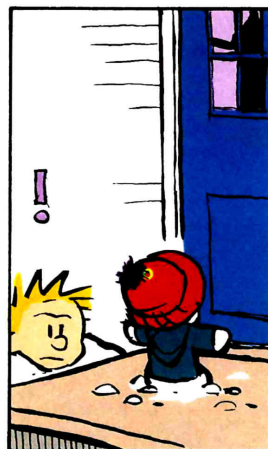
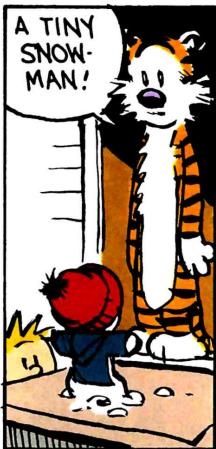
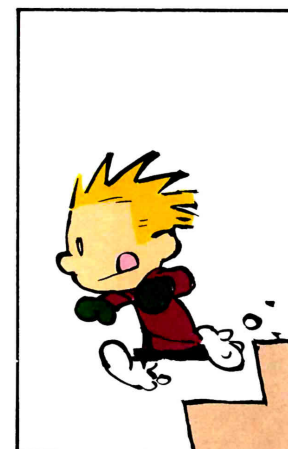
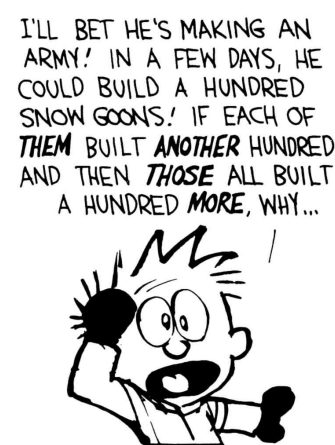
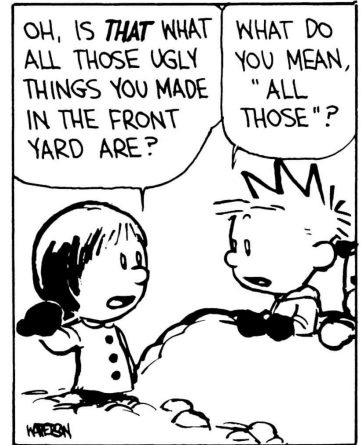
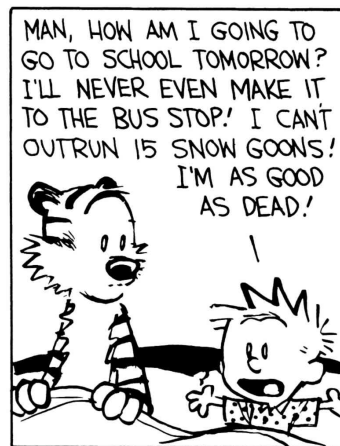
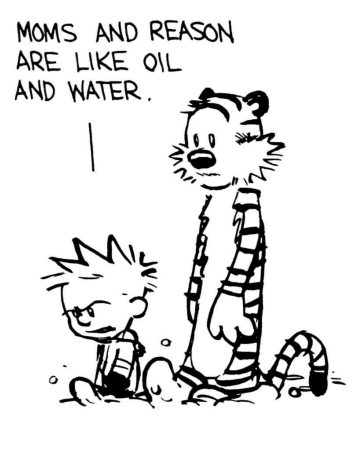
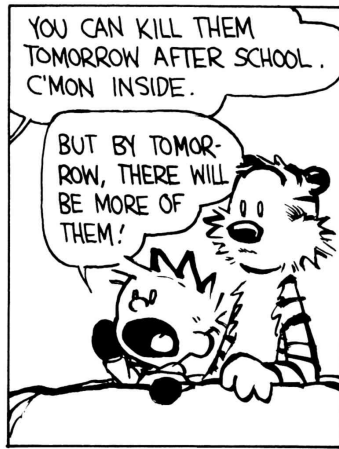


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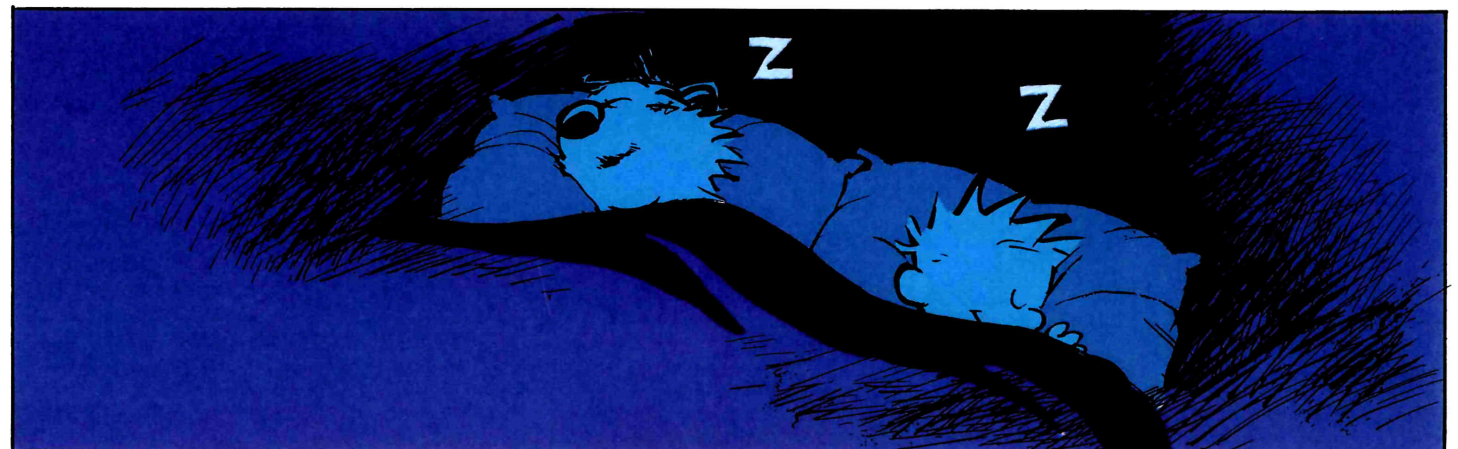
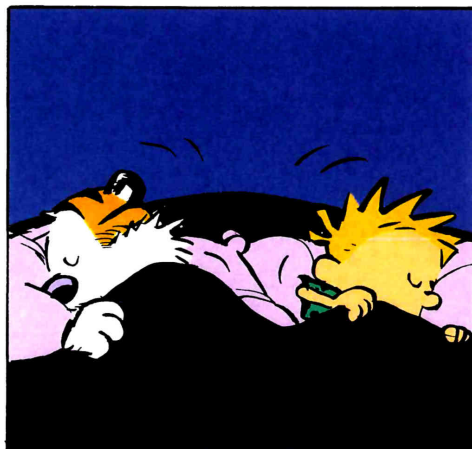
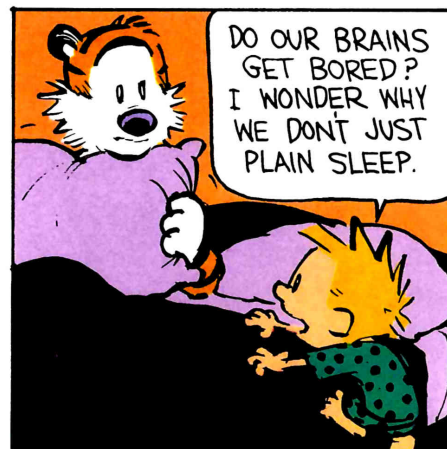




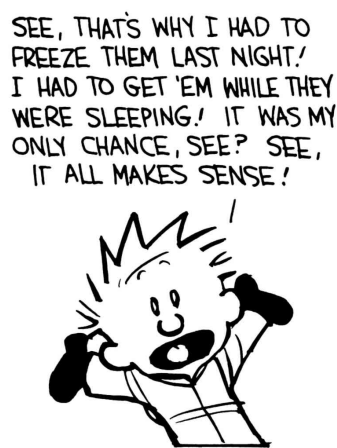
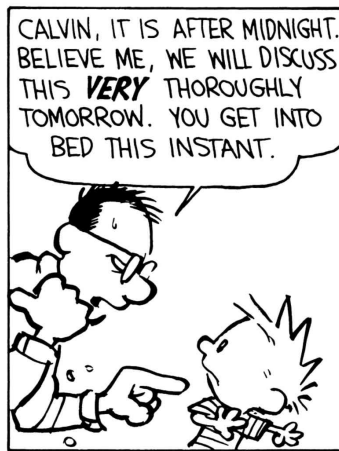


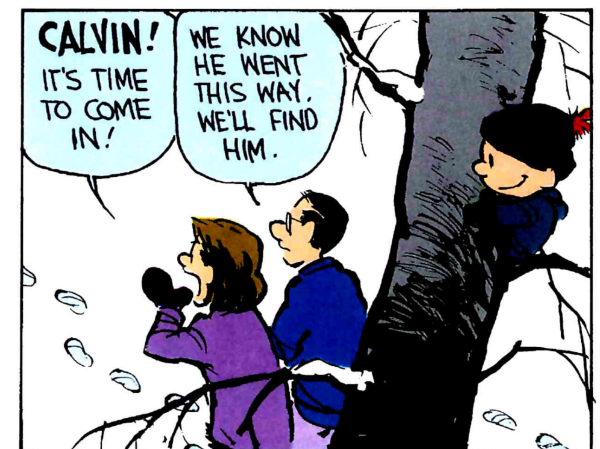
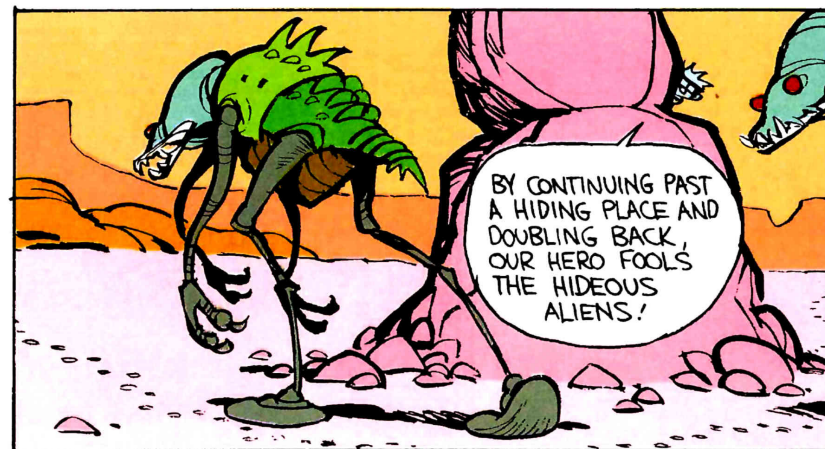
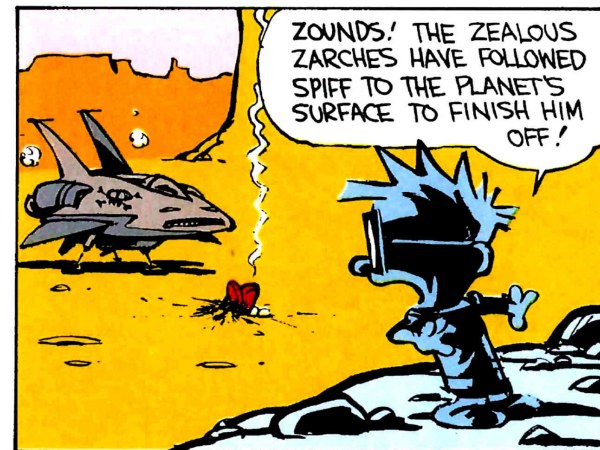
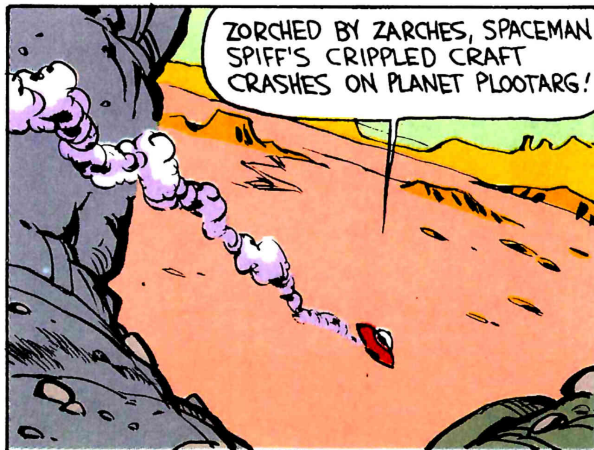
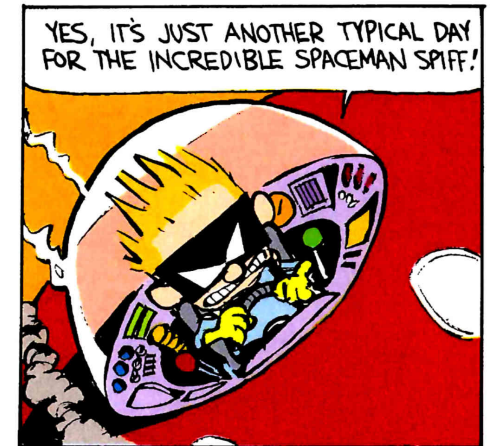
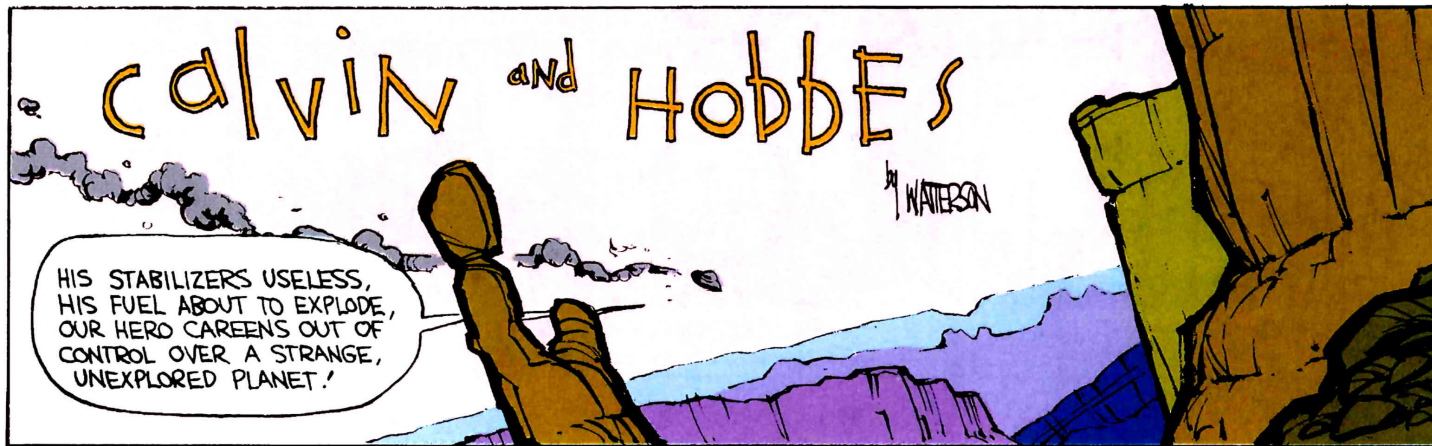
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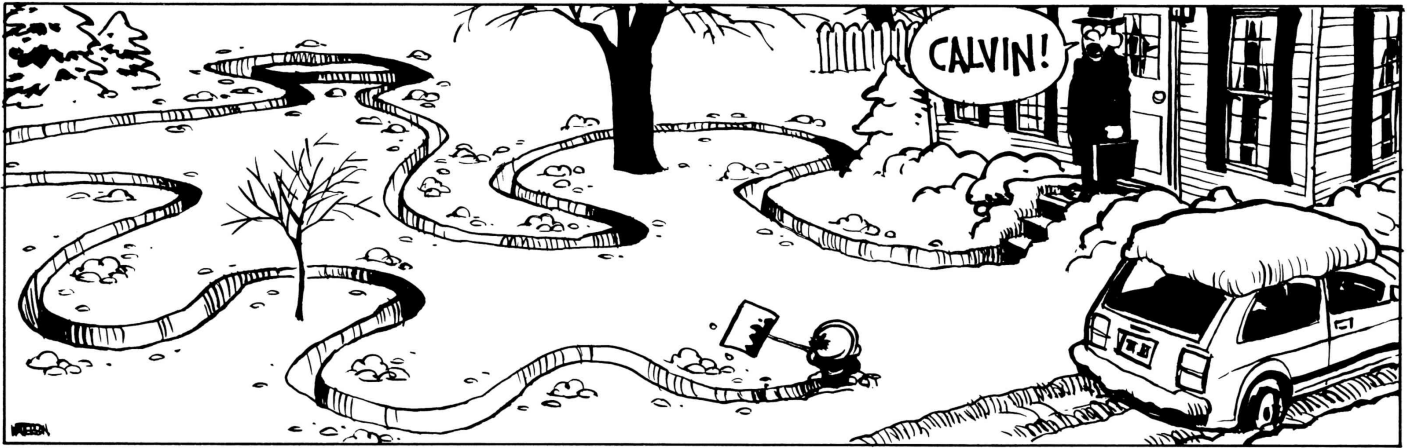
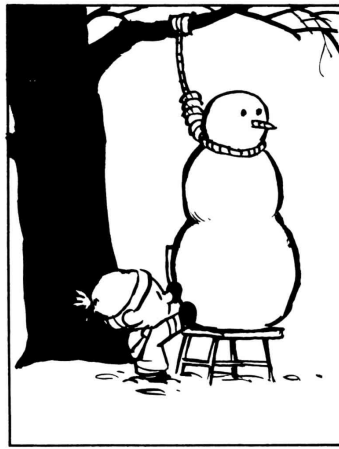
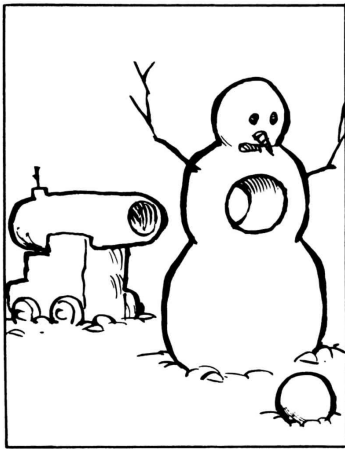
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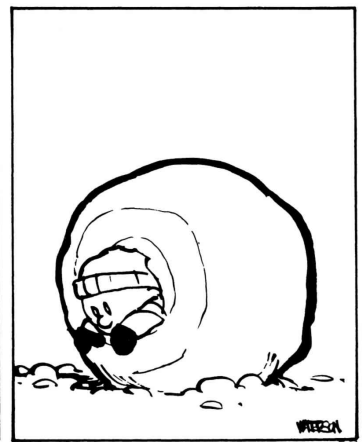
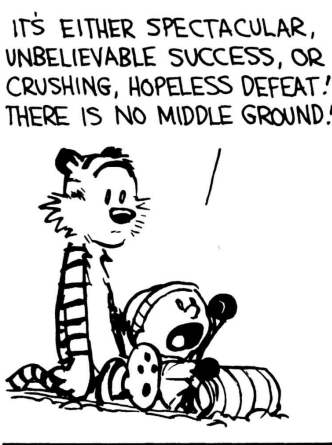
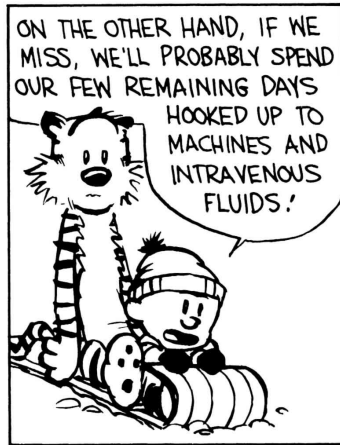
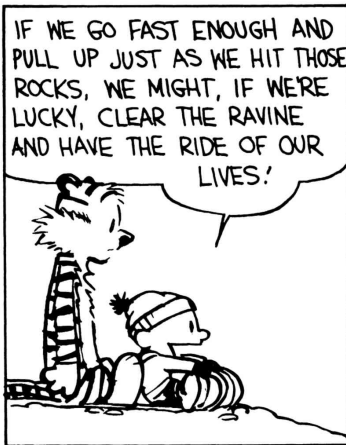
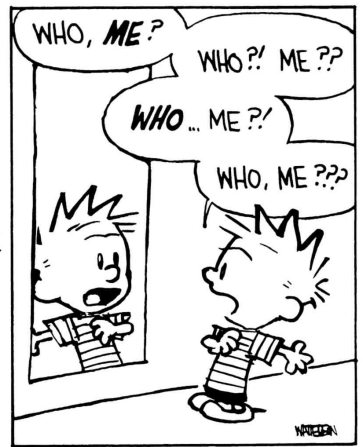












