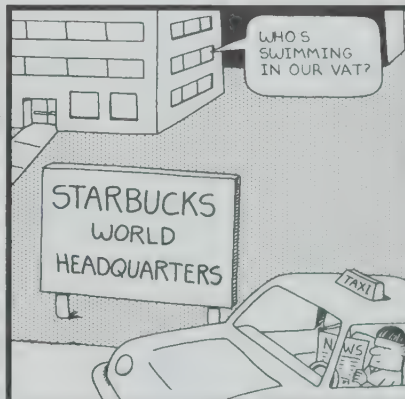


OUR RECIDIVISM RATE
ISN'T TOO HOT. OUR
CRITICS BLAME OUR
LOCATION.

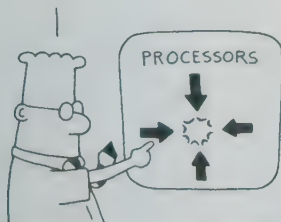


STARBUCKS
WORLD
HEADQUARTERS

WHO'S
SWIMMING
IN OUR VAT?



OUR BREAKTHROUGH
CAME WHEN WE
DISTRIBUTED THE
PROCESSOR LOAD.



IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT
YOU TOOK MY ADVICE!
HALLELUJAH! GOOD FOR
YOU!



IF LASER POINTERS
WERE LIGHT SABERS,
YOU'D BE LOOKING FOR
YOUR TORSO.

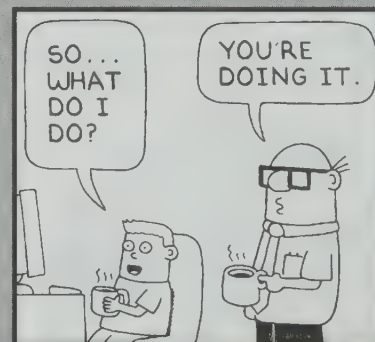
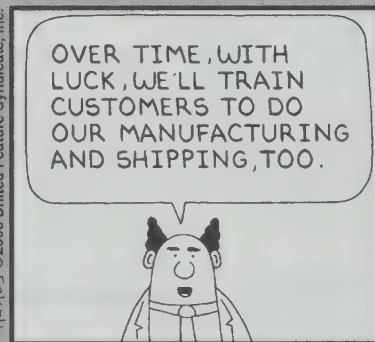
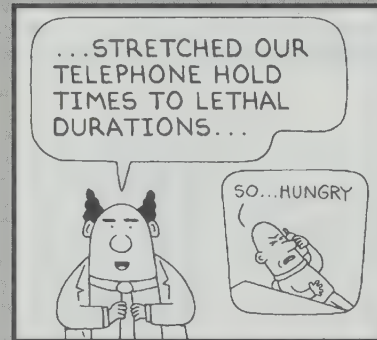


HA HA!
YOU'RE
USING
MY JOKE!
GOOD
ONE!

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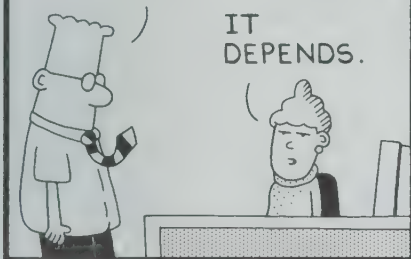
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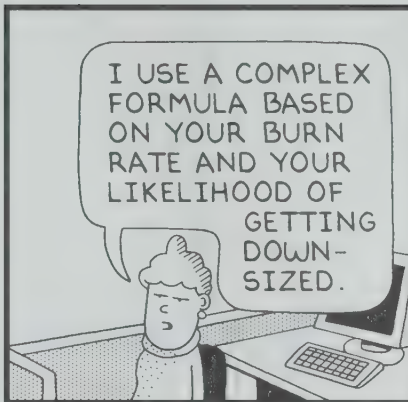


HOW MANY BUSINESS CARDS SHOULD I ORDER?

IT DEPENDS.



I USE A COMPLEX FORMULA BASED ON YOUR BURN RATE AND YOUR LIKELIHOOD OF GETTING DOWN-SIZED.



