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**To JDP,
the original Big Nate**



ME? **NO**, I WON'T! WHAT MAKES YOU SAY **THAT**?







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ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL! WHENEVER I CLOSE MY EYES, I SEE MRS. GODFREY'S UGLY FACE!



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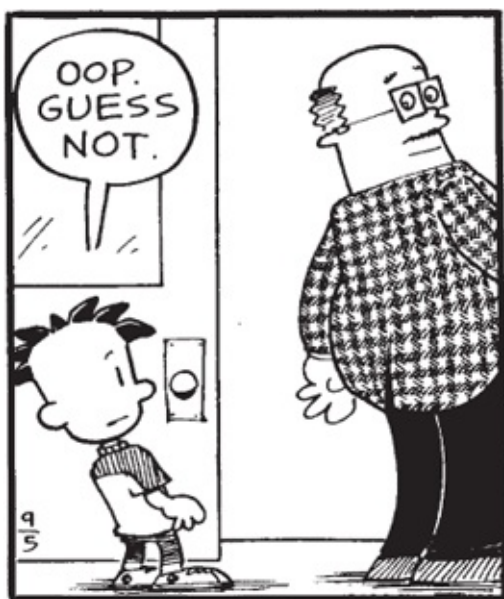
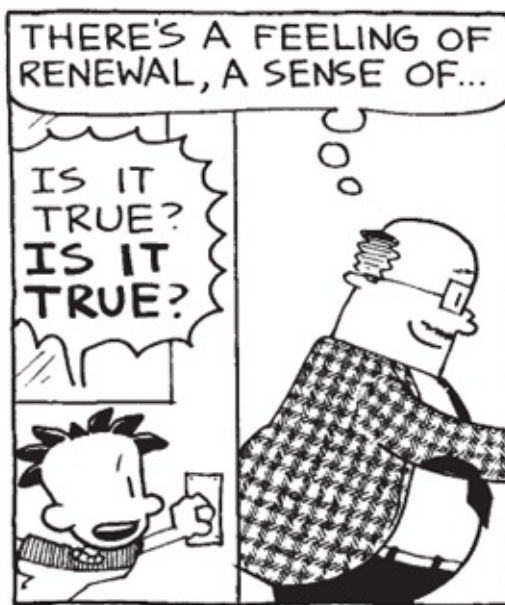
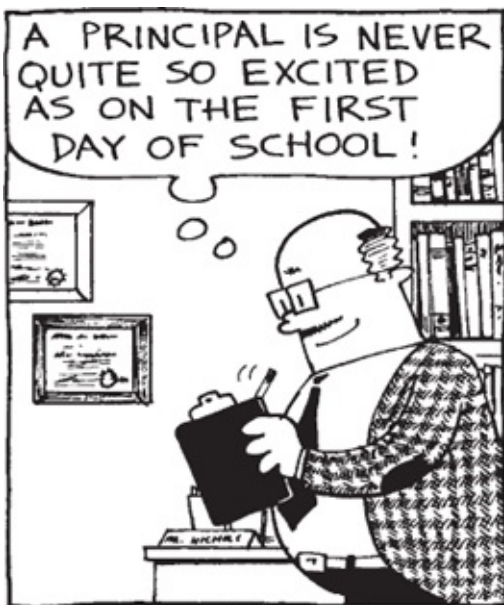


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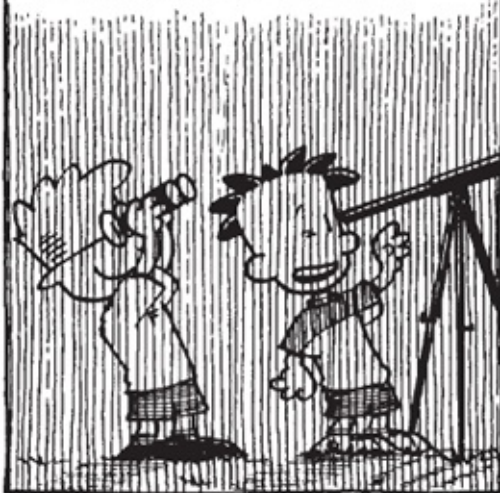


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Do you recall that night in June
You watched the comet fly?



And can you picture,
In your mind,
That ballgame in July?



Do you remember mini-golf,
And all those putts you missed?

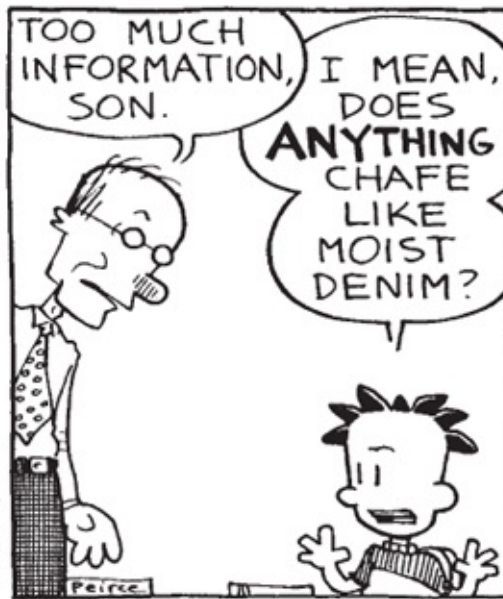


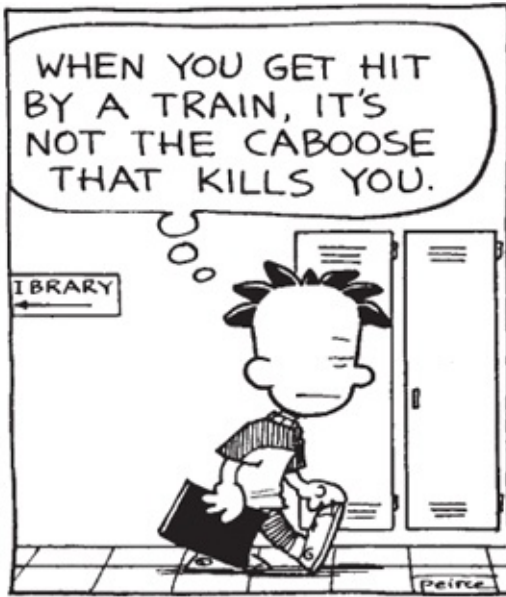
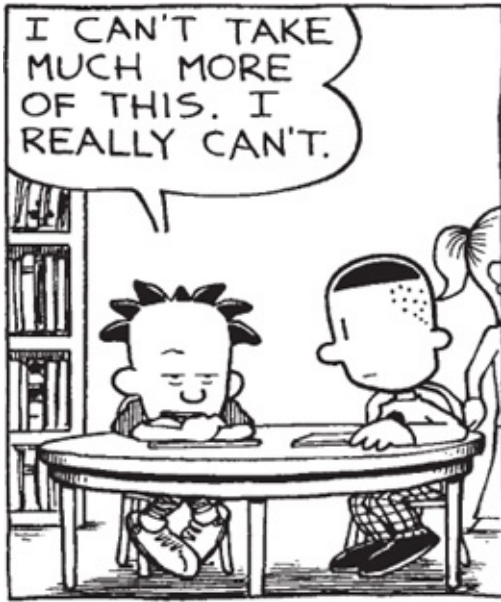
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Your summer reading list?

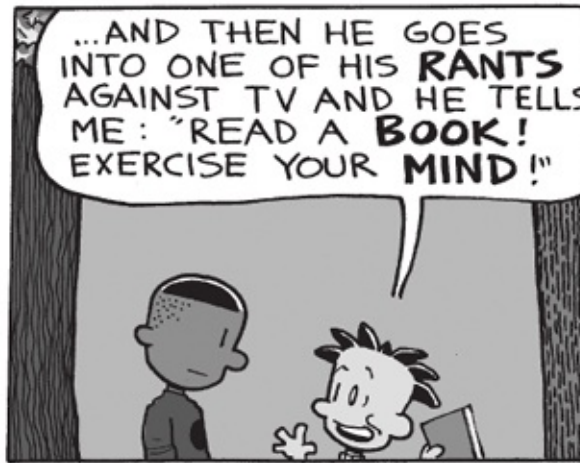
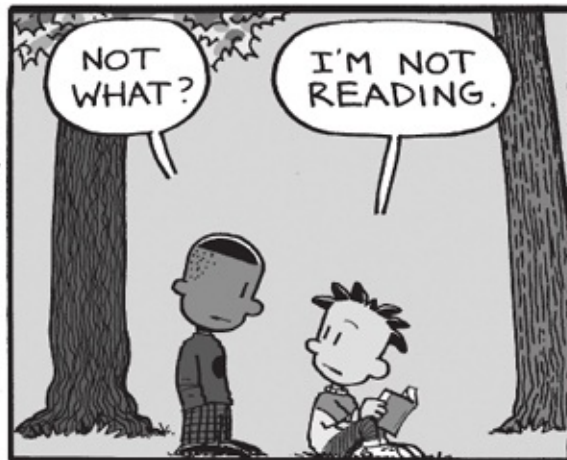


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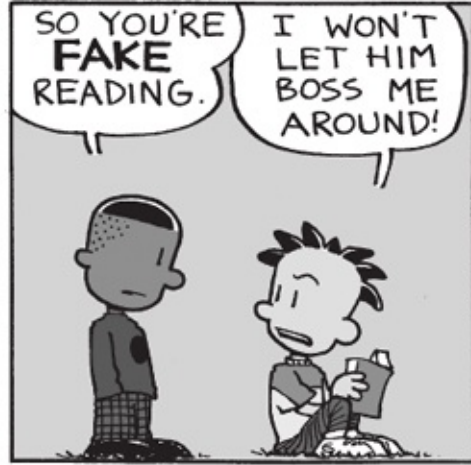




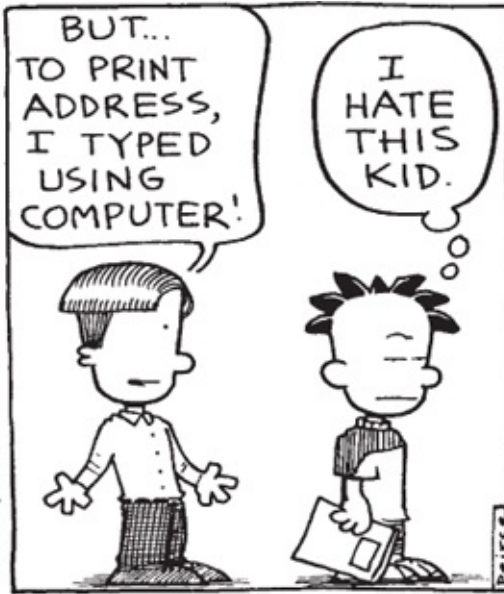
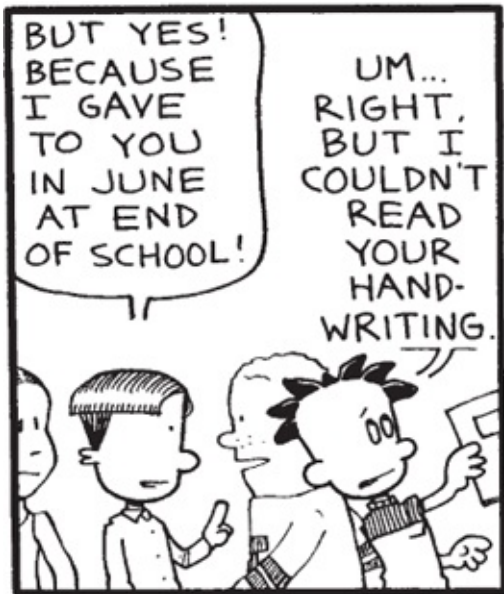