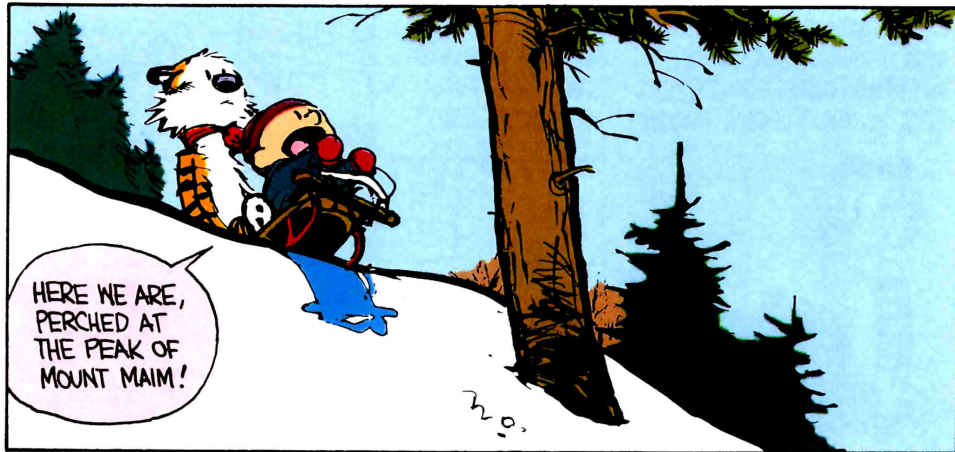
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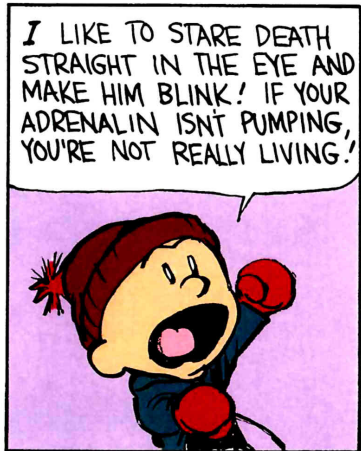
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HERE WE ARE, PERCHED AT THE PEAK OF MOUNT MAIM!



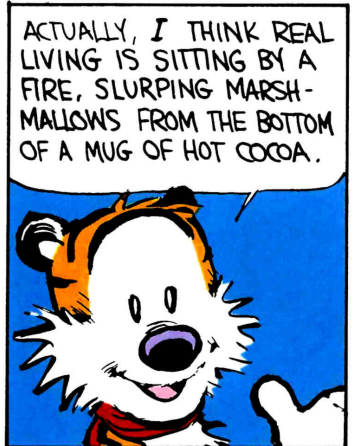
WHY? BECAUSE I LIKE TO EXPERIENCE LIFE TO THE FULLEST! I SAY YOU DONT FULLY APPRECIATE LIFE UNTIL YOU RISK LOSING IT!



I LIKE TO STARE DEATH STRAIGHT IN THE EYE AND MAKE HIM BLINK! IF YOUR ADRENALIN ISNT PUMPING, YOU'RE NOT REALLY LIVING!

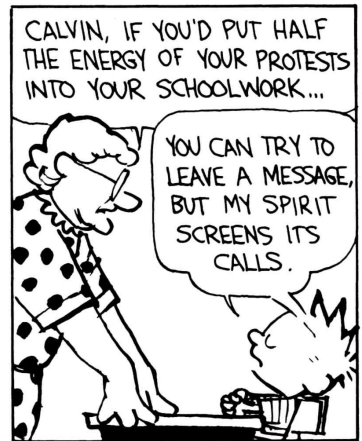
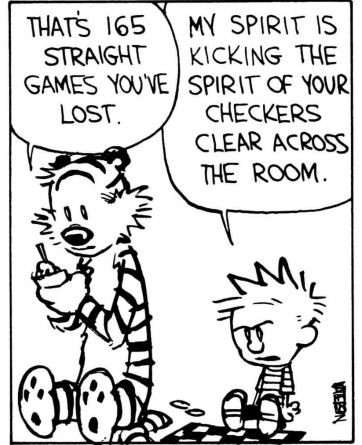
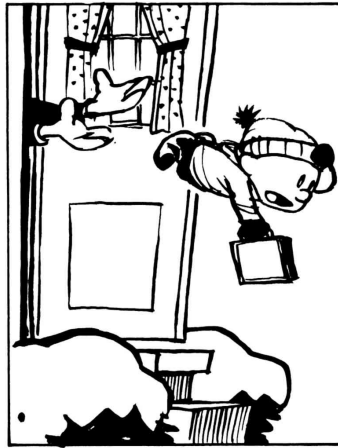


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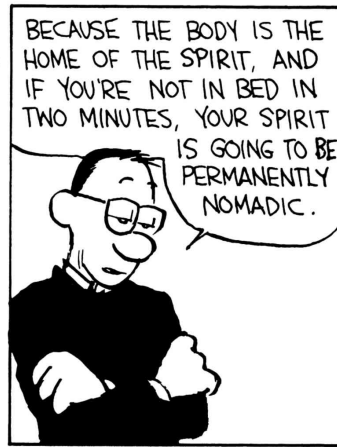
ACTUALLY, I THINK REAL LIVING IS SITTING BY A FIRE, SLURPING MARSH-MALLOWNS FROM THE BOTTOM OF A MUG OF HOT COCOA.



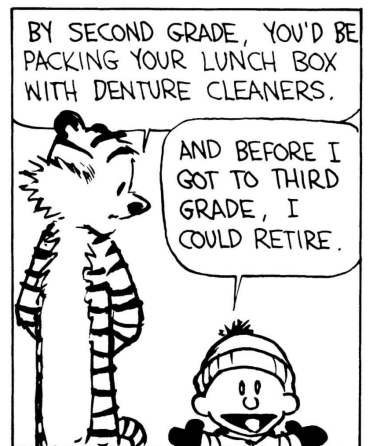




YOU CAN PUT MY BODY TO BED, BUT MY SPIRIT'S GOING TO STAY RIGHT HERE, SO WHY BOTHER? WHY SHOULDN'T I JUST STAY UP?



OF COURSE, I DON'T THINK THERE SHOULD BE SCHOOL IN THE **FALL** EITHER ... AND SUMMER'S OUT ALREADY ... AND THEN THERE'S SPRING..



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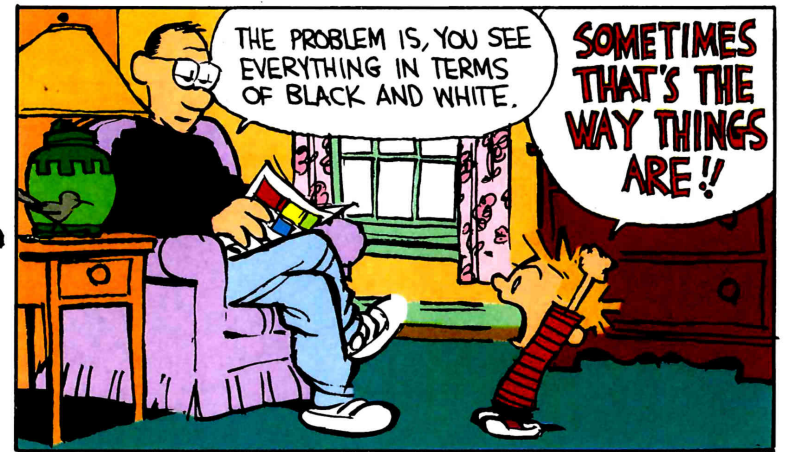
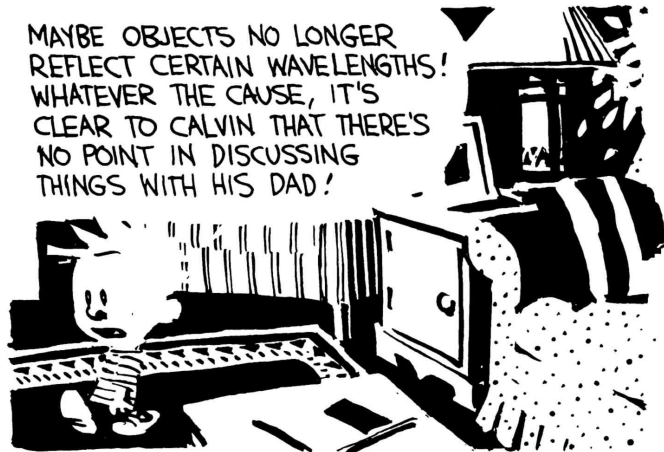
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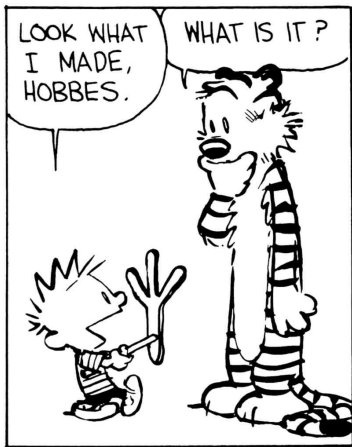


PERHAPS SOME STRANGE NUCLEAR OR CHEMICAL REACTION ON THE SUN HAS CAUSED ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION TO DEFY SEPARATION INTO A SPECTRUM!

