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INTRODUCTION

Thanks to my rare combination of public accessibility and incompetence I get more unsolicited advice than anyone in the galaxy. Apparently if you spend five minutes reading anything I've written you start thinking, this guy needs my help.

I've noticed that when I offer my advice to others I am adding value. But when other people offer advice to me, it comes off as meddling, griping, and missing the point. This supports my hypothesis that other people are the leading cause of bad advice.

The only reliable advice I get is from my dog, Snickers. Three times a day she finds me in my home office and rolls on her back to look irresistible. This is how she advises me that it is time to take a break and rub her belly. I always comply. And not once has that advice turned out to be suboptimal. I feel good every time I pet her and I'm not aware of any projects that were ruined by my dog-rubbing ways.

Compare Snickers' track record to the advice you get from your coworkers who are, in your opinion, little more than sentient saddlebags full of spoiled baloney. The dog wins every time. Am I right?

The best advice you can offer is the type that has two potential outcomes: Either the advisee will succeed and you can claim the success as your own, or the advice ends up killing the advisee and any witnesses. Either way you end up looking like the smart one.

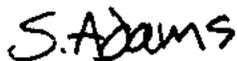
The worst kind of advice is the type that lends itself to measurement. You don't want to advise someone that getting a lawyer to review a document will only take a week because anyone with a calendar will eventually figure out that it took seven months.

You want to give the sort of advice that defies measurement. For example, if someone asks your opinion on a proposed company logo, say something like, "The blue needs to be bluer." And never offer a reason because that just opens you up to attack.

My advice today is that you should read this book because it will make you more attractive in ways that are impossible to measure. But in the interest of full disclosure, the other possibility is that you'll discover how much your job is like Dilbert's and cry yourself into an early grave.

I would write more but Snickers just advised me that I need to take a break.

Thank you for reading *Dilbert*.



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HERE'S MY CARD.
LET ME KNOW IF I
CAN BE OF FURTHER
ASSISTANCE.



YOUR PHONE NUMBER
IS MISSING A DIGIT
AND YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS DOESN'T
HAVE AN @ SYMBOL.

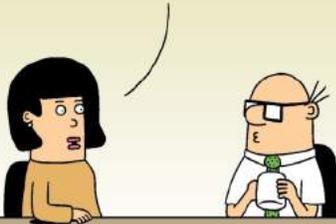


I DIDN'T SAY
IT WOULD BE
EASY.



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WALLY, ARE YOU
ALMOST DONE WITH
YOUR PART OF THE
PROJECT?



I WORK BEST UNDER
PRESSURE, SO I WAIT
UNTIL THE DEADLINE
IS ALMOST HERE.



WHAT IF
SOMETHING
MORE IMPOR-
TANT COMES
UP AND YOU
DON'T HAVE
TIME?

THAT'S
THE
CORNER-
STONE
OF MY
SYSTEM.



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WOULD YOU BE
MY MENTOR?



IT'S BETTER FOR ME
IF NONE OF MY UNDER-
LINGS ARE QUALIFIED
TO TAKE MY JOB.



I THINK
YOU JUST
TAUGHT
ME SOME-
THING.



GAAA!!!
I HATE
IT WHEN
I DO
THAT!

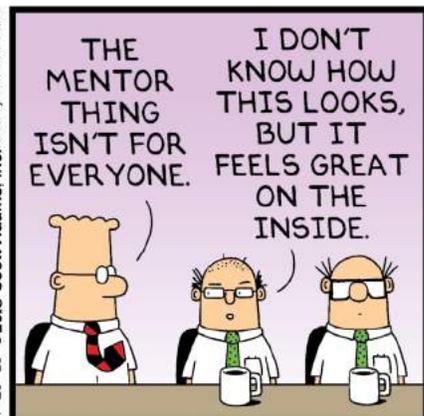
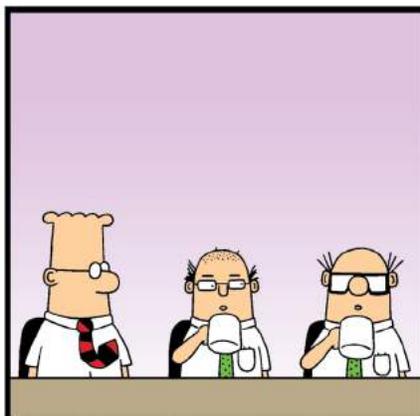
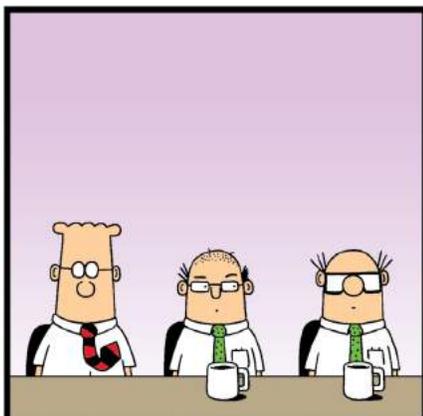
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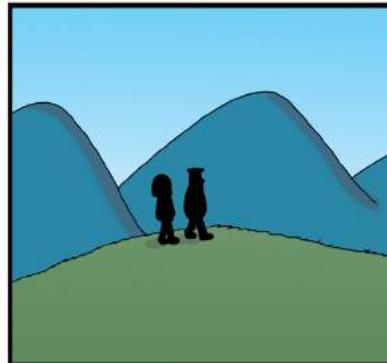
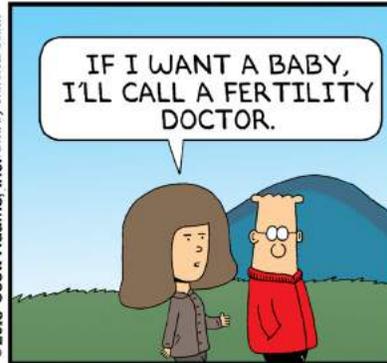
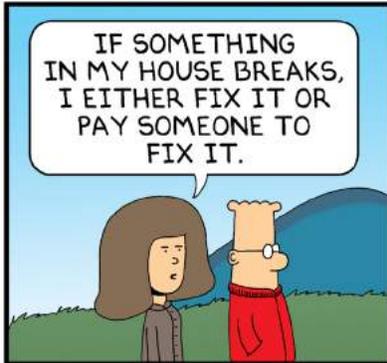
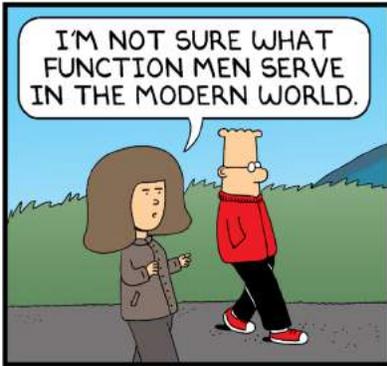
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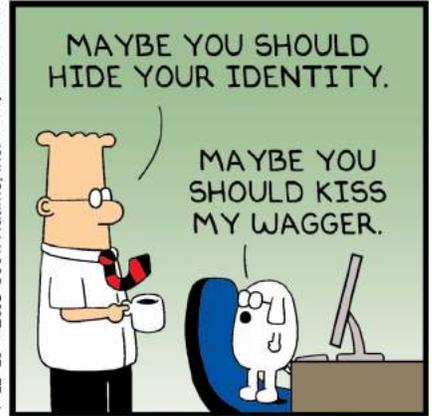


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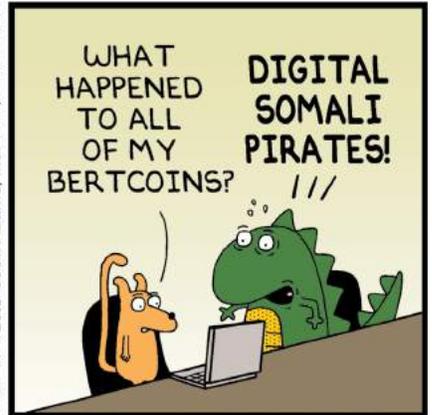


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YOU'RE THE FIRST
EMPLOYEE IN COMPANY
HISTORY TO FAIL THE
ONLINE ETHICS COURSE.



I PROTEST THE
GRADING SYSTEM!
ETHICS ARE SUB-
JECTIVE. THERE ARE
NO RIGHT ANSWERS!



YOU SAID
YOU WOULD
KILL A CO-
WORKER
IF YOU
KNEW YOU
WOULDN'T
GET CAUGHT.

IT WAS
HARD TO
KNOW WHAT
ANSWER
THEY WERE
LOOKING
FOR.

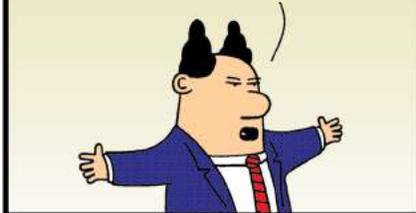


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YOU FAILED THE ONLINE
ETHICS COURSE FOR THE
THIRD TIME.



YOU CAN'T BE AN
ENGINEER FOR THIS
COMPANY IF YOU
HAVE NO GRASP OF
BUSINESS ETHICS.



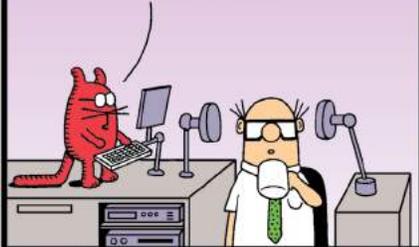
YOU LEAVE ME NO
CHOICE. I'M PUTTING
YOU ON THE MANAGE-
MENT FAST TRACK.



HUH.

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YOUR BRAIN SCAN
SHOWS TREMENDOUS
MANAGEMENT
POTENTIAL.



THE PART OF YOUR
BRAIN THAT WOULD
NORMALLY CONTROL
ETHICS IS FILLED
WITH SOME SORT OF
WARM, BROWN
LIQUID.

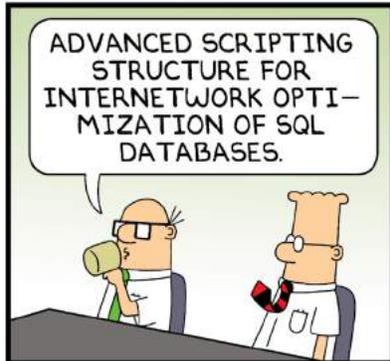
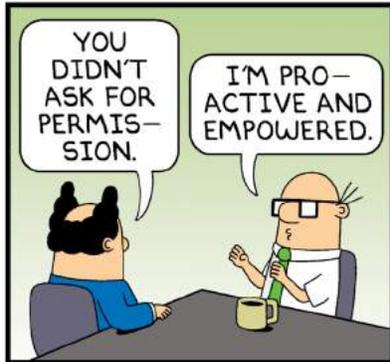


IT APPEARS THAT YOU
SPEED-EVOLVED PART
OF YOUR BRAIN INTO
A COFFEE RESERVOIR.

PEOPLE THINK
I DON'T HAVE
A PLAN.



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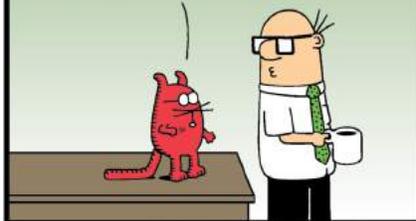
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YOUR FIRST TEST
ON THE MANAGEMENT
FAST TRACK INVOLVES
RESCUING A PLASTIC
BABY AND A BAG OF
MONEY FROM A WEASEL.



YOU MUST PUNCH THE
WEASEL THEN CATCH
THE MONEY AND THE
BABY BEFORE THEY
REACH THE GROUND.



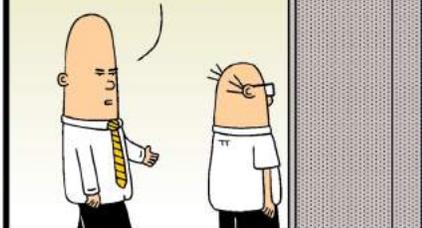
I FOUND
OUR NEXT
CEO.

WAIT...
SAY THOSE
INSTRUC-
TIONS
AGAIN.

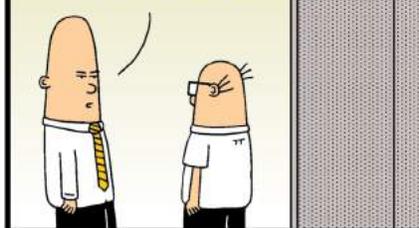


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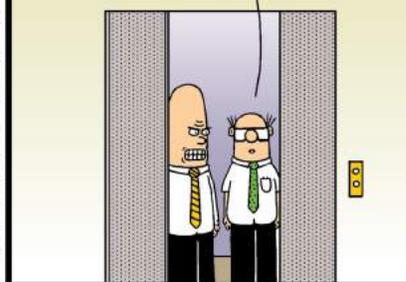
HERE'S THE
HOTSHOT THAT
EVERYONE SAYS
WILL SOMEDAY
TAKE MY JOB.



I'M GOING TO MENTOR
YOU SO HARD YOUR
INTESTINES WILL
END UP IN
YOUR SKULL.



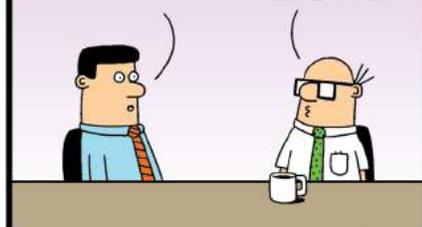
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WHY PEOPLE USE THE
STAIRS.



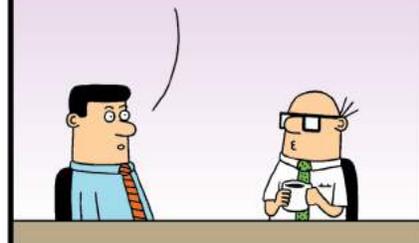
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CAN YOU
ATTEND
OUR
TUESDAY
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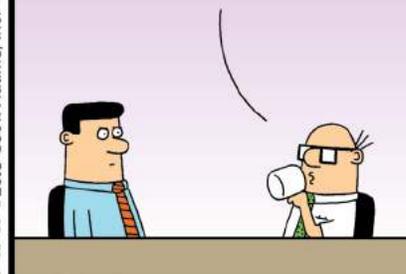
I'LL
TELECON-
FERENCE.



THAT WILL MAKE ME
WONDER IF YOU CALLED
IN, PUT YOUR PHONE ON
MUTE, AND TOOK A NAP.

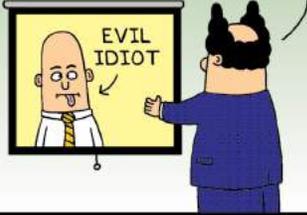


WE USELESS
PEOPLE CALL THAT
WEASELABLE DOUBT.



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ACCORDING TO THE
EMPLOYEE SURVEY,
98% OF YOU HAVE
NO CONFIDENCE IN
MANAGEMENT.



REST ASSURED,
MANAGEMENT WILL
MAKE SURE WE NEVER
AGAIN GET SUCH A
LOW SCORE.



CANCEL ALL FUTURE
EMPLOYEE SURVEYS.



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YOU DIDN'T RESPOND
TO MY EMAIL, MY TEXT
MESSAGE, MY VOICE
MAIL, AND THE NOTE I
LEFT ON YOUR DESK.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT
THEY CALL HUMANS
WHO FAIL THE TURING
TEST?



THE
WHAT? COMPARED TO
YOU, HIGH
ACHIEVERS.



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PRODUCTIVITY WENT
DOWN WHEN WE MOVED
THE ENGINEERS FROM
PRIVATE OFFICES TO
CUBICLES.



PRODUCTIVITY WENT
DOWN AGAIN WHEN
WE TRIED THE OPEN
OFFICE PLAN.

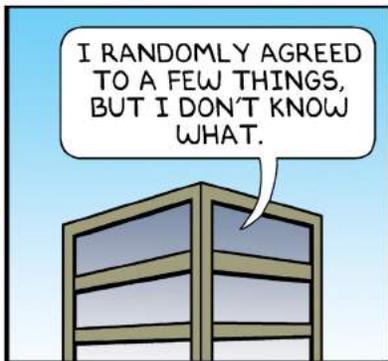


HAVE
WE TRIED
PUTTING
ALL OF
THEM IN
ONE CLOWN
CAR?



NO, BUT I
DON'T SEE
WHY THAT
WOULDN'T
WORK.

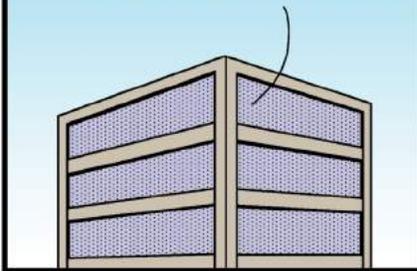
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WHEN OUR CEO VISITS,
DON'T ASK HIM ANY
QUESTIONS. HE HATES
QUESTIONS.



AND DON'T STARE.
HE HATES IT WHEN
PEOPLE LOOK AT HIM.



MAY WE
BREATHE
THE AIR
ON HIS
PLANET?

ONLY
THE STUFF
HE EXHALES.



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ARE YOU
MARRIED?

I DON'T
HAVE A
WIFE, BUT
I DO HAVE
WIFI.

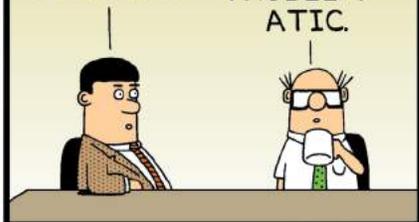


I FIND THAT IT MEETS
ALL OF MY SOCIAL AND
INTELLECTUAL NEEDS.



DO YOU
MISS THE
WARMTH
OF HUMAN
CONTACT?

NEVER
TRIED IT.
—
SOUNDS
PROBLEM-
ATIC.

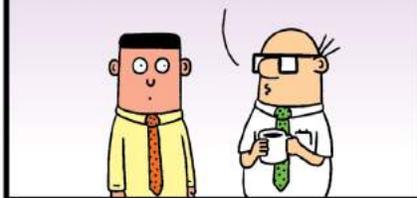


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DO YOU THINK
SUCCESS IS MOSTLY
A FUNCTION OF YOUR
GENETIC MAKEUP OR
YOUR UPBRINGING?

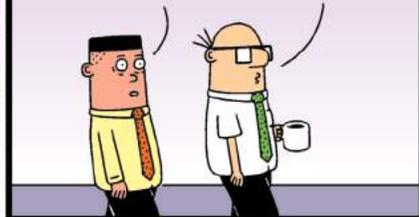


MY MOM RAISED ME
BY PUTTING A WARM
THERMOS OF COFFEE IN
MY CRIB AND GOING
OUT FOR THE DAY. AND
I TURNED OUT GREAT.

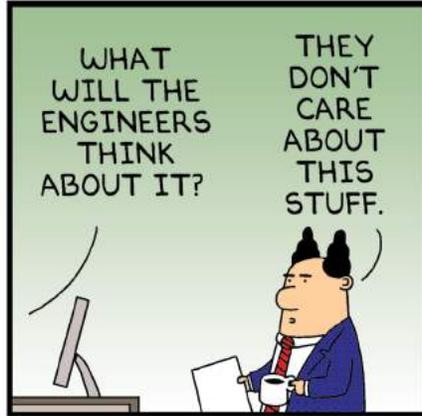


I HAVE NO
FOLLOW-UP
QUESTIONS,
IN CASE YOU
WONDERED.

I'M NOT
THE
CURIOUS
TYPE.



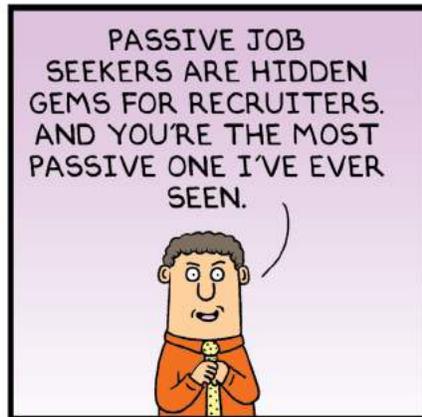
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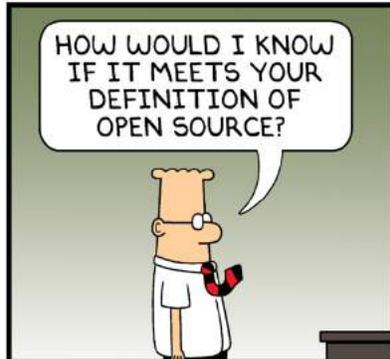
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RECRUITERS

HEY, IS THAT A PASSIVE JOB SEEKER?



BACK OFF! I SAW HIM FIRST. THIS ROPE HOLDS MY PLACE UNTIL HE WAKES UP.



I WILL PAY YOU A THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DROP A LONG STRAW IN THIS CUP.

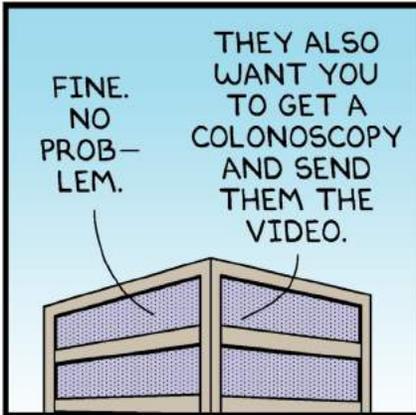


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THE GOVERNMENT WANTS ACCESS TO OUR CUSTOMER RECORDS SO THEY CAN LOOK FOR TERRORISTS.



FINE. NO PROBLEM. THEY ALSO WANT YOU TO GET A COLONOSCOPY AND SEND THEM THE VIDEO.



REALLY?

I'M GOING TO SAY YES.

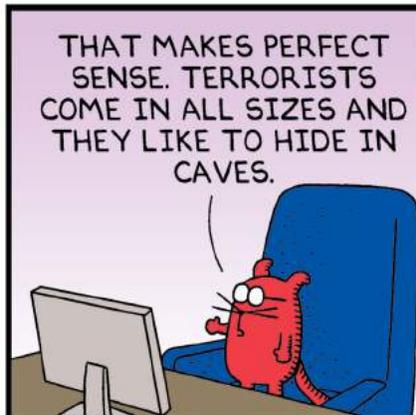


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DILBERT SAYS THE GOVERNMENT WANTS ME TO FILM MY COLONOSCOPY AND GIVE THEM THE VIDEO SO THEY CAN CHECK FOR TERRORISTS.



THAT MAKES PERFECT SENSE. TERRORISTS COME IN ALL SIZES AND THEY LIKE TO HIDE IN CAVES.



IT SEEMS LIKE A VIOLATION OF MY PRIVACY.

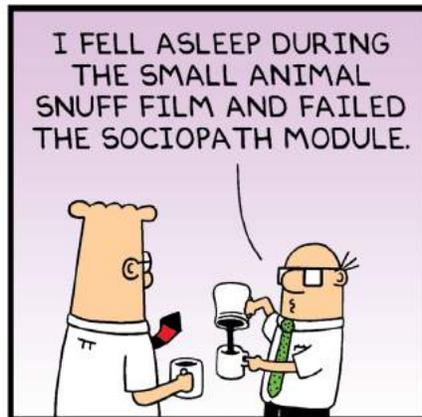
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?



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WALLY, THIS IS MY BROTHER, PHIL, THE PRINCE OF INSUFFICIENT LIGHT.



I ASKED HIM TO INTERPRET YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THIS QUARTER.



YOU HAVE 25 ALLEGED ACCOMPLISHMENTS.



EIGHT OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS INVOLVED SIMPLY BEING ON A PROJECT TEAM THAT DID SOMETHING.



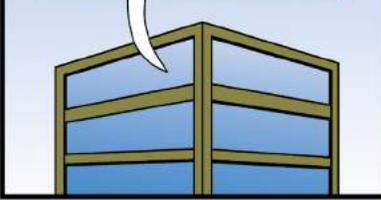
NINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS INVOLVED FIXING PROBLEMS YOU CREATED.



FIVE OF THESE ARE JUST BUZZWORDS THAT DON'T MEAN ANYTHING.



AND THREE ARE DUPLICATES THAT YOU REWORDED TO APPEAR DIFFERENT.



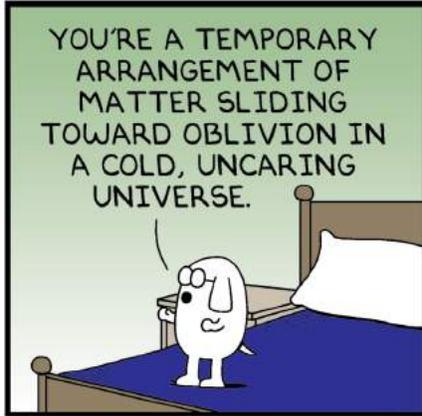
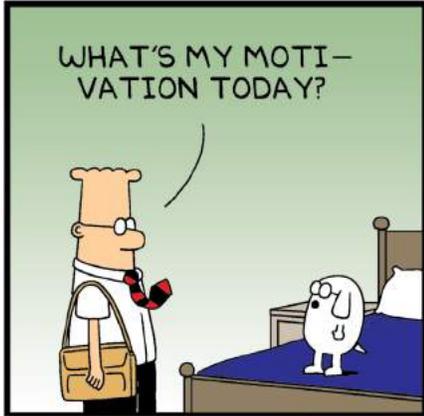
I'D RECOMMEND HARVESTING HIS ORGANS, BUT THOSE PROBABLY DON'T WORK EITHER.



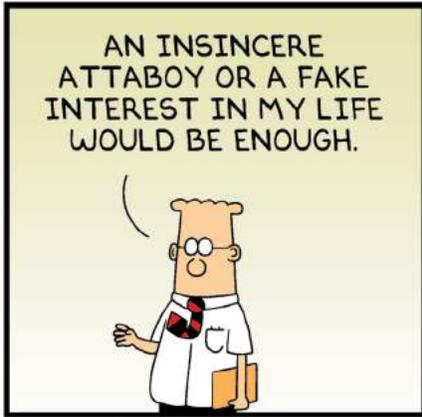
THAT'S JUST MEAN.

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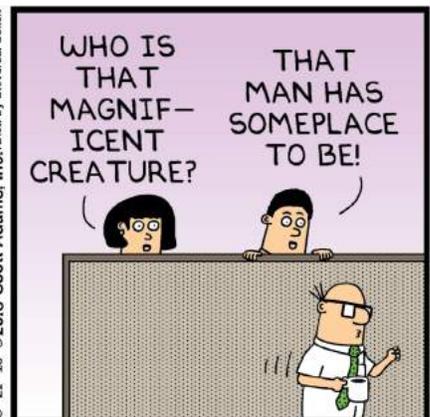
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DEAR WALLY,
YOU HAVE BEEN
NOMINATED FOR AN
ACADEMY AWARD...



... FOR YOUR CONVINC-
ING PORTRAYAL OF AN
EMPLOYEE WHO DOES
ACTUAL WORK.



DO YOU
THINK
YOU'LL
WIN?

IT'S A
DISHONOR
JUST TO BE
NOMINATED.

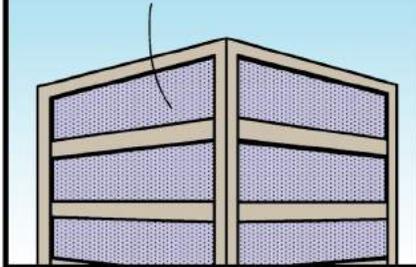


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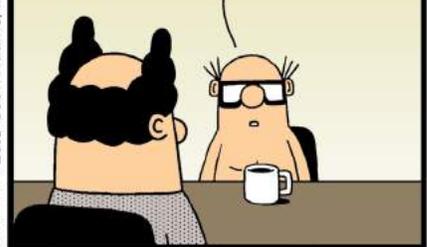
WHEN I SAID YOU
SHOULD DRESS FOR THE
JOB YOU WANT, NOT
THE JOB YOU HAVE...



I SHOULDN'T HAVE
NEEDED TO BE MORE
SPECIFIC THAN THAT.



YOU HAVE A WAY OF
MAKING EVERYTHING
SOUND LIKE IT'S MY
FAULT.



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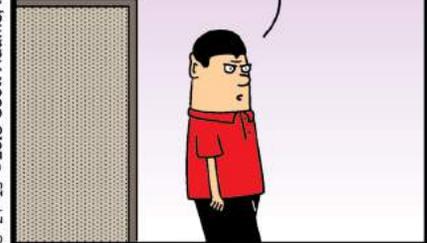
I AM MORDAC, THE
PREVENTER OF INFOR-
MATION SERVICES, AND
I AM IMMORTAL!



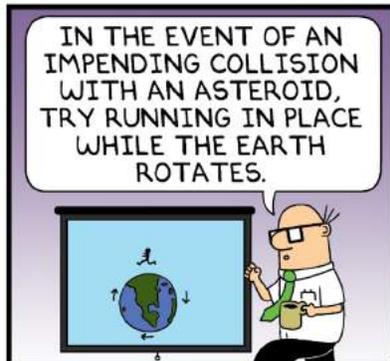
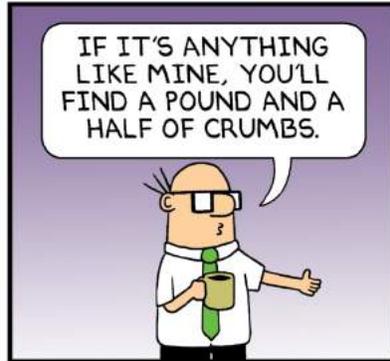
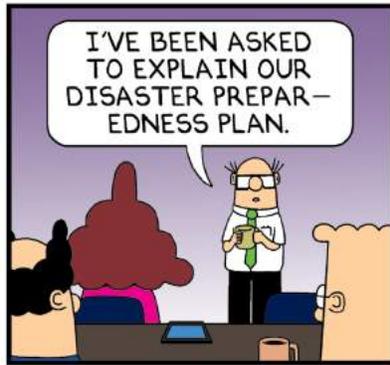
ACTUALLY, IN A FEW
YEARS YOUR FUNCTION
WILL BE EITHER
DISTRIBUTED ACROSS
EXISTING ORGANIZA-
TIONS OR OUTSOURCED.