I USE ABOUT THREE PER WEEK.

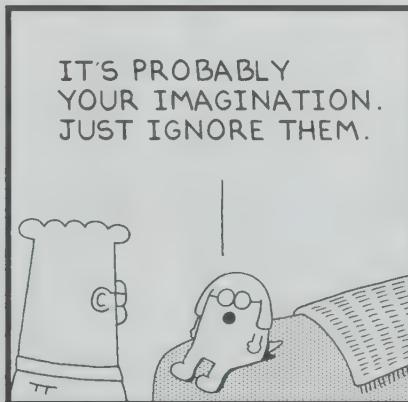
YOU'LL NEED THREE CARDS.



I'M SEEING SIGNS THAT I MIGHT GET LAID OFF.



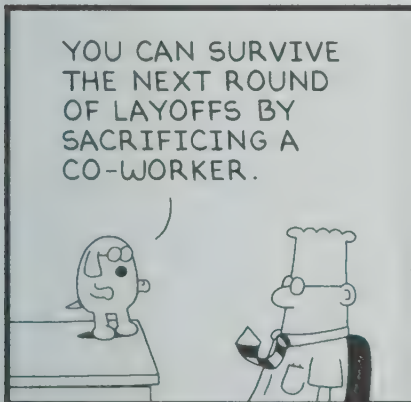
IT'S PROBABLY YOUR IMAGINATION. JUST IGNORE THEM.



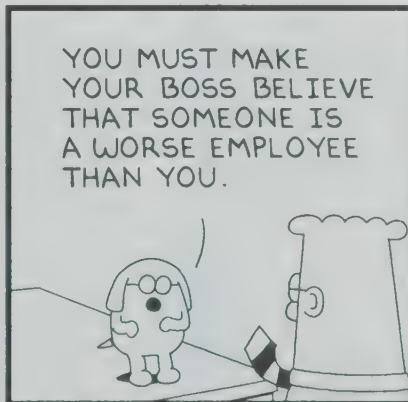
I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I LIKE IT WHEN THEY'RE JUMPY.



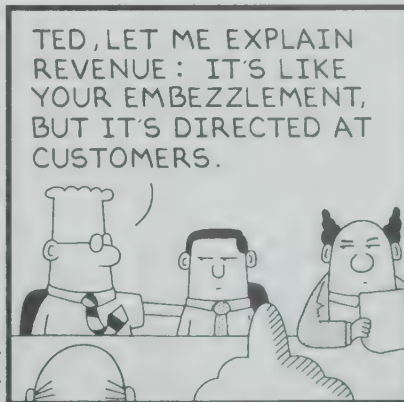
YOU CAN SURVIVE THE NEXT ROUND OF LAYOFFS BY SACRIFICING A CO-WORKER.



YOU MUST MAKE YOUR BOSS BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE IS A WORSE EMPLOYEE THAN YOU.



TED, LET ME EXPLAIN REVENUE: IT'S LIKE YOUR EMBEZZLEMENT, BUT IT'S DIRECTED AT CUSTOMERS.



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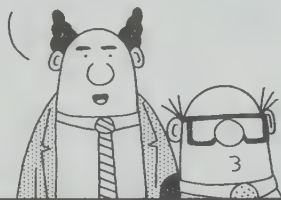
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I HAVE AN UNIM-
PORTANT PROJECT,
SO I THOUGHT OF
YOU.



FIND A BUNCH OF
INSPIRATIONAL
QUOTES THAT WE
CAN PUT ON THE
LOBBY WALLS.



"IF BEING AN EAGLE
IS SUCH A GOOD
IDEA, WHY ARE THERE
SO FEW OF THEM?"



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I'VE BEEN ASKED
TO COLLECT
INSPIRATIONAL
QUOTES FOR THE
LOBBY WALL.



GET OUT OF MY
CUBICLE, YOU
FREAKISH WASTE
OF CARBON.

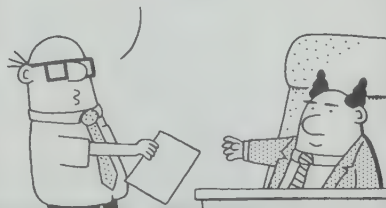


THAT'LL LOOK
GOOD OVER THE
ELEVATORS.