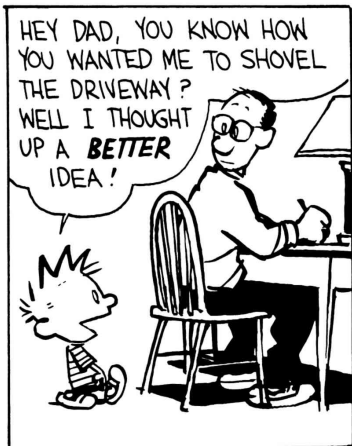


MAYBE OBJECTS NO LONGER REFLECT CERTAIN WAVELENGTHS! WHATEVER THE CAUSE, IT'S CLEAR TO CALVIN THAT THERE'S NO POINT IN DISCUSSING THINGS WITH HIS DAD!

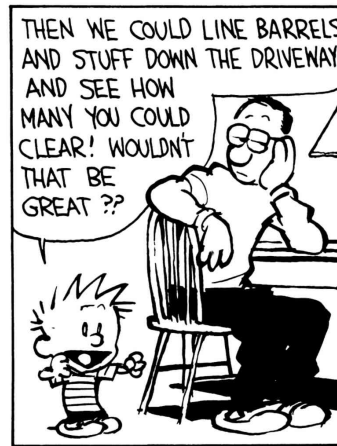




WHAT *IS* IT? WHY, IT'S A HUGE BIRD FOOT! I'M GOING TO PRESS IT IN THE SNOW AND MAKE EVERYONE THINK A TWO-TON CHICKADEE WALKED BY!

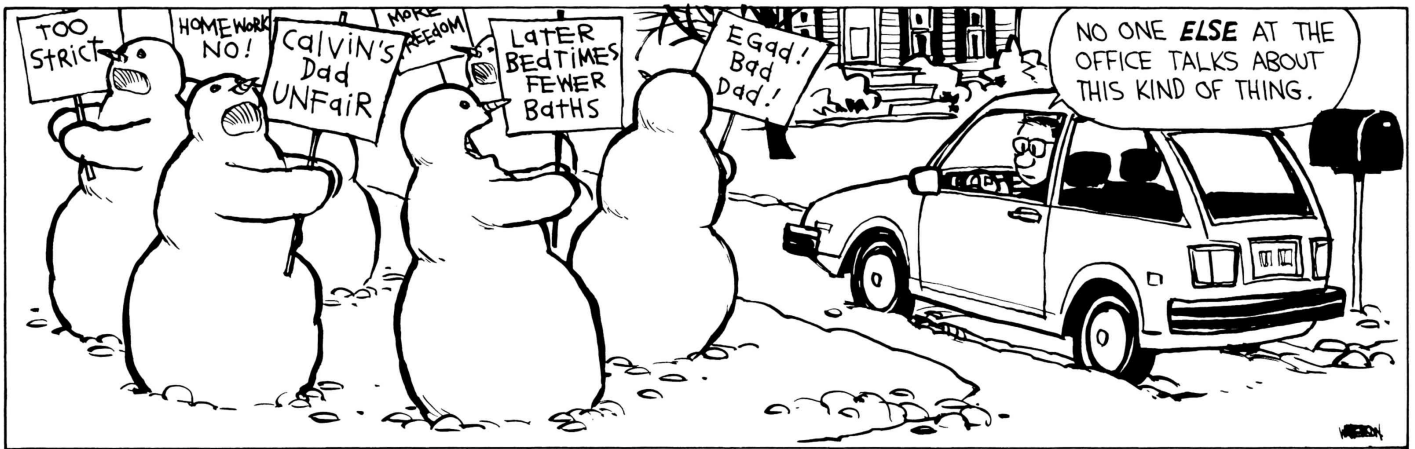


I'LL SHOVEL AND PACK THE SNOW INTO A BIG RAMP! YOU CAN GET IN THE CAR, REV UP TO NEAR RED LINE, THROW OUT THE CLUTCH, LEAVE A PATCH OF MOLTEN RUBBER OUT THE GARAGE, AND ZOOM UP THE RAMP!



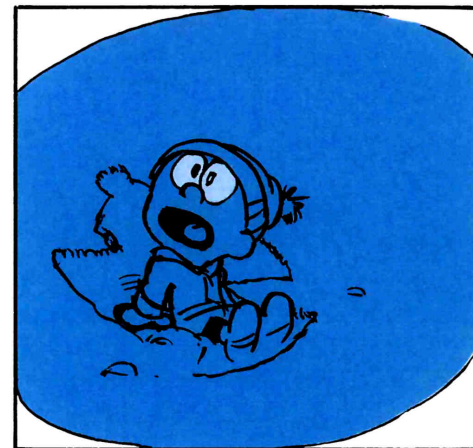
HORRIBLE INNER TEETH ON ITS SEPARATELY MOVING UPPER JAW BONES ARE PULLING ME DOWN ITS FRIGID GULLET! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!



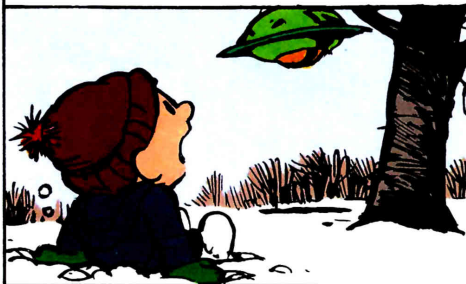


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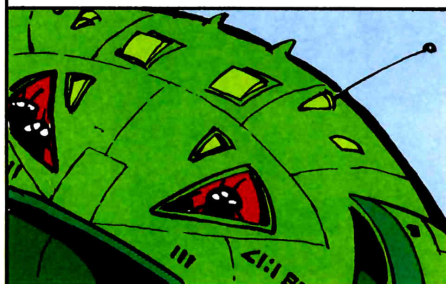
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WHILE LYING ON MY BACK TO MAKE AN ANGEL IN THE SNOW, I SAW A GREENISH CRAFT APPEAR! A GIANT UFO!



A STRANGE, UNEARTHLY HUM IT MADE! IT HOVERED OVERHEAD! AND ALIENS WERE MOVING 'ROUND IN VIEW PORTS GLOWING RED!



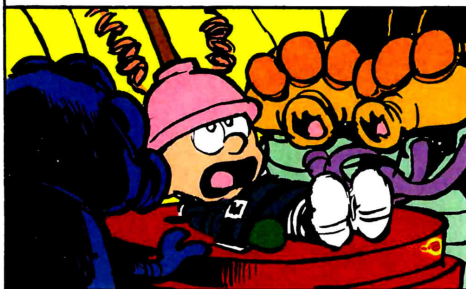
I TRIED TO RUN FOR COVER, BUT A HOOK THAT THEY HAD LOW'R'D SNAGGED ME BY MY OVERCOAT AND HOISTED ME ABOARD!



EVEN THEN, I TRIED TO FIGHT, AND THOUGH THEY NUMBERED MANY, I POKED THEM IN THEIR COMPOUND EYES AND PULLED ON THEIR ANTENNAE!



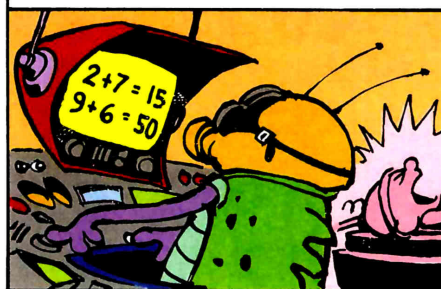
IT WAS NO USE! THEY DRAGGED ME TO A PLATFORM, TIED ME UP, AND WIRED TO MY CRANIUM A FIENDISH SUCTION CUP!



THEY TURNED IT ON AND CURRENT COURSED ACROSS MY CEREBELLUM, COAXING FROM MY BRAIN TISSUE THE THINGS I WOULDN'T TELL 'EM!

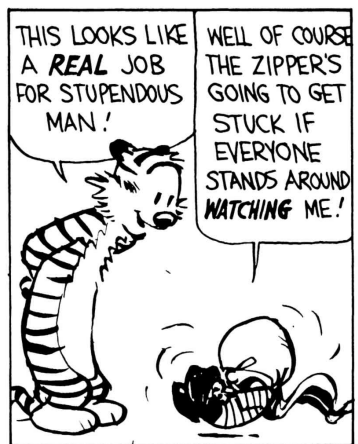
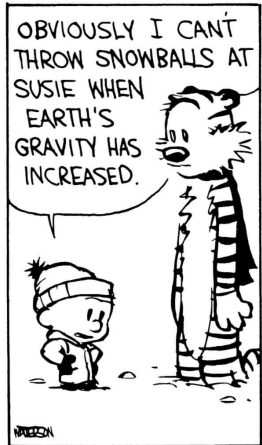
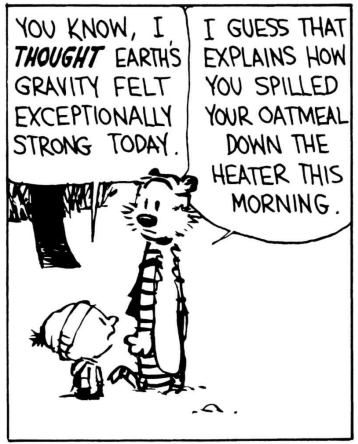


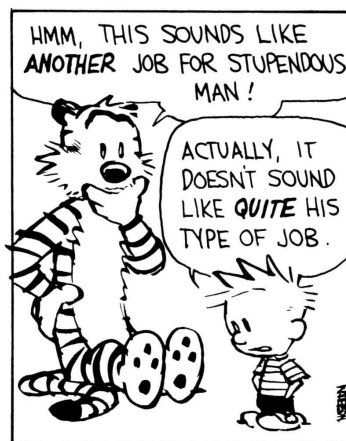
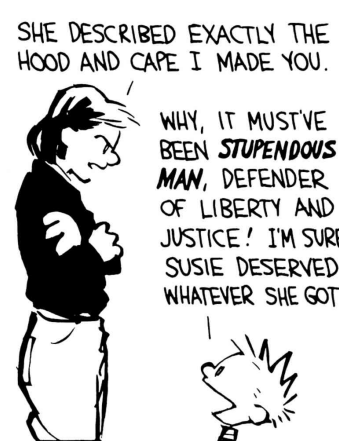
ALL THE MATH I EVER LEARNED, THE NUMBERS AND EQUATIONS, WERE MECHANIC'LY REMOVED IN THIS BRAIN-DRAINING OPERATION!



MY ESCAPE WAS AN ADVENTURE. (I WON'T TELL YOU WHAT I DID.) SUFFICE TO SAY, I CANNOT ADD, SO ASK SOME OTHER KID.







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MOM NEVER LETS ME STAY UP TO WATCH THE TV SHOWS I REALLY WANT TO SEE.



SHE SAYS THEY'RE TOO EDUCATIONAL.



I WATCHED A NATURE PROGRAM ON TV LAST NIGHT.



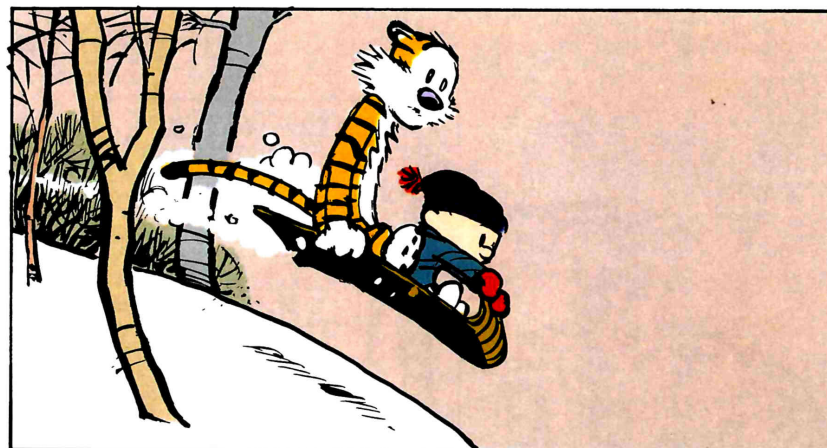
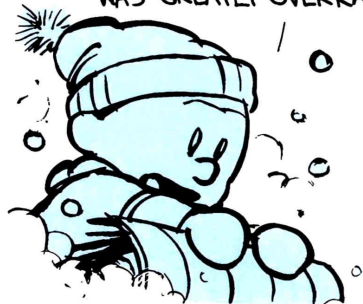
AFTERWARD, I ASKED DAD IF LIFE WAS REALLY NOTHING MORE THAN TRYING TO SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO REPRODUCE BEFORE YOU BECAME FOOD FOR SOMETHING ELSE.



WHAT DID HE SAY?



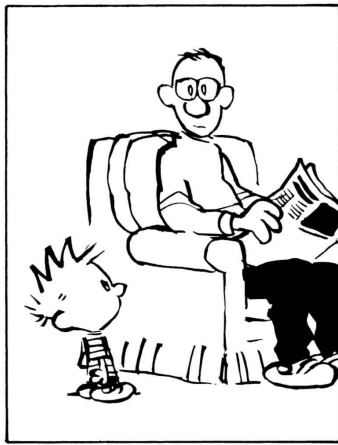
WELL, HE LOOKED AT ME A MINUTE, AND SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF IT, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRODUCING WAS GREATLY OVERRATED.



I'VE NOTICED IN THOSE PROGRAMS HOW THE YOUNG MALES OFTEN LEAVE THE HERD AT AN EARLY AGE.

I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT EVERYONE BECOMES FOOD.

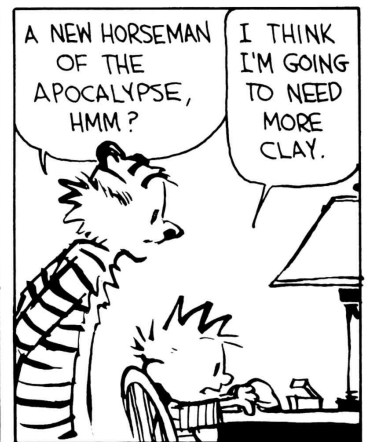
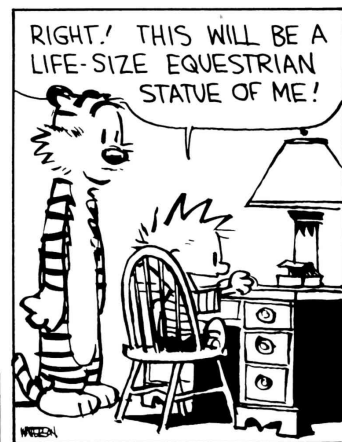


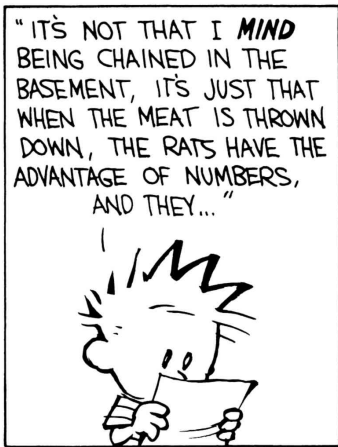


I THINK GROWN-UPS JUST **ACT** LIKE THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING.



