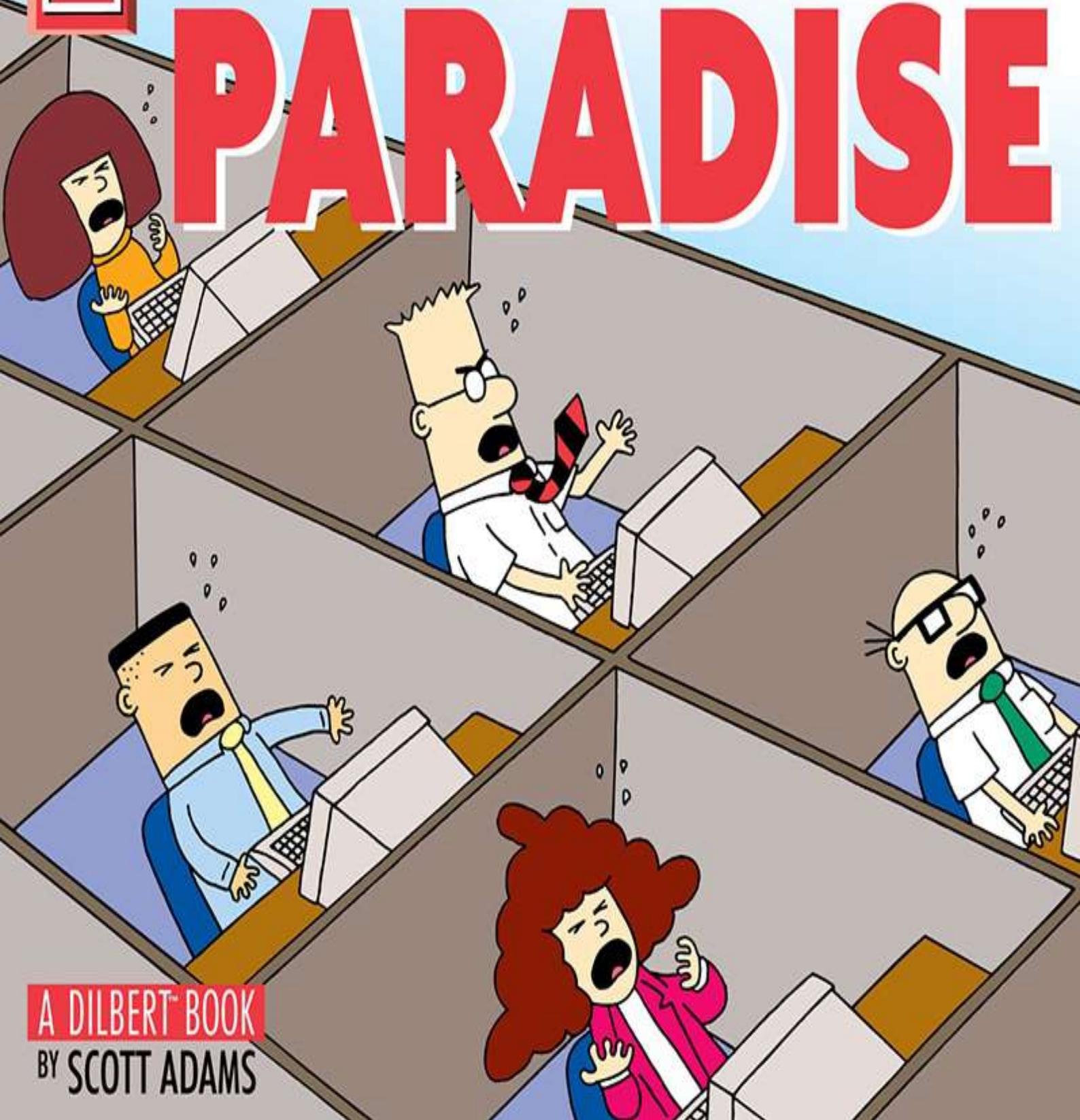


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Introduction

Someone wise once said (Okay, it was me, about a minute ago), "Never sit for eight hours a day in a fabric-covered box that someone else paid for." And then it hit me. I finally figured out what's wrong with the whole cubicle concept: Communism.

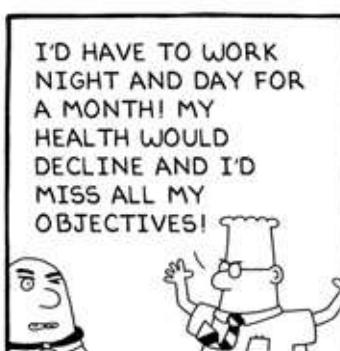
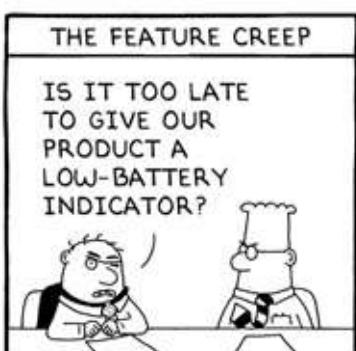
That's right; cubicles are a form of communism. Think about it. You don't own your cubicle—the "state" does. Well, technically your stockholders own the cubicle, not the state, but it's the same problem. Because the people who pay for your cubicle don't have to sit in it, there's no incentive for cubicles to be all that they can be. It's no wonder they're bleak and dingy.

Maybe it's time to lift the yoke of communism from the oppressed cubicle masses. I say every employee should own his or her cubicle and take it along to every new assignment. The cubicle of the future would be modular so you can easily relocate it and customize it to taste. Sure, this new system would introduce some annoying eccentricities into the system. Every person would have a different idea of what the perfect cubicle should be. Your neighbors might have low-rider cubicles and Barbie-themed cubicles and maybe the clothing-optional, disco cubicles. But that's a small price to pay for the freedom to customize your own workspace.

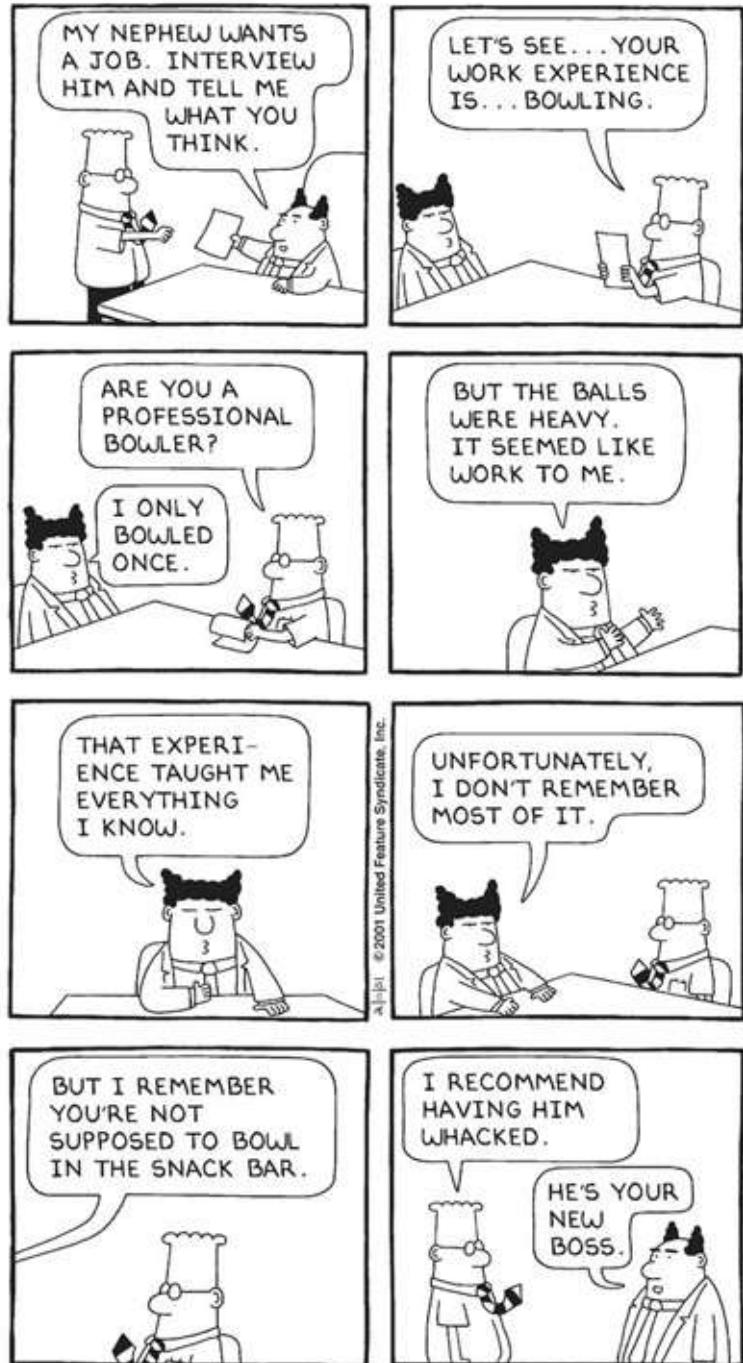
I would decorate my cubicle like the inside of a womb, except with better electronic gadgetry. I wouldn't need a chair. I'd just curl up in a fetal position near my keyboard. When you're in a womb, it feels as if your life is full of possibilities and all of them are ahead of you. You feel warm and fed and loved. And I think I'd put censors at the doorway (the design of which I shall not describe), so that when I left my womb-cube a motherly voice would scream as if giving birth. It might annoy my cubicle neighbors, but we can take that up at the next meeting of the Cube-Owners Association.



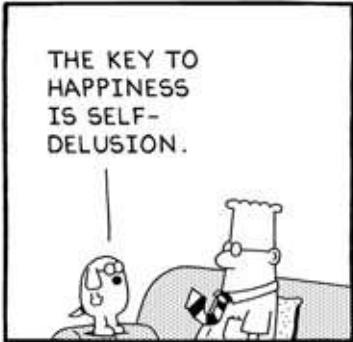
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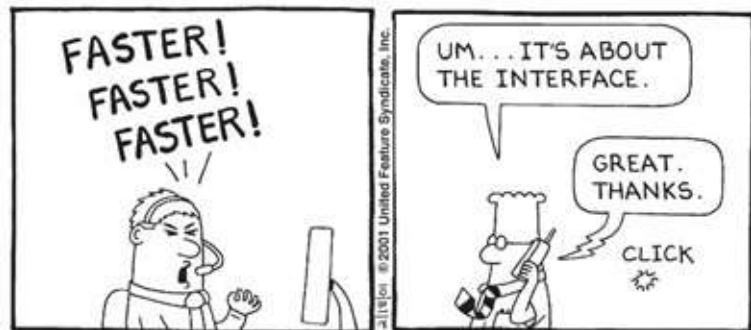
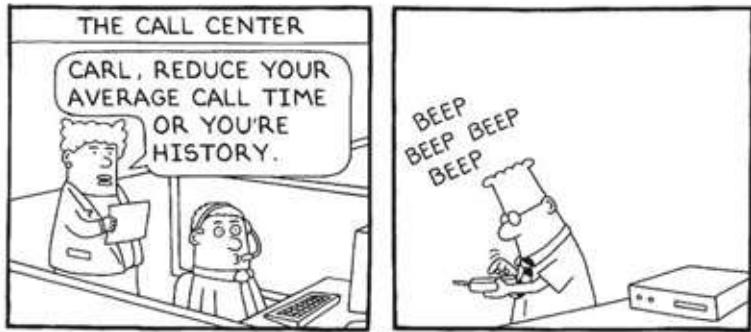


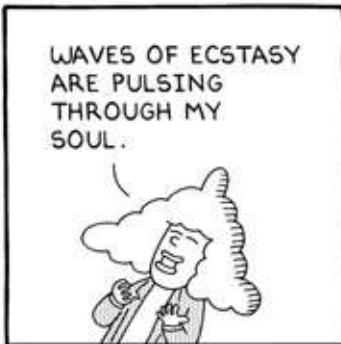








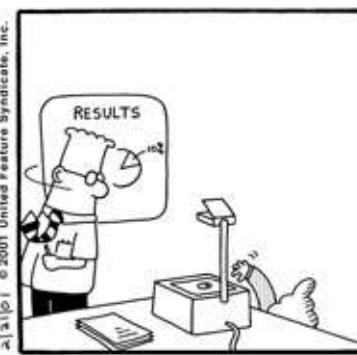




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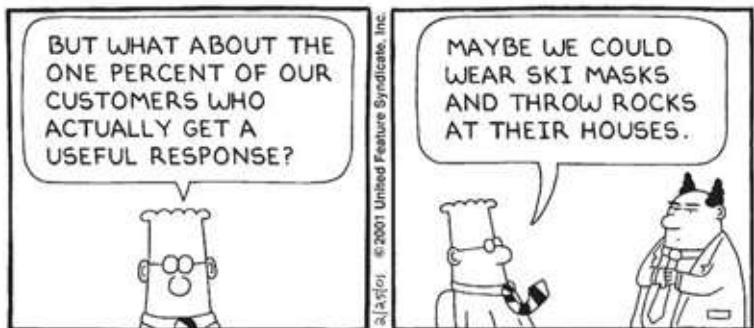
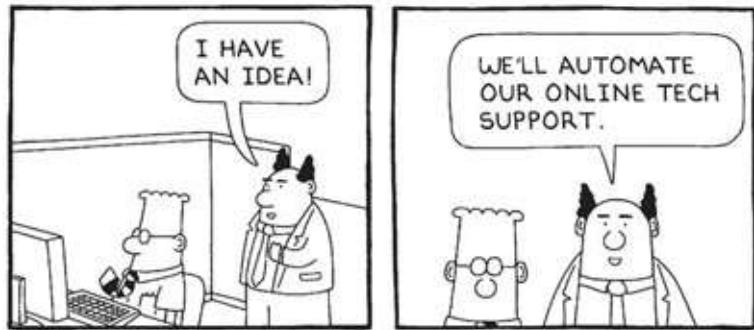
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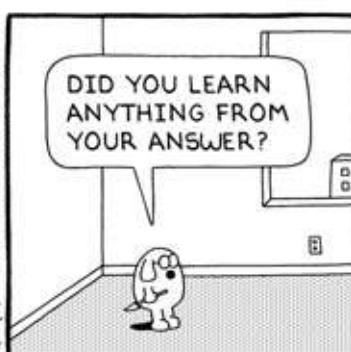
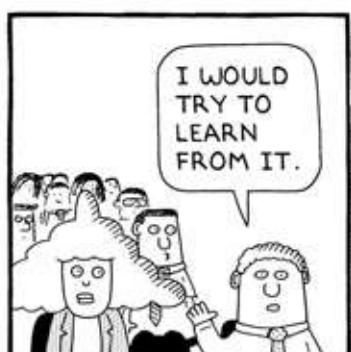


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MANAGEMENT TRAINING

YOU TWIST THE
EARS TO UNLOCK
THE SKULL.



FIND THE MORAL
COMPASS AND
DEACTIVATE IT.



THE RESULT IS
SOMETHING
CALLED LEADER-
SHIP.

YOU'RE
WORKING
WEEKENDS!

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MANAGEMENT TRAINING

TIM WILL DEMONSTRATE
THE MANAGEMENT CLOAK
OF INVISIBILITY.



I ADMIT IT DOESN'T
SEEM VERY SPECIAL
WHEN YOU KNOW
HOW IT'S DONE.

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HOW DO YOU
LIKE BEING
A MANAGER,
ALICE?

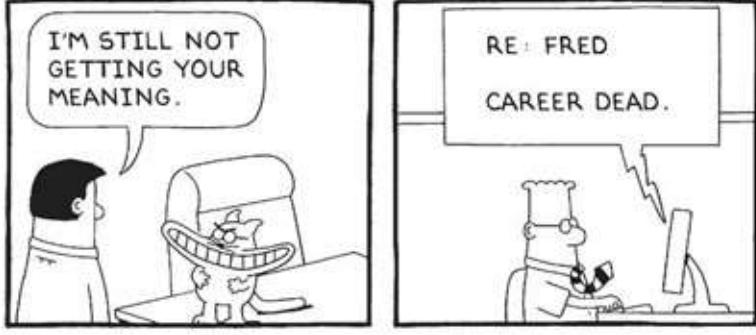
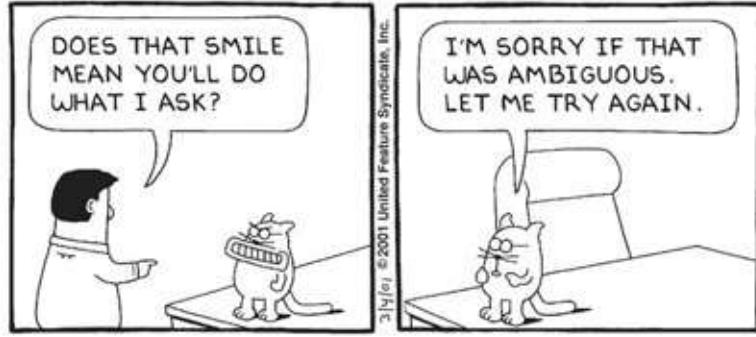
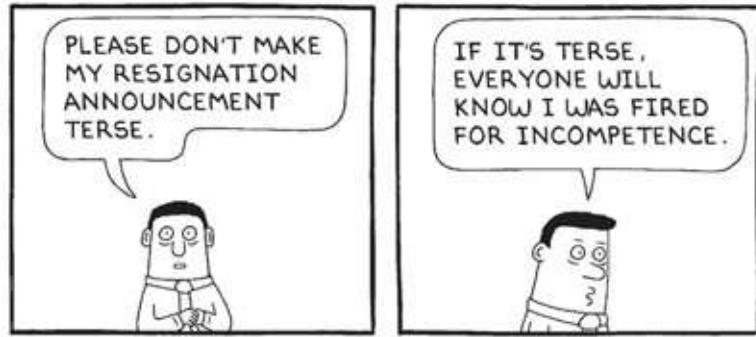


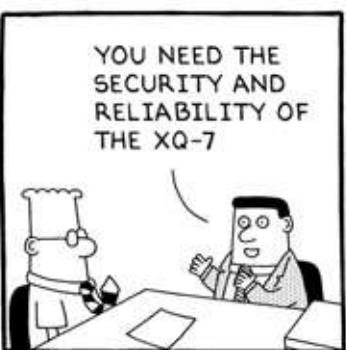
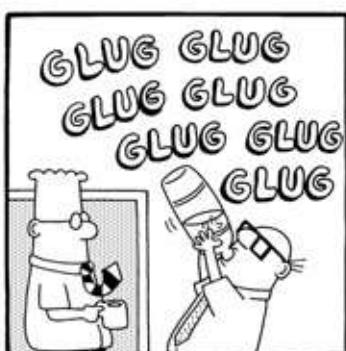
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FAVOR; SNEAK
INTO MY HOUSE
TONIGHT AND
SMOTHER ME WITH
A PILLOW.