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AS REQUESTED, I
PULLED TOGETHER
SOME INSPIRATIONAL
QUOTES FOR OUR
LOBBY WALL.



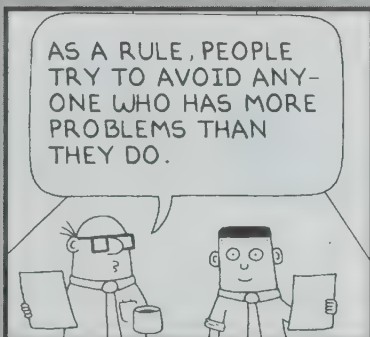
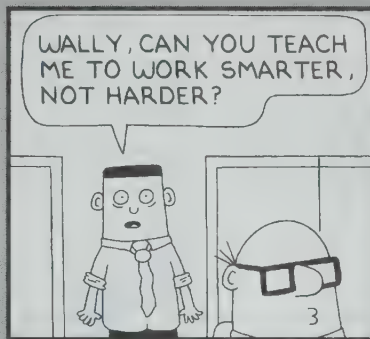
HANNIBAL LECTER...
THE DONNER PARTY...
UH...WALLY, MOST OF
THESE PEOPLE ARE
CANNIBALS.

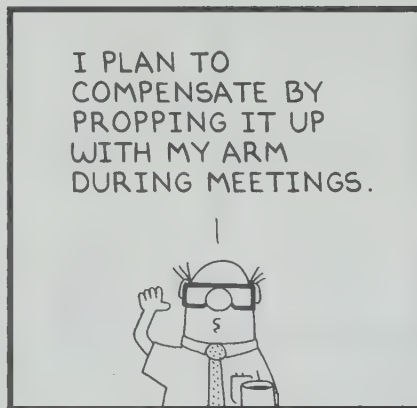


IT WAS PROBABLY
A MISTAKE TO DO
THIS ASSIGNMENT
ON AN EMPTY
STOMACH.

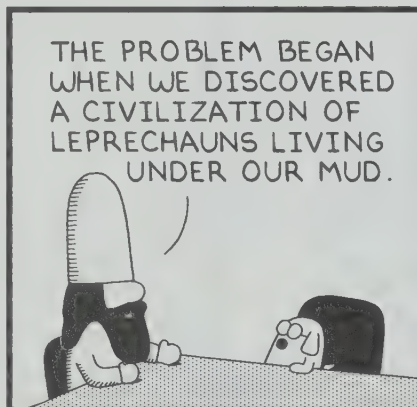
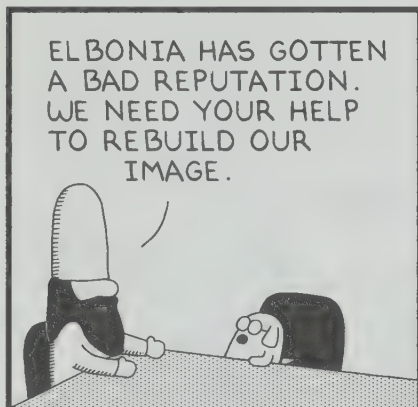
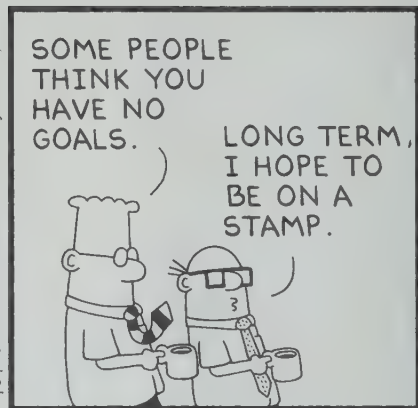