I TRIED TO **PULL** MY SNOW PANTS OFF, BUT I FORGOT TO TAKE MY BOOTS OFF FIRST, SO **THOSE** GOT STUCK, AND THEN THE PANTS GOT ALL TWISTED, SO I FELL OVER, AND FINALLY THE TEACHER HAD TO CALL TWO CUSTODIANS TO GET ME OUT!



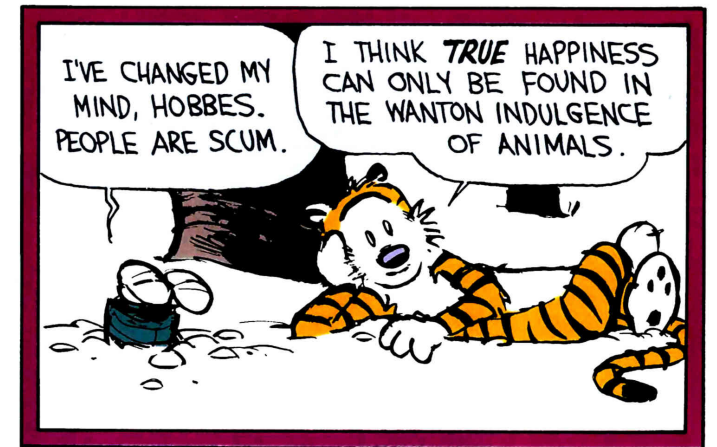
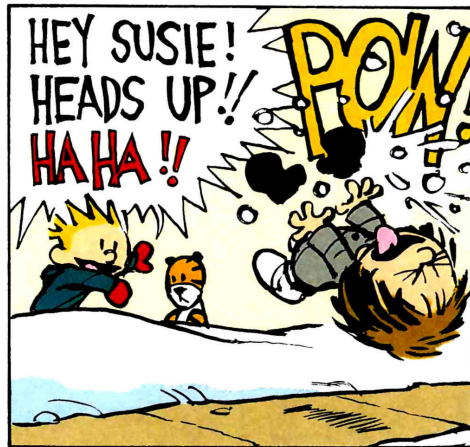
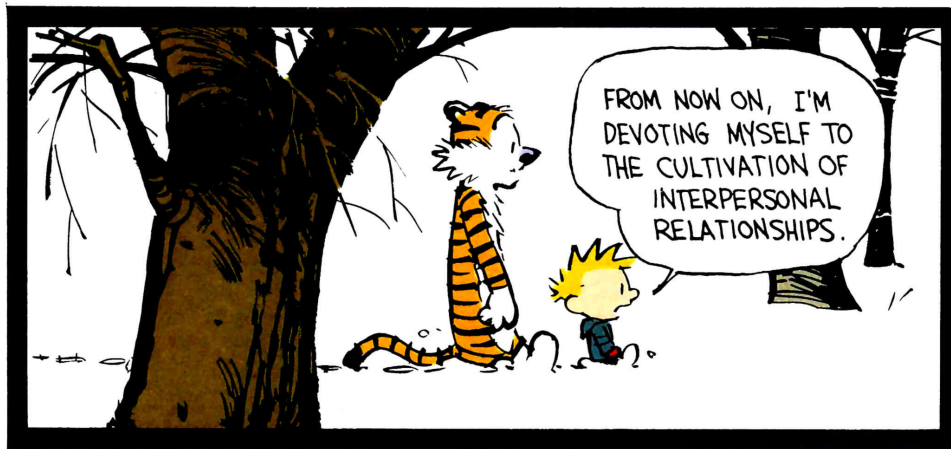
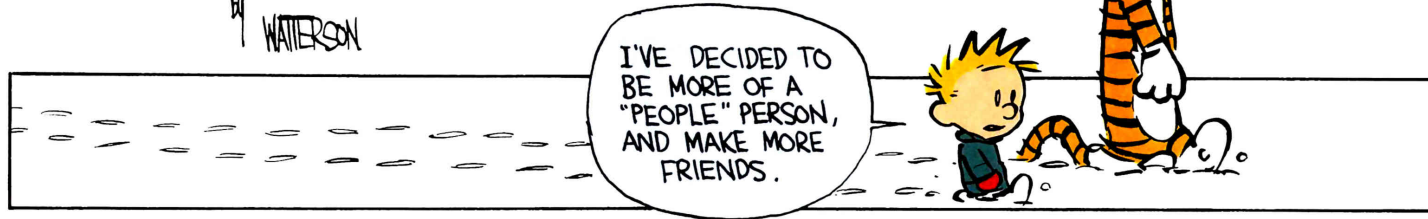


WHAT, MISS WORMWOOD?



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I KEEP TWO MAGNUMS IN MY DESK. ONE'S A GUN, AND I KEEP IT LOADED. THE OTHER'S A BOTTLE AND IT KEEPS ME LOADED. I'M TRACER BULLET. I'M A PROFESSIONAL SNOOP.



IT'S A TOUGH JOB, BUT THEN, I'M A TOUGH GUY. SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE AN AUDIENCE WHEN THEY WORK. ENOUGH OF THEM HAVE TOLD ME SO WITH BLUNT INSTRUMENTS THAT I'M A PHRENOLOGIST'S DREAM COME TRUE.



SNOOPING PAYS THE BILLS, THOUGH. ESPECIALLY BILL, MY BOOKIE, AND BILL, MY PROBATION OFFICER.



SO WHEN A TALL BRUNETTE OPENED MY DOOR WITH A CASE FOR ME, MY HEART DID A FEW CALISTHENICS AND I TOOK THE JOB.



THE DAME SAID SHE HAD A CASE. SHE SOUNDED LIKE A CASE HERSELF, BUT I CAN'T CHOOSE MY CLIENTS.



SHE WAS THE PUSHY TYPE. THE KIND WHO'D BREAK YOUR HEART, OR MAYBE YOUR ARMS. I HURRIED OVER.



EITHER SHE HAD A PSYCHOTIC DECORATOR, OR HER PLACE HAD BEEN RANSACKED BY SOMEONE IN A BIG HURRY.



WELL?! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?



WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING. I'M LOOKING FOR CLUES.

THE CLICK OF A HAMMER BEING COCKED BEHIND MY HEAD FOCUSED MY THOUGHTS LIKE ONLY A LOADED .38 CAN.

THE DAME HAD SET ME UP! SHE DIDN'T WANT ME TO SOLVE THE CASE AT ALL! SHE JUST WANTED A PATSY TO PIN THE CRIME ON!

WELL?

I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY THIS STORY WAS SHAPING UP, SO I DECIDED TO WRITE A NEW ENDING WITH MY .45 AUTOMATIC AS CO-AUTHOR.

INTRODUCED THE DAME TO A FRIEND WHO'S VERY CLOSE TO MY HEART. JUST A LITTLE DOWN AND LEFT, TO BE SPECIFIC.



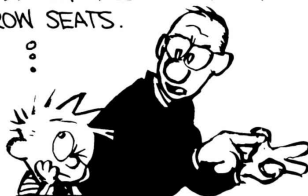
MY FRIEND IS AN ELOQUENT SPEAKER. HE MADE THREE PROFOUND ARGUMENTS WHILE I EXCUSED MYSELF FROM THE ROOM. I ALWAYS LEAVE WHEN THE TALK GETS PHILOSOPHICAL.



YOU'RE IN REAL TROUBLE NOW, YOUNG MAN!!

I'D JUST FINISHED PUTTING THE PUZZLE PIECES TOGETHER WHEN THE DAME'S HIRED GOON JUMPED OUT OF NOWHERE AND PRACTICED FOR HIS CHIROPRACTIC DEGREE.

WHEN HE WAS DONE, AN ALL-PERCUSSION SYMPHONY WAS PLAYING IN MY HEAD, AND THE ACOUSTICS WERE INCREDIBLE. THE ORCHESTRA WENT ON A TEN-CITY TOUR OF MY BRAIN, AND I HAD A SEASON PASS WITH FRONT ROW SEATS.



I HAD FIGURED OUT WHO TRASHED THE DAME'S LIVING ROOM, BUT SINCE SHE WASN'T MY CLIENT ANY MORE, I FELT NO NEED TO DIVULGE THE INFORMATION.

BESIDES, THE CULPRIT HAPPENED TO BE A BUDDY OF MINE. I CLOSED THE CASE.

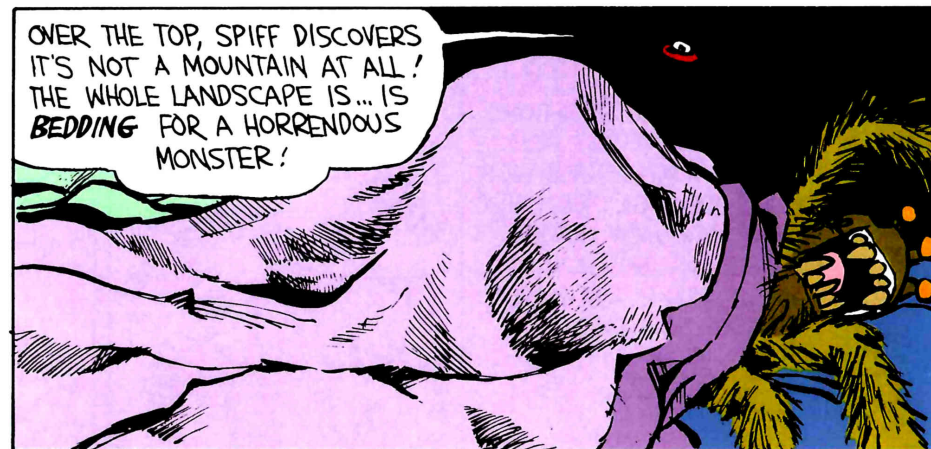
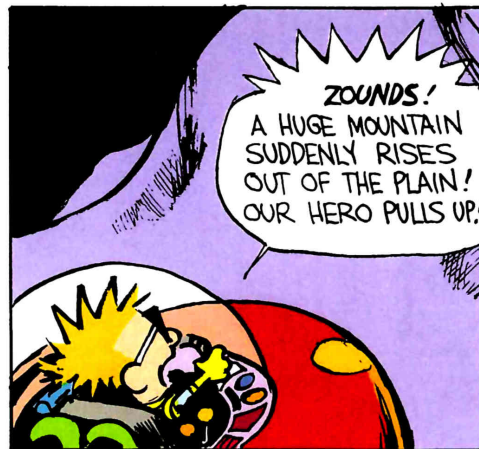
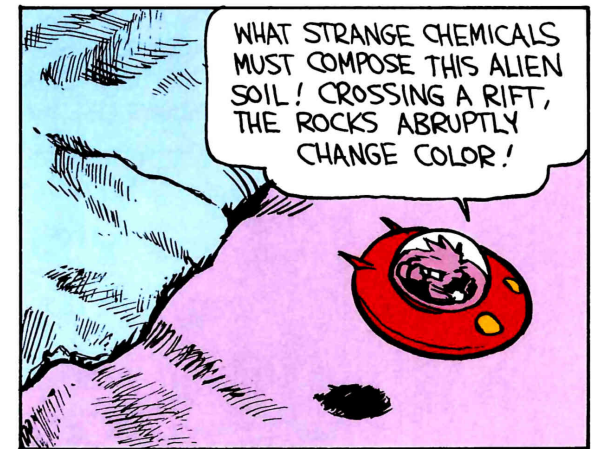
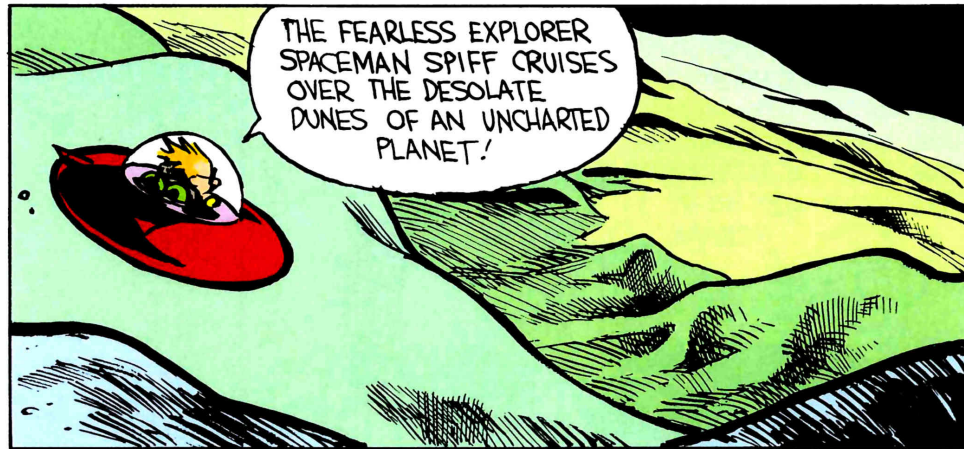
I GUESS WE SHOULD'VE PLAYED OUTSIDE, HUH?