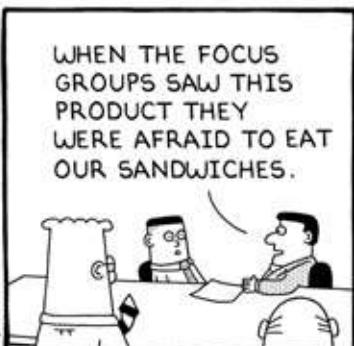
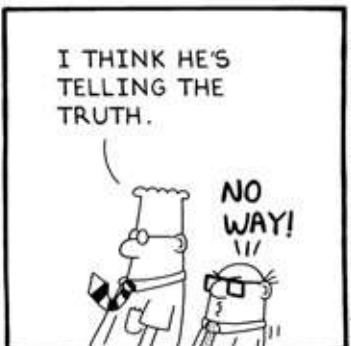


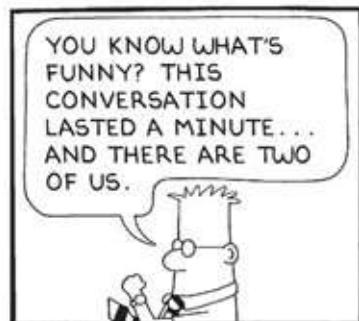
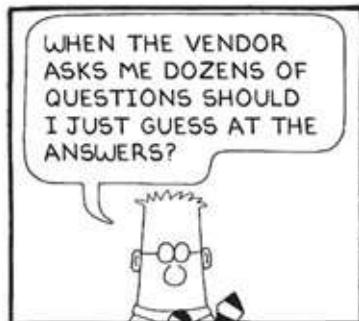
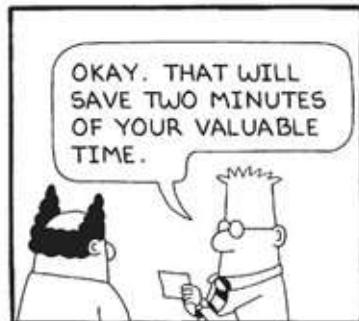
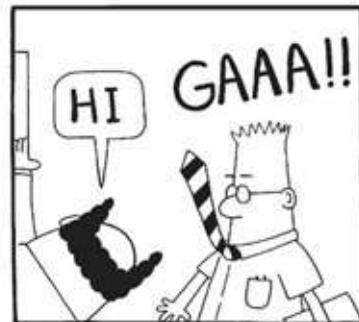
I THINK SHE WAS
KIDDING. I'LL SEE IF
SHE PUTS
UP A
STRUGGLE.

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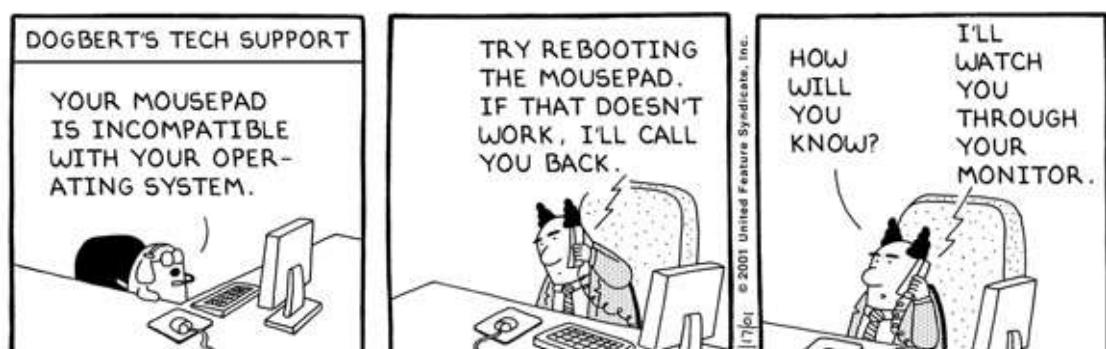
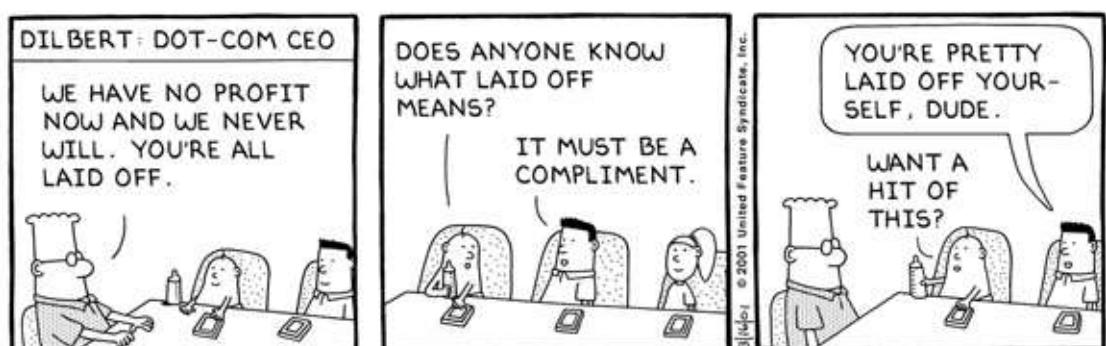


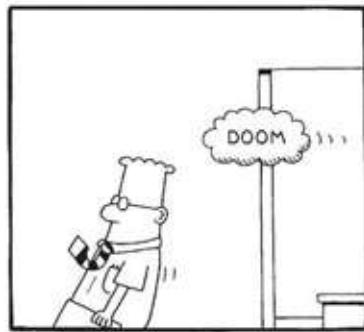
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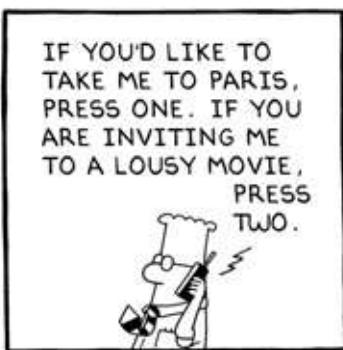
DOOM



DOOM !!



DOOM



YOU DON'T GIVE
YOUR OPINION
ON ANYTHING.
ARE YOU
SPINELESS?



MAYBE YOU CREATE
AN ENVIRONMENT
IN WHICH GIVING
AN OPINION IS AN
INVITATION TO
UNNECESS-
ARY PAIN.



GREAT! YOU'RE
MAKING ME CRY
IN PUBLIC!!



WE CAN'T SHOW THESE
NUMBERS TO OUR
VP. THEY MAKE US
LOOK LIKE
LOSERS.



FIND SOMETHING
WE'RE DOING WELL
AND GIVE HIM
THOSE NUMBERS
INSTEAD.



WOW! OUR
INTERNAL
SUBTERFUGE
IS UP EIGHTY
PERCENT!



WE TRY TO RETAIN
OUR BEST EMPLOYEES
BY GIVING THEM
"GOLDEN HANDCUFFS."



THE REST OF YOU
WILL EXPERIENCE
OUR OTHER
PROGRAM, THE
ONE I CALL
"PRICKLY PANTIES."



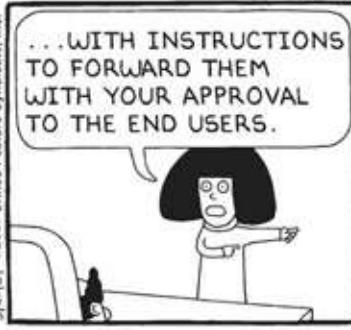
THEN HE
GAVE ME
A HUGE
BOWL OF
CANDY.

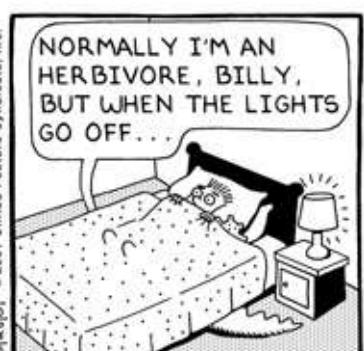
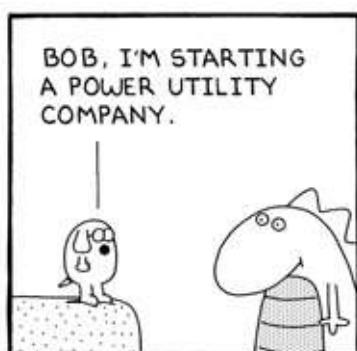
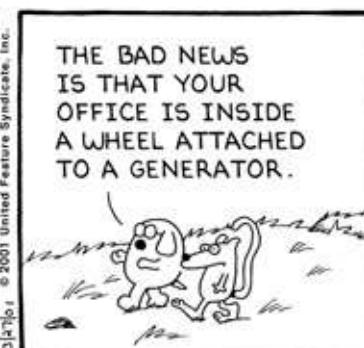
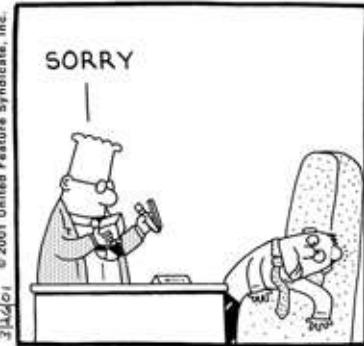


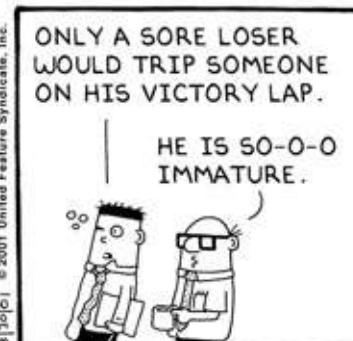
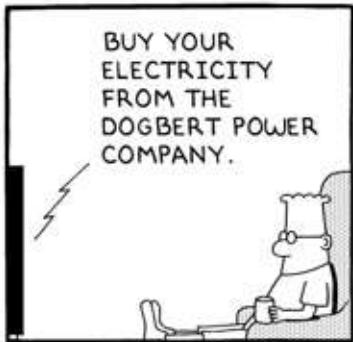
HEY, THEY
CUT OUR
DENTAL
PLAN
AGAIN!



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A HARDENING IS WHEN AN EMPLOYEE IS GIVEN MORE WORK THAN HIS CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CAN HANDLE.



I'VE BEEN RIPENING ASOK ALL MONTH.

Purr Purr

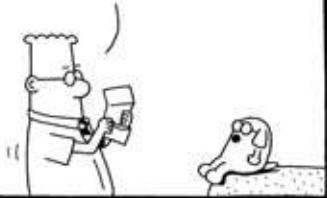


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WOW! I'VE BEEN
SELECTED FOR THE
"WHO'S INCREDIBLE"
LIST!



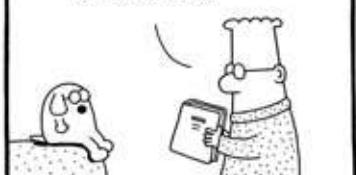
FOR SEVENTY-FIVE
DOLLARS I CAN BUY
A LEATHER-BOUND
BOOK WITH MY
NAME IN IT!



HA! AND PEOPLE
SAID I WAS TOO
GULLIBLE TO BE
A SUCCESS!



I'M BRINGING MY
COPY OF "WHO'S
INCREDIBLE" TO
MY HIGH SCHOOL
REUNION.



IF ANYONE ASKS
HOW I'M DOING,
I'LL CASUALLY OPEN
THE BOOK AND
POINT TO MY NAME.



I GOT RICH SELLING
A BOOK CALLED "WHO'S
INCREDIBLE" TO
GULLIBLE PEOPLE.

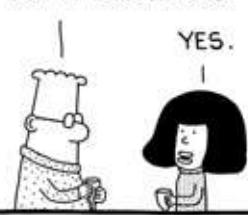


HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

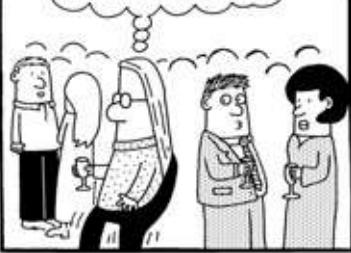
I STARTED WITH
NOTHING. NOW
I HAVE MY OWN
CUBICLE.

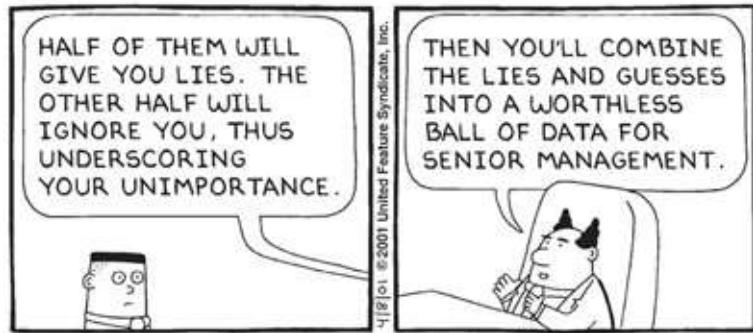


SAY, NOW THAT
WE'RE BOTH ADULTS,
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO... YOU KNOW?



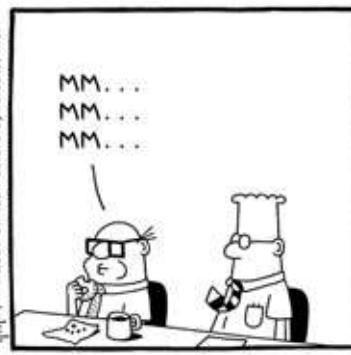
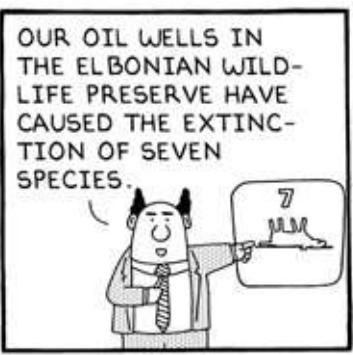
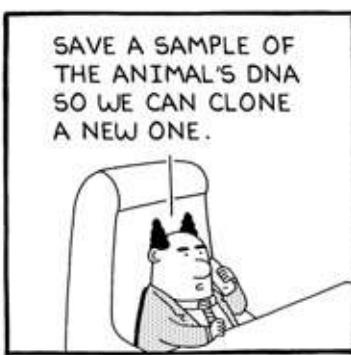
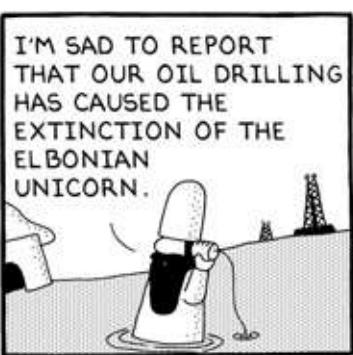
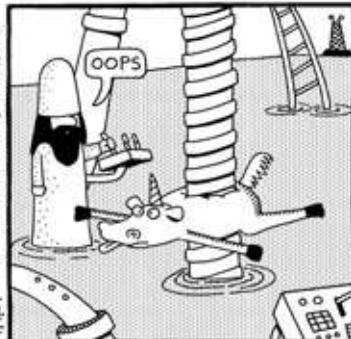
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MORE SPECIFIC.

