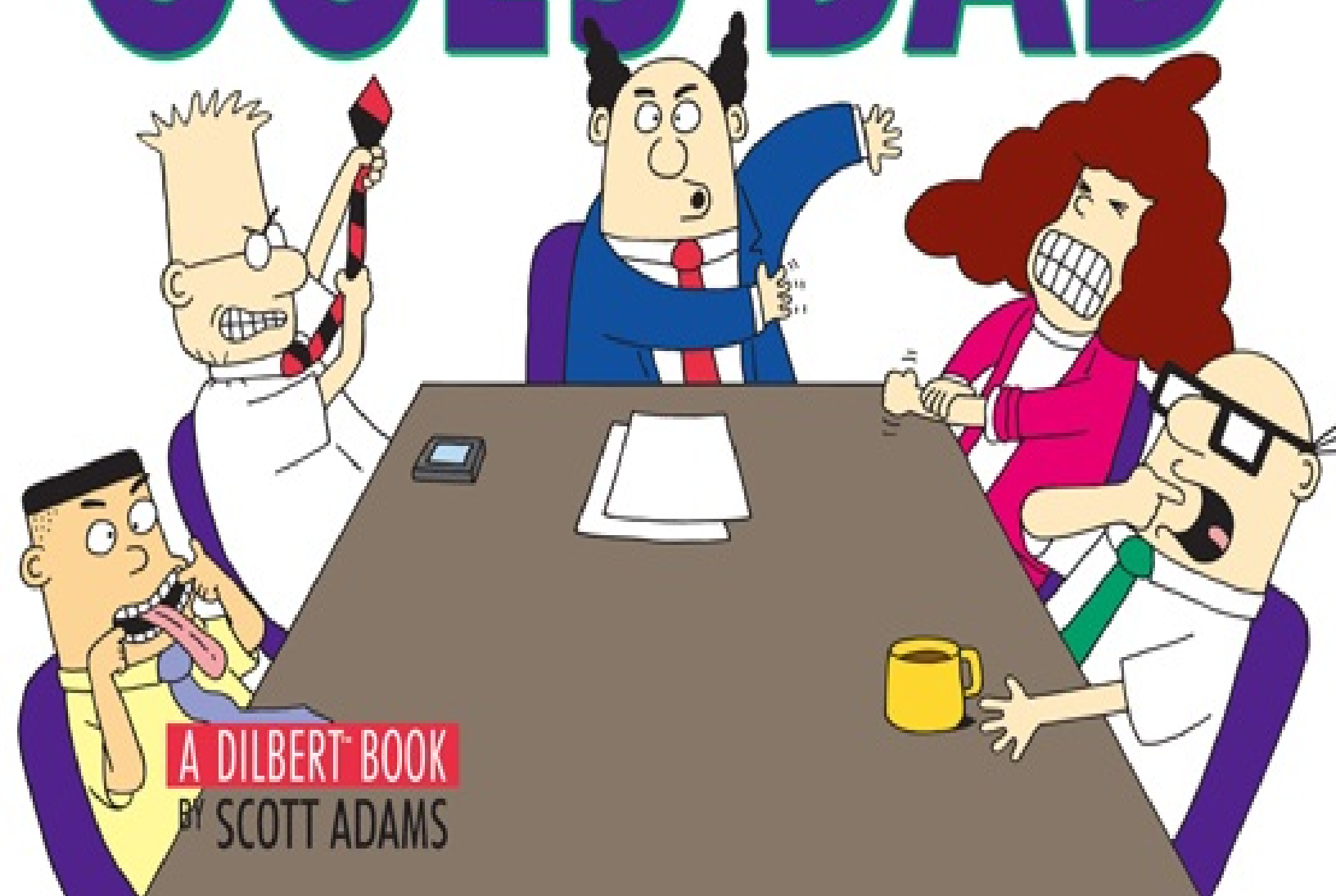


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Introduction

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

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

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

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

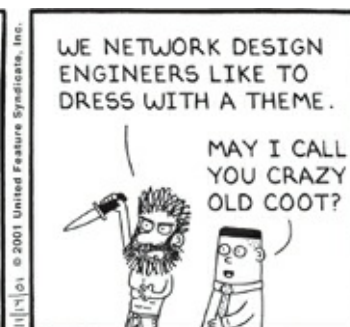
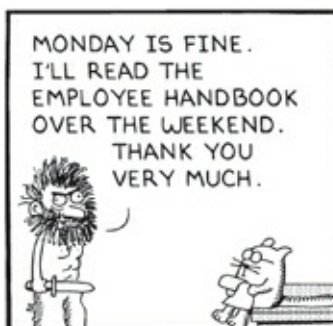
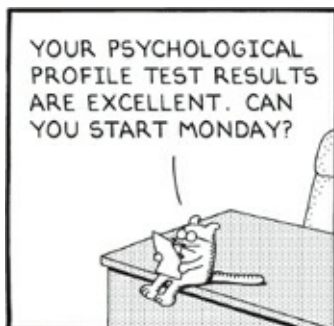
What they hear: "I will disembowel you and send your soul to the Dark Region!"

Luckily, both interpretations give me immediate and unlimited use of the equipment. I guess I can't complain.

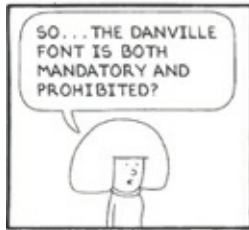
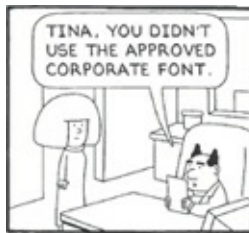
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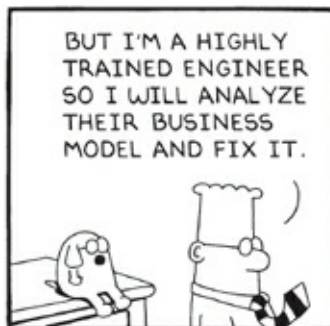
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Adams". The letters are stylized and cursive, with the "S" being particularly large and the "Adams" written in a more fluid, connected script.