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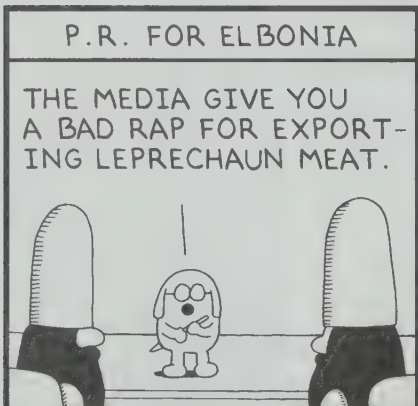
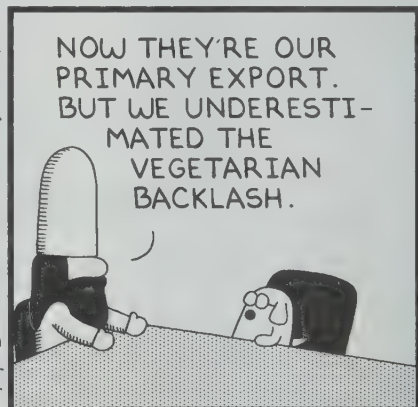




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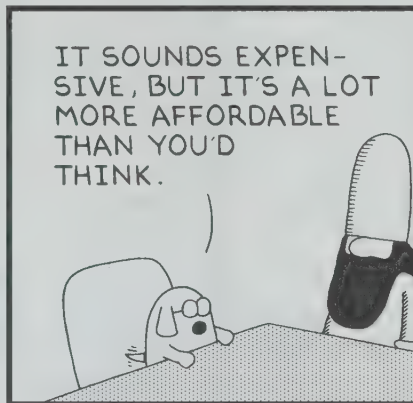
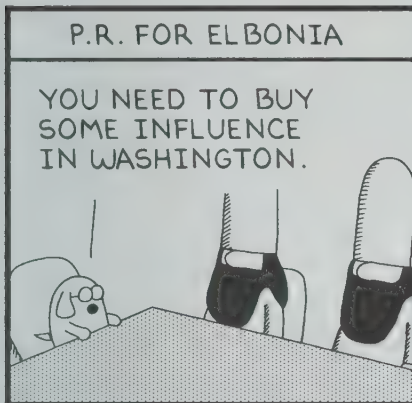


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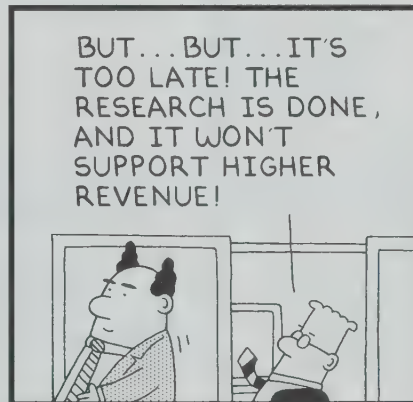
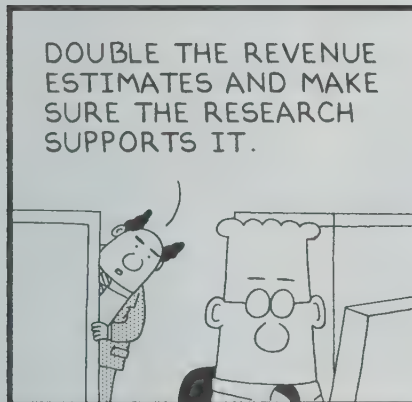
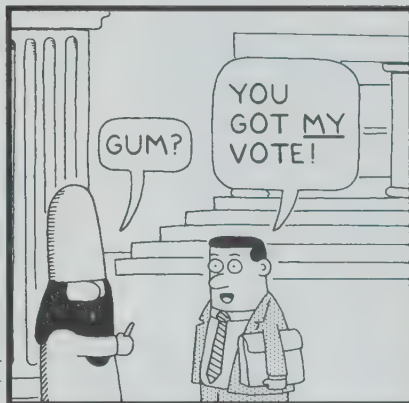