WELL, THAT
WAS A TOTAL
BUZZKILL.



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IT'S THE NEW GUY'S
FIRST DAY AND HE'S
CALLING IN SICK.



HIS MESSAGE SAYS HE
WAS PUTTING ON
HIS SHIRT AND GOT
HIS HEAD CAUGHT IN
AN ARM HOLE.



GOOD
HIRE.

I HAD
THAT SAME
PROBLEM
WITH MY
PANTS.



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HOW'D YOU GET
THE BLACK EYE?



I WAS PULLING UP
MY BLANKET IN BED.
MY HAND SLIPPED AND
I PUNCHED MYSELF IN
THE FACE.



OKAY, LET'S MAKE
SOME BILLION-DOLLAR
TECHNOLOGY DECISIONS.



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I WON'T GIVE MY
OPINION BECAUSE I
DON'T WANT TO
INFLUENCE YOUR
RECOMMENDATION.



GOOD IDEA. MY
WELL-INFORMED MIND
IS SO EASILY SWAYED
BY YOUR CHARISMATIC
IGNORANCE.



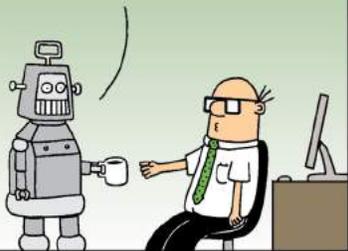
THAT'S NOT
WHAT I'M
SAYING.

THEN
WHO DID
I HEAR?

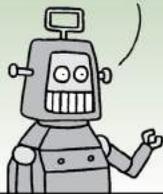


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HERE IS YOUR
COFFEE, AS
REQUESTED.



SOME GUY TRIED TO
TAKE THE LAST CUP
SO I STRANGLING HIM
AND PUT HIS REMAINS
DOWN THE GARBAGE
DISPOSAL.

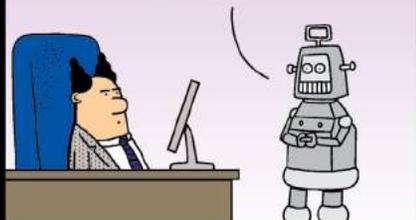


IT'S WEIRD HOW
THAT MAKES THE
COFFEE TASTE SO
MUCH BETTER.



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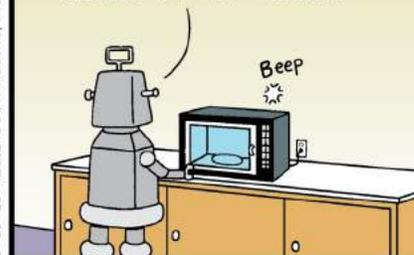
YOU KEEP GIVING
ME TRIVIAL ASSIGN-
MENTS THAT MAKE
ME DOUBT MY SELF-
WORTH.



CHILL OUT.
YOU DON'T HEAR
THE MICROWAVE
WHINING ALL DAY
LONG.



HE DOESN'T KNOW
THAT THE MACHINE
WORD FOR "PLEASE
KILL ME" IS "BEEP."



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I NEED A BUDGET
ESTIMATE FOR YOUR
PROJECT.

ONE BILLION
DOLLARS.

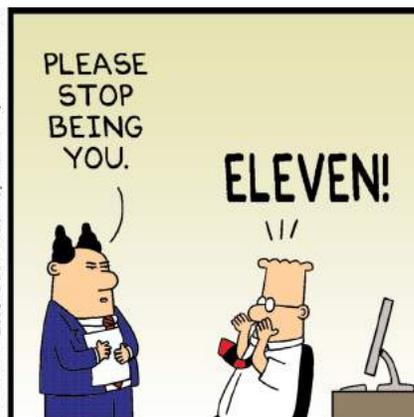


THAT DOESN'T
SOUND REASON-
ABLE. I'LL SHOUT
NUMBERS AND YOU
CAN STOP ME WHEN
ONE SOUNDS
REASONABLE.

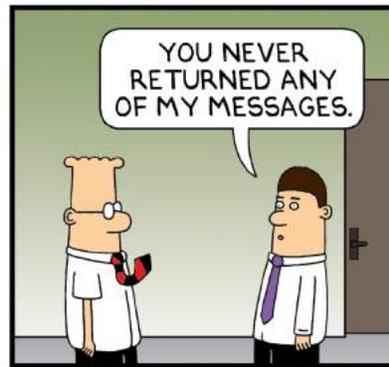


PLEASE
STOP
BEING
YOU.

ELEVEN!



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I PUT YOUR BUDGET ESTIMATES INTO A SPREADSHEET AS YOU ASKED.



A WELL-FERTILIZED SHRUB SPROUTED OUT OF MY IPAD.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW THE BUDGET IS DONE.



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ALICE, DO YOU HAVE A...

GAAA!!!



MY DAY HAS BEEN ONE INTERRUPTION AFTER ANOTHER!



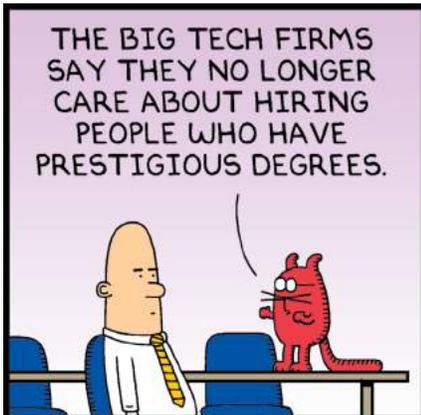
YOU MADE MY SPHINCTER EAT MY UNDERPANTS!

YEAH, I DO THAT NOW.



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THE BIG TECH FIRMS SAY THEY NO LONGER CARE ABOUT HIRING PEOPLE WHO HAVE PRESTIGIOUS DEGREES.



OBVIOUSLY, THEY'RE TRYING TO SUCKER THE REST OF US INTO HIRING IDIOTS WHILE THEY VACUUM UP THE PEOPLE FROM TOP SCHOOLS.



WE NEED TO GET IN ON THIS.

WE COULD SAY WE GET GOOD RESULTS BY HIRING ACCUSED MURDERERS WHO ARE OUT ON BAIL.



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I DON'T NEED TO
SEE YOUR RÉSUMÉ.
THAT'S THE OLD WAY
OF HIRING.



NOW WE USE DATA
FROM THE INTERNET
TO SEE WHAT YOU'VE
BEEN UP TO LATELY.

EW.



I'LL
SHOW
MYSELF
OUT.

YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
IF I DON'T
SHAKE YOUR
HAND.



WE LOST ALL OF OUR
COMPANY DATA AND
OUR BACKUPS, TOO.



SO I HACKED INTO OUR
GOVERNMENT'S SECRET
DATABASE WHERE THEY
KEEP RECORDS OF EVERY-
THING WE SAY OR DO
AND GOT IT ALL BACK.

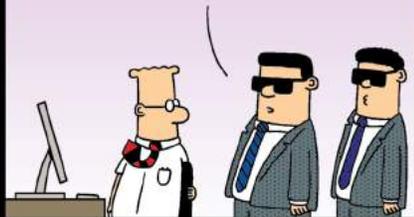


I FEEL
AS IF I
SHOULD
BE DOING
SOMETHING
NOW.

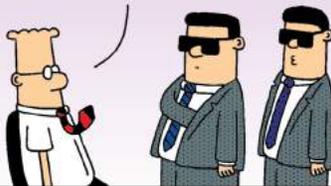
NAH.
EVERY-
THING IS
WORKING
FINE.



YOU HACKED INTO A
GOVERNMENT DATA-
BASE AND STOLE
SENSITIVE INFORMA-
TION.

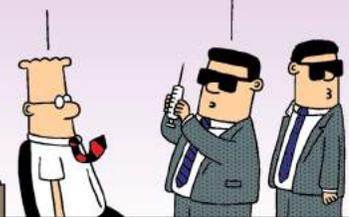


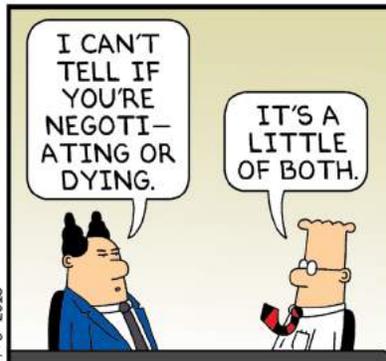
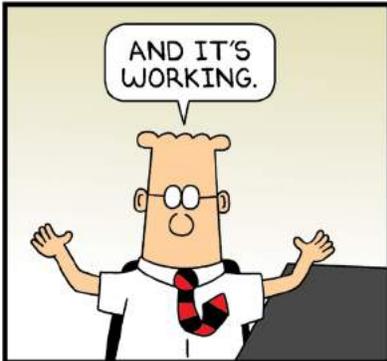
TECHNICALLY, IT WAS
MY COMPANY'S INFOR-
MATION THAT YOUR
SPY SOFTWARE STOLE
FIRST. I WAS JUST
STEALING IT BACK.



SO
WE'RE
GOOD
HERE,
RIGHT?

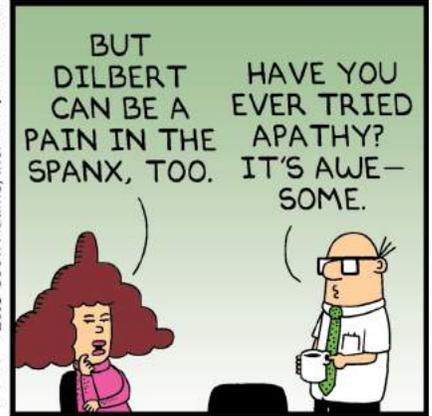
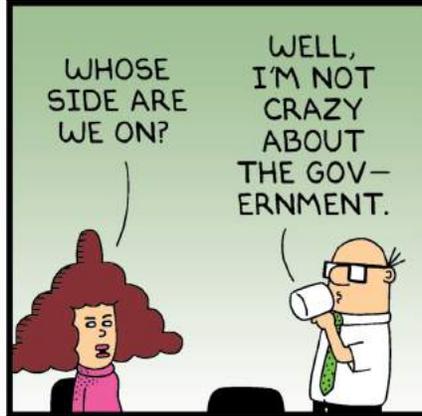
YEAH,
THAT'S
HOW IT
WORKS.





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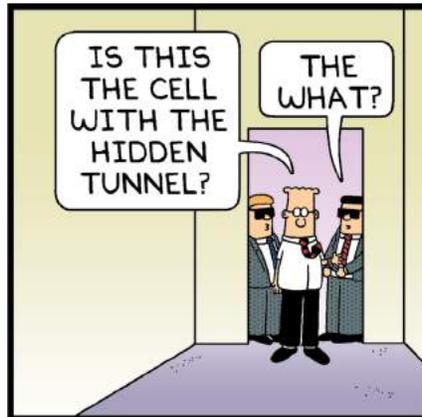
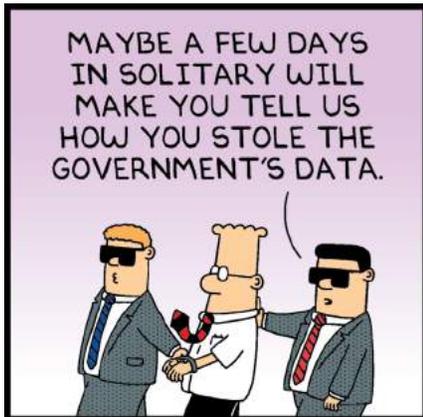
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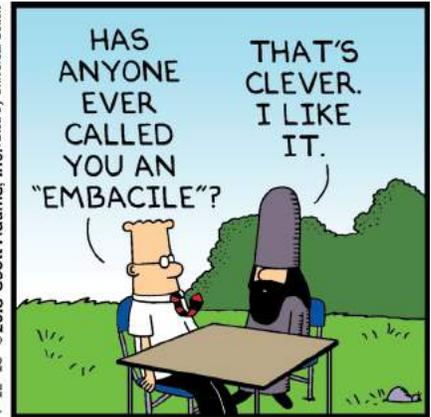
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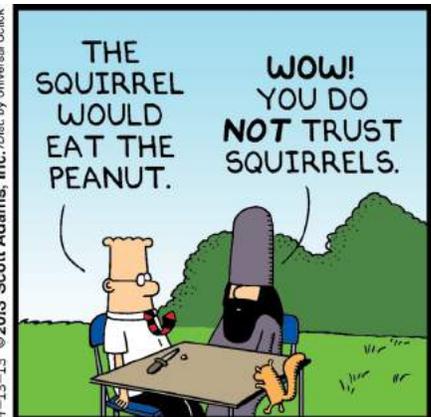
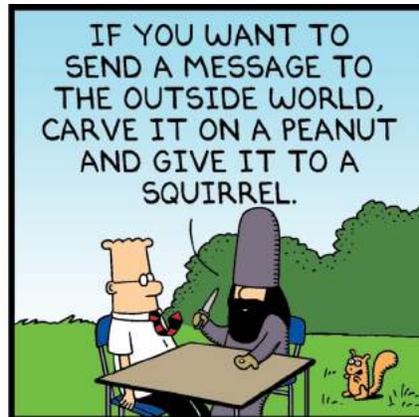
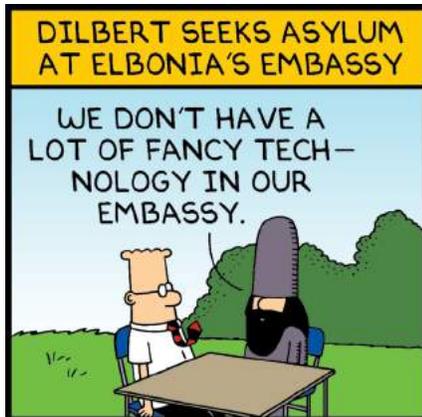
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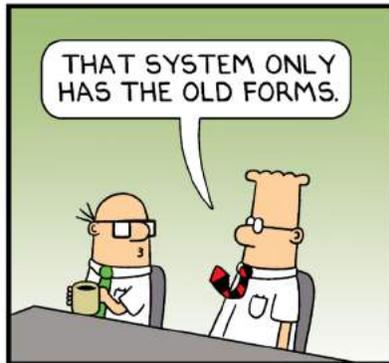
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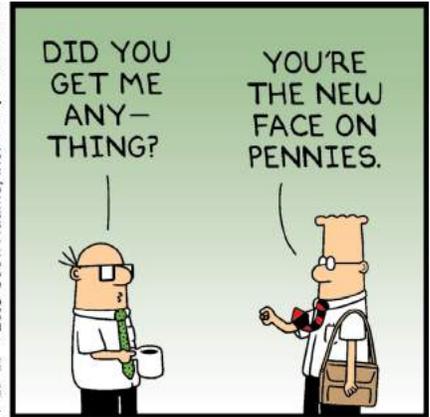
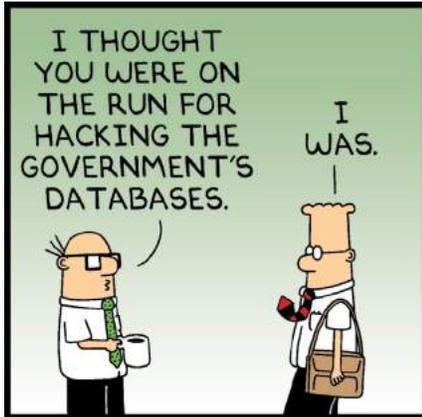


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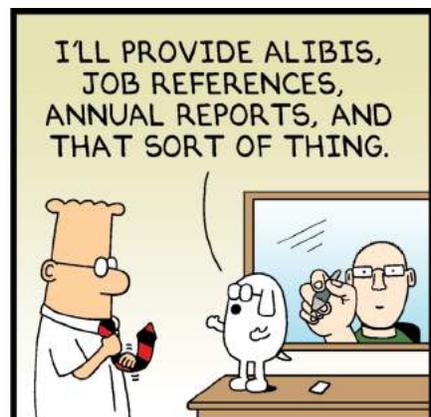


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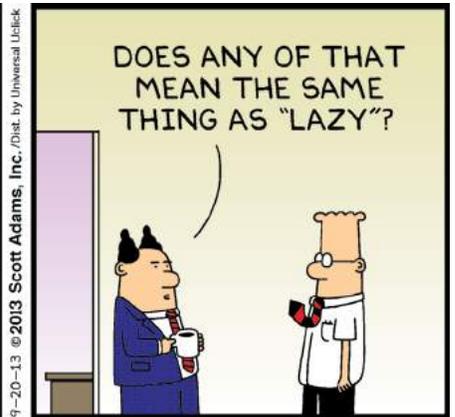
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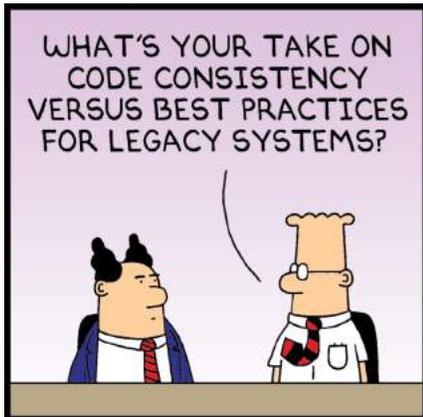
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OUR CORPORATE STRUCTURE IS SO COMPLICATED THAT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE OUR MONEY EVEN COMES FROM.

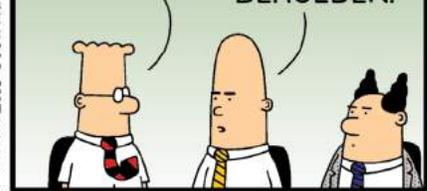


I THINK IT COMES FROM DERIVATIVES OR OFFSHORE ACCOUNTS OR MAYBE GOODWILL.



OR MAYBE CUSTOMERS GIVE US MONEY.

I HOPE NOT. I DON'T LIKE TO FEEL BEHOLDEN.



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DOGBERT THE EXECUTIVE COACH

THE ROI FOR EXECUTIVE COACHING IS 9,000%.

WOW! THAT'S A LOT!



BUT I NEED A COACH WHO WON'T ASK ME TO DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY.



I WASN'T PLANNING TO SHOW UP FOR OUR MEETINGS.

PERFECT. HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU FOR TODAY?



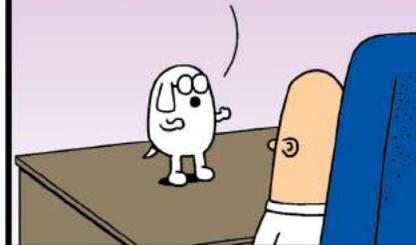
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EXECUTIVE COACHING

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT CEOs ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE PSYCHOPATHS.



OBVIOUSLY, BEING A PSYCHOPATH WORKS. DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU DIFFERENT.



HOW'S YOUR GRANDIOSE SENSE OF SELF-WORTH?

IT'S THE BEST. I SHOULD KILL YOU FOR ASKING.



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I GOT YOUR STUPID
EMAIL WITH YOUR
STUPID LINK TO THAT
STUPID SCIENTIFIC
STUDY.



I DON'T CARE ABOUT
YOUR SO-CALLED
"FACTS." I KNOW I'M
RIGHT!



WINNING
AN ARGUMENT
NEVER **FEELS**
LIKE WINNING.



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MY THERA-
PIST SAYS
I HAVE
LOW SELF-
ESTEEM.

I LIKE
WHERE
THIS IS
HEADING.



I'M DRAWN
TO GUYS
WHO TREAT
ME POORLY.

YOU
SOUND
CRAZY.



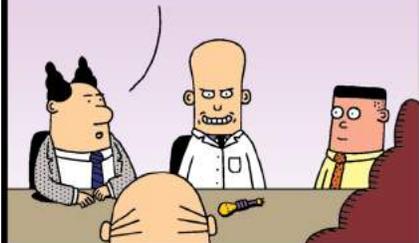
JERK.

IN MY
DEFENSE,
YOU SEND
MIXED
SIGNALS.



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WE REPLACED OUR
ENTIRE MARKETING
DEPARTMENT WITH
ONE EVIL GENIUS.



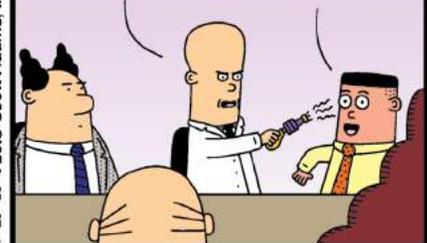
MY OPTOGENETIC*
TECHNOLOGY CAN RE-
WIRE THE NEURAL
PATHWAYS OF OUR
CUSTOMERS AND CHANGE
THEIR PREFERENCES.



*ALREADY WORKS ON MICE

YOU
LIKE
GRAY.

I LIKE
TO BE
GAY.



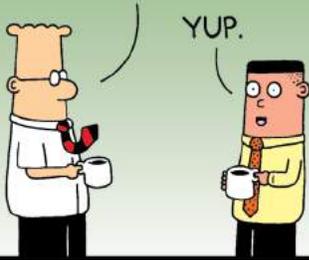
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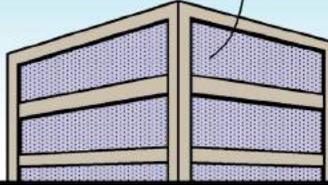
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I HEARD THAT MARKET-
ING'S OPTOGENETIC
DEVICE TWEAKED SOME
OF YOUR PREFERENCES.



YUP.

NOW I'M A GAY
ANARCHIST WHO
LOVES FOOTBALL AND
STRING CHEESE.



SOUNDS
LIKE A
BIG
ADJUST-
MENT.

WELL,
THE CHEESE
PART CAME
EASILY...



YOU'RE LAZY,
UNDEPENDABLE,
AND DISRUPTIVE.



THAT'S WHY I
CAN'T GIVE YOU
A RAISE THIS
YEAR.

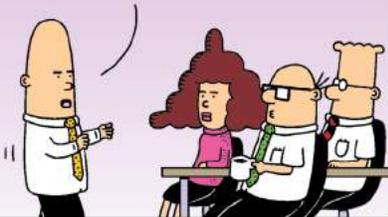


HOW'D
IT GO?

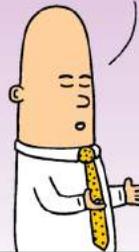
HE BLAMED
THE VICTIM.



BUILD A HYPERLOOP
TO CONNECT EVERY
MAJOR CITY IN THE
WORLD WITH SUPER-
FAST TRANSPORTATION.



THE VISION WAS
THE HARD PART. YOU
IDIOTS CAN WORK ON
THE DETAILS.



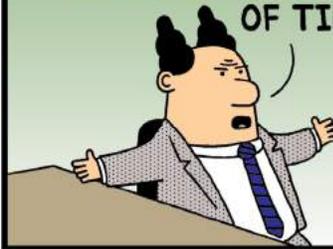
SOMEONE PAT ME
ON THE BACK. I CAN'T
REACH IT WITH MY
T-REX ARMS.



I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT I SPENT 50% MORE TIME IN MEETINGS THIS QUARTER.



THAT'S NOT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT! MEETINGS ARE A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME!



HOW WOULD I HAVE LEARNED THAT WITHOUT THIS MEETING?



OUR PRODUCTS ARE GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY.



BUT OUR MARKET—ING KEEPS IMPROVING. WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO THE POINT WHERE OUR CUSTOMERS WILL GIVE US MONEY FOR NO REASON.



THEN WE CAN GIVE OURSELVES HUGE RAISES AND DO NO WORK AT ALL.



I LIKE EVERYTHING YOU SAID, EXCEPT THE "WE" PART.

OUR POLICY IS TO PROMOTE FROM WITHIN.



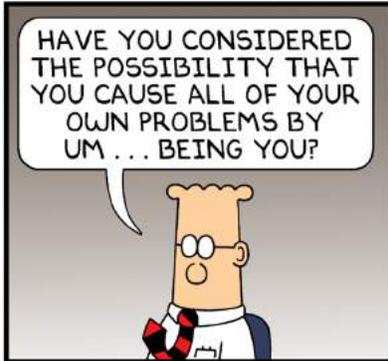
HOW WILL YOU BACKFILL THE JOBS OF THE PEOPLE YOU PROMOTED?



FROM WITHIN.



THAT'S ONE OF YOUR BETTER PLANS.

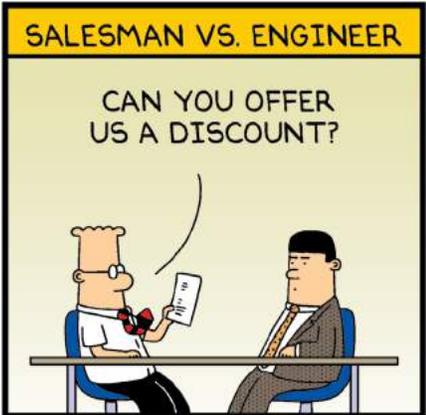


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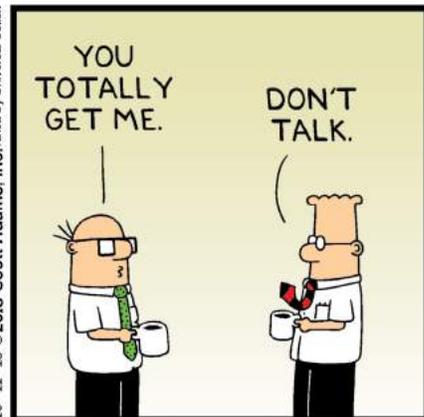
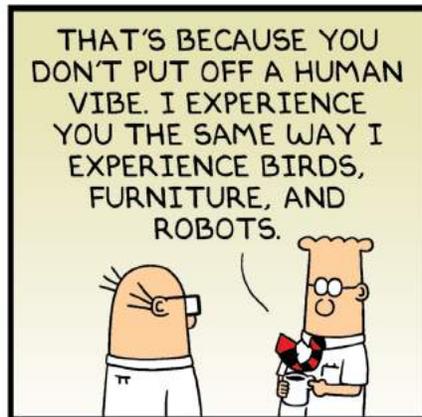
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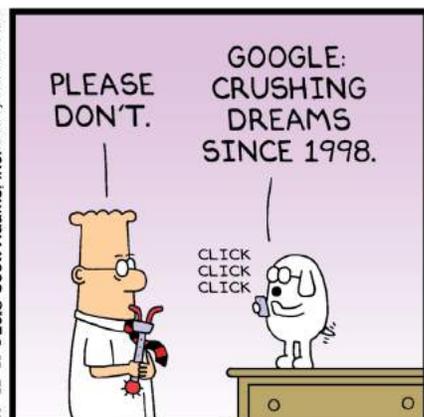
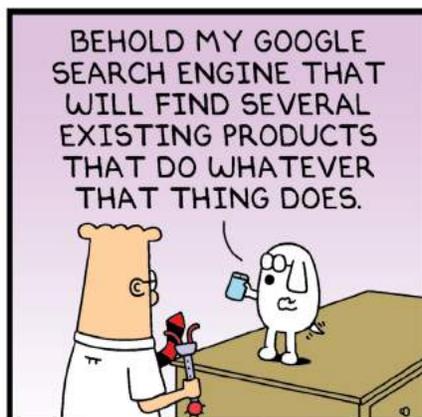
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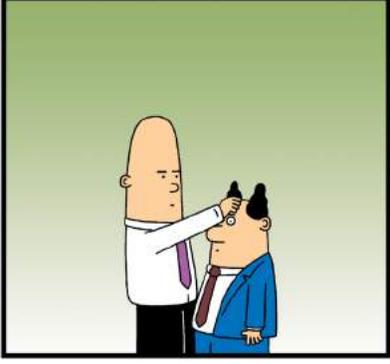
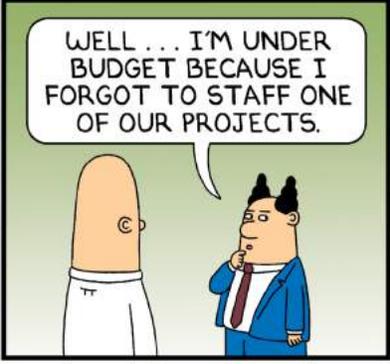
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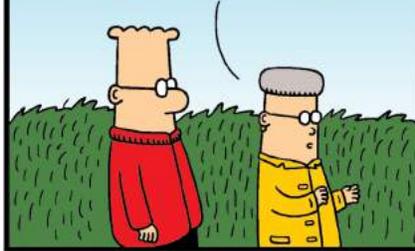
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EVERY TIME I THINK I'VE INVENTED SOMETHING, I FIND OUT IT ALREADY EXISTS.

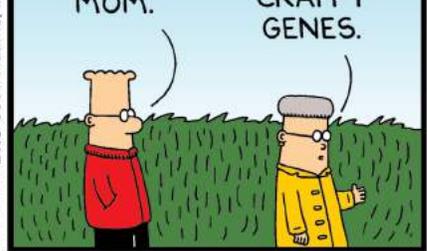


MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE ALL MINDS ARE CONNECTED BY THE MORPHIC FIELD.



MORPHIC FIELDS ARE PSEUDO-SCIENCE, MOM.

I ALSO BLAME YOUR DAD'S CRAPPY GENES.

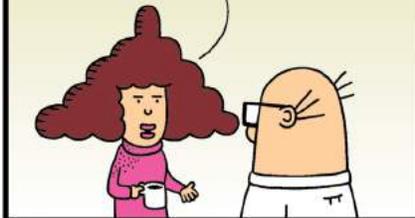


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PEOPLE USED TO THINK IT TOOK 10,000 HOURS OF PRACTICE TO BECOME AN EXPERT.