Scott Adams

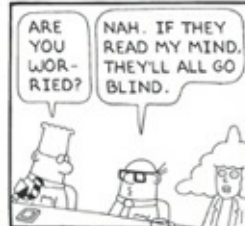
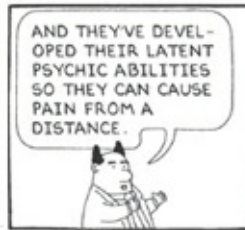
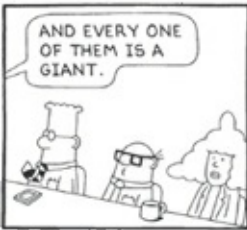
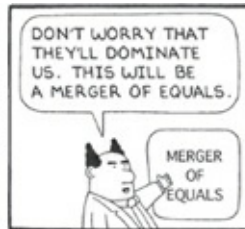












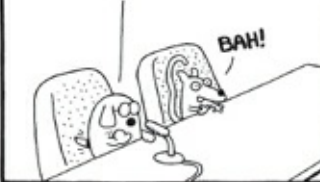


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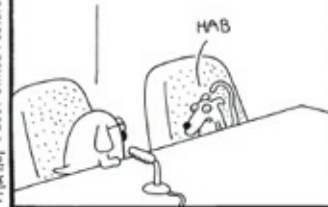
YOUR AIRLINE IS ACCUSED OF PROVIDING INHUMANE SERVICE. HOW DO YOU RESPOND?



SOMETIMES I WAG AND SOMETIMES I HOLD UP MY PAW AND SAY, "BAH!"



YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY BAH. TAKE IT BACK.



OKAY, LET ME THINK ALOUD FOR A MINUTE.



THE COST WILL BE \$3,000...LOSING FOCUS...MONKEYS ARE FUNNY...MY TONGUE IS DIGESTING IN MY MOUTH.



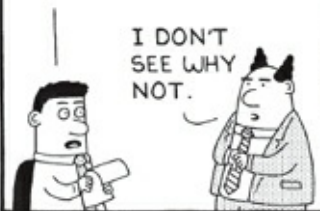
THAT DIDN'T HELP AS MUCH AS I HAD HOPED.



I'M FIRED?!! NOW I CAN'T PAY MY RENT!



WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I LIVED HERE IN MY CUBICLE?



I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

CAN I HAVE FIRES AND BECOME A CANNIBAL?



WELL, I MIGHT REGRET THIS LATER...



MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE
SCHEDULING A MEETING.



BUT SOME PEOPLE
WERE USING THE
CONFERENCE ROOM
SO WE MILLED AROUND
FOR A WHILE AND
GAVE UP.



YOU
COULD
HAVE
USED
ANOTHER
ROOM.

WHAT PART
OF "GAVE UP"
IS CONFUS-
ING YOU?



CAROL, RESERVE THE
CONFERENCE ROOM
EVERY DAY FOR THE
NEXT YEAR IN CASE
I NEED IT.



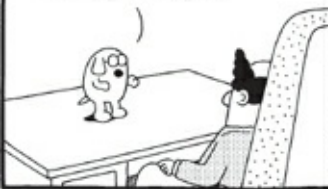
YOU'RE TOO LATE.
SOME OTHER SOCIO-
PATH HAD THE SAME
IDEA AND BEAT
YOU TO IT.



I HATE BEING
THE SLOWEST
SOCIOPATH.



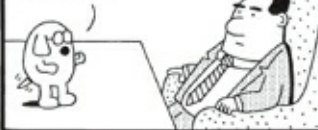
I CAN TEACH
YOU TO MANAGE
YOUR TIME MORE
EFFICIENTLY.



PUT ALL OF YOUR
HIGH PRIORITIES
ON ONE LIST AND
YOUR LOW
PRIORITIES
ON ANOTHER.



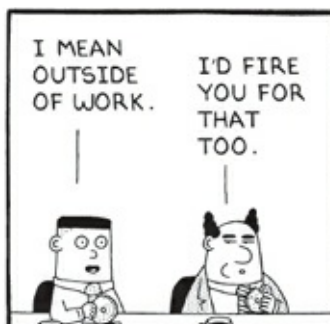
THEN DO EVERYTHING
ON BOTH LISTS EVEN
IF IT KILLS YOU,
OTHERWISE YOU'RE
A FREAKIN'
LOSER.

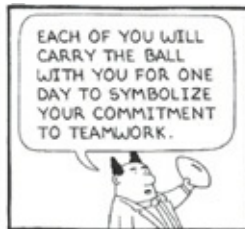


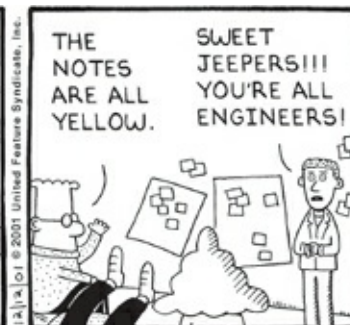
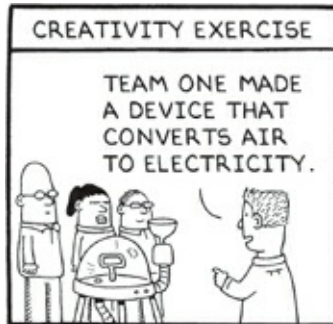
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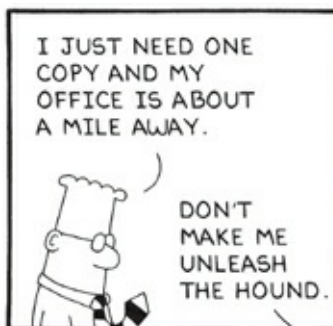
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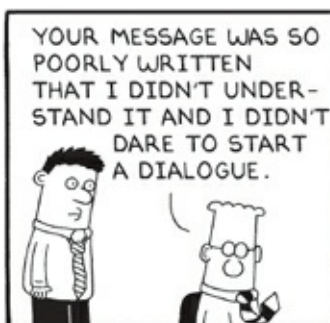








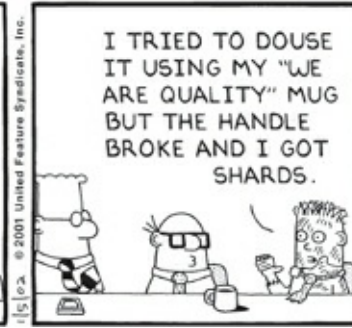


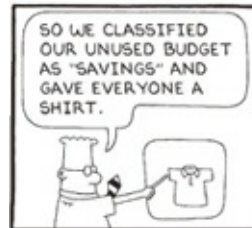
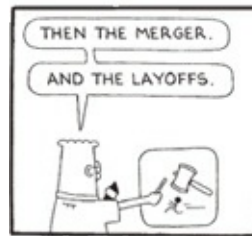
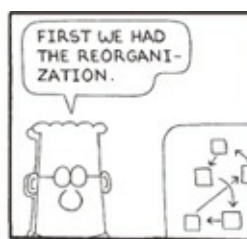
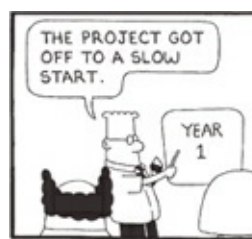