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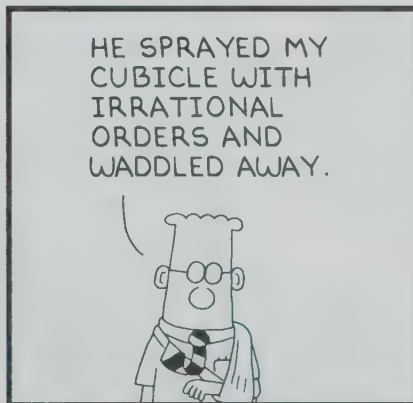
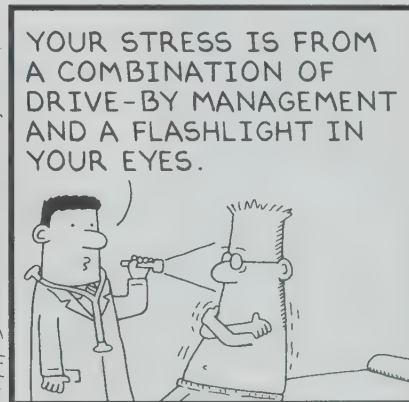




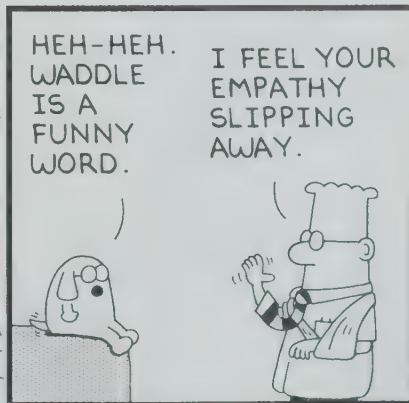
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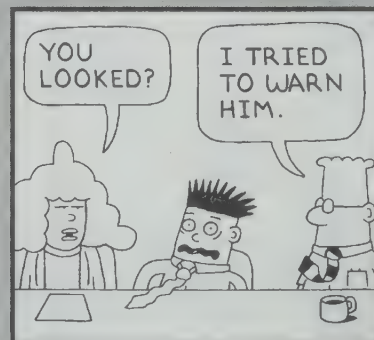
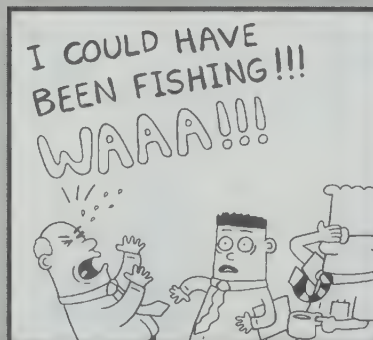
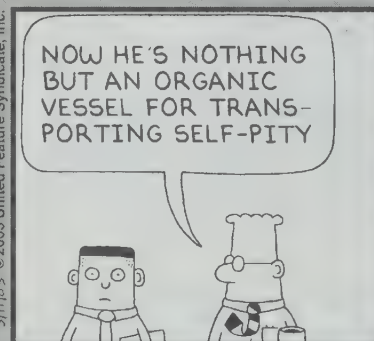
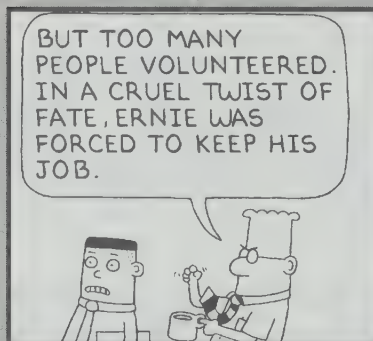
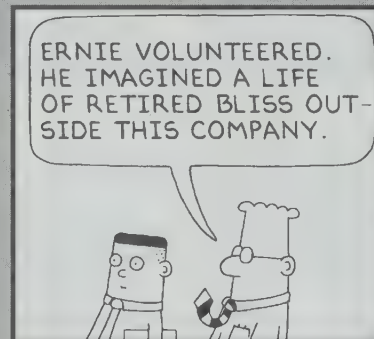
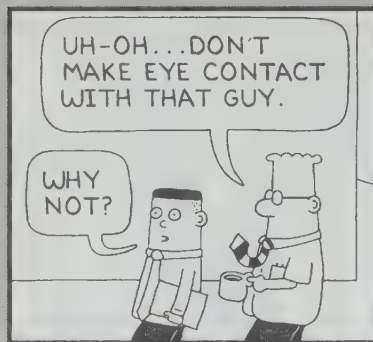