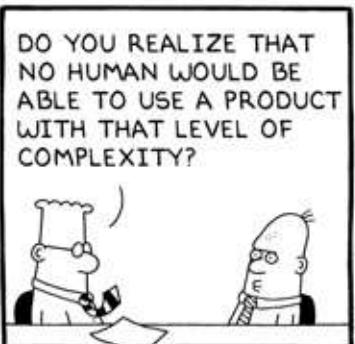
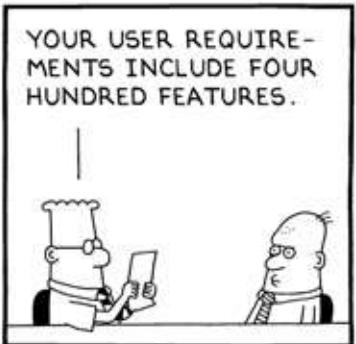
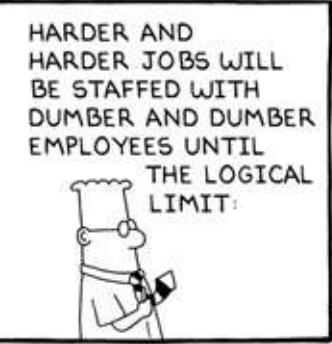


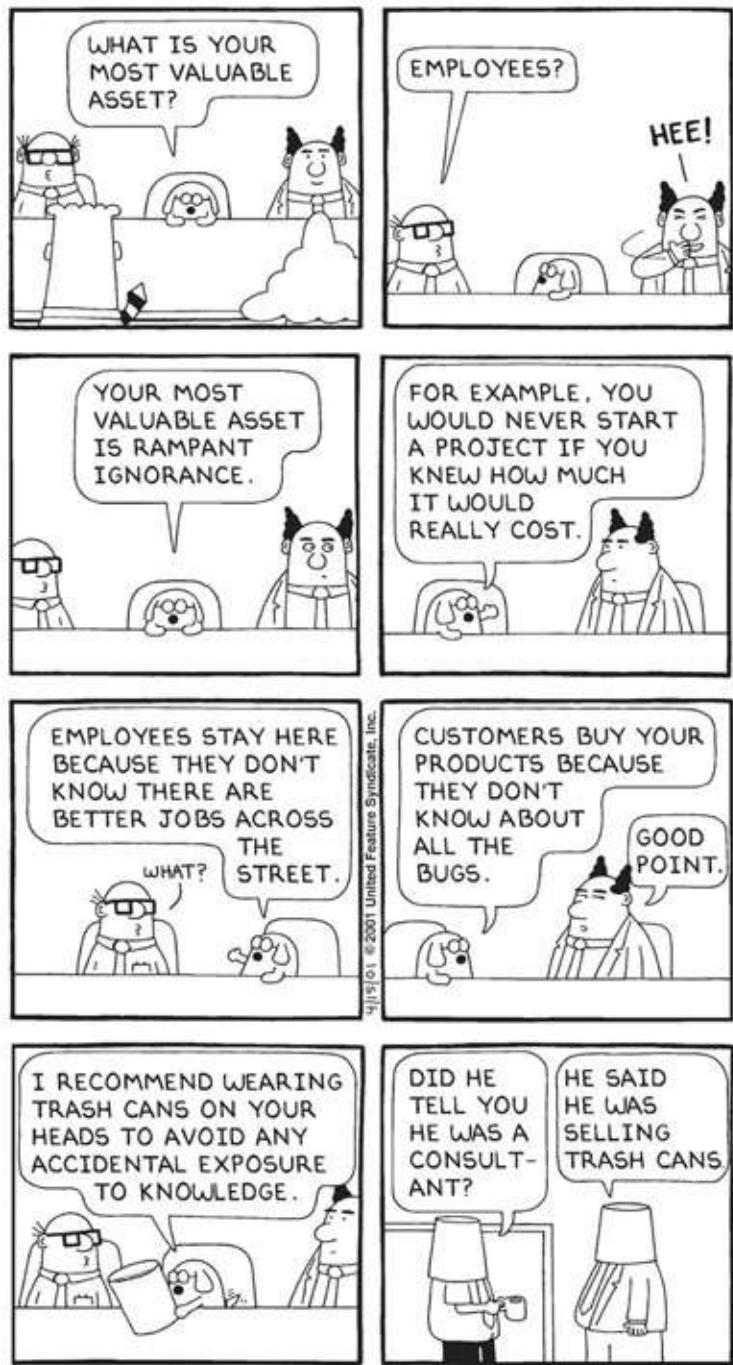


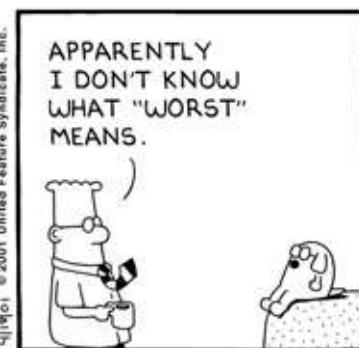
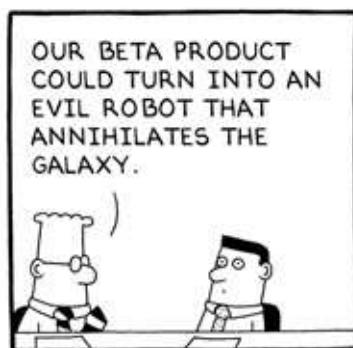
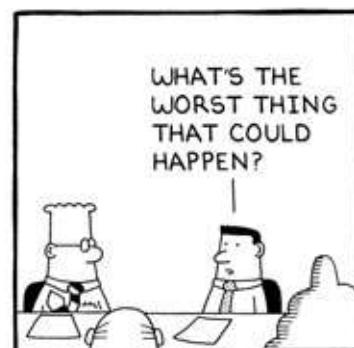
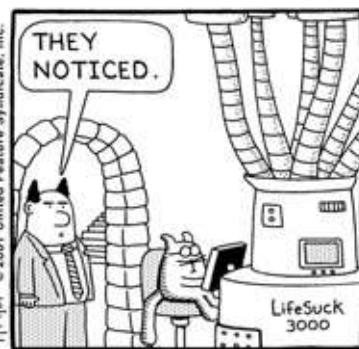
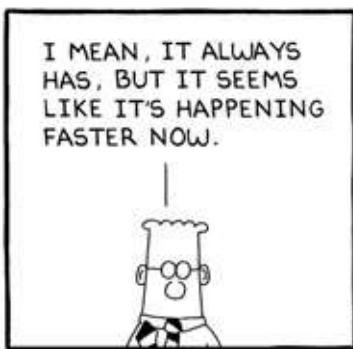
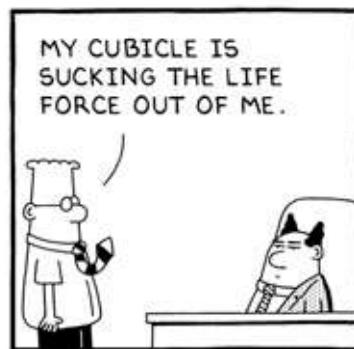
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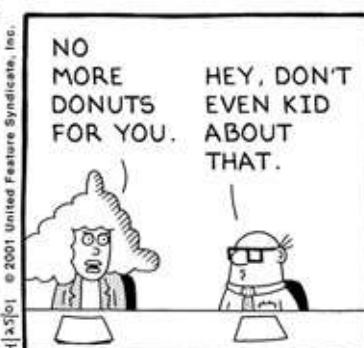
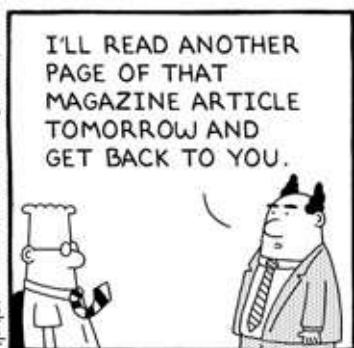
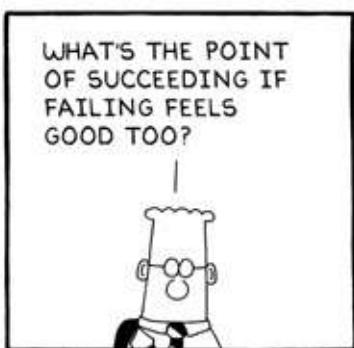
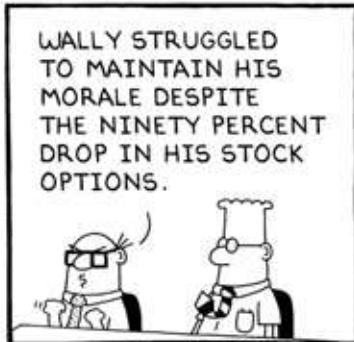


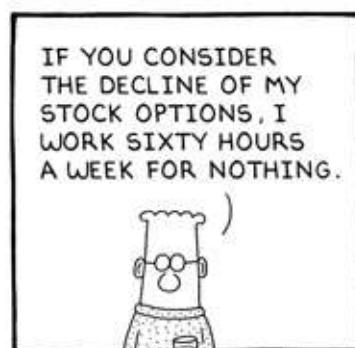
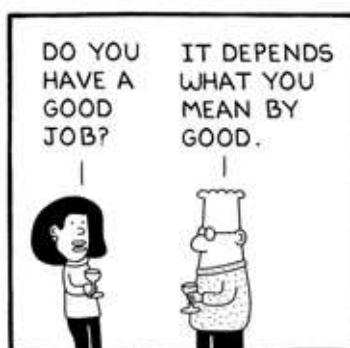
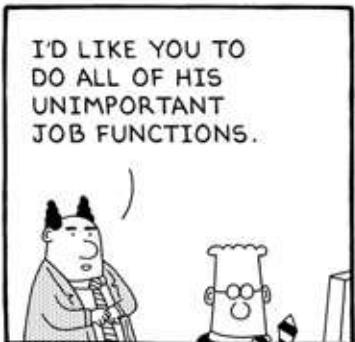
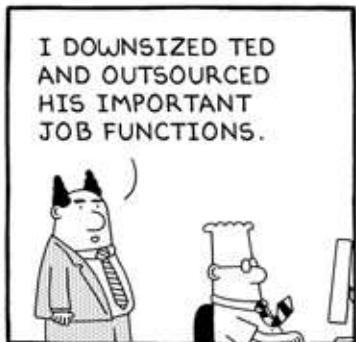
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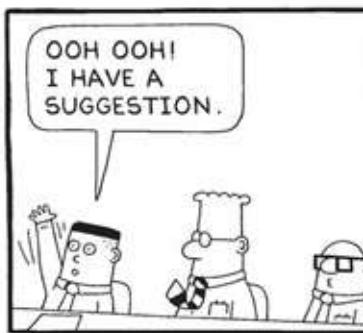


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MY NEXT GENERATION INTERNET PROJECT IS RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.



IF YOU KNOW ANY CUTE SINGLE WOMEN WITH LOW STANDARDS, IT WOULD REALLY HELP.

A HAPPY DILBERT PREPARES TO GO HOME AFTER A LONG DAY IN THE CUBICLE.



IN YOUR WORKSPACE NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM.

WHAT WAS THAT? JUST KEEP WALKING.

A NIGERIAN BANKER NEEDS MY HELP GETTING THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF HIS COUNTRY!



DEAR GUSTAVA,
MY BANK IS A
TUBE SOCK THAT
FELL BEHIND THE
DRYER.



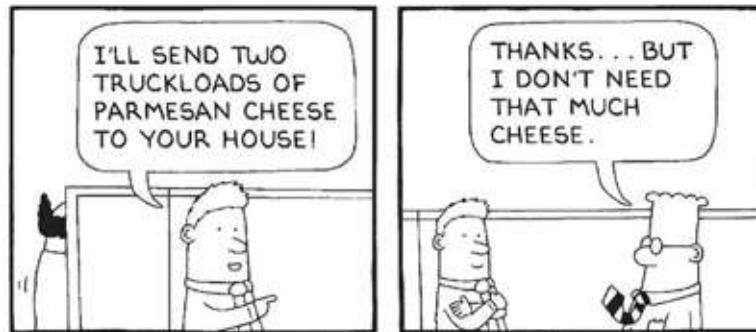
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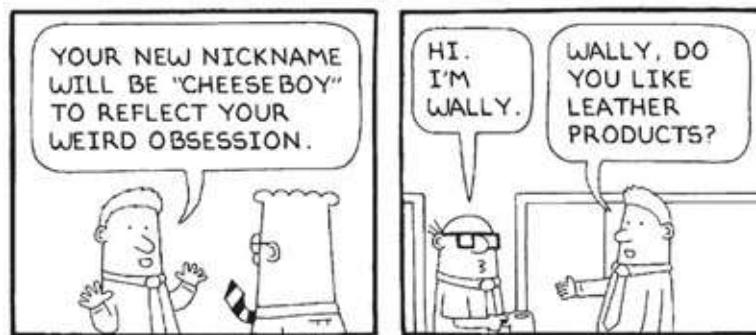
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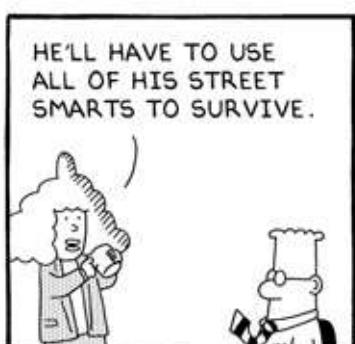
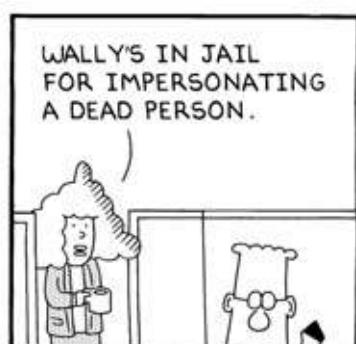


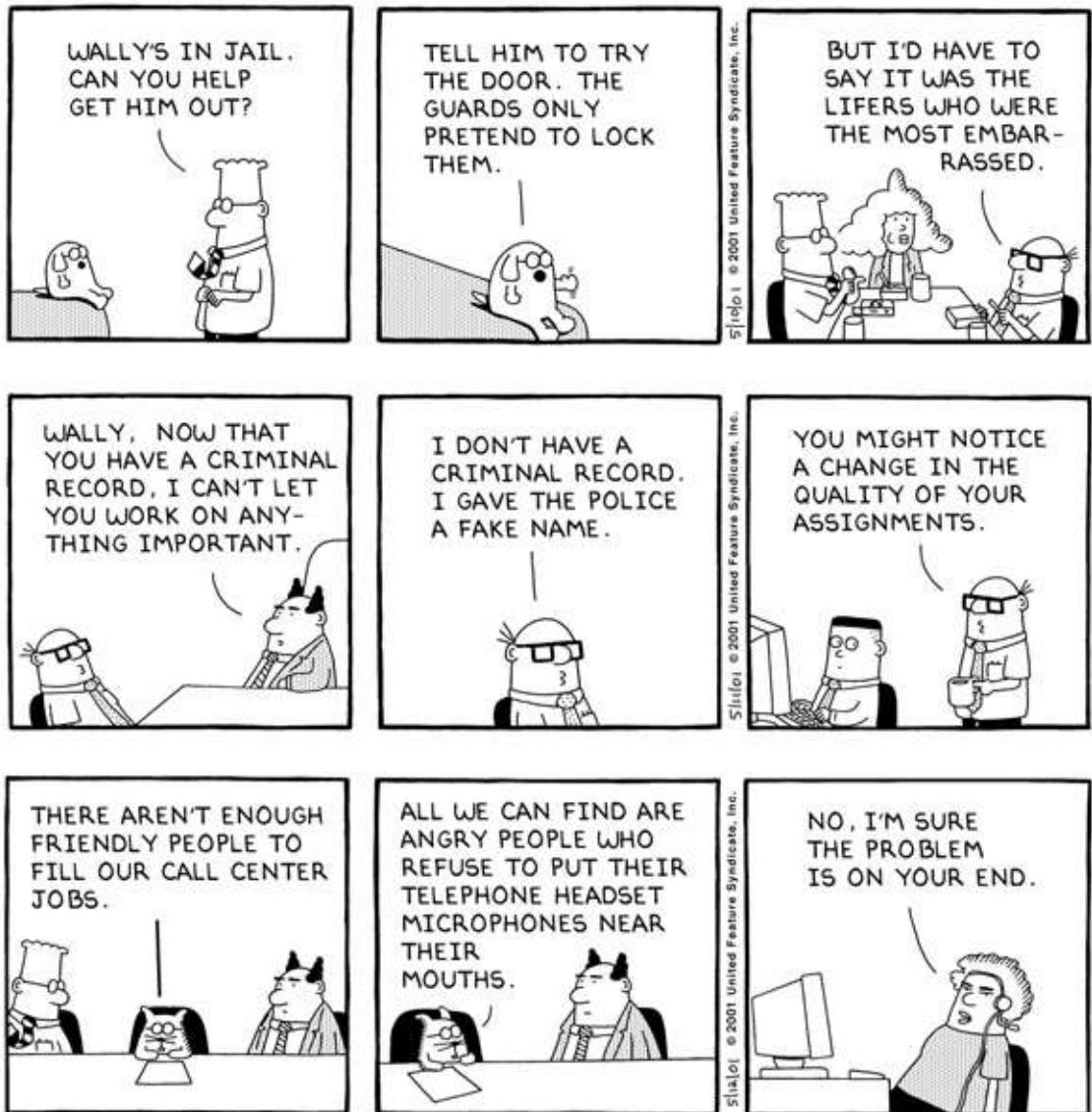
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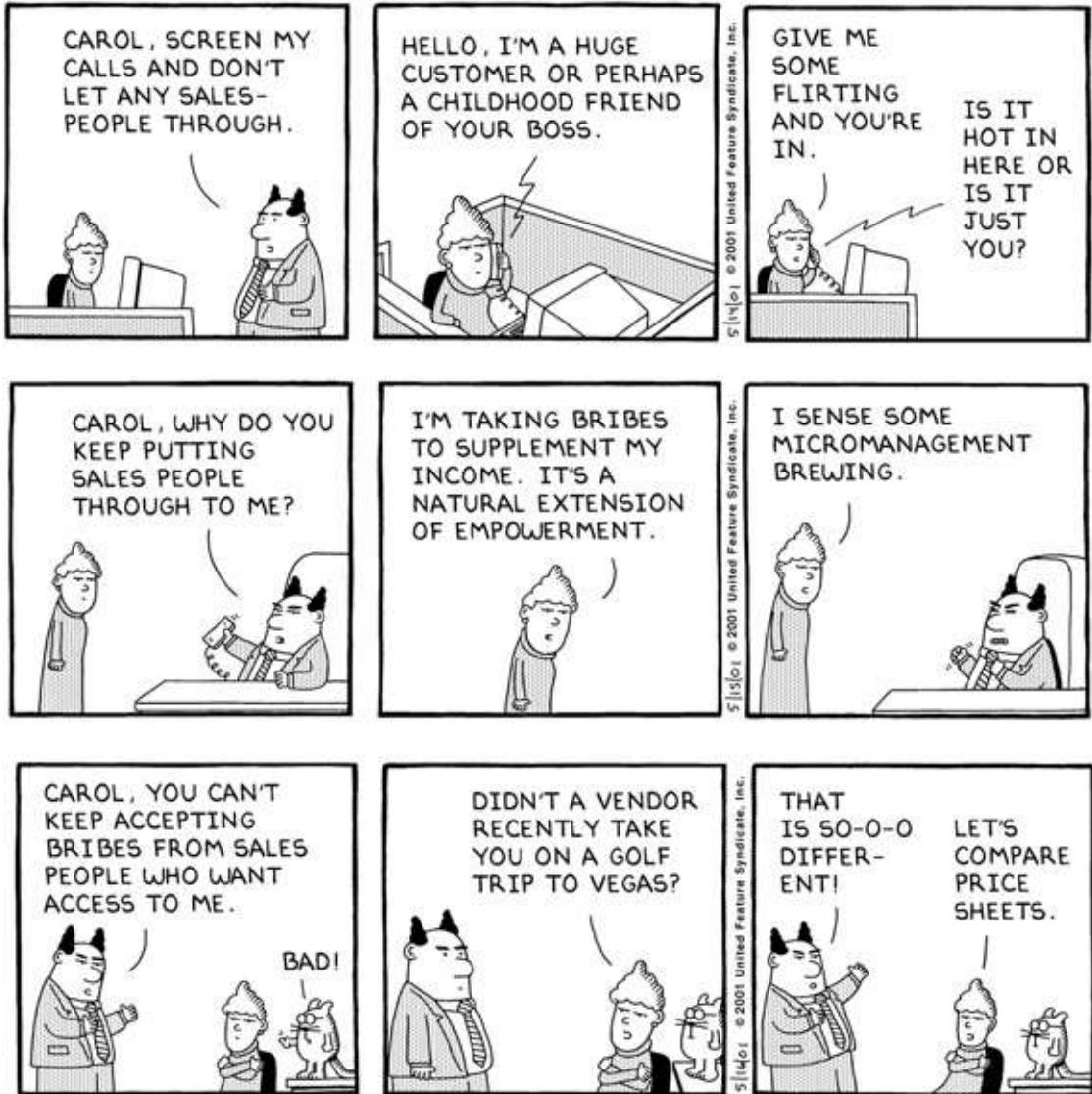
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DO YOU FEEL GUILTY
ABOUT TAKING BRIBES
FROM VENDORS?