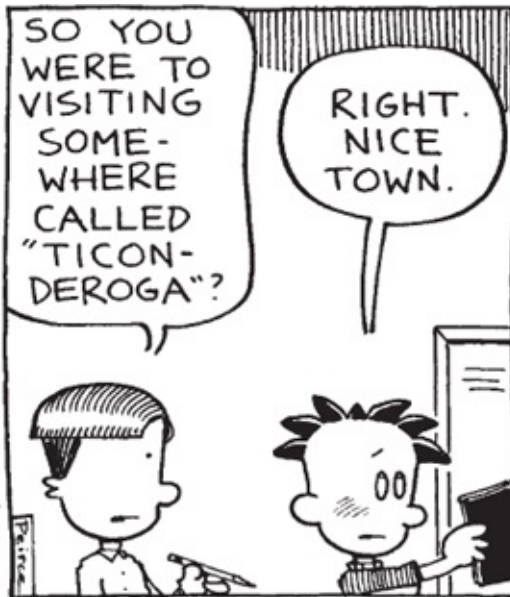
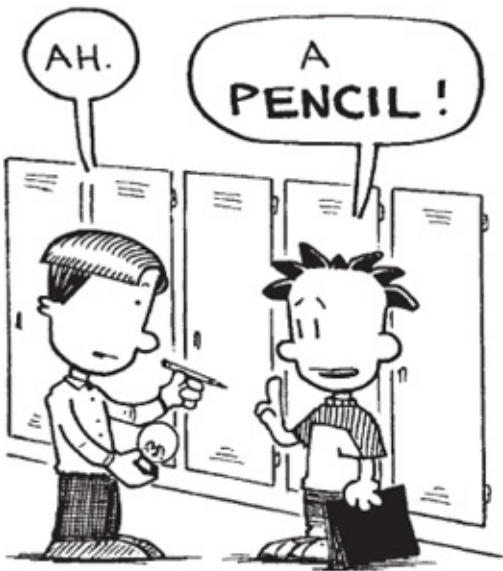


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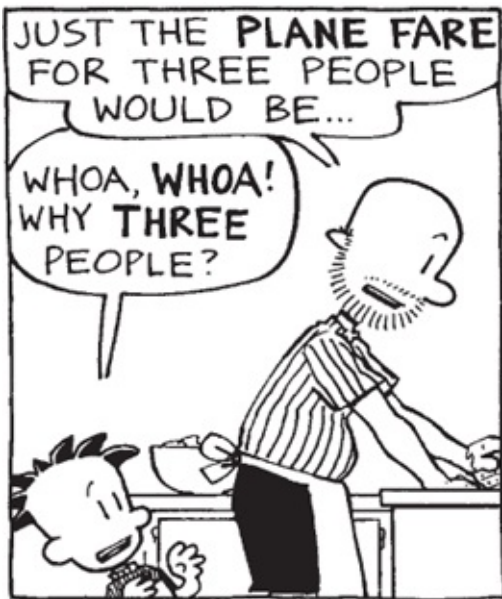




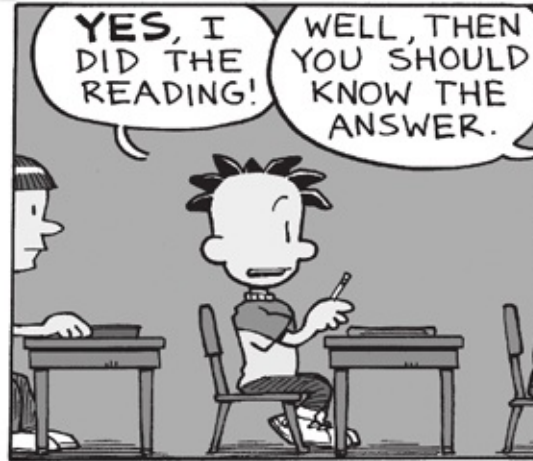
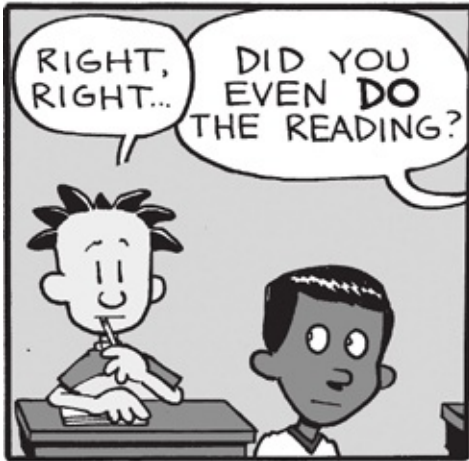


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BUT YOU DIDN'T TELL US YOU WERE GOING TO **ASK** US ABOUT IT!



SO YOU ONLY PAY ATTENTION TO THE READING IF YOU KNOW I'M GOING TO **ASK** YOU ABOUT IT?



OF **COURSE!**

UH... *KOFF!*
...**NOT!!** OF COURSE **NOT** IS WHAT I... UH... MEANT TO... SAY...



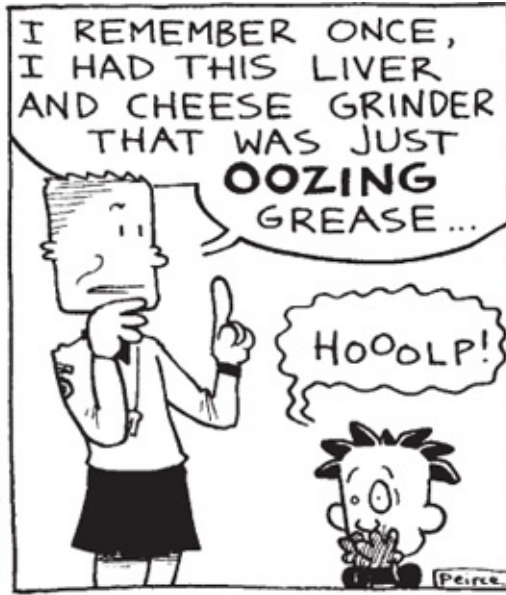
YOU KNOW, THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BEING **TOO** HONEST.



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YAAAAAH!



A goalie, or a "keeper",
(As we keepers like to say),
Is the most important person
On the soccer field of play.



He must make acrobatic saves,
The most athletic kind!

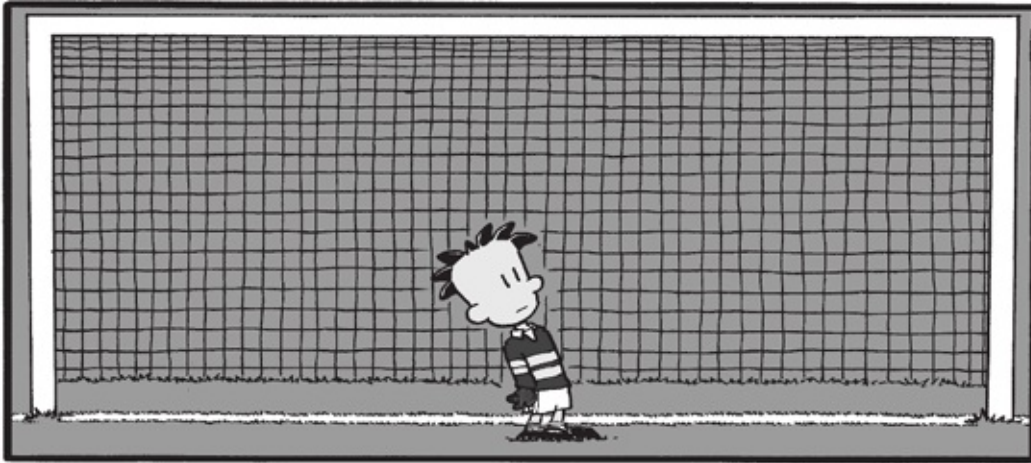


He must be fearless,
Quick, alert, and . . .

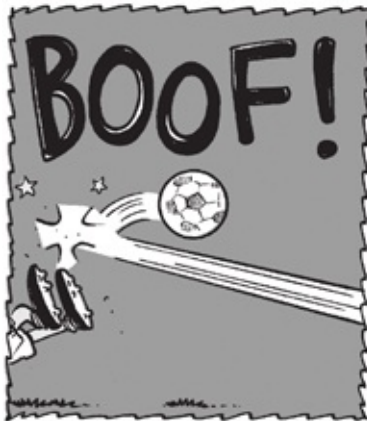


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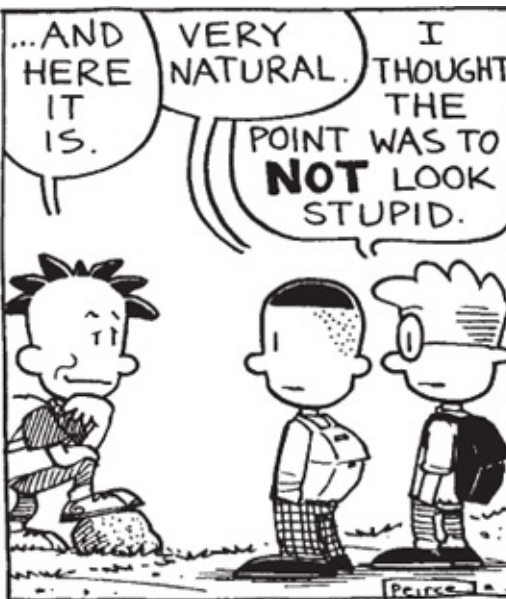




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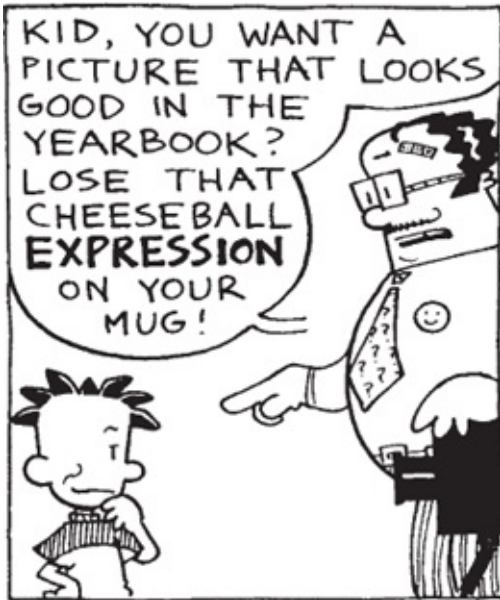
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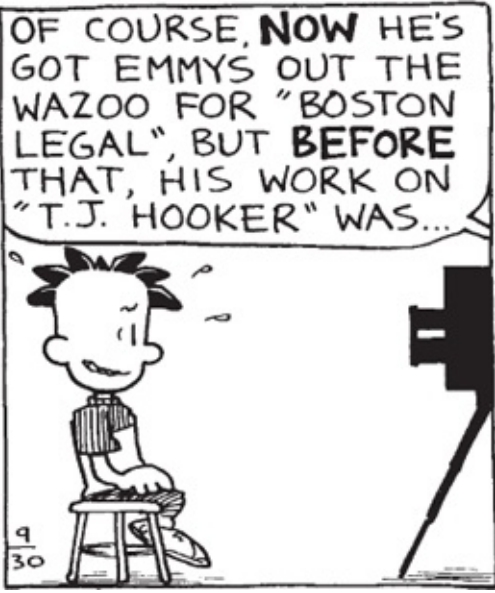