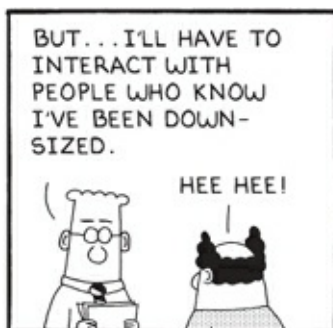


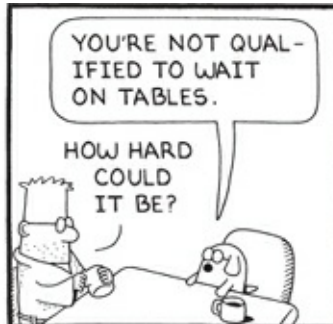
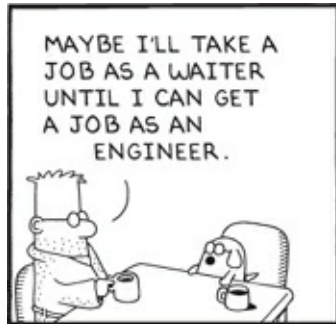


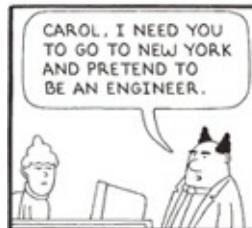






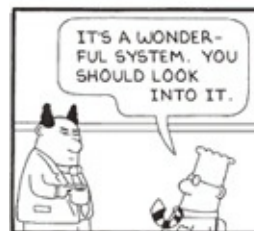












DILBERT THE SALES GUY

I'LL TALK TO YOU EVERY DAY TO SEE IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.



DON'T TALK TO ME EVERY DAY.

YOU MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND.



DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU CROSS "SALES" WITH "TALK" YOU GET "STALK"?



DILBERT THE SALES GUY

I WOULDN'T BUY THIS @*!%!!\$ WITH YOUR MONEY.

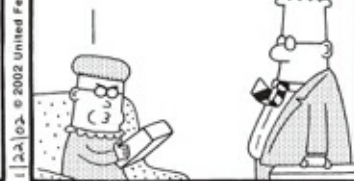


IT'S OVERPRICED, HARD TO USE, FULL OF BUGS AND IT SOLVES NO PROBLEM.



I SPIT ON YOUR PACKAGING!

UM... MOM...



DILBERT THE SALES GUY

HERE'S MY CARD. NONE OF THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.



WHY DON'T YOU GET NEW ONES?

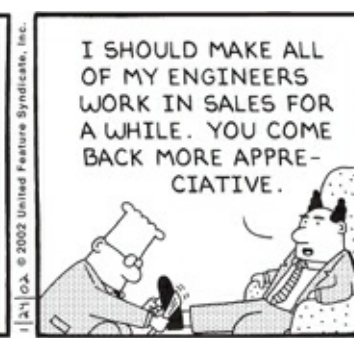
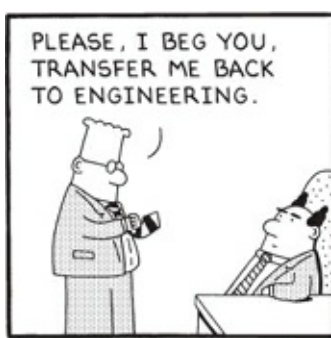
THAT COSTS MONEY.



YOU MUST HAVE A LOT OF CLOUT IN YOUR COMPANY.

SHUT UP AND BUY SOMETHING.





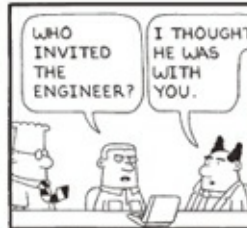
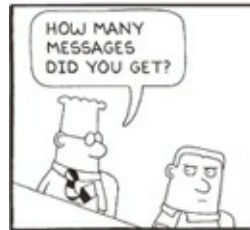
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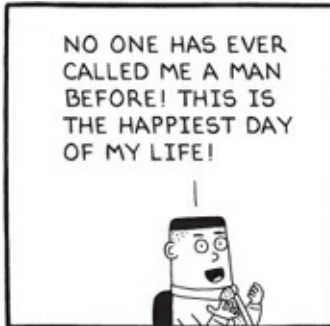
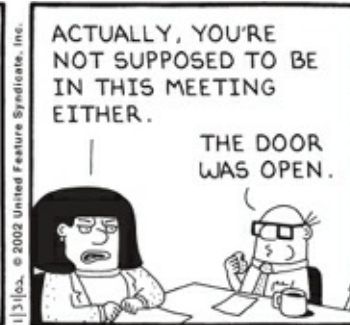
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DOGBERT TECH SUPPORT

YOUR SOFTWARE IS
WORN OUT. YOU
MUST BE TYPING
TOO HARD.



SWITCH TO DECAF,
PAINT YOUR WALLS
PINK AND STOP
GOING TO THE GYM.



I'VE NEVER HEARD
OF HOLISTIC TECH
SUPPORT.

MAYBE YOU
SHOULD READ
MORE.



HELLO, THIS IS
DOGBERT'S ALL-
NATURAL AND
HOLISTIC TECH
SUPPORT.



TRY STUFFING
TREE BARK IN
THE CD DRIVE
AND MEDITATING.



NO, OF COURSE IT
WON'T DAMAGE
ANYTHING; IT'S
ALL NATURAL!



WHAT CAN I DO
TO AVOID GETTING
COMPUTER VIRUSES?



GIVE YOUR POWER
CORD A SPINAL
ADJUSTMENT ONCE
A WEEK TO PREVENT
DISEASE.

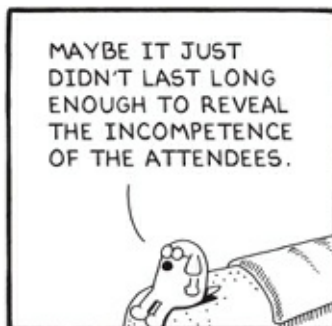


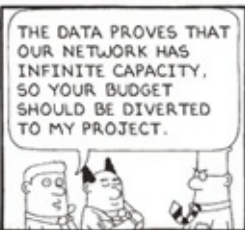
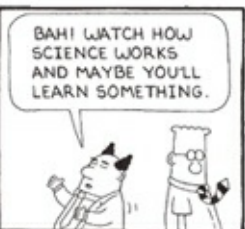
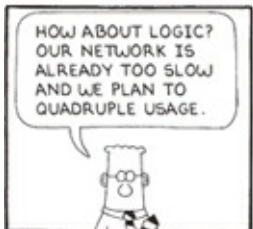
I WAS SKEPTICAL
UNTIL HE SAID
THERE'S ANECDOTAL
EVIDENCE THAT
IT WORKS!

