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A Calvin and Hobbes Collection by Bill Watterson

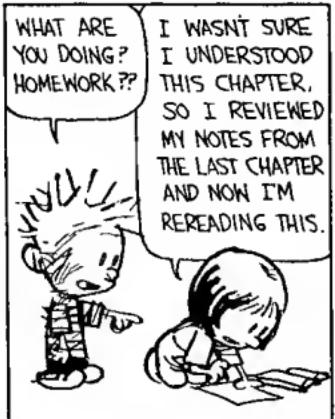
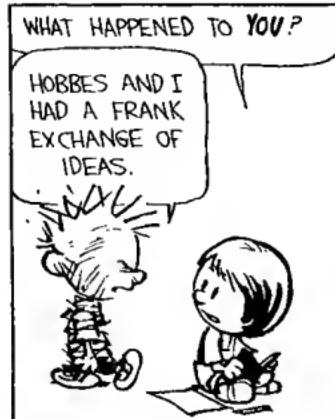
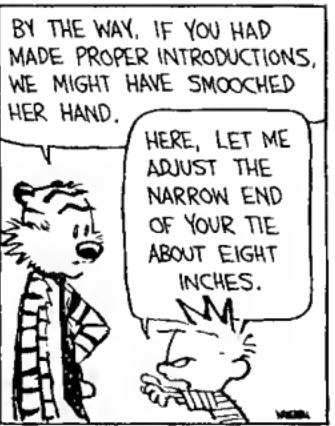


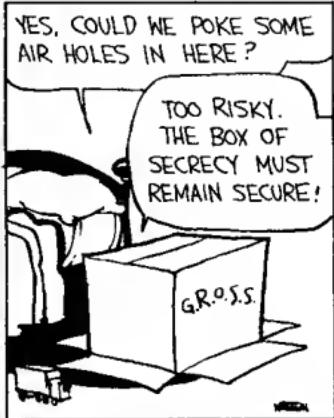
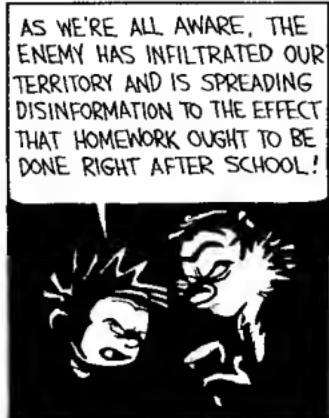
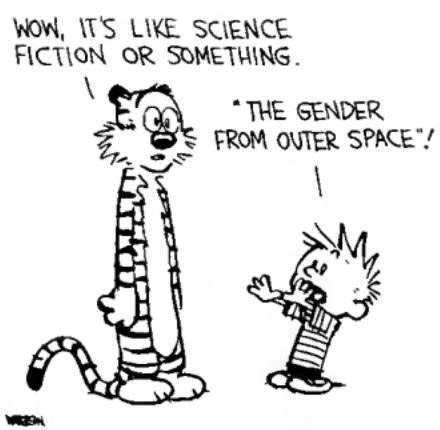
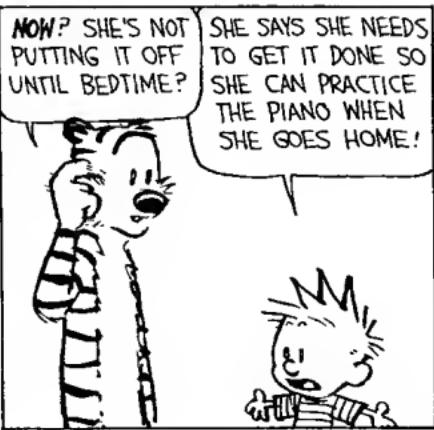


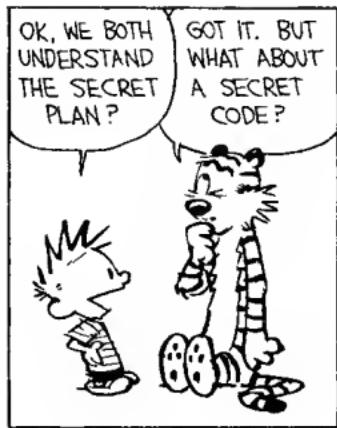


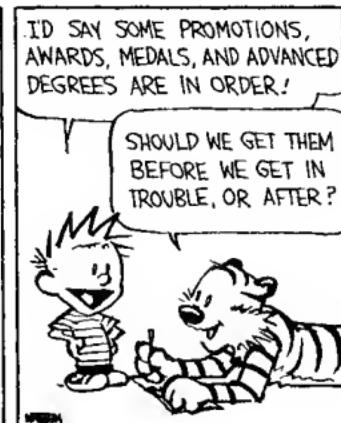
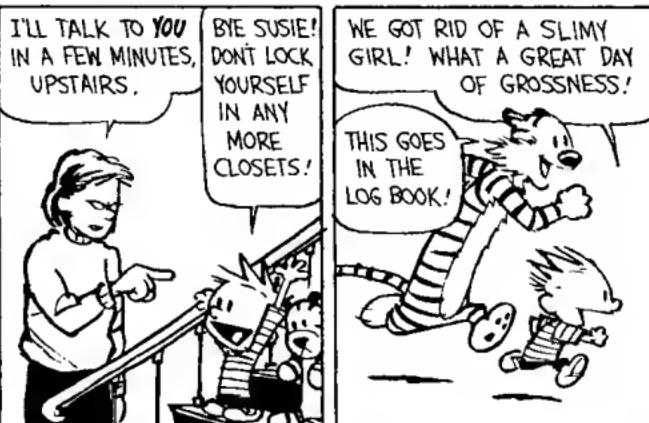
IN FACT, HEH HEH HEH, WHY
DON'T YOU GO IN AHEAD OF
ME? I JUST REMEMBERED
A BIG ORANGE SURPRISE
WAITING FOR YOU! DON'T BE
SCARED!







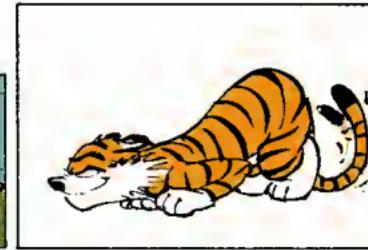






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What was the significance
of the Erie Canal?



IN THE COSMIC SENSE,
PROBABLY NIL.



WE "BIG PICTURE" PEOPLE
RARELY BECOME HISTORIANS.



REMEMBER WHEN I WAS
FIRST BORN? I COULDNT
EVEN TURN MYSELF OVER!
MY EYES WOULDNT FOCUS!
I COULDNT DO
ANYTHING!



THINK OF ALL THE WORK IT
TOOK TO DEVELOP THE MOTOR
SKILLS NECESSARY TO HOLD
A CRAYON, TO PLACE THE TIP
OF IT ON A PAGE, AND TO
MOVE IT IN PREDETERMINED,
COORDINATED MOTIONS!

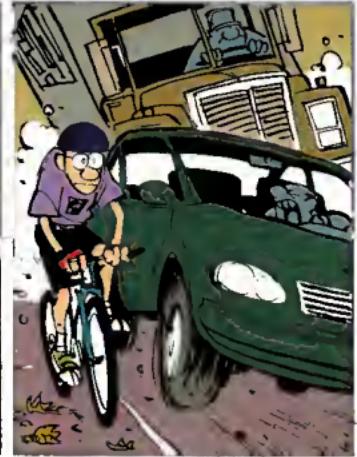


THIS PICTURE IS THE RESULT
OF SIX YEARS' UNRELENTING
TOIL! A LIFETIME OF
EFFORT WENT INTO THIS!



I'M STILL NOT
PAYING YOU
\$500 FOR IT.
IT WILL
APPRECIATE!
IT'S AN
INVESTMENT!

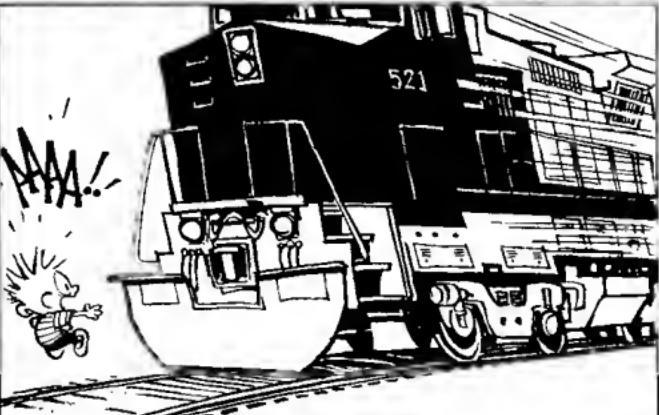




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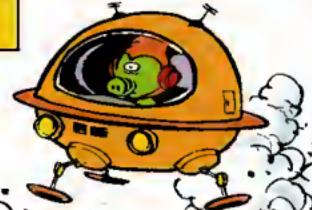
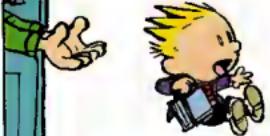




GET GOING, OR
YOU'LL MISS THE
SCHOOL BUS.

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UH... GREETINGS.
MY NAME IS
CALVIN.

!!:



LUNBOKS.



POOF



GRIITINGS.
MA NAME IS
KAHLFIN.

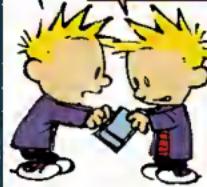


GRIITINGS.
MA NAME IS
KAHLFIN.



UM... YES! WELL CALVIN,
HERE'S YOUR LUNCHBOX.
HAVE A GOOD DAY AT
SCHOOL.

HOFFA GUD TAY.

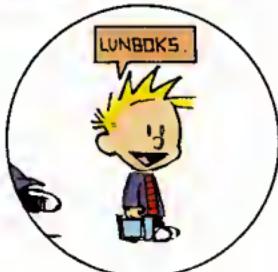


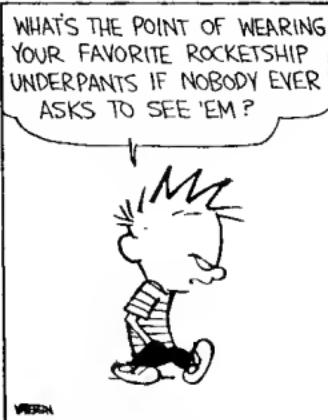
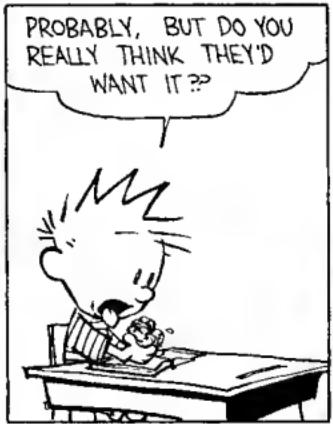
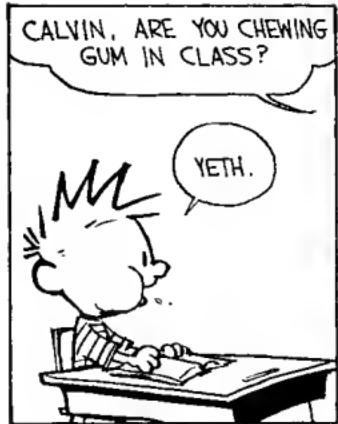
CALVIN'S PRINCIPAL SAYS TO SAY HELLO.

HUH BOY.



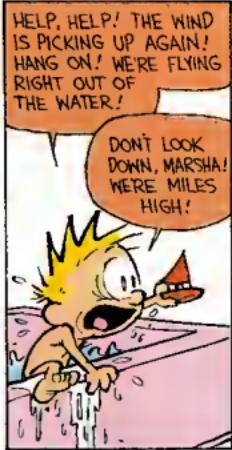
IT TROO!
PAT DARN
KAHLFIN
STOLE MA
SPACECHIP!

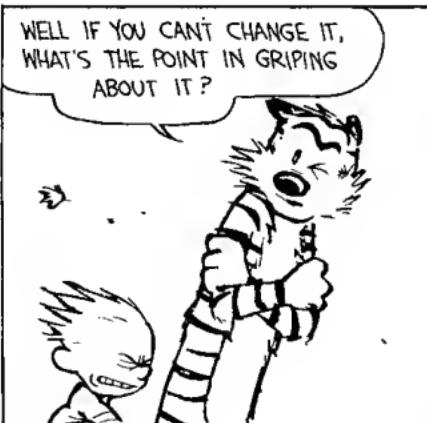
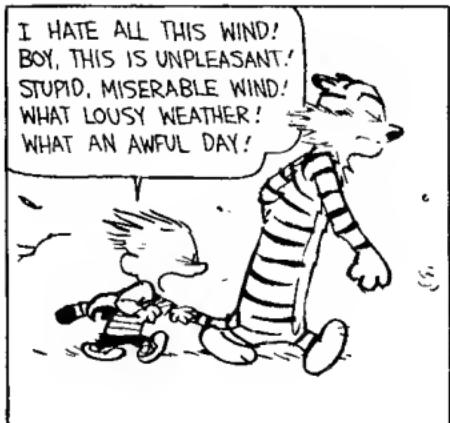


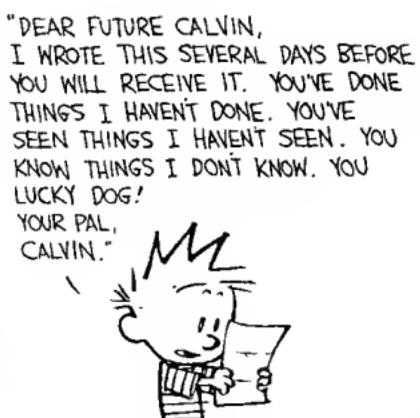
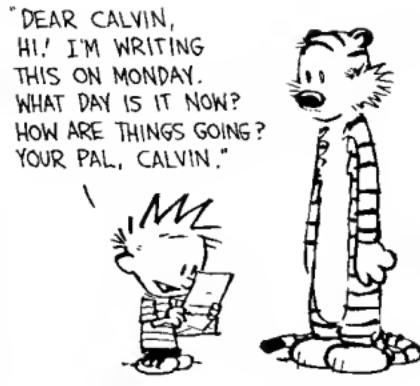
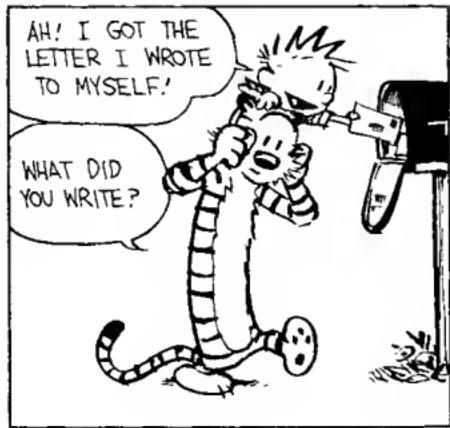


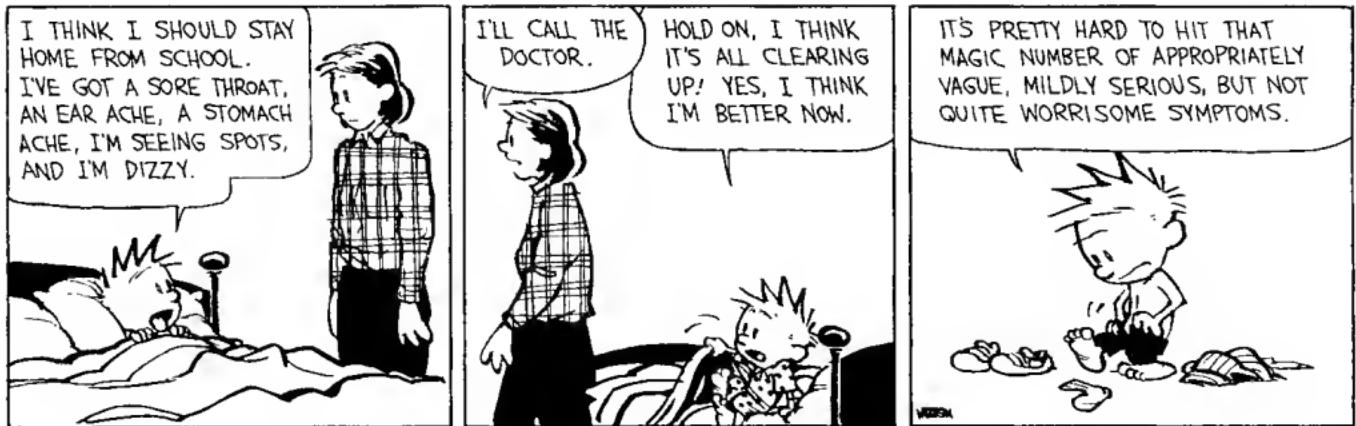
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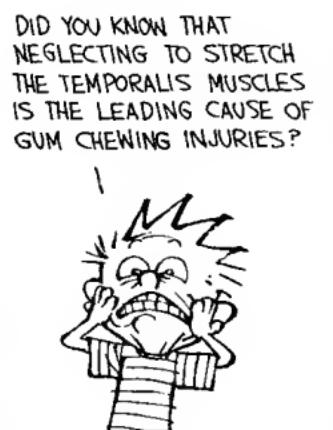
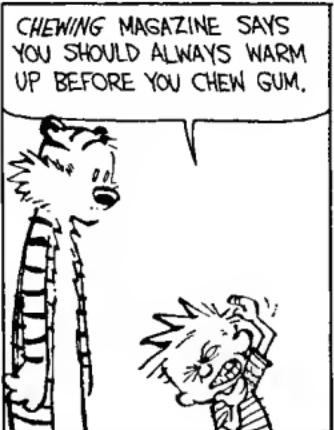
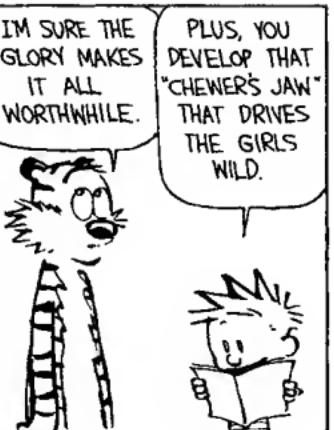
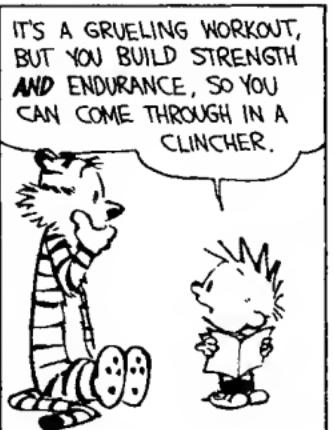
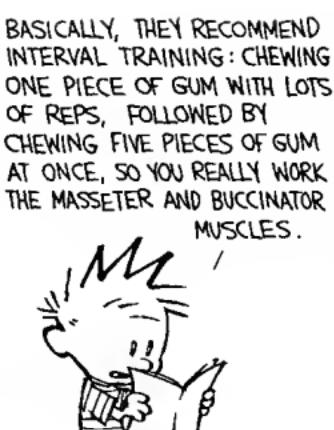






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IN THIS ISSUE, CHEWING REVIEWS THE NEW GUM CHEWING APPAREL.



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WHY IS IT COVERED WITH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BRAND LOGOS? THAT GIVES YOU THE EDGE OF PRETENDING YOU'RE SPONSORED.



HOW CAN YOU TELL IF YOU'RE READING AN ADVERTISEMENT, A PRODUCT REVIEW, OR THE PRODUCT ITSELF?



I'D SURE LIKE TO BE A WALKING ENDORSEMENT.



I NEED TO GET A HEART RATE MONITOR. WHAT FOR? TO MAKE SURE I'M CHEWING AT MY AEROBIC THRESHOLD! EVERY DAY I WANT TO SEE THAT I'M CHEWING MORE GUM FASTER, HARDER, AND LONGER!



WHAT'S THE POINT OF ATTACHING A NUMBER TO EVERYTHING YOU DO?



IF YOUR NUMBERS GO UP, IT MEANS YOU'RE HAVING MORE FUN. SCIENCE TO THE SPIRIT'S RESCUE ONCE AGAIN.





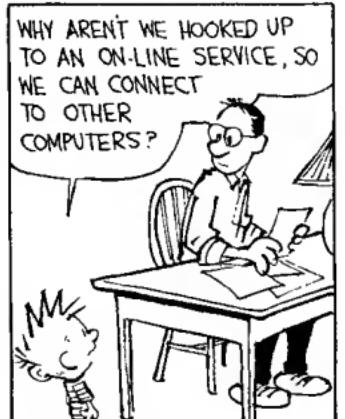
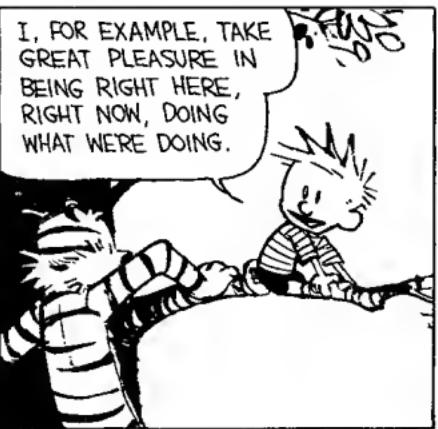
WHAT ON EARTH AM I
DOING IN HERE ON THIS
BEAUTIFUL DAY?/
THIS IS THE ONLY LIFE
I'VE GOT! //



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BECAUSE IT'S BAD ENOUGH WE HAVE A TELEPHONE.