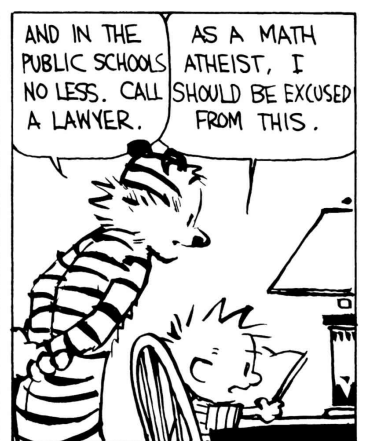
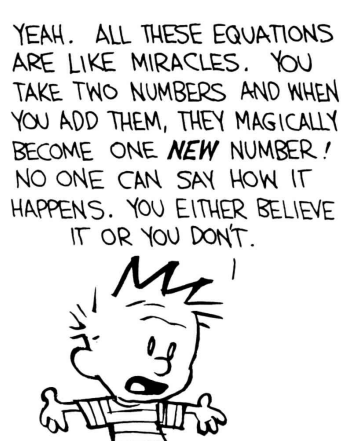
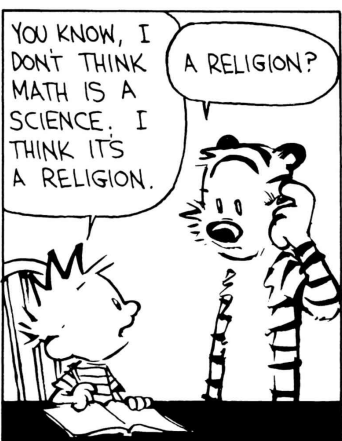
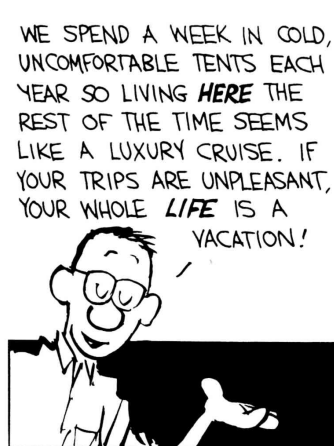
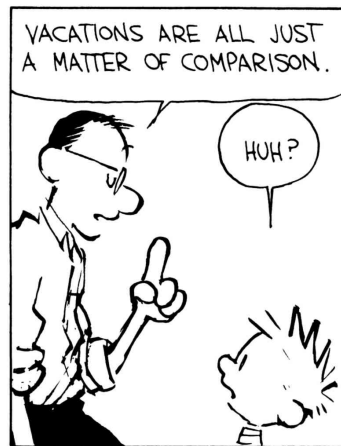
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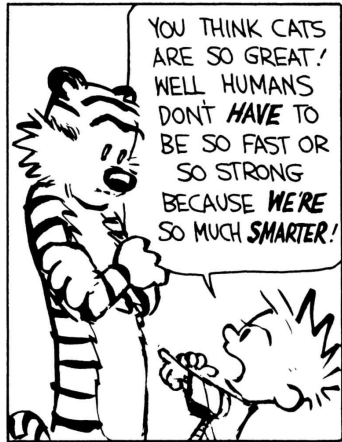
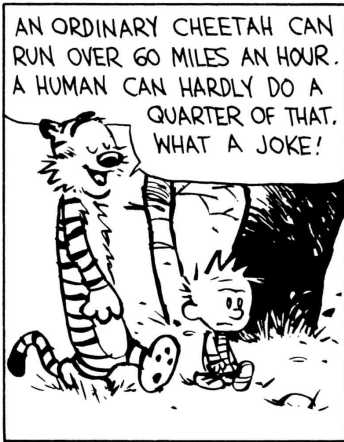
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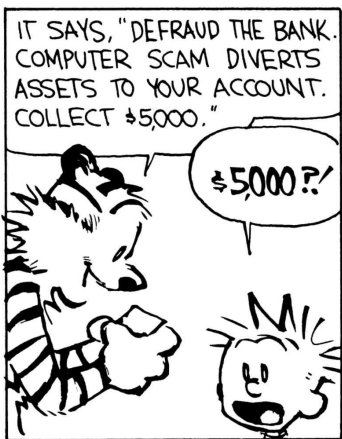
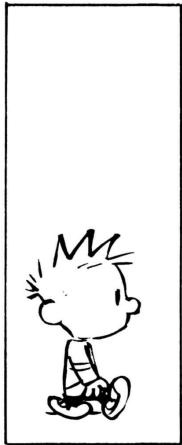
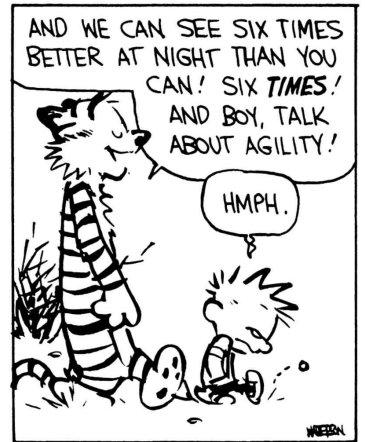
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BUT *SPACEMAN SPIFF!*





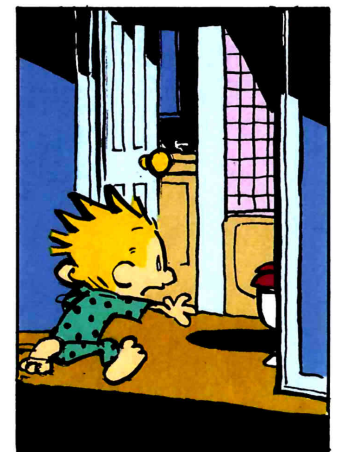
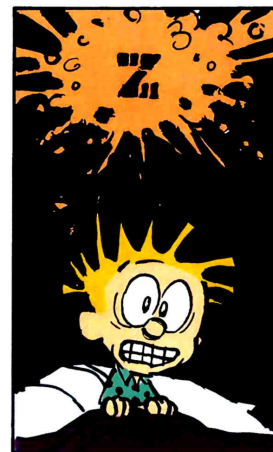
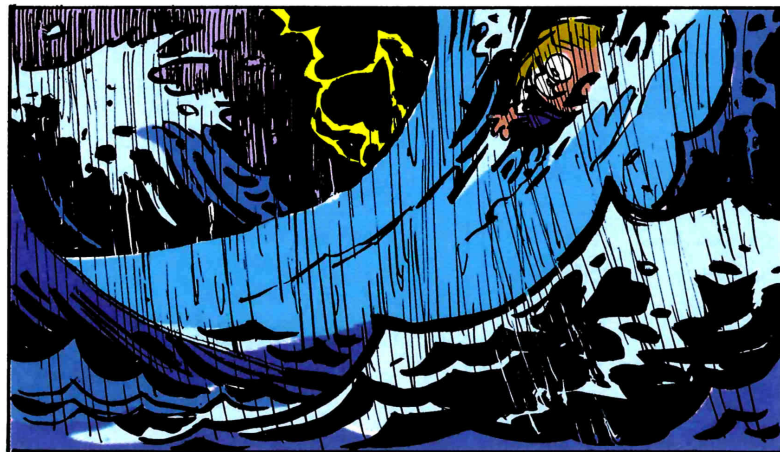
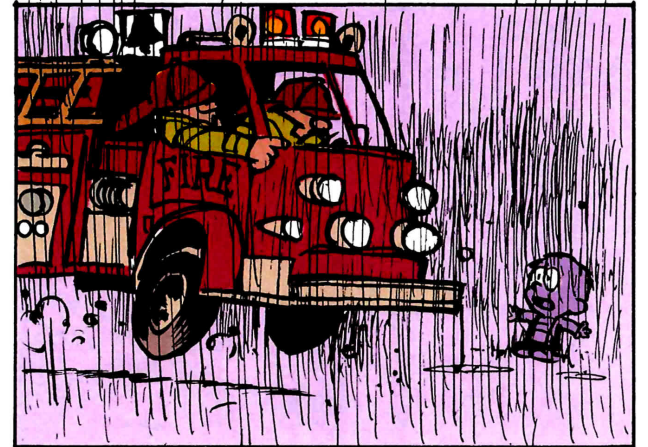
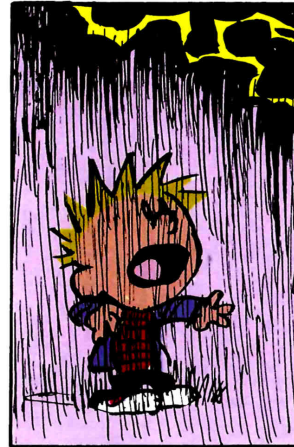
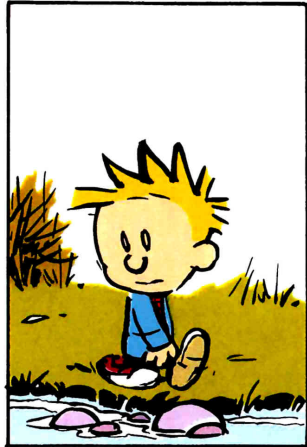
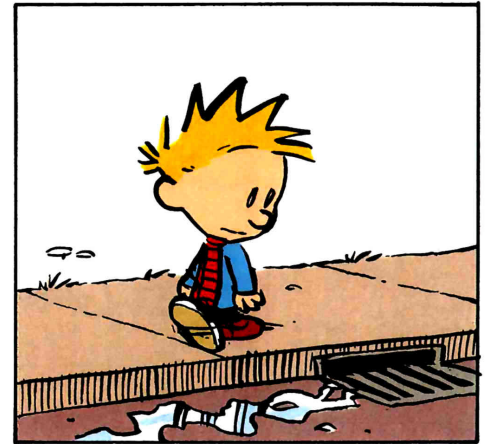
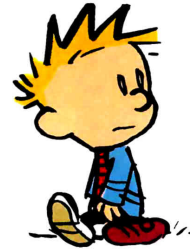


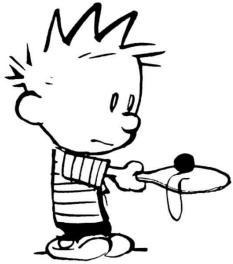
IF CATS ARE SO GREAT, HOW COME THEY DONT HAVE CARS, OR ROCKETS, OR BOMBS, OR NUCLEAR... UM.. REACTORS, OR.. OR... I MEAN...



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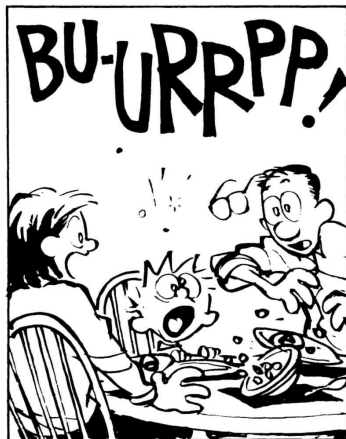
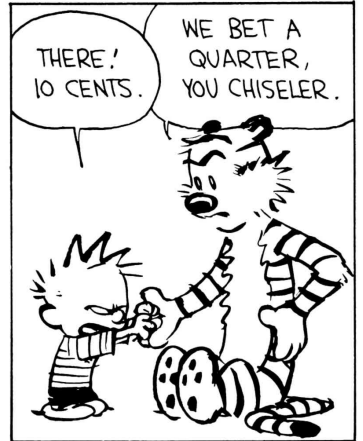
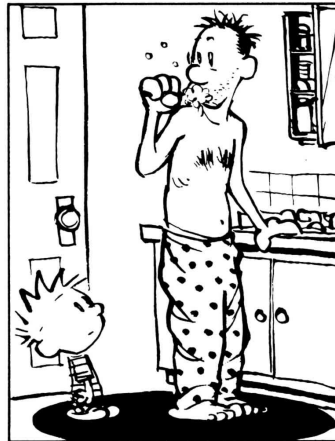


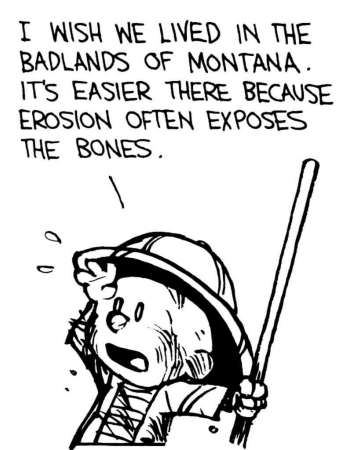
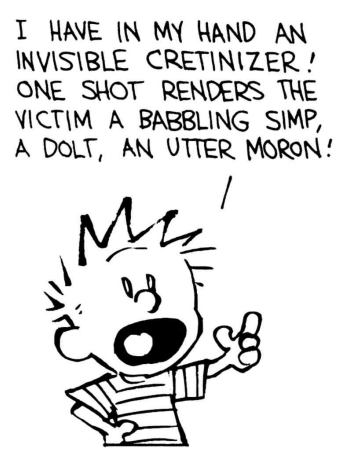
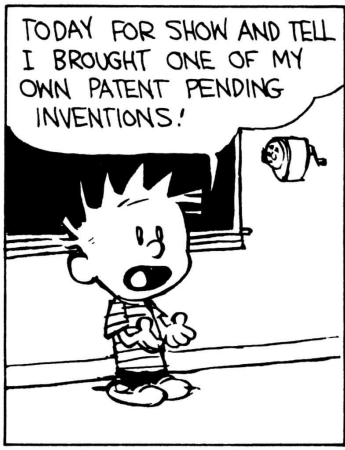
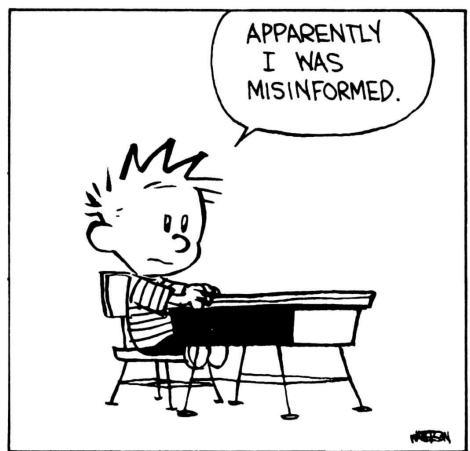
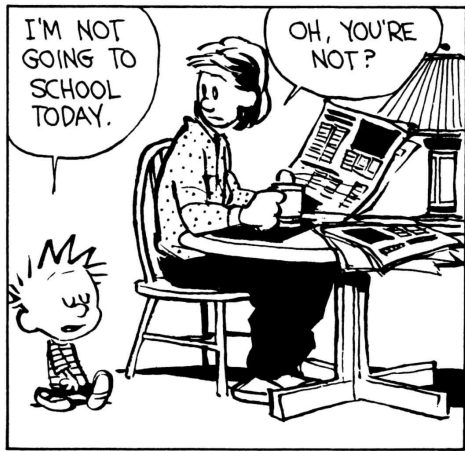


HEY DAD, HOBBS SAYS THAT TIGERS ARE MORE PERFECTLY EVOLVED THAN HUMANS!



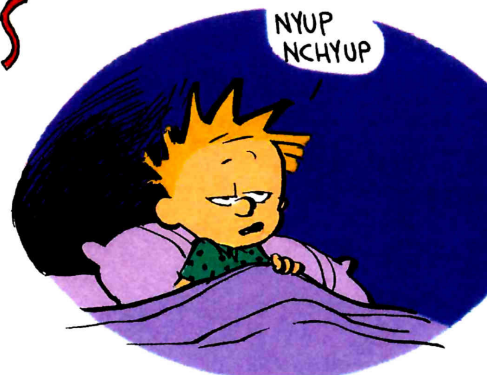
HE SAYS THAT IF THE PLAYING FIELD WAS LEVEL AND WE DIDN'T HAVE GUNS, PEOPLE WOULD BE NOTHING BUT CAT FOOD! TELL HIM THAT'S NOT...