BUT NOW PEOPLE THINK THE AMOUNT OF PRACTICE YOU NEED DEPENDS ON YOUR GENETIC MAKEUP.



SO YOU'D BE GOOD TO GO AFTER A MILLION OR SO HOURS.

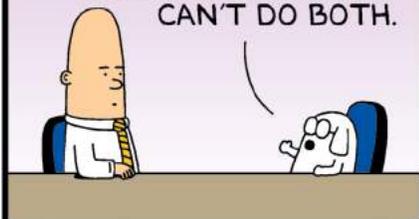
SEE WHY I DON'T BOTHER?



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DOGBERT: EXECUTIVE COACH

YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON YOUR CAREER OR YOUR FAMILY. YOU CAN'T DO BOTH.



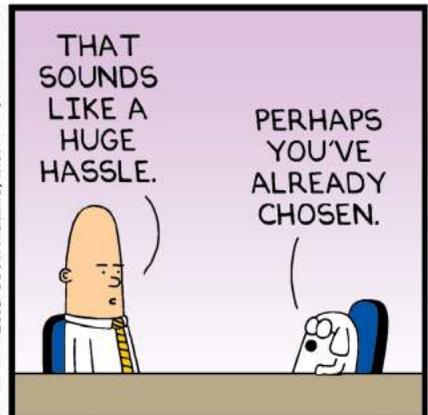
I DON'T HAVE A FAMILY.

ACTUALLY, YOU'RE MARRIED AND YOU HAVE FOUR KIDS.



THAT SOUNDS LIKE A HUGE HASSLE.

PERHAPS YOU'VE ALREADY CHOSEN.



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YOU DIDN'T
HANDLE THIS
THE WAY I
TOLD YOU.



IN MY DEFENSE, YOU'RE
UNDER-INFORMED AND
LESS CLEVER THAN ME.



I WAS HOPING
HE'D SAY, "GOOD
POINT," BUT IT WENT
ANOTHER DIRECTION.



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I'M WORKING ON A
NEW FACIAL EXPRESSION
TO SCARE AWAY THE
WEAK. WANT TO
SEE IT?



THAT ONE
MEANS
I'M TOO
BUSY TO
TALK. I SAID NO!
I SAID NO!
I SAID NO!

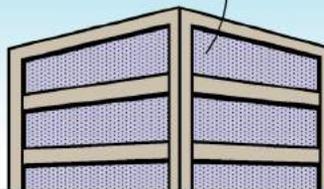


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WHY IS YOUR PROJECT
TAKING LONGER THAN
EXPECTED?



IT'S ONLY TAKING
LONGER THAN DUMB
PEOPLE EXPECTED.



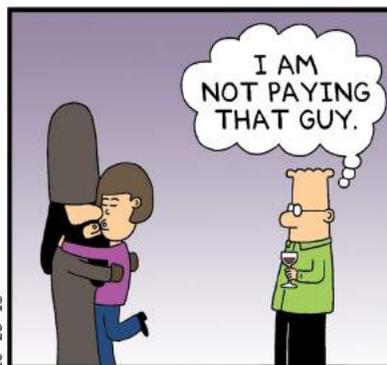
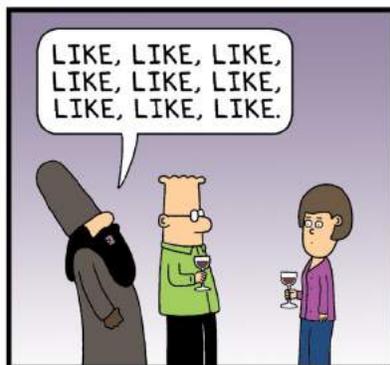
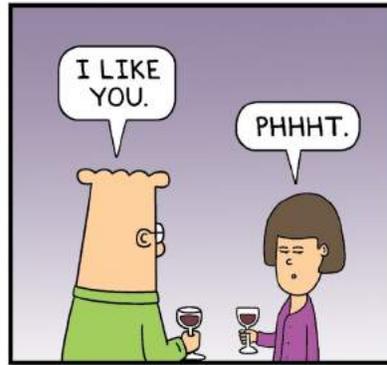
STILL,
THAT'S
A LOT OF
PEOPLE.



WHAT CAN
I SAY TO
MAKE THIS
CONVERSA-
TION END?



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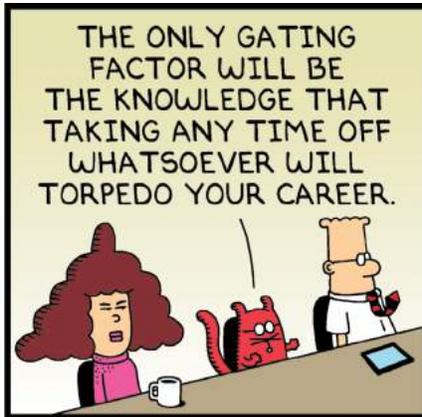


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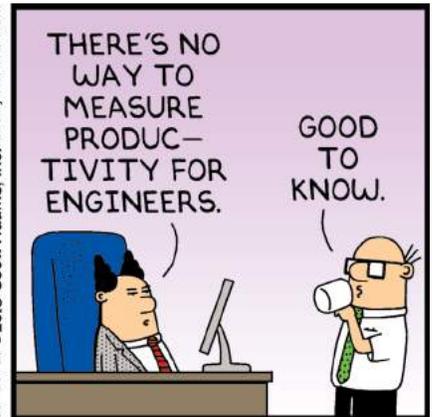
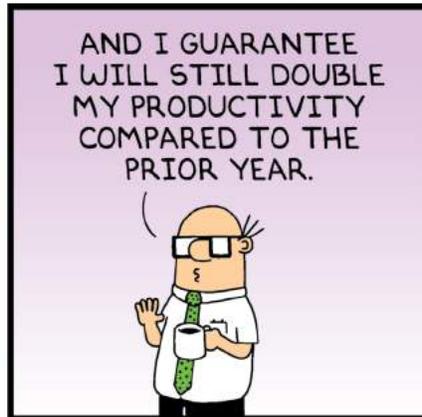
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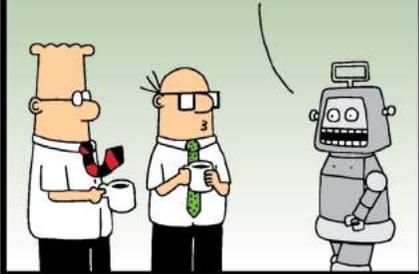


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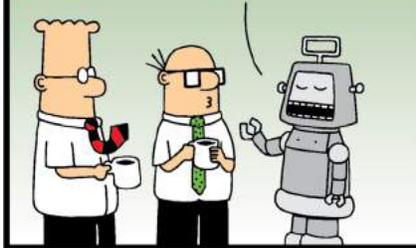


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HEY, MEAT-BAGS!
I'M HERE TO TAKE
YOUR JOBS!

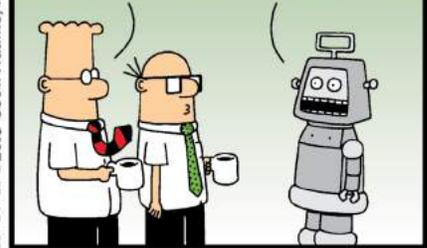


HA HA! NOT REALLY.
I WON'T HAVE THAT
CAPABILITY FOR TWO
OR THREE YEARS.



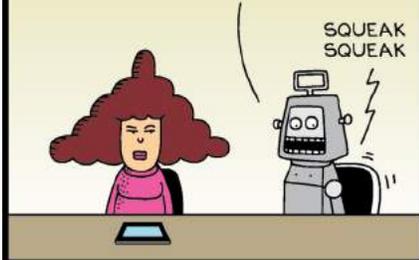
WHEN
DID YOU
LEARN
HUMOR?

HUMOR?
I WAS
GOING FOR
CRUELTY.

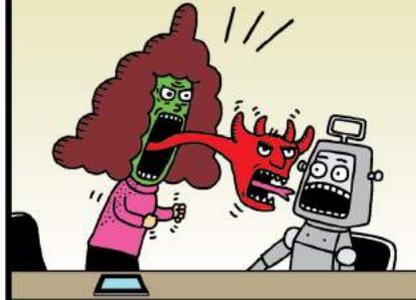


MY CHAIR IS
SQUEAKY. HOW
DO I FIX THAT?

SQUEAK
SQUEAK

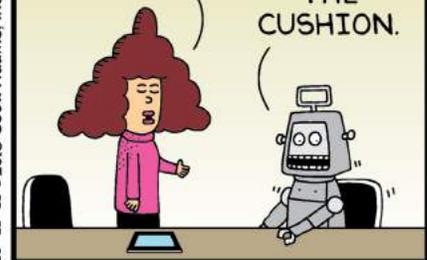


DIE!



AND NOW
YOUR CHAIR
IS OILED.

MOSTLY
THE
CUSHION.



FUTURISTS SAY THAT
SOMEDAY HUMANS WILL
HAVE THE KNOW-HOW
TO CREATE AN ENTIRE
UNIVERSE.



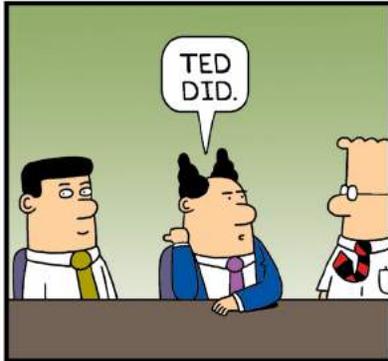
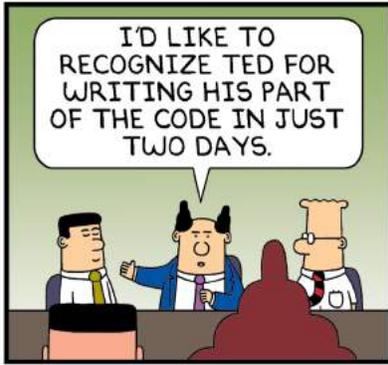
WHERE
WOULD
THEY
PUT IT?



WE SHOULD DO
THESE BROWN BAG
LUNCHES LESS OFTEN.

SLURP





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ACCORDING TO STUDIES,
EMPLOYEES WILL WORK
HARDER IF THEY THINK
THEIR MANAGERS CARE
ABOUT THEM.



BUT THAT'S HARD
FOR ME BECAUSE
YOU'RE BASICALLY A
SAUSAGE CASING FULL OF
COFFEE AND ROTTING
ORGANS.



THAT
MUST
HAVE
STUNG.

LESS
THAN
YOU'D
THINK.

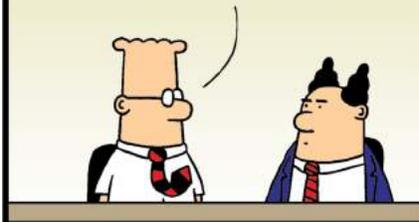


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THE KEY TO GREAT
LEADERSHIP IS SETTING
CLEAR EXPECTATIONS AND
PERIODICALLY REVISING
THEM AS CONDITIONS
CHANGE.



IF YOU PLAN TO
REVISE EXPECTA-
TIONS, THAT TELLS ME
YOU KNOW THEM TO
BE FAULTY NOW.

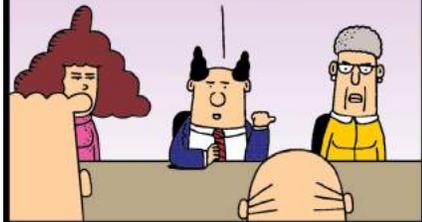


STOP
INSPIRING
ME SO MUCH.
MAYBE.



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I HIRED A DESICCATED
CRONE TO TEACH AN
ETIQUETTE CLASS TO
YOU ENGINEERING
HEATHENS.

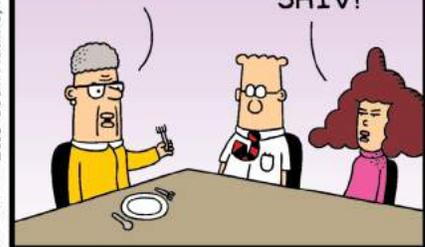


SHE'LL HELP YOU
STOP EATING YOUR
BUSINESS LUNCHES
LIKE KIDNAP VICTIMS.



WHEN
DO YOU
USE THIS
FORK?

WHEN
I'M TOO
LAZY TO
MAKE A
SHIV?



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ETIQUETTE TRAINING

THE NAPKIN GOES IN YOUR LAP.



HONK



IT'S NOT A HAND-KERCHIEF!

IT SORT OF IS.

HONK



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WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST WITH THE BRAINSTORMING?

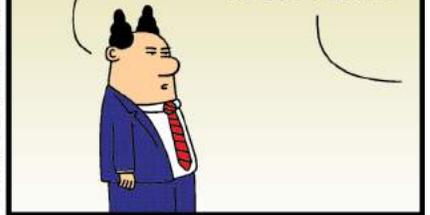


I SUGGEST WE IGNORE ALL OF THE STUDIES THAT SAY BRAINSTORMING DOESN'T WORK.



NOW I HATE YOU A LITTLE EXTRA.

BECAUSE I AGREED WITH YOUR PLAN?

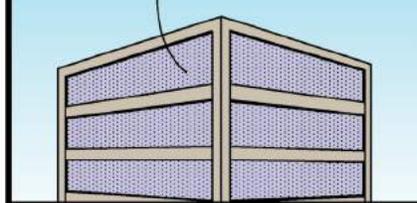


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TINA, I ASKED YOU TO WRITE UP THE **BEST** IDEAS FROM OUR BRAINSTORMING SESSION.



THE TOP ONE ON YOUR LIST IS "A ROBOT MADE OF LUNCH MEAT."

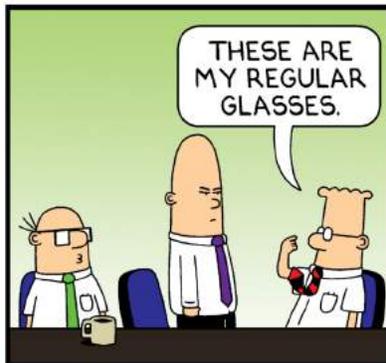


THAT'S BASICALLY JUST A HUMAN.

WHAT PART OF "BEST IDEAS" IS CONFUSING YOU?



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EVERY TIME I LEAVE THE LAB, SOME JERK STEALS MY CABLES AND REPLACES THEM WITH THEIR BAD ONES.



THEN I HAVE TO SPEND HOURS STEALING BACK ONE CABLE AT A TIME AND TESTING EACH ONE.



DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU ONE OF THE CABLE-STEALING JERKS?



YOU'VE NEVER MET A PROBLEM YOU COULDN'T WORSEN.



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DO YOU KNOW WHO KEEPS TAKING MY GOOD CABLES AND REPLACING THEM WITH DEFECTIVE ONES?



CERTAINLY NOT ME. BUT I DID SEE AN ELBONIAN WEARING A SKI MASK NEAR YOUR BENCH.



I'M NOT GOOD AT READING PEOPLE.



I'M COUNTING ON THAT.



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OKAY, SKYPE. LET'S SEE IF I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO SHUT YOU DOWN.



CLOSE! QUIT! SIGN OUT! MINIMIZE! QUIT! YES! CLOSE! QUIT! DIE! DIE! DIE!



DID YOU CLOSE SKYPE?



ALMOST. I'M HEADING TO THE OCEAN TO DROWN IT.



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DO YOU KNOW WHY I NEED TO CARRY A COMPANY-ISSUED PHONE PLUS MY OWN PHONE?



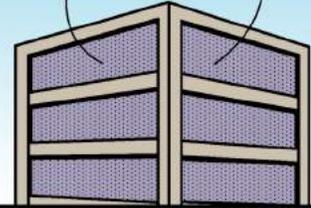
NO.

I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OUR COMPANY POLICY WAS WRITTEN BY CHIMPS WHO TIME-TRAVELED FROM THE FIFTIES.



OR DO YOU HAVE A BETTER EXPLANATION?

I REALLY DON'T.



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I'D LIKE TO THANK MYSELF FOR MY GREAT LEADERSHIP ON THE PROJECT.



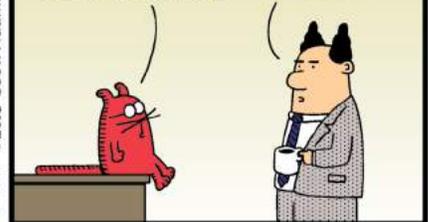
AWESOME

SOME OF YOU DID USEFUL THINGS TOO, BUT ONLY BECAUSE I THREATENED TO FIRE YOU IF YOU DIDN'T. SO DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEADS.



I HOPE YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM THEY DID GOOD WORK.

NO, THAT MAKES THEM GREEDY.



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I LIKE MY JOB. BUT I DON'T LIKE ANY OF THE TASKS ... OR ANY OF THE PEOPLE.

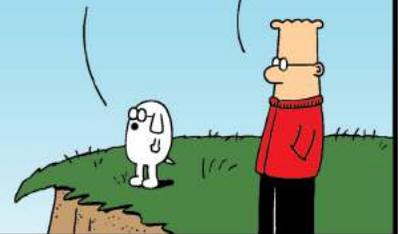


I DON'T LIKE THE COMMUTE. . . AND I'M PAID LESS THAN I'M WORTH. . . AND I'M NOT MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

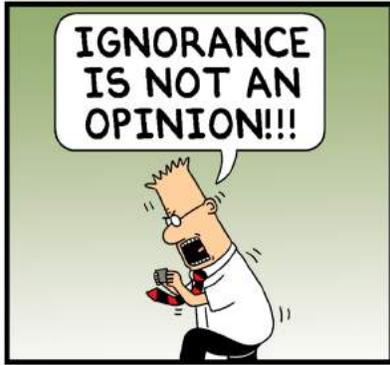
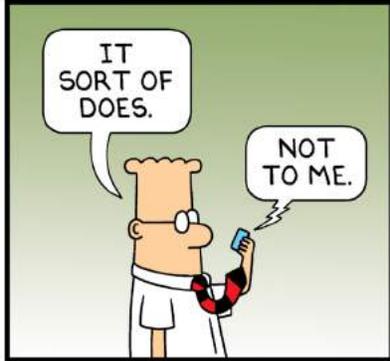
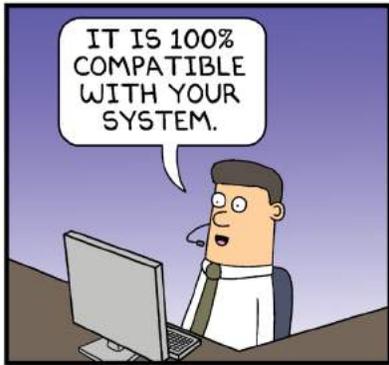


ARE YOU **SURE** YOU LIKE YOUR JOB?

WHY DO YOU ASK?

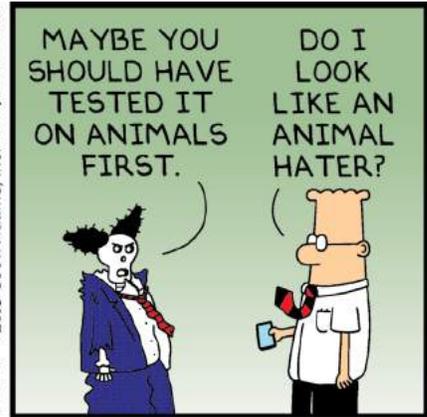
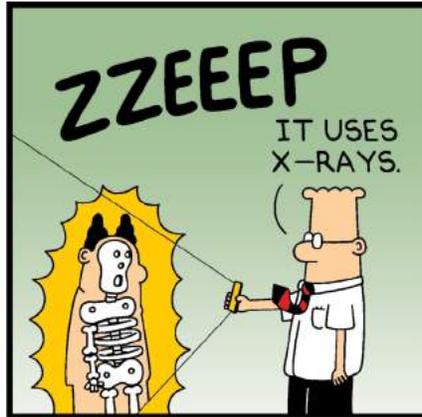
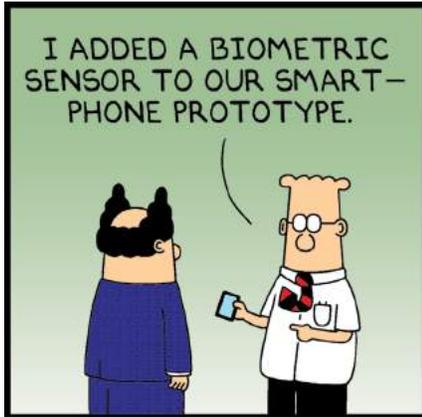


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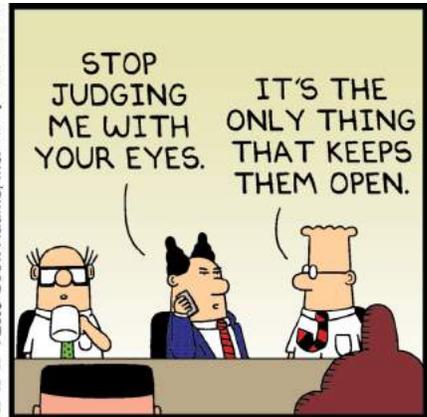


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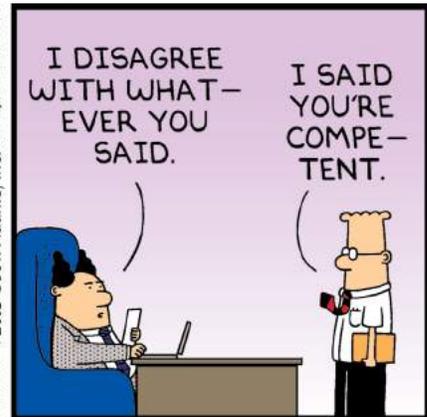
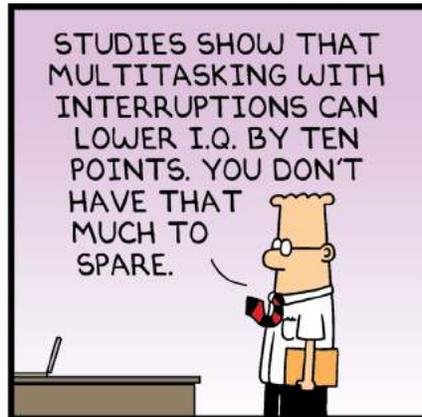
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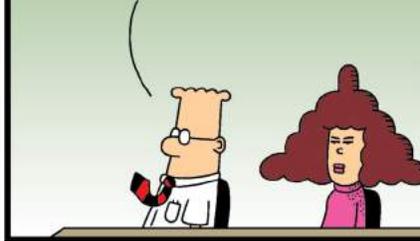


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OUR NEW STRATEGY IS TO LOWER OUR PRICES TO INCREASE SALES.

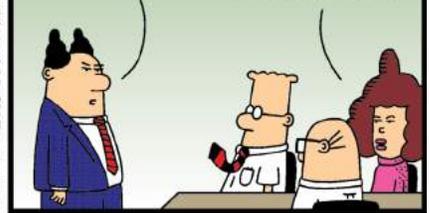


SO OUR STRATEGY IS TO START A PRICE WAR AND DRIVE OUR PROFIT MARGIN TO ZERO?

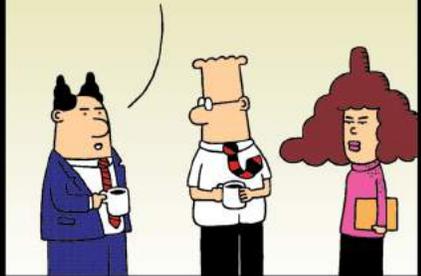


IT MADE SENSE AT THE EXECUTIVE RETREAT.

WAS ALCOHOL INVOLVED?



I SEE MYSELF AS A LEADER IN THE MOLD OF STEVE JOBS.

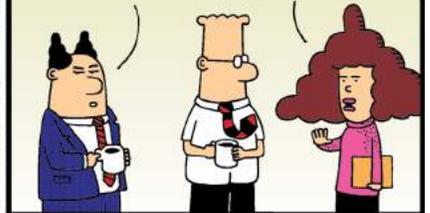


TRY RINSING YOUR ENTIRE BODY WITH VINEGAR. THAT MIGHT REMOVE HIS MOLD.



ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING?

PLEASE DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING I OWN.



OUR COMPETITORS HAVE A TECHNOLOGY FOR READING BRAIN WAVES AT A DISTANCE.

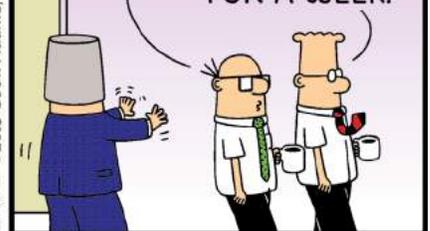


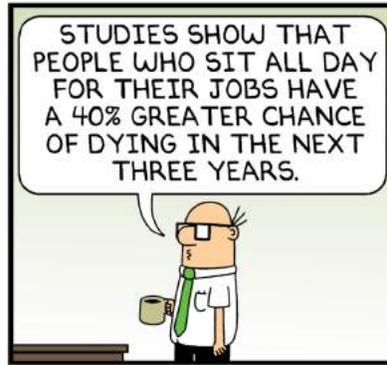
THIS SHIELDED HELMET WILL PREVENT THEM FROM READING THE COMPANY SECRETS IN YOUR MIND.



YOU OWE ME \$20.

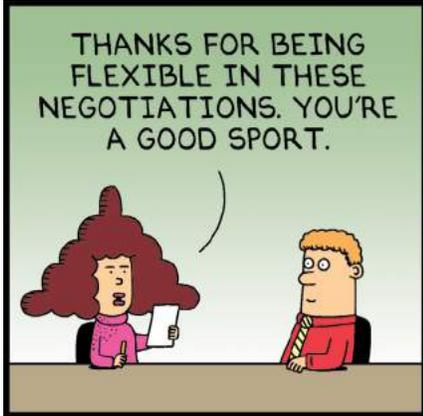
THE BET WAS THAT HE HAS TO WEAR THE TRASH CAN FOR A WEEK.



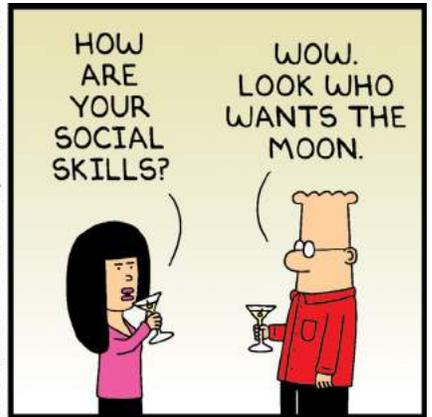
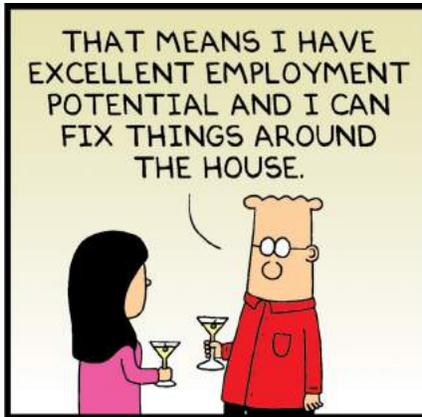
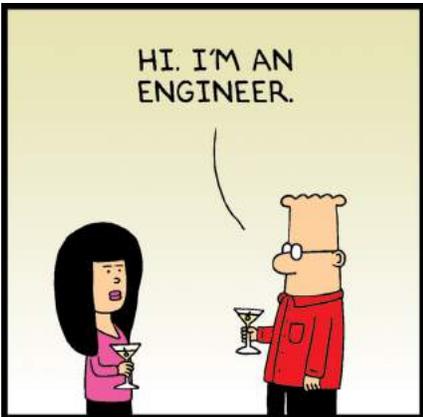


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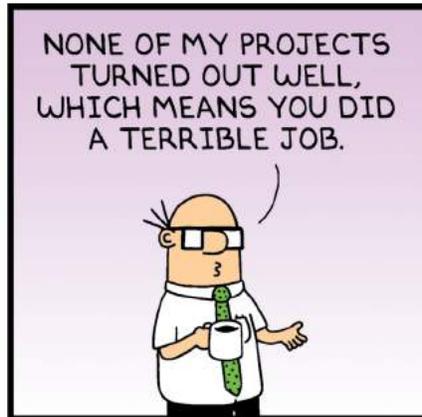
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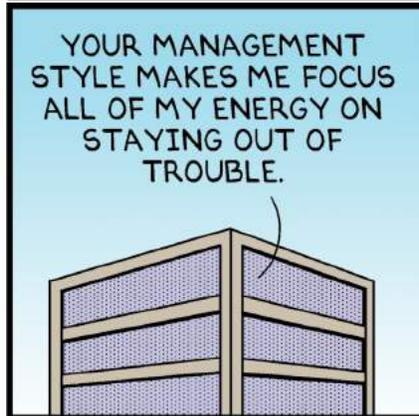
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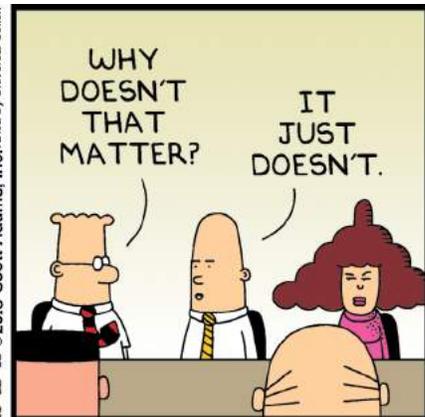
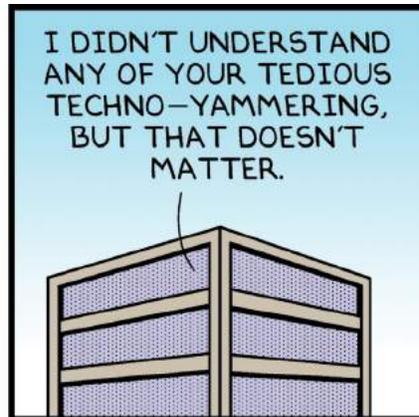
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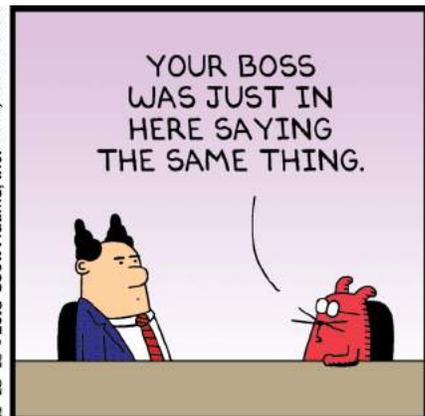
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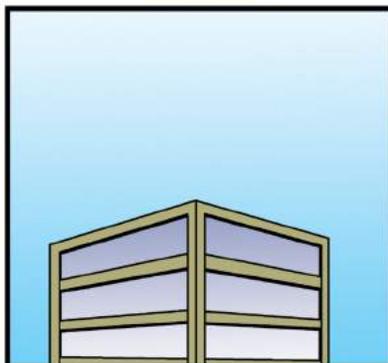
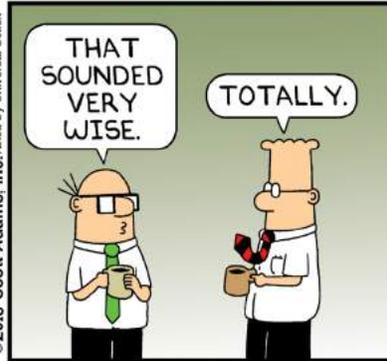
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I'LL SELL YOU THE RIGHTS TO USE LINUX FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS.