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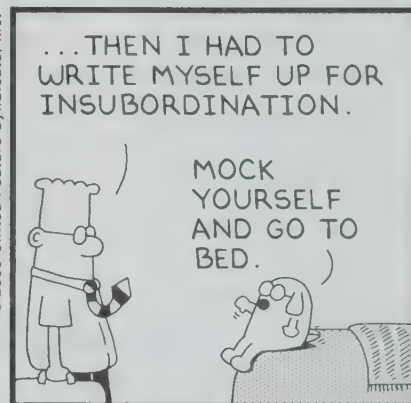
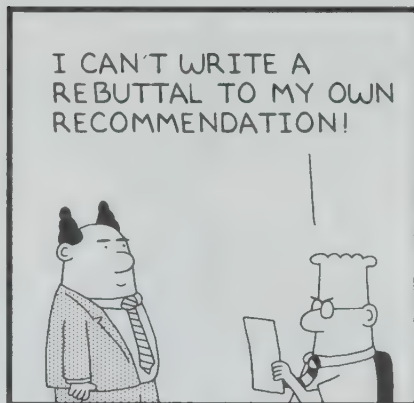


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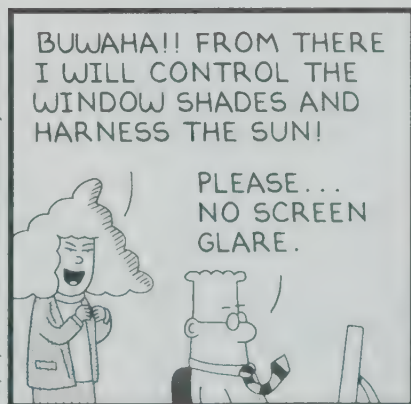
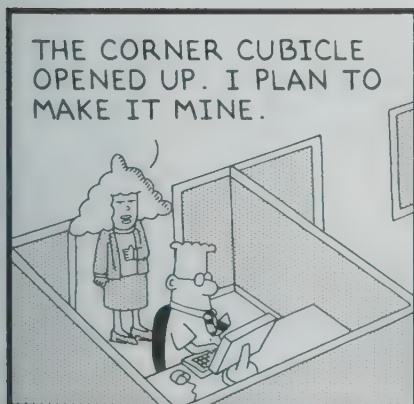
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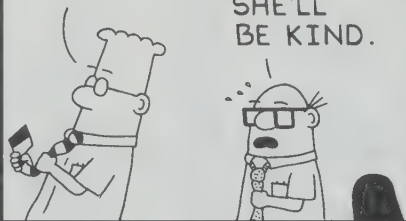
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ALICE MOVED INTO
THE CORNER CUBICLE
AND CLAIMED CONTROL
OVER THE WINDOW
SHADES!

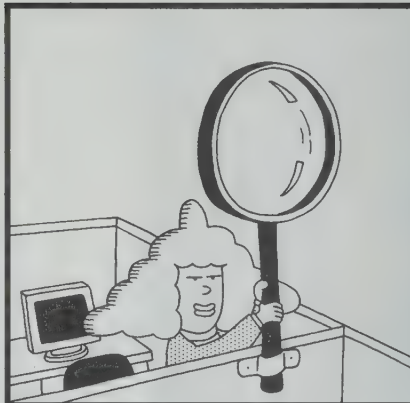


OUR LIFE SUPPORT
SYSTEMS WILL BE IN
THE HANDS OF A MAD-
WOMAN!

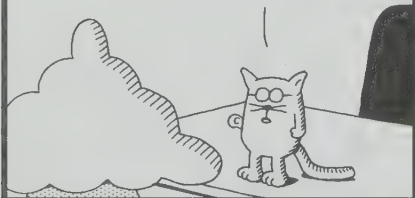
MAYBE
SHE'LL
BE KIND.



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ALICE, I UNDERSTAND
YOU'VE BEEN USING A
GIANT MAGNIFYING
GLASS AS A DEATH
RAY IN THE OFFICE.