NO. DO YOU FEEL
GUILTY GETTING
PAID TO WALK
AROUND WITH A
COFFEE CUP?



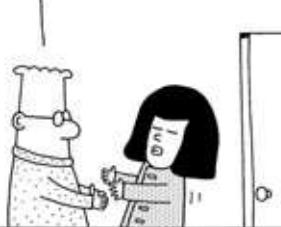
I NEED A BIGGER
CUP SO THIS
LOOKS HARDER.



THANKS FOR TAKING
ME TO DINNER.
YOU'RE A TERRIFIC
CONVERSATIONALIST.



WITH YOU
IT'S EASY.



I DISCOVERED THAT
I CAN WRITE CODE IN
MY HEAD WHILE YOU
COMPLAIN ABOUT YOUR
JOB ALL NIGHT.



MY DATE COMPLAINED
ABOUT HER LIFE
ALL NIGHT LONG!

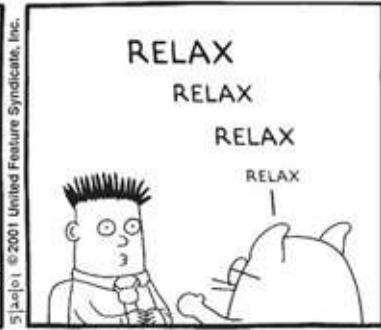
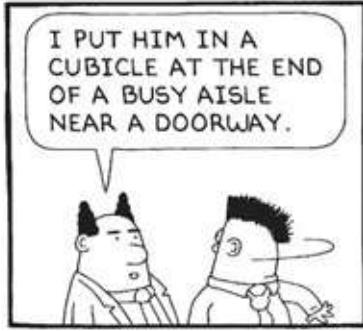


BUT I COMPLAIN
ABOUT JUST ONE
THING AND SHE
CALLS ME A LOSER.

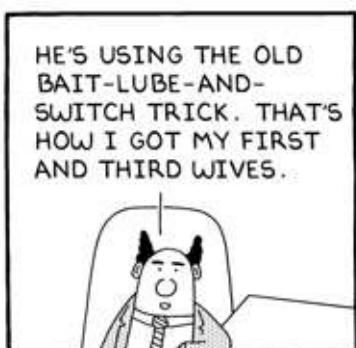
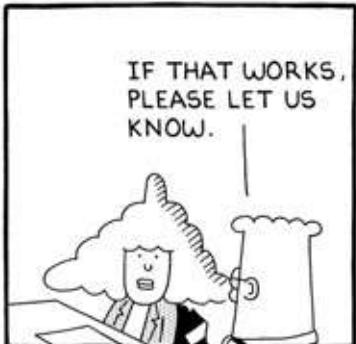


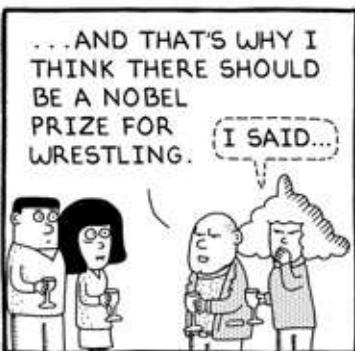
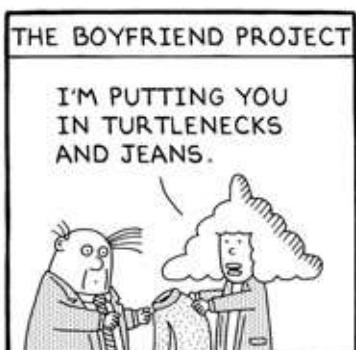
DID YOU
COMPLAIN
ABOUT
HER
PERSON-
ALITY?
THAT'S
ONE
THING!

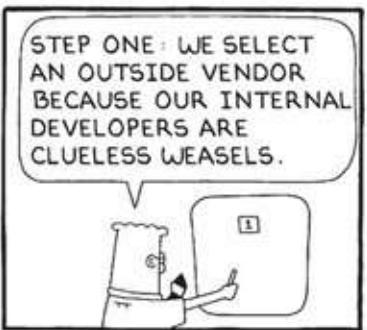




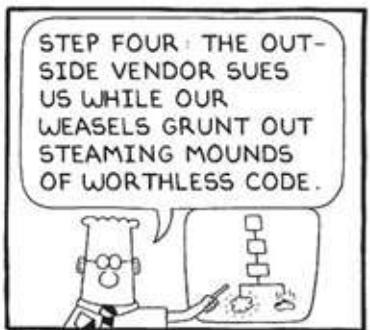
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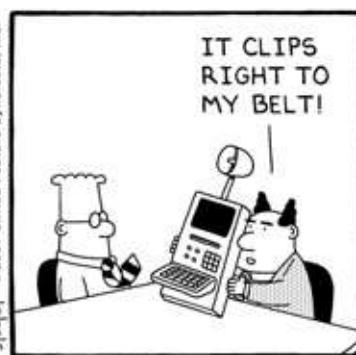
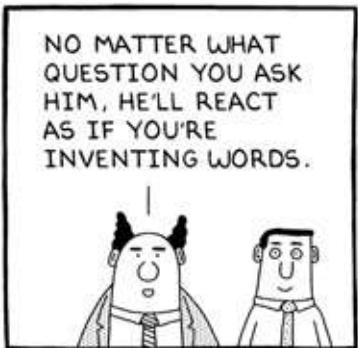
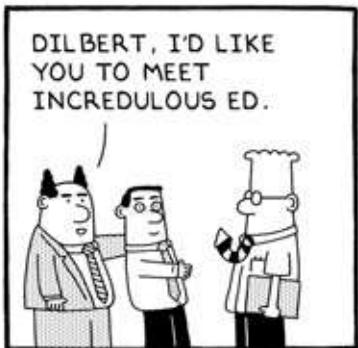






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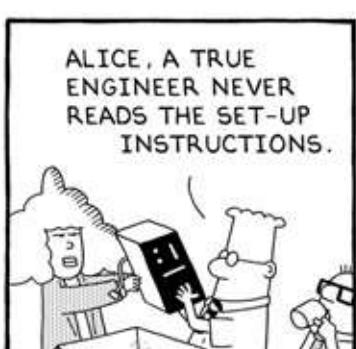
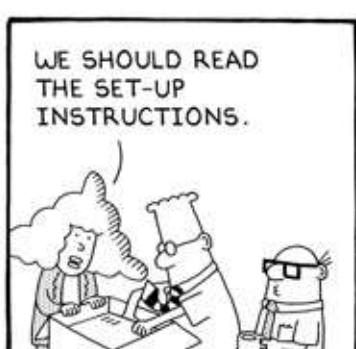
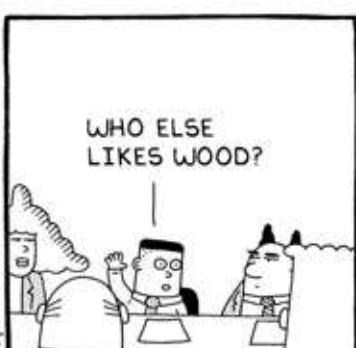


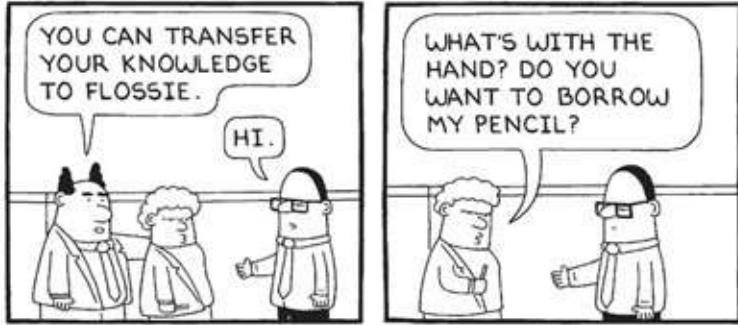


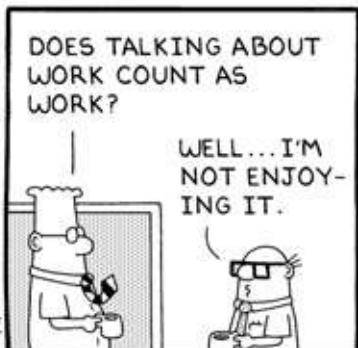
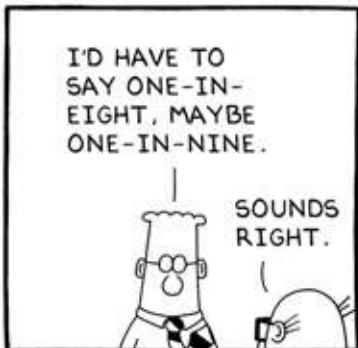
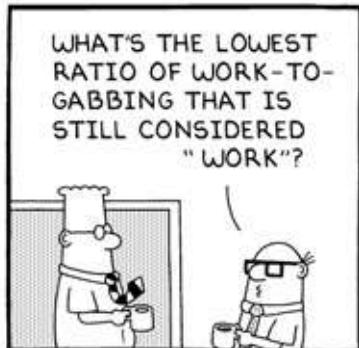
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OUR CONTRACT
CLEARLY STATES THAT
I CAN GIVE YOU NICK-
NAMES, MOTTOES AND
POLITICAL PREFER-
ENCES.



I DEMAND A NEW
CONTRACT BASED ON
THE FACT THAT I
DIDN'T READ THIS
ONE BEFORE I
SIGNED IT.



TOO BAD,
SKIPPY.
YOU'RE A
COMMUNIST
NOW.



DID YOU
LOOK AT
MY TRAVEL
REQUEST?

NOT
YET.



ASSUME IT'S APPROVED
UNLESS I TELL YOU
OTHERWISE.

IT'S TOO BAD THAT
BEING USELESS
ISN'T AN OLYMPIC
SPORT.



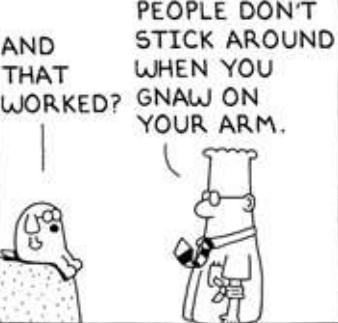
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH

I'M TRAPPED
IN MY OWN
CUBICLE.



MAYBE I CAN
GNAW OFF MY
ARM TO ESCAPE.

PEOPLE DON'T
STICK AROUND
WHEN YOU
GNAW ON
YOUR ARM.



DEFECTIVE CO-WORKERS HALL OF FAME



PARROT
MAN

YOUR IDEA WON'T WORK. THE COMPONENTS ARE TOO CLOSE. THEY WILL OVERHEAT.



LET ME EXPLAIN
SOMETHING TO
YOU, DILBERT.

THE REASONS INVOLVE
HEAT AND SOMETHING
I CALL "PROXIMITY."

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THESE COMPONENTS
WILL OVERHEAT.
THEY ARE MUCH
TOO CLOSE.

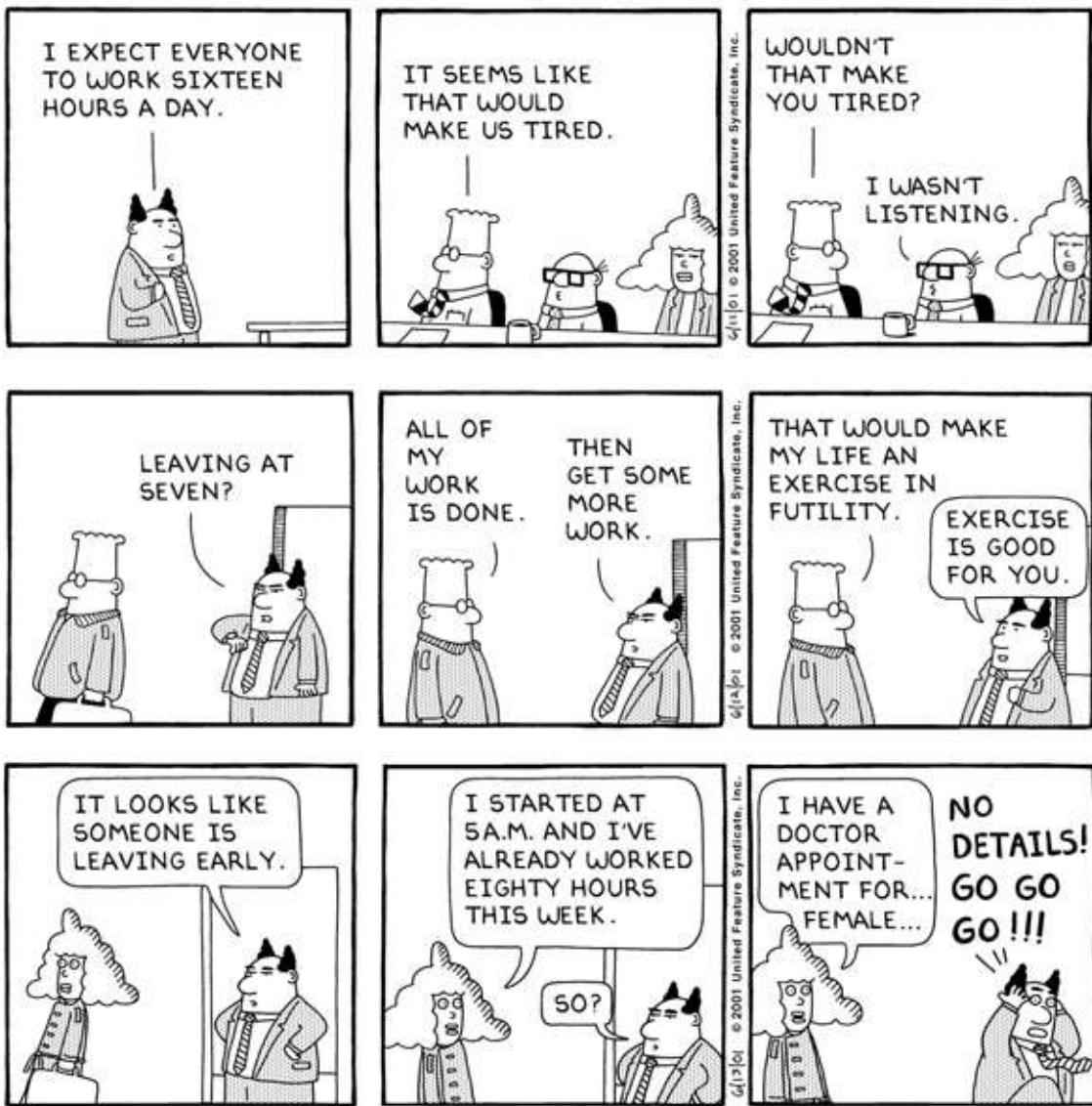
GAAA!!!
|||
I DON'T
HAVE TIME
TO EXPLAIN
ALL THE
DETAILS.