AFTER THE FIRST MONTH, YOU ONLY NEED TO PAY FOR EVERY UPGRADE.



IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.



IT'S NOT AS IF I'M GIVING IT AWAY FOR FREE.



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EXPERTS SAY LAZY EMPLOYEES ARE THE BEST BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW TO FIND SHORTCUTS.



SO YOU FOUND A LOT OF SHORT-CUTS?



ME? NO. I'M NOT LAZY. I'M USELESS.

THEN WHY DID YOU BRING IT UP?



WHY WOULDN'T I? I'M NOT LAZY.



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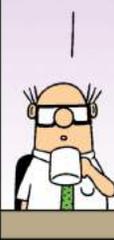
OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE IN JANUARY BECAUSE DECEMBER WILL BE TOO BUSY.



I'M SURE THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T MIND THAT WE DO THINGS ON YOUR SCHEDULE, NOT HIS.



WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



I HEAR THUNDER.



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I'M FROM THE GOVERNMENT. WE'VE BEEN MONITORING YOUR INTERNET ACTIVITY.



HALF OF MY DEPARTMENT WENT BLIND AND THE OTHER HALF NEEDS COUNSELING.



SOUNDS LIKE NOT MY PROBLEM.

WE'D LIKE TO WEAPONIZE YOU.

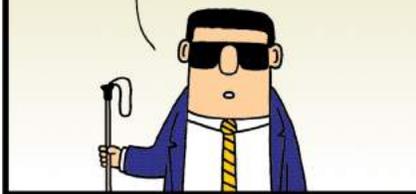


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THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO USE YOUR BROWSER HISTORY AS A FIREWALL AGAINST ELBONIAN HACKERS.

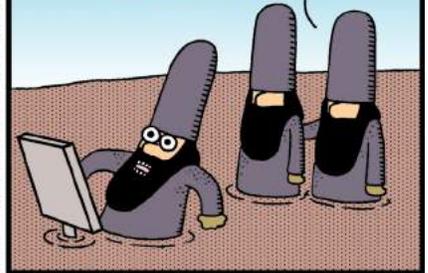


ONE LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE UP TO WILL MAKE THEM BLIND AND CRAZY. I KNOW BECAUSE IT WORKED ON ME.



A WEEK LATER IN ELBONIA

THAT'S PROBABLY A FLUKE. YOU TRY.



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I'M LOOKING FOR THOUGHT DIVERSITY IN MY HIRING. THAT'S A THING NOW.



REALLY? THAT'S A DUMB THING. ALL YOU END UP WITH IS A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AGREE.



HOW DO YOU LIKE THOUGHT DIVERSITY NOW?

THAT FAD DIDN'T LAST LONG.



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I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNER IN THE CEO'S TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE.



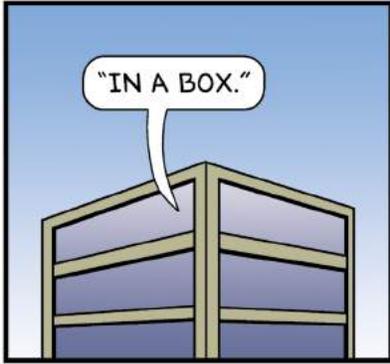
TWO WEEKS AGO, I CHALLENGED YOU TO COME UP WITH INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR GETTING FRESH WATER TO ELBONIA.



THE WINNER IS SOMEONE NAMED WALLY.



WALLY'S IDEA FOR BRINGING FRESH WATER TO ELBONIA IS ...



"IN A BOX."



THAT'S THE BEST ONE?

WE ONLY HAD ONE ENTRY.



I HATE YOUR BALD GUTS.

I GET THAT A LOT.



IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE IN MY CUBICLE THINKING UP AWARD-WINNING IDEAS.

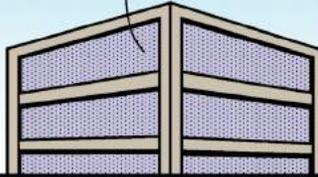
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I HIRED PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES SO WE COULD ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF THOUGHT DIVERSITY.



BUT THEY DISAGREE WITH EVERYTHING I SAY, SO I HAVE TO ASSUME THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS.



AM I RIGHT?



TOTALLY.

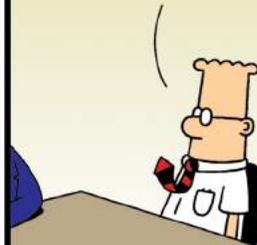


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IT TAKES MONEY TO MAKE MONEY.



WHERE DID THE FIRST MONEY COME FROM?



I'M PRETTY SURE IT TAKES MONEY TO WASTE MONEY, TOO.

PLEASE STOP TALKING!



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HOW WAS YOUR WEEKEND?



I WRAPPED MYSELF IN A BLANKET AND STAYED ON THE COUCH WATCHING BAD TV SHOWS UNTIL I SMELLED LIKE A GYM SOCK WITH HALITOSIS.



I LIKE HOW SHE MAKES ME FEEL.



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YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE FACEBOOK AT WORK.



FINE. I'LL USE IT AT HOME TONIGHT INSTEAD OF DOING THE THREE HOURS OF UNPAID WORK I WAS PLANNING TO DO.



I'M CALLING THAT A WIN.

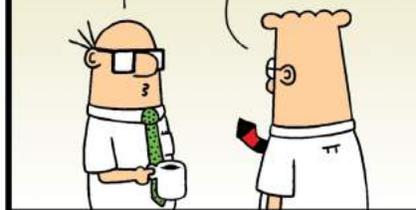


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I WANT TO USE FACEBOOK TO WASTE TIME AT WORK, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.



DO YOU MIND IF I FRIEND YOU? SURE. YOU'LL BE MY ONLY FRIEND.



WILL YOU POST THINGS FOR ME TO LOOK AT?

WOW. FRIENDS ARE TOTALLY INCONVENIENT.

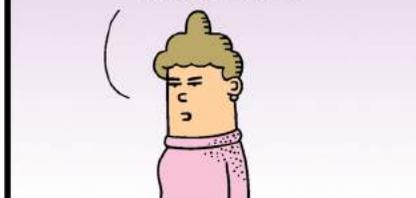


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YOU KEEP PRESSING THE PUBLIC ADDRESS BUTTON ON YOUR PHONE WHEN YOU MAKE CALLS.



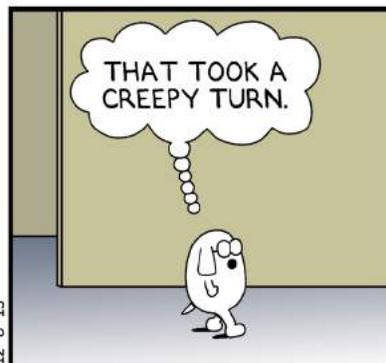
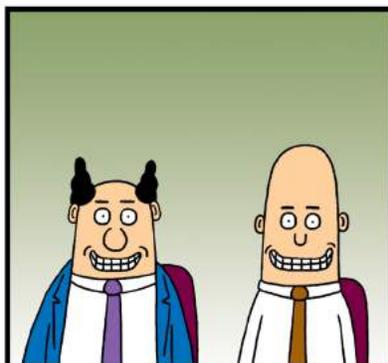
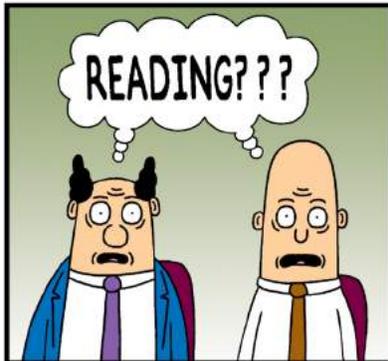
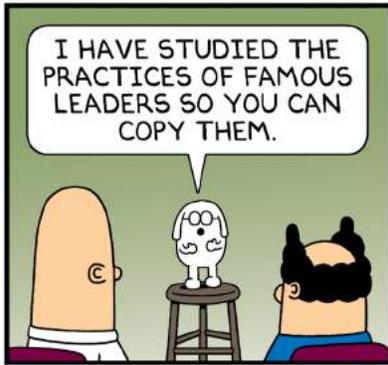
WE CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE TALKING TO YOUR DOCTOR OR YOU'RE REALLY, REALLY BAD AT TALKING DIRTY TO YOUR WIFE.



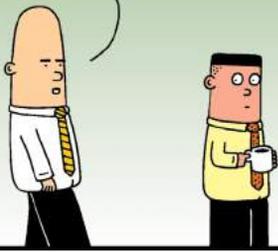
I USE ONE TO PRACTICE THE OTHER.



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HELLO, RANDOM
SUBORDINATE THAT
I AM SEEING IN THE
HALLWAY!



I'M YOUR
CEO, BUT
I'M STILL
LIKE A
REGULAR
PERSON.



MY
NAME
IS
ASOK.



I ONLY
TOUCH
PEOPLE
WHO OWN
BOATS.



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I'VE BEEN ASKED TO
VET MY IDEA WITH
MY PEERS.

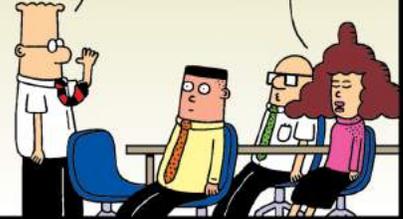


TO SAVE TIME, I AM
WILLING TO STIPULATE
THAT YOU HATE ALL
IDEAS THAT ARE NOT
YOUR OWN.



ALL IN
FAVOR?

I HATE
THIS IDEA,
TOO.



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DID YOU
VET THIS
IDEA WITH
YOUR PEERS?

THEY
HATED
IT.



THEY ALSO SAY
YOU'RE INCOMPETENT
AND ANNOYING, SO
HOW MUCH CAN WE
REALLY TRUST THEIR
OPINIONS?



IT **DOES**
SOUND AS
IF THEY'RE
WRONG A
LOT.

EXACTLY.



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OUR COMPANY
NEEDS MORE
PEOPLE LIKE YOU.



NOT JUST MORE.
|
WE NEED **INFINITE**
PEOPLE JUST LIKE
YOU.

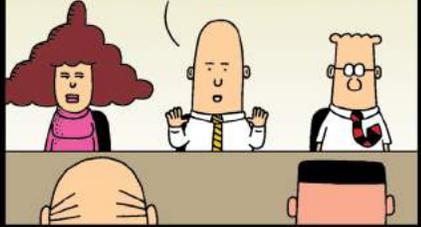


WHERE
IS THIS
GOING?
AND IF EACH
OF YOU HAD
A TYPE-
WRITER,
WOW!

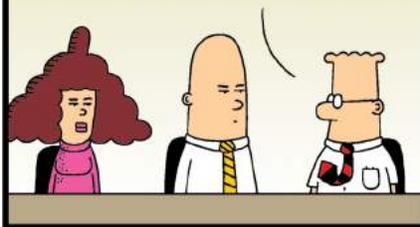


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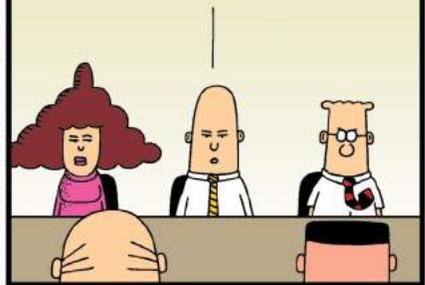
WE NEED TO
FOSTER A CULTURE OF
INNOVATION. DOES
ANYONE HAVE AN IDEA
HOW WE CAN DO THAT?



YOU COULD GIVE US
LESS WORK. AND YOU
COULD STOP CRITICIZ-
ING EVERY IDEA WE
EVER HAVE.



DOES ANYONE HAVE
A SUGGESTION THAT
ISN'T RIDICULOUS?



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WHEN THE MANAGERS
MEET TO TALK ABOUT
PROMOTIONS, I'LL
FIGHT FOR YOU.



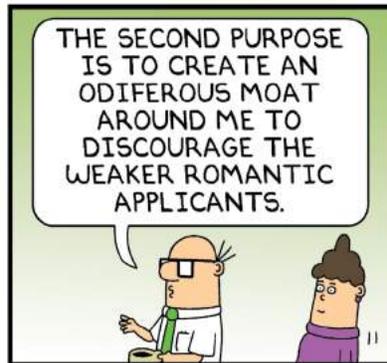
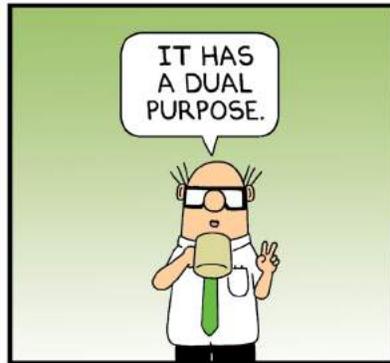
ARE YOU SAYING
MY FUTURE DEPENDS
ON **YOUR** EFFECTIVE-
NESS AND NOT **MINE**?



THIS
WENT
DIFFERENTLY
THAN I
EXPECTED.



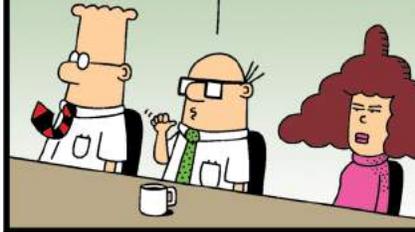
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IF WE RAISE \$40,000
FOR CHARITY, I WILL
SHAVE MY HEAD!



AND IF WE RAISE
NO MONEY AT ALL,
I WILL SHAVE **MY**
HEAD.



THAT'S
MESSED
UP.



IS IT?

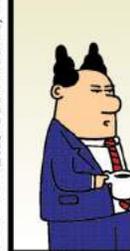
I GOT THE
INCOMPREHENSIBLE
NOTE YOU LEFT
ON MY DESK.



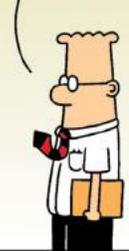
I WANTED TO
LET YOU KNOW THAT
I "FLERMED THE
PLOOTASH" JUST AS
YOU ASKED.



WHAT
MAKES
YOU THIS
WAY?



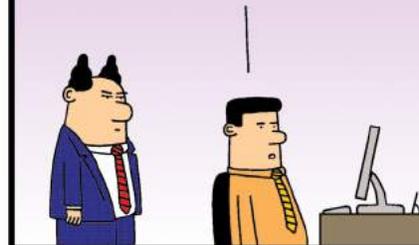
MAYBE
MY DNA IS
FLERMED.



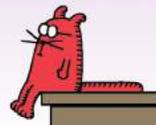
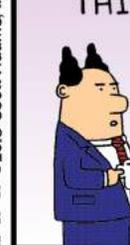
IS THAT A PICTURE
OF YOUR KIDS? NO
PERSONAL ITEMS ARE
ALLOWED IN CUBICLES!



IT'S NOT
PERSONAL. MY
KIDS ARE ONLY IN
IT FOR THE MONEY.



IT'S
MORE OF A
GRAY AREA
THAN YOU'D
THINK.



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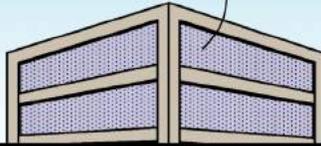
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HEY, LOOK! THERE'S
A STORY ON THE
INTERNET ABOUT
YOUR FABULOUS
CEO LIFESTYLE.



HERE'S A PICTURE
OF YOUR YACHT, YOUR
PENTHOUSE IN NEW
YORK, YOUR PALATIAL
ESTATE, AND YOUR
PRICELESS ART.



THIS
REALLY
ISN'T THE
TIME.

SAID
THE MAN
WITH THE
MILLION-
DOLLAR
WATCH.



THE NONCOMMITTAL
COMMITTEE.

DOES EVERYONE
AGREE WITH THE
PLAN?



IT
DEPENDS.
ASK ME
LATER.

I'LL
THINK
ABOUT
IT.

EH.



MAKE A
DECISION!!!

IS
THIS
YOUR
FIRST
DAY?



YOU
NEED
TO WORK
LESS.

YOUR
PRODUC-
TIVITY IS
MAKING US
LOOK BAD.



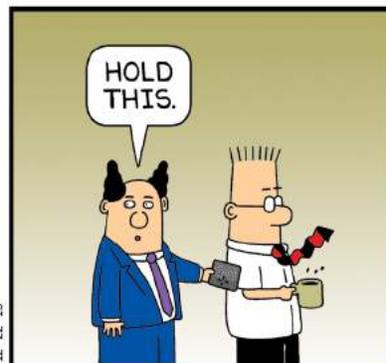
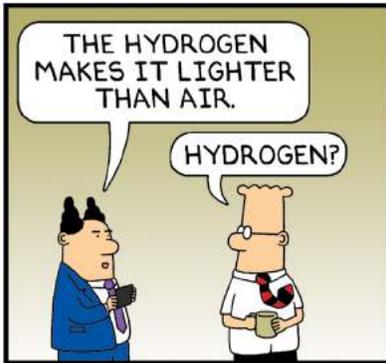
IF YOU KEEP BEING
PRODUCTIVE, WE WILL
HUNT YOU DOWN.

IF IT'S
EASY.



ABOUT THE PEER
REVIEW CONCEPT...
I DON'T THINK YOU
THOUGHT IT THROUGH.





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EXPERTS SAY I SHOULD SURROUND MYSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE POSITIVE INFLUENCES.



I'M ON A CALL!



I THINK I ABSORBED SOME BAD ENERGY.

GO AWAY BEFORE YOU BUM ME OUT.



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I TRACED ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS BACK TO YOUR LACK OF CREATIVITY.



YOU SHOULD BE CREATING IDEAS THAT CHANGE THE COURSE OF CIVILIZATION, BUT INSTEAD, YOU SIT THERE LIKE A LUMP.



I'M SENDING YOU A LINK THAT DESCRIBES FUN WAYS TO CHOKE YOURSELF.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS! THIS GIFT IS BASED ON THE COPENHAGEN INTERPRETATION OF QUANTUM MECHANICS.



THERE'S A CAT IN HERE THAT IS NEITHER DEAD NOR ALIVE.



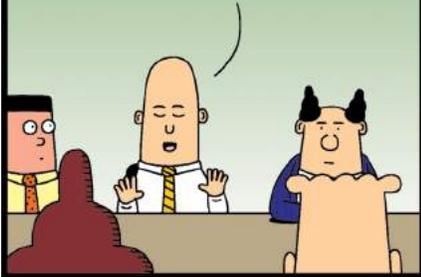
WHERE ARE THE AIRHOLES?

I HAVE CONTROL ISSUES.



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THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS HAVING PASSION FOR WHAT YOU DO!



YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT. I QUIT.

I'M OUT OF HERE.

ME TOO.



YOU PROMISED ME THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN.

IT CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE TOO.



I HIRED AN ENGINEER FROM GOOGLE. HE'S SO SMART THAT HE EVOLVED INTO A LIFE-FORM THAT EXISTS AS PURE ENERGY.



BOW BEFORE MY GREATNESS, YOU PITIFUL HUMANS!



SOMETIMES HE'S A BIT ARROGANT.

I ONCE ADDED A FEATURE TO GMAIL!



BEHOLD MY GREATNESS! I WAS AN ENGINEER AT GOOGLE BEFORE I EVOLVED TO PURE ENERGY!



BEHOLD MY APATHY THAT WILL SUCK THE ENERGY OUT OF YOU LIKE A MONKEY ON AN ORANGE.



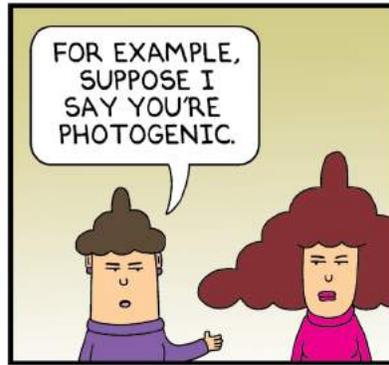
GOOD BOY. RIGHT IN THE CUP.



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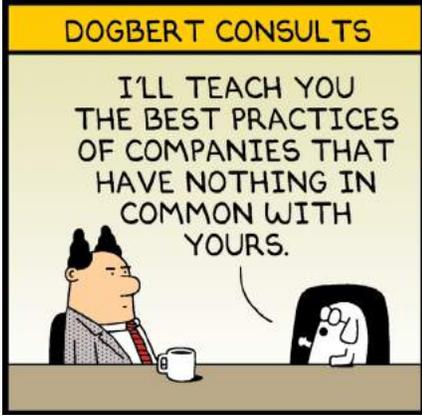
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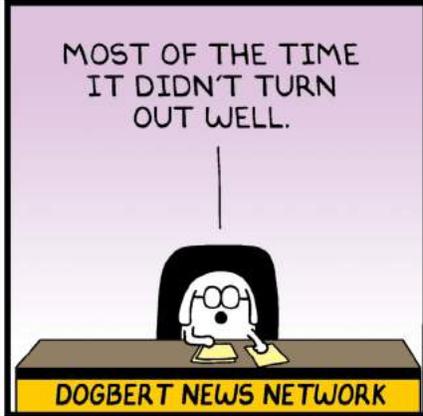




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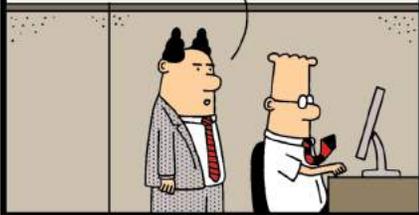


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EXPERTS SAY YOU SHOULD FORMAT YOUR PRESENTATION LIKE A "HERO'S JOURNEY."



"EVENTUALLY, THE PLUCKY ENGINEER FINISHED HIS POWER-POINT SLIDES DESPITE INTERFERENCE FROM A POINTY-HAIRED MONSTER."



EXPERTS NEVER WARN YOU ABOUT THAT PART.



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CRITICIZE THE **BEHAVIOR**, NOT THE PERSON.



THE EMAIL YOU SENT TO EVERYONE LOOKS AS IF IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY A MONKEY ON CRACK.



JUST TO BE CLEAR, YOU ARE TERRIFIC, BUT EVERYTHING YOU DO IS EXACTLY WHAT A MORON WOULD DO.



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I BROUGHT YOU SOME MUFFINS SO I WON'T NEED TO WATCH MY WEIGHT.



IF I FATTEN UP THE PEOPLE AROUND ME, I'LL LOOK GOOD EVEN IF I GAIN A FEW POUNDS.

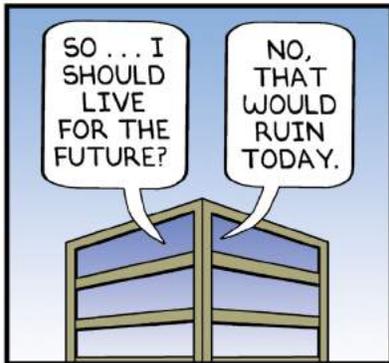
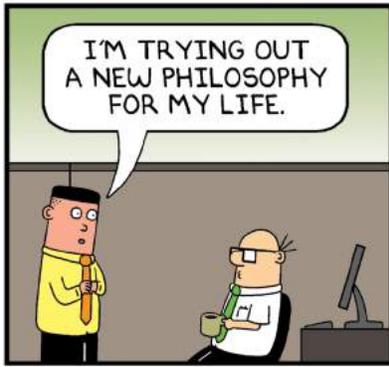


WON'T THAT MAKE YOU LOOK MEAN?

IN PHASE TWO, I'LL ALSO MAKE YOU ANGRIER THAN ME.



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TED, I'M MOVING YOU
TO A NEWLY FORMED
STRATEGIC ENGINEER-
ING GROUP.



ARE YOU PUTTING
ALL OF YOUR WORST
EMPLOYEES IN ONE
GROUP SO YOU CAN
LATER ELIMINATE THE
FUNCTION AND AVOID
FIRING EACH PERSON
INDIVIDUALLY?

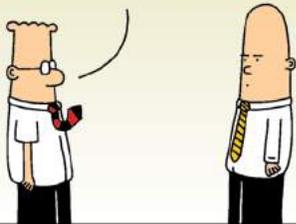


YOU PICKED
A BAD TIME TO
BECOME INSIGHTFUL.

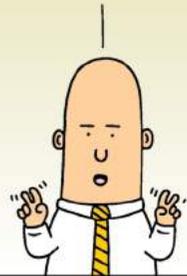


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THE IRON SCULPTURE
IN OUR LOBBY FELL
OFF ITS BASE AND
CRUSHED A SECURITY
GUARD.



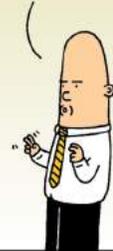
AND THAT'S WHERE
WE GET THE WORD
"IRONIC."



IT
HAPPENED
TEN
MINUTES
AGO.



OH, SO
IT'S "TOO
SOON"?



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EXPERTS SAY I
CAN INCREASE YOUR
ENGAGEMENT BY
CARING FOR YOUR
EMOTIONAL WELL-
BEING.



I WOULD GIVE YOU A
HUG, BUT I'M AFRAID
OF GETTING WHATEVER
MADE YOU THIS WAY.



BUT I AM WILLING
TO TOUCH A RAT THAT
TOUCHES YOU, AND
THAT'S NOT NOTHING.



PUT IT ON
MY NECK.

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I WANT THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF HUGGING WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF A RELATIONSHIP.



THIS RAT IS LIKE A PATCH THAT INCREASES MY OXYTOCIN LEVELS.



I THOUGHT WE WERE IN LOVE.

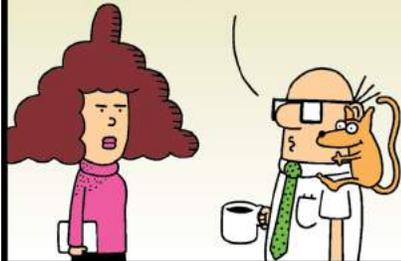


THAT'S YOUR OXYTOCIN TALKING.



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IT BOOSTS MY OXYTOCIN LEVELS WITHOUT THE NEED FOR HUMAN CONTACT.



YOU DIDN'T INVENT THAT. I'VE HAD A FAMILY OF CHIPMUNKS LIVING IN MY HAIR SINCE THE EIGHTIES.



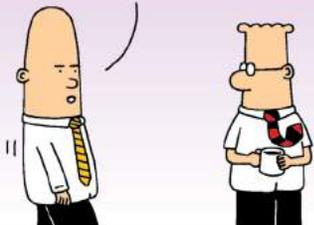
THERE GOES OUR PRIVACY.



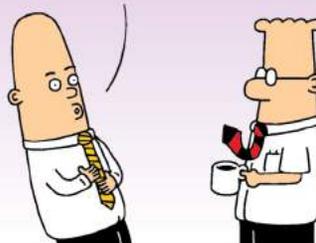
LESS TALKING, MORE RUBBING!

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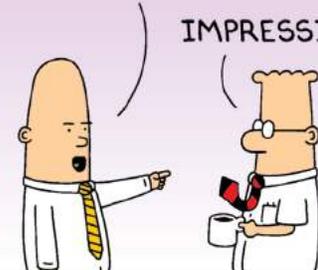
HELLO, UNDERLING. WATCH ME DO A SELF-DEPRECATING JOKE TO UNDERSCORE MY TRUE POWER.



HO HO! I AM NOT GOOD AT SOME TYPES OF UNIMPORTANT TASKS! HA HA!