I HATE WHEN A LOT OF KIDS ARE ON THE SLIDE. YOU WAIT FOREVER TO GET TO THE TOP AND THEN THE RIDE IS OVER SO FAST.



AND IF YOU SIT FOR A MOMENT TO ENJOY THE HEIGHT, EVERY BODY YELLS AT YOU TO GET GOING.



AND SOMETIMES THE IDIOT BEHIND YOU STARTS DOWN TOO SOON AND HE SMACKS INTO YOU AT THE BOTTOM BEFORE YOU CAN GET AWAY.



YEP, THE PLAYGROUND IS A *LOT* MORE FUN AFTER CLASS STARTS.

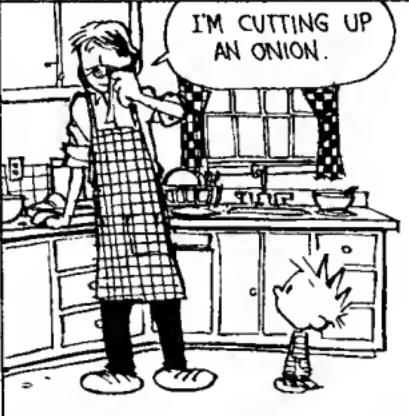


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WHY ARE YOU CRYING?



I'M CUTTING UP AN ONION.



IT MUST BE HARD TO COOK IF YOU ANTHROPOMORPHIZE YOUR VEGETABLES.



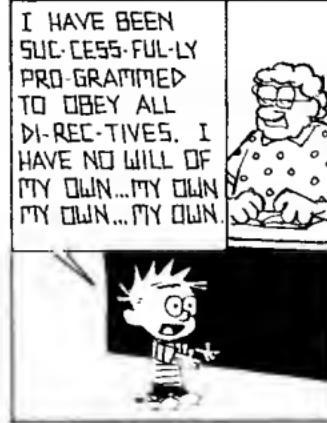
CALVIN, WOULD YOU
DEMONSTRATE THE NEXT
PROBLEM AT THE BOARD?



YES MISS WORM-WOOD.
I WOULD BE HAP-PY TO
DO AN-Y-THING YOU ASK.



I HAVE BEEN
SUC-CESS-FUL-LY
PRO-GRAMMED
TO OBEY ALL
DI-REC-TIVES. I
HAVE NO WILL OF
MY OWN...MY OWN
MY OWN...MY OWN.



DOESN'T ANYBODY
APPRECIATE
THEATER?!



CAN I
RUN THE
VACUUM
CLEANER?

NO, NOT UNTIL
YOU'RE OLDER.



I'M OLD
ENOUGH!
I COULD
DO IT!

WELL, MAYBE JUST
THIS ONCE, IF YOU
DO A REAL GOOD
JOB.



THAT SUPPRESSED
SMILE WORRIES ME.



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"PLEASE EXCUSE CALVIN FROM CLASS TODAY. HIS GENIUS IS URGENTLY REQUIRED ON A TOP SECRET MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY. SINCERELY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
P.S. REALLY."



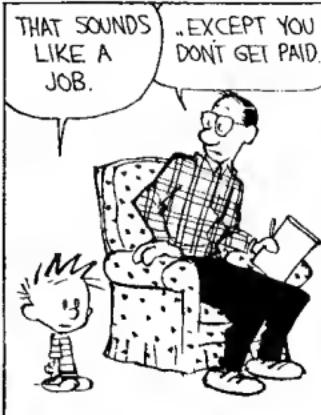
I GOTTA LEARN HOW TO WRITE IN CURSIVE.



BRON



GROWN-UPS CAN ONLY JUSTIFY PLAYING OUTSIDE BY CALLING IT EXERCISE, DOING IT WHEN THEY'D RATHER NOT, AND KEEPING RECORDS TO QUANTIFY THEIR PERFORMANCE.



BRON



HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW NOBODY DRESSES UP FOR ANYTHING ANYMORE? PEOPLE LOOK LIKE SLOBS EVERYWHERE THEY GO.



EVERY BODY'S RUDE, TOO. PEOPLE SWEAR ALL THE TIME, AND YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT BEING ADDRESSED AS "MR." OR "SIR." THERE'S NO RESPECT FOR ANYONE.



HOW COME I GOTTA CHANGE THE WORLD?!



EVERY SATURDAY MORNING IS THE SAME.

WE GET UP AT THE CRACK OF DAWN, WATCH CARTOONS AND EAT SUGARY CEREAL UNTIL WE FIGHT, AND THEN MOM THROWS US OUT OF THE HOUSE. IT NEVER CHANGES.



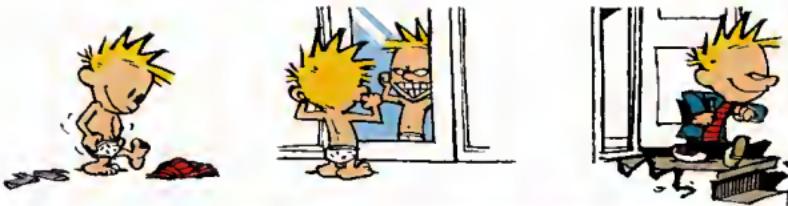
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT SATURDAYS TOO!

FIRST ONE DOWNSTAIRS GETS TO PICK THE CARTOONS!



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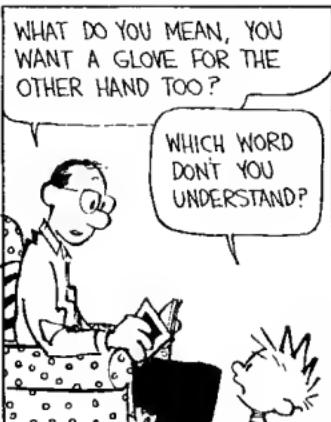
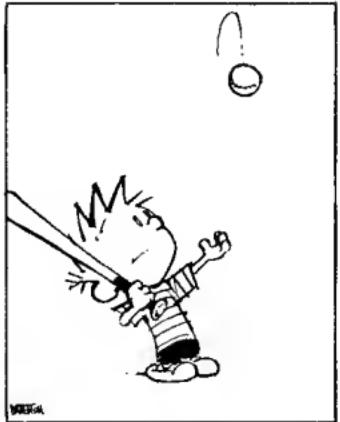


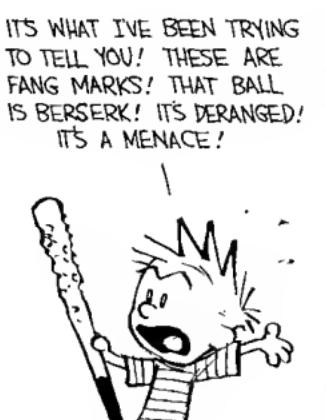
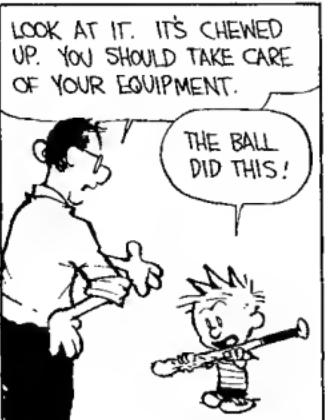
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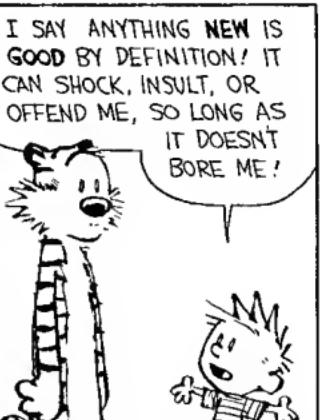


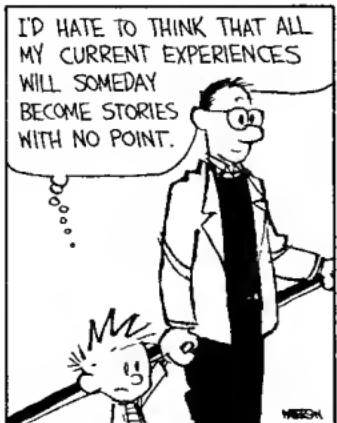


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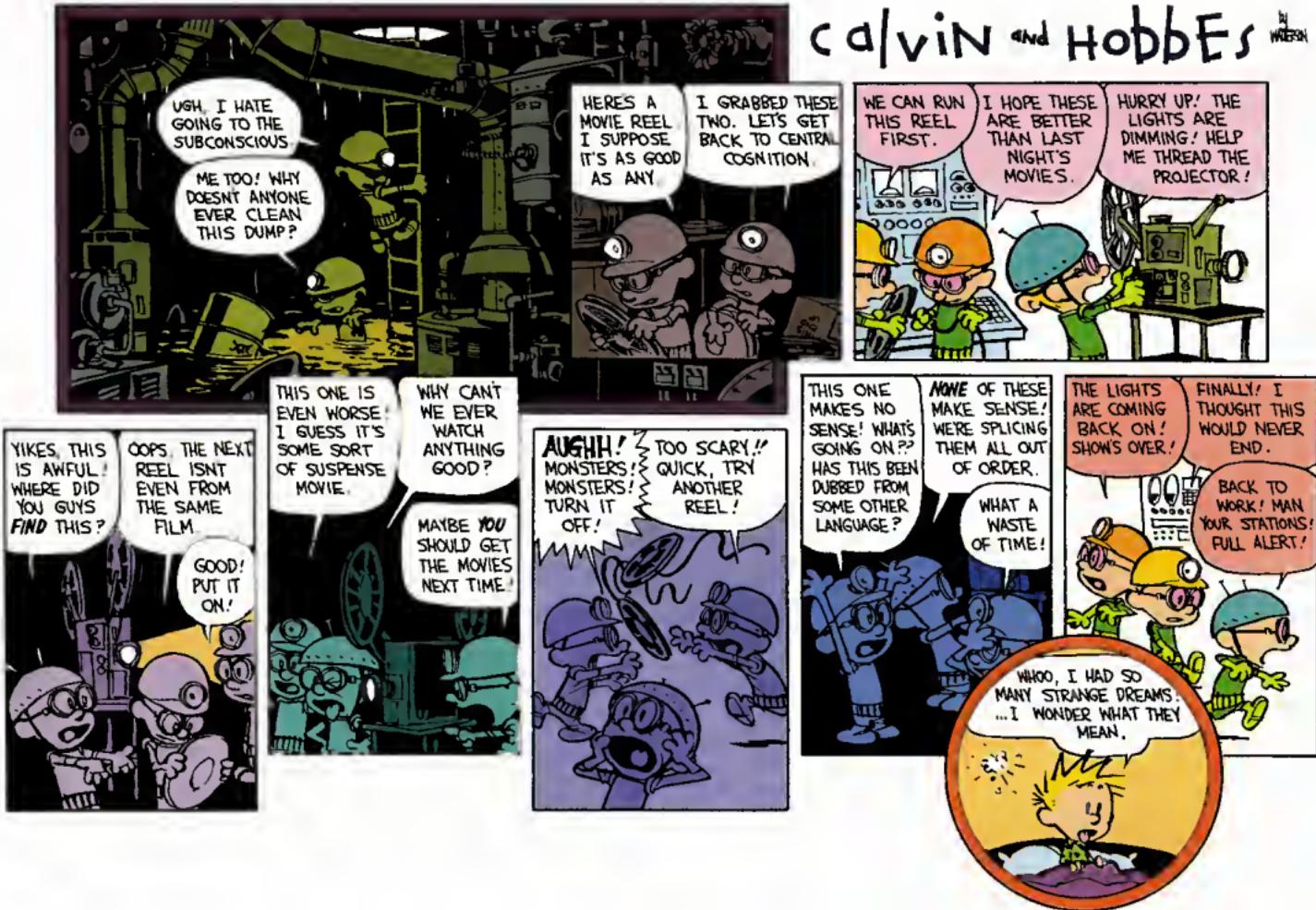


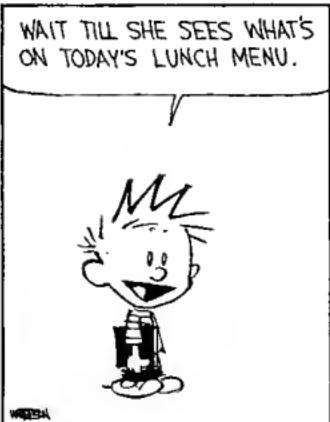
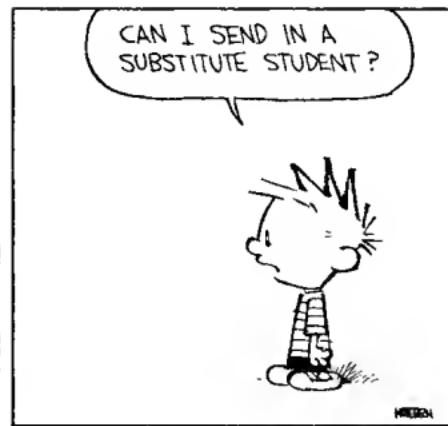
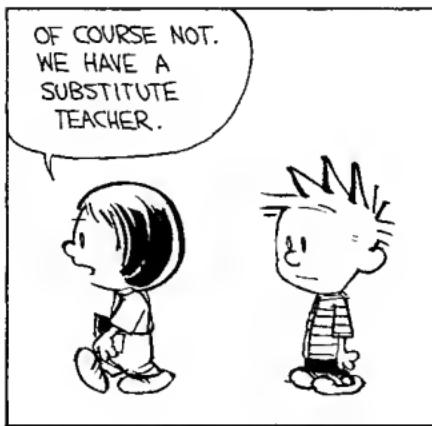
WHEN YOU *GET* SOMETHING,
IT'S NEW AND EXCITING.
WHEN YOU *HAVE* SOMETHING,
YOU TAKE IT FOR GRANTED
AND IT'S BORING.



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THINGS I WILL NEVER LIKE:

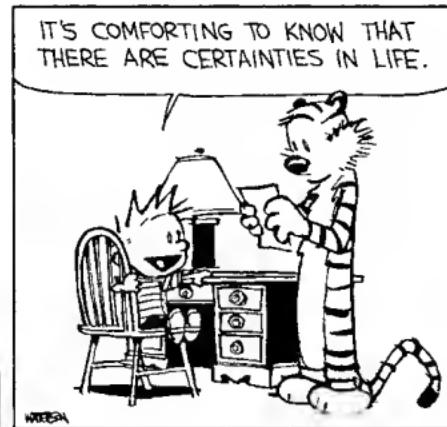
1. DRYING OFF WITH A COLD, DAMP TOWEL.
2. THE FEELING OF SEAWEED WRAPPING AROUND MY LEG.



3. ANYTHING THAT WAS POPULAR IN THE '70S.
4. LICORICE, YAMS, OR RAISINS.
5. THAT HIGH-PITCHED SCREECH THAT BABIES MAKE.
6. WRETCHED MAGGOTS.



IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE CERTAINTIES IN LIFE.



LIFE IS FULL OF POSSIBILITIES.



FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT NOW, INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS, I COULD STICK OUT MY THUMB, HITCH A RIDE, AND SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN THE SERENGETI, MIGRATING WITH THE WILDEBEESTS!

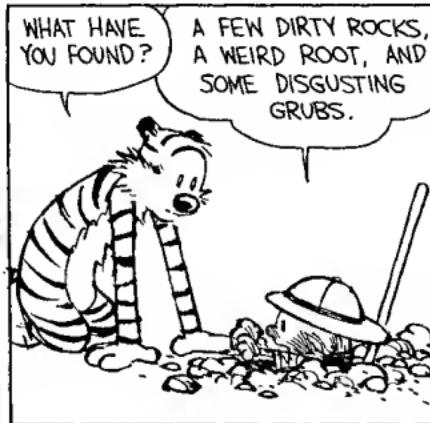
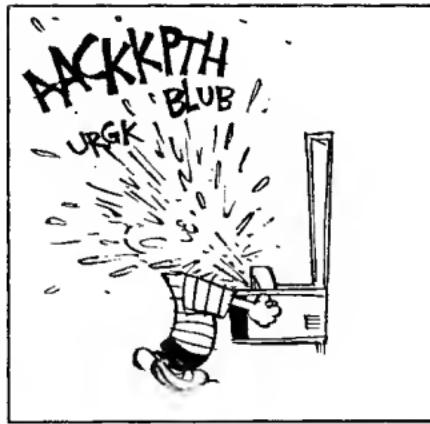
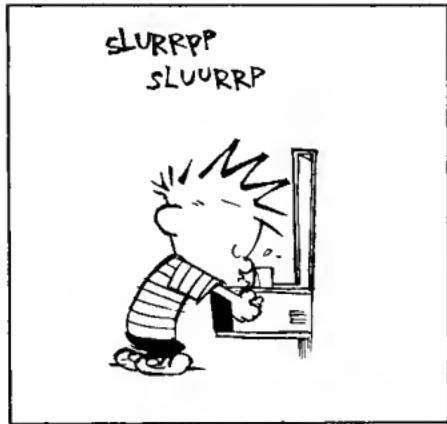


THE SERENGETI IS IN AFRICA. YOU COULDN'T REALLY HITCH A RIDE THERE.



LIFE IS FULL OF PRECLUDED POSSIBILITIES.





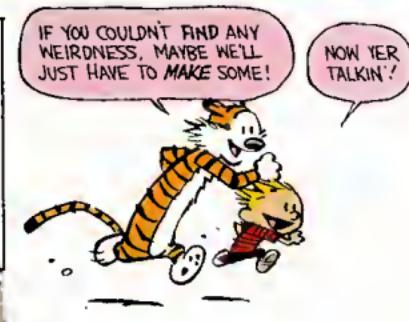
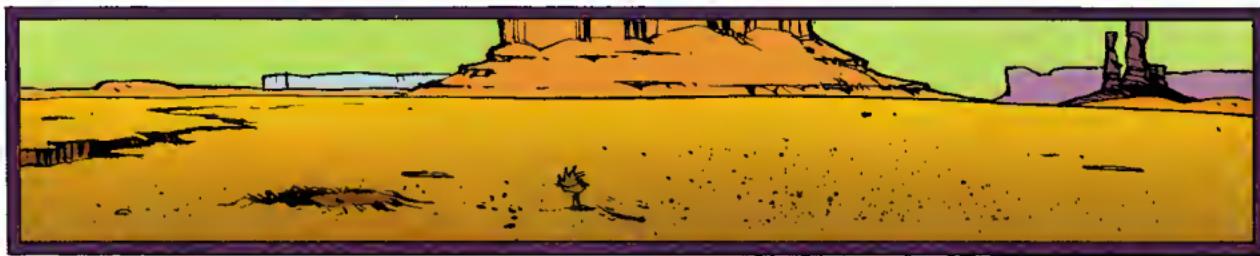
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THE FEARLESS SPACEMAN SPIFF,
INTERPLANETARY EXPLORER,
EXTRAORDINAIRE, GAZES ACROSS
THE FORBIDDING LANDSCAPE
OF AN UNCHARTED PLANET!

WHAT DANGERS LIE
AHEAD FOR OUR HERO?
WHAT HORRIBLE ALIENS
INHABIT THIS WORLD?

WHAT STRANGE ADVENTURES AWAITS
THE INTREPID SPIFF? WHAT BIZARRE
OCCURRENCE WILL OUR HERO BE
THE FIRST TO WITNESS?



BOY, OUR FAMILY WOULD SURE
BE IN TROUBLE IF **YOU** WERE
BRINGING HOME THE BACON!



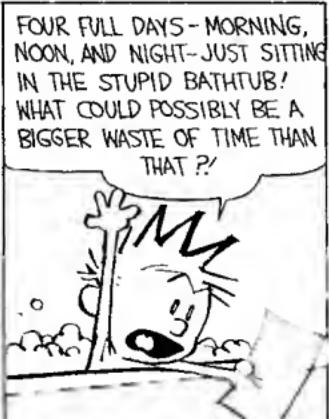
OUCHYWAWA.

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WHEN YOUR AILMENTS SOUND
CUTE, YOU DON'T GET MUCH
SYMPATHY.





WOW, LOOK AT THIS BUG
GO! WHAT ON EARTH WOULD
MAKE A BUG HURRY?