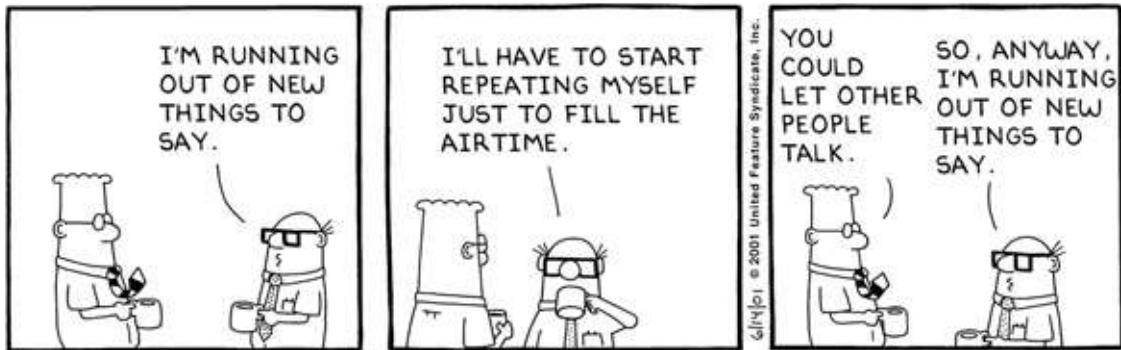
YOU TAKE EVERYTHING
I SAY AND EXPLAIN
IT BACK TO ME LIKE
I'M A MORON!!

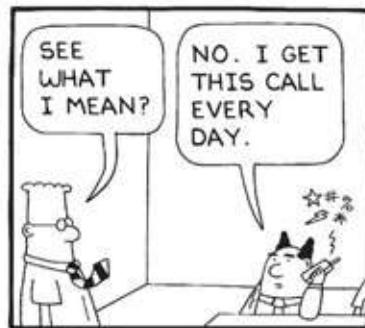
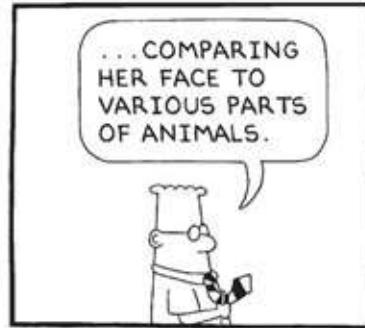
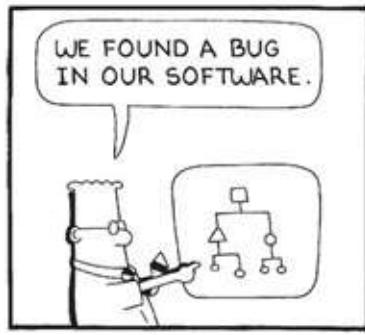


EXCUSE ME, BUT I HEAR
A CLICKING SOUND
AND FEEL COMPELLED
TO EAT A SUNFLOWER
SEED.

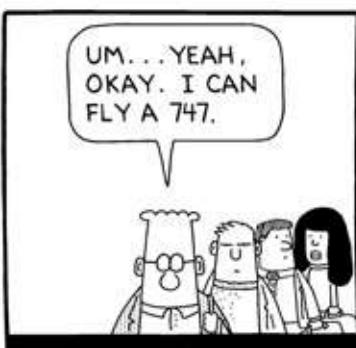
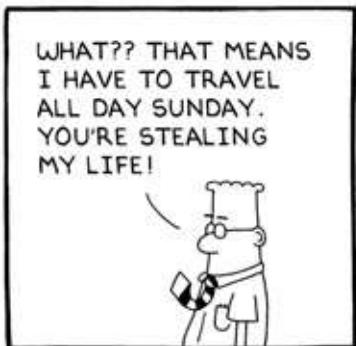








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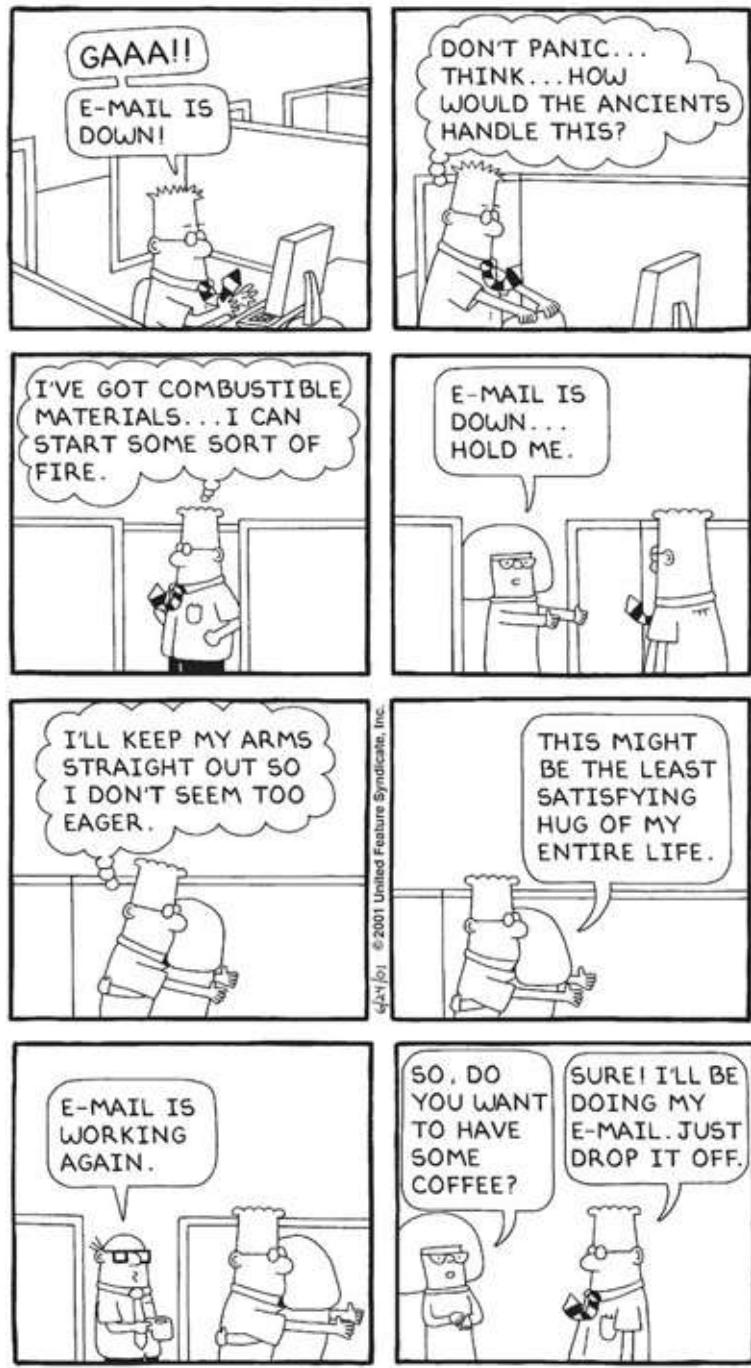
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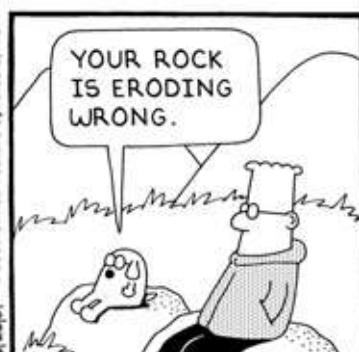


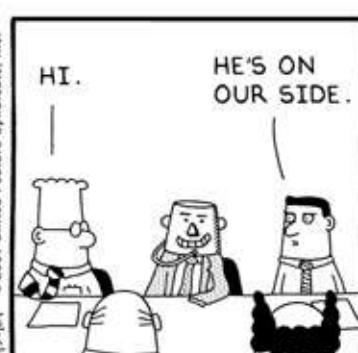
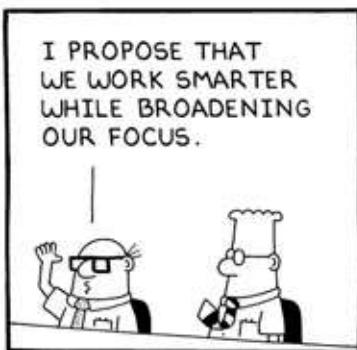
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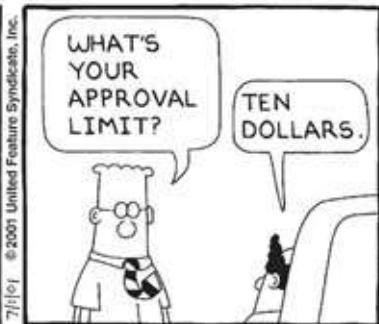
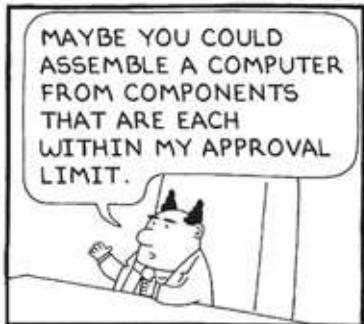
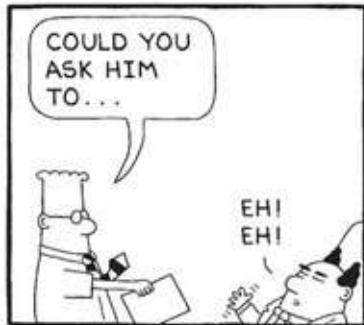


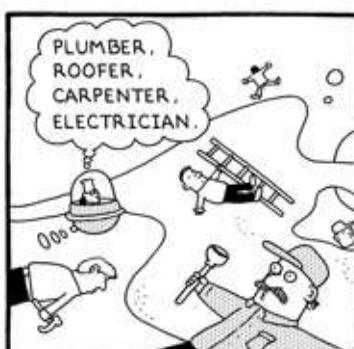
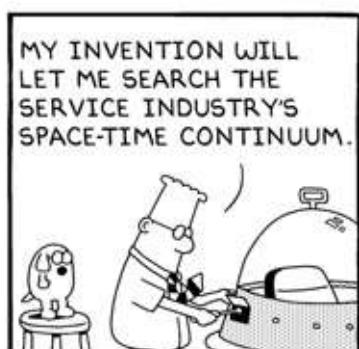
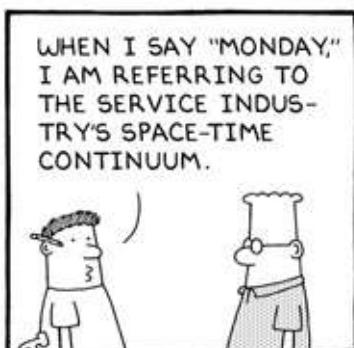
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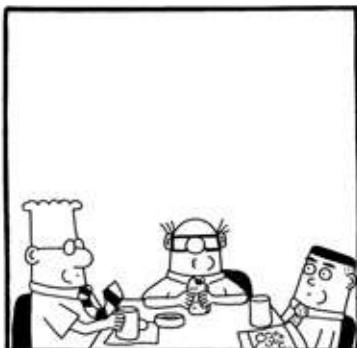


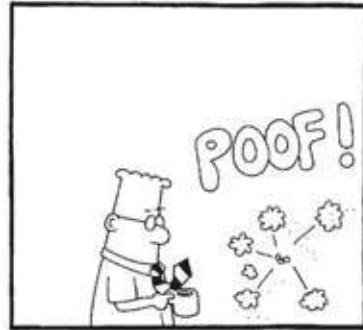
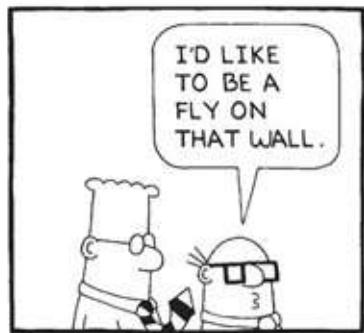








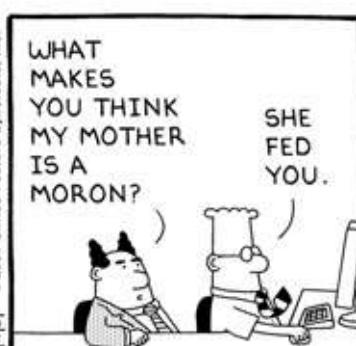
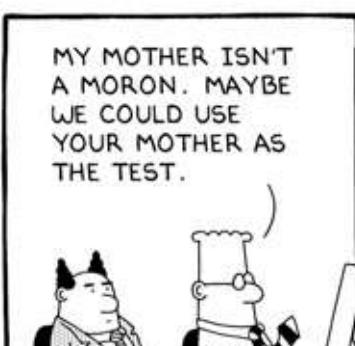


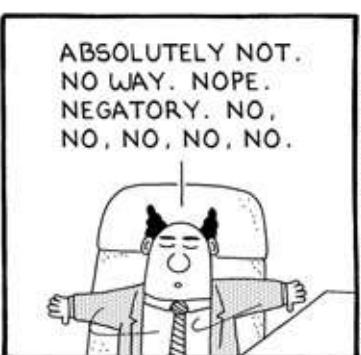


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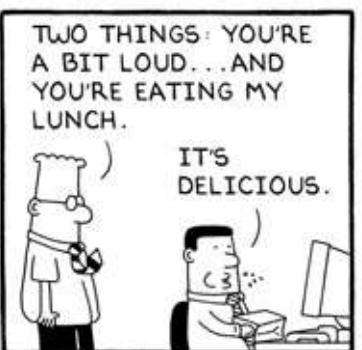
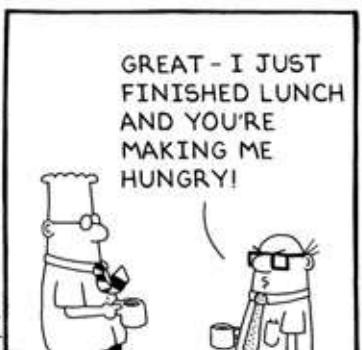
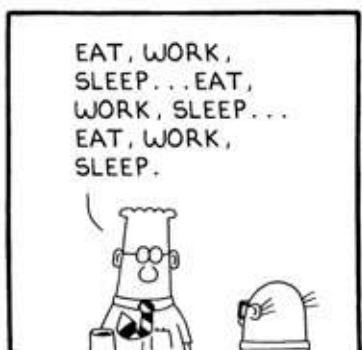


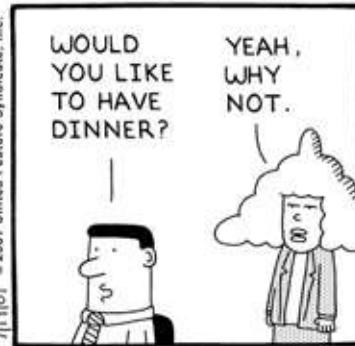
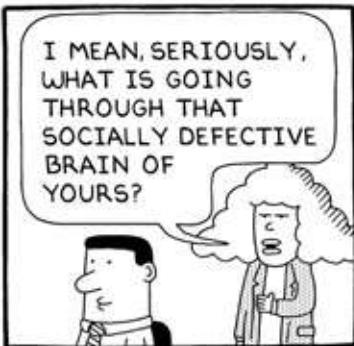
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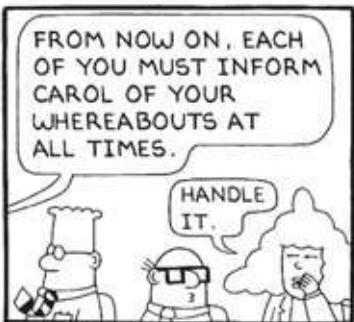




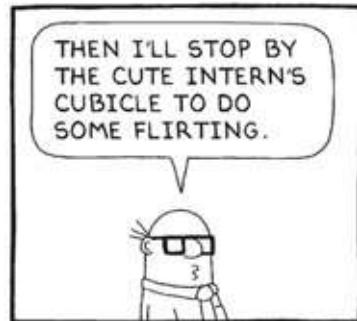








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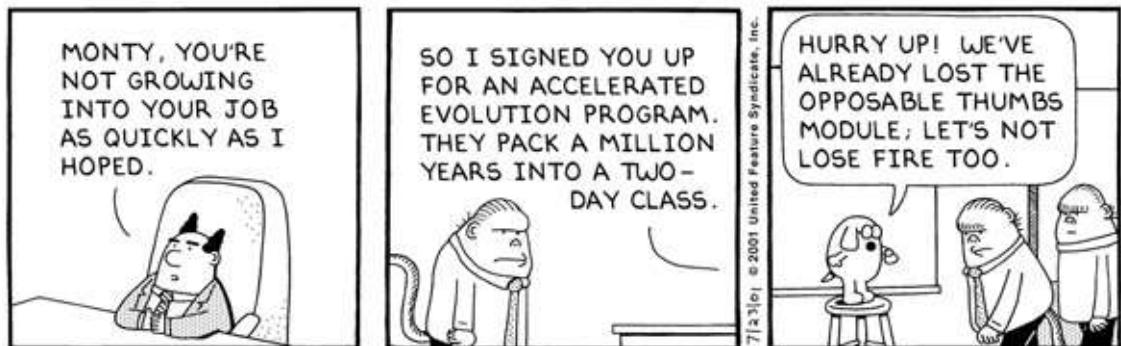


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I THINK I'M MAKING PROGRESS.





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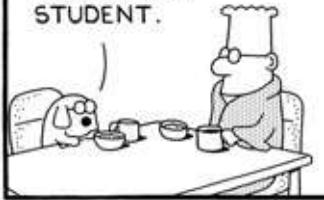


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BY THE END OF MY
TWO-DAY EVOLUTION
CLASS I HAD ONE
SURVIVING
STUDENT.