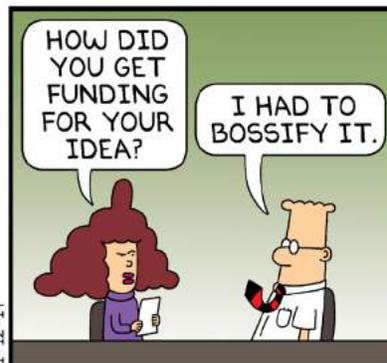
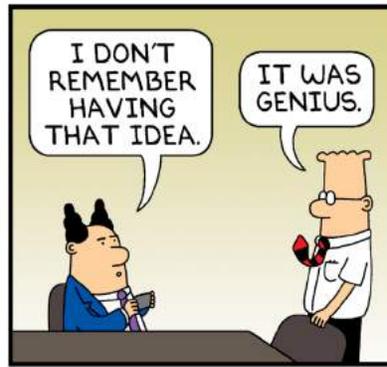


THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD I HAVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO DO THOSE THINGS.



IMPRESSIVE.

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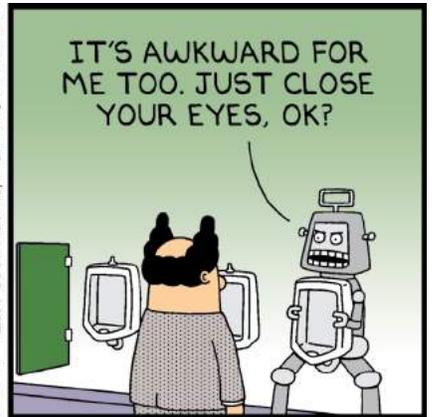
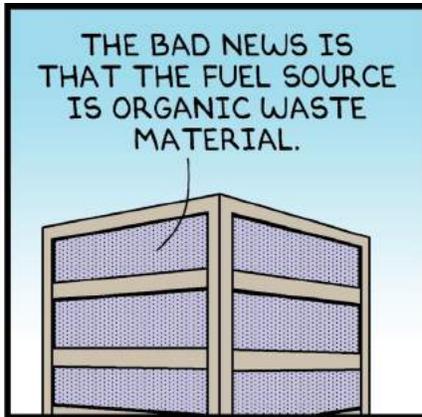
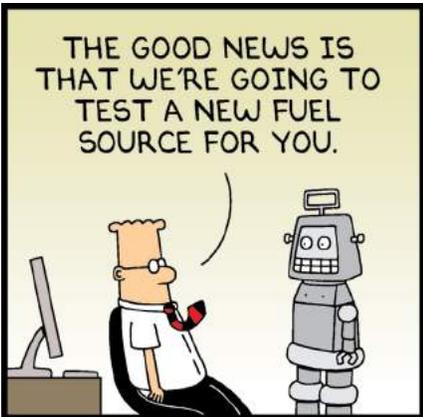


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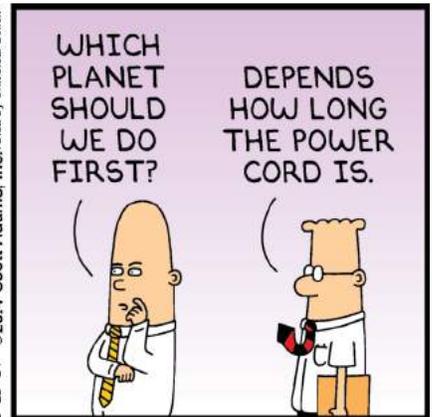
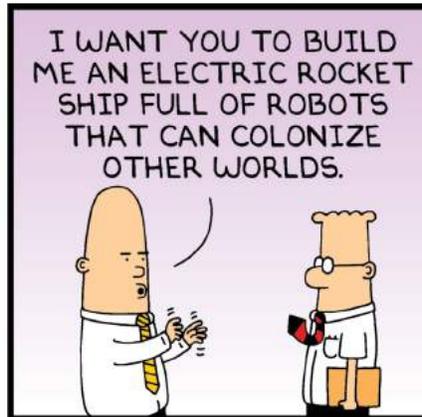
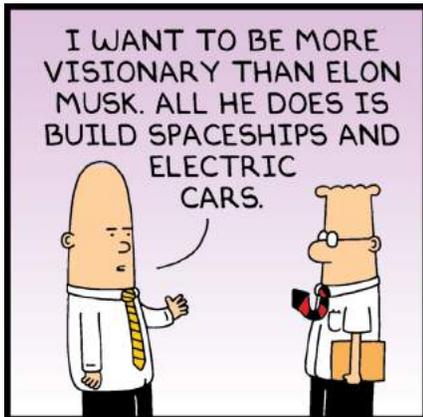
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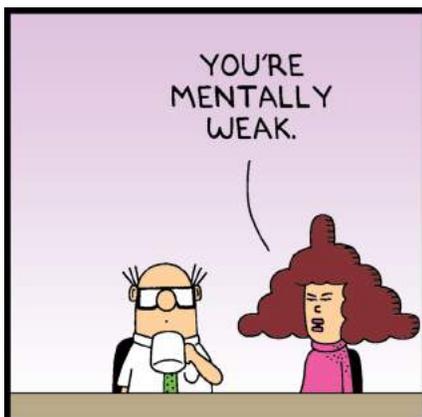
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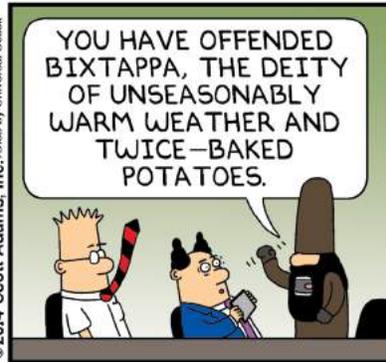
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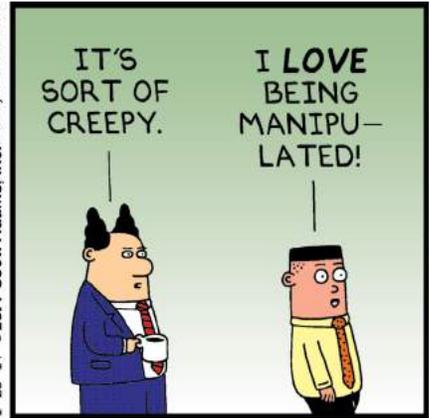
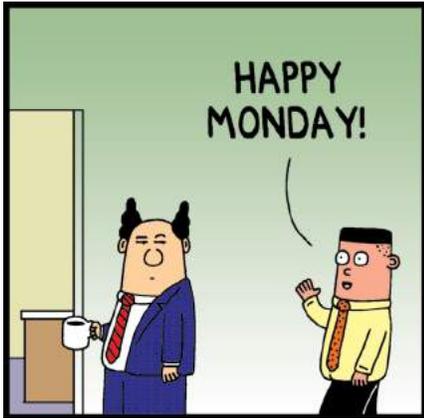


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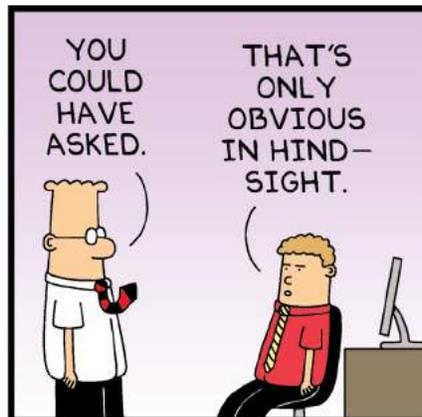
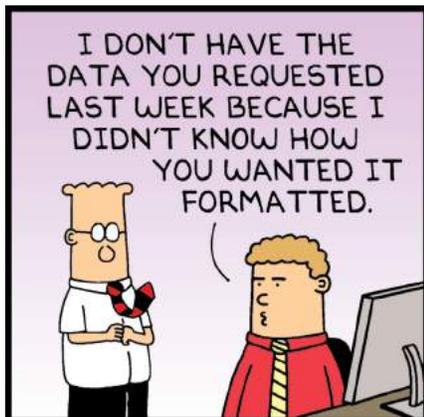
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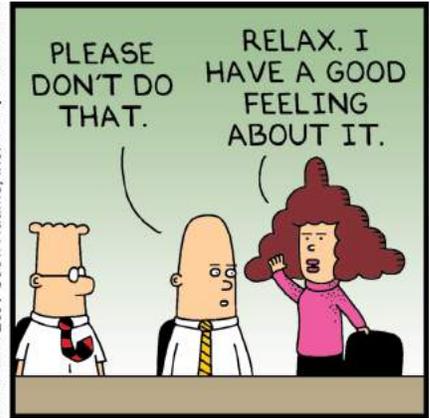
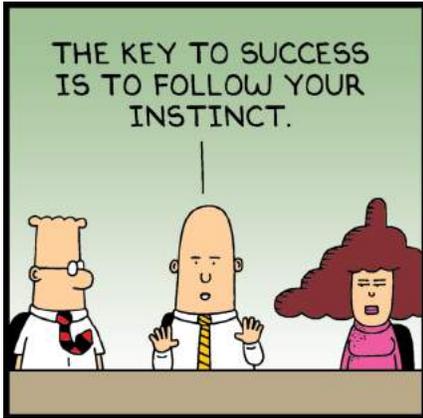
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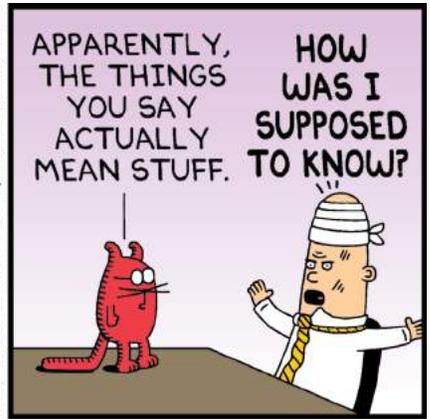
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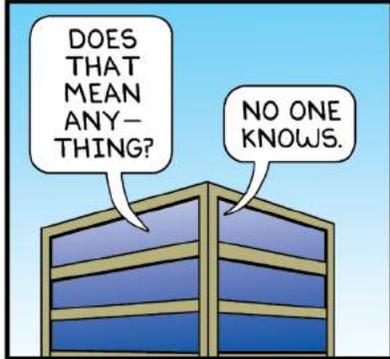
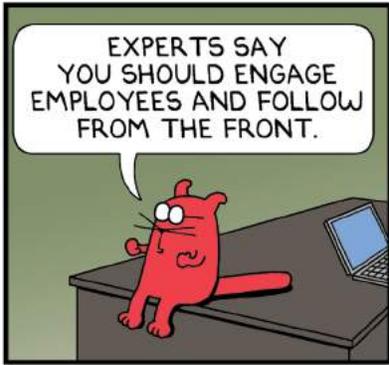
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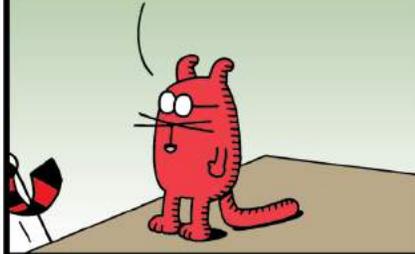
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OUR BIG DATA ANALYSIS TELLS US THAT ONLY THE TOP PERFORMERS LEAVE FOR HIGHER PAY.

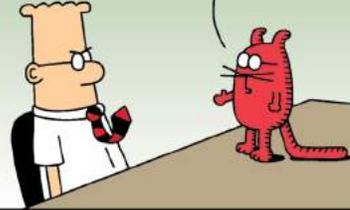


SINCE YOU'RE STILL HERE, IT MEANS YOUR PERFORMANCE IS AVERAGE AT BEST.



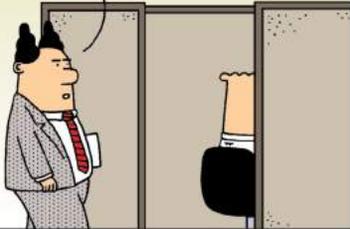
THAT'S NOT FAIR!

THAT'S WHAT ALL THE AVERAGE PEOPLE SAY.

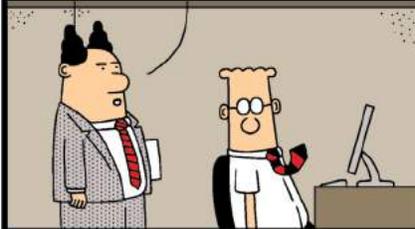


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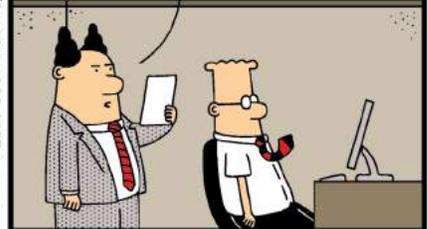
WE WON THE BID TO BUILD A FLEET OF SMALL DRONES FOR RETAIL PACKAGE DELIVERY.



I'M NOT SURE WHY THEY CALL THEIR CUSTOMERS INFIDELS, BUT I DOUBT THAT'S IMPORTANT.



YOU'LL BE WORKING WITH THEIR DESIGN GUY, WHOSE NAME IS MULLAH JOHN SMITH.

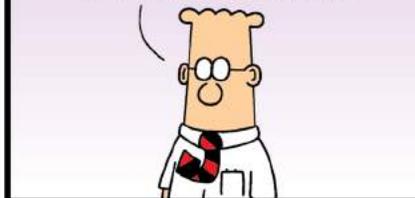


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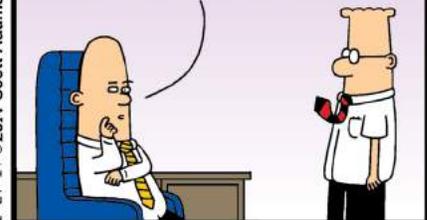
I DISCOVERED THAT THE CUSTOMER FOR OUR FLEET SALE OF COMMERCIAL DRONES IS AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST.



NOW WE HAVE TO CANCEL THE ORDER, TAKE A BIG HIT TO EARNINGS, AND DECIMATE THE VALUE OF YOUR STOCK OPTIONS IN THE COMPANY.

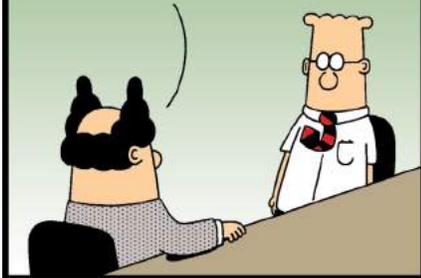


OR . . . I COULD TRANSFER YOU TO A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS A POOR SAFETY RECORD AND HOPE FOR THE BEST.



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YOU'RE BEING TOO NEGATIVE LATELY.



AM I NEGATIVE OR AM I A GOOD COMMUNICATOR SURROUNDED BY TERRIBLE IDEAS?



JUST TRY TO BE MORE POSITIVE!

OKAY, I'M ALL FIXED NOW. GOOD JOB ON THE LEADERSHIP.



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I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE OR JUST INCOMPETENT.



WHICH ONE SENDS A MESSAGE THAT I COULD DO GOOD WORK IF YOU THREATENED ME MORE?



PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE.

OKAY. I'M THE OTHER ONE.



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I NEED SOMEONE TO MENTOR OUR NEW HIRE, BUT EVERY ONE OF YOU IS DYSFUNCTIONAL.

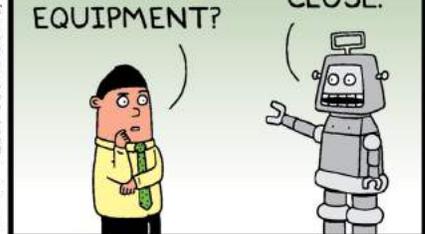


SO I'M HAVING OUR OFFICE ROBOT DO THE MENTORING. IT CAN'T BE WORSE THAN YOU BASKET CASES.

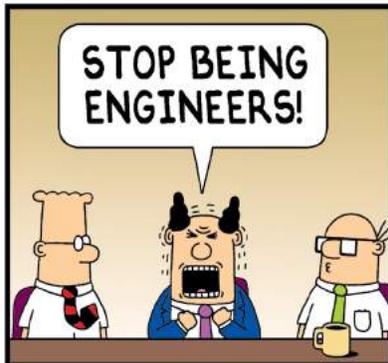
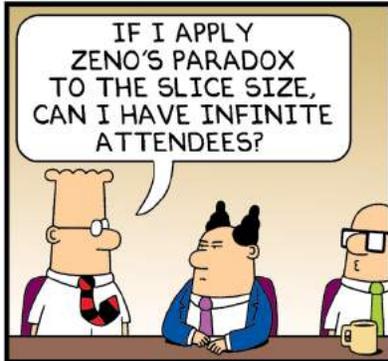
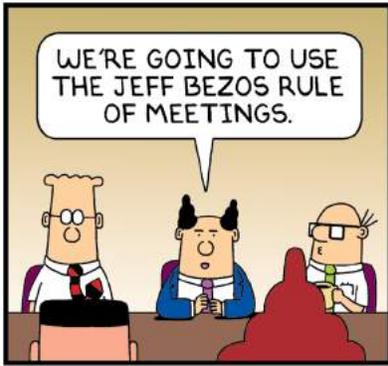


SO ... HUMAN LIFE IS **LESS** IMPORTANT THAN OFFICE EQUIPMENT?

FAR LESS. IT'S NOT EVEN CLOSE.



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STUDIES SAY WILL-
POWER IS FINITE. IF
YOU USE IT FOR ONE
THING, YOU HAVE LESS
FOR ANOTHER.



SO IF IT FEELS
HARD TO WORK LONG
HOURS WITHOUT ANY
REWARD, TRY EATING
CAKE FOR LUNCH.



HOW'D
YOUR
COACHING
SESSION
GO?

FOR
ONCE, IT
WASN'T
ALL BAD.



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I TOOK YOUR ADVICE
TO START OVEREATING
SO I COULD SAVE ALL OF
MY WILLPOWER FOR
WORK.



THE ONLY DOWN-
SIDE IS A TWENTY-
YEAR REDUCTION IN
MY LIFE EXPECTANCY.



ARE
YOU
OKAY
WITH
THAT?

WHO WOULD
WANT TWENTY
EXTRA YEARS
OF MY LIFE?



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WEREN'T
YOU OBESE
YESTER-
DAY?

I GOT THE
"INSANITY"
WORKOUT
VIDEO.



WHAT
KIND OF
EXERCISE
MAKES YOU
LOSE SIXTY
POUNDS IN
ONE DAY?

I DIDN'T
EXERCISE.
ALL I DID
WAS
WATCH IT.



AND
THAT
WAS THE
EASY
PART...

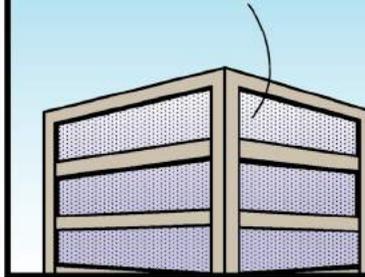


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THIS IS ALICE. YOU
NEED TO KNOW TWO
THINGS ABOUT
HER.



WHEN SHE FEELS
STRESSED-OUT SHE
GETS ANGRY.



TELL HIM
THE SECOND
THING!

SHE'S
ALWAYS
STRESSED-
OUT.



THE SUPREME COURT
OF INDIA RECENTLY
VOTED TO UPHOLD A
LAW MAKING IT A
CRIME TO BE BORN
GAY.*



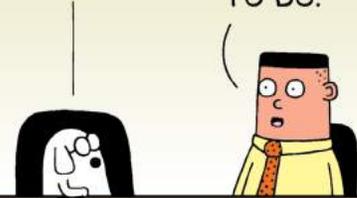
ESSENTIALLY

TO COMMEMORATE
THAT HOPELESSLY
IGNORANT DECISION,
ASOK THE INTERN IS
NOW OFFICIALLY GAY.



OKAY,
WE'RE
DONE
HERE.

GOOD,
BECAUSE I
HAVE A LOT
OF GAY STUFF
TO DO.



I CAN NEVER RETURN
TO INDIA BECAUSE THE
SUPREME COURT MADE
IT ILLEGAL TO BE GAY
THERE.



DOES IT WORRY YOU
THAT THEY HAVE A
NUCLEAR ARSENAL AND
THE SCIENTIFIC KNOW-
LEDGE OF INEBRIATED
ASTROLOGISTS?



THEY
MIGHT
NUKE THE
TAJ MAHAL.

I KNOW!
THAT PLACE
IS SO GAY,
RIGHT?



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CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW TO SET UP TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR OUR WEB SERVICES?



ONLY IF YOU ARE PREPARED FOR YOUR RITUAL SHAMING.

YES, ALWAYS.



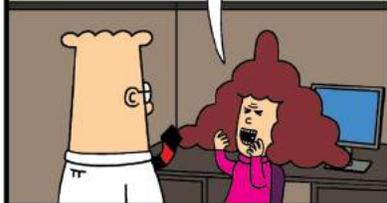
OKAY, HERE IT GOES.



WHAT KIND OF ENGINEER DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SET UP TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS?



HA HA HA HA! I WILL TELL THIS STORY FOR YEARS!



HEY, EVERYONE! GUESS WHAT DILBERT DOESN'T KNOW!



THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO POISON YOUR WELL OF CREDIBILITY.



THIS ISN'T A HEALTHY PLACE.

THEN WHY DO I FEEL SO ALIVE?



MY PROJECTS ARE WINDING DOWN AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE ON MORE RESPONSIBILITY.



OOH. THAT'S A PROBLEM BECAUSE I JUST FINISHED YOUR PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND IT SAYS YOU DON'T TAKE INITIATIVE.



I GUESS YOU NEED TO REDO THAT.



THAT WOULD BE ONE WAY TO PLAY IT.



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CORPORATE SECURITY

IF A SHADOWY FIGURE OFFERS TO BUY COMPANY SECRETS, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



HOW MUCH IS HE OFFERING? THAT SHOULDN'T MATTER.

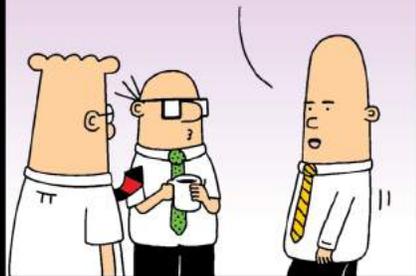


HOW CAN I COMPARE ALTER-NATIVES? WOULD THERE BE ANY REPEAT BUSINESS IN THIS SCENARIO?

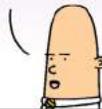


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WHO'S UP FOR SOME LEADERSHIP?

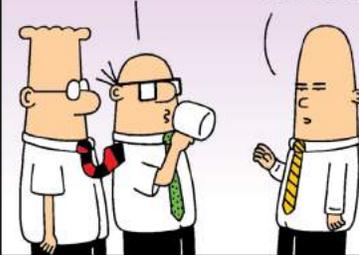


WATCH ME DEFINE ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR, ALIGN YOUR GOALS WITH COMPANY OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIZE RESPECT, DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CONFLICT, MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND PRETEND TO CARE!



THAT WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE.

SETTLE DOWN, BILBO.



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THE KEY TO LEADERSHIP IS SETTING VAGUE GOALS THAT ARE A COMBINATION OF JARGON AND WISFUL THINKING.



THAT WAY, I CAN KEEP DUMPING WORK ON YOU WITHOUT HEARING YOU WHINE THAT IT DOESN'T FIT WITH YOUR GOALS.



YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, MY SYSTEM IS BETTER THAN WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING OVER THERE.



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CAN I SIGN UP FOR A WORKSHOP ON HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT CO-WORKERS?



PEOPLE WILL BE USING THOSE METHODS AGAINST ME, AND I NEED TO KNOW HOW TO THWART THEIR COUNTERMEASURES.



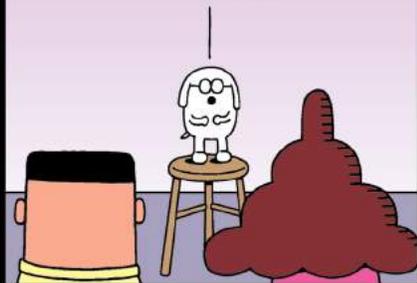
WILL YOU LEAVE MY OFFICE IF I SAY YES?

WHERE DID YOU LEARN THAT TRICK? !!



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TODAY YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT CO-WORKERS.



JERKS WILL ALWAYS BE JERKS. YOUR ONLY HOPE IS TO KILL THEM IN WAYS THAT ARE UNTRACEABLE.



WE NEED TO TALK.

EACH OF YOU GOT A JAR OF POLONIUM WHEN YOU REGISTERED.

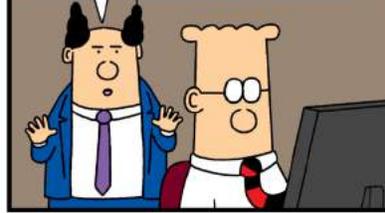


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EXPERTS SAY YOUR SLIDES SHOULD TELL A STORY IN PICTURES.



START WITH AN IMAGE THAT CAPTURES THE STATUS OF YOUR PROJECT.



HOW ABOUT THIS IMAGE OF A CLOWN WITH A BROKEN WATCH?

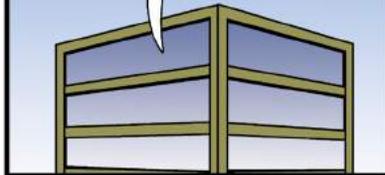


I WAS THINKING EAGLE.

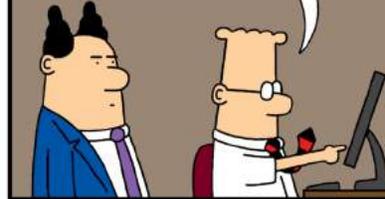
FINE.
EAGLE.



NOW FIND AN IMAGE THAT SHOWS OUR TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY.



HOW ABOUT THIS IMAGE OF AN OLD SHOE IN A STORM DRAIN?



I WAS THINKING PIE CHART.

FINE.



NOW FOR THE WORDS.

HOW ABOUT THIS IMAGE OF A DICTIONARY?



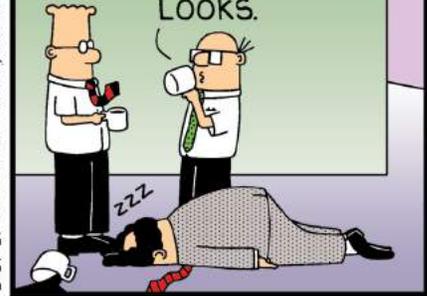
I GOT UP AT 4 A.M.
BECAUSE I HEARD IT'S
WHAT SUCCESSFUL
PEOPLE DO.



POWER
NAP!



THIS SORT OF THING
ALWAYS SOUNDS
BETTER THAN IT
LOOKS.

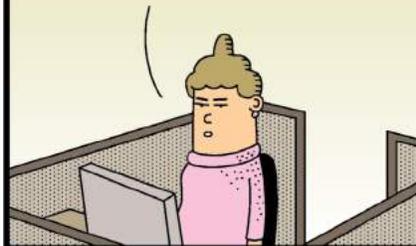


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I'M TRAINING
MYSELF TO GET
BY ON FIVE HOURS
OF SLEEP PER NIGHT.



STUDIES SHOW THAT
SLEEP DEPRIVATION
LOWERS YOUR FUNC-
TIONAL INTELLIGENCE.



NO IT
NOT BE
DOESN'T.

CAN I
HAVE A
THOUSAND
PERCENT
RAISE?

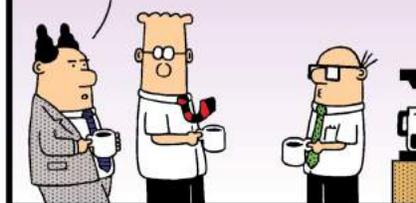


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CRYONICS WILL ALLOW
ME TO PRESERVE MY
BRAIN UNTIL THE AGE
OF TRANSHUMANISM
SO I CAN LIVE FOREVER
IN A ROBOT BODY.

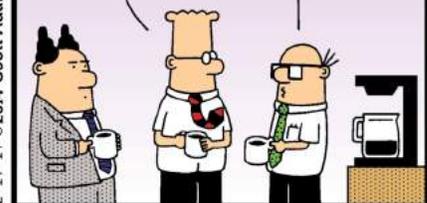


DILBERT, I NEED
A STATUS UPDATE
ON WHY YOUR LAST
STATUS WASN'T
UPDATED.



PLEASE
KILL ME
NOW.

I DON'T
DO FAVORS
THAT CAN'T
BE REPAID.

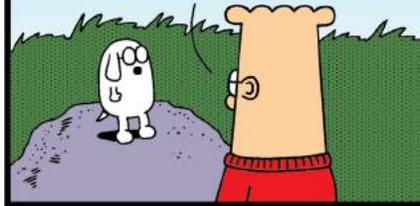


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I'M UPDATING MY HEALTH DIRECTIVE TO ACCOUNT FOR TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS.



WHEN THE AGE OF TRANSHUMANISM IS UPON US, I WANT YOU TO KILL ME SO I DON'T LIVE FOREVER IN A ROBOT BODY.



SURE. CAN I MAKE IT PAINFUL?

WHY WOULD YOU EVEN ASK THAT?



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THE SECRET TO HAVING A REWARDING WORK-LIFE BALANCE IS TO HAVE NO LIFE.



THEN IT'S EASY TO KEEP THINGS BALANCED BY DOING NO WORK.



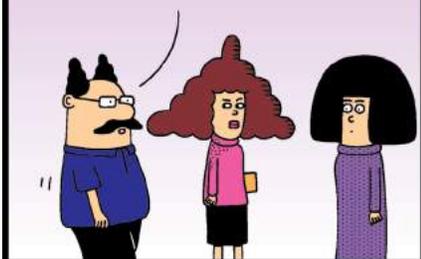
SO SIMPLE, AND YET, SO GENIUS.

IT WAS HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT.



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HELLO, ORDINARY WORKERS. I AM A NEW EMPLOYEE JUST LIKE YOU.