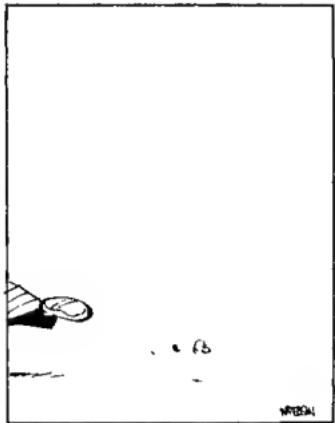


YOU'RE DELUDING YOURSELF,
STUPID! NOTHING YOU DO
IS IMPORTANT! YOU'RE
JUST A BUG!



OH MY GOSH, LOOK
AT THE TIME!

!



I'M A MAN
OF FEW
WORDS.



MAYBE IF YOU READ MORE,
YOU'D HAVE A LARGER
VOCABULARY.



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BWA HA
HA HA HA
HA

EE HEE
HEE HEE
HEE

EHH HEH
HEH
HEH

A LITTLE MORE...
A LITTLE MORE...

PFOOSH!

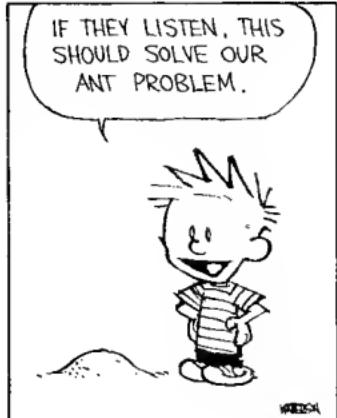
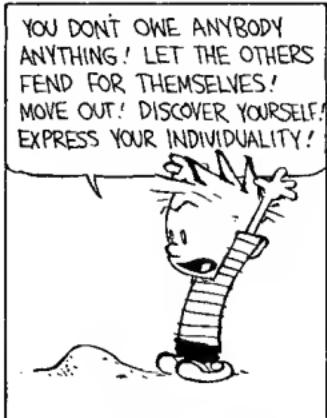
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DARN KNOT! ACKK BLPP!

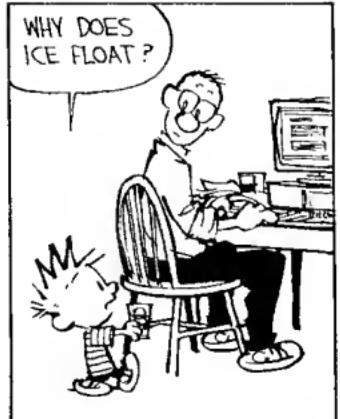
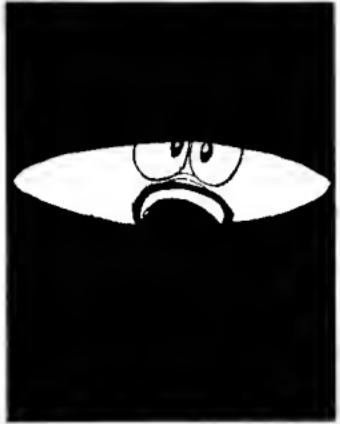
IT SLIPPED OFF!

FWOOSH



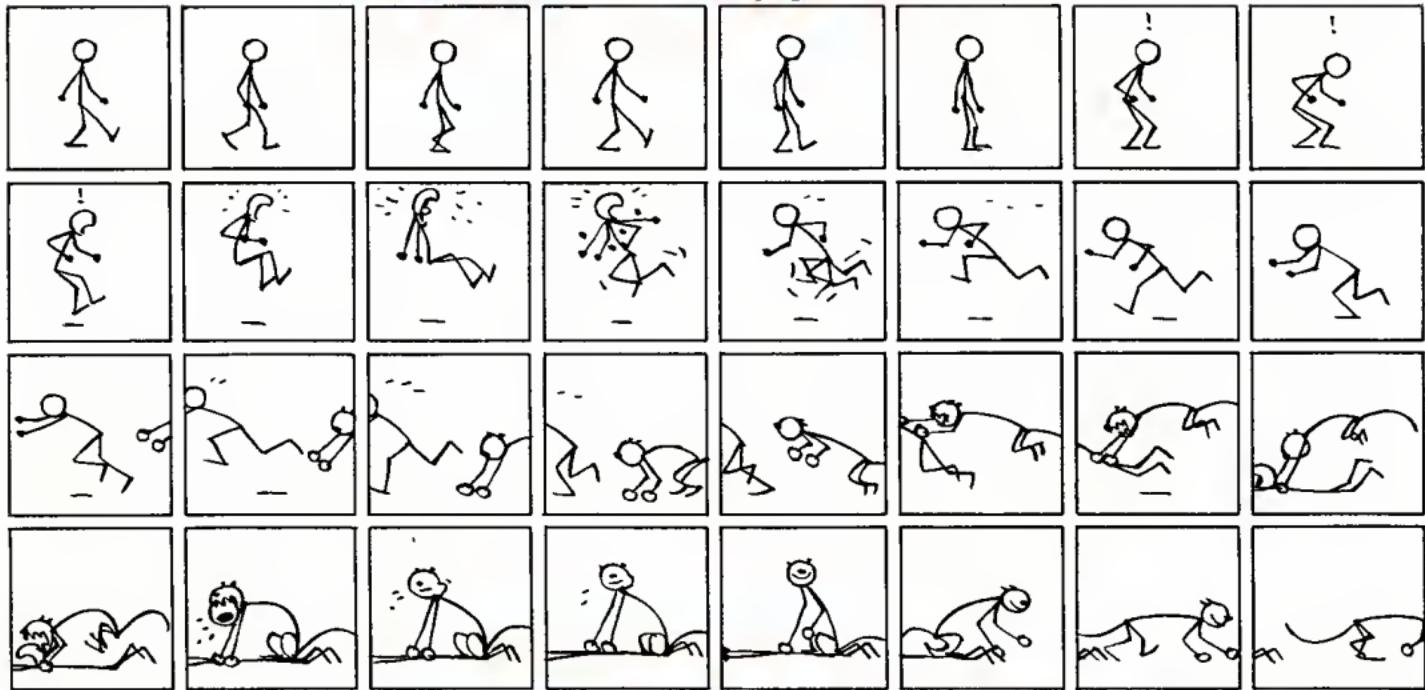






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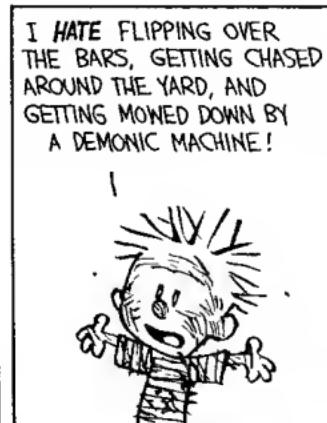
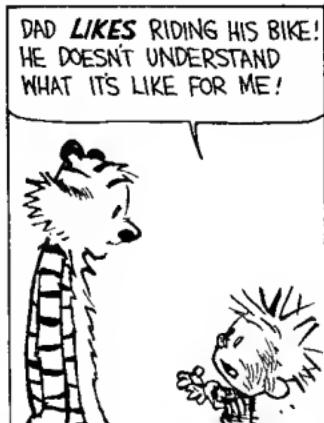
HOBBS GAVE ME
THE STORY IDEA.
FLIP THE PAGES
AGAIN!

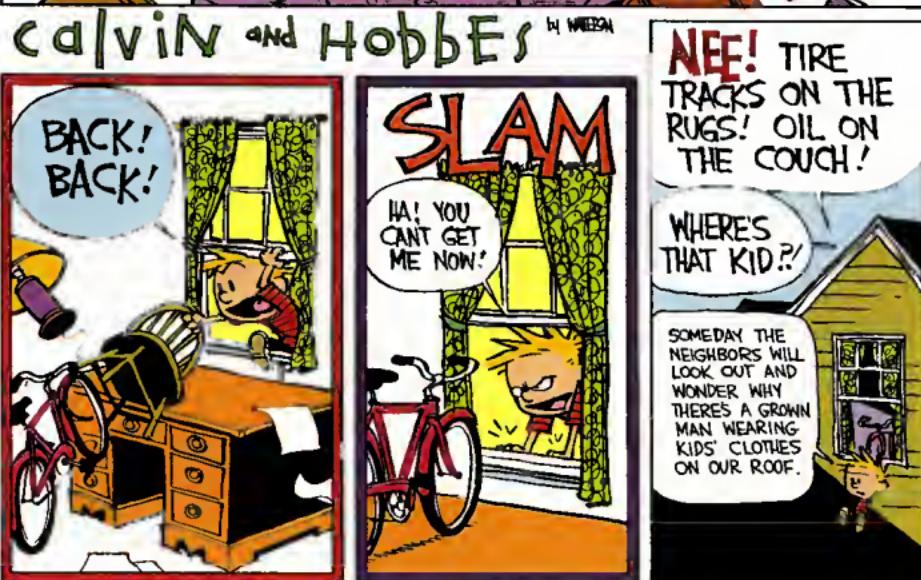
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MY BOOK!

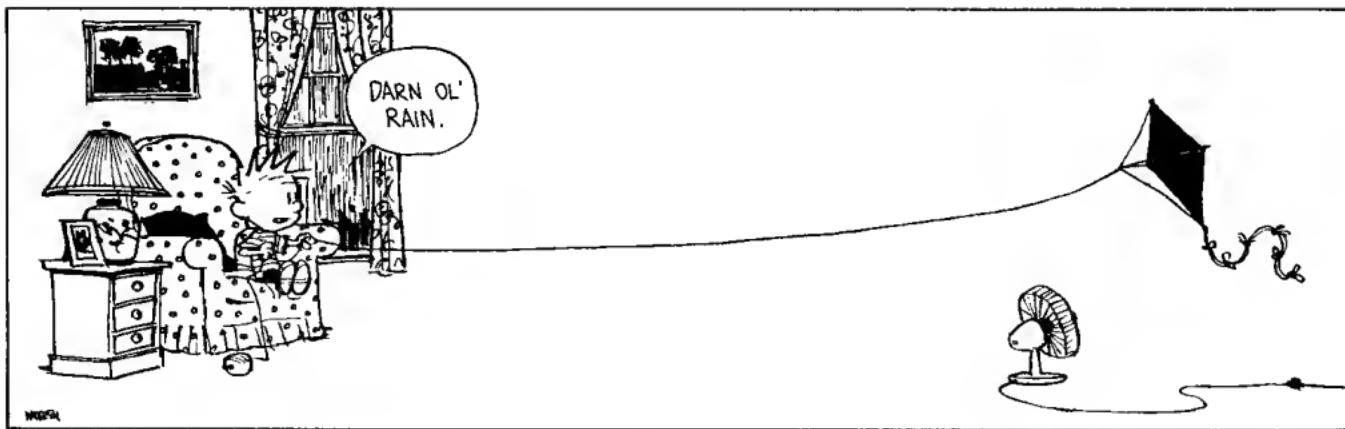


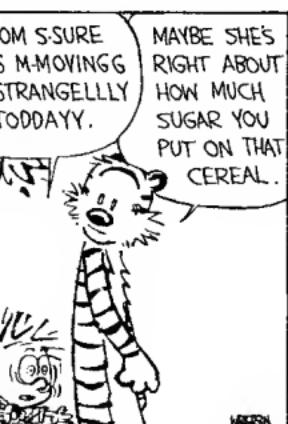
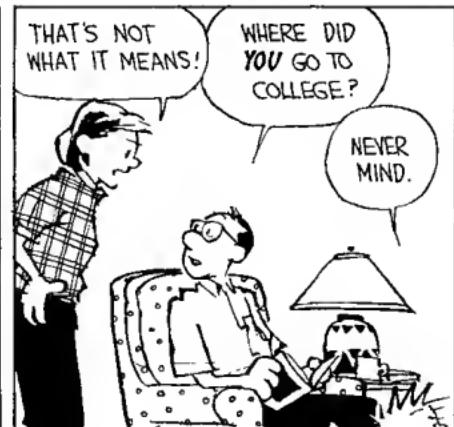
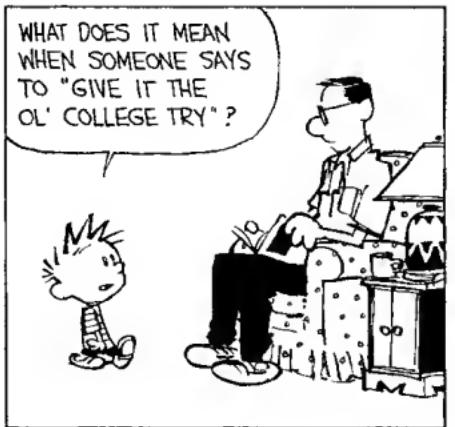


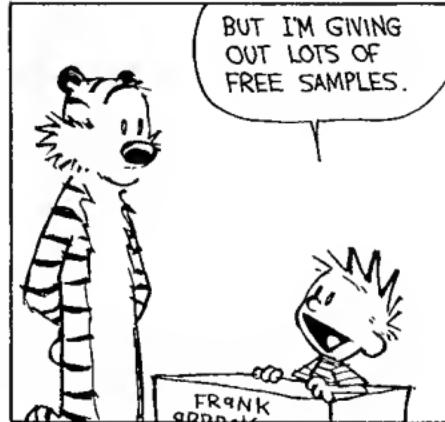
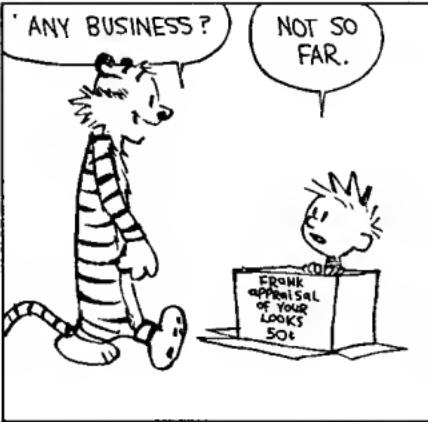
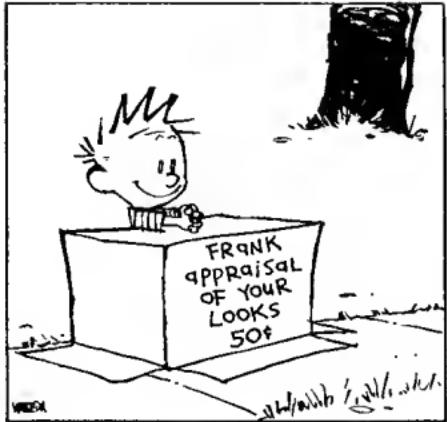


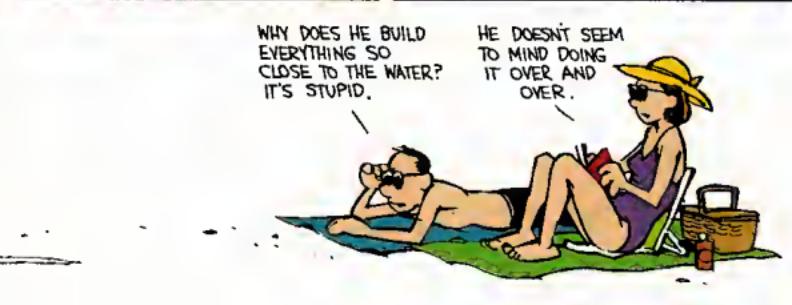
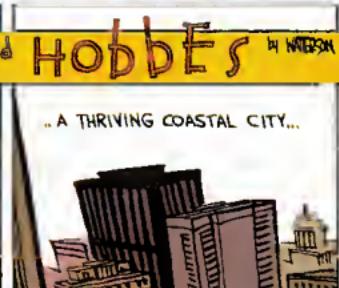
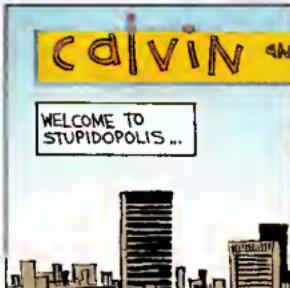






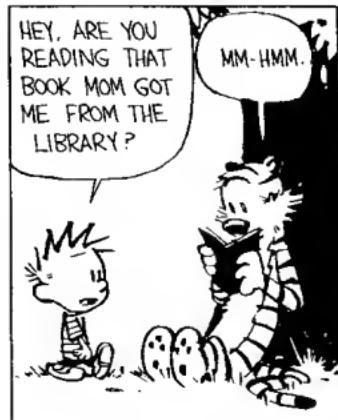
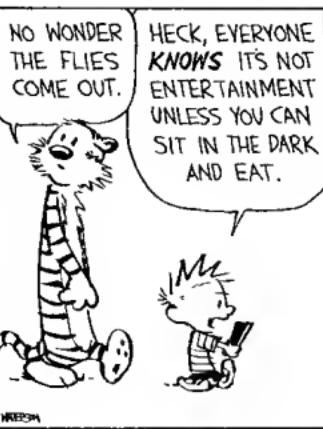
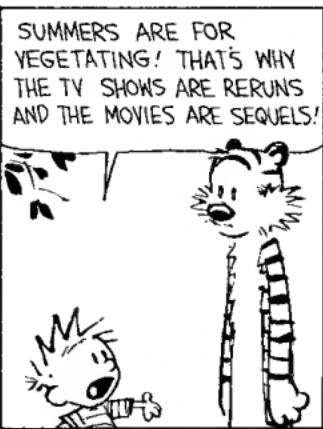


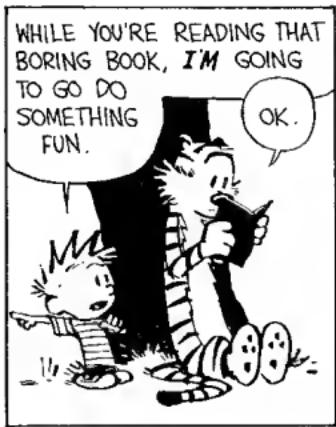






NICE?? IT'S SUMMER!
I ONLY GET THREE SHORT
MONTHS TO GOOF OFF!
I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE
THESE PRECIOUS DAYS
READING BOOKS!





I'LL BE HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE, WHILE YOU'LL BE SITTING HERE YAWNING AND WISHING YOU WERE...

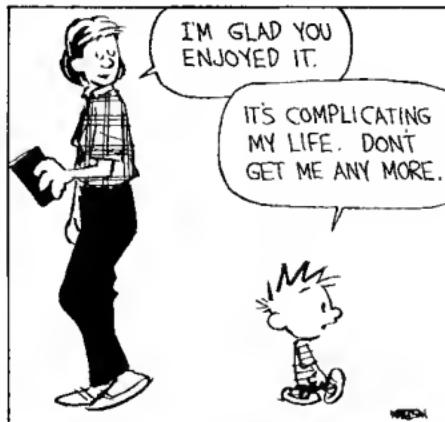


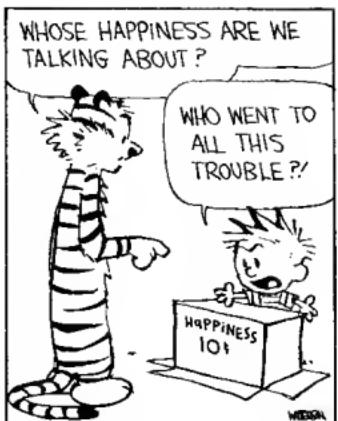
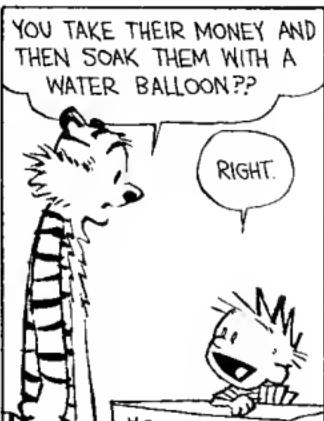
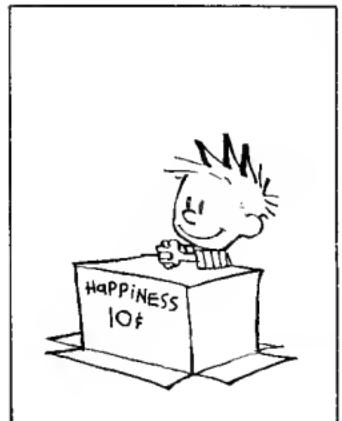
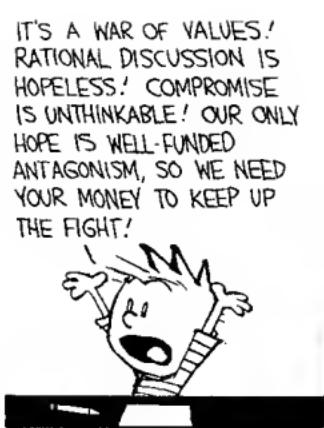
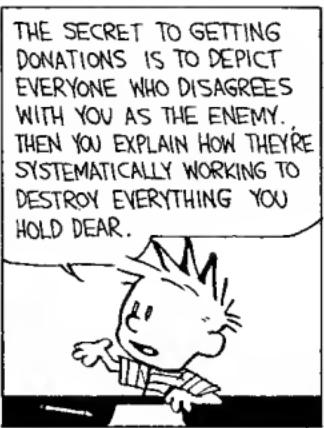
I'LL JUST KIND OF READ OVER YOUR SHOULDER, OK?