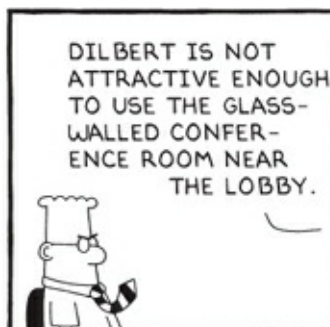
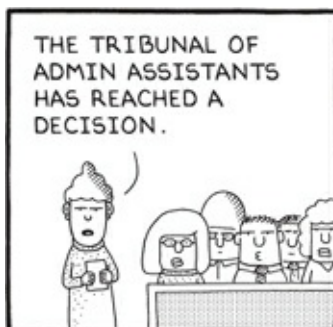


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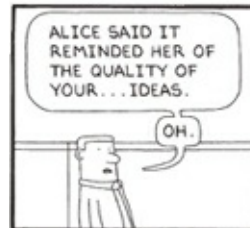
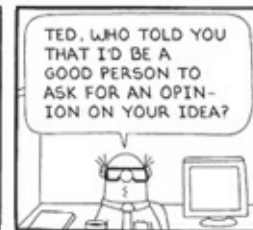
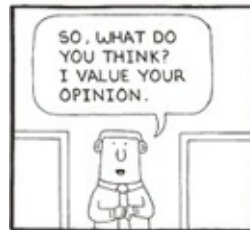
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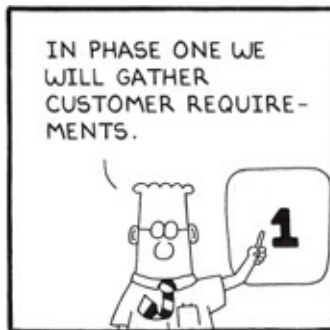
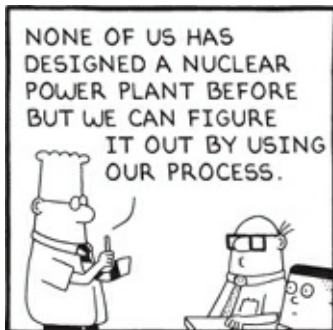
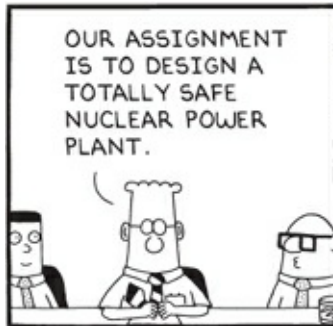
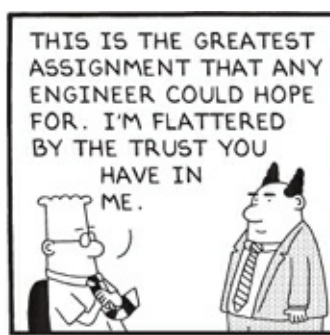
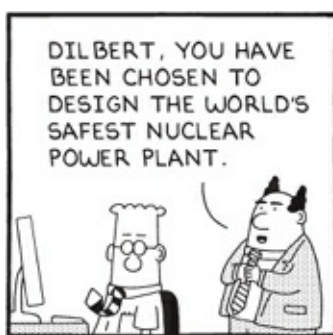


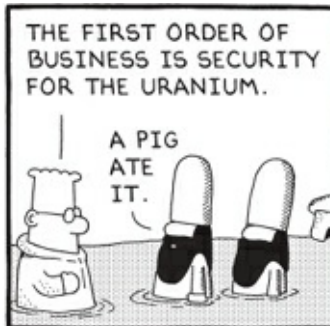
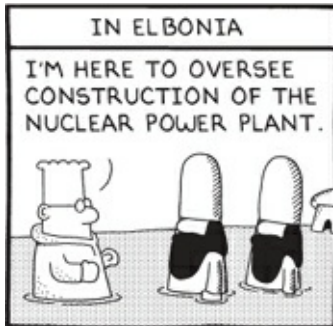
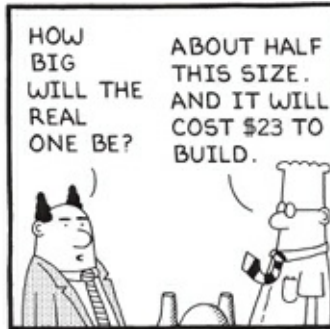
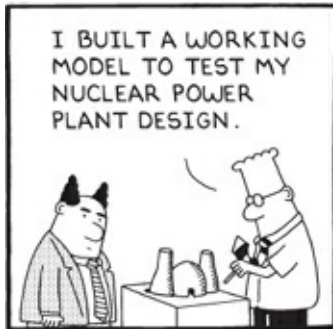
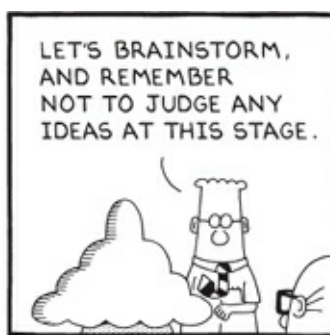


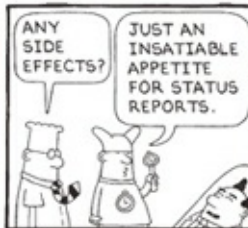
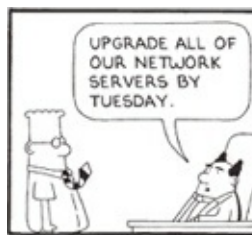


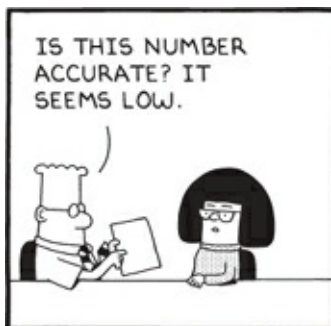




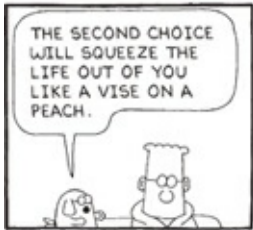




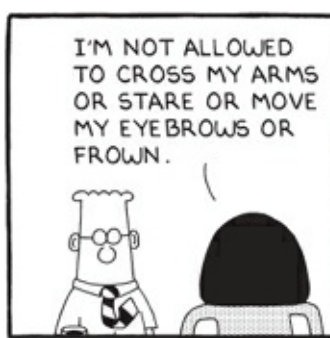




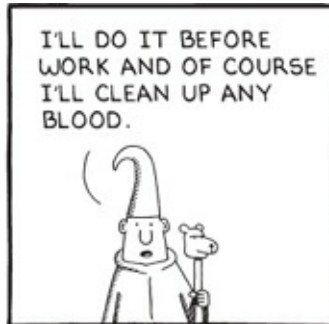
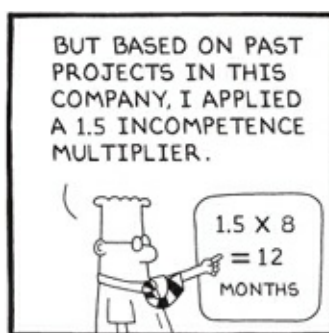
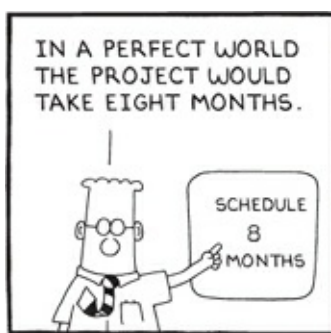