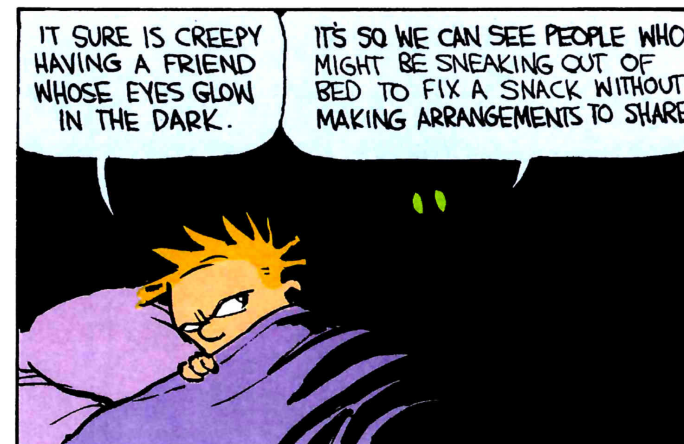
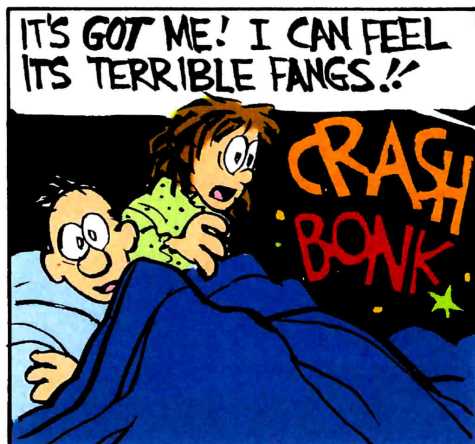
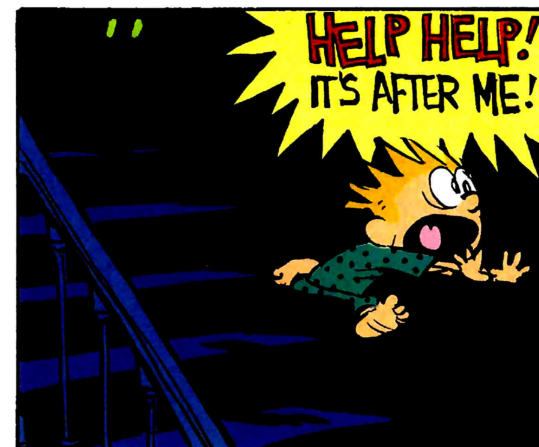
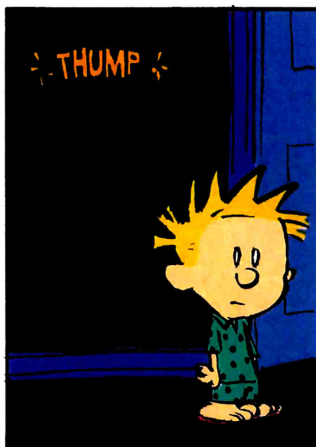
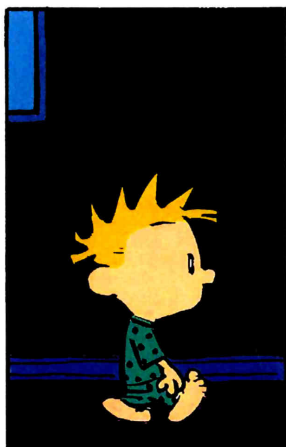
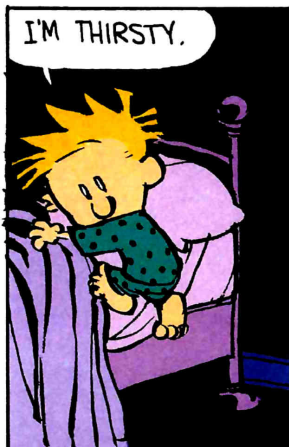
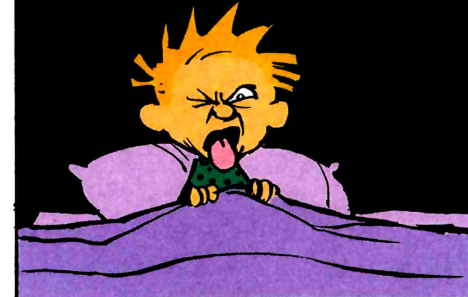


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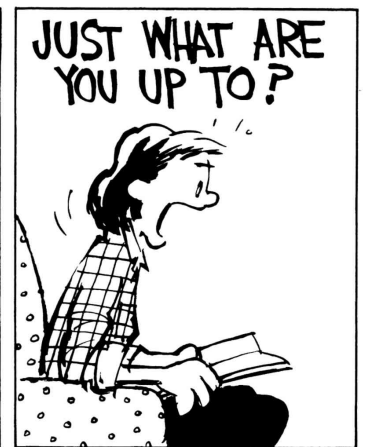


I THINK A BURP DIED TRYING TO GET OUT OF MY MOUTH.

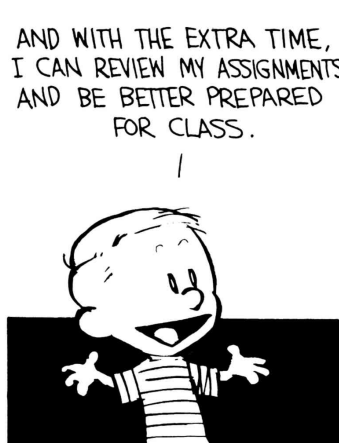
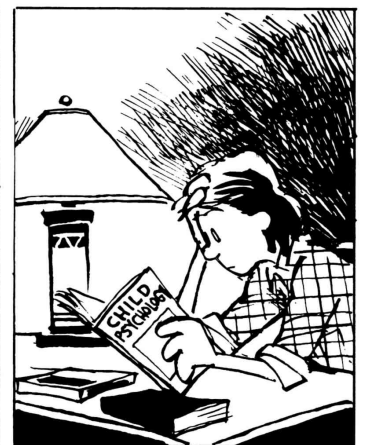


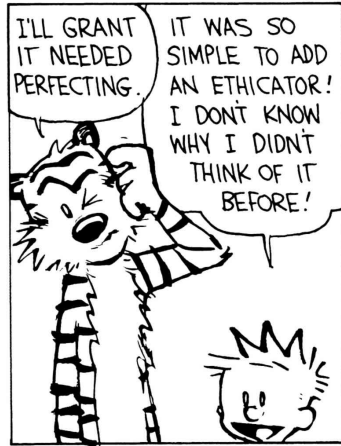
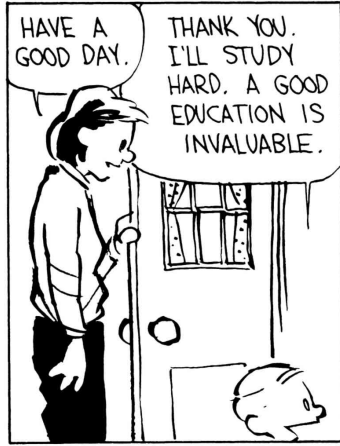
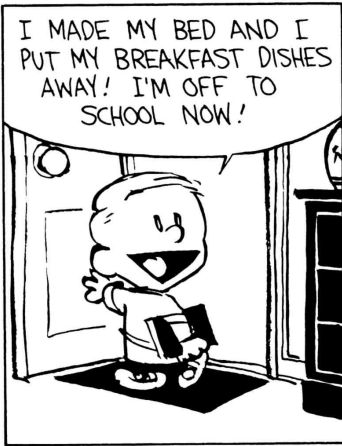


YES, I BELIEVE IN THE
IMPORTANCE OF GOOD
GROOMING.

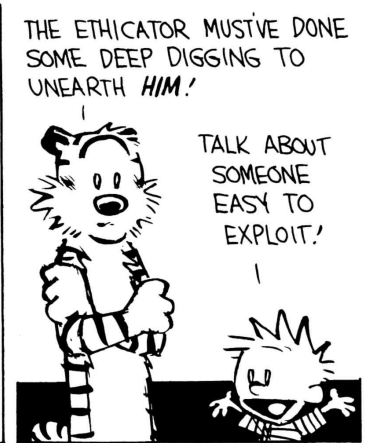
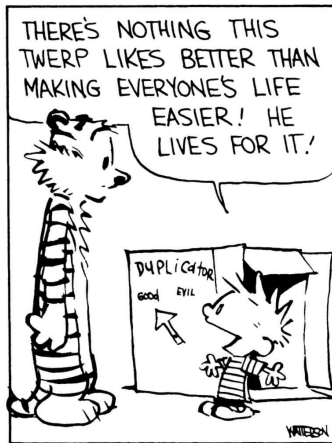
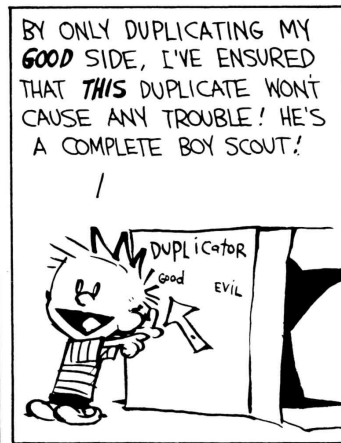


WOULD YOU CHECK
OVER MY HOME-
WORK TONIGHT,
SO I CAN
CORRECT ANY
MISTAKES IN
THE MORNING
BEFORE SCHOOL?
THANKS, MOM.

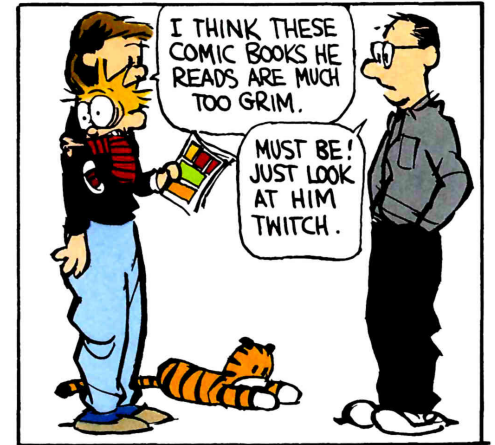
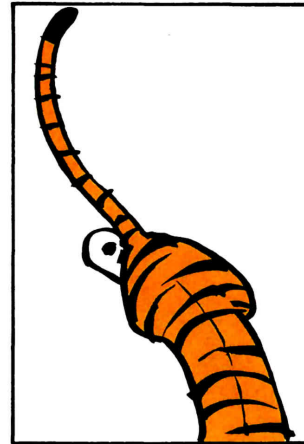
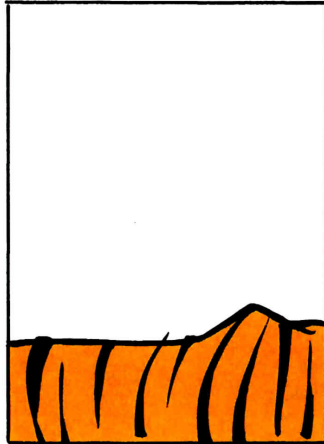
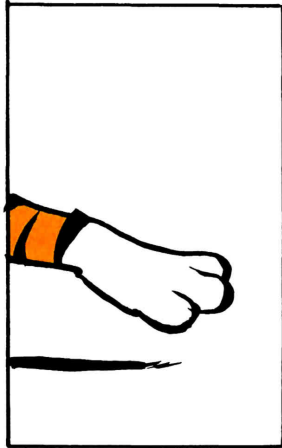




NOW, INSTEAD OF MAKING A **COMPLETE** DUPLICATE OF ME, I'VE MADE A DUPLICATE OF JUST MY **GOOD** SIDE! HE DOES ALL THE WORK AND I GET ALL THE CREDIT! HE'S A TOTAL SAP!

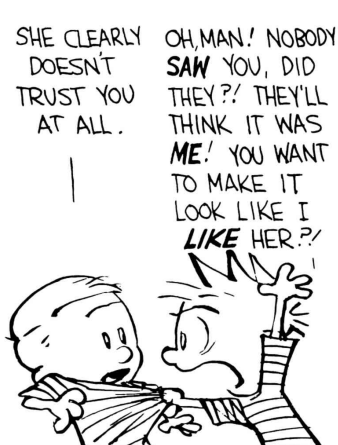
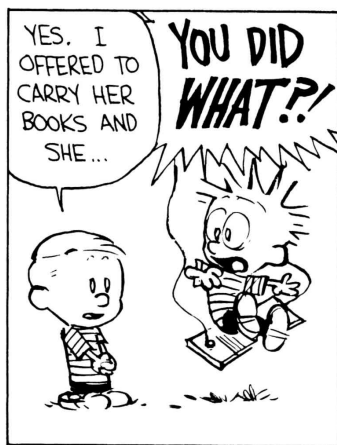
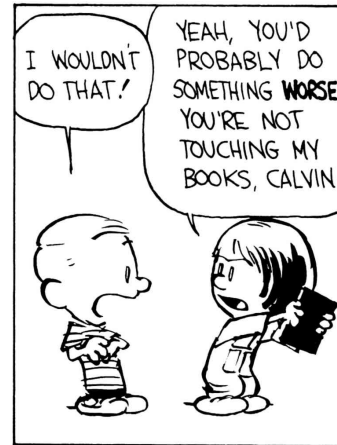
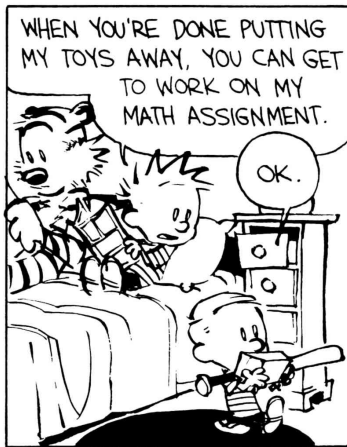


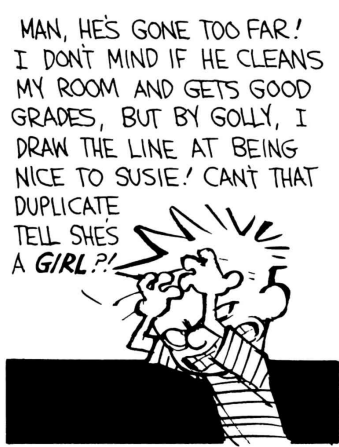
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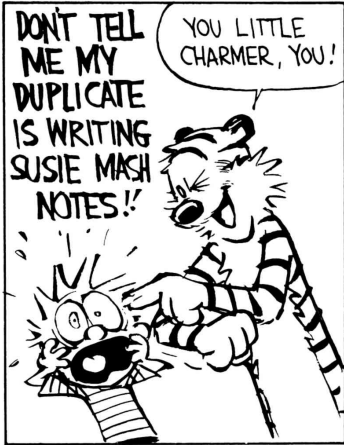
I THINK THESE COMIC BOOKS HE READS ARE MUCH TOO GRIM.