NO. GO DO SOMETHING FUN.



IT REALLY MADE ME SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY. IT'S GIVEN ME A LOT TO THINK ABOUT.





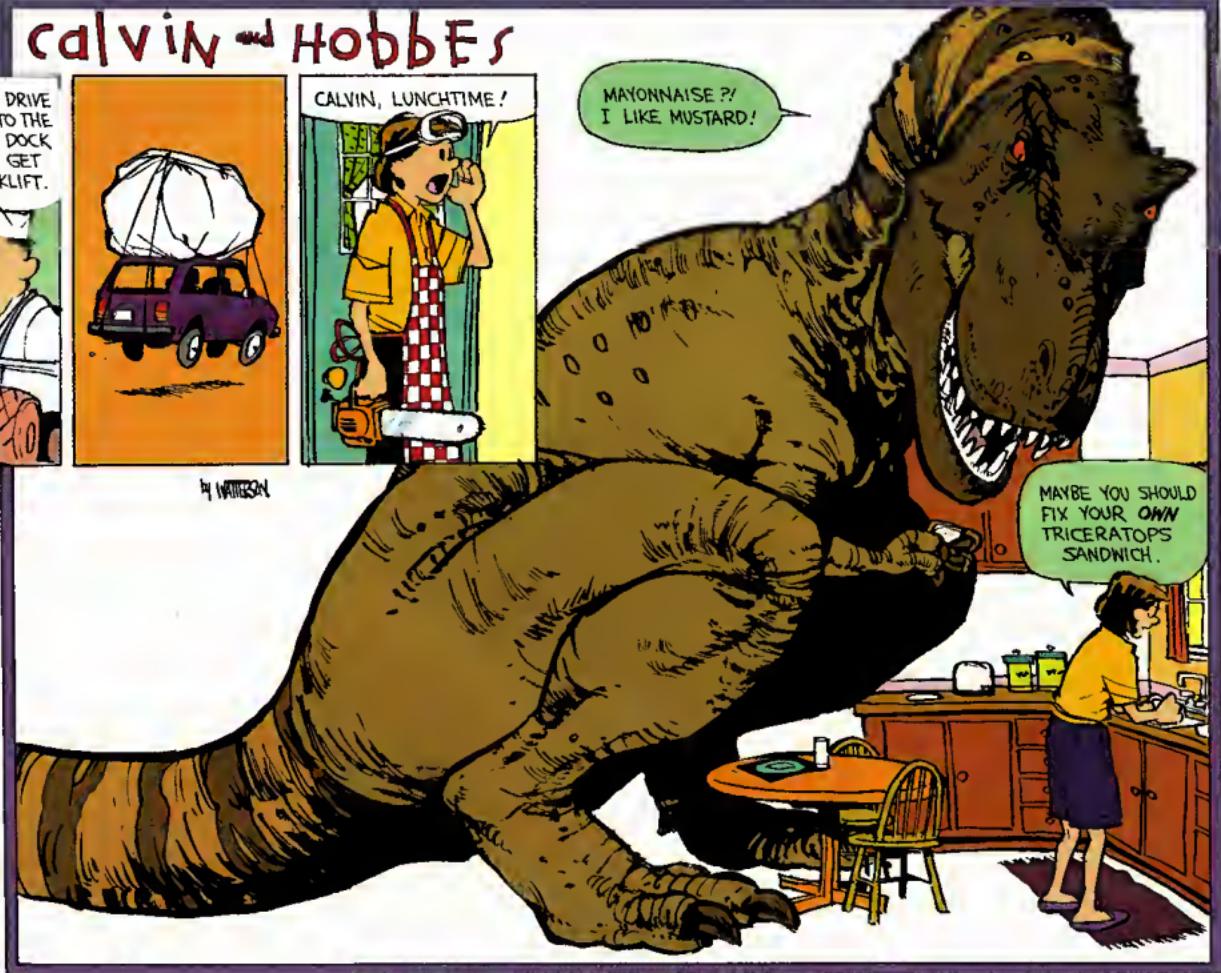
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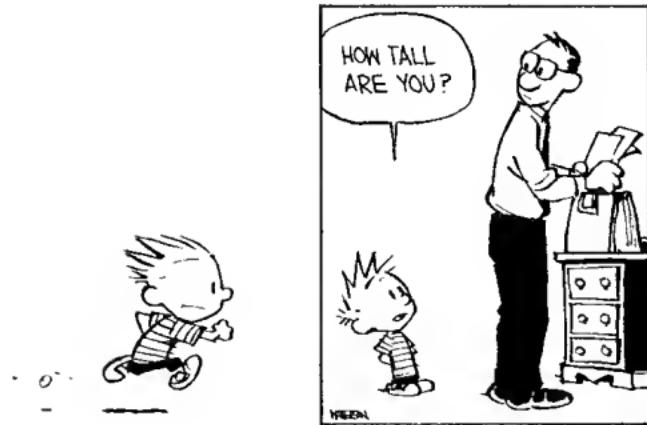
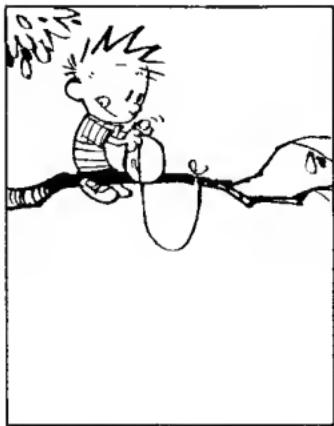


MAYONNAISE? I LIKE MUSTARD!

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MAYBE YOU SHOULD FIX YOUR OWN TRICERATOPS SANDWICH.

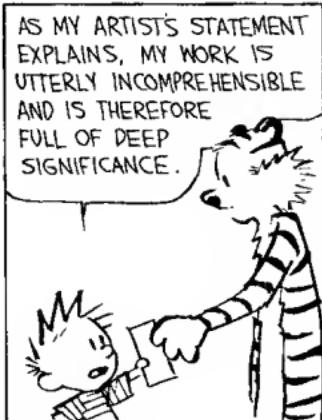
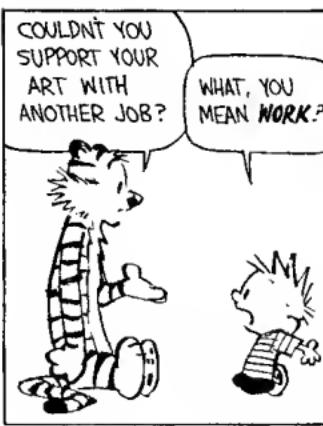
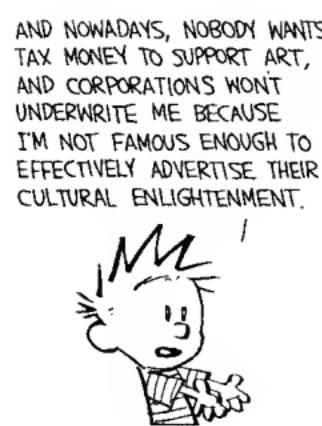
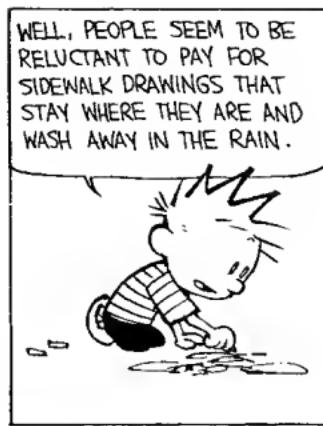






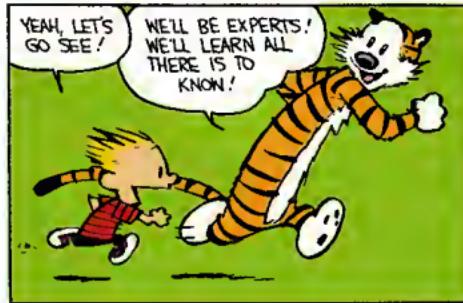
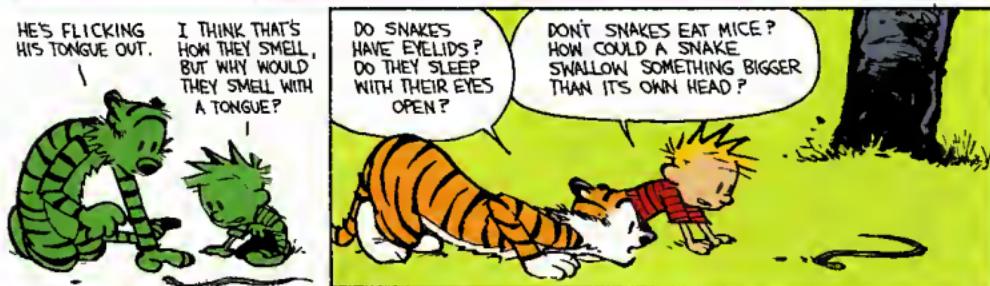
THE MOST CRUCIAL CAREER DECISION IS PICKING A GOOD "ISM" SO EVERYONE KNOWS HOW TO CATEGORIZE YOU WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE WORK.





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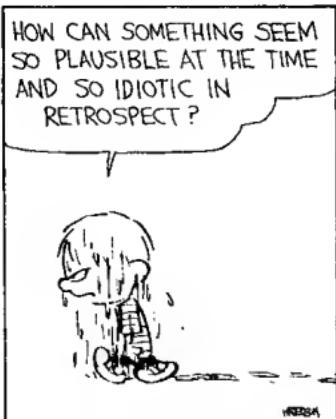
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NOTHING IS PERMANENT. EVERYTHING CHANGES. THAT'S THE ONE THING WE KNOW FOR SURE IN THIS WORLD.



BUT I'M STILL GOING TO GRIPE ABOUT IT.



I REFUSE TO TAKE OUT THE
GARBAGE! I HAVE THE RIGHT
TO DO WHATEVER I WANT,
ALL THE TIME!



BU-UURRPPP



THPTHH! PHTBT!
THBBPPTT!



BU-UURRRPP



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
I'M HOPING
THERE'S A
MOCKINGBIRD
AROUND.





I AM THE DOWNHILL TUMBLE AND ROLL CHAMP,
KING OF THE TOAD FINDERS, CAPTAIN OF THE
HIGH ALTITUDE TREE BRANCH VISTA CLUB, SECOND
PLACE FINISHER IN THE 'ROUND THE YARD BACKWARD
DASH, PREMIER BURPER STATE DIVISION, SODBUSTER
AND WORM SCOUT FIRST ORDER, AND GENERALISSIMO
OF THE MUD AND MAYHEM SOCIETY!

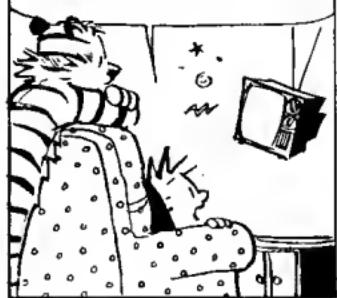


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PEOPLE ASK WHY WE TOLERATE A POPULAR CULTURE THAT CELEBRATES VIOLENCE AND DEPRAVITY.



BECAUSE IT'S ENTERTAINING, THAT'S WHY!



IF WARPED VALUES ARE THE PRICE OF A VICARIOUS THRILL, SO BE IT! LET THE BUSINESS RESPOND TO CONSUMER DEMAND!



THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT.

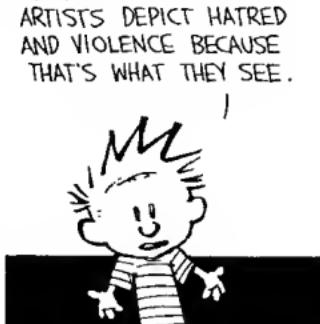
SHOCK AND TITILLATE ME! I'VE GOT MONEY!



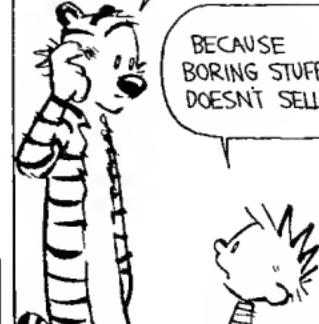
POPULAR CULTURE ISN'T TO BLAME FOR SELLING TWISTED VALUES.



MOVIES, RECORDS, AND TV SHOWS REFLECT THE REALITY OF OUR TIMES. ARTISTS DEPICT HATRED AND VIOLENCE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY SEE.



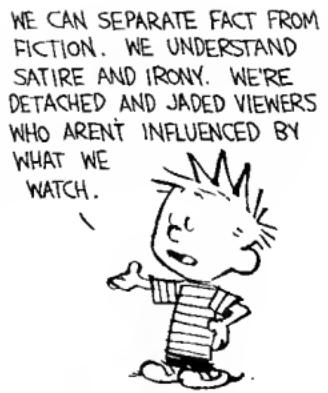
WHY DON'T THEY SEE THINGS OF BEAUTY AND VALUE?

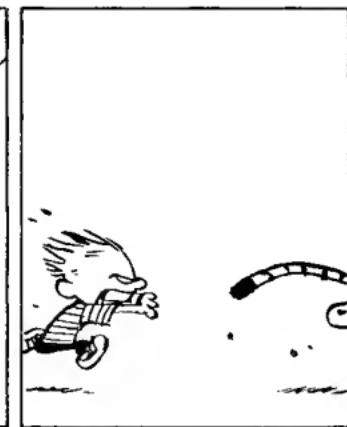
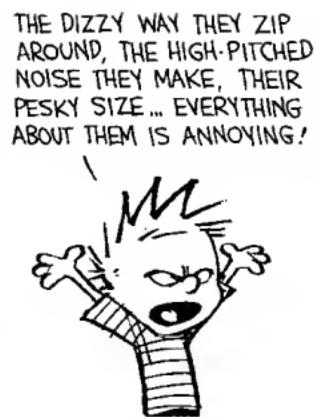


SUCH VISION AND INTEGRITY.



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD GUNFIGHT TO UPLIFT THE SPIRIT.





WE ALL WANT MEANINGFUL LIVES. WE LOOK FOR MEANING IN EVERYTHING WE DO.



SUPPOSE THERE'S NO REASON, OR TRUTH, OR RIGHTNESS IN ANYTHING!



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I GUESS THERE'S NO HARM IN A LITTLE WISHFUL THINKING.



MY WATER BALLOON IS
ROUND AND AERODYNAMIC
FOR GRIM ACCURACY AND
CERTAIN SOAKING!



YOUR WATER BALLOON IS
LONG AND FLOPPY, IMPOSSIBLE
TO THROW
THE SLIGHTEST
DISTANCE!



THE ADVANTAGE IS CLEARLY
MINE! DO YOU
SURRENDER?



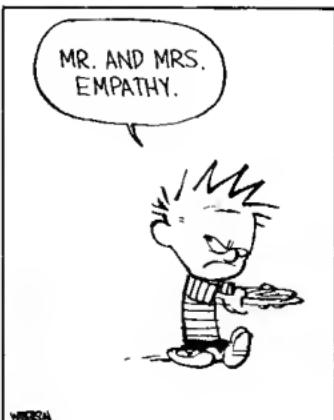
HEY, THERE'S NO BUTTER IN
THE BUTTER DISH! MY TOAST
WILL GET COLD WHILE I GET
ANOTHER STICK FROM THE
FRIDGE!

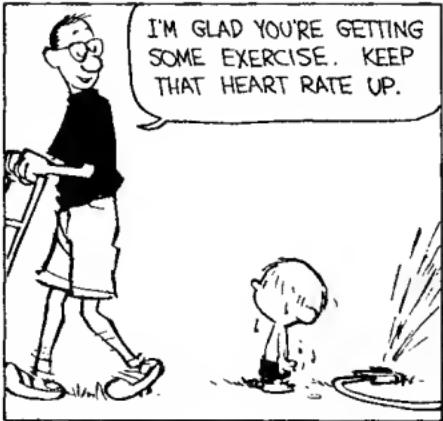
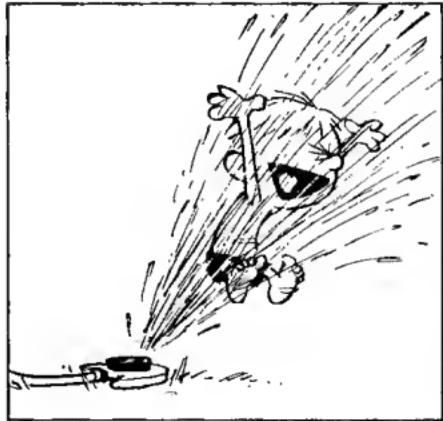


HAVEN'T I SUFFERED
ENOUGH?? WHERE
WILL IT ALL END??



MR. AND MRS.
EMPATHY.



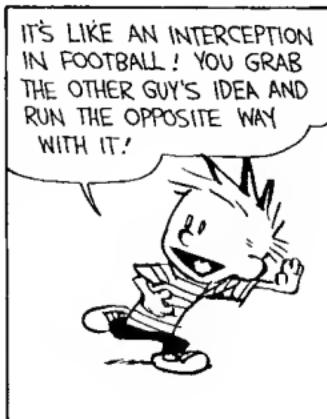
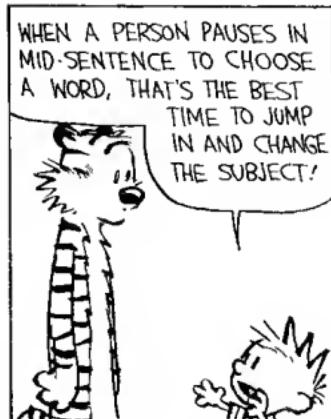


I HAVE A HAMMER!



AH, IT'S GREAT
TO BE MALE!



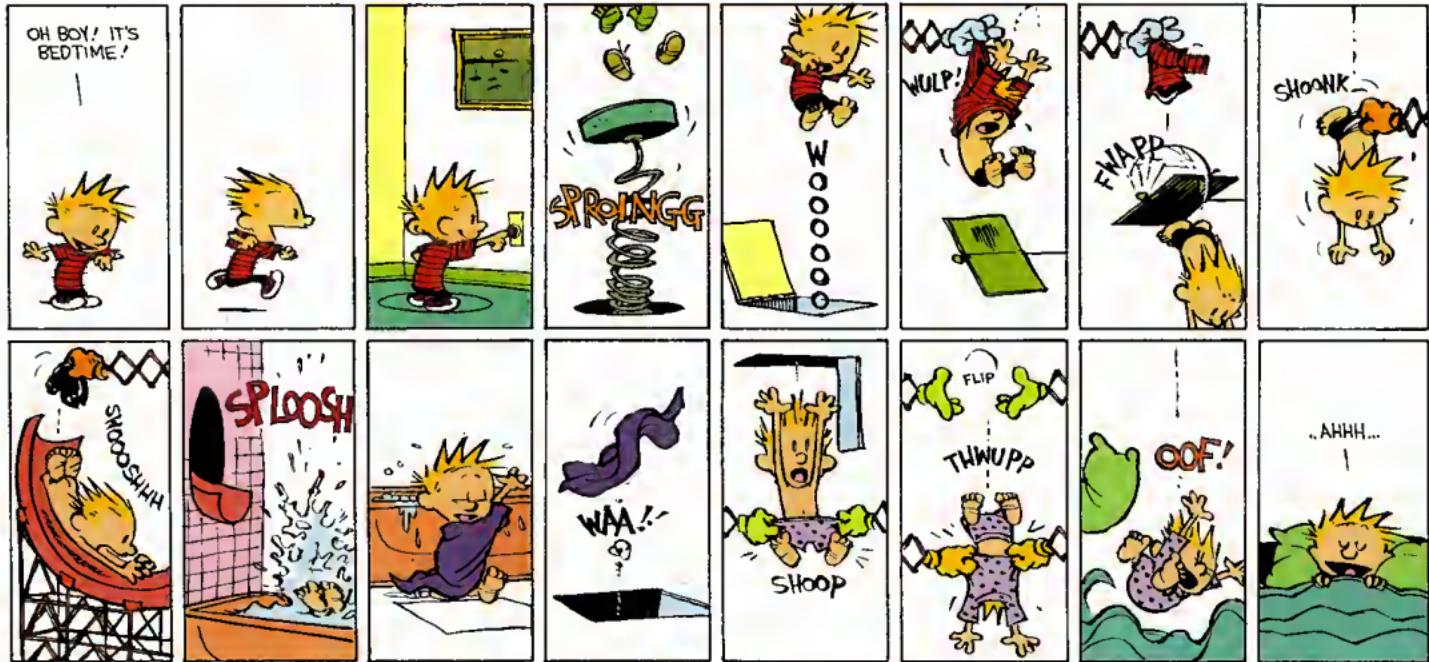


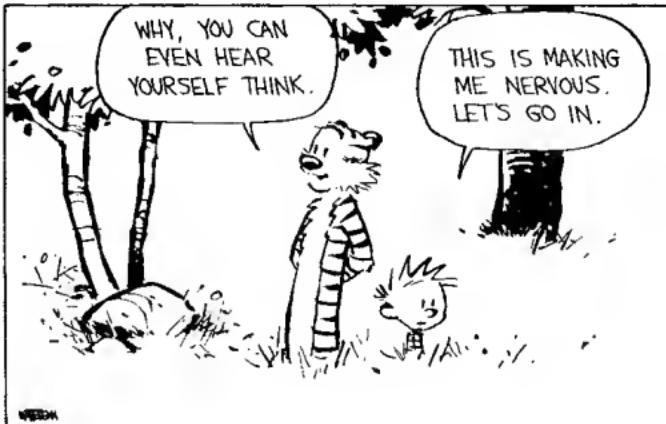
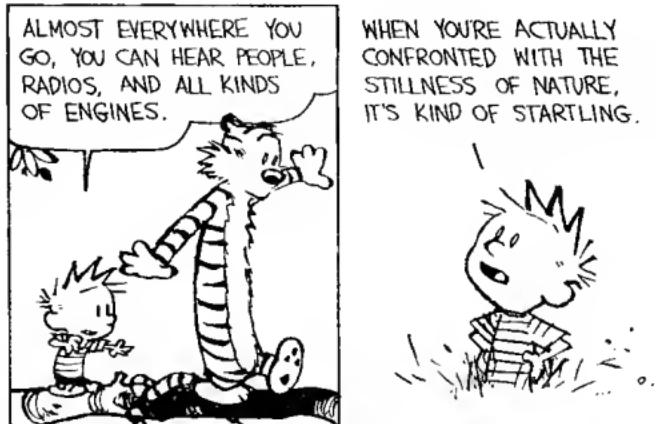
THE MORE SENTENCES YOU
COMPLETE, THE HIGHER
YOUR SCORE! THE IDEA IS
TO BLOCK THE OTHER GUY'S
THOUGHTS AND EXPRESS YOUR
OWN! THAT'S HOW YOU WIN!