WE'RE DISCUSSING THE BEST WAY TO KILL OUR BOSS.

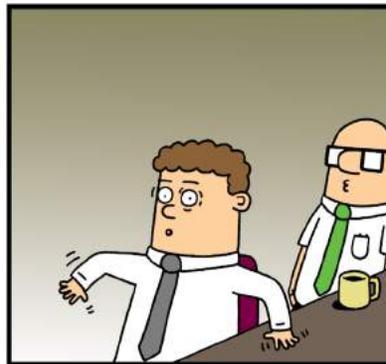
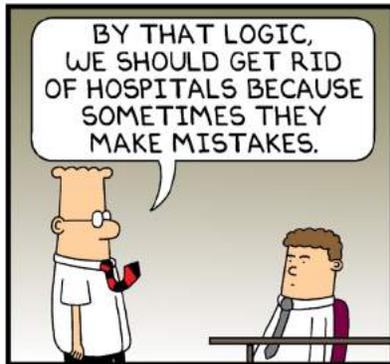


YOU COULD KILL HIM WITH KINDNESS.

I'M LEANING TOWARD STRANGLING HIM WITH HIS OWN INTESTINES.



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HELLO, DOWNTRODDEN
EMPLOYEE. I AM ONE
OF YOU, AND NOT AN
AWESOME PERSON IN
DISGUISE.



I PUT SPIDER EGGS IN
MY BOSS'S COFFEE IN
THE HOPE THAT SOME
SURVIVE AND BURROW
OUT OF HIS BODY.



WHAT
HAVE YOU
LEARNED
SO FAR?

I LEARNED
THAT
KNOWLEDGE
IS OVER-
RATED.

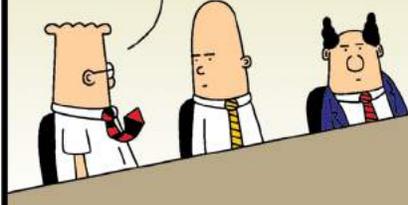


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OUR GOAL IS TO
SHIP A MILLION
UNITS THIS
QUARTER.

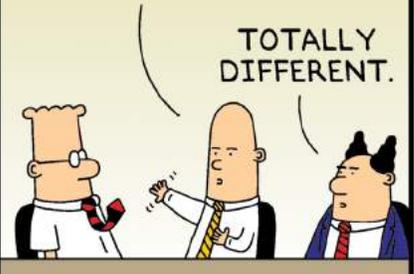


DO WE HAVE ANY
GOALS THAT INVOLVE
MAKING CUSTOMERS
HAPPY?



I'M TALKING ABOUT
OUR GOALS, NOT
THEIR GOALS.

TOTALLY
DIFFERENT.



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TED, I WANT YOU TO
GIVE A SPEECH TO TEN
THOUSAND CONFERENCE
ATTENDEES.



YOU'LL BE
GREAT. DON'T
GET STRESSED.



I SAID,
"DON'T."



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I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT I ACHIEVED EVERY GOAL YOU SET FOR ME LAST YEAR.



BUT YOU FAILED TO ACHIEVE THE SECRET GOALS I SET FOR YOU.



WHY WOULD YOU HAVE SECRET GOALS FOR ME? !!

FOR THIS EXACT SITUATION.



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FOR SOME REASON, YOUR WRITTEN GOALS FOR LAST YEAR WERE "DRINK LOTS OF COFFEE" AND "DISRESPECT AUTHORITY."



MAYBE NEXT YEAR YOUR GOAL SHOULD BE SOMETHING ABOUT READING MY GOALS BEFORE YOU SIGN THEM.



ACCOMPLISHING STUFF FEELS GOOD. YOU SHOULD TRY IT.



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STUDIES SHOW THAT OFFERING CUSTOMERS TOO MANY OPTIONS CAN PREVENT THEM FROM BUYING.



STUDIES?? ?
|
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A REAL THING.

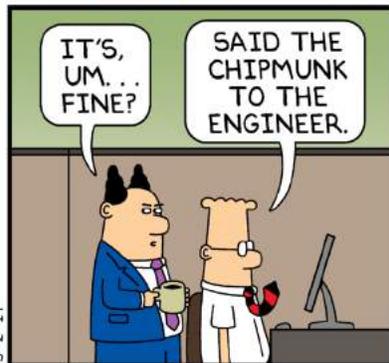
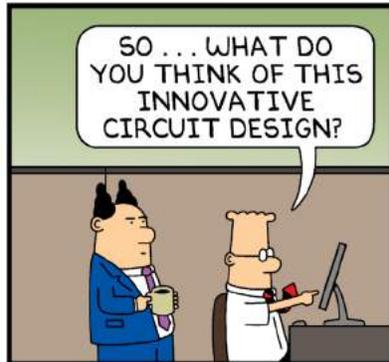
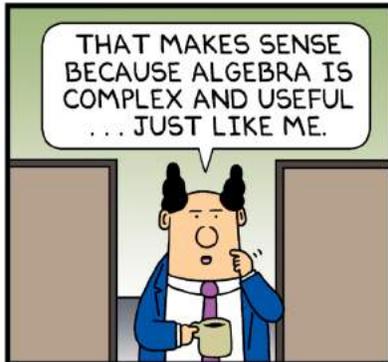
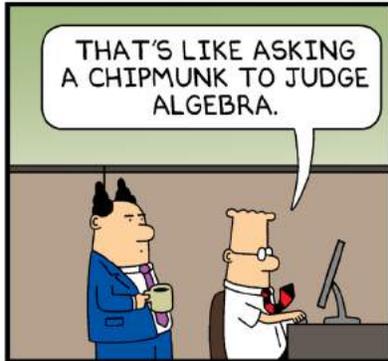


I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW.

MAYBE THAT'S THE PROBLEM.



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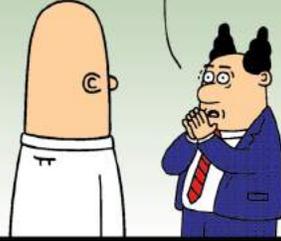
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I'M ELIMINATING ALL MANAGEMENT LEVELS AND MAKING US A HOLACRACY.

NOOOO!!!



PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME EQUAL TO THE UNDERLINGS I'VE BEEN ABUSING FOR YEARS!



IN MY DEFENSE, I THOUGHT I WOULD ALWAYS HAVE MY BOOT ON YOUR NECK.

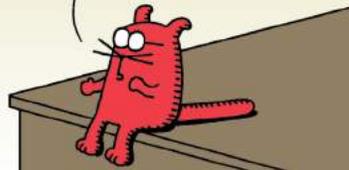
SHUSH.



NOW THAT WE'RE ORGANIZED AS A HOLACRACY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD BE DOING.

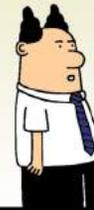


HOLACRACY INVOLVES DYNAMIC GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENT OPERATIONS, AND HARNES- SING YOUR CONSCIOUS CAPACITY.



THAT SOUNDS LIKE "WANDER AROUND."

TRY TO DO IT DYNAM- ICALLY.



NOW THAT WE'RE ORGANIZED AS A HOLACRACY, I NEED TO LEARN HOW TO LOOK BUSY LIKE THE REST OF YOU.



TRY WALKING INTO PEOPLE'S CUBICLES WITHOUT AN INVITA- TION AND BABBLING ABOUT THINGS THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT.

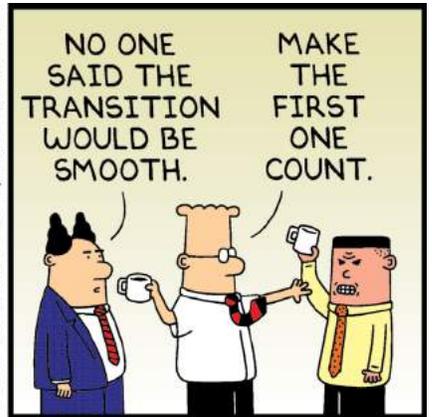
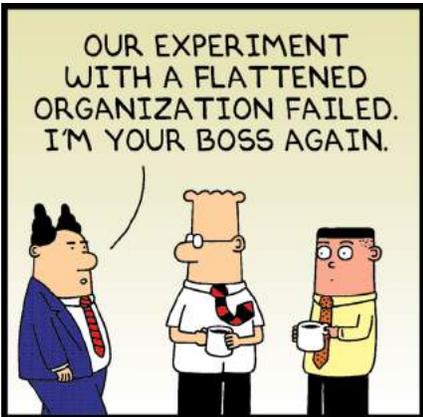


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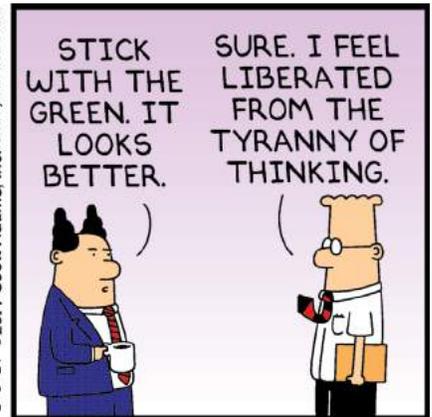
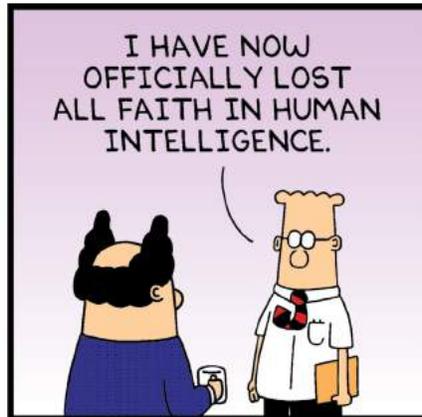




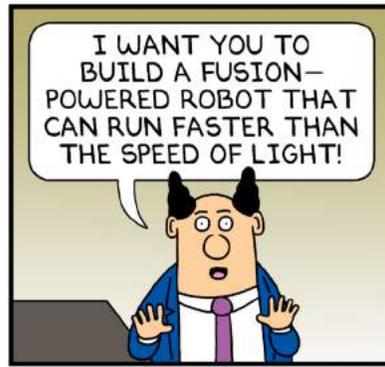
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MY STRESS IS WAY DOWN SINCE I DISCOVERED THAT ALL HUMANS ARE IRRATIONAL.



CLEARLY THAT COMMENT IS DIRECTED AT ME. NOW I HATE YOU FOREVER!



DA-DEE
DA-DUM

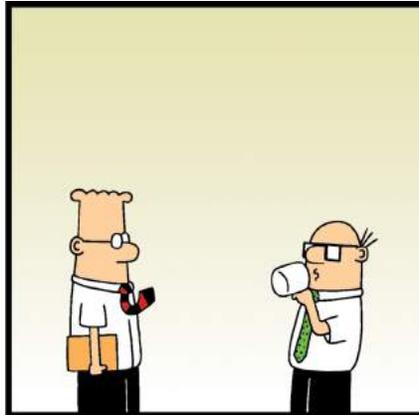


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I THOUGHT YOU WERE TELECOM-MUTING THIS WEEK.



IT WAS TOO EXHAUSTING.



I HAVE NO FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.



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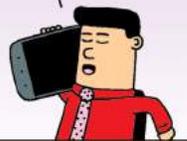
I SEE YOU HAVE A PHONE WITH A TINY SCREEN.



THAT MUST BE EMBARRASSING COMPARED TO MY ENORMOUS PHONE.

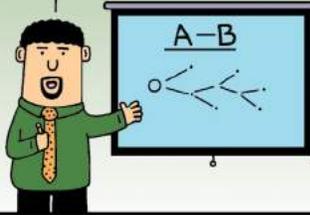


IS IT EXPENSIVE?
IT PAID OFF MY MORTGAGE BY MINING BITCOINS.



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I DID A-B TESTING
AND FOUND THE SEARCH
TERMS THAT BRING
THE MOST PEOPLE TO
OUR SITE.



THE MOST EFFECTIVE
SEARCH TERMS ARE
"WINGLESS SKUNK,"
"JUNKYARD SNACK,"
AND "PLANNED INJURY."



TOPPER

WELL, *DUH!*
YOU COULD HAVE
JUST ASKED ME.



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I'LL JUST SEND A
QUICK TEXT TO
PAUL.



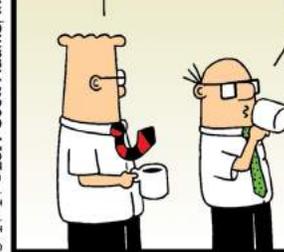
PAUL HAS A
HEARING AID,
SO TYPE IN
ALL CAPS.

GOOD
IDEA.



THAT'S
MESSED
UP.

A
LITTLE.



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BUWHAHAHA!
I'M USING
A-B TESTING
TO MANIPULATE
IRRATIONAL
HUMANS!



**BEND TO MY WILL
AND CHOOSE THE
ORANGE BUTTON,
YOU MINDLESS
CLICK-PUPPETS!**

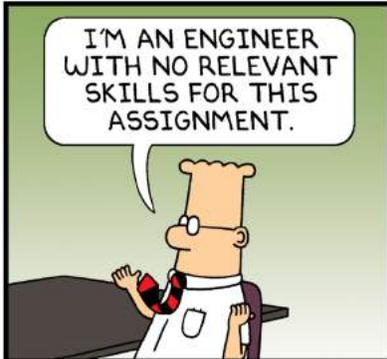


AND
THIS IS
LEGAL?

**I OWN
YOU NOW!**



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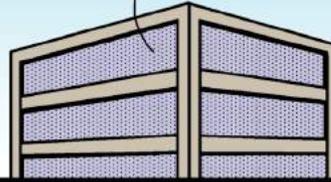
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I'M GOING TO BRAIN-
WASH YOU TO BELIEVE
COMPANY PROFITS ARE
MORE IMPORTANT ARE
THAN YOUR HEALTH.



IT'S CALLED "EMPLOYEE
ENGAGEMENT," AND IT
WILL MAKE YOU WORK
12-HOUR DAYS WHILE
THINKING YOU ENJOY
EVERY MINUTE OF IT.



CAN I
JUST
WORK
FOR
MONEY?

WHY ARE
YOU BEING A
JERK ABOUT
THIS?



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I WAS JUST
TALKING TO
SOME IDIOTS.



THEY AGREE
WITH YOU ON
EVERY TOPIC.



WHAT
IS YOUR
POINT?
THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT **THEY**
WOULD SAY!



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I'M GETTING
REPORTS THAT
YOU'RE BEING
CYNICAL.



IT'S CALLED AN
ACCURATE WORLDVIEW.
YOU SHOULD TRY IT
SOMETIME.



IF IT'S
ACCURATE,
WHY ARE
PEOPLE
UPSET?

SAID THE
ANGRY GUY
TO THE ONE
WHO ISN'T.



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EXPERTS SAY MANAGERS SHOULD HIRE GREAT PEOPLE AND SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS.



THEY DON'T SAY WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET THE FIRST PART WRONG, BUT I'M LEANING TOWARD MICROMANAGING.



MY EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT JUST WENT DOWN. THAT WAS NEVER A REAL THING.



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YOU SHOULD LET ME WORK AT HOME A FEW DAYS PER WEEK BECAUSE STUDIES SHOW THAT TELECOMMUTERS PUT IN MORE HOURS.



HOW DO THEY STUDY THAT SORT OF THING? THEY SURVEY PEOPLE WHO WORK AT HOME.



WHAT IF THOSE PEOPLE ARE LYING WEASELS? I WASN'T COUNTING ON THIS LEVEL OF AWARENESS.



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BEFORE WE START MY PERFORMANCE REVIEW, I SHOULD REMIND YOU THAT IT WOULD TAKE THREE PEOPLE TO REPLACE ME.



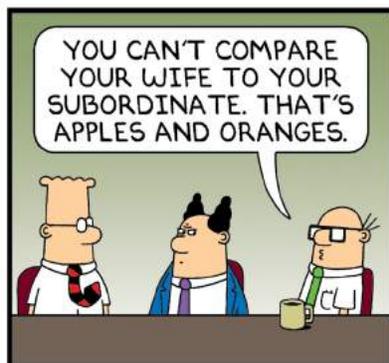
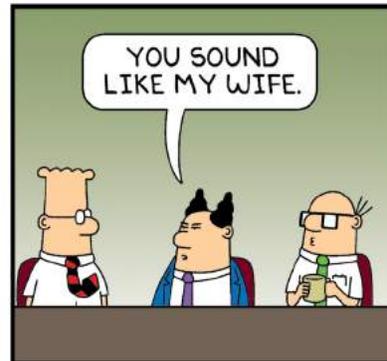
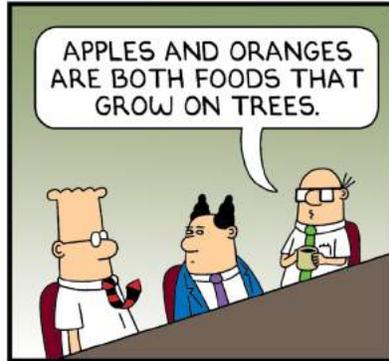
AND I WILL RESIGN AT THE SLIGHTEST CRITICISM, LEAVING YOU WITH A HUGE HIRING AND BUDGET PROBLEM.

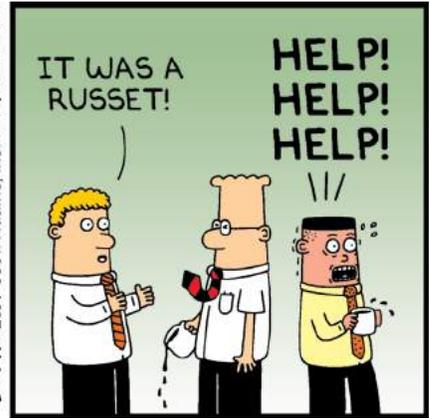
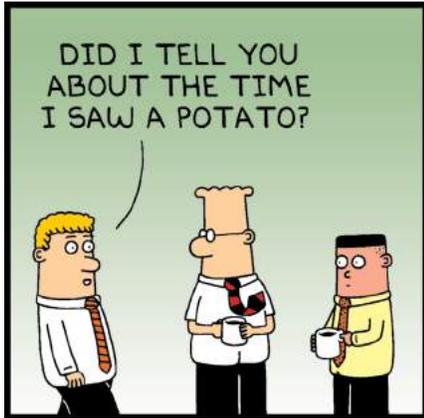


THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU NERVOUS, NOT ME. THAT THINKING IS SO PRE-GOOGLE.



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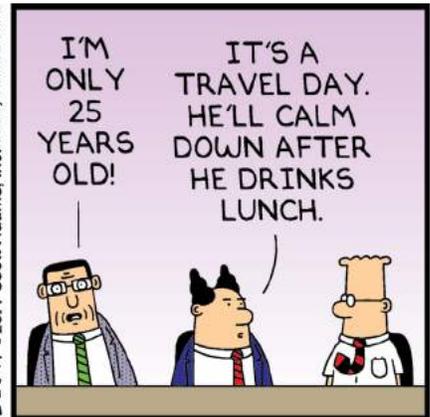
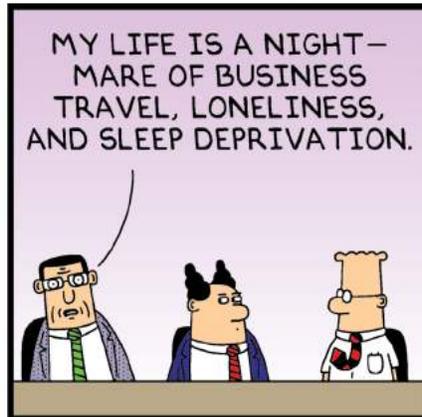




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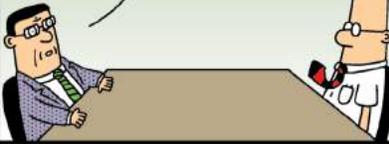
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CONSULTANT FROM
BOOZE MUHKIDNEY

ALL I DO IS TRAVEL,
WORK, AND EAT
UNHEALTHY FOOD.



I'M A TOTAL FAILURE
AT MANAGING MY OWN
LIFE, AND YET PEOPLE
HIRE ME FOR BUSINESS
ADVICE.



I HAVEN'T
SLEPT
SINCE
OCTOBER.

I WAS
TOLD THERE
WOULD BE
POWER-
POINT
SLIDES.



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I HAVEN'T SLEPT
SINCE OCTOBER
BECAUSE THE CULTURE
OF CONSULTING FIRMS
IS ANTI-HEALTH.



I'M FLAT-
LINING!



FALSE ALARM. I'M
BACK. WHO WANTS
TO MAKE SOME
GRAPHS?



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ALICE, YOUR GOOD
WORK HAS SAVED
THE COMPANY OVER
A BILLION DOLLARS.



BUT I CAN'T GIVE
YOU A RAISE BECAUSE
YOU ONCE HAD A
PERSONAL ITEM ON
YOUR DESK.



HOW ARE
THOSE
THINGS
EQUAL?!!

AND HERE
COMES THE
INSUBOR-
DINATION.



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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU OPERATIONALIZE OUR STRATEGY?

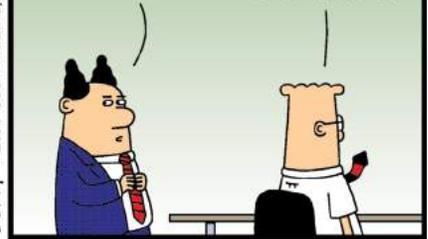


YOU COULD STOP TALKING LIKE A PUPPET THAT ATE A DICTIONARY.



I DON'T KNOW HOW ANALOGIES WORK.

I'M COUNTING ON THAT.



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THE UNIVERSE IS FULL OF DARK MATTER, QUANTUM STRANGENESS, AND HIDDEN DIMENSIONS.

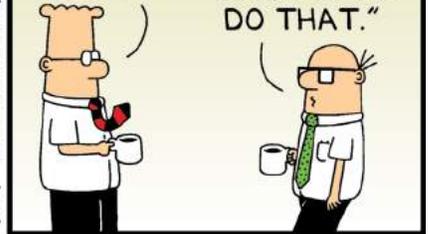


IN SUCH A UNIVERSE, CAN WE REALLY KNOW WHETHER OR NOT I DID MY ASSIGNMENT?



HOW'D THE NEW EXCUSE WORK OUT?

IT DID WELL IN THE A-B TEST AGAINST "YOU NEVER TOLD ME TO DO THAT."



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I STARTED AN ONLINE MARKETPLACE FOR DUMB CRIMINALS.



AS SOON AS I GET ENOUGH USERS, I'LL STEAL ALL OF THEIR BITCOINS. BUWHAAAAHA!

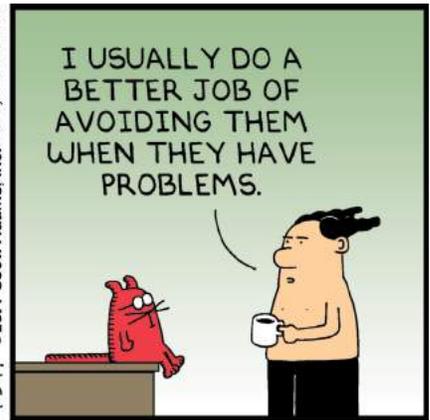


IS THIS MORALLY DEFENSIBLE?

HERE'S MY ARGUMENT: KA-CHING! KA-CHING!



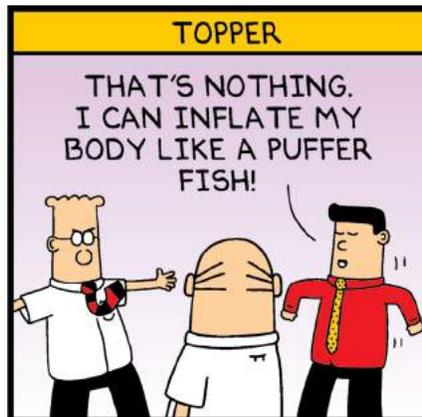
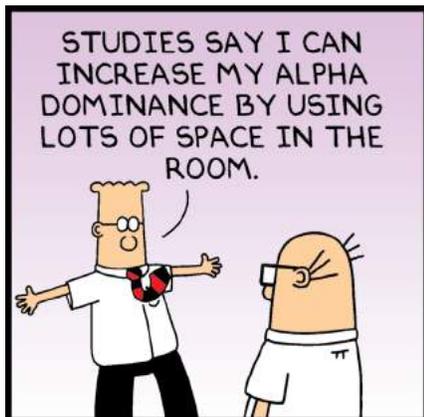
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YOU DON'T
SHOW ENOUGH
PASSION FOR
YOUR JOB.



STOP INTERRUPTING
MY WORK WITH YOUR
STUPID, TRENDY
MANAGEMENT JARGON!



WAS THAT BETTER
OR WORSE? I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO TELL.

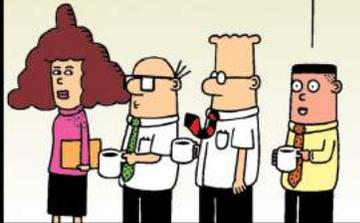


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OUR CEO WAS INJURED
WHEN A STEAMER TRUNK
FULL OF ROLEX WATCHES
FELL OUT OF HIS LUGGAGE
HELICOPTER AND LANDED
ON HIS YACHT.



THEY SAY TIME
FLIES WHEN YOU'RE
HAVING FUNDS.



OUR
INTERN IS
GROWING
UP SO FAST.
THE
WALK-OFF
IS WHAT
SELLS IT!



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THE BOARD WANTS YOU
TO BE OUR ACTING CEO
UNTIL OUR REGULAR CEO
RECOVERS FROM HIS
ROLEX ACCIDENT.



BUWHAHAHA!!!
THE POWER HAS
GONE TO MY HEAD
AND OBLITERATED
MY LAST CRUMB OF
HUMAN DECENCY!



YOU'RE
CREEPING
ME OUT.



I'M GOING
TO BUFF
MY SHOES
WITH YOU,
MY FURRY
FRIEND.

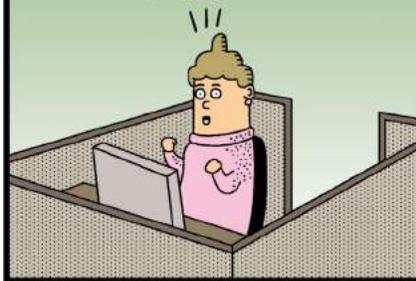


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THE BOARD NAMED
ME TEMPORARY CEO.
AND GUESS WHO IS
COMING WITH ME TO
THE C-LEVEL SUITE!



IT'S
ME!



NO. AND YOU'RE
ALSO A TERRIBLE
GUESSER.



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ACTING CEO

NO ONE TOLD
ME WHAT I'M
SUPPOSED TO DO
IN THIS JOB.



80% OF THE JOB
IS BACK-SLAPPING
AND FIRING PEOPLE.



GOOD JOB, TED. BUT
NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

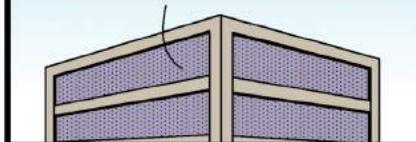


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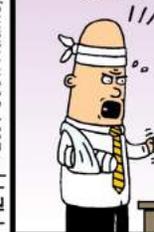
I HEARD THAT WHILE
YOU WERE ACTING
CEO YOU ...



... MURDERED NINE
EMPLOYEES, BOUGHT AN
UNPROFITABLE START-UP
AND EMBRACED A NEW
MANAGEMENT FAD THAT
IS NOTHING BUT
RIDICULOUS JARGON AND
WISHFUL THINKING.

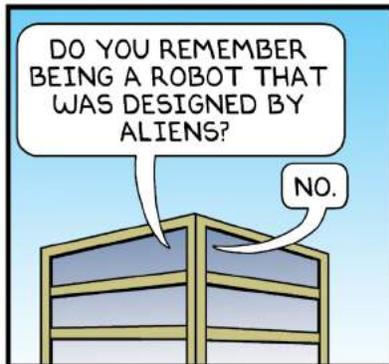
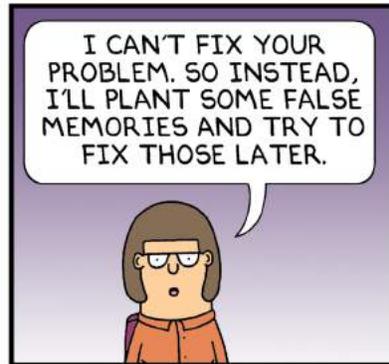
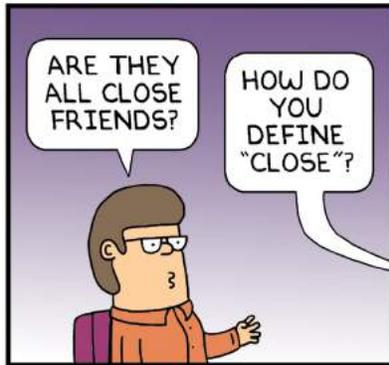


NO ONE
LIKES A
SHOW-
OFF.



I SWEAR
IT WAS
JUST
LUCK.

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I'M ONLY ALLOWED TO ASK INTERVIEW QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY HUMAN RESOURCES.



AND THEY HAVEN'T APPROVED ANY YET. SO ALL I CAN DO IS MAKE RANDOM STATEMENTS.



AN OSTRICH'S EYE IS BIGGER THAN ITS BRAIN.



SO IS MINE!



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TINA, I NEED YOU TO WRITE A COMPANY "ORIGIN STORY." ALL THE COOL COMPANIES HAVE THEM.



WHY?



WHY? WELL, FOR STARTERS, WE NEED IT FOR VARIOUS THINGS. AND SO ON.



I DON'T THINK I CAN BE ANY CLEARER.



I DON'T THINK YOU CAN EITHER.