MUST BE! JUST LOOK AT HIM TWITCH.





.. And who could make my heart feel woozy? Only thou, my fair SWEET SUSIE.



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UH OH, HERE COMES CALVIN...



..THE INCURABLE WEIRDNESS POSTER CHILD.



HI CALVIN. WHAT'S WITH THE MASK AND BUCKET?

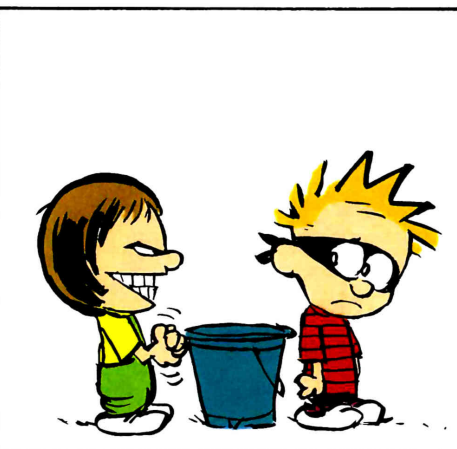
HMPH.



THIS IS A POEM! PLEASE DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD! AND HERE IS A BUCKET, OF WATER, ICE-COLD!



PLEASE TAKE THIS WATER, AND DUMP IT ON ME! DON'T HESITATE! DO IT A.S.A.P.!

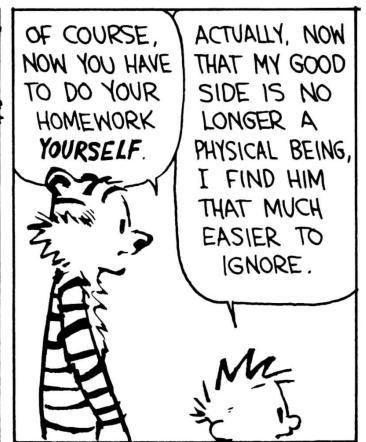
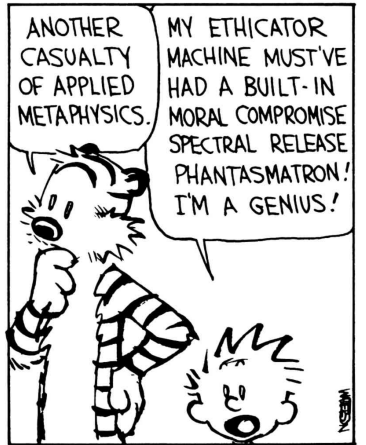
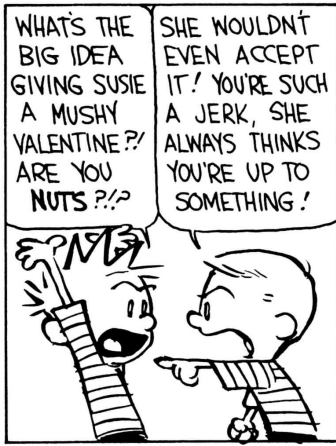


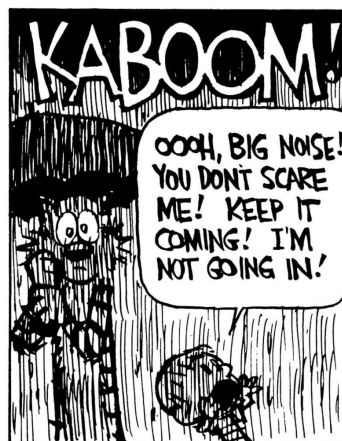
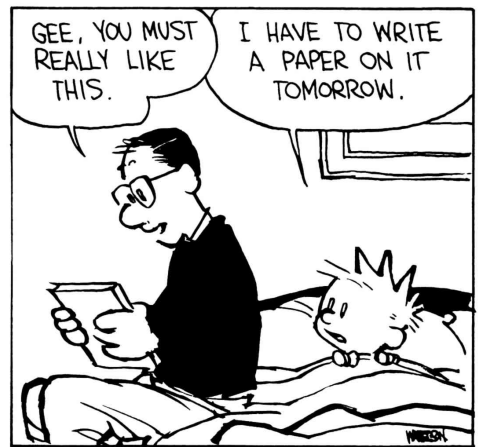
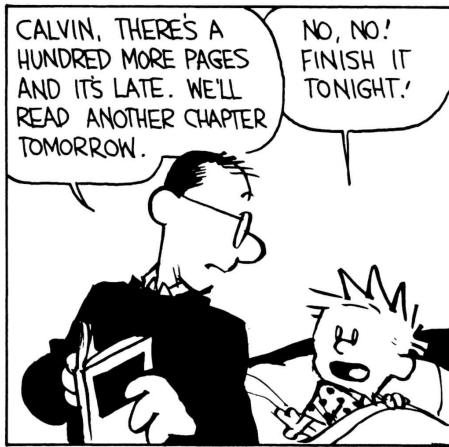
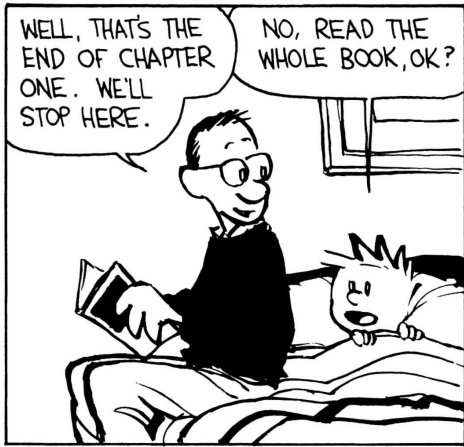
JUST WAIT TILL YOU TOUCH THE "PERNICIOUS POEM PLACE"!! OOOH, YOU'LL BE SORRY THEN!

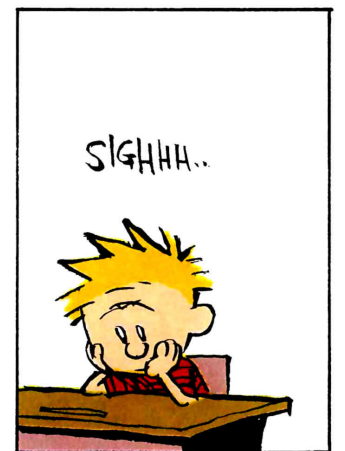
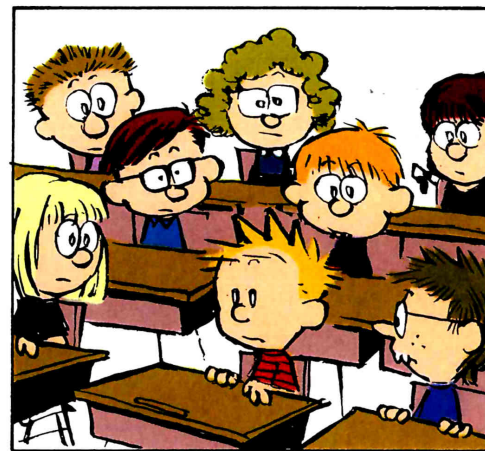
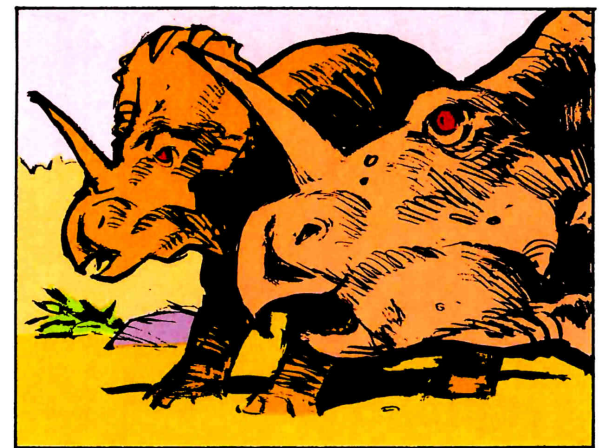
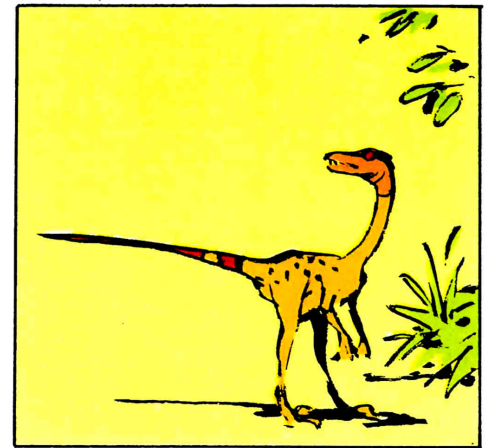
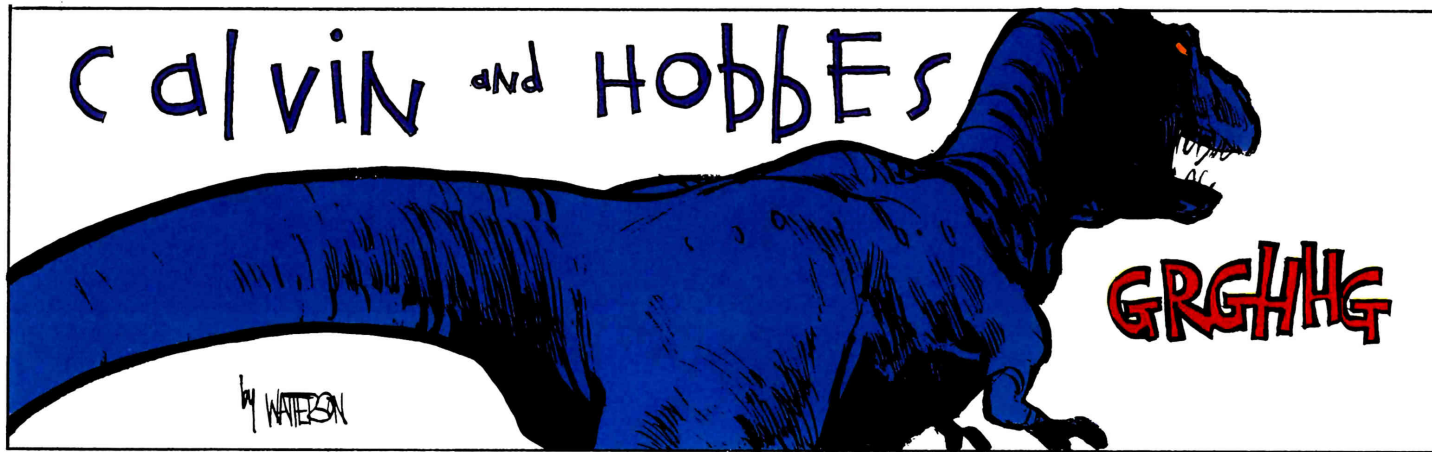


WHEEE! I LOVE PLAYING CALVINBALL! THIS IS A BAG FLAG ZONE!



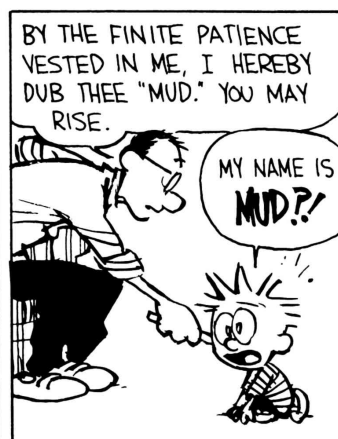






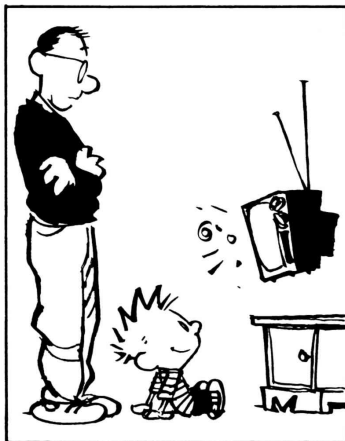
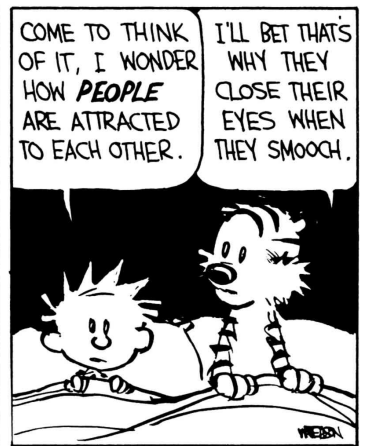
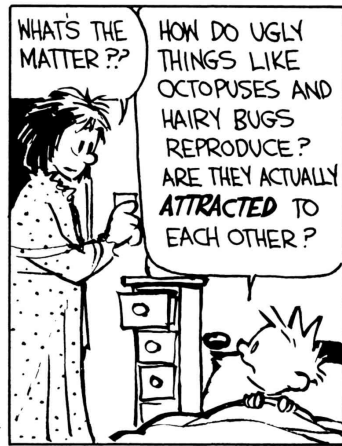


FROM NOW ON, I WISH TO BE ADDRESSED AS "CALVIN THE BOLD."



MR. SUBTLETY DRIVES HOME ANOTHER POINT.