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by wattenberg







SO HOW DO WE KNOW THAT NO-SEE-UMS EXIST?
VERIFICATION IS RULED OUT BY DEFINITION!



AWW MOM, IT'S NOT EVEN DARK YET!



SOME PEOPLE ARE PRAGMATISTS,
TAKING THINGS AS THEY
COME AND MAKING THE BEST
OF THE CHOICES
AVAILABLE.



SOME PEOPLE ARE IDEALISTS,
STANDING FOR PRINCIPLE AND
REFUSING TO COMPROMISE.



AND SOME PEOPLE JUST
ACT ON ANY WHIM THAT
ENTERS THEIR HEADS.



I WONDER
WHICH
YOU ARE.



I PRAGMATICALLY
TURN MY WHIMS
INTO PRINCIPLES!

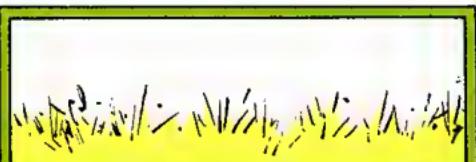
TO HELP MOM PREPARE BETTER
MEALS, I'M COMPILED A BOOK
OF RECIPES.



I NOTICE THAT
ALL OF THEM
INVOLVE DEEP-
FAT FRYING.



IM ADDING A
CHOCOLATE SYRUP
SECTION NOW.



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IT USED TO BE THAT IF A CLIENT WANTED SOMETHING DONE IN A WEEK, IT WAS CONSIDERED A RUSH JOB, AND HE'D BE LUCKY TO GET IT.



NOW, WITH MODEMS, FAXES, AND CAR PHONES, EVERYBODY WANTS EVERYTHING INSTANTLY! IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY JUST INCREASES EXPECTATIONS.



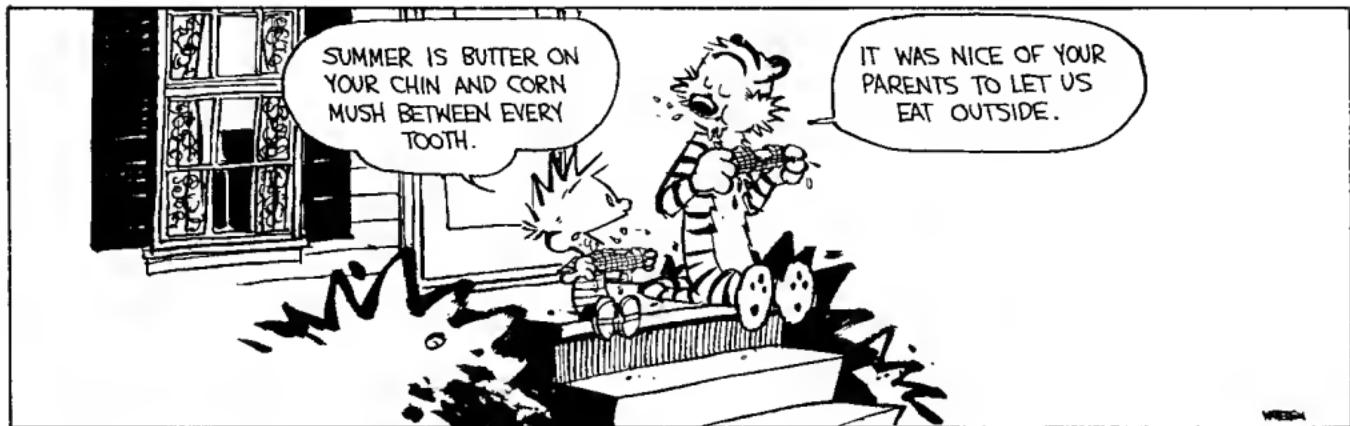
THESE MACHINES DON'T MAKE LIFE EASIER - THEY MAKE LIFE MORE HARASSED.



SIX MINUTES TO MICROWAVE THIS?? WHO'S GOT THAT KIND OF TIME?!

IF WE WANTED MORE LEISURE, WE'D INVENT MACHINES THAT DO THINGS LESS EFFICIENTLY.





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by WIEBUSH

MY MOM AND MY DAD ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM.
THEIR DULL APPEARANCE IS PART OF THEIR SCHEME.
I KNOW OF THEIR PLANS. I KNOW THEIR TECHNIQUES.
MY PARENTS ARE OUTER SPACE ALIEN FREAKS!



THEY LANDED ON EARTH IN SPACESHIPS HUMONGOUS.
POSING AS GROWNUPS, THEY NOW WALK AMONG US.
MY PARENTS DENY THIS, BUT I KNOW THE TRUTH.
THEY'RE HERE TO ENSLAVE ME AND SPOIL MY YOUTH.



EARLY EACH MORNING, AS THE SUN RISES,
MOM AND DAD PUT ON THEIR EARTHLING DISGUISES.
I KNEW RIGHT AWAY THEIR MASKS WERENT LEGIT.
THEIR FACES ARE LINED - THEY SAG AND DONT FIT.



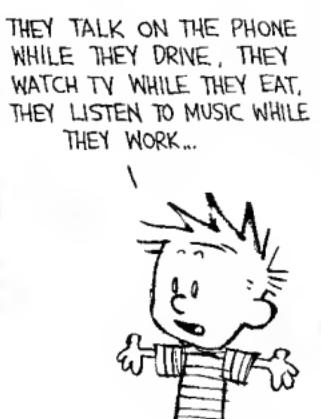
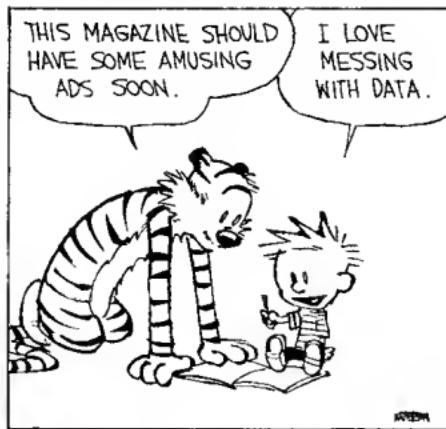
THE EARTH'S GRAVITY MAKES THEM SLUGGISH AND SLOW.
THEY SAY NOT TO RUN, WHEREVER I GO.
THEY LIVE BY THE CLOCK. THEY'RE SLAVES TO ROUTINES.
THEY WORK THE YEAR 'ROUND. THEY'RE ALMOST MACHINES.

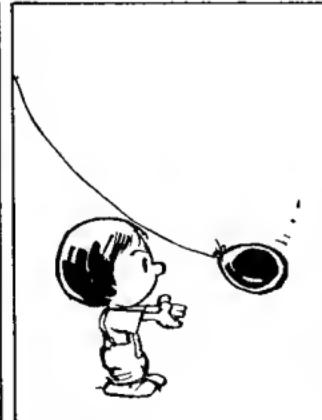


THEY DENY THAT TV AND FRIED FOOD HAVE MUCH WORTH.
THEY CANNOT BE HUMAN. THEY'RE NOT OF THIS EARTH.
I CANNOT ESCAPE THEIR ALIEN GAZE,
AND THEY'RE WARPING MY MIND WITH THEIR ALIEN WAYS.
FOR SINISTER PLOTS, THIS ONE IS A GEM.
THEY'RE BRINGING ME UP TO TURN ME INTO THEM!











LOOK! A QUARTER!!



WOW! I'M RICH BEYOND MY DREAMS! I CAN HAVE ANYTHING I WANT! ALL MY PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!



MAYBE THERE'S MORE.



I'D BUILD A RAFT FOR THIS POND, BUT I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO DOCK IT.



I'VE ALWAYS SAID YOU'RE A FRIEND WITHOUT PIER.



NOTHING.



MM.

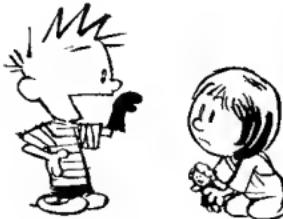
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I GUESS YOU'RE UNDER A LOT OF PIER PRESSURE.





HERE'S STINKY, THE TALKING
SOCK! HI, STINKY! SAY
SOMETHING TO SUSIE!



HELLO, YOU UGLY
BUCKET OF BOOGERS!

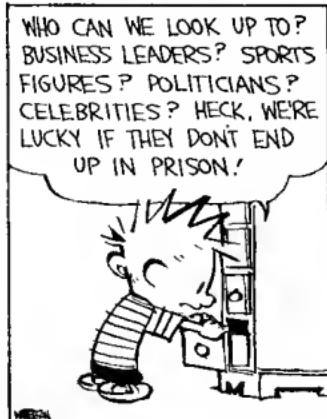


THAT DARN "THROW YOUR VOICE"
AD MADE IT SOUND LIKE
EVERYONE WOULD BE FOOLED.



THERE AREN'T
MANY HEROES
THESE DAYS.

WHO IS OUT THERE TO
INSPIRE US WITH A
PERSONAL EXAMPLE OF
VIRTUE AND SELF-SACRIFICE
IN THE NAME OF A HIGHER
GOOD?

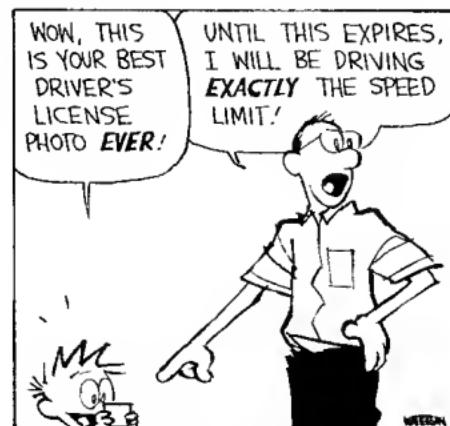


WHO CAN WE LOOK UP TO?
BUSINESS LEADERS? SPORTS
FIGURES? POLITICIANS?
CELEBRITIES? HECK, WE'RE
LUCKY IF THEY DON'T END
UP IN PRISON!



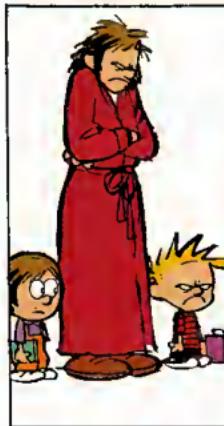
FORTUNATELY, IF WE CAN'T
GET INSPIRATION, WE'LL
ACCEPT ENTERTAINMENT.

AS USUAL,
THE HERO
BUSINESS
IS UP TO ME.



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AND IF I DO ALL MY HOMEWORK, WE GET TO STAY UP AN EXTRA HALF HOUR TO PLAY CALVINBALL!



HERE, YOU CAN DOUBLE-CHECK MY MATH PROBLEMS WHILE I START ON MY HISTORY. WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS DONE.



WE'RE HERE TO HAVE A NICE TIME. TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE CALVIN'S GETTING INTO.



DID YOU HEAR THAT ?? IT SOUNDED LIKE ANOTHER SIREN.



GREAT. ARE YOU READY TO PLAY YOUR GAME THEN?



WHEN YOU PLAY CALVINBALL, YOU WEAR A MASK.



OTHER KIDS' GAMES ARE ALL SUCH A BORE!
THEY'VE GOTTA HAVE RULES AND THEY GOTTA KEEP SCORE!
CALVINBALL IS BETTER BY FAR!
IT'S NEVER THE SAME! IT'S ALWAYS BIZARRE!
YOU DON'T NEED A TEAM OR A REFEREE!
YOU KNOW THAT IT'S GREAT, 'CAUSE IT'S NAMED AFTER ME!
IF YOU WANNA...



I'VE GOT THE CALVINBALL! EVERYBODY ELSE HAS TO GO IN SLOW MOTION NOW!



WAIT A MINUTE, CALVIN.
I DONT...

YOU HAVE TO
TALK IN SLOW
MOTION TOO.
LIIKE THISSS.



THIISSS GAAAAME MAAAKES
NOOOO SENNNSE! IT'SSS
AASSS IFFFF YOVERRRE
MAAAKINNGGG IIIIT
UUUUP AAAS YOOUU GOOO.

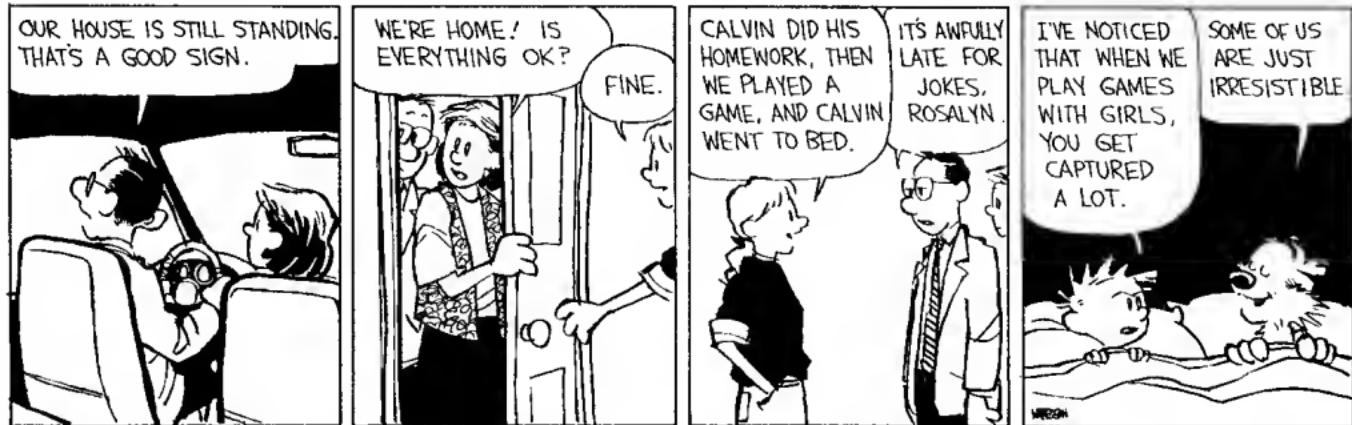


HOBSES! SHE
STUMBLED INTO
THE PERIMETER
OF WISDOM!
RUN!!



OH...





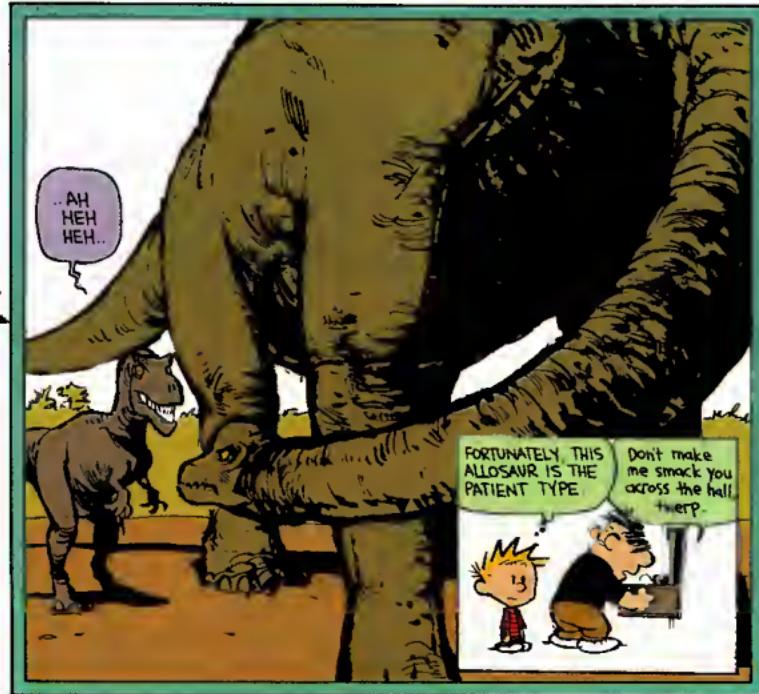
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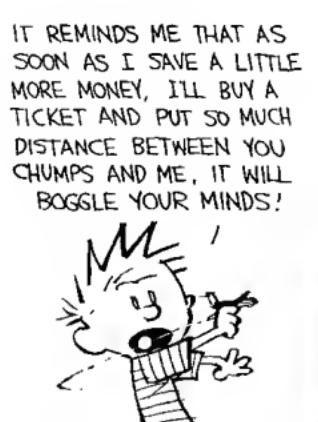
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THE BIG, STUPID
ULTRASAUR TAKES
A LONG DRINK...



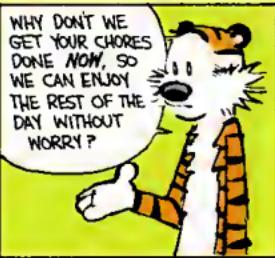
THE FEROCIOUS ALLOSAUR IS
THIRSTY TOO! THIS MEANS
CONFRONTATION!

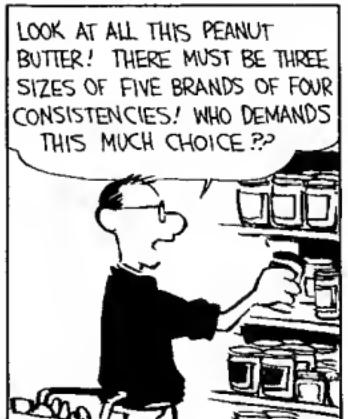
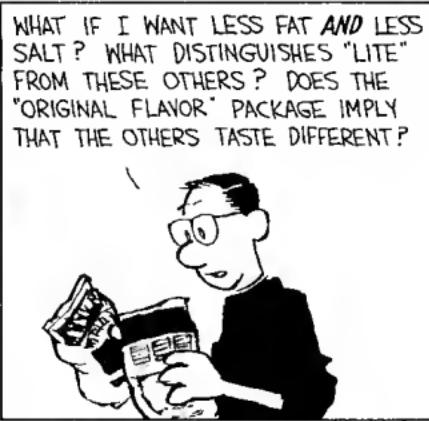




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I KNOW! I'LL QUIT MY JOB AND DEVOTE MY LIFE TO CHOOSING PEANUT BUTTER! IS "CHUNKY" CHUNKY ENOUGH, OR DO I NEED "EXTRA CHUNKY"?