IT'S NOT A DEATH RAY.
I USE IT ONLY TO
BURN OFF TOUPEES.

OH...
THAT'S
OKAY.



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IS YOUR HEAD TOO
WARM? MY HEAD IS
TOO WARM.

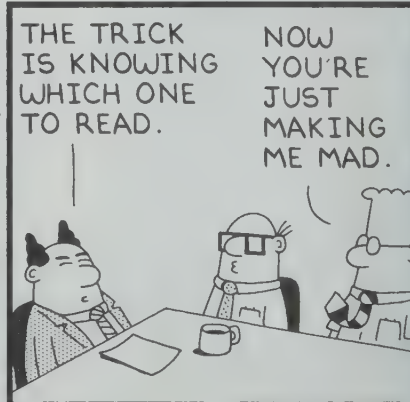
QUESTION: HOW DO
YOU KNOW WHICH
MANAGEMENT TECH-
NIQUES WORK BEST?



LOGICALLY, DOESN'T
THE EXISTENCE OF
THOUSANDS OF MAN-
AGEMENT BOOKS SHOW
THAT NO ONE KNOWS
WHAT WORKS BEST?



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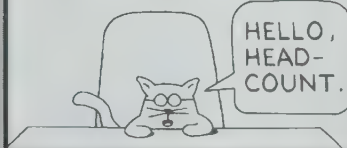


THE TRICK
IS KNOWING
WHICH ONE
TO READ.

NOW
YOU'RE
JUST
MAKING
ME MAD.

CATBERT

THE
EVIL DIRECTOR OF
HUMAN RESOURCES



AM I
FIRED?



I'D NEVER FIRE
YOU FOR MAKING
UNFLATTERING
COMMENTS TO THE
PRESS ABOUT THE
COMPANY.



REALLY? EVERYONE
SAID YOU'RE EVIL.



HEH, HEH, THANK YOU.

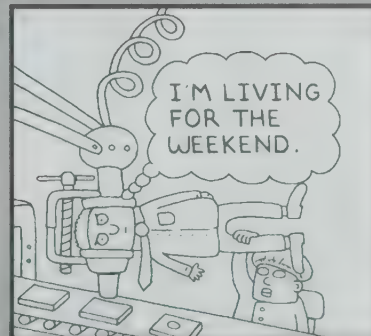
BUT ALL I'M DOING
IS TRANSFERRING
YOU TO A NEW JOB.



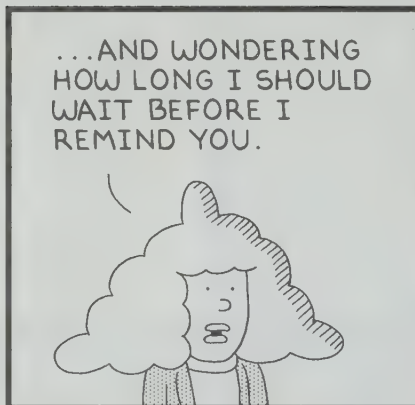
GEE, THAT DOESN'T
SOUND SO BAD.

WHAT
IS IT?

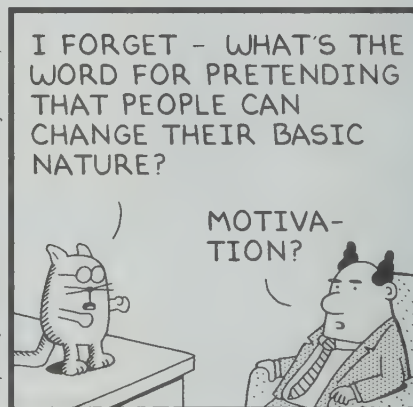
OUR NEW ASSEMBLY
LINE IS SEVEN INCHES
TOO LOW. YOUR JOB
IS TO FIX IT.