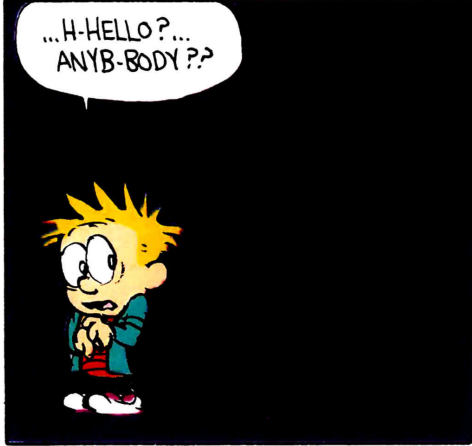
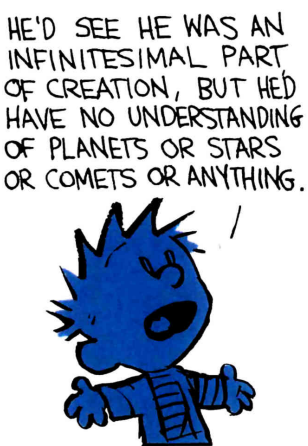


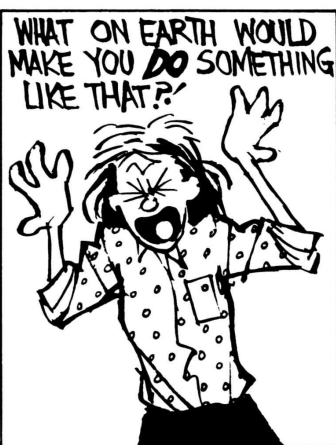
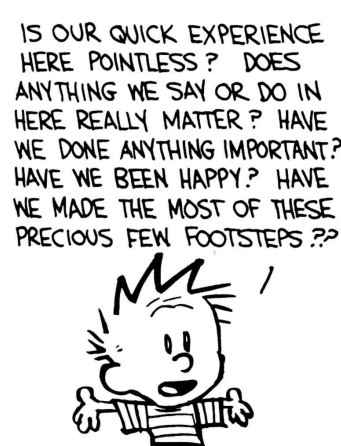
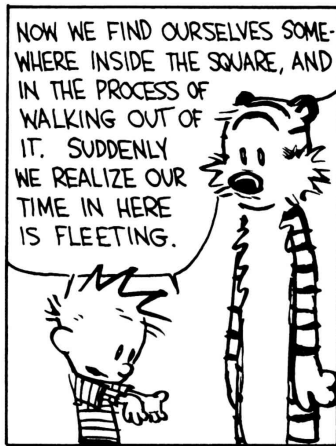
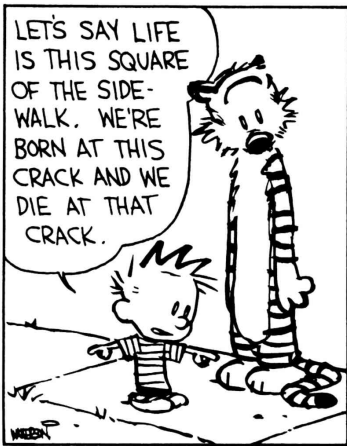


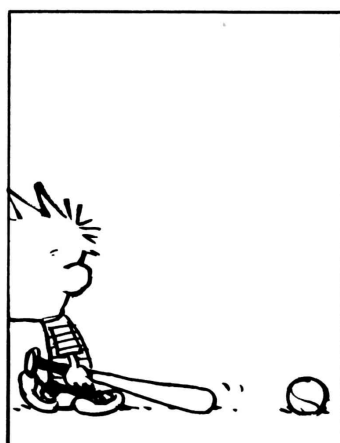
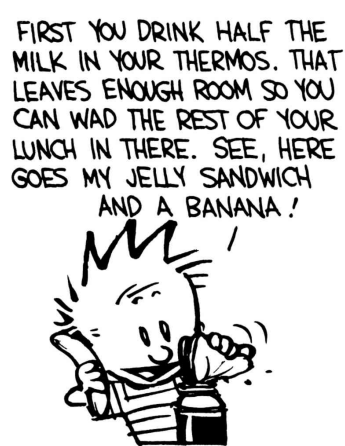
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THERE'S VENUS,
THERE'S MARS,
AND THERE'S JUPITER.

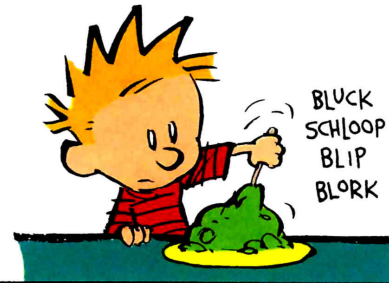






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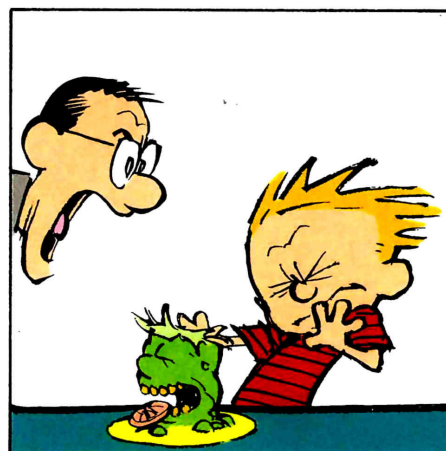
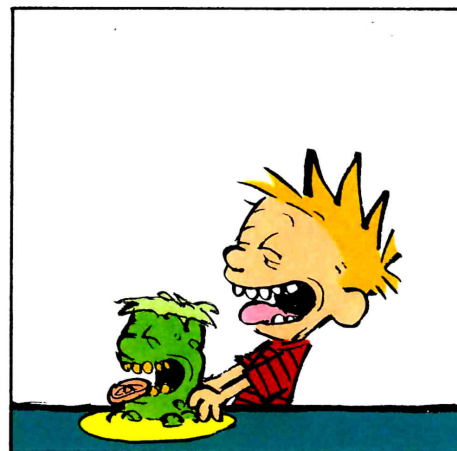
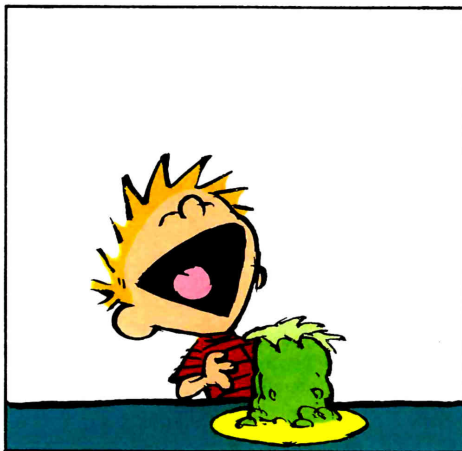
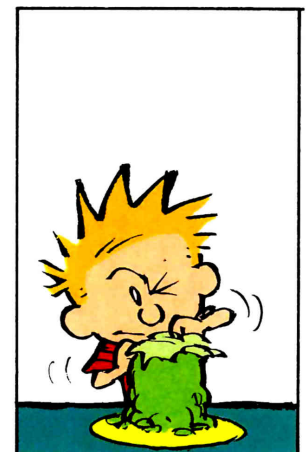
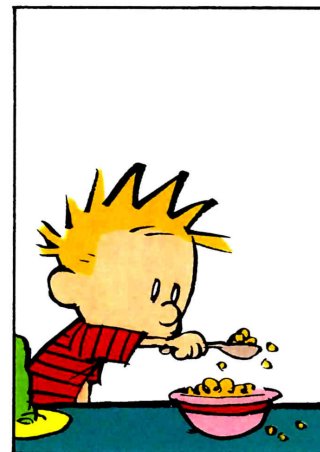
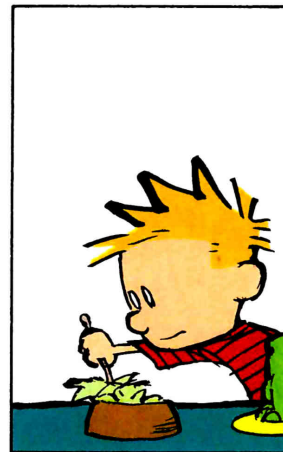
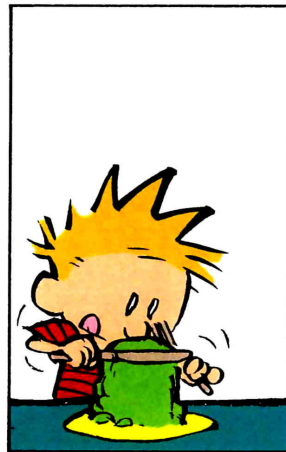
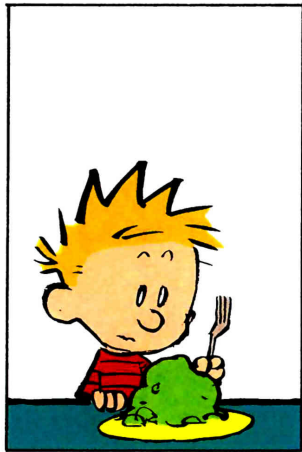
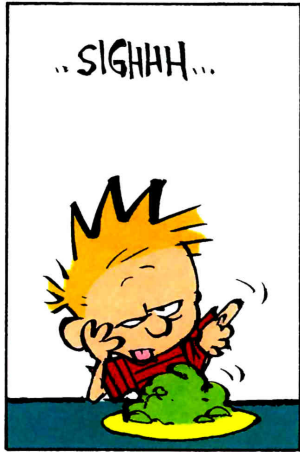
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THEY MUST'VE TAKEN OUT AN
INSURANCE POLICY ON ME.



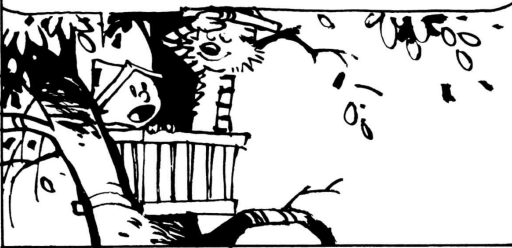
..SIGHH...



..SIGHH..



ATTENTION! ALL RISE! THIS MEETING OF G.R.O.S.S. IS NOW CALLED TO ORDER BY THE GREAT GRANDIOSE DICTATOR-FOR-LIFE, THE RULER SUPREME, THE FEARLESS, THE BRAVE, THE HELD-HIGH-IN-ESTEEM, CALVIN THE BOLD! YES, STAND UP AND HAIL HIS HUMBLENESS NOW! MAY HIS WISDOM PREVAIL!



THREE CHEERS FOR FIRST TIGER AND EL PRESIDENTE, HOBBS, THE DELIGHT OF ALL COGNOSCENTI! HE'S SAVVY! HE HAS A PRODIGIOUS IQ, AND LOTS OF PANACHE, AS ALL TIGERS DO! IN HIS FANCY CHAPEAU, HE'S A LEADER WITH TASTE! MAY HIS ORDERS BE HEEDED AND HIS VIEWS BE EMBRACED!



YOU CAN TELL THIS IS A GREAT CLUB BY THE WAY WE START OUR MEETINGS!



THIS MEETING OF THE GET RID OF SLIMY GIRLS CLUB IS NOW IN SESSION! FIRST TIGER HOBBS WILL PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL REPORT.



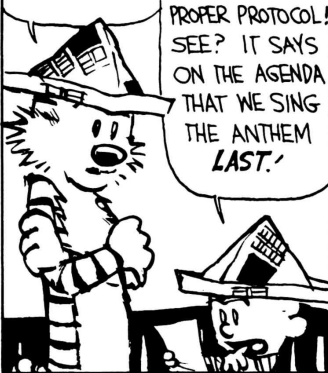
WAIT, WE DIDN'T SING THE G.R.O.S.S. ANTHEM.

WE SING THAT AT THE END OF THE MEETING.



I WANT TO SING IT NOW.

WE CAN'T. WE HAVE TO FOLLOW PROPER PROTOCOL! SEE? IT SAYS ON THE AGENDA THAT WE SING THE ANTHEM LAST!



OHOOHH GROHOSS BEST CLUB IN THE COSMOS..

STOP THAT, YOU ANARCHIST!



YOU GET TWO DEMERITS FOR SINGING THE CLUB ANTHEM BEFORE IT WAS ON THE AGENDA!

WELL YOU GET FIVE DEMERITS FOR NOT TAKING OFF YOUR HAT DURING ITS HALLOWED REFRAIN!



YOU CAN'T GIVE ME DEMERITS! I OUTRANK YOU.

HA! YOU'RE JUST A FIGUREHEAD! YOUR DUTIES ARE CEREMONIAL! I HAVE ALL THE REAL RESPONSIBILITIES!



WHAT?! I'M DICTATOR-FOR-LIFE! I HAVE TEN TIMES THE IMPORTANCE OF A LOWLY FIRST TIGER! A HUNDRED TIMES! A MILLION TIMES!



IF YOU'RE SO IMPORTANT, HOW COME YOU SING THE SOPRANO PART OF OUR ANTHEM?

THAT'S JUST TILL MY VOICE CHANGES!



calvin and HOBBS

BY WATERSON



HOBBS, IT'S SUSIE! SHE'S RIGHT UNDER US! IT'S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME! REAL SMOOTH, PASS THE BAG OF ROTTEN APPLES WE'VE BEEN SAVING! QUICK! QUICK!

WHAT ABOUT OUR WAR? I THOUGHT I WAS OUT OF THE CLUB!

ALL CHARGES ARE DROPPED! YOU'RE BACK IN! YOU'RE BACK IN!

MAYBE I WANT A PROMOTION FIRST.

IT'S YOURS! NAME IT! JUST GIVE ME THE MUSHY APPLES!

MUSHY APPLES? WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

SUSIE, DON'T MOVE, OK? STAY EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE.

YAA! YAA! GET RID OF SLIMY GIRLS! HA HA!

OOH, IS SHE MAD AT YOU!

HA HA HA! OUR CLUB IS A SUCCESS!

I THINK SHE'S RUNNING OFF TO TELL ON US.

WHO CARES! IT WAS WORTH IT! WHAT A PERFECT PLAN!

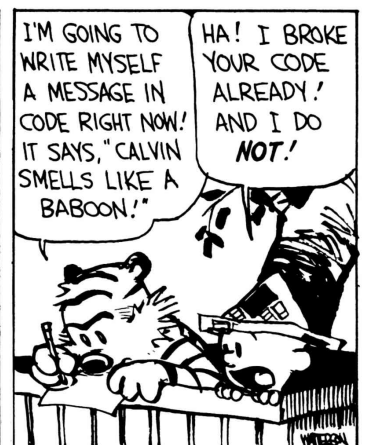
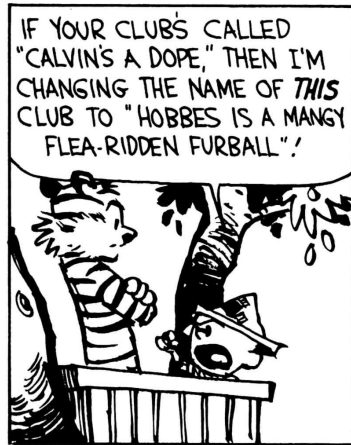
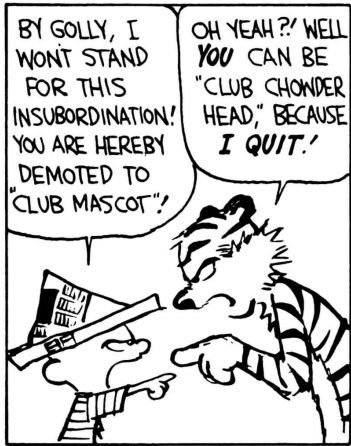
TALK ABOUT SOMETHING WE'LL LOOK BACK ON WITH PRIDE IN OUR DECLINING YEARS!

SUSIE DERKINS SAYS YOU WERE THROWING MUSHY APPLES AT HER!

WE WERE GETTING RID OF SLIMY GIRLS! THAT'S OUR CLUB!

WELL STOP IT! YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT! I THINK YOU'D BETTER COME INSIDE.

YOU CAN TELL THIS IS A GREAT CLUB BECAUSE WE ALWAYS GET IN TROUBLE FOR FOLLOWING OUR CHARTER!





WELL, THIS MORNING I DID. **BIG DEAL!** THEY SMELLED LIKE A BUNCH OF DUMB FLOWERS! IT WAS THE MOST MUNDANE EXPERIENCE I'VE EVER HAD!