HE'S PROBABLY THE
COCKIEST SQUIRREL
I'VE EVER SEEN.
TOWARD THE END
HE WEIGHED
THREE THOUSAND
POUNDS.



IF YOU ASKED ME
WHO'S THE UNLUCK-
IEST PERSON IN THE
WORLD, I'D HAVE TO
SAY IT WAS
THE JANITOR.



THE COMPANY DID
WELL SO YOU GET A
BONUS DESPITE THE
FACT YOU DID NO
WORK ALL YEAR.



I'D FIRE YOU BUT
I CAN'T REPLACE
YOU BECAUSE THERE'S
A HIRING FREEZE AND
I DON'T WANT TO
SHRINK MY
EMPIRE.



THIS MIGHT BE A
HAND-SHAKING
SITUATION BUT I
DON'T KNOW WHERE
YOUR HAND HAS BEEN.



I'VE BEEN TRAPPED
IN MY OFFICE FOR
THREE DAYS! DIDN'T
YOU HEAR ME SCREAM?



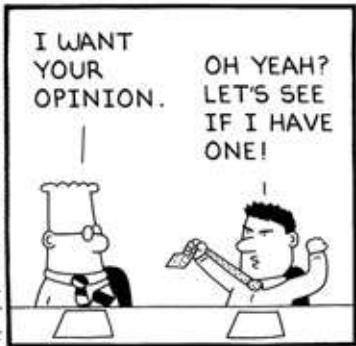
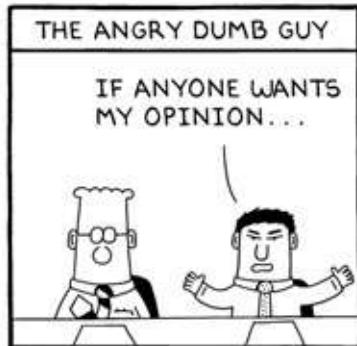
I USED MY STAPLE
REMOVER TO CLAW
THROUGH THE SIDE
WALL!



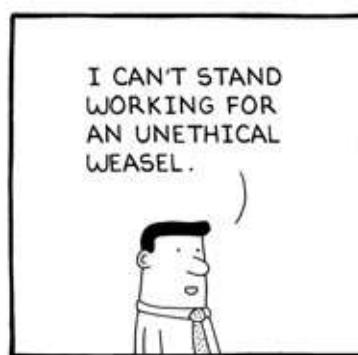
YOUR
DOOR IS
A PULL,
NOT A
PUSH.
GET ME A
BIGGER
STAPLE
REMOVER
JUST TO BE
SAFE.







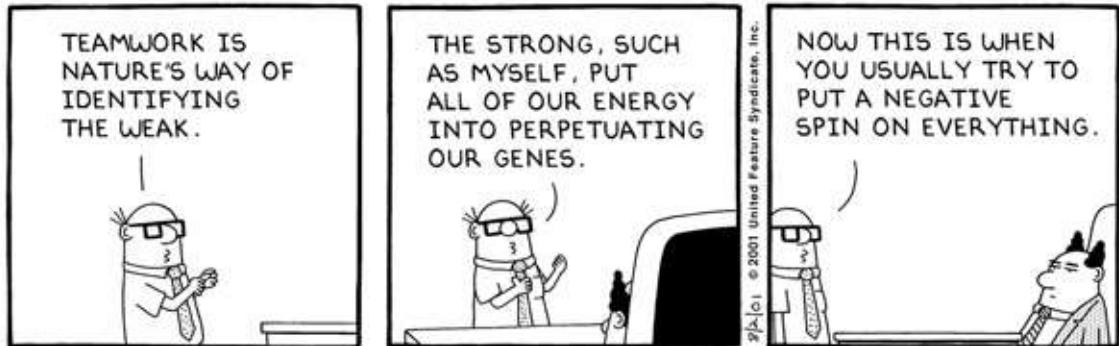
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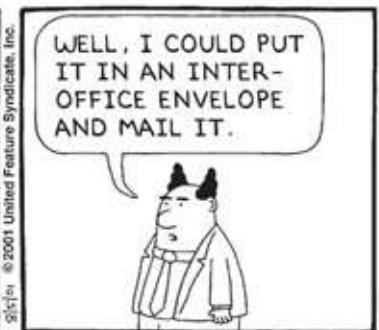


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HOW CAN YOU WRITE REVIEWS OF MOVIES YOU HAVEN'T SEEN?



EASILY.



"THROW AWAY YOUR PICASSO PAINTINGS. 'NIGHT OF THE LIVING SQUIRREL' IS THE ONLY ART YOU'LL EVER NEED."



HOW MUCH IS THE STUDIO PAYING YOU?



DANG... TOO OBVIOUS.

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HELLO... YES, I'D LIKE TO BUY A RAVE REVIEW FOR MY NEW MOVIE.



CAN YOU AFFORD "SUSPENSEFUL THRILL RIDE" OR WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING MORE IN THE "DELIGHTFUL" PRICE RANGE.



I'M RELEASING IT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY; CAN YOU GIVE ME A PRICE FOR "BEST COMEDY SO FAR THIS YEAR"?

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THE CLEAN DESK AWARD GOES TO WALLY.



MAYBE WALLY CAN SHARE SOME TIPS ON KEEPING OUR DESKS CLUTTER-FREE.



I USUALLY THROW AWAY THIS SORT OF THING IN THE MEN'S ROOM ON THE WAY BACK TO MY CUBICLE.

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INTRODUCING
"MORALE MONEY."
NOW YOU CAN EARN
PLAY MONEY FOR
DOING GOOD
WORK.



YOU CAN USE IT AT
THE COMPANY STORE
TO BUY PRODUCTS
THAT HAVE OUR LOGO.



THE COFFEE
MUG COSTS
TEN MILLION
MORALE DOLLARS.



MAY I HAVE AN
ERGONOMIC EVAL-
UATION OF MY
CHAIR AND KEY-
BOARD?



ASOK, WORK IS
SUPPOSED TO HURT.
THAT'S HOW YOU
KNOW YOU'RE DOING
IT RIGHT.



I CAN'T
FEEL MY
HANDS!
MY WHOLE
BODY IS
NUMB!



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THE CURE FOR
CARPAL TUNNEL
IS TO EAT SIX
BANANAS A DAY.

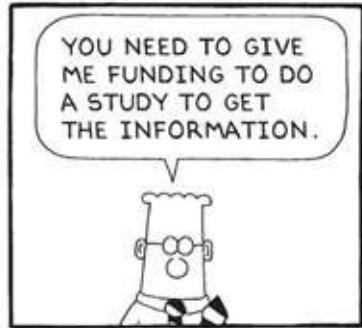
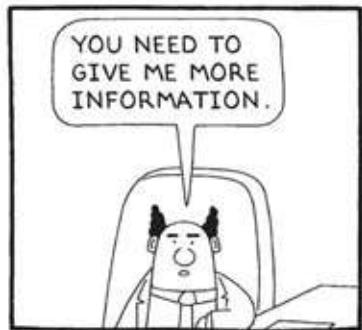


THAT'S WHAT I
DO AND I HAVE
THE HANDS OF
A TEENAGER.



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
DATA TO
SUPPORT
YOUR MED-
ICAL ADVICE?
DOES A
HUGE
PIMPLE
COUNT?





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BOB WAS WORKING FOR YOU WHEN HE DIED. THE FAMILY WANTS YOU TO SAY SOMETHING AT HIS FUNERAL.



I BARELY KNEW HIM. MAYBE I CAN READ SOMETHING FROM HIS LAST PERFORMANCE REVIEW.



BOB NEEDS TO WORK ON HIS COMMUNICATION SKILLS ... AND ATTENDANCE.



CUSTOMER SERVICE

FIND THE SERIAL NUMBER BY PULVERIZING THE CASE WITH A HAMMER.



ARE YOU SURE THIS WON'T VOID MY WARRANTY?



IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT YOU.



I CAN ANALYZE YOUR EMPLOYEES' HANDWRITING TO FIND OUT WHO MIGHT STEAL.



HAS HANDWRITING ANALYSIS BEEN TESTED IN DOUBLE-BLIND SCIENTIFIC STUDIES?



YES, BUT THE SCIENTISTS DOTTED THEIR I'S WITH SMILEY FACES SO I KNOW THEY'RE LIARS.



HANDWRITING ANALYSIS

YOUR HANDWRITING PROVES THAT YOU'RE A DISTURBED LONER WHO STEALS.



TAKE THIS THIEF AWAY!



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IS THIS PART ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY?



CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR

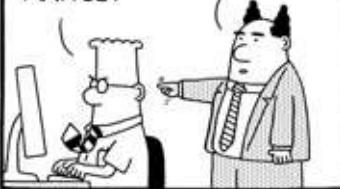
THE AVERAGE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR YOUR GROUP IS TOO HIGH.



DO YOU WANT ME TO LOWER THEIR RATINGS OR THEIR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE?



THIS IS STARTING TO AFFECT MY PERFORMANCE. WHY? I'M NOT TOUCHING YOU.



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MY POWERS OF COMMUNICATION WILL INSPIRE THEM TO BE BETTER EMPLOYEES.

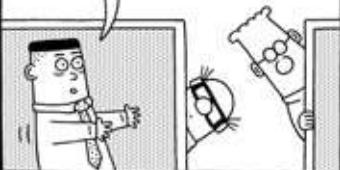


GAAA!! HE'S USING HIS POWERS OF COMMUNICATION AGAINST US!

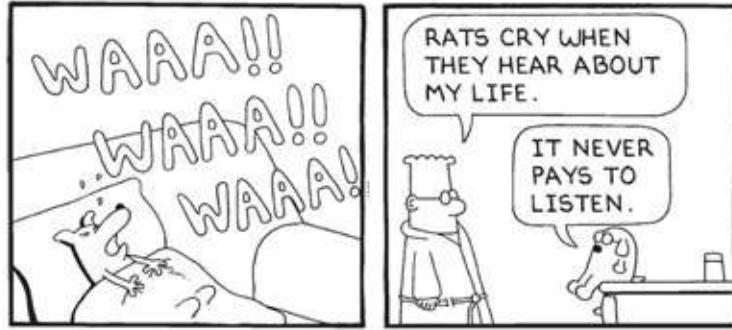
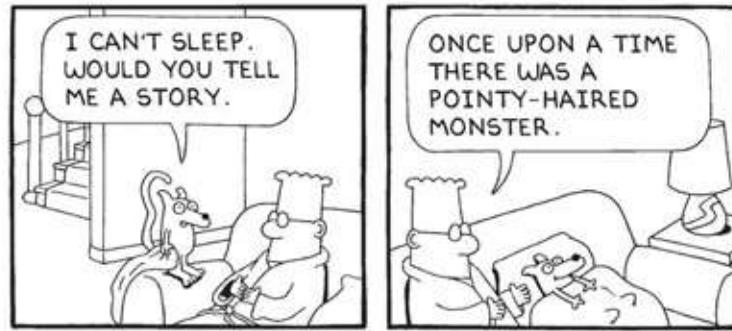


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MUST WORK HARDER FOR NO GOOD REASON.



WE'RE TOO LATE!







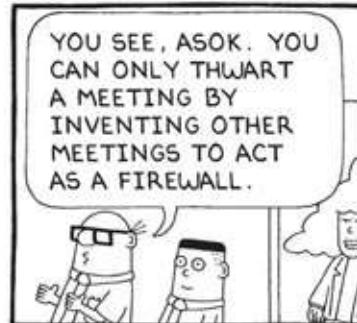
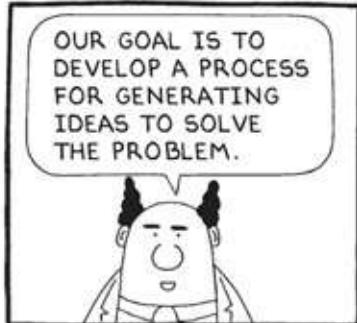
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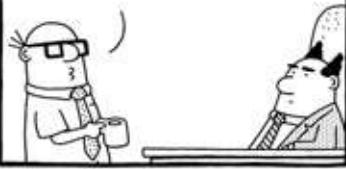


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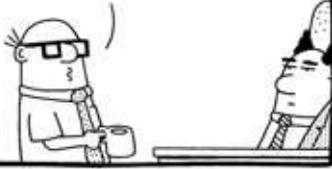
I WAS HERE
ALL NIGHT. IS
IT OKAY IF I
TAKE TOMORROW
AS A COMP DAY?



ACCORDING TO OUR
SECURITY VIDEO
YOU SLEPT ALL NIGHT
ON A PILE OF DEBRIS
IN YOUR
CUBICLE.

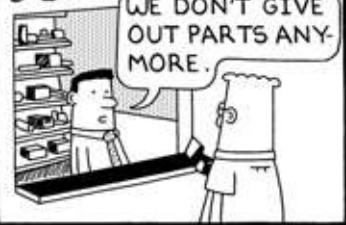


IS IT JUST ME
OR IS THIS CON-
VERSATION
JUMPING ALL
OVER THE PLACE?



PARTS

WE DON'T GIVE
OUT PARTS ANY-
MORE.



WE'RE TRYING TO
END THE VICIOUS
CYCLE OF REORDER-
ING.



WOULD YOU MIND
FILLING OUT A BRIEF
SURVEY OF CUSTOMER
SATISFACTION?



I'D LIKE TO MAKE
A GRADUAL SHIFT
OUT OF ENGINEERING
AND INTO SOMETHING
MORE ADMINISTRA-
TIVE.

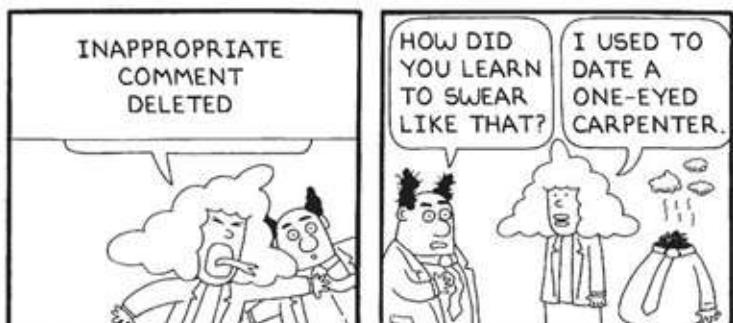


FOR EXAMPLE, I
COULD WRITE
REPORTS THAT TELL
OTHER PEOPLE HOW
TO DO THEIR JOBS
BETTER.



THEN I COULD GRAD-
UALLY SHIFT OUT
OF WRITING REPORTS
AND INTO SOMETHING
MORE VEGETATIVE.





...EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

YES!

AH-OOGA!
WOO-HOO!

WE CAN MAKE THE SEVERANCE PACKAGES LESS GENEROUS.

PROFITS ARE DOWN. OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT BLAMES THE WEAK ECONOMY.

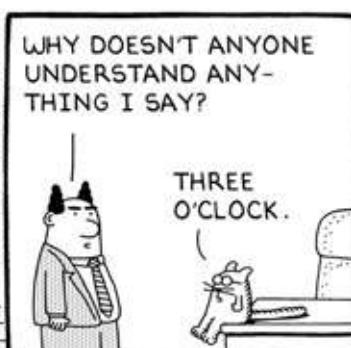
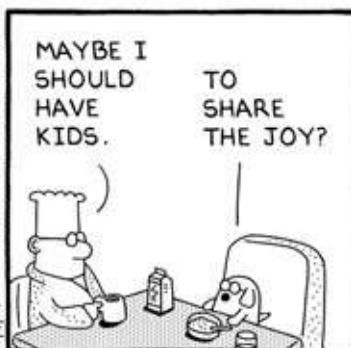
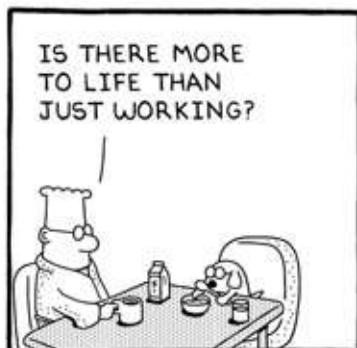
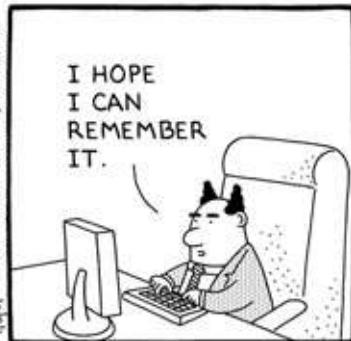
SO THEY'RE SAYING THAT PROFITS WENT UP BECAUSE OF GREAT MANAGEMENT AND DOWN BECAUSE OF A WEAK ECONOMY?

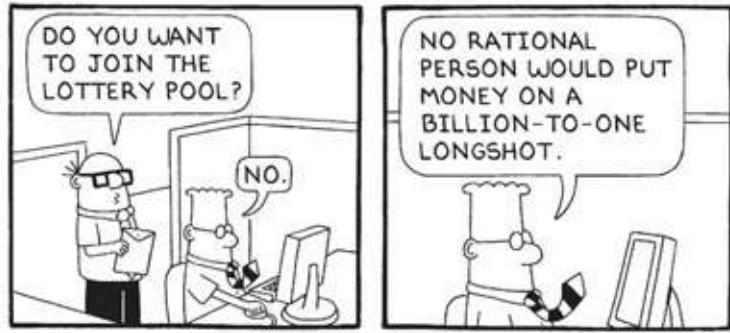
THESE MEETINGS WILL GO FASTER IF YOU STOP PUTTING THINGS IN CONTEXT.