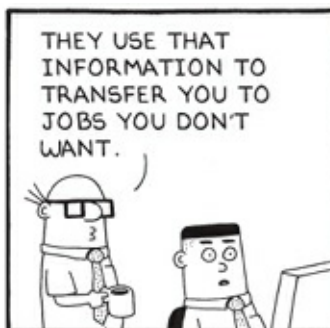
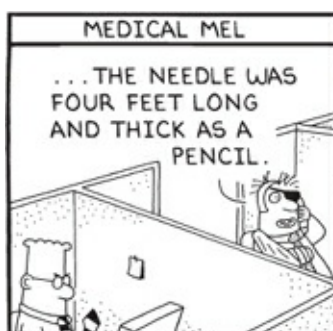


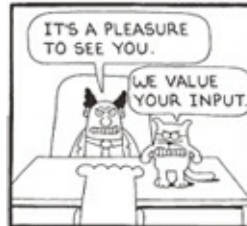


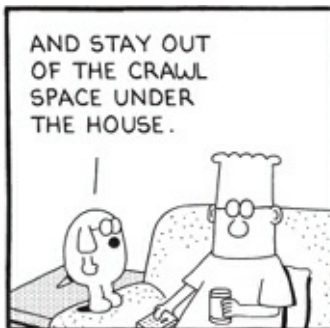
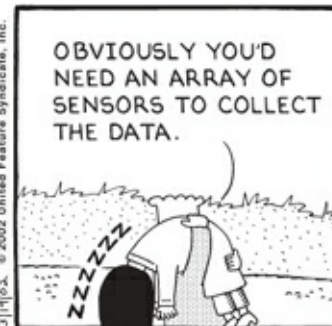
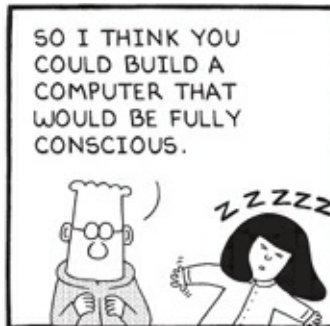
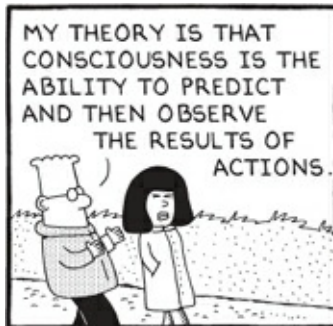
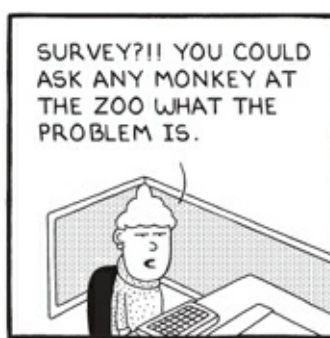


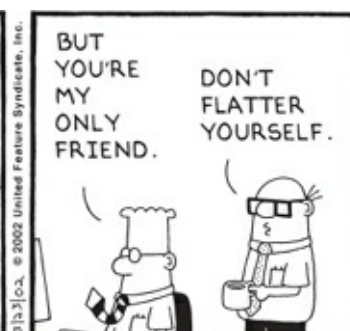
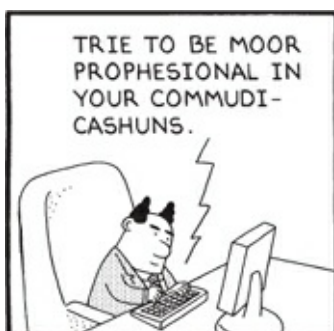
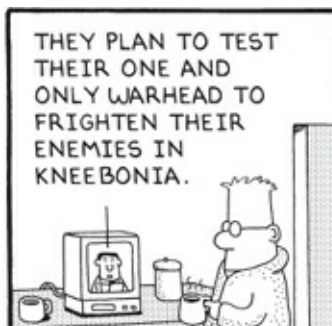
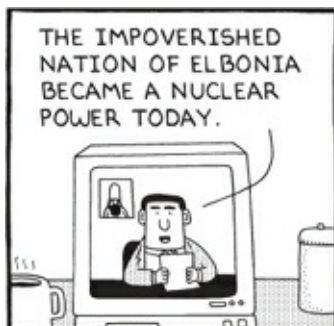


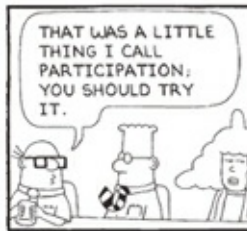




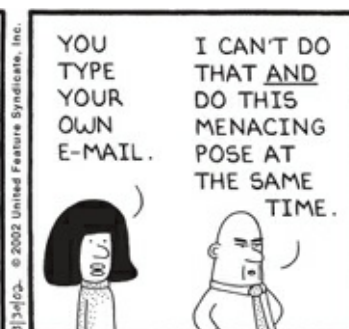
















TODAY IS THE THREE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.



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



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



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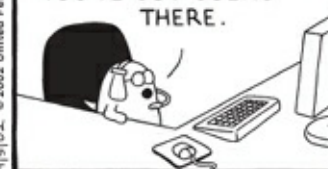
IT WORKS FINE ON MY MACHINE.



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



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



SAFETY TIP OF THE DAY:



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



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



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THIS IS DOGBERT'S
TECH SUPPORT.
HOW MAY I ABUSE
YOU?



MY PRINTER
PRINTS A BLANK
PAGE AFTER
EVERY DOCUMENT.



WHY WOULD YOU
COMPLAIN ABOUT
GETTING FREE
PAPER?



FREE? ISN'T IT
JUST GIVING ME
MY OWN PAPER?



EGAD, MAN! LOOK
AT THE QUALITY OF
THE FREE PAPER
COMPARED TO YOUR
LOUSY REGULAR
PAPER!



ONLY A FOOL OR
A LIAR WOULD
SAY THEY LOOK
THE SAME!