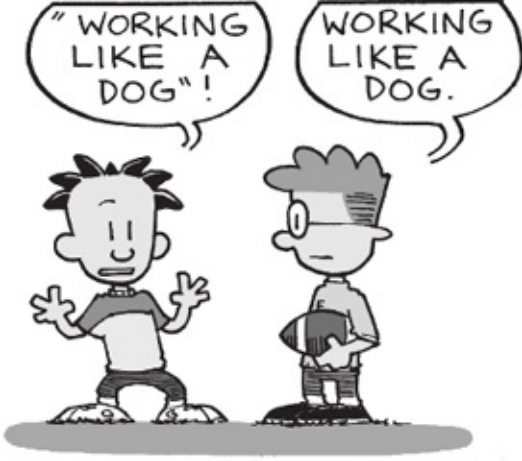




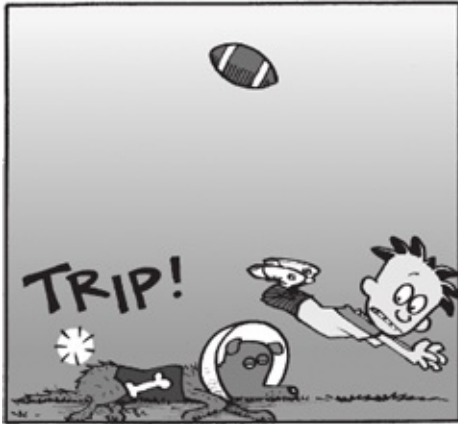




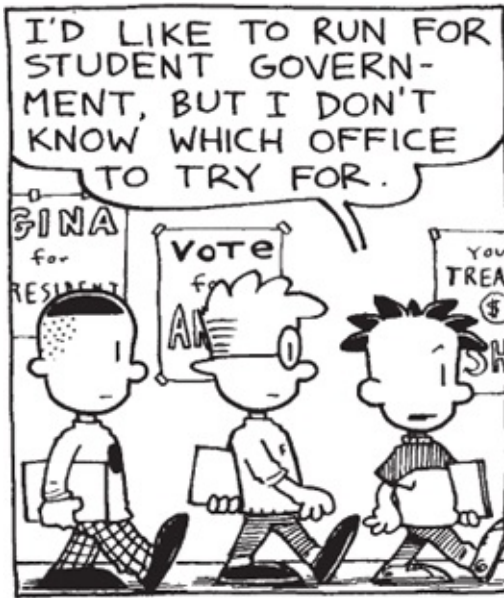




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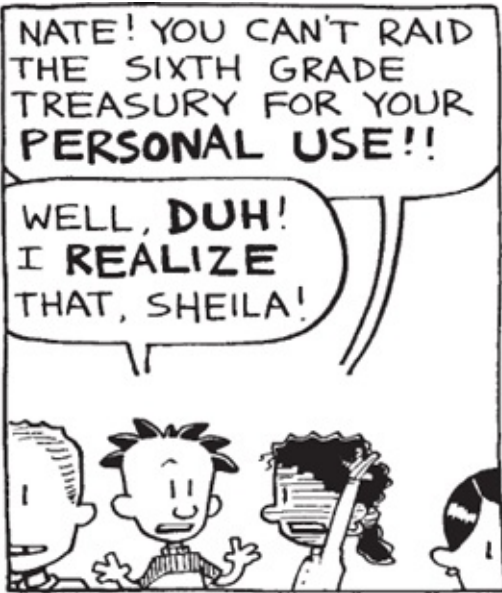
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...AND BEING **VICE** PRESIDENT WOULD MEAN GETTING BOSSSED AROUND BY GINA... SO **THAT'S** OUT. ...AND RUNNING FOR SECRETARY SOUNDS TOO GIRLISH...

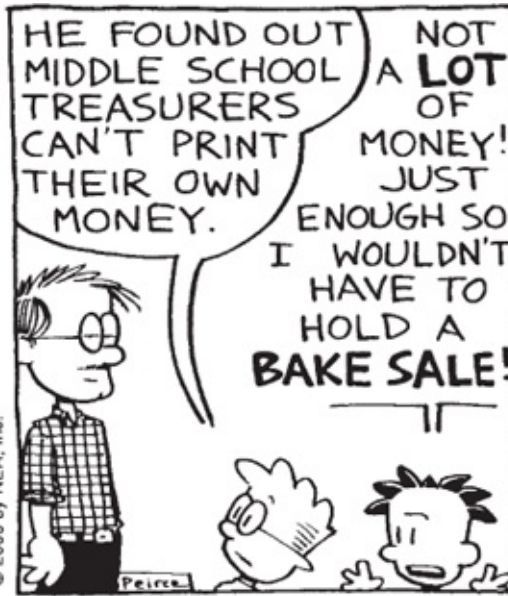
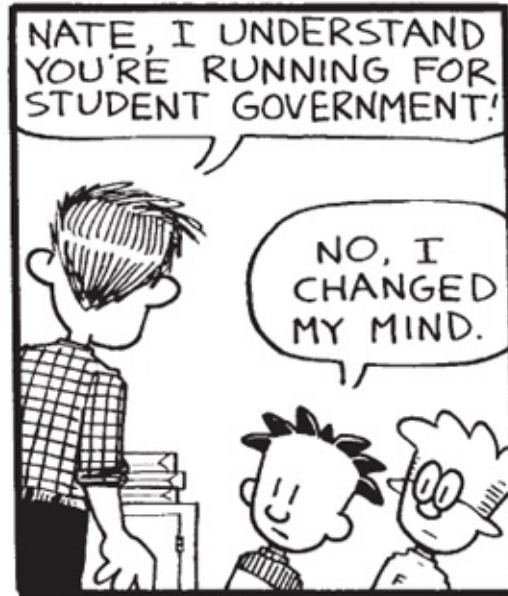


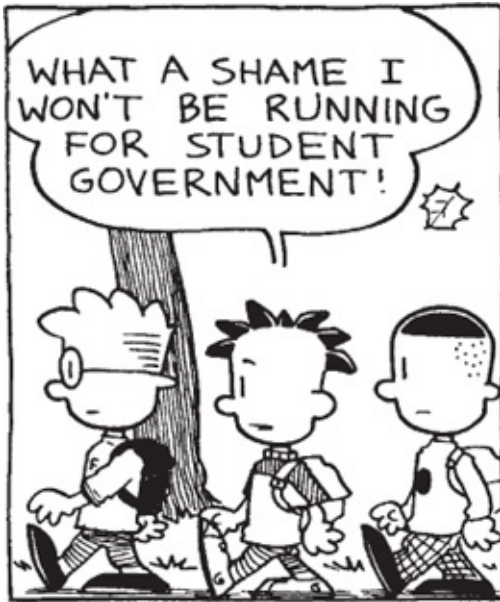




WELL, YOU DON'T REALLY **DO** ANYTHING IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT! YOU DON'T HAVE ANY **POWER!**

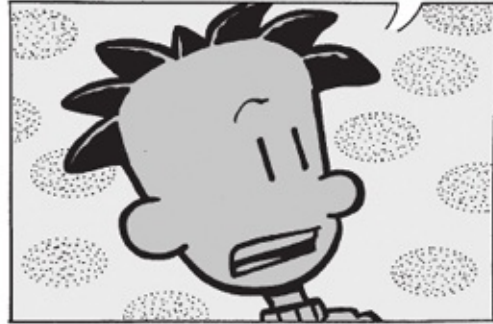








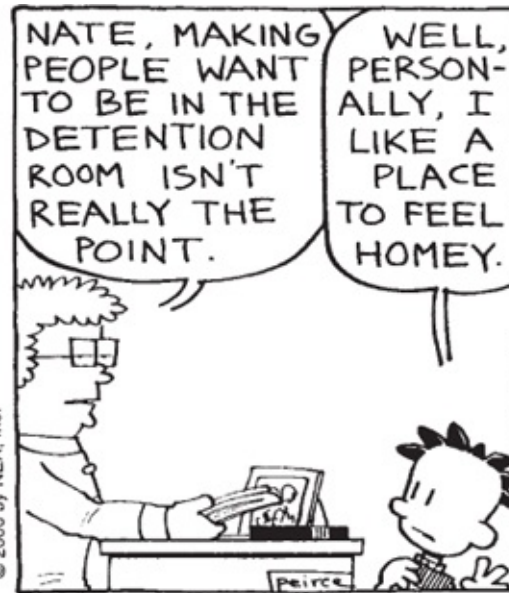
THIS "CURRENT EVENTS" TEST!
THE WAY YOU GRADED IT
IS TOTALLY UNFAIR!



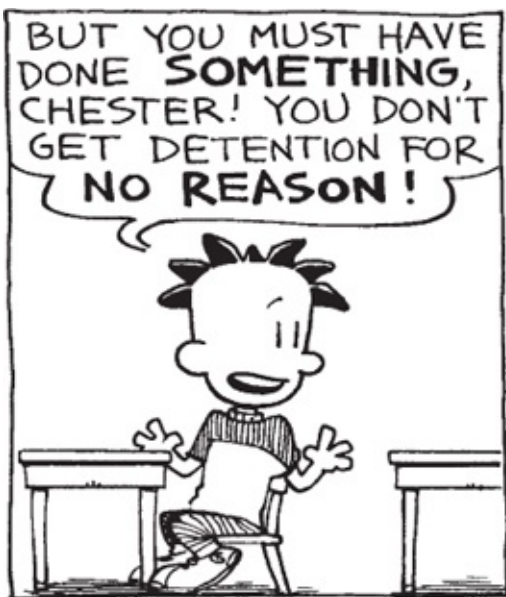
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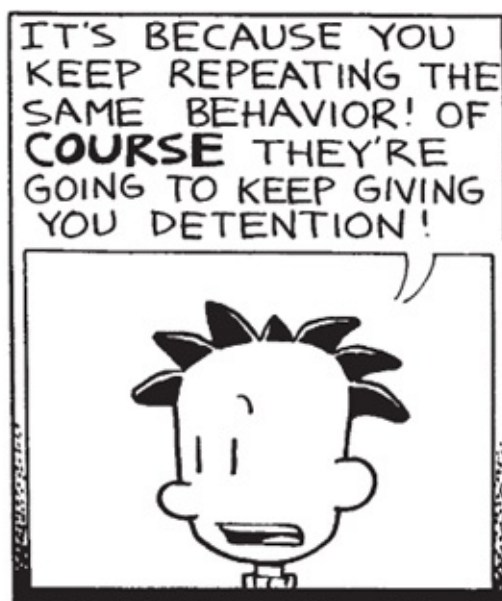
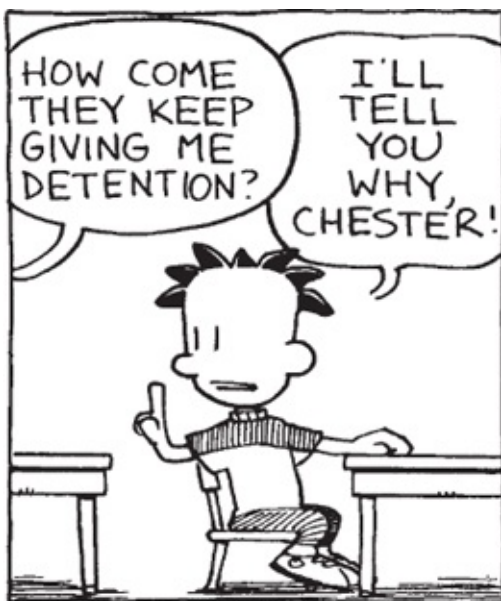


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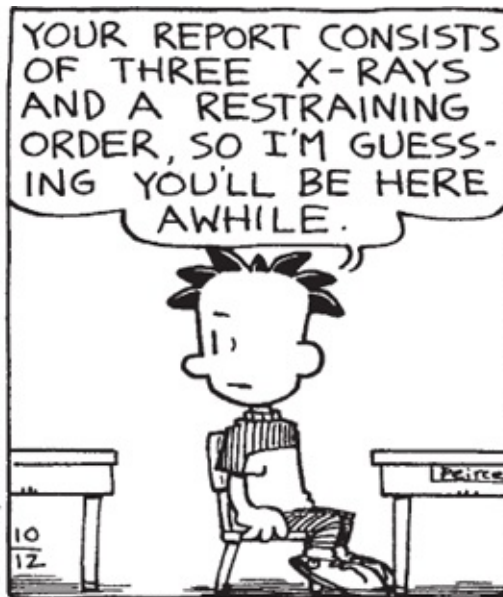


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SHE **COULD** HAVE MARRIED **KEVIN!** BUT **NO!** KEVIN WASN'T **EXCITING** ENOUGH FOR HER!