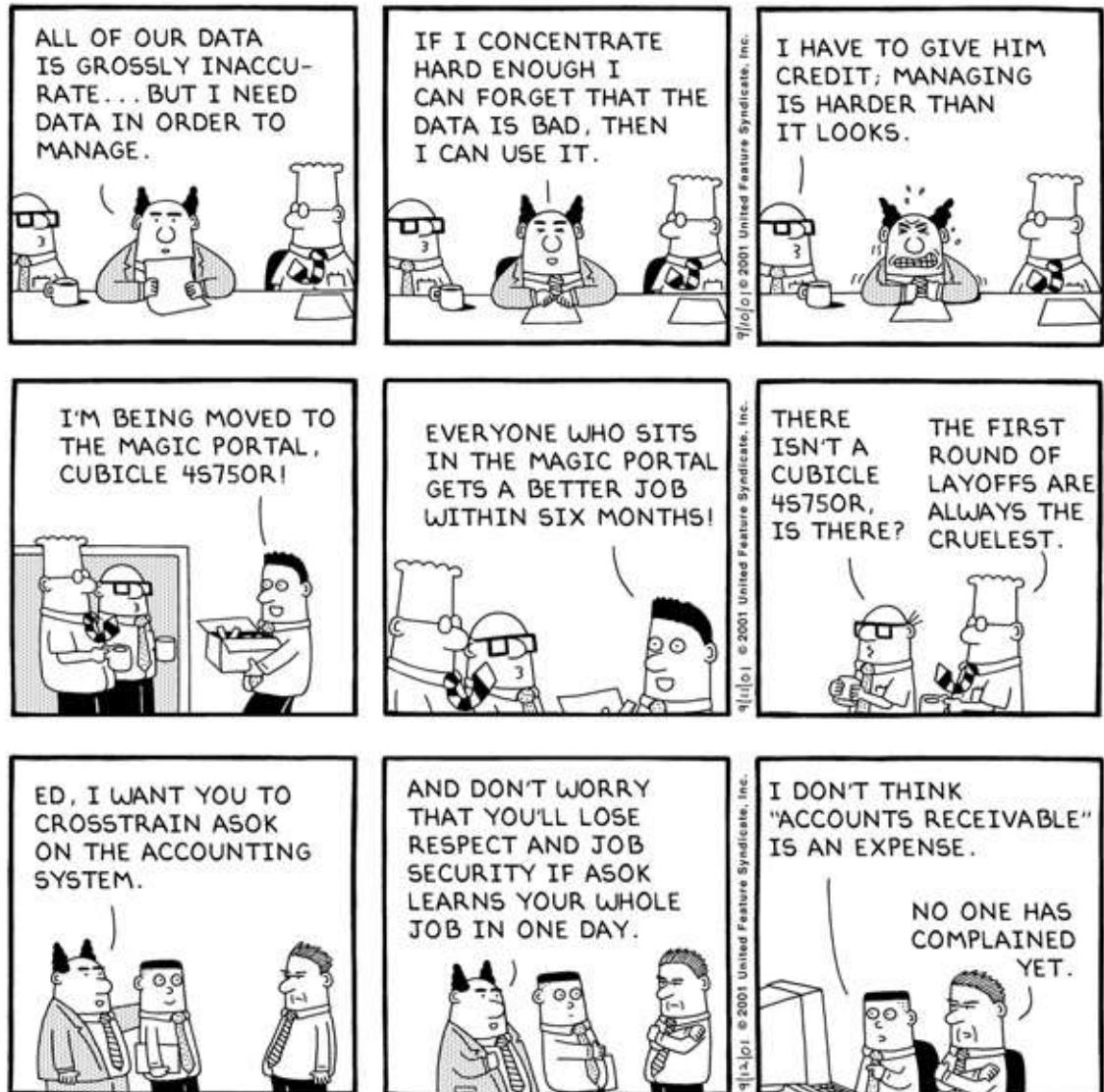
I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT I HAD NO PROBLEMS THIS WEEK.

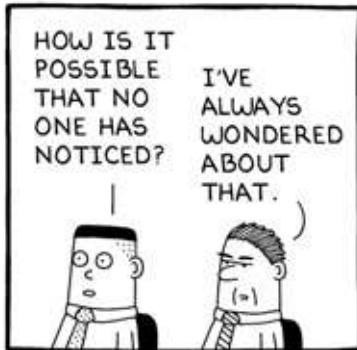
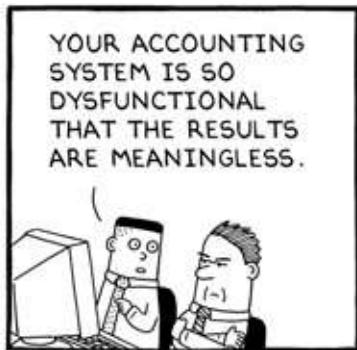
I ONLY HAD ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES.

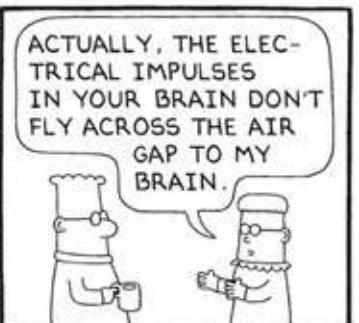
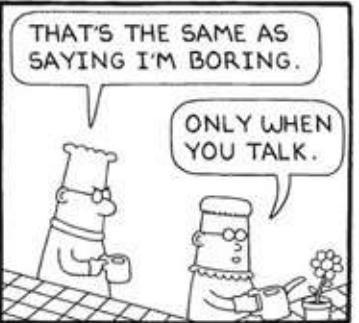
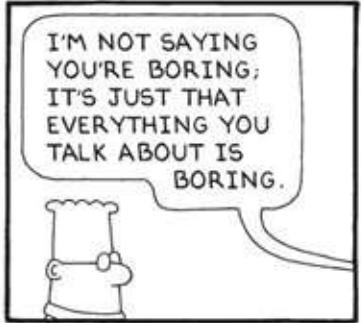
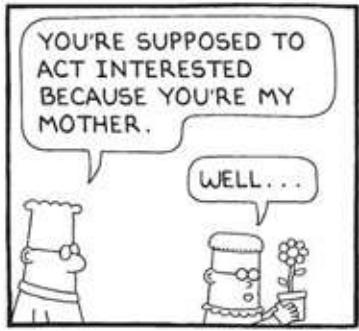
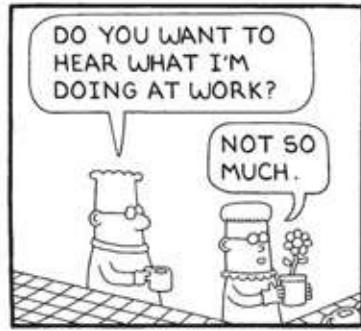
DID YOU DO ANY WORK? IT DIDN'T SEEM NECESSARY.



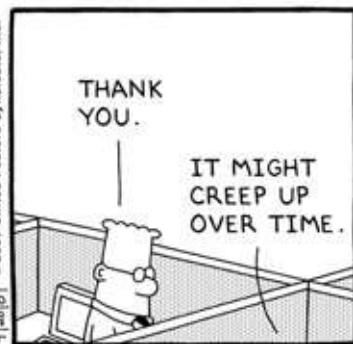
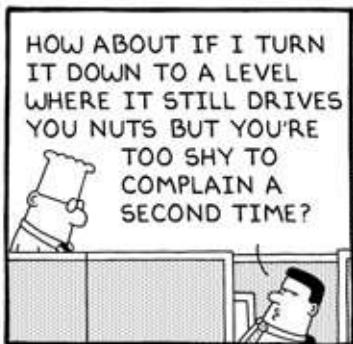
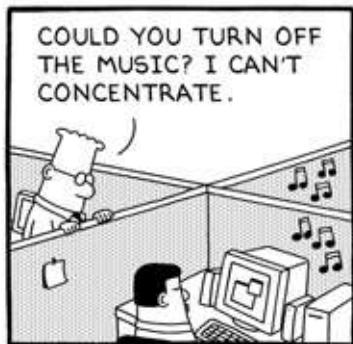


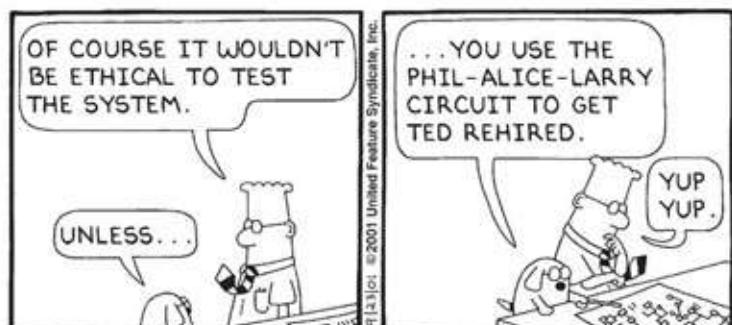
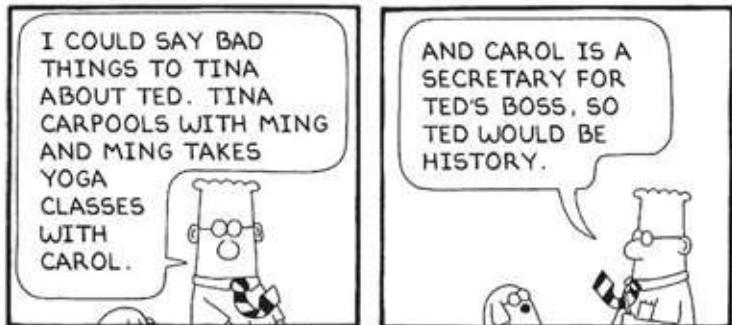












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LOOK, I HAVE THREE COMPUTERS IN THE HOUSE. ALL THREE SIMULTANEOUSLY LOST E-MAIL BUT NOT WEB FUNCTION.



THAT MEANS THE PROBLEM IS IN YOUR E-MAIL SERVICE. CAN YOU GRASP THAT CONCEPT?



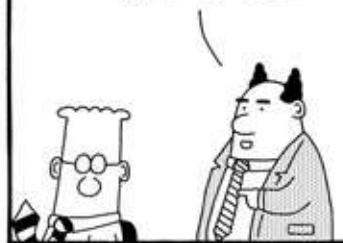
OKAY, I'M RE-ENTERING MY ACCOUNT INFORMATION...HEY, GUESS WHAT? THAT DIDN'T WORK EITHER.



I NEED A BRILLIANT EMPLOYEE TO BE MY ASSISTANT MANAGER.



THAT'S WHY I CAME TO YOU.



THAT'S THE FIRST NICE THING...

YOUR JOB IS TO CLONE ME.



OUR POINTY-HAIRED BOSS ASKED ME TO CLONE HIM.

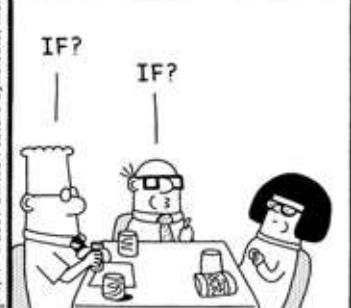


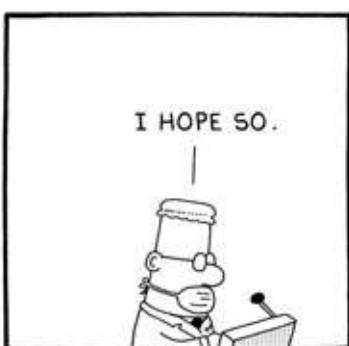
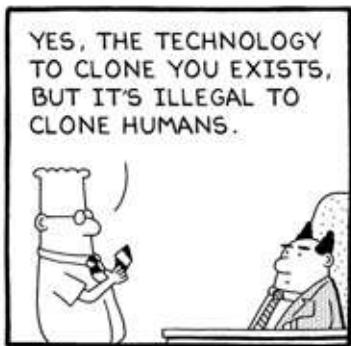
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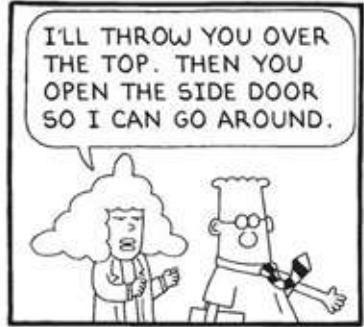
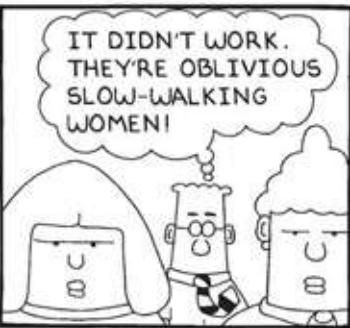
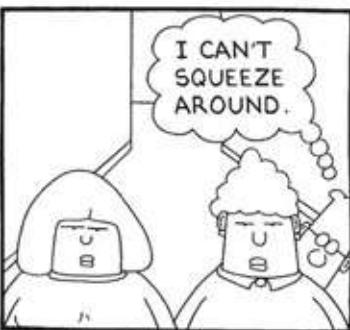
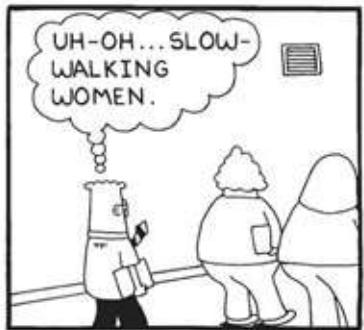


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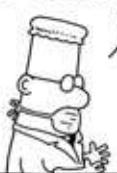
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CLONING THE BOSS

THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH YOUR CLONE.



WALLY SPILLED SODA ON THE DNA MODULE. YOUR CLONE IS ONE-HALF HORSE POSTERIOR.



AND ONE-HALF THAT ISN'T LIKE YOU.



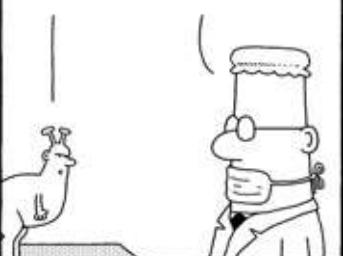
I'M A CLONE OF YOUR BOSS?



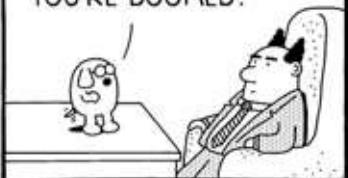
THE PROCEDURE DIDN'T EXACTLY WORK. SO YOU'RE NOT SO MUCH A HUMAN BEING AS YOU ARE A...



GOD? KNICKKNACK.



YOU'VE GOT TO IMPLEMENT A SIX SIGMA PROGRAM OR ELSE YOU'RE DOOMED.



AREN'T YOU THE SAME CONSULTANT WHO SOLD US THE WORTHLESS TQM PROGRAM A FEW YEARS AGO?



I ASSURE YOU THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS A TOTALLY, TOTALLY DIFFERENT NAME.

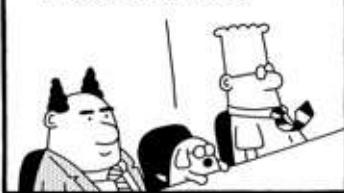


SIX SIGMA CONSULTANT

EVERY COMPANY THAT USED MY SIX SIGMA PROGRAM INCREASED PROFITS.



...EXCEPT FOR THE ONES THAT WERE IN INDUSTRY DOWNTURNS...



...OR FLAT GROWTH INDUSTRIES...OR INDUSTRIES THAT ONLY UPTURNED A LITTLE BIT.



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SIX SIGMA CONSULTANT

ALL OF YOU ARE SELFISH AND DIMWITTED BUT DON'T WORRY.



I'LL TEACH YOU A PROCESS THAT WILL BOG YOU DOWN IN MEETINGS SO YOU CAN'T HURT ANYTHING.



I CAN'T MOVE MY ARMS!



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THE FIRST STEP IS TO IDENTIFY YOUR PROBLEMS.



WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS. WHAT'S THE SECOND STEP?



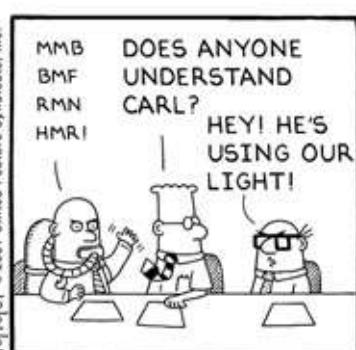
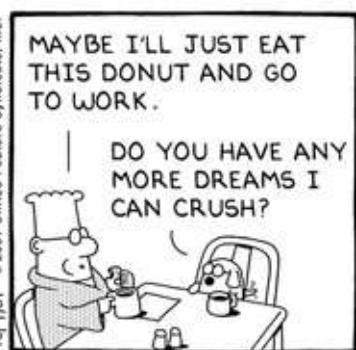
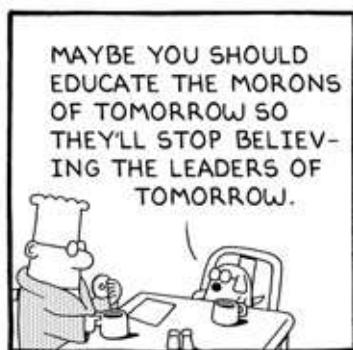
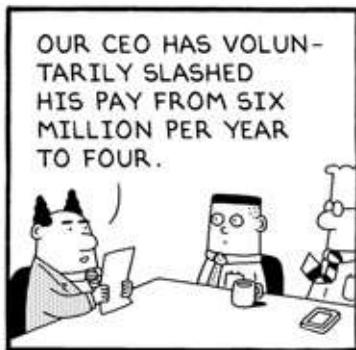
MUST... CONTROL ... FIST. I HOPE SOMEONE GIVES ME A BELT.