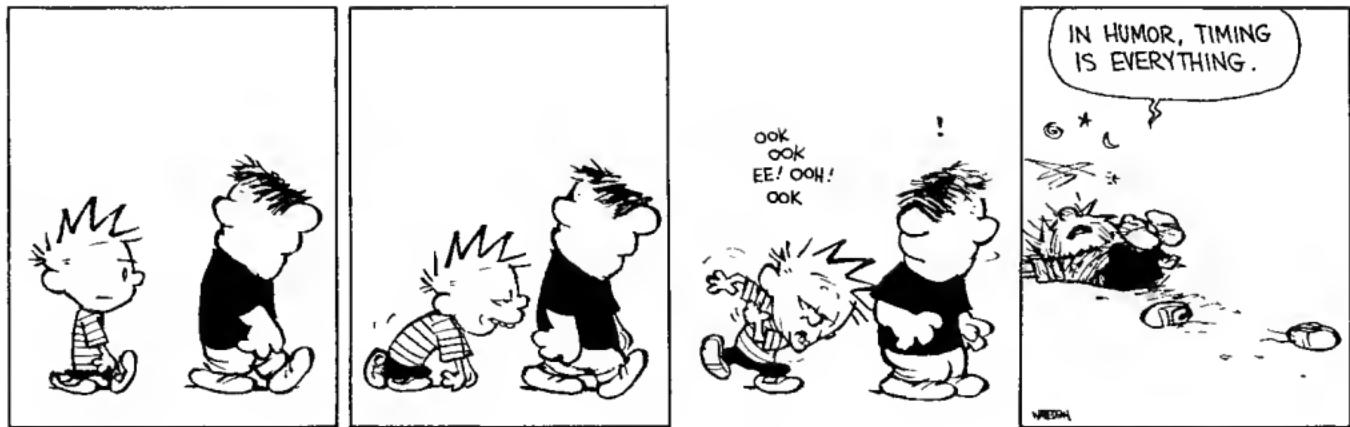


I'LL COMPARE INGREDIENTS! I'LL COMPARE BRANDS! I'LL COMPARE SIZES AND PRICES! MAYBE I'LL DRIVE AROUND AND SEE WHAT OTHER STORES HAVE! SO MUCH SELECTION AND SO LITTLE TIME!

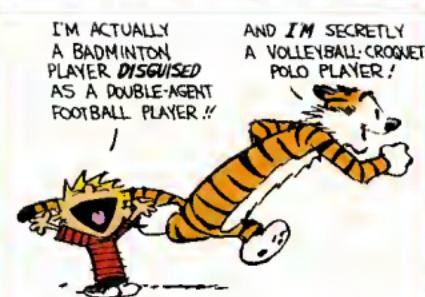
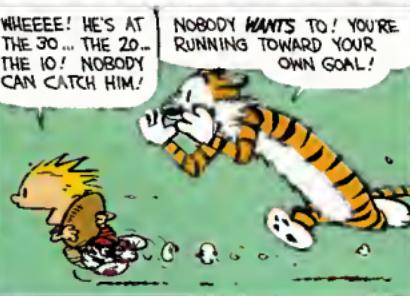
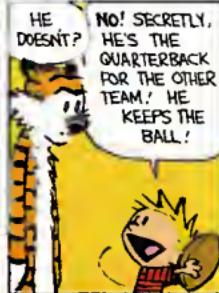


I THINK YOU SHOULD DO THE SHOPPING. DID THE MANAGER HAVE TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN?





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AND I'M SECRETLY
A VOLLEYBALL-CROQUET-
POLO PLAYER!



I NEED YOUR
HELP, HOBBS.

WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?



THE TEACHER SAID MY
BOOK REPORT WAS
TERRIBLE AND I NEED
TO DO IT OVER.

REALLY??



OBVIOUSLY, I NEED
A COOLER LETTERHEAD
LOGO.

I'LL ADD MORE
LANCE-TOTING
TIGERS AROUND
THE CALVIN
SHIELD.



WEEBON

I HEAR WE'RE
HAVING A FIRE
DRILL TODAY.

RIGHT.



WOW! HOW
EXCITING!
I CAN'T
WAIT!

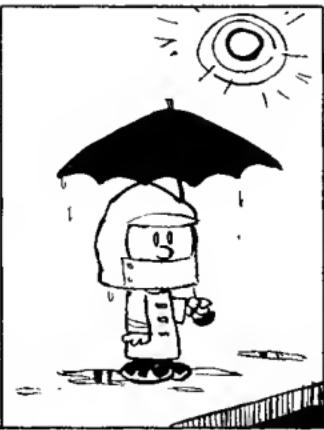
DO YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO?



YOU BET! WHEN
DO THEY PASS OUT
THE GASOLINE?



WEEBON



AND SO, AFTER A THREE
MINUTE DOWNPOUR, HE
BECAME LUDICROUSLY
ATTIRED FOR THE REST
OF THE DAY.

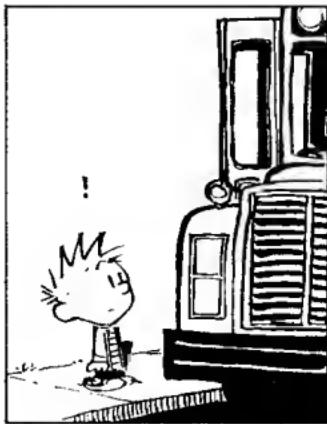
A black and white comic strip panel showing a small dog wearing a very large, dark, conical hat and holding a black umbrella. The dog is standing on a wet surface.

NOT EVERYONE CAN GET A
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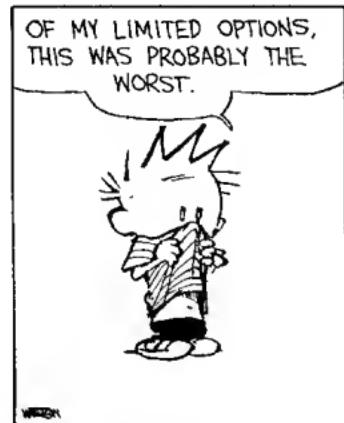
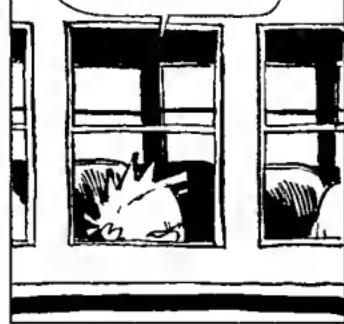
A black and white comic strip panel showing a small boy wearing a very large, dark, conical hat. He has a speech bubble above him containing the text: "NOT EVERYONE CAN GET A FULL ISOMETRIC WORKOUT JUST BY YAWNING." The boy is standing on a wet surface.



I WISH SCHOOL WOULD
DISAPPEAR FOREVER,
RIGHT NOW!



TO MAKE A BAD DAY WORSE,
SPEND IT WISHING FOR
THE IMPOSSIBLE.



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THE INTREPID SPACEMAN SPIFF IS STRANDED ON A DISTANT PLANET.

OUR HERO RUEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS HAPPENS FAIRLY FREQUENTLY..

TO SURVIVE, SPIFF MUST... FIND... FOOD!



SPIFF FOLLOWS A SCAVENGER MORDON! PERHAPS THERE'S A FRESH KILL NEARBY!



UGH!! THE STENCH! OUR HERO BECOMES A VEGETARIAN ON THE SPOT!

BUT THE GRASSES ARE INDIGESTIBLE! THE FRUIT IS POISONOUS! THERE'S NOTHING TO EAT AT ALL!

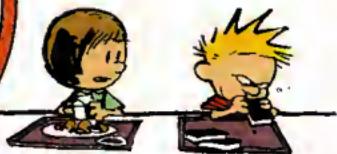
WEAK AND DESPAIRING, SPIFF PEERS INTO A FROZEN GEYSER PIT! WHAT'S DOWN THERE?



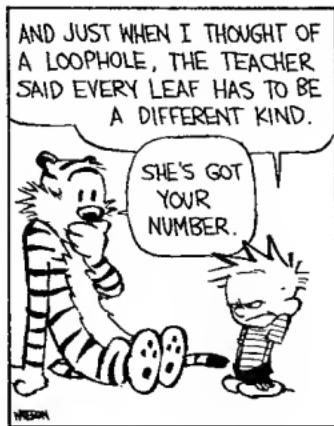
ICE CREAM SANDWICHES! OUR HERO IS SAVED!

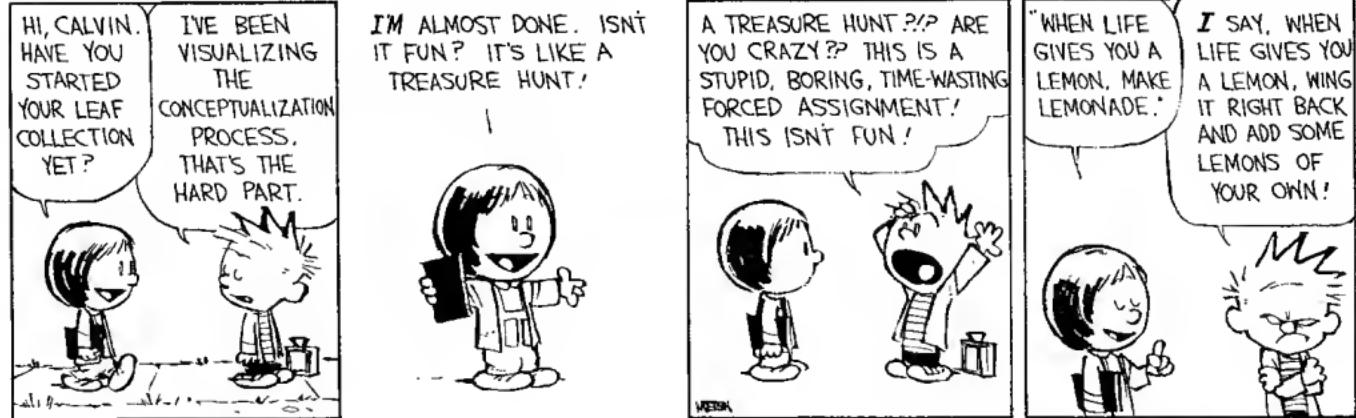
THAT'S NOT VERY HEALTHY.

I ONLY NEED TO SURVIVE UNTIL I CAN ESCAPE, OUR HERO MUTTERS GRIMLY.



BOY, I HATE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS! MISS WORMWOOD IS OUT TO DESTROY MY LIFE!





OUR LEAF COLLECTIONS
AREN'T DUE FOR A WEEK YET!
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY
BE ALMOST DONE?!



I MAKE IT A GAME. I
PRETEND IT'S A CONTEST
TO SEE HOW MANY LEAVES
I CAN FIND EACH DAY.
THAT WAY, IT'S NOT AN
ASSIGNMENT, IT'S FUN!



DID YOU KNOW THAT'S
ONE OF THE TEN
WARNING SIGNS OF
HOPELESS DWEEBISM?

I'LL BET ANOTHER
SIGN IS MOVING
TO THE NEXT GRADE
EACH YEAR.



THE TEACHER REMINDED US THAT
WE ONLY HAVE A WEEK LEFT TO
FINISH OUR LEAF COLLECTIONS, SO
WE OUGHT TO BE HALF DONE NOW.



YOU HAVEN'T
EVEN STARTED.

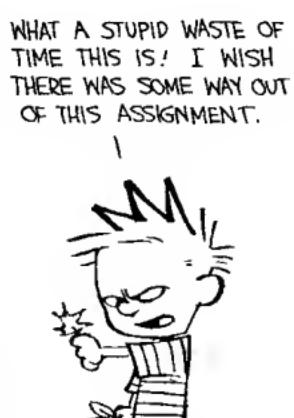
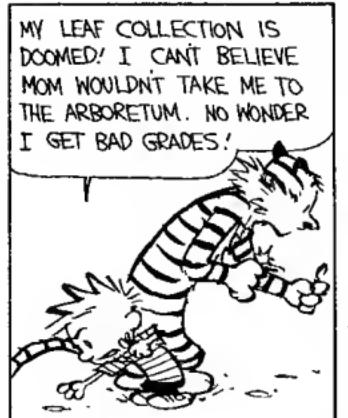
YEAH, BUT I WORK
BETTER UNDER
PRESSURE.



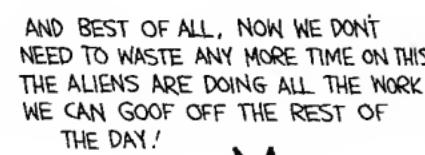
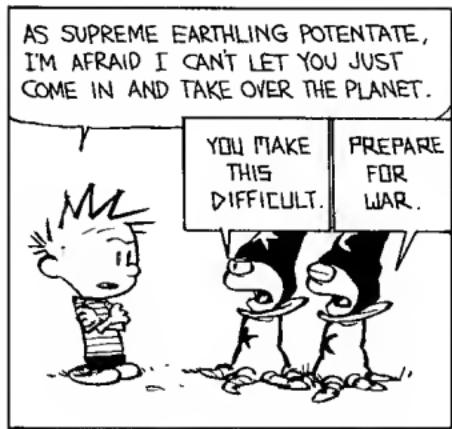
ACTUALLY, YOU
WORK **ONLY**
UNDER PRESSURE.

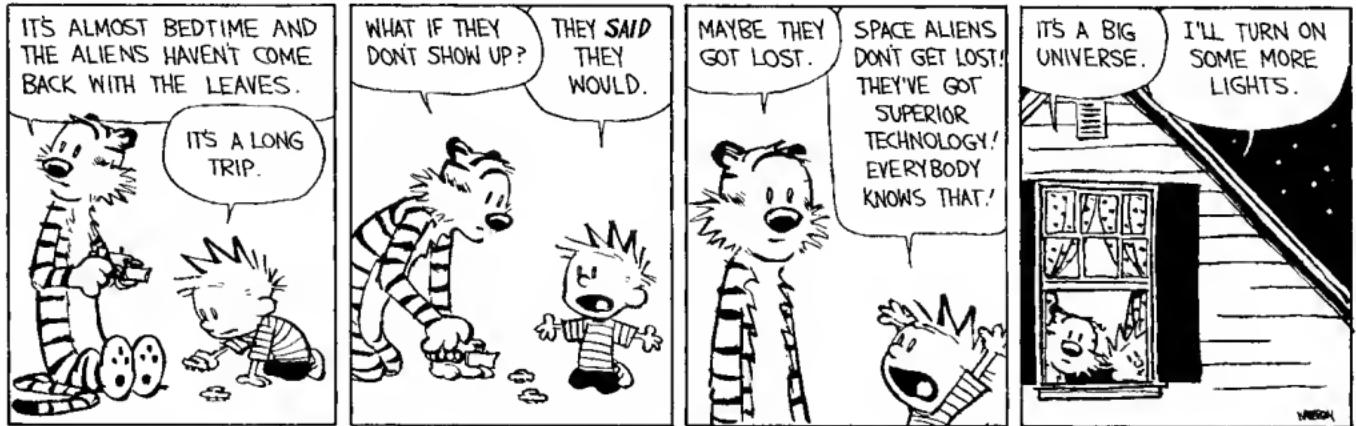
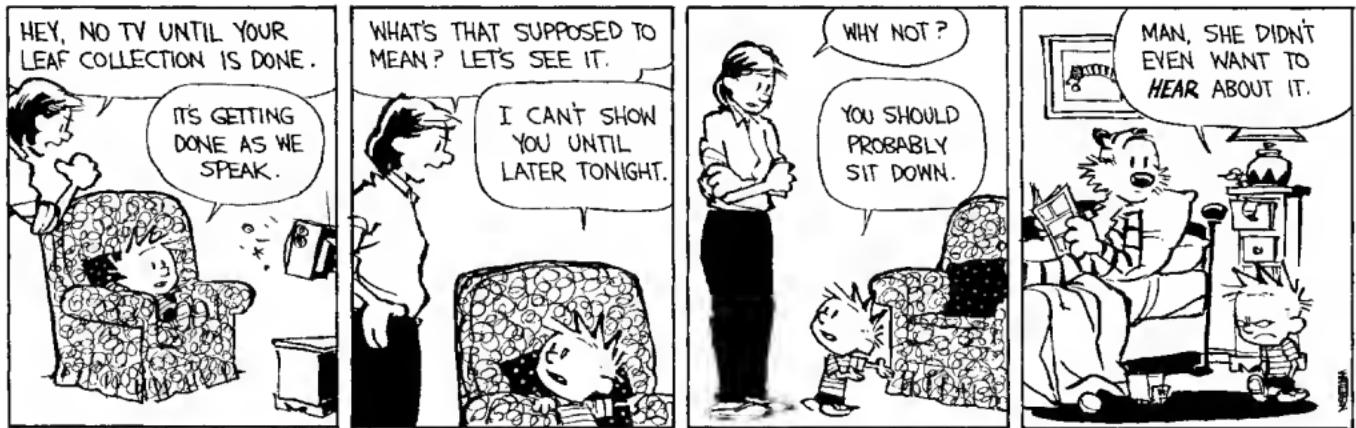
THAT WAY, THE WORK
TIME IS MORE
MISERABLE, BUT
THERE'S LESS OF IT.







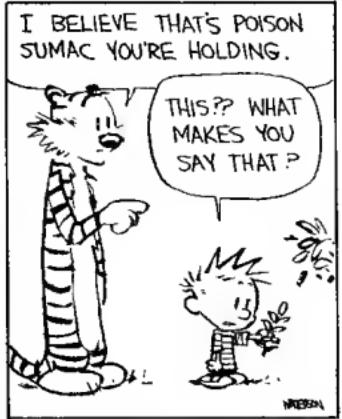
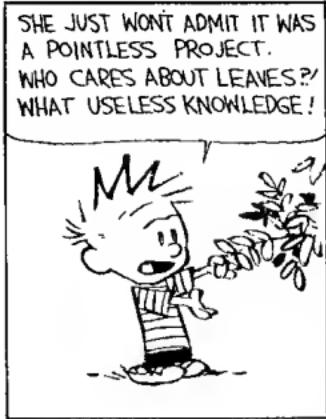
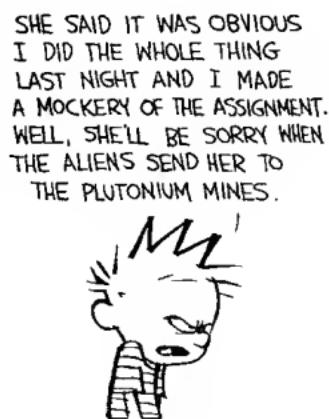
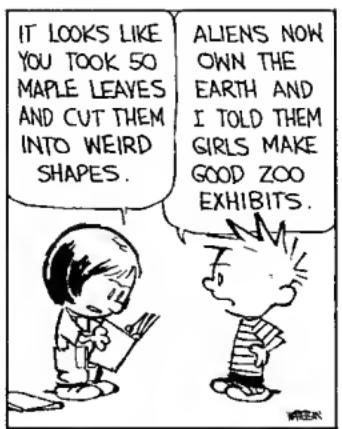
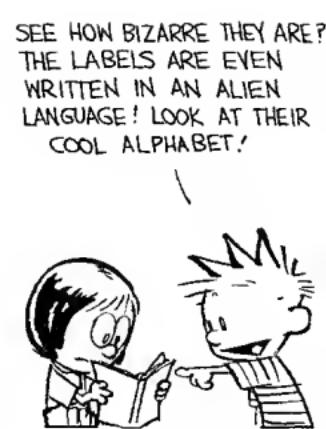






I'LL BET THOSE DUMB ALIENS GOT BACK TO THEIR PLANET AND PROCRASTINATED! I'LL BET THEY HAVE NO RESPECT FOR DEADLINES! I'LL BET THEY PUT EVERYTHING OFF AND ARE DOING A LOUSY JOB AT THE LAST SECOND!