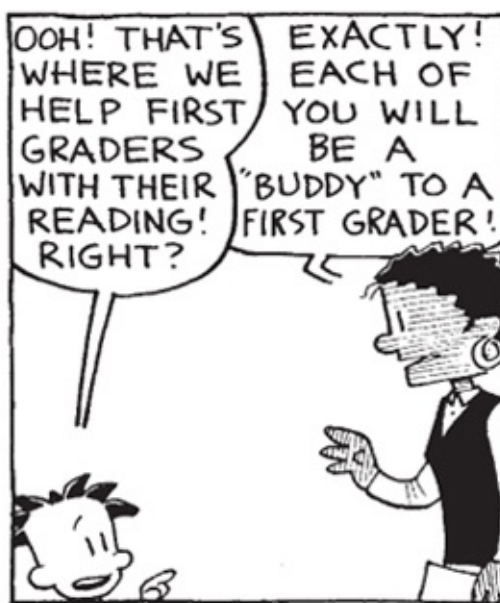
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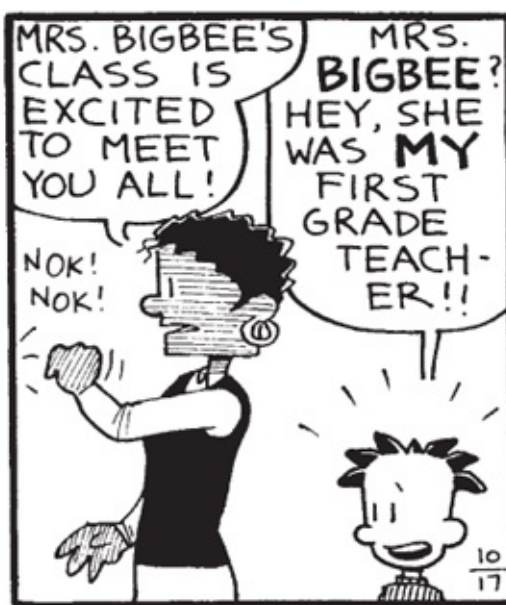
THE NOTION THAT
I HAVE A
"RELATIONSHIP"
WITH MS. LACHANCE
IS PURE
FANTASY!!



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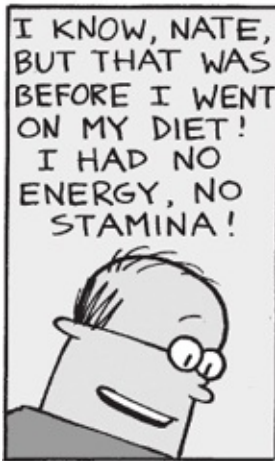
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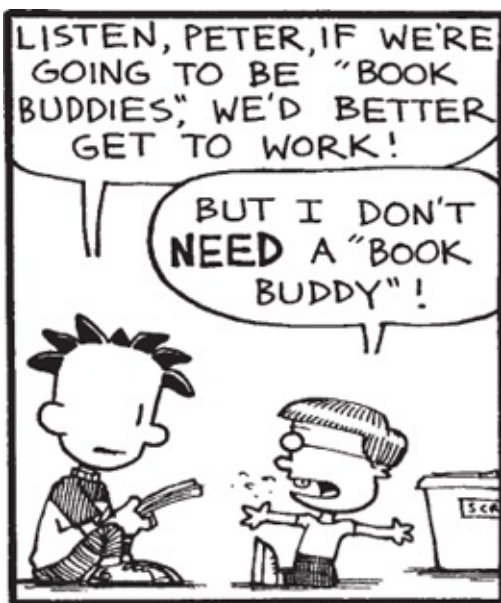




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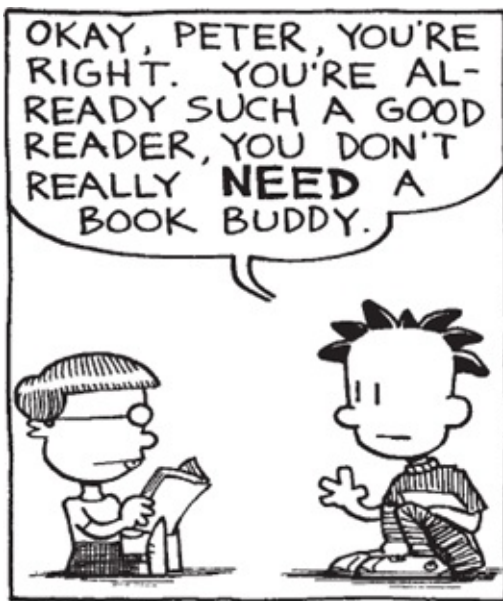


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SOMEONE TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS! SOMEONE TO SHOW YOU THERE'S MORE TO LITERATURE THAN DUSTY OLD NOVELS!













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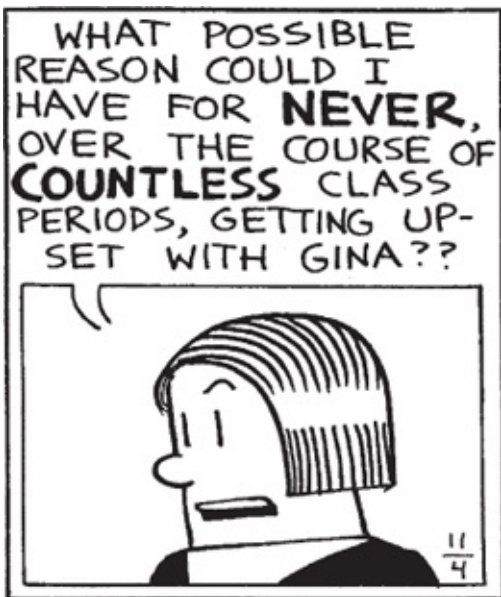
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YEAH! BACK IN
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WE GOT CANDY IF OUR
BEHAVIOR WAS GOOD,
OR IF WE DID WELL ON
A TEST, OR...

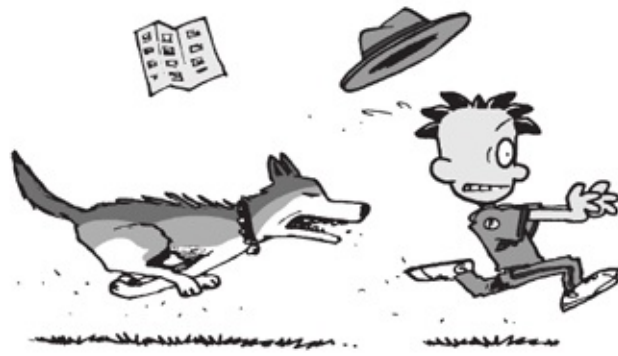








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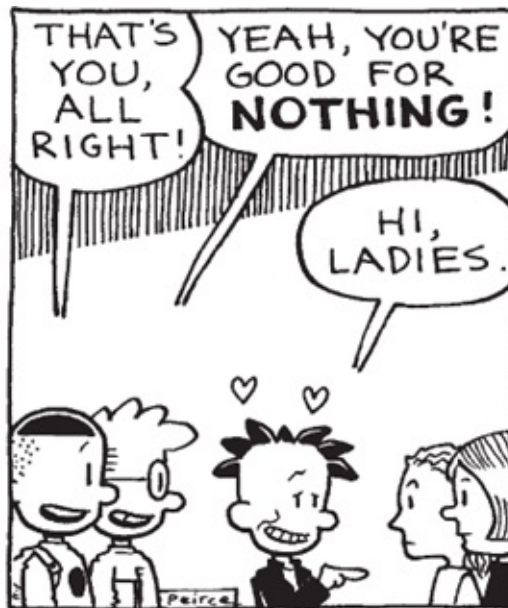


I GOT THE IDEA FROM
THAT ARTICLE I READ
ABOUT WOMEN BEING
ATTRACTED TO
REBELS!





"FOR A MULTITUDE OF REASONS, WOMEN ARE OFTEN ATTRACTED TO "BAD BOYS" - MEN WHO SIMPLY AREN'T GOOD FOR THEM."







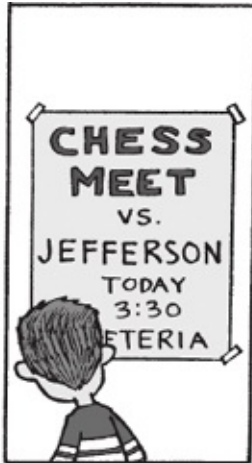
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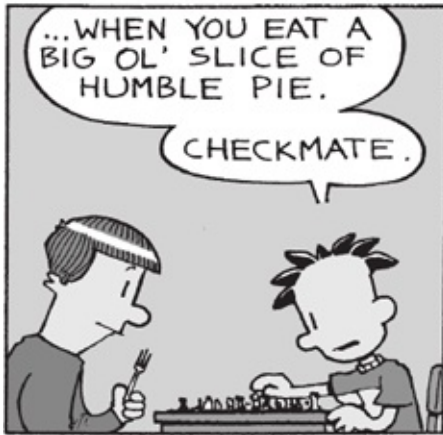
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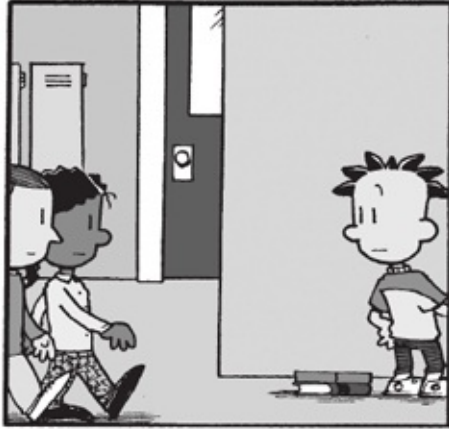
YOU REMIND ME OF A
KID I COACHED AT
SOCCER CAMP LAST
YEAR! YOU'RE JUST
LIKE HIM: A SPIKY-
HAired **CHATTERBOX!**