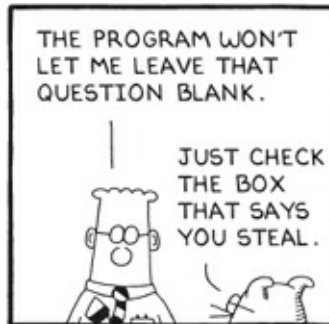
NOW THAT YOU
MENTION IT,
IT DOES SEEM
SILKIER.



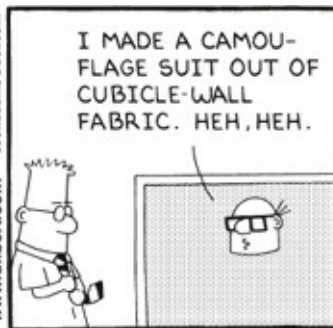
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ARE YOU
DOING?

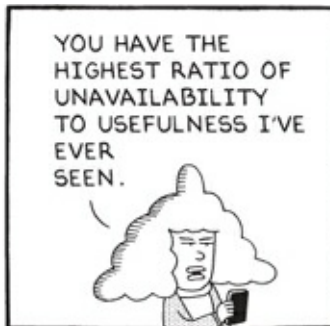
I'M HELPING
PEOPLE
ACCEPT THE
THINGS
THEY CAN'T
CHANGE.

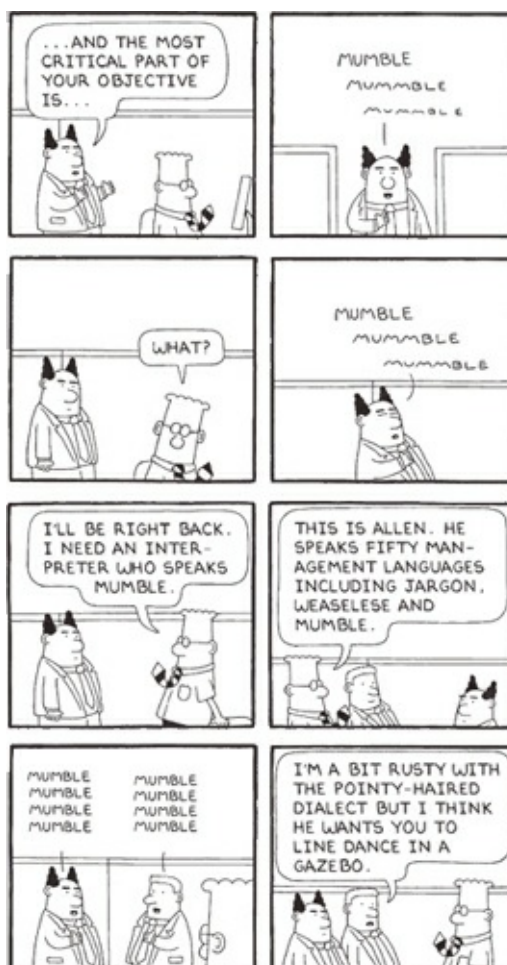


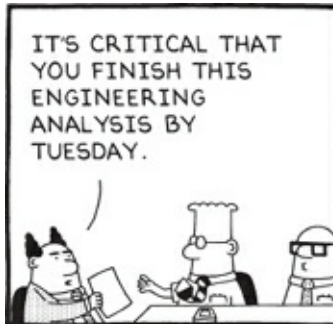


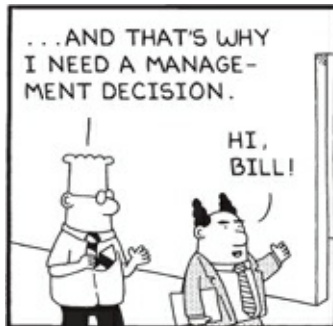




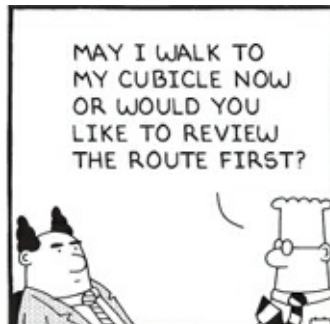




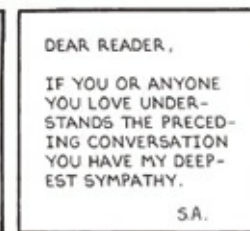




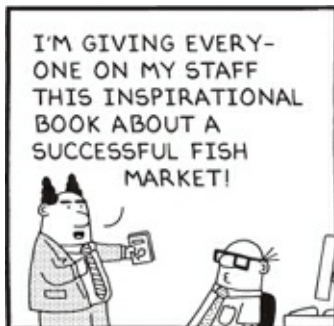
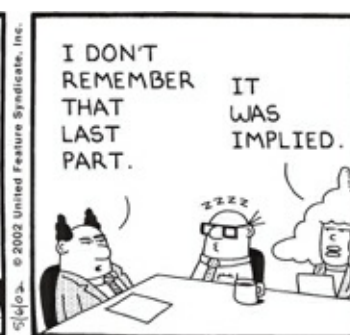
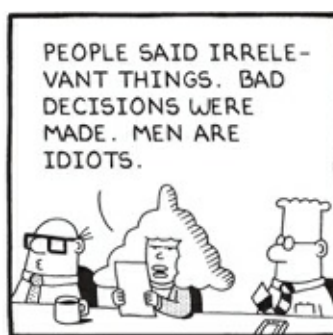


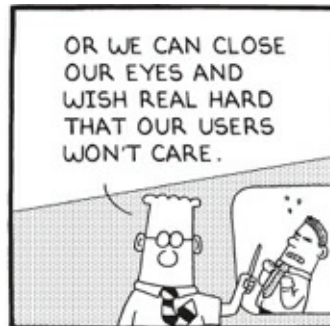
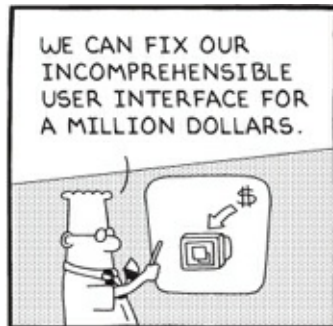
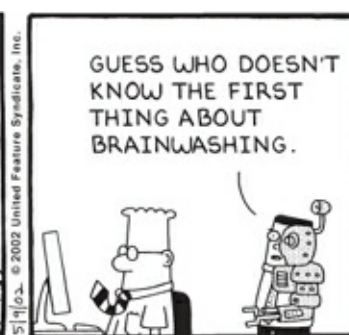
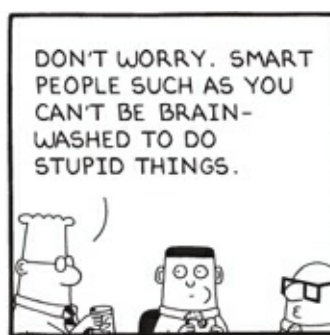
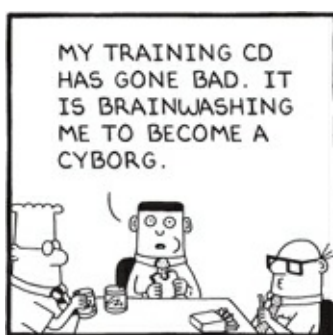