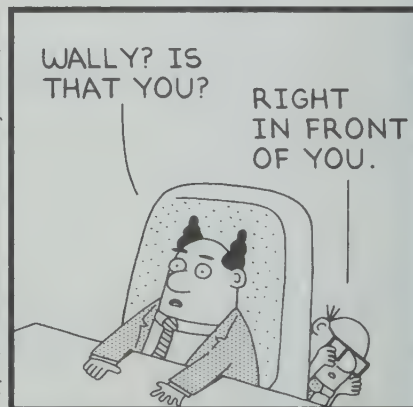
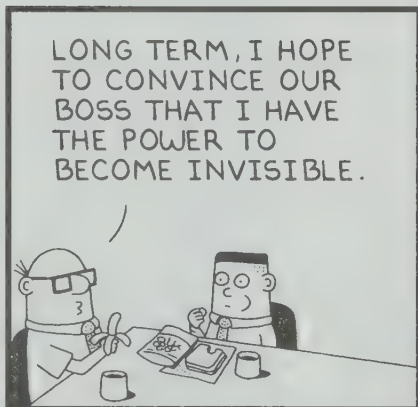
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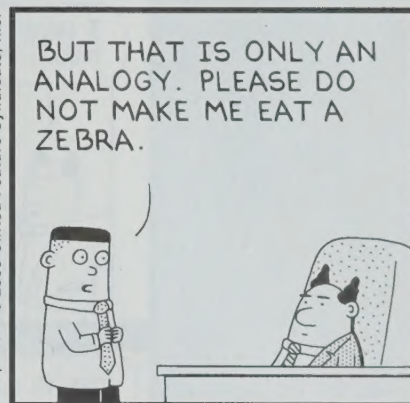
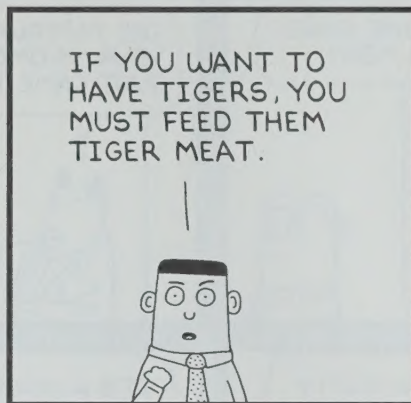
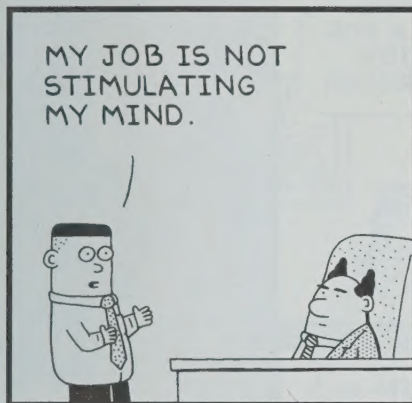
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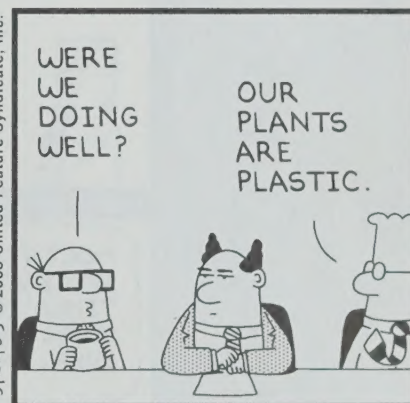
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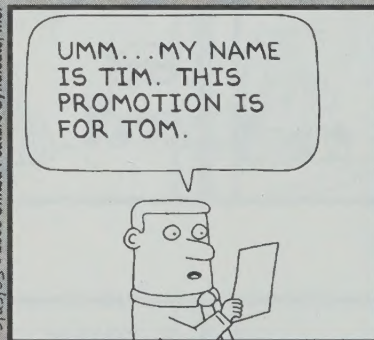
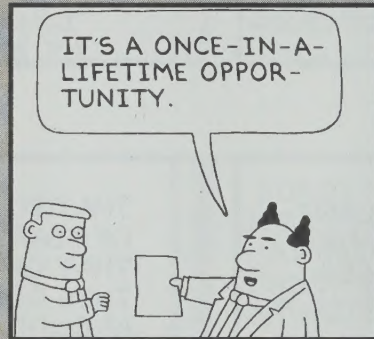
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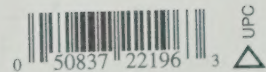
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