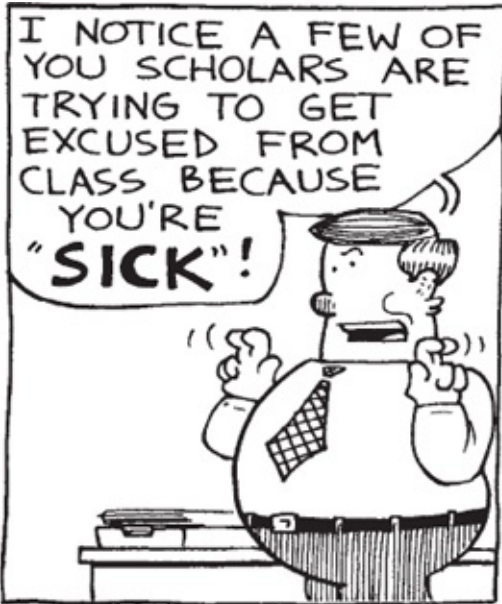
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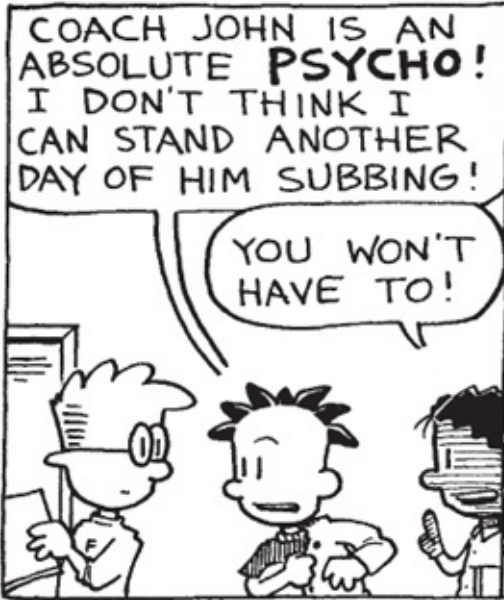




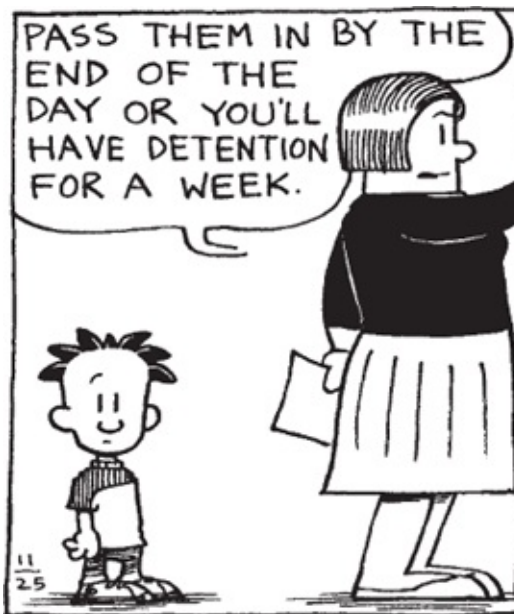
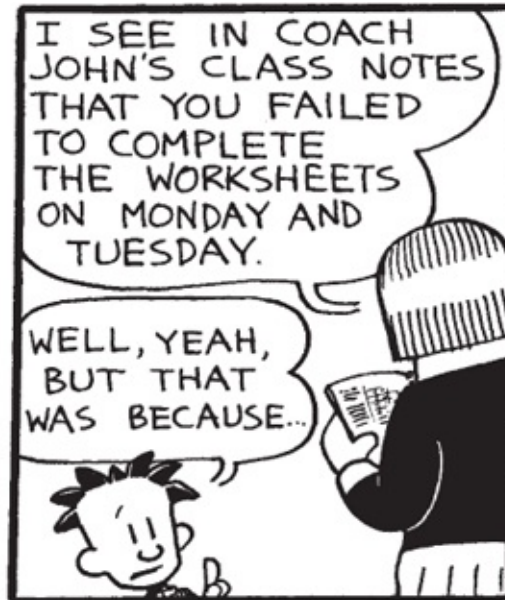


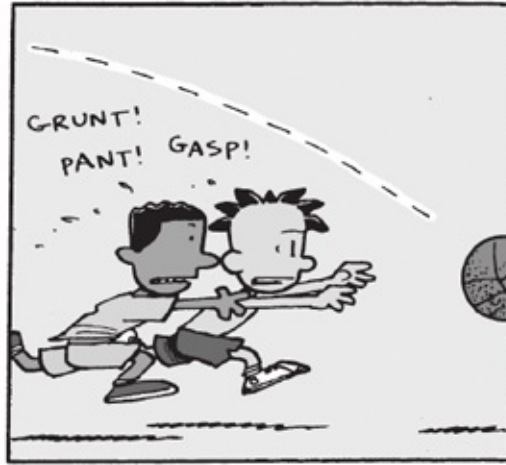
I THINK I MIGHT ACTUALLY PREFER **MRS. GODFR**...



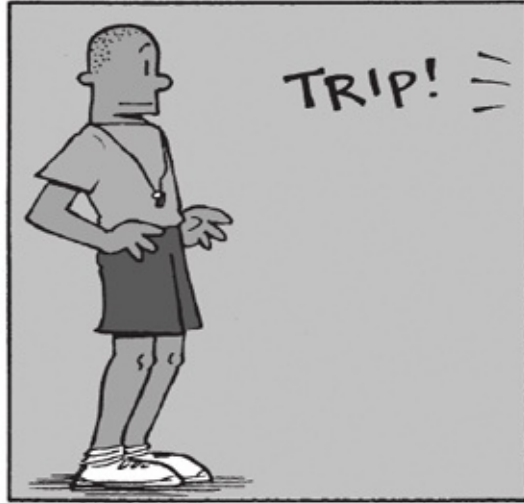


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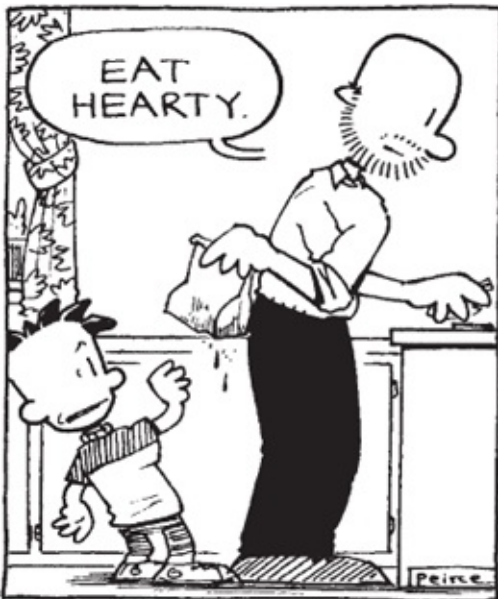
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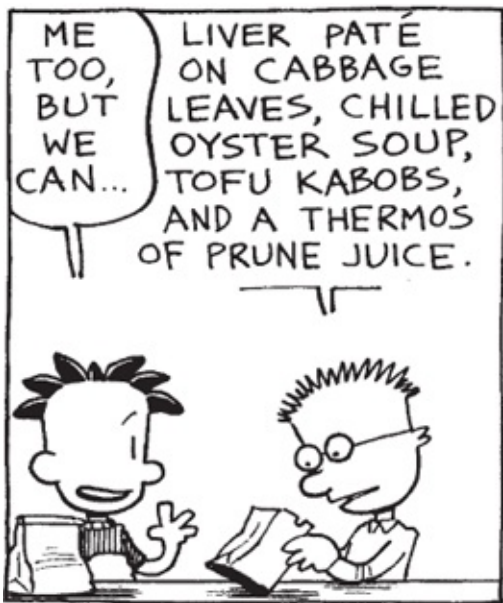


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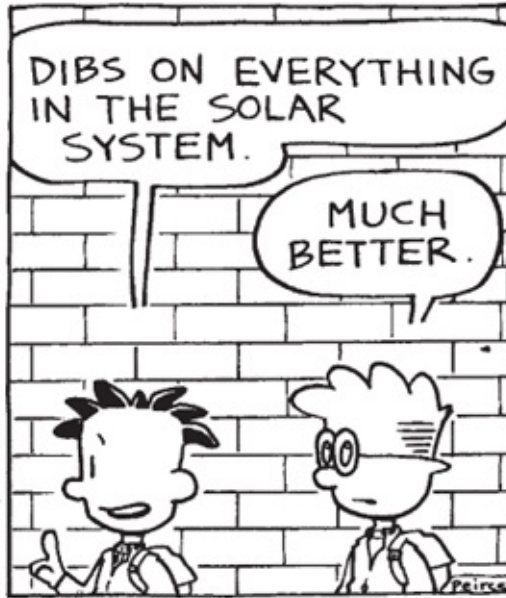


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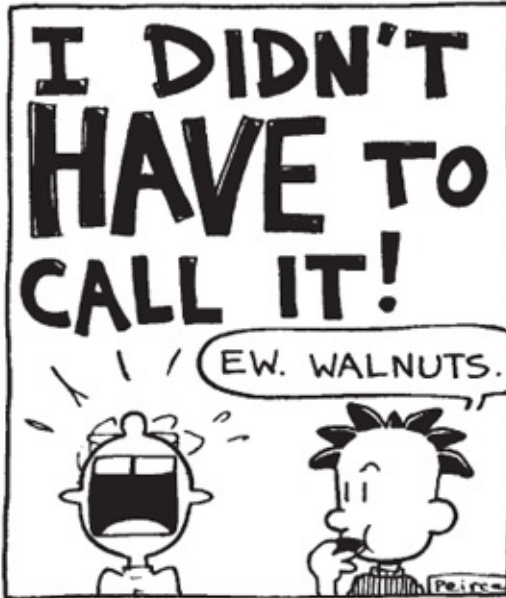


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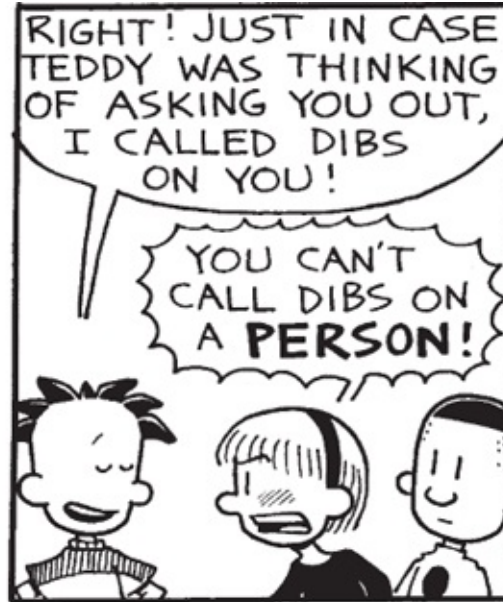






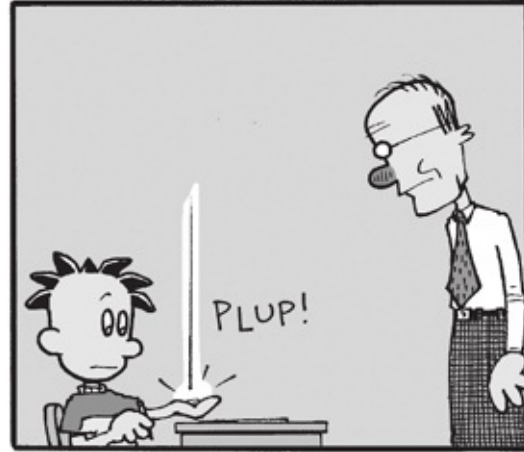
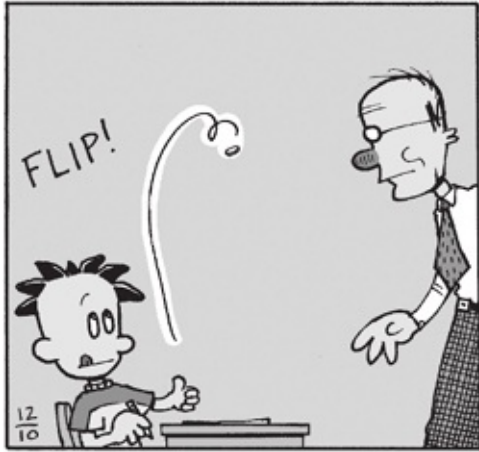