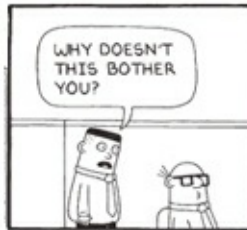
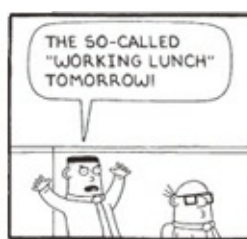




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THE CEO VISIT

WOULD YOU LIKE
A TOUR OF OUR
CUBICLES?



WHY WOULD I WANT
TO SEE A BUNCH OF
BOXES FILLED WITH
PEOPLE PRETENDING
TO WORK?



UNLESS THAT'S
THE ONLY THING
YOU PLANNED FOR
THE FIRST THIRTY
MINUTES OF MY
VISIT.



THE CEO VISIT

AND NOW DILBERT
AND ALICE WILL GIVE
YOU A PRESENTATION.

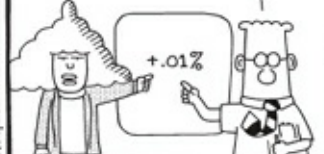


I'M CURIOUS TO
HEAR WHY THAT
REQUIRES TWO
PEOPLE.



OUR DEPARTMENT
MADE IMPRESSIVE
IMPROVEMENTS IN...

EFFICIENCY!



THE CEO VISIT

THANKS FOR THE
PRESENTATION.
YOUR DEPARTMENT
SEEMS BLOATED.



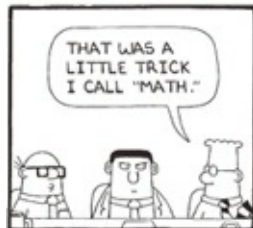
I'LL ELIMINATE
HALF OF YOUR GROUP
IN THE NEXT BUDGET
MEETING.



WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO?

NOTHING.
I TOLD HIM
WE'RE THE
MARKETING
DEPARTMENT.





I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET
OUR NEW SENIOR VICE
PRESIDENT, CYRUS THE
VIRUS.



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



TELL POINTY-
HAIRC PETE TO
GET OVER HERE
RIGHT AWAY.



I'M DEMOTING
YOU TO ENGINEER
SO I CAN GIVE
YOUR CURRENT
JOB TO ONE OF
MY CRONIES.



I WON'T SURVIVE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW
TO DO REAL WORK!



WALLY, CAN YOU TEACH
ME HOW TO PRETEND
TO BE
WORK-
ING?

WHOA! THERE
CAN ONLY BE
ONE WALLY.



DEMOTED

A CUBICLE ISN'T
SO BAD. I CAN
GET USED TO IT.



IT'S PERFECTLY
RESPECTABLE.
THERE'S NO
REASON TO CRY.



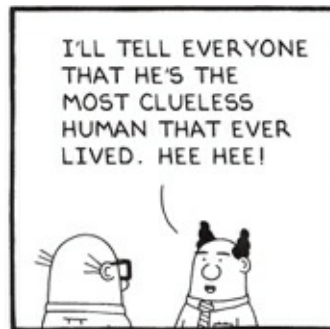
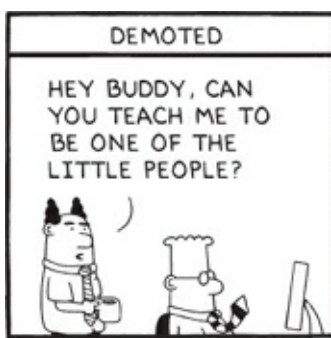
HOW DO
YOU LIKE
YOUR NEW
"LOSER
CRUISER"?

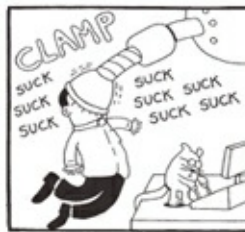


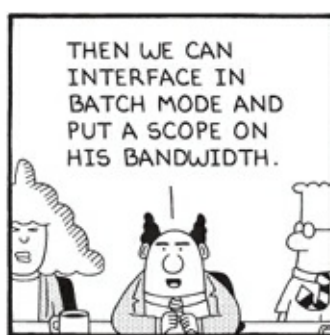
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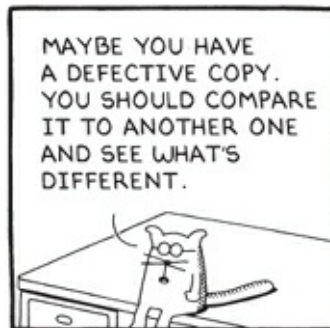
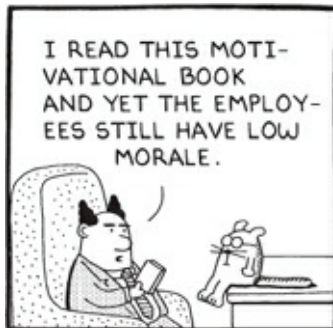
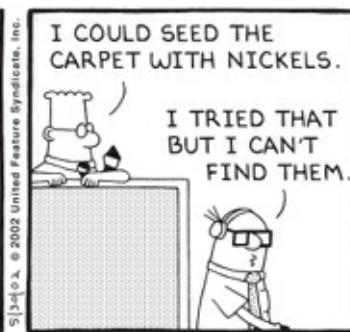
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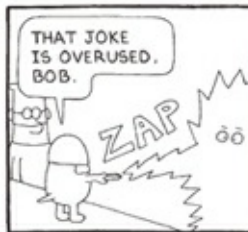
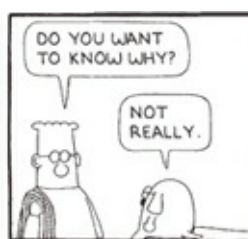
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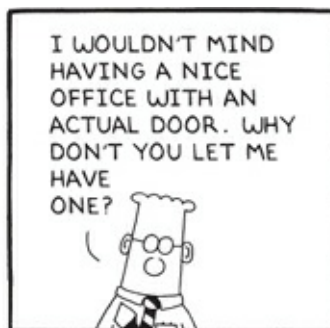
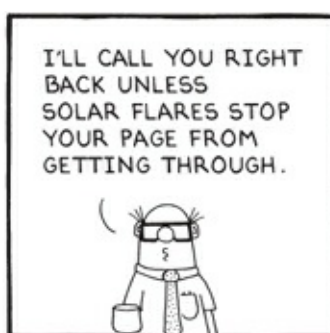