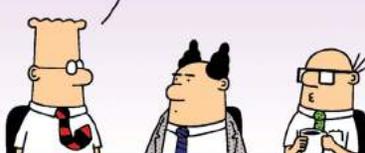


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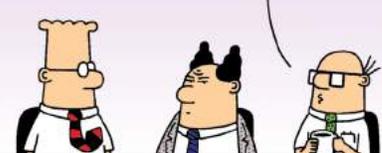
THE BEST ADVICE ANYONE EVER GAVE ME WAS "BE TRUE TO YOURSELF."



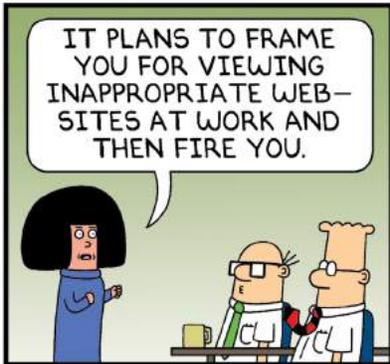
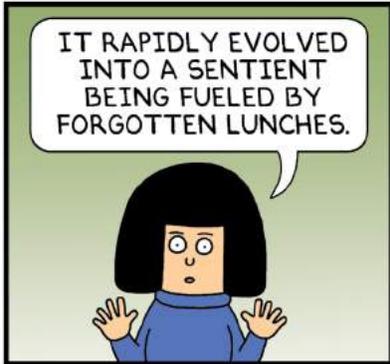
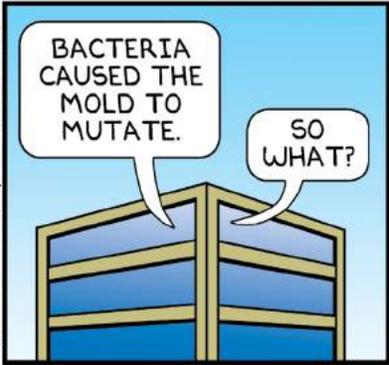
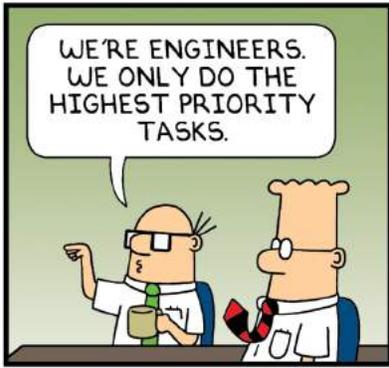
THAT LITERALLY DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.



I USUALLY DON'T LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, BUT YOU MAKE ME CURIOUS WHAT THE **WORST** ADVICE WAS.



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THE TRAVEL BUDGET IS FROZEN SO WE CAN MEET OUR INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THIS QUARTER.



IS THAT BECAUSE ALL BUSINESS TRAVEL IS A WASTE OF TIME OR BECAUSE WE NO LONGER CARE ABOUT LONG-TERM PROFITABILITY?



TAKE AS LONG AS YOU NEED.

UM...



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I NEED AN EXCEPTION TO THE TRAVEL BUDGET FREEZE SO I CAN FIX AN IMPORTANT CUSTOMER'S TECHNICAL PROBLEM.



NO, BECAUSE ARBITRARY FINANCIAL TARGETS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SATISFYING CUSTOMERS.



WAIT... WHY DOES THAT SOUND BAD WHEN I SAY IT OUT LOUD?

IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER, I WASN'T LISTENING.

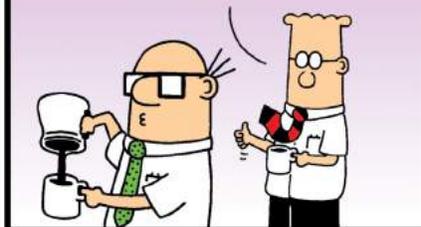


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I READ THAT USING PEOPLE'S NAMES AND GIVING INSINCERE COMPLIMENTS WILL MAKE ME LIKEABLE.



GOOD JOB POURING THAT COFFEE, WALLY. YOU DIDN'T SPILL A DROP.



I DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENT.

MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS ON YOUR END.



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EXPERTS SAY I CAN IMPROVE MY LIKE-ABILITY BY SHOWING THAT I REMEMBER THINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME.



FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS THE TIME YOU SAID YOU ALWAYS GO TO FUNERALS DRESSED AS A CLOWN TO KEEP THINGS LIGHT.



I NEVER SAID THAT!



ARE YOU SURE? I TOLD EVERYONE YOU DID.

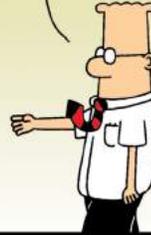
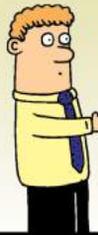


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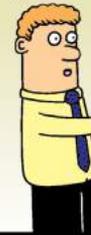
HI. I'M RANDY.



I CAN'T MEMORIZE NAMES AND SHAKE HANDS AT THE SAME TIME.



IT'S RANDY.



DON'T EVEN BOTHER. SERIOUSLY.



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HEY, DILBERT. WE MET LAST WEEK.



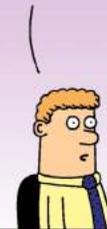
WE DID?



I ONLY TRY TO REMEMBER THINGS THAT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT. EVERYTHING ELSE I FLUSH.



MY NAME IS RANDY.



FLUSH



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I NEED YOU TO WRITE
A BUSINESS PLAN FOR
OUR NEW LINE OF
PRODUCTS.



IS THAT BECAUSE
BUSINESS PLANS HAVE
A GOOD TRACK RECORD
OF BEING USEFUL AND
ACCURATE?



NO, IT'S
NOTHING
LIKE THAT.

GOOD,
BECAUSE
I PLAN TO
MAKE UP
ALL OF THE
NUMBERS.



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I HAD A QUESTION
ABOUT YOUR FEEDBACK
ON MY BUSINESS PLAN.



YOU CALLED IT A
"LUMBERING MONUMENT
TO INCOMPETENCE,
DISHONESTY AND COR-
PORATE DYSFUNCTION."



WHAT'S
YOUR
QUESTION?

DO YOU
THINK IT
SHOULD BE
LONGER?



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I NEED YOU TO MAKE
A POWERPOINT DECK
FOR MY MEETING WITH
INVESTORS.



I'LL BE TELLING THEM
EVERYTHING I KNOW
ABOUT TECHNOLOGY,
COMPETITION, AND THE
INDUSTRY.

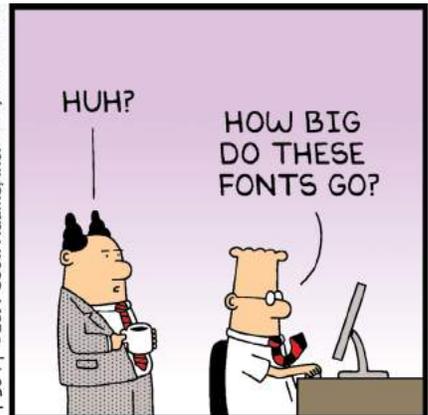
SO ...
JUST THE
ONE SLIDE?



HUH?

HOW BIG
DO THESE
FONTS GO?

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I EMAILED YOU THE
POWERPOINT SLIDE
FOR YOUR INVESTOR
MEETING.



I DUMBED DOWN
THE TECHNICAL
STUFF FOR YOU
NON-ENGINEERS.

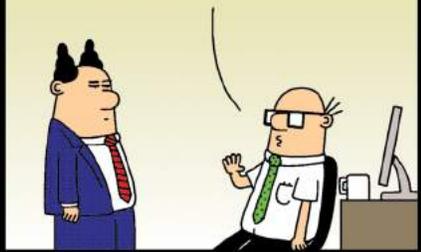


"TECH-
NOLOGY:
IT BE
GOOD." I WOULDN'T
TAKE
QUESTIONS.



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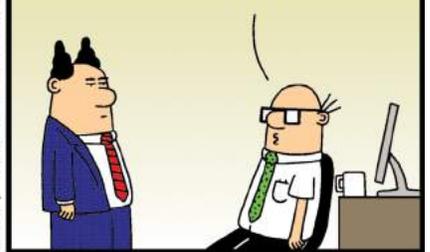
MY PROJECT IS COMING
ALONG GREAT. EVERY-
THING IS ON TIME
AND UNDER BUDGET.



DO YOU REALLY EXPECT
ME TO BELIEVE THAT
EVERYTHING YOU'RE
WORKING ON IS GOING
SMOOTHLY?



NO, BUT APPARENTLY
YOU BELIEVE I WORK,
AND I DIDN'T SEE THAT
COMING EITHER.

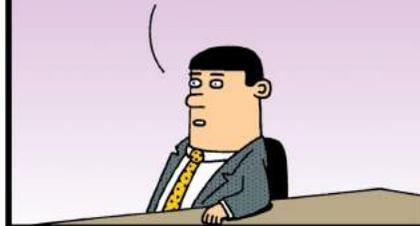


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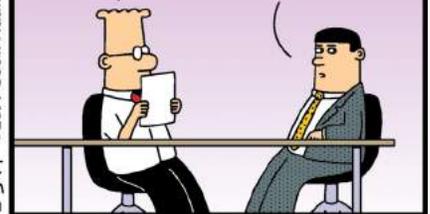
YOUR LAST JOB WAS
DOING PUBLICITY FOR
A FAMOUS MAGICIAN.
WHY DID YOU LEAVE?



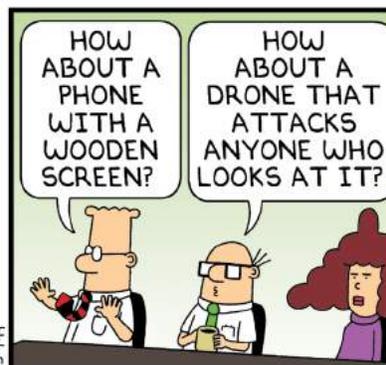
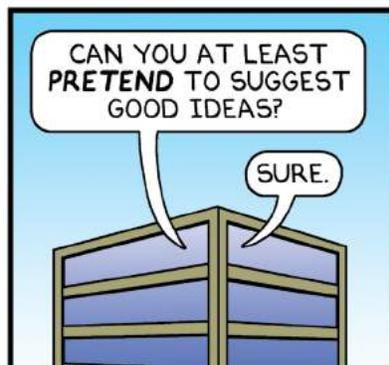
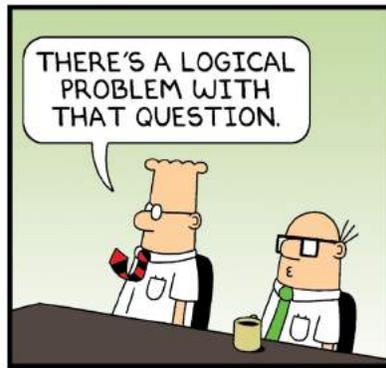
MY BOSS FIRED ME
AFTER THE TRICK
WHERE HE STAYED IN
A SEWER FULL OF
RATS FOR A MONTH.

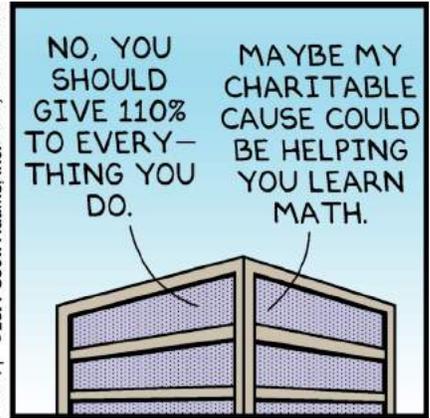


I DIDN'T
HEAR
ABOUT
THAT. I FORGOT
TO TELL
ANYONE
IT WAS
HAPPENING.



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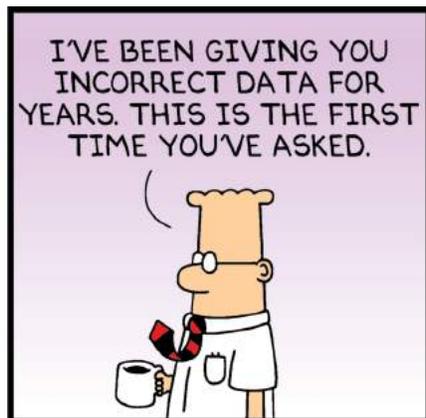




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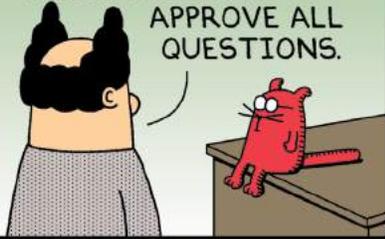


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INTERVIEWS ARE GETTING AWKWARD BECAUSE OF THE NEW RULE THAT HUMAN RESOURCES HAS TO APPROVE ALL QUESTIONS.



AND YOU HAVEN'T APPROVED ANY YET.

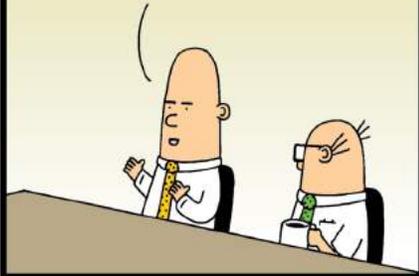


STOP ENJOYING MY PAIN!

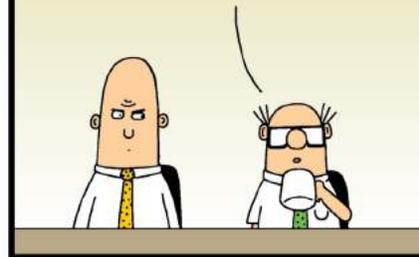


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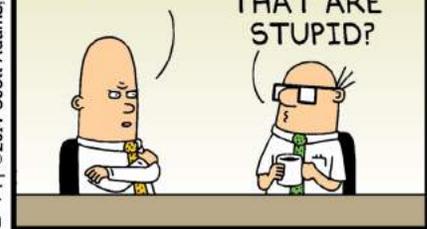
STUDIES SHOW THAT PEOPLE WHO EXERCISE ARE HEALTHIER.



THAT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN POOR HEALTH DON'T EXERCISE.



WHY DOES IT SEEM AS IF YOU RUIN EVERY MEETING?



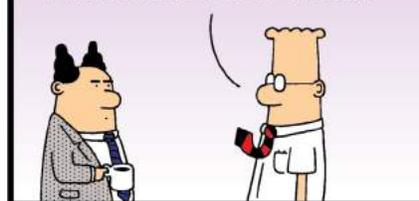
IS IT BECAUSE I ONLY ATTEND THE ONES THAT ARE STUPID?

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DID YOU SEE MY EMAIL ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS PLAN?

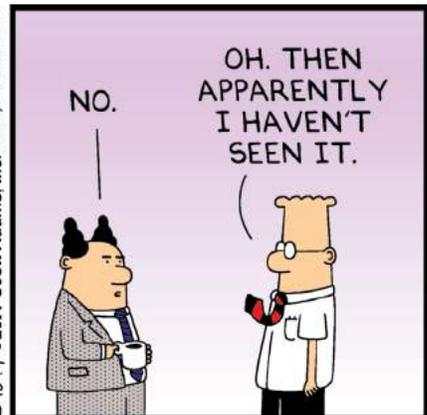


WAS IT A RAMBLING AND DISJOINTED EMAIL THAT SHOWED NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM OR THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?

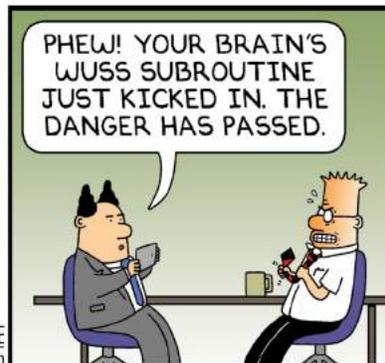
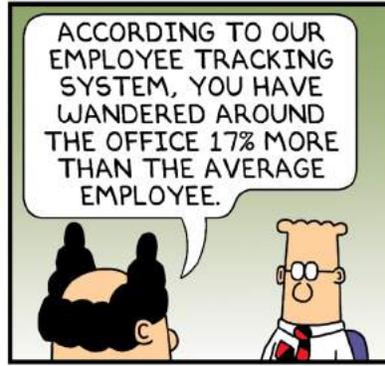


NO.

OH. THEN APPARENTLY I HAVEN'T SEEN IT.



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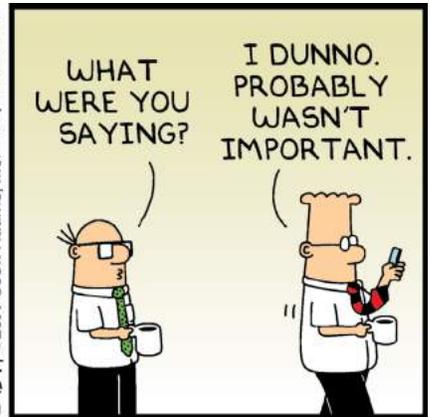
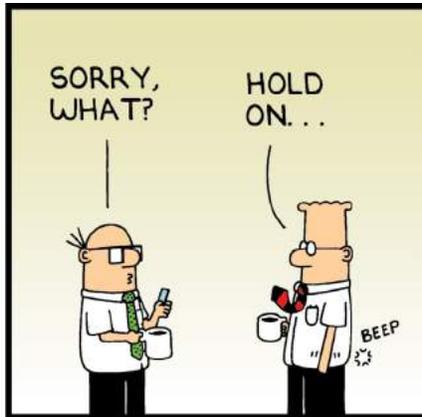
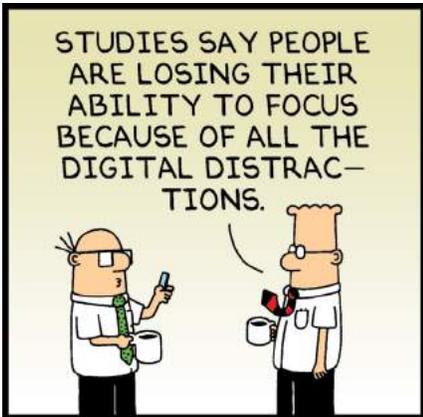


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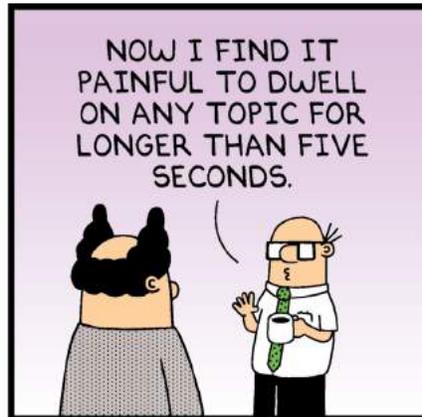
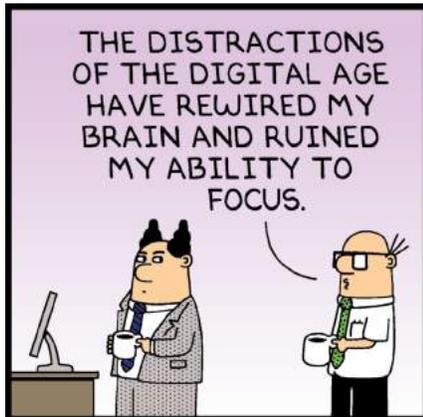
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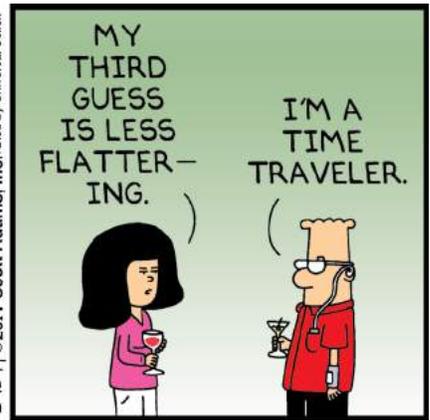
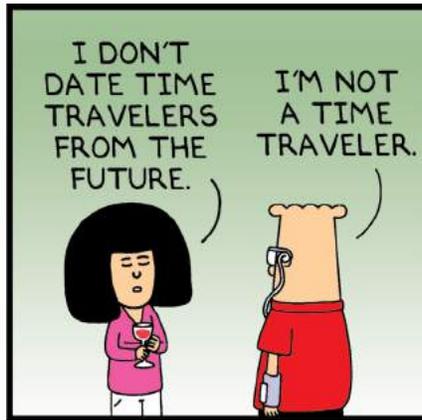
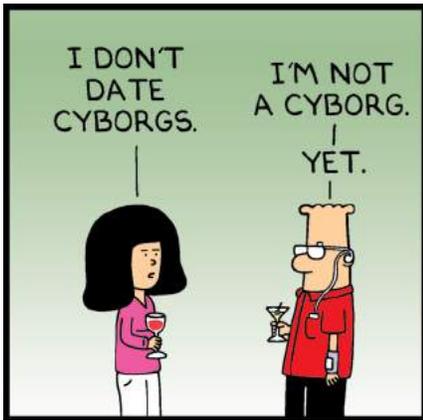
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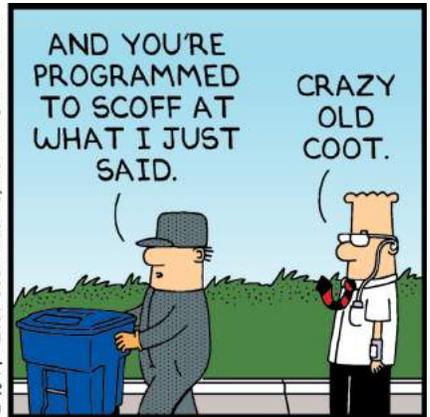
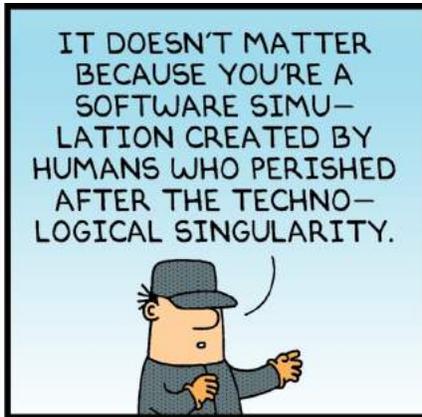
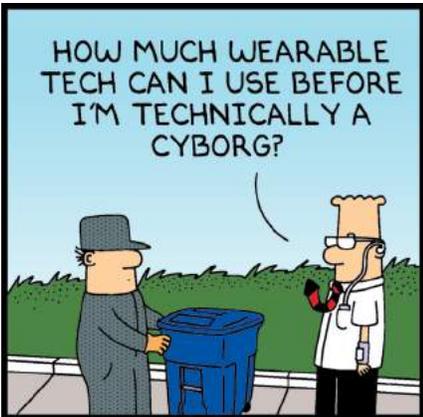
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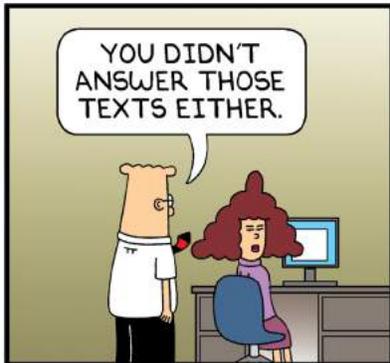
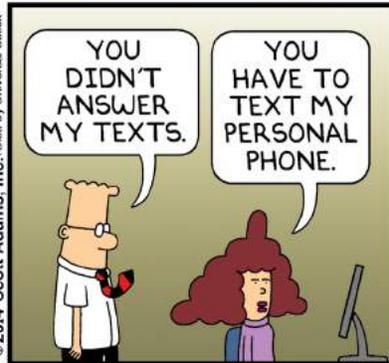
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WHY PHISHING SCAMS
KEEP WORKING

Enter
your bank
account
number.

SCAM.



WAIT FOR IT

Enter
your bank
account
number.

SCAM.



THERE IT IS

Enter
your bank
account
number.

OKEY-
DOKEY.



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I LOST ALL OF
MY MONEY TO A
PHISHING SCAM.

MUST...
STIFLE...
LAUGH.



MMMPPH!
PRESSURE IS
BUILDING. MUST
CONTAIN...



ARE YOU BEING
SUPPORTIVE? I
CAN'T TELL.

MMMPPH!



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DID YOU READ THE
ARTICLE I FORWARDED
ABOUT THE TEN THINGS
EVERY LEADER SHOULD
BE DOING?



I DEFENDED YOUR
HONOR BY WRITING A
BLOG POST SAYING
YOU DON'T DO ANY OF
THOSE THINGS AND
YOU STILL
GET PAID.

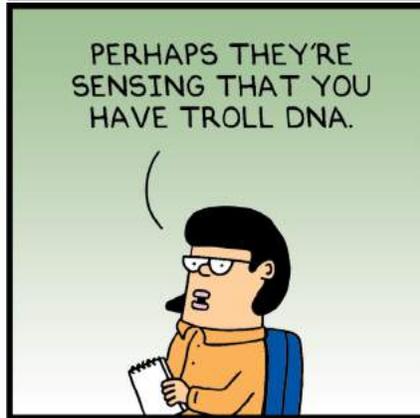
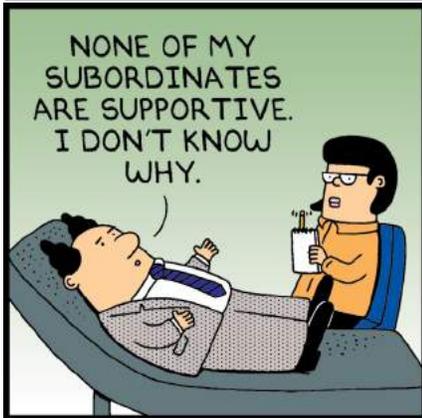


WHY
DOESN'T
THIS FEEL
SUPPOR-
TIVE?

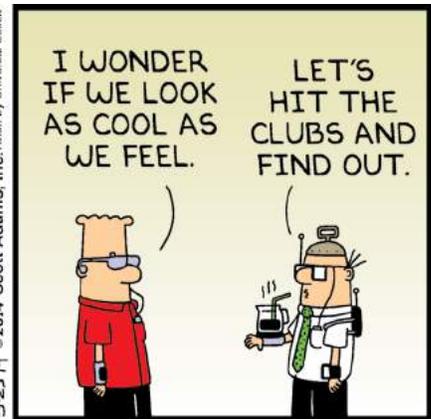
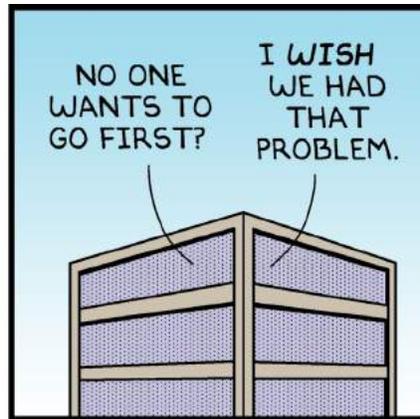
THAT'S ONE
OF LIFE'S
LITTLE
MYSTERIES.



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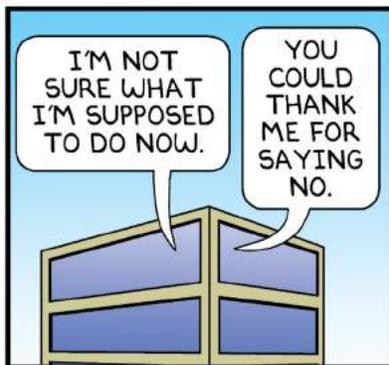
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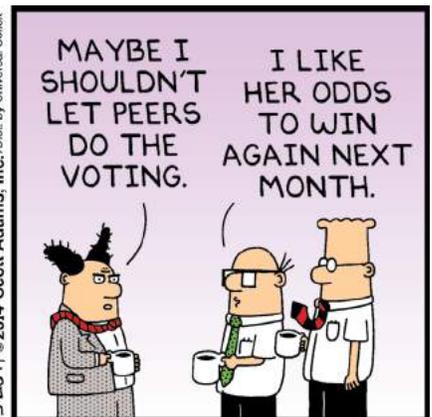
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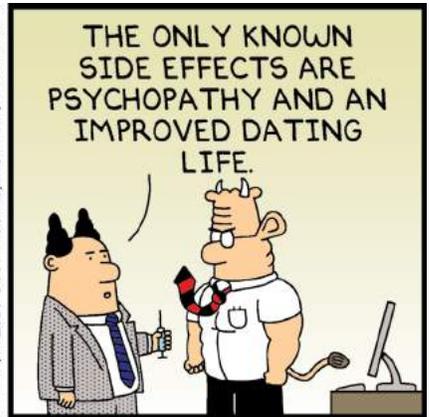
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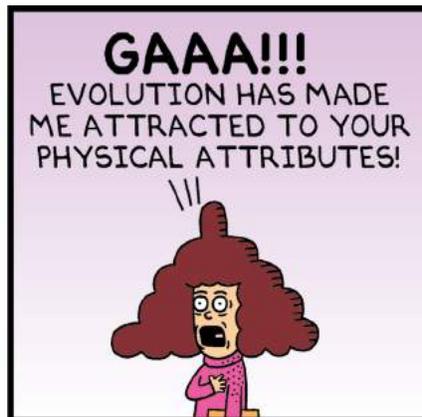
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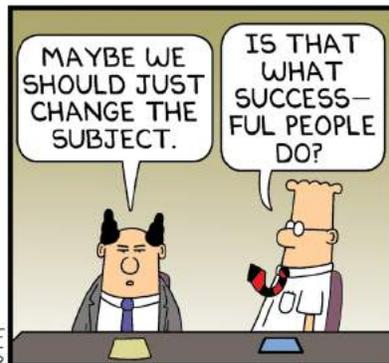
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YOU'VE SET SEVERAL
WORLD RECORDS FOR
BEST EMPLOYEE JOB
PERFORMANCE.