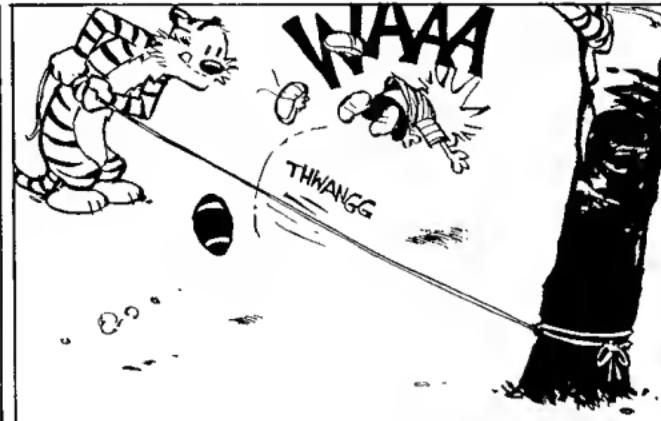




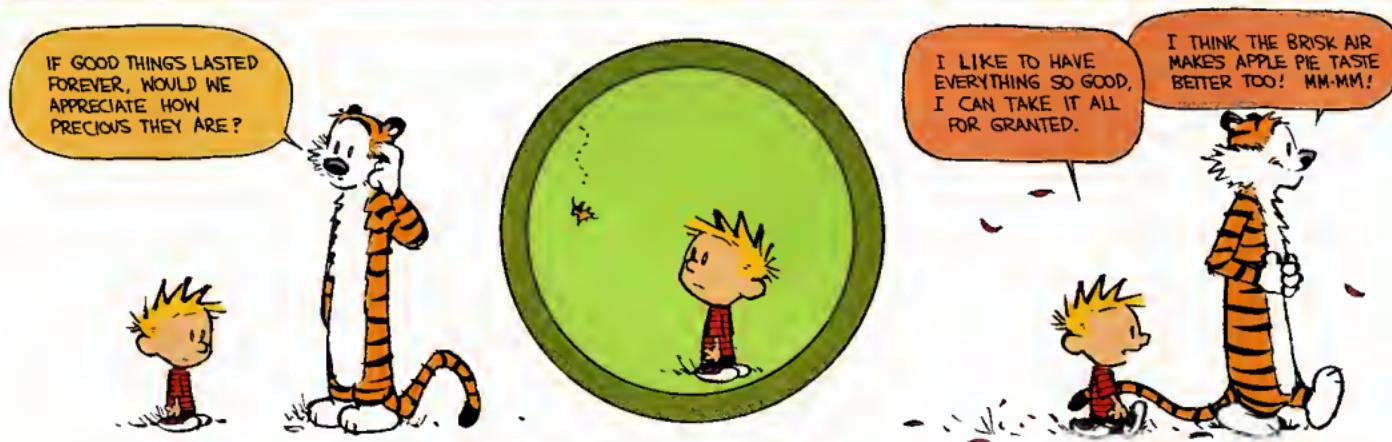
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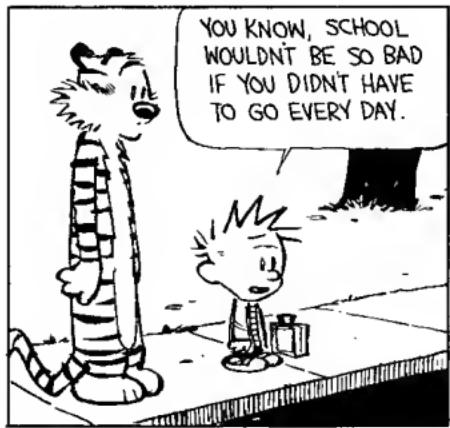
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...AND IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LEARN ANYTHING... AND IF YOU TOOK AWAY ALL THE TEACHERS AND ALL THE OTHER KIDS. IF IT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, SCHOOL WOULD BE GREAT.



NOBODY ASKS ME HOW THINGS OUGHT TO BE. I'VE GOT TONS OF IDEAS!

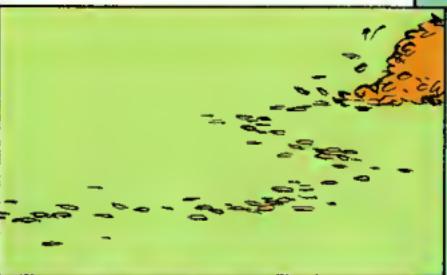


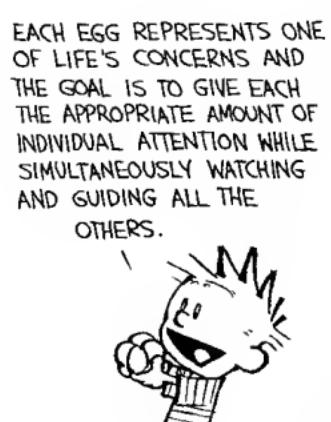
HEY KIDS, ON TOMORROW'S SHOW AND TELL, I'LL BE BRINGING A BIG SURPRISE! WILL IT SHOCK AND AMAZE YOU... OR WILL IT DISGUST AND TERRIFY YOU?? FIND OUT TOMORROW WHEN I REVEAL MY NEXT SHOW AND TELL HORROR! DON'T MISS IT!



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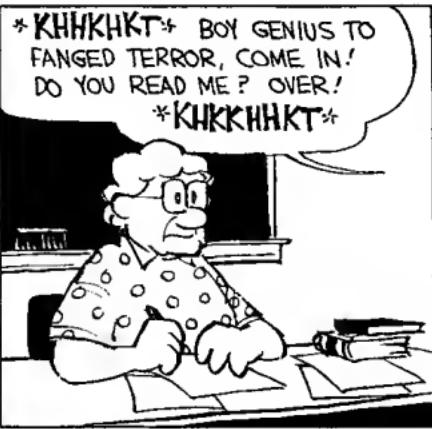




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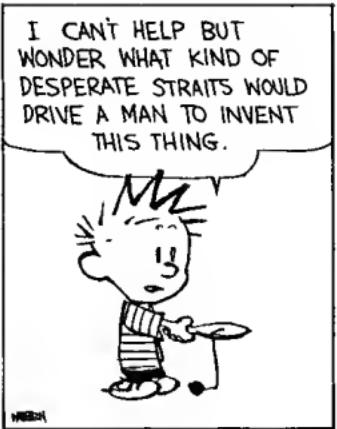
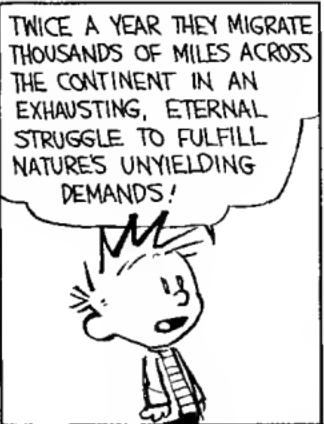
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I'M YET ANOTHER RESOURCE-CONSUMING KID IN AN OVERPOPULATED PLANET, RAISED TO AN ALARMING EXTENT BY MADISON AVENUE AND HOLLYWOOD, POISED WITH MY CYNICAL AND ALIENATED PEERS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND WEAK!





WHY ISN'T MY LIFE LIKE THIS SITUATION COMEDY?



WHY DON'T I HAVE A BUNCH OF FRIENDS WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT DROP BY AND INSTIGATE WACKY ADVENTURES?



WHY AREN'T MY CONVERSATIONS PEPPERED WITH SPONTANEOUS WITTISSMS? WHY DON'T MY FRIENDS DEMONSTRATE HEARTFELT CONCERN FOR MY WELL-BEING WHEN I HAVE PROBLEMS?



WHY DON'T YOU KNOW ANY GORGEOUS BABES? I GOTTA GET MY LIFE SOME WRITERS.



KNOW WHAT'S WEIRD? DAY BY DAY NOTHING SEEMS TO CHANGE, BUT PRETTY SOON, EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT.



YOU JUST GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND ONE DAY YOU REALIZE YOU'RE NOT THE SAME PERSON YOU USED TO BE. PEOPLE CHANGE WHETHER THEY DECIDE TO OR NOT!

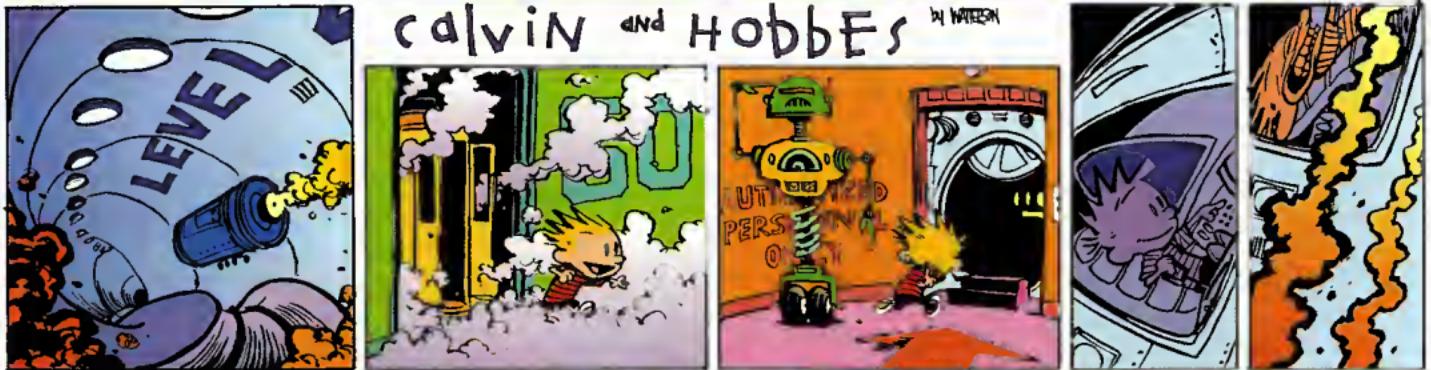
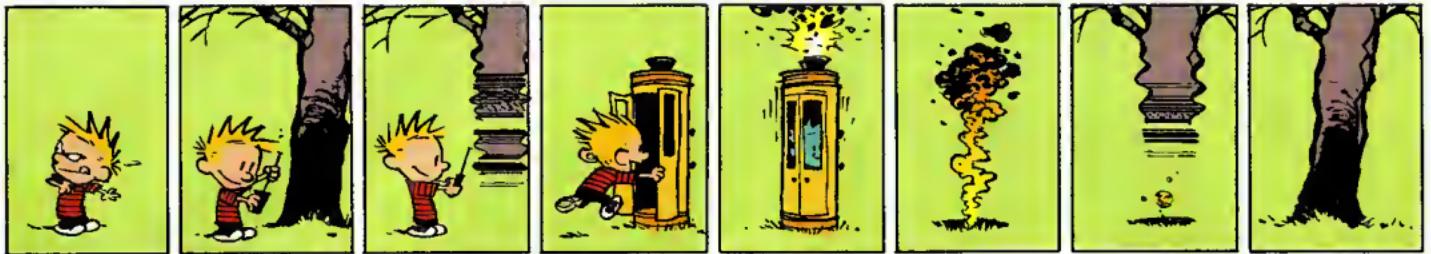


THANK HEAVEN FOR SMALL FAVORS.



FOR EXAMPLE, I USED TO BE MORE TOLERANT OF OBlique ASPERSIONS.





I WONDER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I LAST LOOKED AT THE CLOCK. MAYBE IT'S BEEN AN HOUR.



WELL, ACTUALLY IT'S PROBABLY BEEN ONLY 40 MINUTES. I'LL GUESS HALF AN HOUR TO BE SAFE.



20 SECONDS ???



IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY BAD DAY.



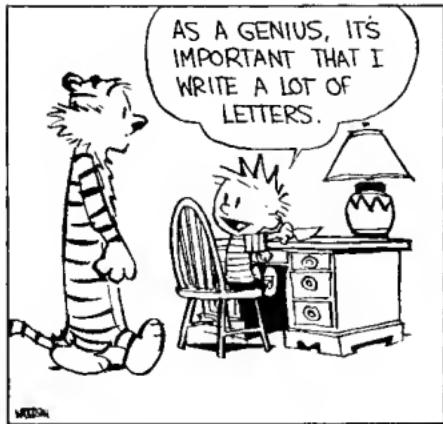
CALVIN,
SIT UP.

IM IN A VERY CRABBY MOOD, SO EVERYBODY JUST LEAVE ME ALONE! I HATE EVERYONE!!

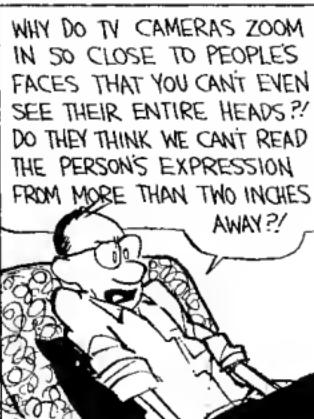


NOBODY RECOGNIZES MY HINTS TO SMOOTHER ME WITH AFFECTION.





AFTER ALL, MY CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE THE BASIC RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR HISTORIANS TO RECONSTRUCT MY LIFE. MY WRITING WILL PROVIDE COUNTLESS FASCINATING INSIGHTS FOR BIOGRAPHERS.



AUGHH! THIS STUPID
TOASTER BURNED
MY TOAST!!



LOOK AT THIS! MY TOAST
IS CHARRED TO A
BLACK CINDER! I CAN'T
EAT THIS! IT'S RUINED!
RUINED!!



SO STICK IN ANOTHER
PIECE OF BREAD
AND WATCH IT
THIS TIME.



ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT
THIS APPLIANCE DIDN'T
AGGRAVATE ME WITH
MALICE AFORETHOUGHT?!



I KEEP HAVING
THE SAME WEIRD
DREAM EVERY
NIGHT.



IF IT'S THE SAME DREAM,
IT MUST **MEAN** SOMETHING.



I THINK IT MEANS
THE FALL SEASON FLOPPED
AND MY SUBCONSCIOUS
WENT INTO RERUNS.



"OPERATION KAPOW!" (CALVIN: GENIUS + MASTERMIND; HOBSES: CREATIVE CONSULTANT + COX TOP SECRET!! DO NOT READ THIS!! THIS MEANS YOU!

DIGRAPHER



DESTROY THIS MAP! calvin and hobbes = GREAT!!

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hobbes
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BRRR, IT'S FREEZING OUT THERE! I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE MY NICE WARM BED.



ON DAYS LIKE THIS, I WISH MOM WOULD COME IN, LAY AN EXTRA BLANKET OVER ME, PAT MY HEAD, AND AS I SINK INTO THE PILLOW UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE COVERS, SHE'D SAY...



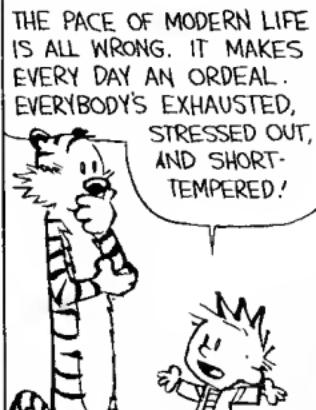
HEY, LET'S MOVE IT!! THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE CALLED YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO MISS THE BUS! LET'S GO!!



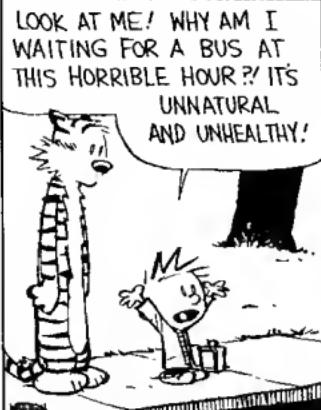
THESE MORNINGS ARE GOING TO KILL ME.



THE PACE OF MODERN LIFE IS ALL WRONG. IT MAKES EVERY DAY AN ORDEAL. EVERYBODY'S EXHAUSTED, STRESSED OUT, AND SHORT-TEMPERED!



LOOK AT ME! WHY AM I WAITING FOR A BUS AT THIS HORRIBLE HOUR? IT'S UNNATURAL AND UNHEALTHY!

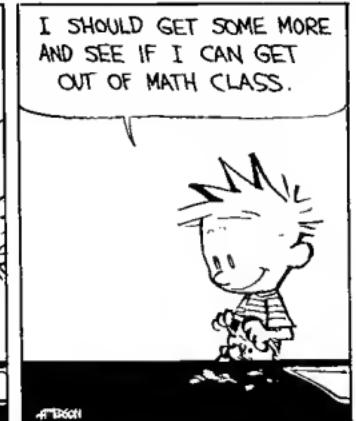
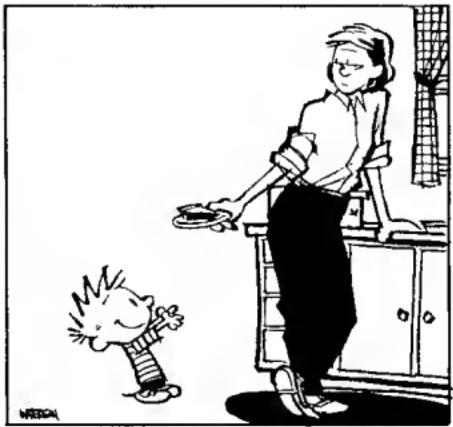


WE SHOULD EASE INTO THE DAY! YOU KNOW, READ THE PAPER, HAVE SOME HOT COCOA, GO FOR A LEISURELY WALK AND GET OUR THOUGHTS TOGETHER...



SO NOW IT'S MID-AFTERNOON. RIGHT. TIME TO KICK BACK FOR A LITTLE SIESTA AND PLAN DINNER.

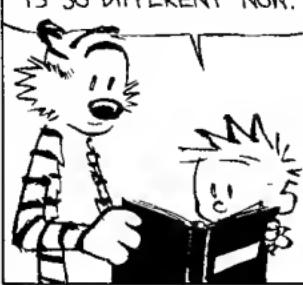




THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF
ME WHEN I WAS TWO.



IT'S STRANGE. I KNOW
THAT'S ME, BUT I DON'T
FEEL ANY CONNECTION TO
THIS IMAGE. EVERYTHING
IS SO DIFFERENT NOW.



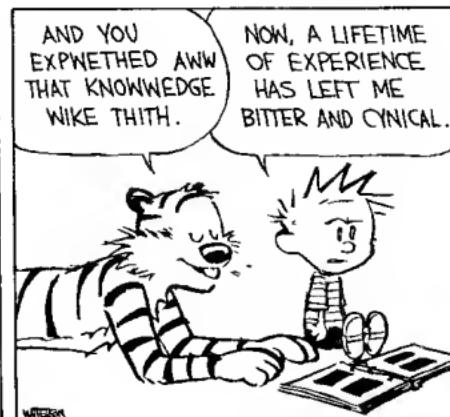
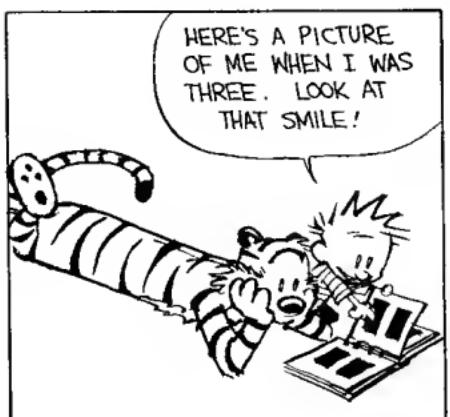
ISN'T IT WEIRD THAT ONE'S
OWN PAST CAN SEEM
UNREAL? THIS IS LIKE
LOOKING AT A PICTURE
OF SOMEBODY ELSE.



SAY, A SLOBBERING NUDIST
WITH LEGS LIKE LINK
SAUSAGES.



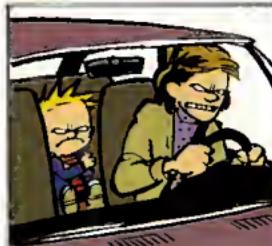
YOU KNOW, NOW
I CAN'T STAND
TO HAD A SOGGY
BLANKET IN
MY MOUTH.

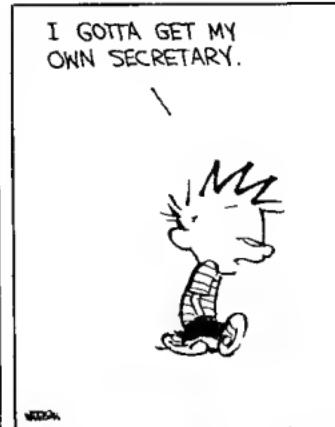


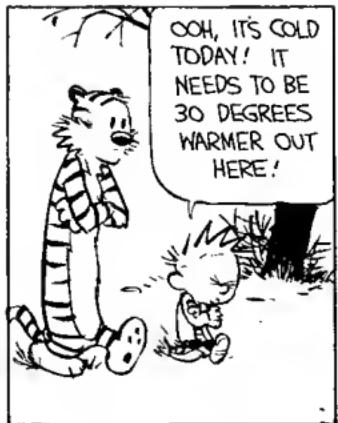
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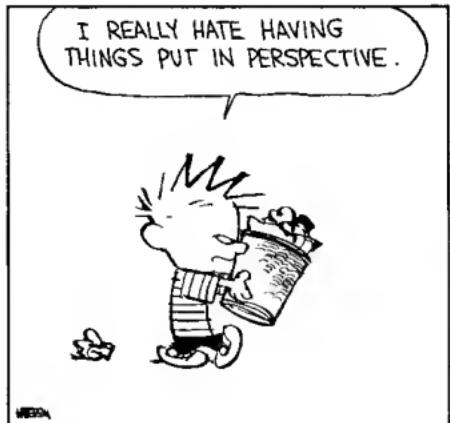
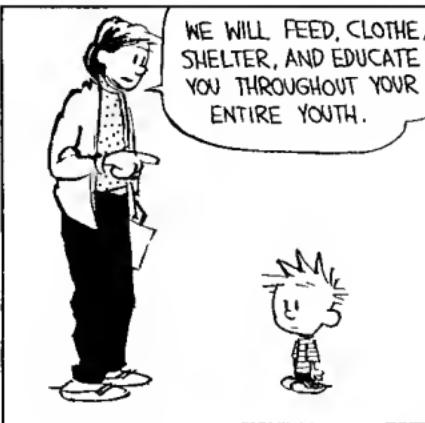
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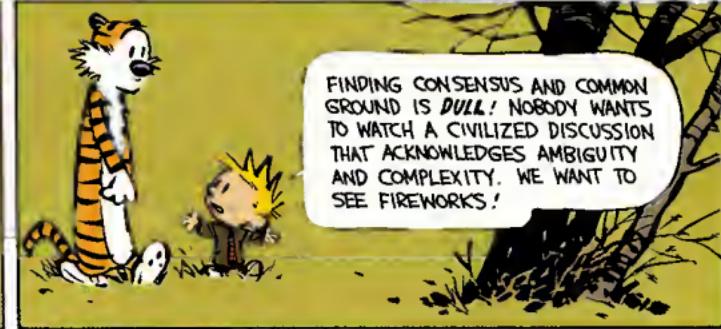




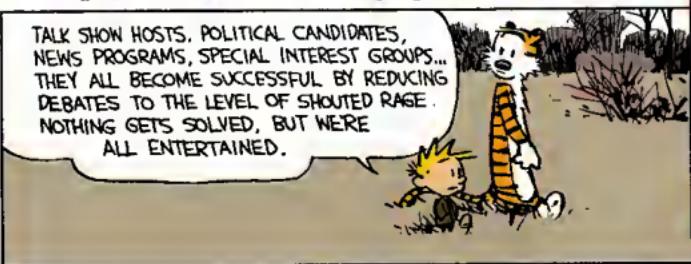
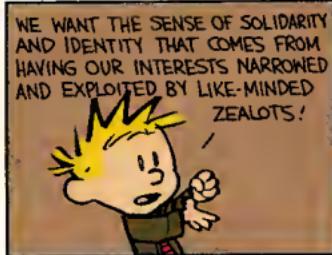
FOR THAT MATTER, IT'S ALSO TOO QUIET. WE NEED SOME BACKGROUND MUSIC.