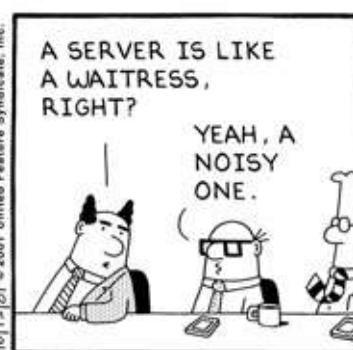
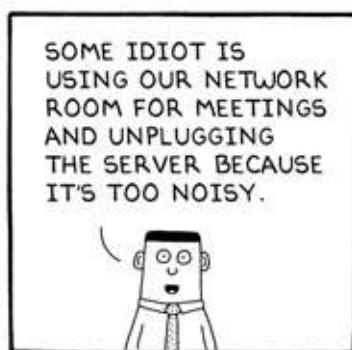
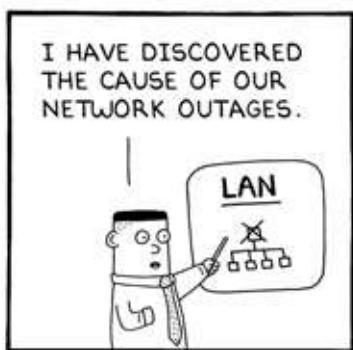
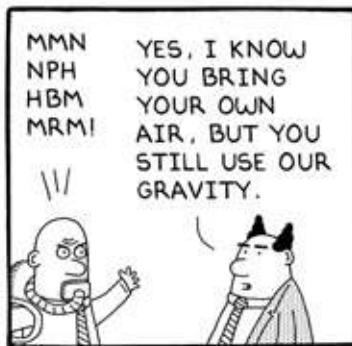


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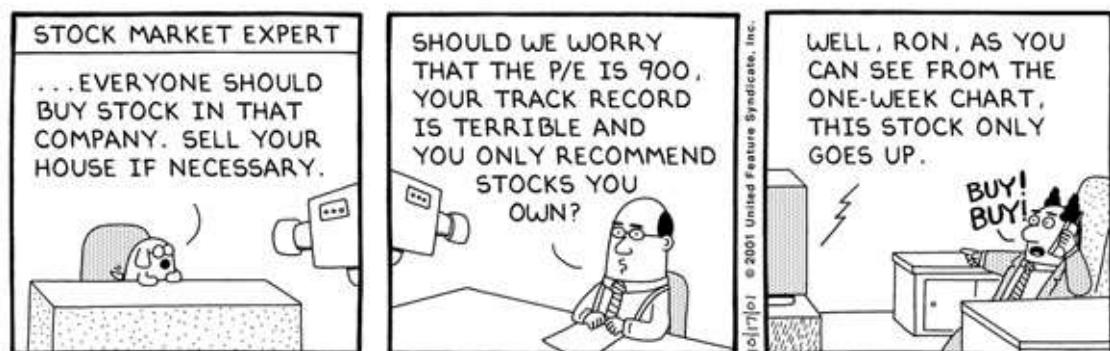


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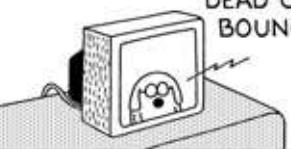






STOCK MARKET EXPERT

IF YOUR CORE HOLDING
IS A FALLING KNIFE,
YOU CAN DOLLAR COST
AVERAGE THROUGH THE
DEAD CAT BOUNCE.



MY SECRET ECONOMIC
MODEL SAYS YOU
SHOULD CHANGE YOUR
CASH ALLOCATION FROM
12.4% TO 12.3%.



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MY NEW BOOK IS, "IF
YOU AREN'T CHURNING,
YOU AREN'T LEARNING."



DON'T
COME
BACK.

WE NEED TO HAVE
AN ALL-COMPANY
MEETING TO TALK
ABOUT THE LAYOFFS.



YOU MIGHT GET SOME
HOSTILE QUESTIONS
OWING TO THE FACT
THAT THEY FOUND
OUT ABOUT THE LAY-
OFFS BY READING
THE NEWSPAPER.



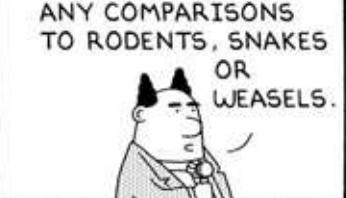
NO, I'VE NEVER
NOTICED THAT I
LEAVE A TRAIL OF
REEKING SLIME
WHEREVER I SLITHER.



I'LL TAKE ONE MORE
QUESTION ABOUT
THE LAYOFFS...YES,
YOU IN THE BACK.



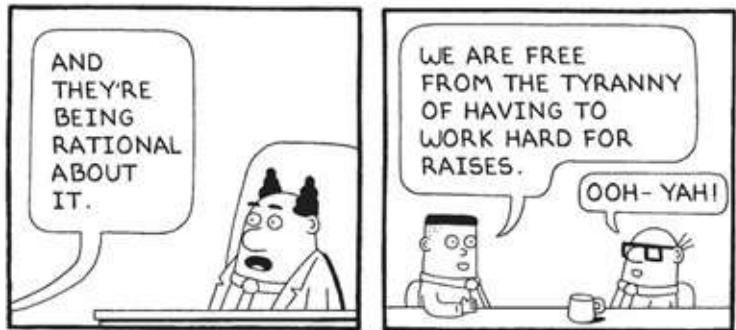
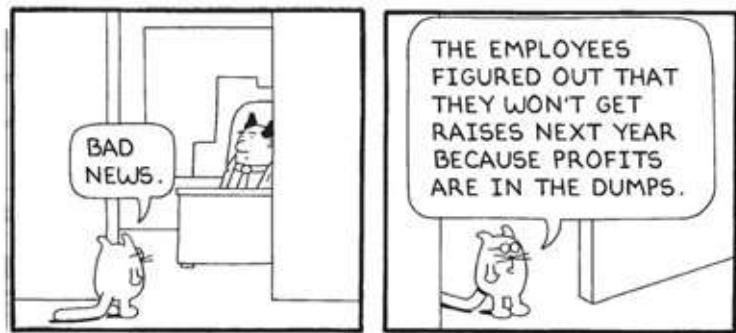
AND I'D APPRECIATE
IT IF THIS QUESTION
DIDN'T INVOLVE MY
ODOR, MY DNA, OR
ANY COMPARISONS
TO RODENTS, SNAKES
OR
WEASELS.

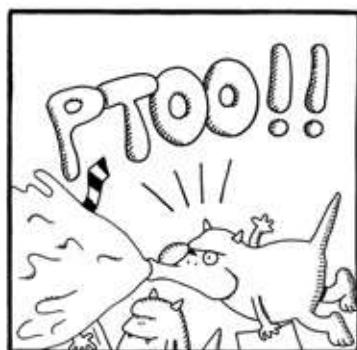


NEVER
MIND.



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TOUR OF ACCOUNTING

OVER HERE
WE HAVE OUR
RANDOM NUMBER
GENERATOR.

NINE NINE
NINE NINE
NINE NINE

ARE YOU
SURE
THAT'S
RANDOM?

THAT'S THE
PROBLEM
WITH RAND-
OMNESS:
YOU CAN
NEVER BE
SURE.

WERE YOU
ALWAYS
A TROLL?

NO, THIS
HAPPENED
WHEN I
CAME TO
ACCOUNT-
ING.

FIRST MY HAIR
FELL OUT. THEN
I STOPPED GOING
TO THE GYM.

YOU
HAVE
HORNS
AND A
TAIL.
WHEN I REAL-
IZED I HAD
A LOOK GOING
I JUST WENT
FOR IT.

SO, IF ALL TROLLS
WERE ONCE PEOPLE,
THAT MEANS SOME
PEOPLE ARE ALREADY
CHANGING AND
DON'T KNOW IT.

EXACTLY

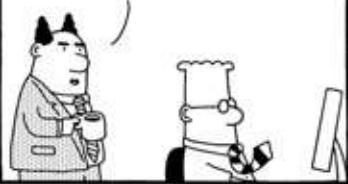
THIS IS THE LIST
OF PEOPLE WE'RE
WAITING FOR.

I KNOW ♫
SOMETHING
YOU DON'T
KNOW ♫

I THINK
I'M GET-
TING
PIMPLES
ON MY
HEAD.



MY HOME PHONE
TURNS INTO A
TALKING CLOCK
AFTER MIDNIGHT.



YEAH, I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IT EITHER
UNTIL WALLY
TAUGHT ME HOW
TO USE IT.



IT'S 3:14 IN
THE MORNING
YOU #%^!*

IDIOT!

YUP

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THEN I NOTICED
THAT THE CIRCUIT
DESIGN LOOKED LIKE
A BUG. I WAS GOING
TO MENTION IT
BUT THEN I
DIDN'T.



I'M
PSYCHIC!



UNLESS YOU'RE
SAYING OUT LOUD
EVERY THOUGHT THAT
CROSSES YOUR MIND.

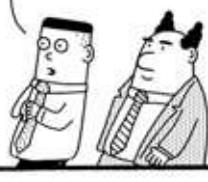
IT'S CALLED
CONVER-
SATION.

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ASOK, I WANT YOU
TO WORK FOR THE
EVIL DIRECTOR OF
HUMAN RESOURCES
UNTIL HIS ASSISTANT
RECOVERS.



FROM WHAT IS HE
RECOVERING? IS
IT A COLD OR
PERHAPS A FLU?

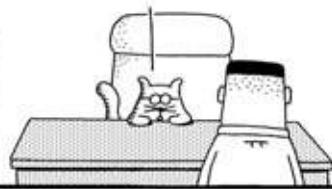


HE SAW SO MUCH
EVIL THAT HIS
SOUL DISSOLVED
AND HE BECAME
A WINGED
DEMON.

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CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR

WE'RE ALMOST
OUT OF KITTY
LITTER.



GATHER ALL THE
RÉSUMÉS WE GOT
THIS WEEK AND
RUN THEM THROUGH
THE SHREDDER.

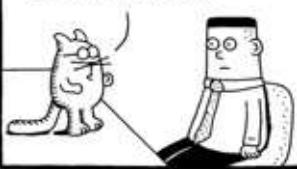


SHOULDN'T WE BE
MATCHING THESE
WITH OUR OPENINGS?



ASOK WORKS IN H.R.

ASOK, I WANT YOU
TO HANDLE ALL THE
HARASSMENT
COMPLAINTS.



AND AS I LEFT
THE ROOM I COULD
FEEL ALICE'S EYES
CHECKING OUT MY
CABOOSE.



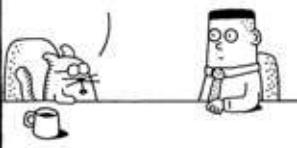
SO... YOU HAVE
PSYCHIC POWERS?

MY EYES ARE
UP HERE,
PAL.

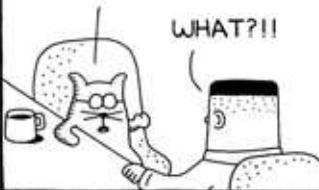


ASOK WORKS IN H.R.

IF WE ELIMINATE
VACATION DAYS AND
INCREASE SICK
DAYS...



WOULD THE EMPLOYEES
FALL FOR OUR TRAP
AND MAKE THEMSELVES
SICK TO GET DAYS OFF?



YOU'RE IN H.R.
NOW. IT'S OKAY
TO BE EVIL.

EVIL, RIGHT.

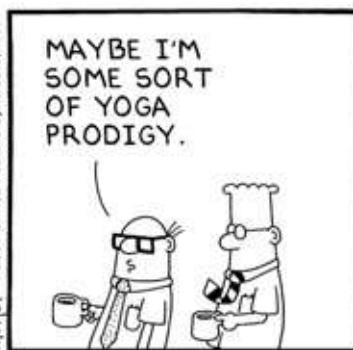
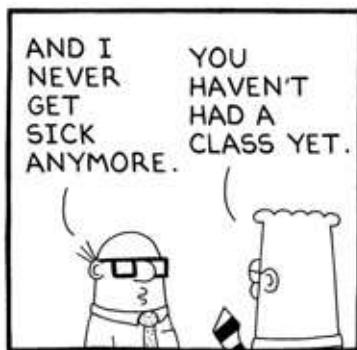
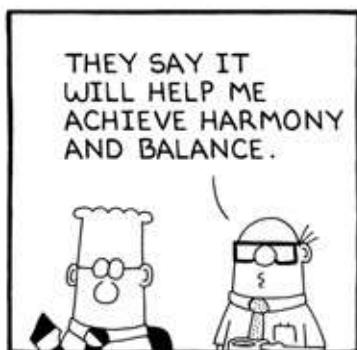
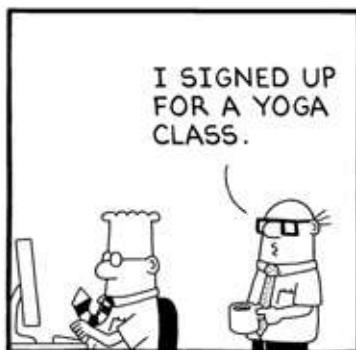


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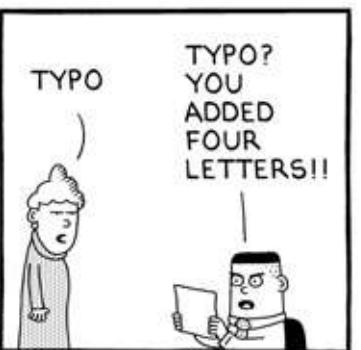
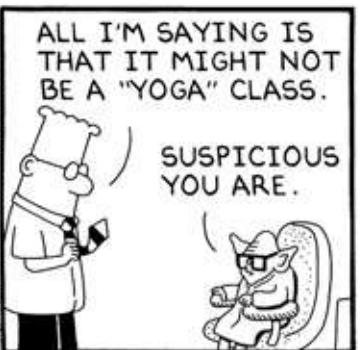
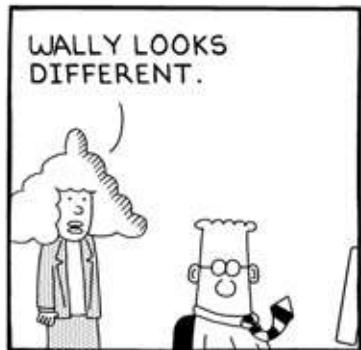


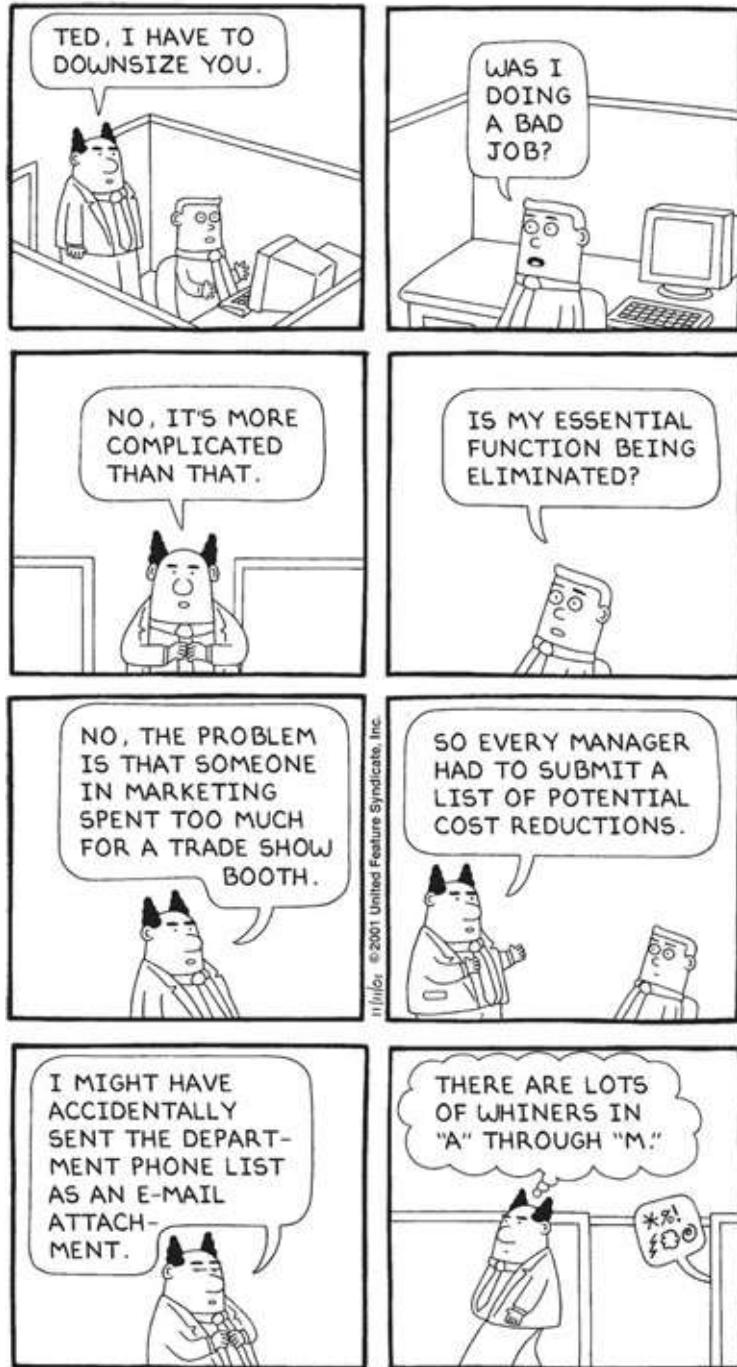


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