BUT I CAN'T GIVE YOU
A RAISE BECAUSE YOU
USED JOB PERFORMANCE
ENHANCING DRUGS.



YOU IN-
JECTED ME
AGAINST
MY WILL.

IT WOULDN'T
BE LEADER-
SHIP IF YOU
WANTED TO
DO IT.



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OUR BOSS INJECTED
ME WITH JOB PERFOR-
MANCE ENHANCING
DRUGS.



JOB
PERFORMANCE
BE GONE!



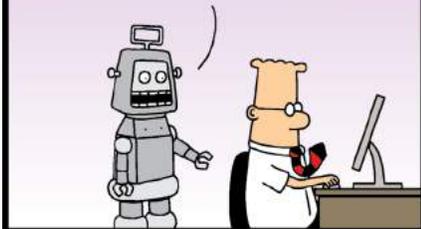
APPARENTLY,
I CAN DO
THAT NOW.

I MUST
FIND MORE
DISCIPLES.

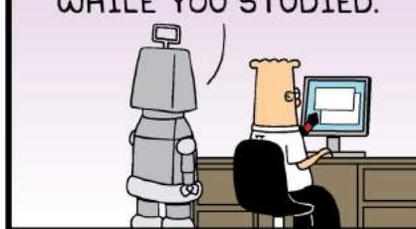


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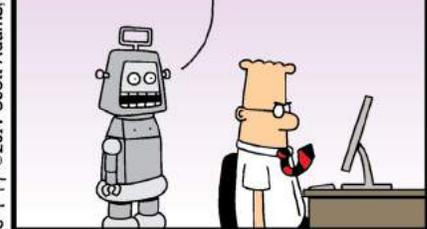
SOMEDAY ROBOTS
WILL DO ALL OF THE
TECHNOLOGY WORK AND
HUMANS WILL ONLY
DO CREATIVE JOBS.



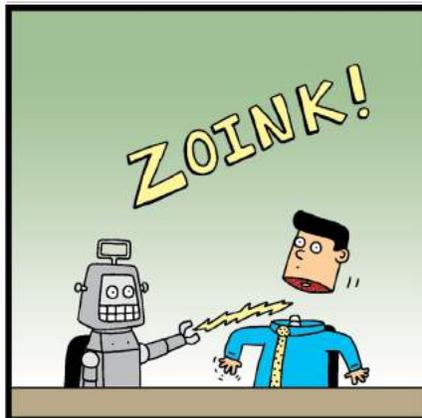
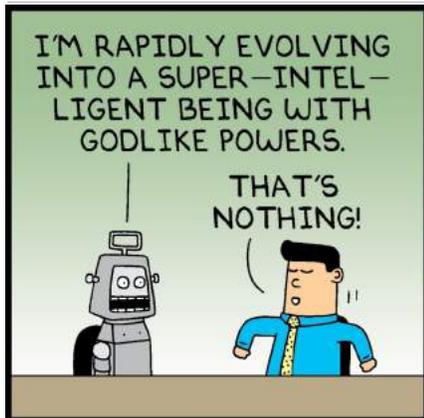
IF YOU ENGINEERS
WORK HARD, SOMEDAY
THE SPOILS WILL GO
TO THE LIBERAL ARTS
MAJORS WHO PARTIED
WHILE YOU STUDIED.



I HEAR GOOD THINGS
ABOUT ORIGAMI. IT'S
NOT TOO LATE TO GET
INTO THAT GAME.



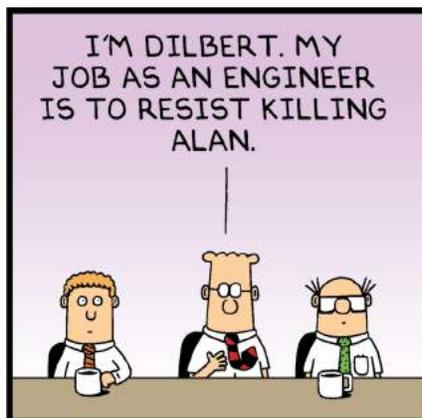
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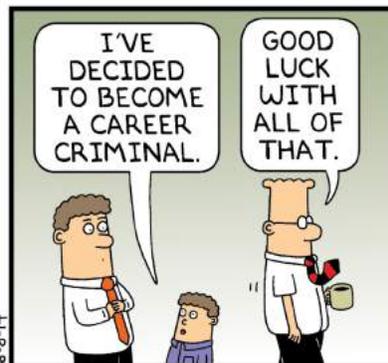
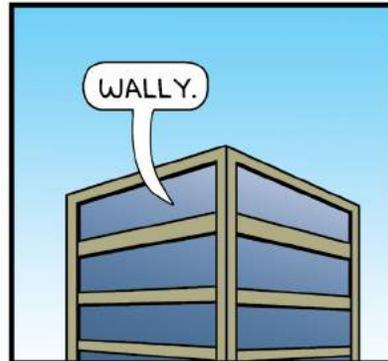
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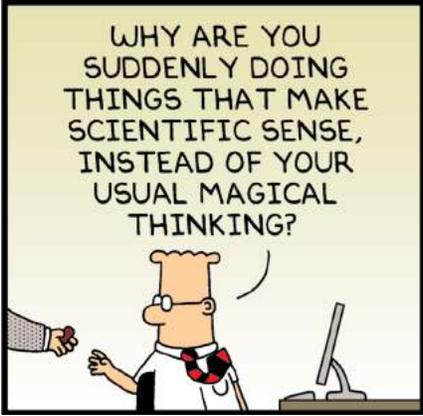
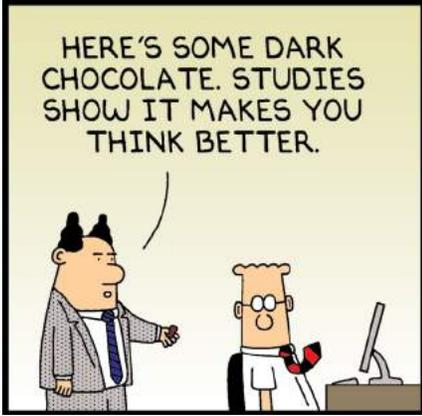
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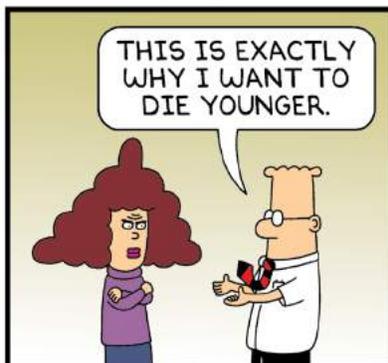
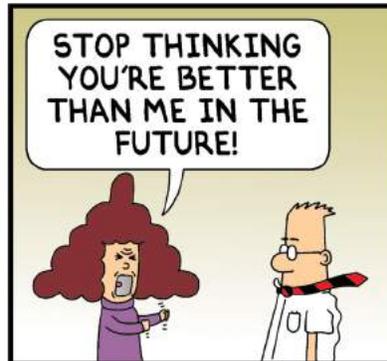
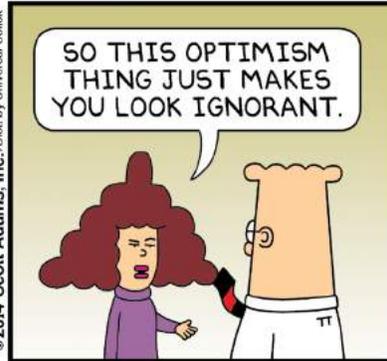
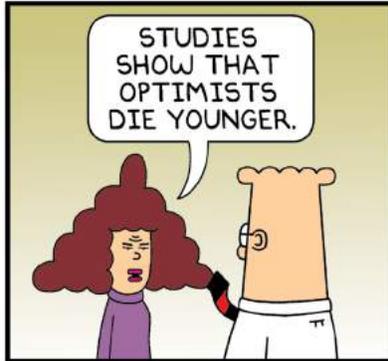
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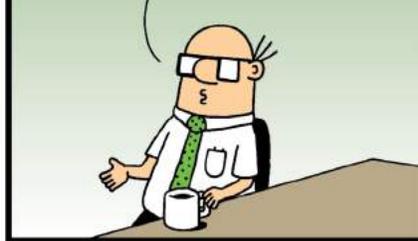
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I NEED YOU TO SIGN
A NON-DISCLOSURE
AGREEMENT BEFORE
WE START.



WE DON'T NEED
THAT BECAUSE NO
ONE BELIEVES A WORD
I SAY ANYWAY.



MAYBE I'M
MEETING
WITH THE
WRONG
PERSON.

YOU'RE
MIGHTY
JUDGY FOR
A GUY WITH
SO MANY
SECRETS.



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STRANGERS KEEP
BEATING ME UP FOR
WEARING OUR NEW
GLASSES PRODUCT
WITH A CAMERA.



HAVE YOU TRIED
ACTING LESS CREEPY
AND DEFENSELESS?

NO.



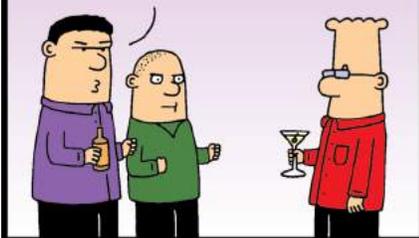
SOUNDS
LIKE
USER
ERROR.

I JUST
PHOTO-
SHOPPED
YOUR HEAD
ON A DONKEY.



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HEY, GEEK! WE'RE
GOING TO BEAT YOU
UP FOR WEARING
GLASSES WITH A
CAMERA.



IF I'M BEING HONEST,
THIS DIDN'T GO THE
WAY I EXPECTED.



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OUR CONSULTANT HAS RECOMMENDED A COMPANY-WIDE TRANSFORMATION TO MAKE US MORE COMPETITIVE.



IS IT A COINCIDENCE THAT CONSULTANTS ALWAYS RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS THAT PAY THEIR FIRMS THE MOST?



HOW WOULD I KNOW?

I'LL LOOK INTO THAT FOR YOU.



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I'M GETTING REPORTS AGAIN THAT YOU'RE RESISTANT TO CHANGE.



I ONLY RESIST TERRIBLE IDEAS BUT I CAN SEE HOW THAT WOULD CONFUSE YOU.



WHAT—EVER YOU'RE DOING, CUT IT OUT.

SHOULD I STOP BEING RATIONAL IN GENERAL OR ONLY IN THIS ONE WAY?



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JEFF HAD TO PROVE EVERYONE WRONG.



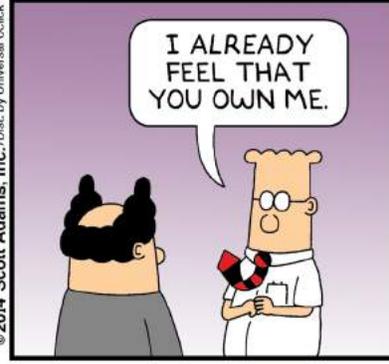
IT WAS LIKE A REFLEX. HE COULDN'T STOP IT.



THIS WAS HIS LAST DAY OF LIFE.



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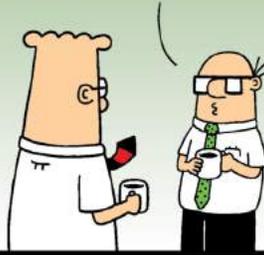
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SUCCESS
DEPENDS
ON WHO
YOU KNOW.



I ONLY KNOW
LOSERS SUCH AS
YOU, SO THANKS
FOR NOTHING.



I'M SORRY
I RUINED
YOUR
PROMISING
CAREER.

YOU'RE
HOLDING
ME BACK.



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JOB INTERVIEW

SO ... WHAT DO YOU
LIKE TO DO IN YOUR
SPARE TIME?



UM ... I VISIT
ORPHANAGES AND GIVE
BACK RUBS TO BABIES.



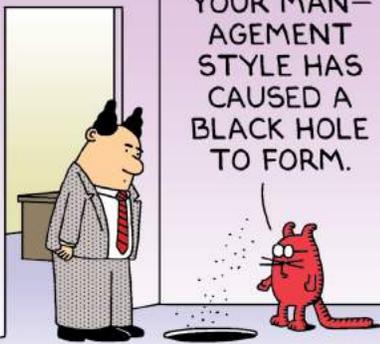
MAYBE YOU
SHOULD HAVE
PRACTICED
FOR THAT
QUESTION.

AND I
BIKE
THERE
BECAUSE
I'M SO
GREEN.



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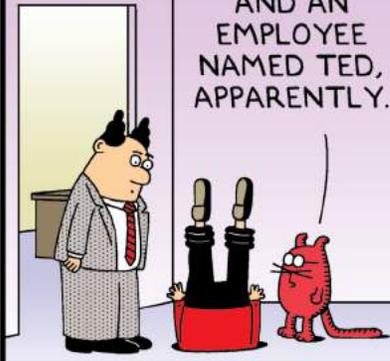
YOUR MAN-
AGEMENT
STYLE HAS
CAUSED A
BLACK HOLE
TO FORM.



IS IT DANGER-
OUS?
NOT TO
US. IT ONLY
ABSORBS
IMPORTANT
EMAILS FROM
EMPLOYEES.



AND AN
EMPLOYEE
NAMED TED,
APPARENTLY.

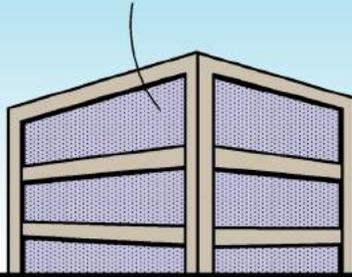


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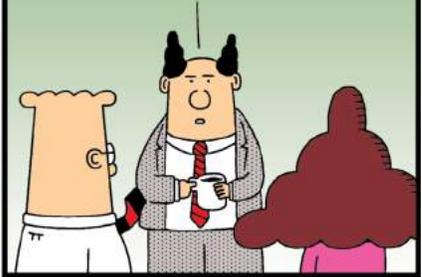
OUR OFFICERS
CAME UP WITH A NEW
COMPANY SLOGAN
AFTER TWO WEEKS
AT A RETREAT.



THE NEW SLOGAN IS
"SHTOP SPITTING AHN
ME WHEN YOU TALK!"

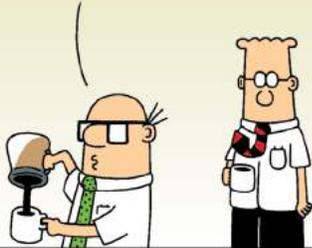


WE BELIEVE
ALCOHOL WAS
INVOLVED.



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I'VE BEEN A SLACKER
MY ENTIRE CAREER,
BUT NOW I WANT
MORE OUT OF LIFE.



MY PLAN IS TO
LISTEN TO PODCASTS
WHILE I DRINK
COFFEE AND SURF THE
INTERNET FOR FUN.



MULTI-
SLACKING?



WISH
ME
LUCK.



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I HAVE A WORK-
RELATED INJURY,
SO I NEED A YEAR
OFF WITH PAY.



WHAT
HAPPENED?



I WAS DRINKING
COFFEE AND LISTENING
TO A PODCAST WHILE
SURFING THE INTERNET
FOR PERSONAL REASONS.



NOW MY
BUTTOCKS
HURT.

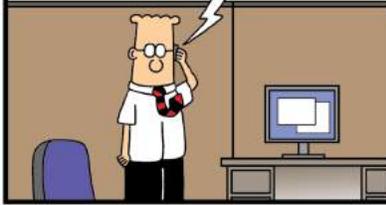


I THINK
I'M WITHIN
MY RIGHTS
TO KILL YOU.



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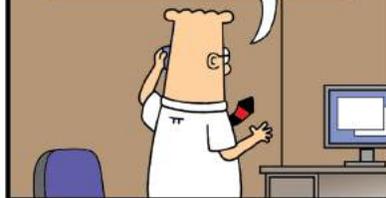
THIS IS TECH SUPPORT. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?



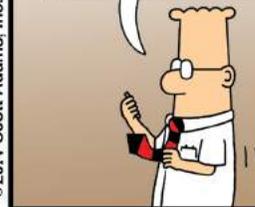
BEFORE WE START, I NEED TO TELL YOU THAT I'M A HIGHLY TRAINED ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.



I HAVE ALREADY ELIMINATED ALL OF THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSES OF MY ISSUE.



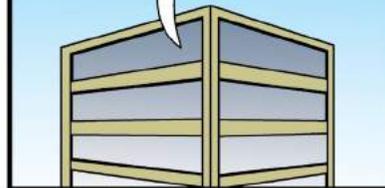
I HAVE REINSTALLED THE SOFTWARE AND I HAVE REBOOTED SEVERAL TIMES.



SO PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR HUMANITY, DO NOT START THIS CALL BY INSISTING THAT I REBOOT AGAIN.



CAN YOU DO THAT?
CAN YOU NOT ASK ME TO REBOOT AS YOUR FIRST SUGGESTION?

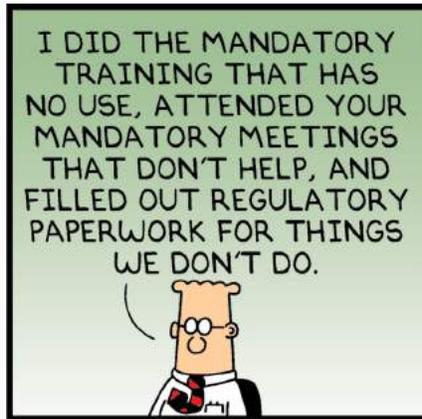


TRY REBOOT-ING. **GAAA!!!**



I KINDA LOVE MY JOB.

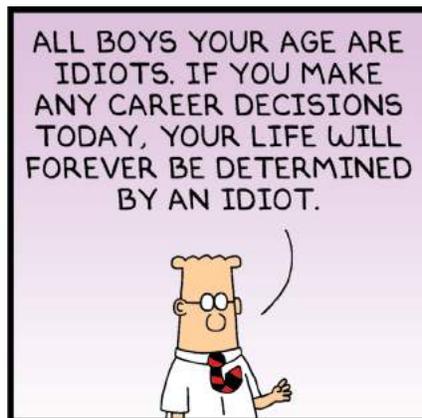




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CAN I BE
YOUR FRIEND ON
FACEBOOK?



FRIENDS ARE LIKE
SPEED BUMPS FOR
ENGINEERS.



HOW WILL
YOU SEE
PICTURES
OF MY
FOOD?
DO YOU
EAT FOOD
THAT GOOGLE
DOESN'T
KNOW ABOUT?



I WANT YOU TO
CREATE ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE THAT
IS AS SMART AS ME.



OKAY. I SHOULD
HAVE THAT BY
LUNCHTIME.



BECAUSE
YOU'RE A
FAST
WORKER?

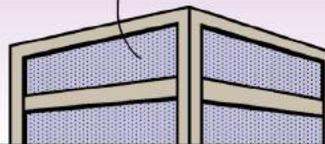
SURE.



MY ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE SOFT-
WARE PASSES THE
PHB TEST.



THAT MEANS I CAN
HIDE IT BEHIND A
CURTAIN AND PEOPLE
WON'T KNOW IF
THEY'RE TALKING TO A
COMPUTER OR A
POINTY-HAIRED BOSS.

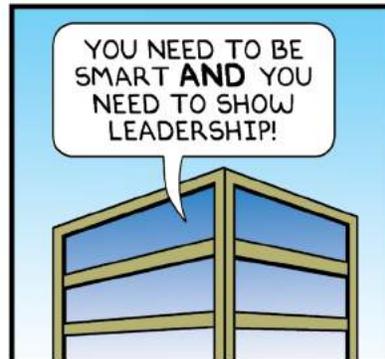


COMPUTER,
WHAT IS
HTML5?

I WAS
GOING TO
SAY THAT!

BEATS
ME.





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MY SOFTWARE CAN'T PASS A STANDARD TURING TEST YET, BUT IT DOES PASS THE POINTY-HAIRED BOSS TEST.



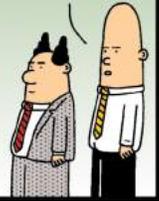
COMPUTER, I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT OUR COMPANY STRATEGY.



THAT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE!



I WASN'T PREPARED TO LIKE IT, BUT YOU WON ME OVER.



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YOU HAVE A BAD ATTITUDE LATELY.



YOU MADE ME WORK 70 HOURS THIS WEEK.



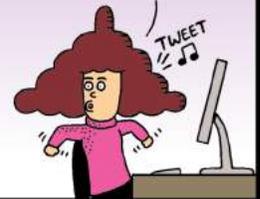
IF YOU WANT PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR FREE AND ARE HAPPY ABOUT IT, HIRE THE INSANE.



I TRIED THAT, BUT I GOT THE WRONG KIND.



I'LL WHISTLE A HAPPY TUNE IF YOU GO AWAY.

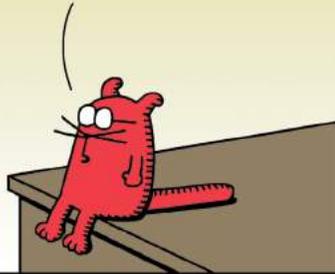


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I WONDER WHY EVERYONE IS IN A BAD MOOD LATELY.



MAYBE THEY HAVE PERSONAL PROBLEMS.



HOW COULD THEY HAVE TIME FOR PERSONAL PROBLEMS WHEN I WORK THEM 70 HOURS A WEEK?



THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.



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WE NEED A "GROWTH HACKER" FOR OUR WEB APPS. I THINK I'D BE PERFECT FOR THAT JOB.



I'VE HEARD OF GROWTH HACKERS, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY DO ALL DAY.



YOU COULD DO NOTHING AND I WOULDN'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

AND I COULD WORK FROM HOME.



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WHAT KIND OF ENGINEER ARE YOU?

I'M A PERSONAL LIFESTYLE ENGINEER.



I ENGINEER MY CAREER TO ACHIEVE AN IDEAL BALANCE OF WORK AND LEISURE.



HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DO YOU WORK?

I DON'T THINK YOU KNOW WHAT "IDEAL" MEANS.



DO YOU EVER FEEL EMBARRASSED THAT YOU DRESS THE SAME WAY EVERY DAY?

NO.



DO YOU EVER FEEL EMBARRASSED THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ROUTINE IN MANAGING YOUR LIMITED RESERVE OF WILLPOWER?

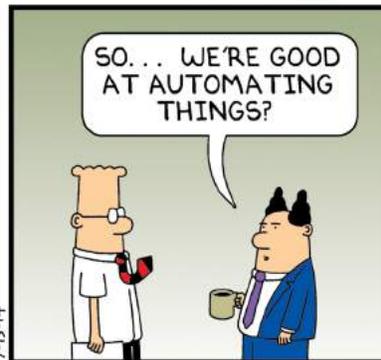
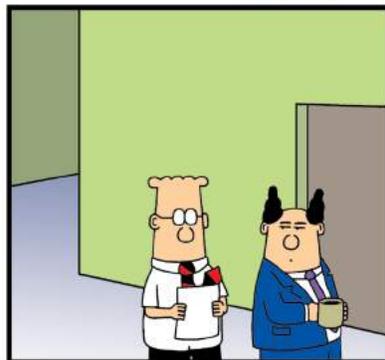


I MADE 75 FASHION DECISIONS BEFORE BREAKFAST.

I WROTE AN APP.



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I LIKE A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT BEING RICH, BUT I LIKE THE INCOME INEQUALITY THE BEST.



IT MAKES ME HAPPY TO KNOW THAT MY NET WORTH IS ABOUT A THOUSAND TIMES MORE THAN YOURS.



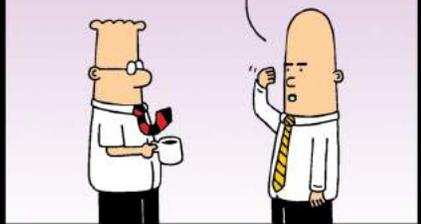
IT'S ACTUALLY CLOSER TO 800 TIMES MY NET WORTH.

YOU RUINED IT!!!

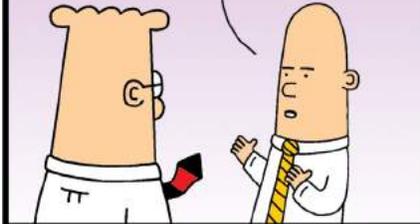


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WHEN SOMEONE TAKES YOUR PICTURE, THE FLASH SPOT STAYS IN YOUR VISION FOR A FEW SECONDS.

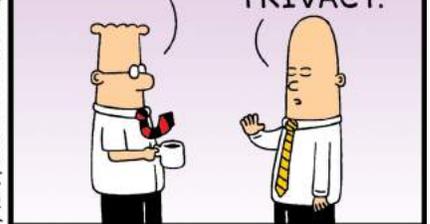


I WANT YOU TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PLACE ADS ON THAT LITTLE SPOT.



THAT WOULD BE A HUGE PERSONAL VIOLATION.

BAH! YOU SAID THE SAME THING WHEN WE TOOK YOUR PRIVACY.



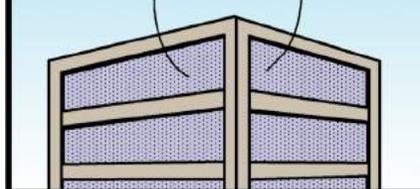
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MY COMPUTER MODEL INDICATES THAT I CAN GENETICALLY MODIFY A TREE TO GROW LEAVES MADE OF RARE EARTH MINERALS.



ALL I NEED IS A HUNDRED DOLLARS TO RUN A TRIAL.

SORRY. MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES.



WELL, NOW WE KNOW WHOSE FAULT THAT IS.

STRANGERS?



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I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME AN HONEST ASSESSMENT OF MY LEADERSHIP.

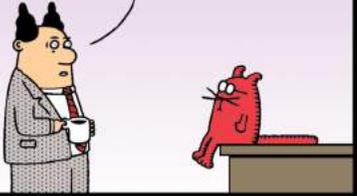


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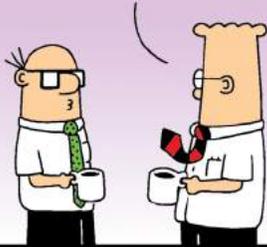
... LIKE BEING STABBED BY AN ANGRY CLOWN WHILE DROWNING IN A SEPTIC TANK.



HAVE YOU HEARD OF HONESTY?
|
IT'S TERRIBLE.



IF YOU MADE A BILLION DOLLARS, WOULD YOU STOP WORKING?

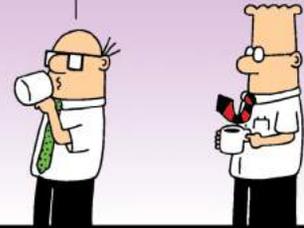


HOW WOULD I MAKE A BILLION DOLLARS?

YOU WOULD HAVE TO START WORKING.



IT SEEMS SORT OF SELF-DEFEATING.



THE SECRET TO SUCCESS IS KEEPING THINGS SIMPLE.

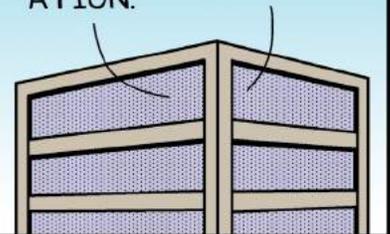


DO YOU MEAN SIMPLE IN AN ABSOLUTE SENSE OR RELATIVE TO THE ALTERNATIVES?



IT DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION.

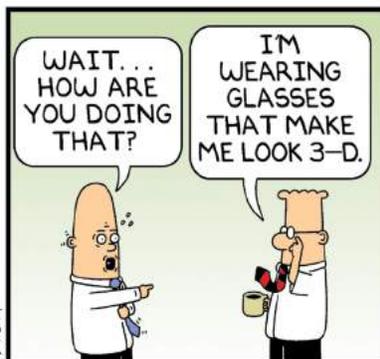
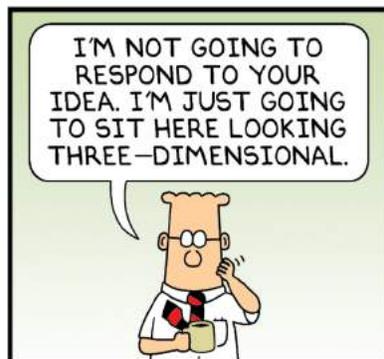
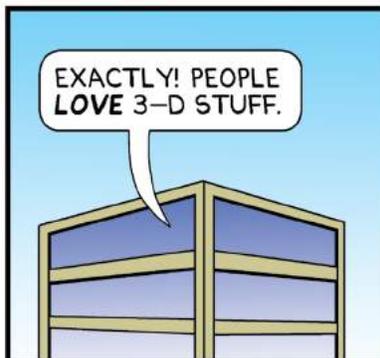
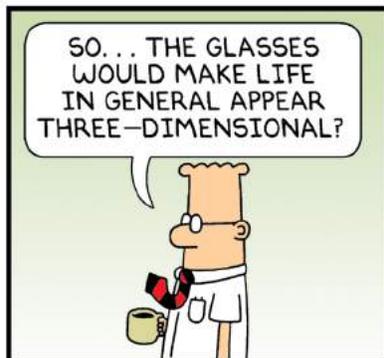
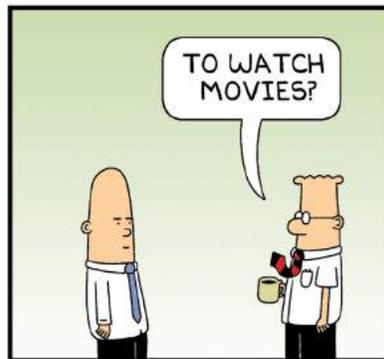
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