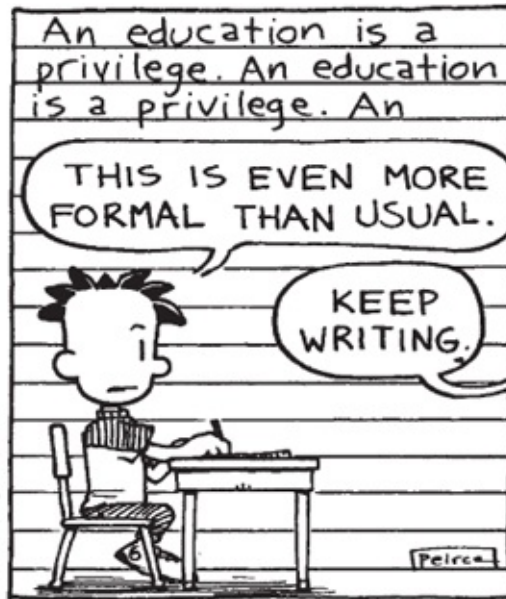
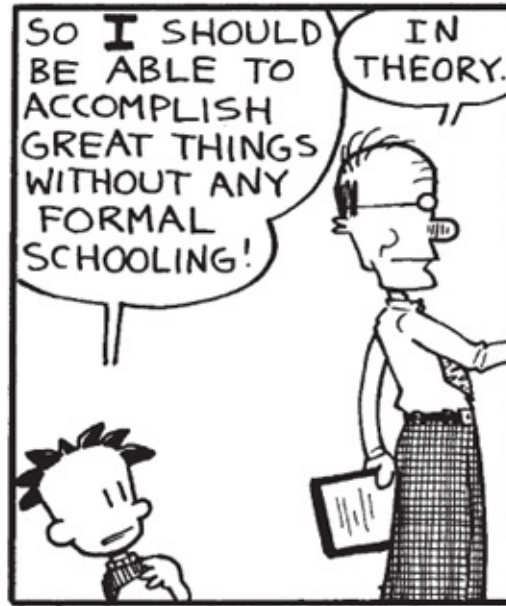
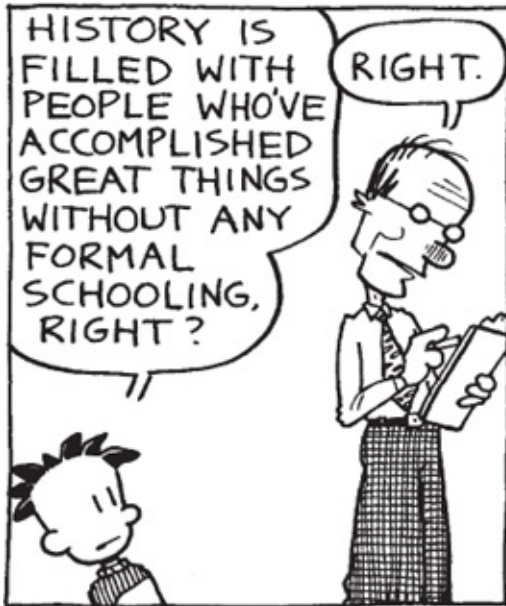




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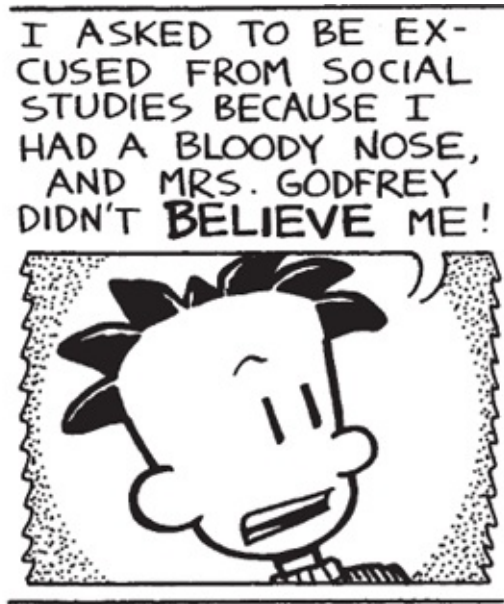


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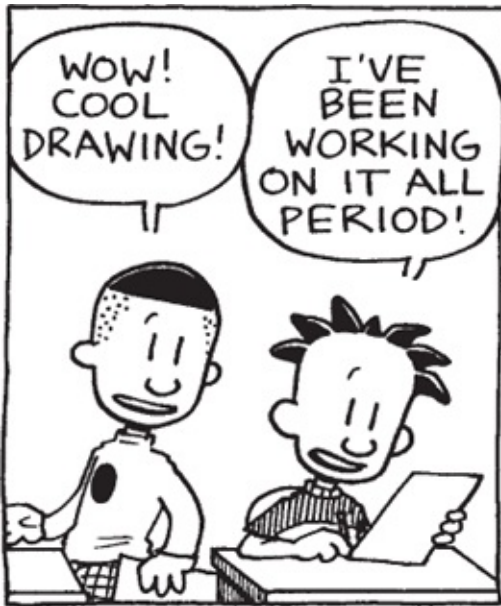




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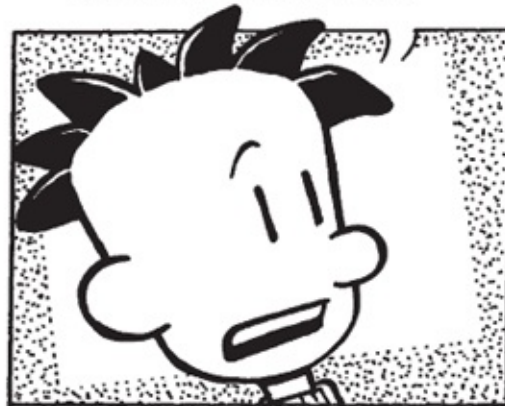


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... WHEN YOU KEEP SEND-
ING ME TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE **DURING**
CLASS? YOU'RE NOT
MAKING SENSE!





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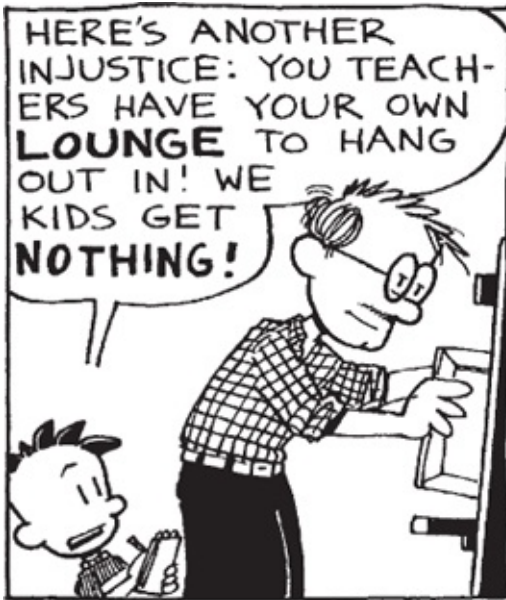


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ITEM ONE: **YOU** GET TO USE AN **ELECTRIC** PENCIL SHARPENER WHILE **WE** USE THIS **CRANK** MODEL! THIS THING IS A TOTAL **DINOSAUR!**





WHERE ARE **WE** SUPPOSED TO HANG OUT?



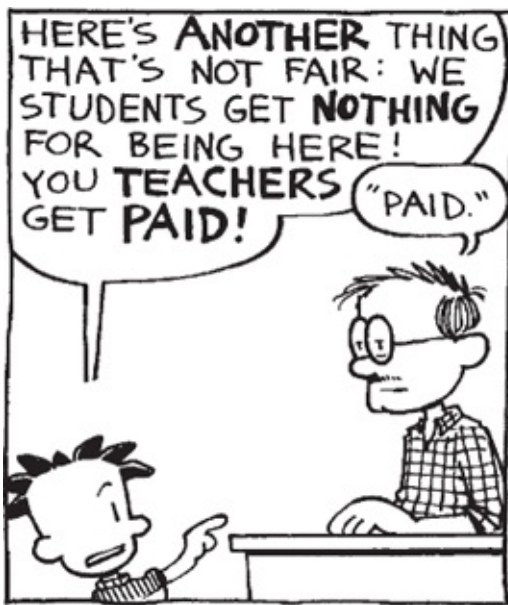
THE HOLIDAYS DO STRANGE THINGS TO PEOPLE.

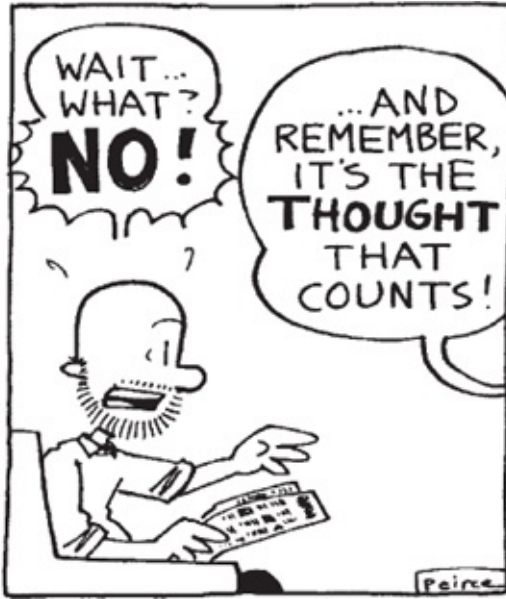


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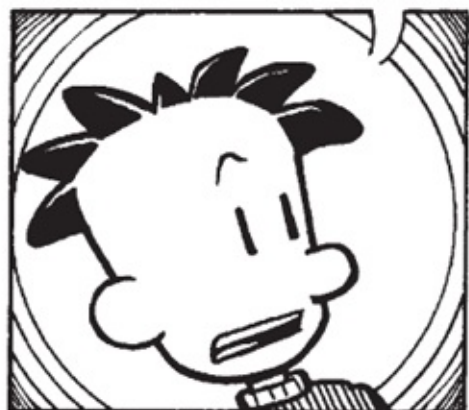
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DOGS LIVE ABOUT TWELVE YEARS! THAT HARDLY BRINGS YOU TO THE END OF YOUR...