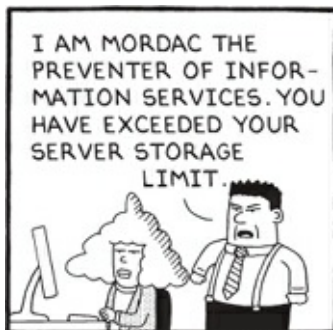
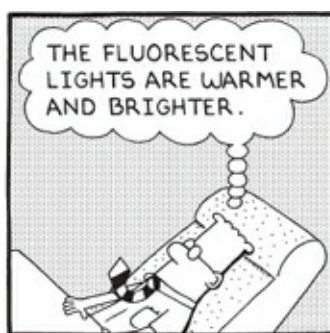














TO: EMPLOYEES
FROM: CATBERT

ALL NON-WORK CON-
VERSATIONS ARE
BANNED.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



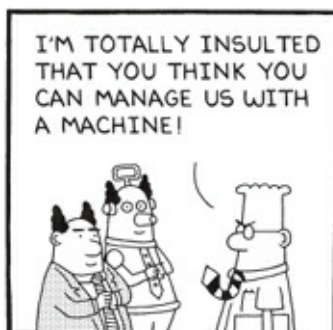
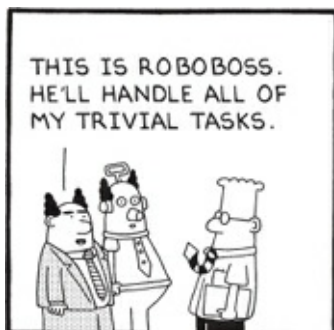
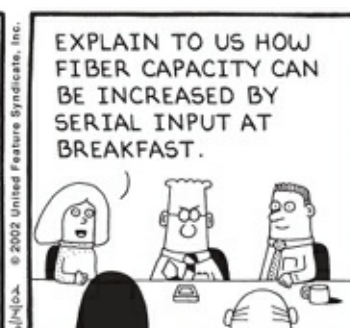
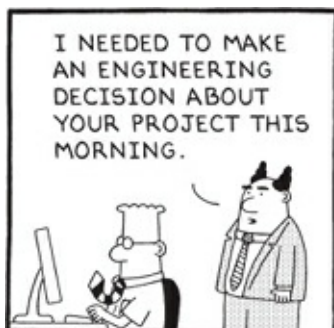
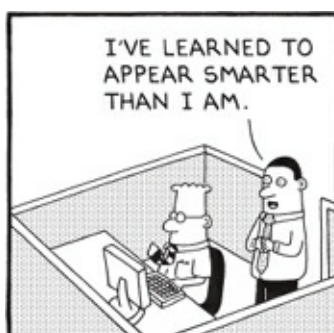
I'M TRYING TO
BUILD A CAREER
BASED ON GOOD
ATTENDANCE AND
HEAD-NODDING.

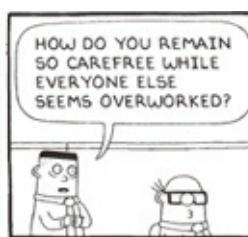


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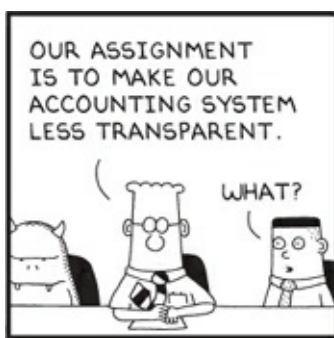
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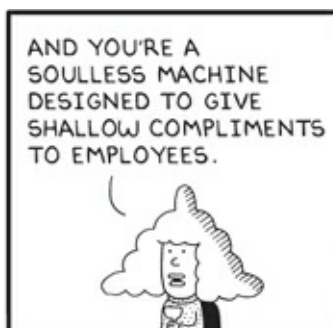
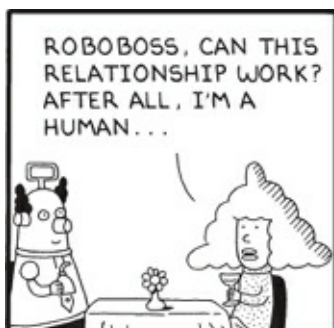


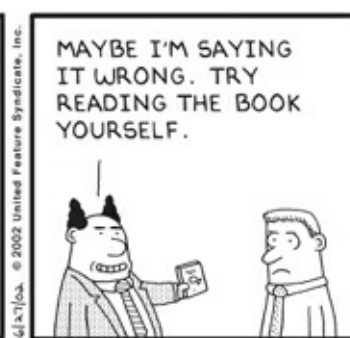




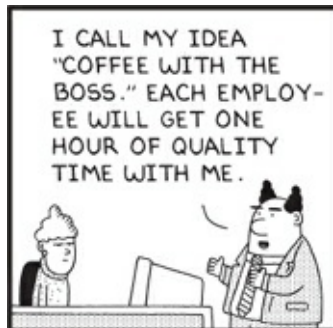
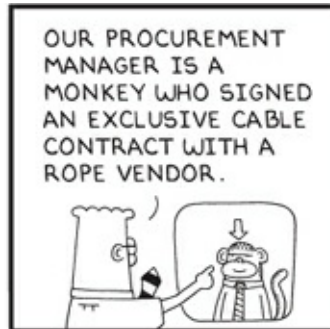
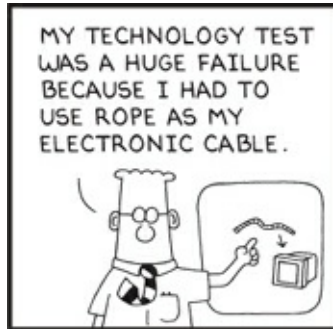












YOU'RE THE FIRST
EMPLOYEE FOR MY
"COFFEE WITH THE
BOSS" PROGRAM.



FEEL FREE TO SAY
WHATEVER IS ON
YOUR MIND. DON'T
HOLD BACK. GIVE
IT TO ME STRAIGHT.



MY
CHAIR
HAS A
SQUEAK.

YOU UNGRATE-
FUL WHINY
WRETCH!!!



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



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



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



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



CAN YOU TELL ME
WHEN I'M OVER
BUDGET?

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



CAN YOU TELL ME
WHAT OUR COMPANY
STRATEGY IS?

SURE. IT'S...
HA HA HA!
JUST KIDDING.



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