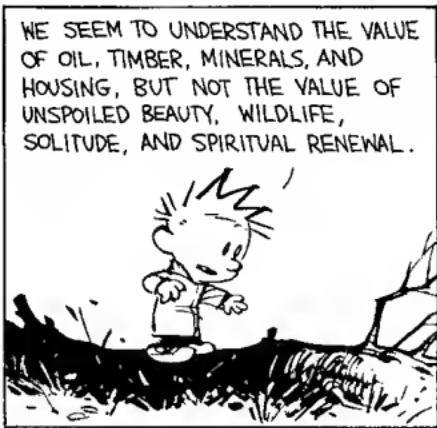






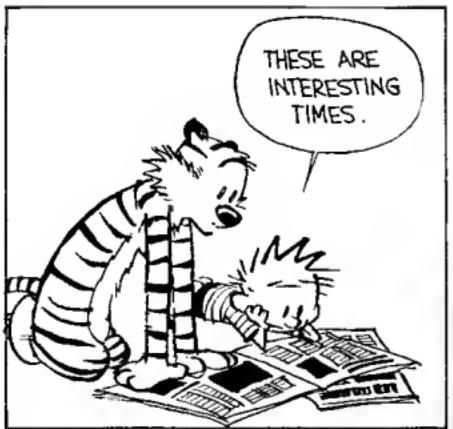
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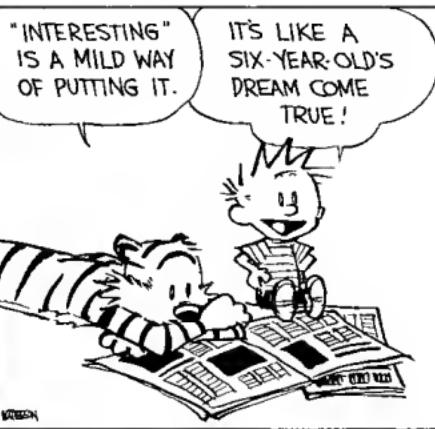


IT'S FREEZING IN HERE!!
WHY CAN'T WE CRANK UP
THE THERMOSTAT?!

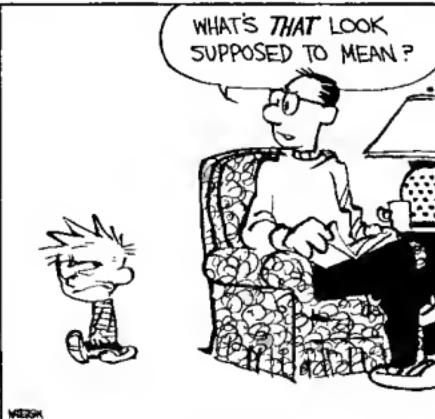




WE DON'T TRUST THE GOVERNMENT,
WE DON'T TRUST THE LEGAL SYSTEM,
WE DON'T TRUST THE MEDIA, AND
WE DON'T TRUST EACH OTHER!
WE'VE UNDERMINED ALL AUTHORITY, AND
WITH IT, THE BASIS FOR REPLACING IT!

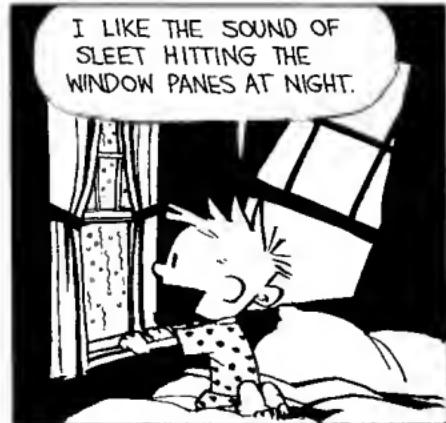


WE'LL GET RIGHT BACK TO MORE HITS
FROM THOSE HIGH SCHOOL DAYS WHEN
YOUR WORLD STOPPED... BUT FIRST, HERES
OUR CRITIC TO REVIEW THE LATEST
MOVIE BASED ON A '60S OR '70S
TV SHOW!





OUR COMMON REFERENCES ARE EVENTS THAT NEVER HAPPENED AND PEOPLE WE'LL NEVER MEET! WE KNOW MORE ABOUT CELEBRITIES AND FICTIONAL CHARACTERS THAN WE KNOW ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS!



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SEE ANY WEIRDNESS YET?

HOW ABOUT THIS ROCK? IT HAS A PURPLE STRIPE.

HMM... I GUESS THAT'S A LITTLE WEIRD.

WELL LOOK FOR SOMETHING WEIRDER.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS STICK?

IT'S A STRANGE STICK, BUT IT'S NOT A WEIRD STICK.

IT'S TOO BAD THERE AREN'T ANY GOOD BUGS OUT NOW.

YES, BUGS ARE USUALLY WEIRD.

HEY, HERE'S A BIRD FEATHER.

IT'S PRETTY, BUT IT'S NOT WEIRD.

A BALD BIRD WOULD BE WEIRD.

I DON'T SEE ONE.

LOOK! A RIPPED-UP OLD KITE! SOME KID MUST HAVE LOST THIS LAST SUMMER!

PHOOY. THE STRING BROKE HERE. I WAS HOPING WE'D FIND THE KID'S SKELETON UP A TREE AT THE OTHER END.

THAT WOULD BE WEIRD.

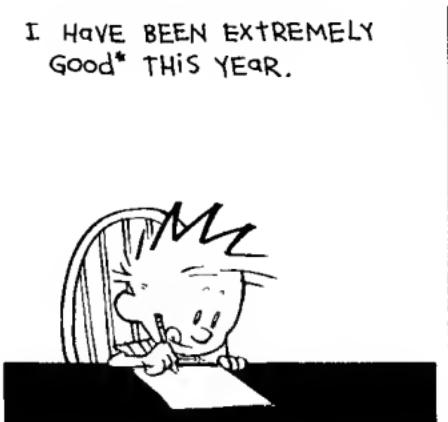
WELL, LET'S GO IN. I'M COLD.

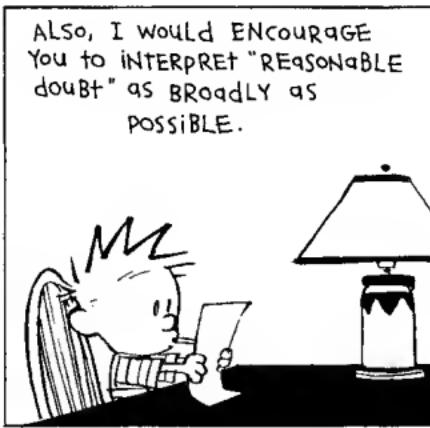
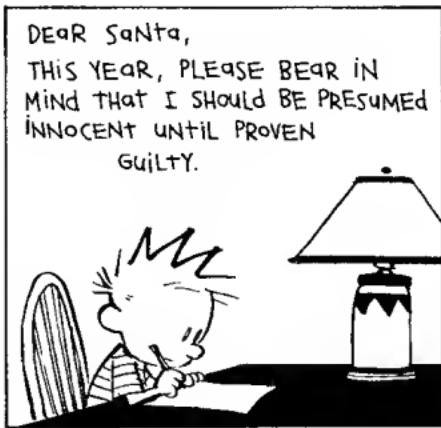
ME TOO. I GUESS SOME DAYS WEIRDNESS IS HARD TO FIND.

MY GLASSES ARE FOGGED AND I CAN'T BLOW MY NOSE, BUT MY HEART RATE IS THE ENVY OF MEN HALF MY AGE!

WEIRDNESS ALWAYS STARTS AT HOME.

EVEN WHEN YOU LOOK FOR IT, YOU'RE NEVER PREPARED FOR IT.





EVIL SANTA WOULD GIVE ALL
THE DANGEROUS, ANNOYING,
AND CORRUPTING TOYS
YOUR PARENTS WON'T ALLOW!



DEAR Santa,
BEFORE I SUBMIT MY
LIFE TO YOUR MORAL
SCRUTINY, I DEMAND TO
KNOW WHO MADE YOU THE
MASTER OF MY FATE?!



WHO ARE YOU TO QUESTION
MY BEHAVIOR, HUH ???
WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT?!



SANTA MAKES THE TOYS, SO
HE GETS TO DECIDE WHO
TO GIVE THEM TO.



TIME TO
PREPARE MY
APPELLATE CASE.



I SEE YOU, CALVIN, AND
YOU'D BETTER NOT THROW
THAT SNOWBALL! I'M
MAILING A LETTER TO
SANTA RIGHT NOW!



IS THE ENVELOPE
ALREADY SEALED?



DO YOU
HAVE A
PEN?
AS A MATTER
OF FACT, I DO!

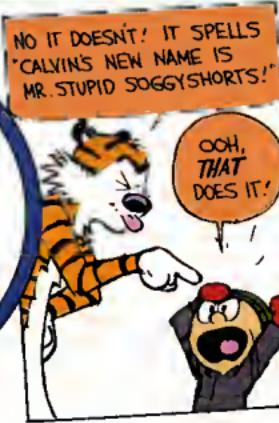


I'LL BET SHE'S BLUFFING.
BUT THIS ISN'T THE TIME
OF YEAR TO TEMPT FATE.



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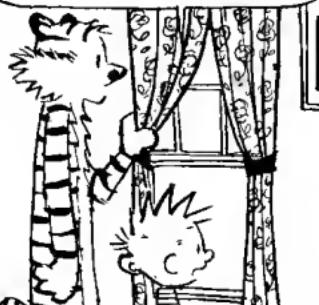
WITH 200 SNOWBALLS AT
MY IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL,
I HAVE NO OPPONITION!
MY WILL IS LAW!
I AM OMNIPOTENT!



HOW
BORING.



IN THE SHORT TERM, IT
WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY
TO GO PLAY OUTSIDE.



IN THE LONG TERM, IT WOULD
MAKE ME HAPPIER TO DO
WELL AT SCHOOL AND
BECOME SUCCESSFUL.



BUT IN THE VERY LONG
TERM, I KNOW WHICH
WILL MAKE BETTER
MEMORIES.





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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
IS ALWAYS A TIME FOR
PERSONAL REFLECTION.



TOO OFTEN WE DON'T
EXAMINE OUR LIVES.
THIS IS A TIME TO TAKE
STOCK AND THINK ABOUT
WHAT'S IMPORTANT.



IT'S A TIME TO REDEDICATE
ONESELF TO FRENZIED
ACQUISITION ... A TIME TO
SPREAD THE JOY OF MATERIAL
WEALTH ... A TIME TO GLORIFY
PERSONAL EXCESS OF
EVERY KIND!



EARTHLY REWARDS MAKE
CONSUMERISM A POPULAR
RELIGION.



...A TIME
TO ATONE
FOR ONE'S
FRUGALITY!

OH BOY, LOOK AT ALL THE
SNOW! IT MUST BE SIX
INCHES DEEP!



THIS WILL BE
PERFECT FOR
SLEDDING OR...



DING DONG

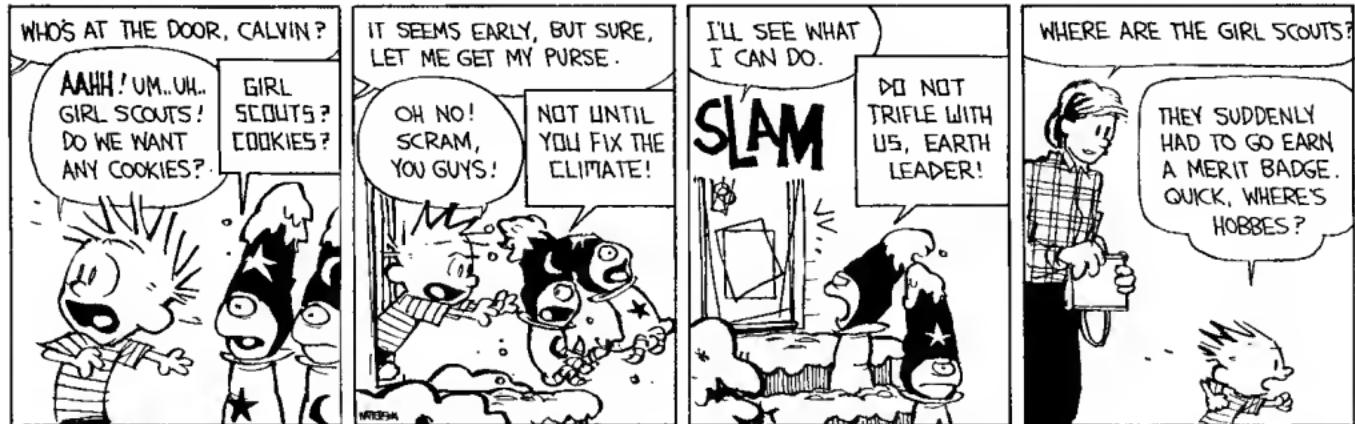
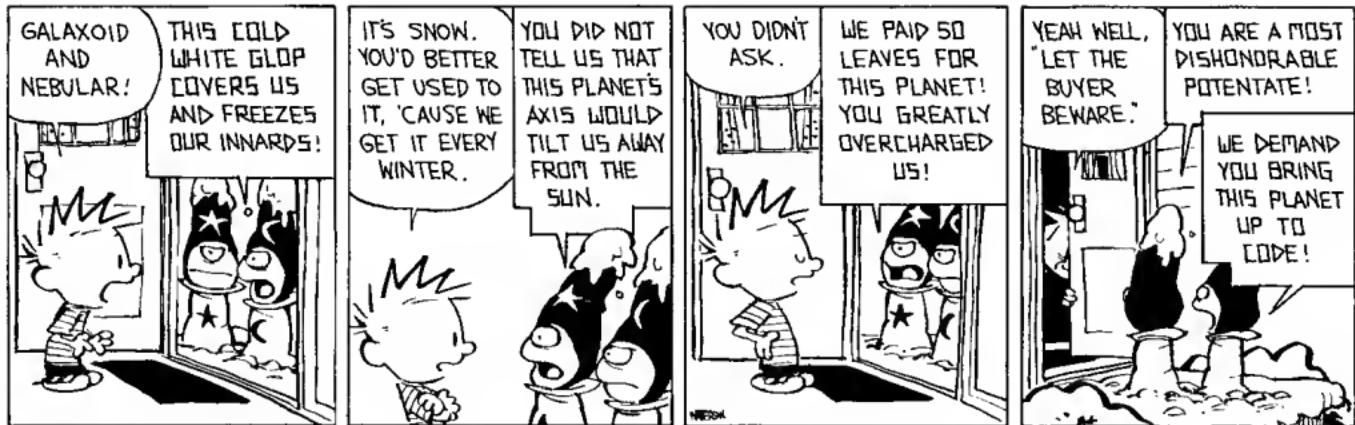
DING DONG DING DONG

ALL RIGHT! I'M
COMING! I'M COMING!

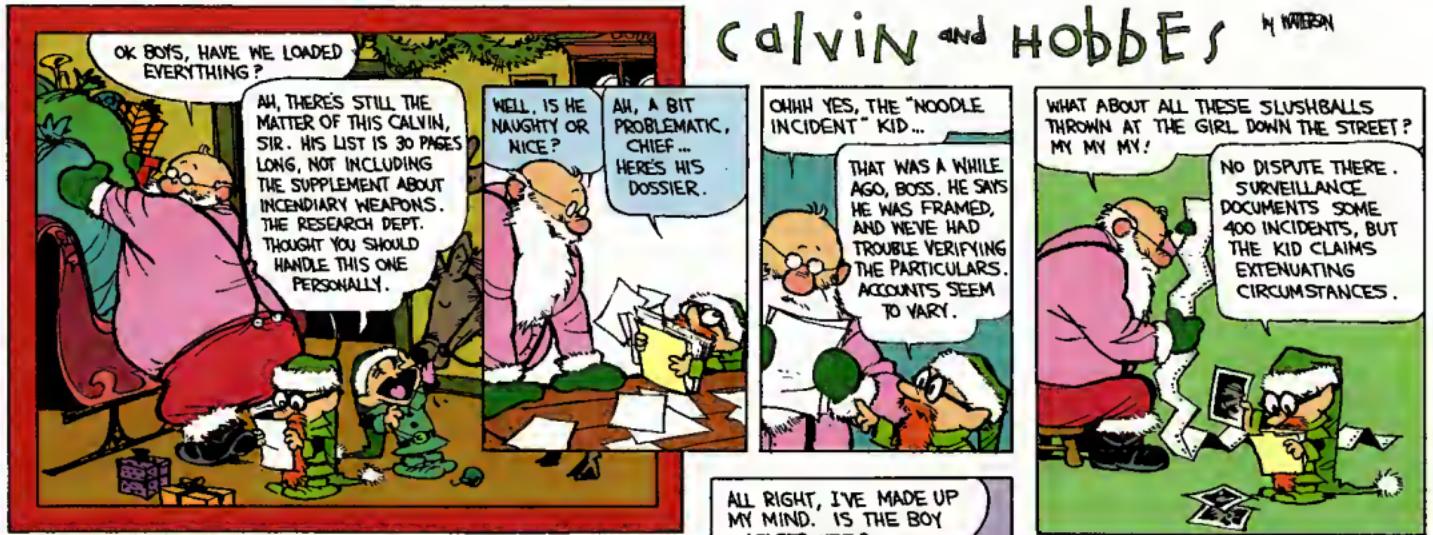


WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG
WITH THIS PLANET YOU
SOLD US?!











THE NEW ISSUE OF CHEWING
TELLS HOW TO STAY IN TOP
CHEWING CONDITION OVER
THE WINTER!



WHAT'S SO HARD ABOUT
THAT? YOU CAN CHEW
GUM ALL YEAR.



WE SERIOUS CHEWERS NEED
A LOT MORE THAN STRONG
JAW MUSCLES, YOU KNOW!
TO CHEW HOUR AFTER HOUR,
WE NEED A TOTAL CROSS-
TRAINING FITNESS REGIME!



SO THE IDEA
IS TO INCREASE
THE AMOUNT OF
THIS HOBBY YOU
CAN ENDURE.



RIGHT.
WHEN YOU'RE
GOOD AT IT,
IT'S REALLY
MISERABLE.

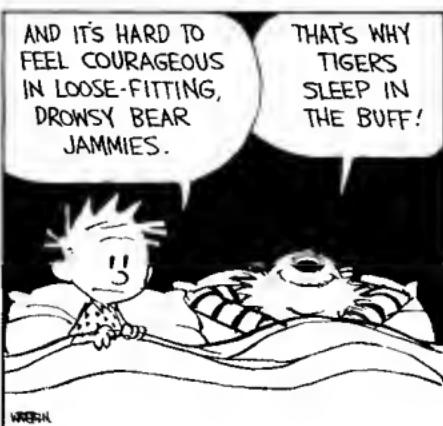
SOMETIMES AT NIGHT I WORRY
ABOUT THINGS AND THEN I CAN'T
FALL ASLEEP.



IN THE DARK, IT'S EASIER TO
IMAGINE AWFUL POSSIBILITIES
THAT YOU'D NEVER BE PREPARED
FOR.



AND IT'S HARD TO
FEEL COURAGEOUS
IN LOOSE-FITTING,
DROWSY BEAR
JAMMIES.



THAT'S WHY
TIGERS
SLEEP IN
THE BUFF!