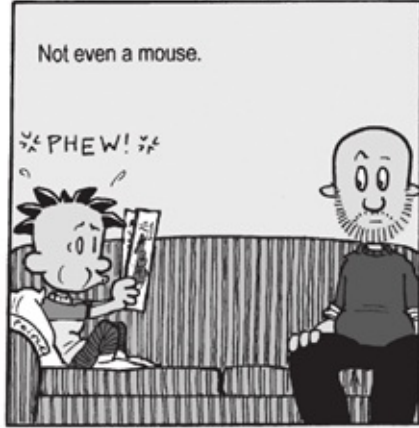
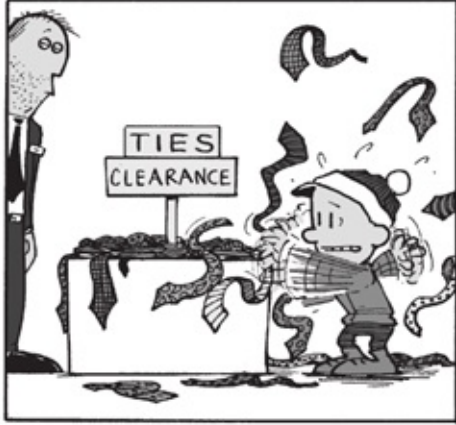




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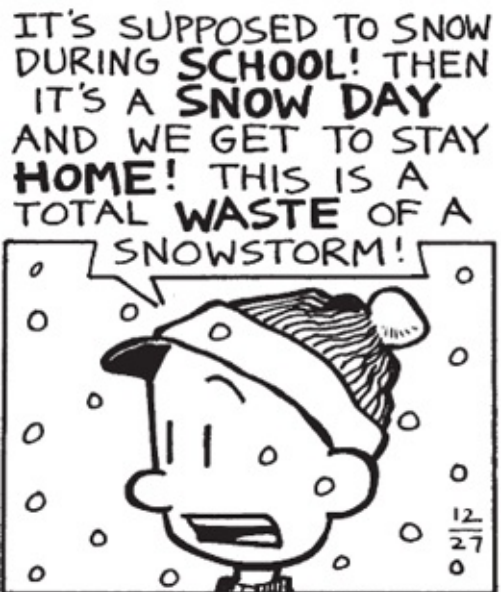
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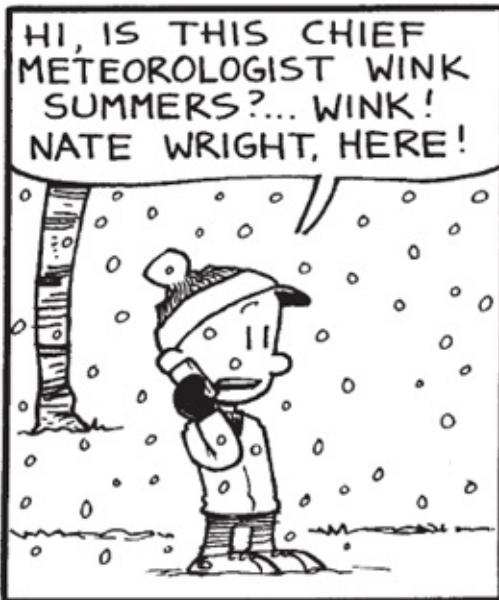


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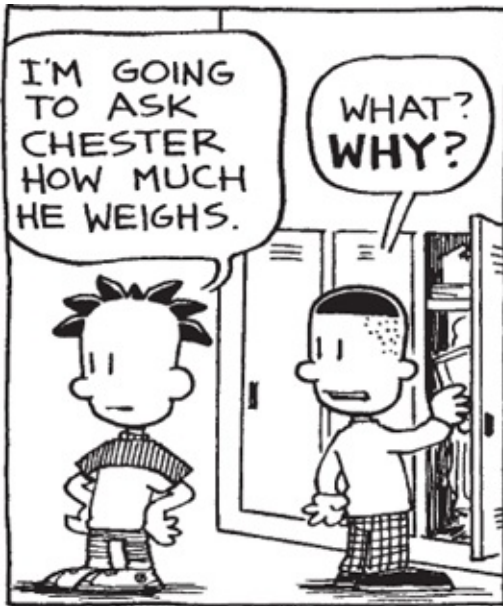
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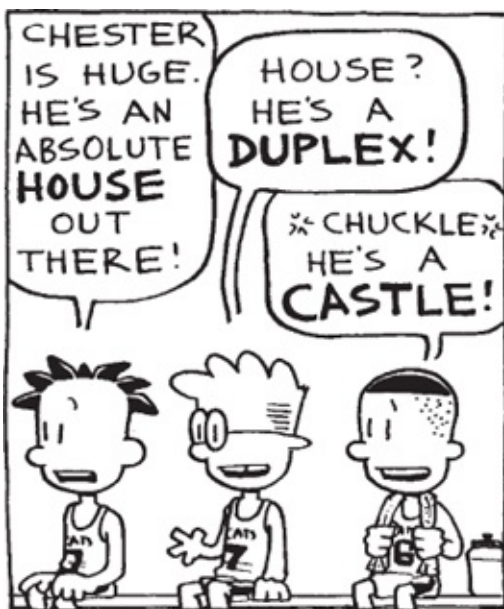
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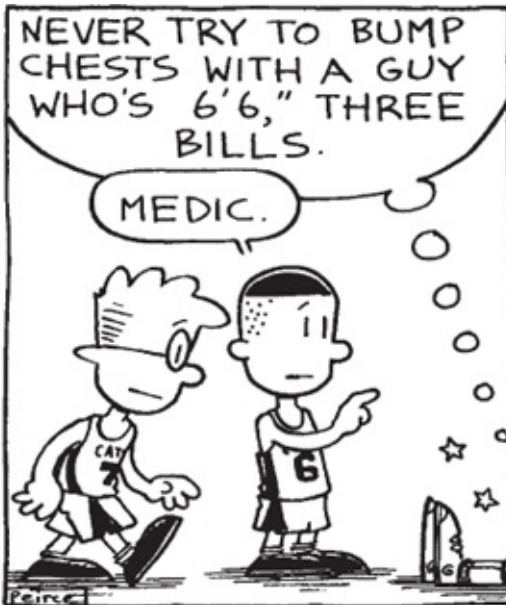
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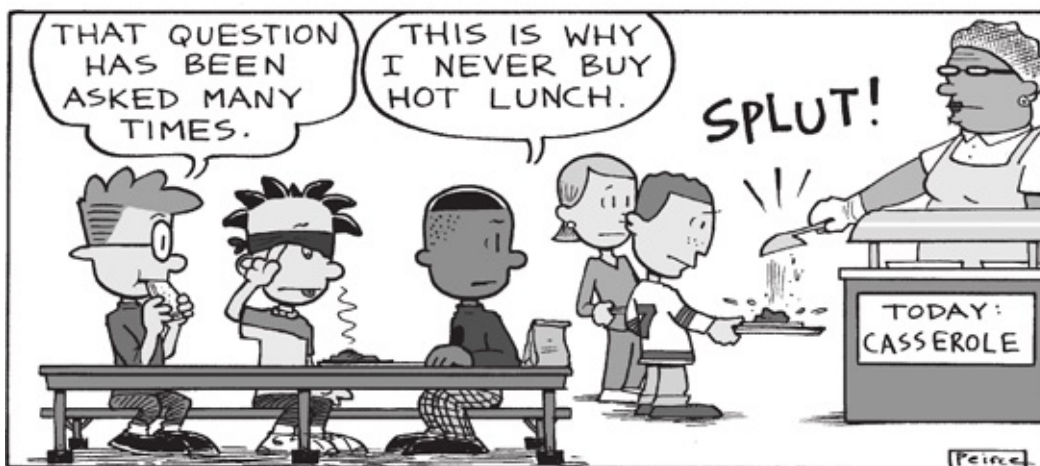
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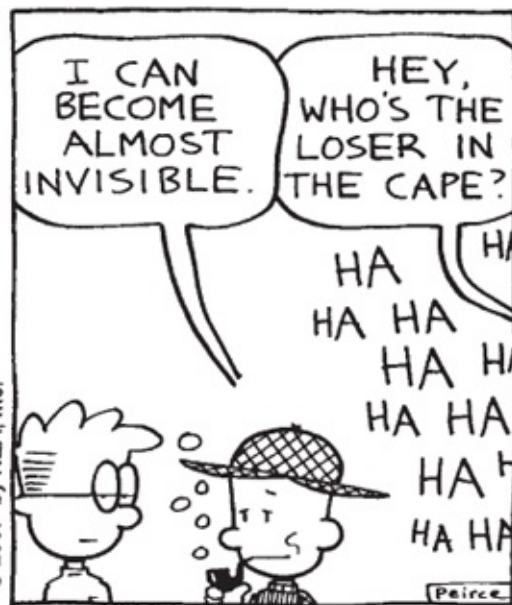
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LIKE ALL GREAT DETECTIVES, I AM A CHAMELEON! I CAN CHANGE MY IDENTITY AT WILL!









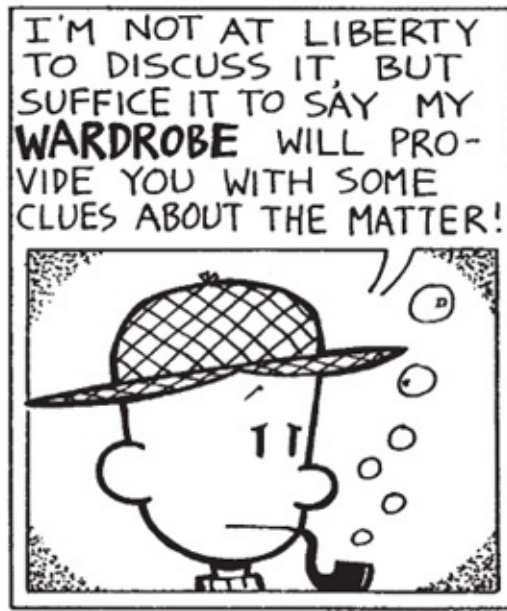
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MOREOVER, WHAT KIND OF A PERSON STEALS MONEY FROM A **KID**? RIGHT OUT OF HIS **LOCKER**?



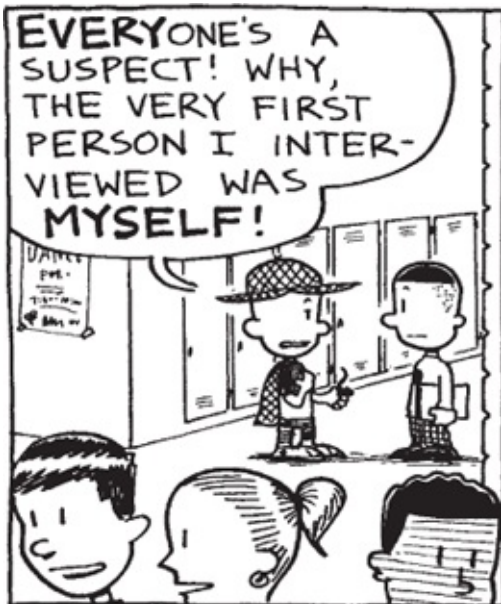
CLEARLY, I'M DEALING WITH A DERANGED INDIVIDUAL... A SICK MIND... A BORDERLINE PSYCHOPATH.





I'VE BEEN STAKING OUT FRANCIS' LOCKER, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT WHOEVER **BURGLARIZED** IT THIS MORNING WOULD RETURN TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!

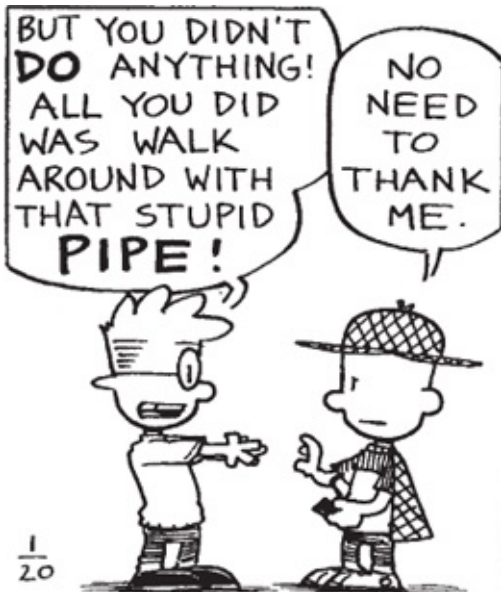


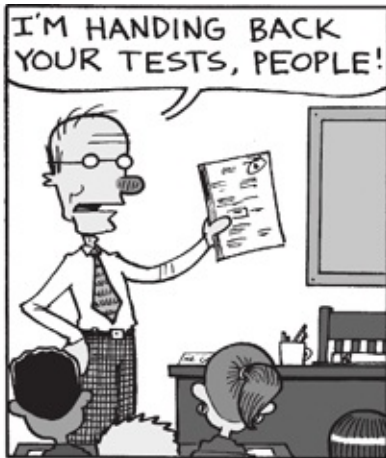




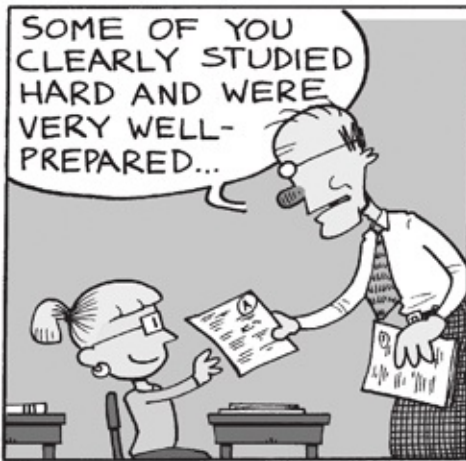
HOW DO WE KNOW
THIS IS REALLY **YOUR**
TWENTY DOLLAR BILL?
GIVE ME SOME PROOF
THAT THIS IS ACTUALLY
YOUR MONEY!



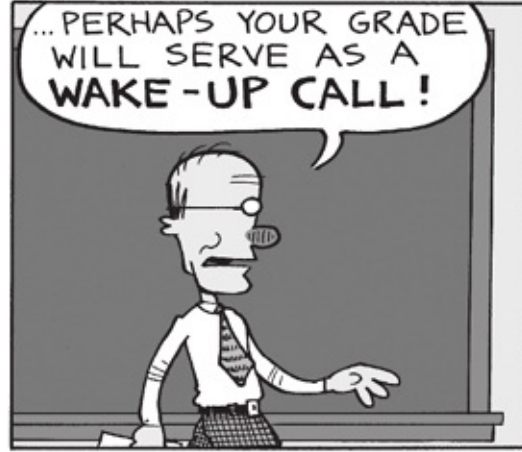




I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THEY ARE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF YOUR EFFORTS...



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I DROP A "YO MAMA"
ON YOU...
YO MAMA'S SO FAT,
WHEN SHE GETS ON
AN ELEVATOR, SHE
HAS TO GO DOWN!





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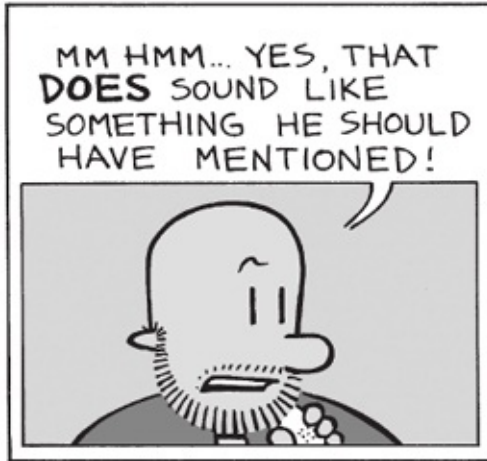








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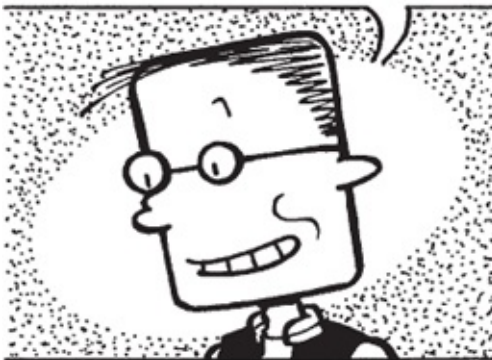


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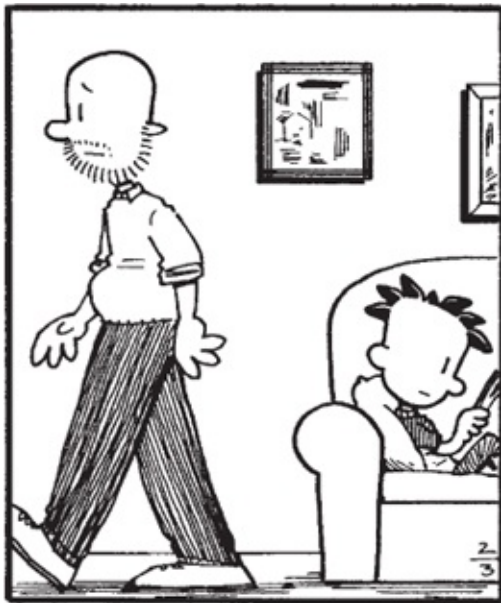
...AND BECAUSE THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IS OVER ONE HUNDRED DEGREES, SHE SPENDS THE ENTIRE STORY... ❄️AHEM!❄️ ...DRESSED ACCORDINGLY!





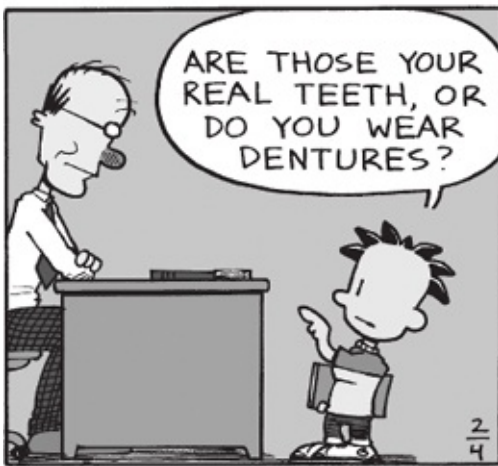




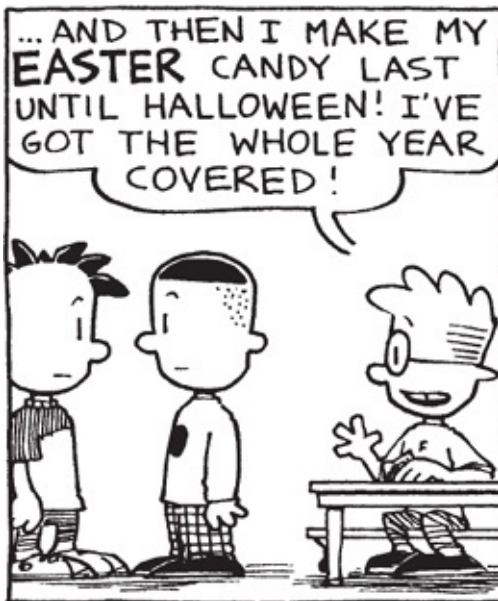


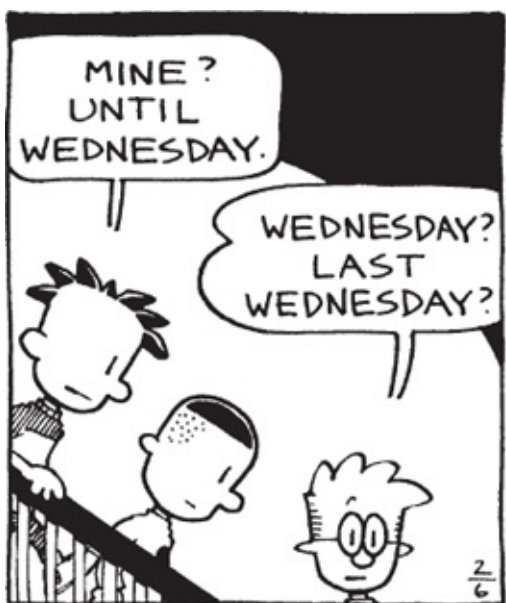


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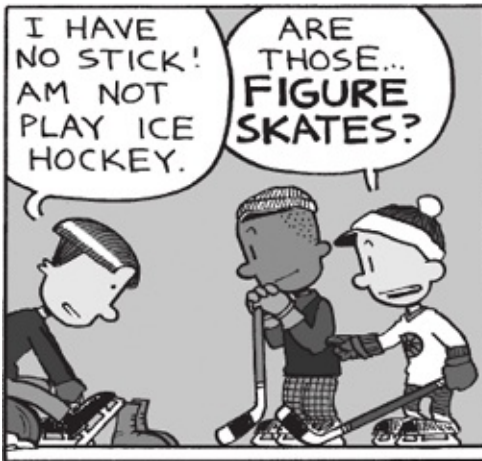
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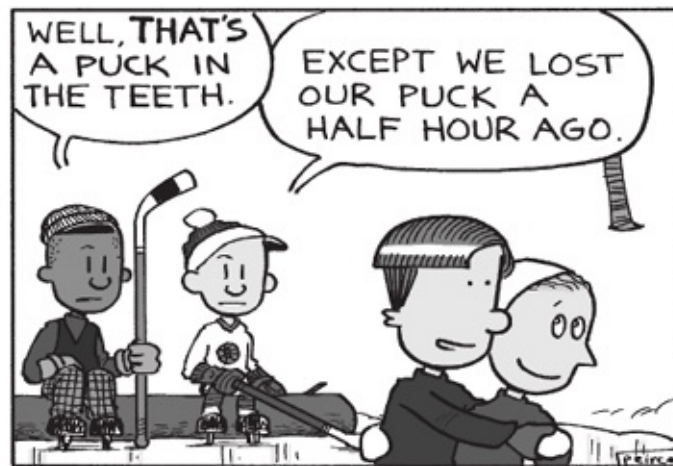
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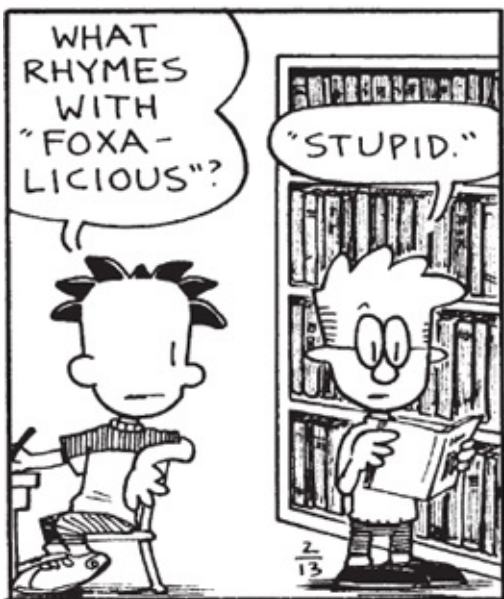
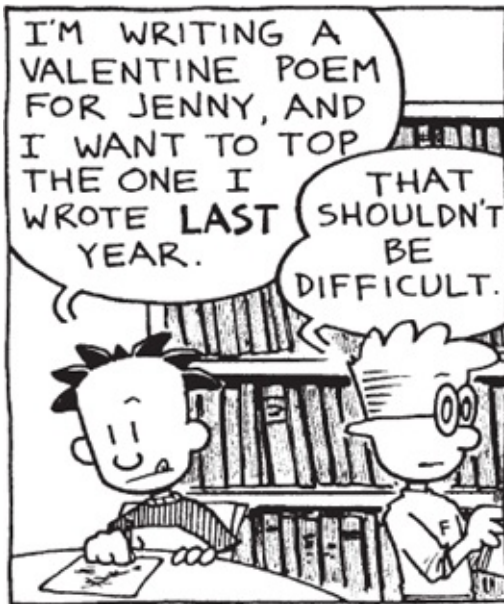


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You've known me now
For many years,
But never have we dated.



For reasons
I don't understand,
You think our love ill-fated.



But Jenny,
I'm your destiny.
One day we will be mated.



And then you'll know
Just what it's like
To say that you've been "Nated."



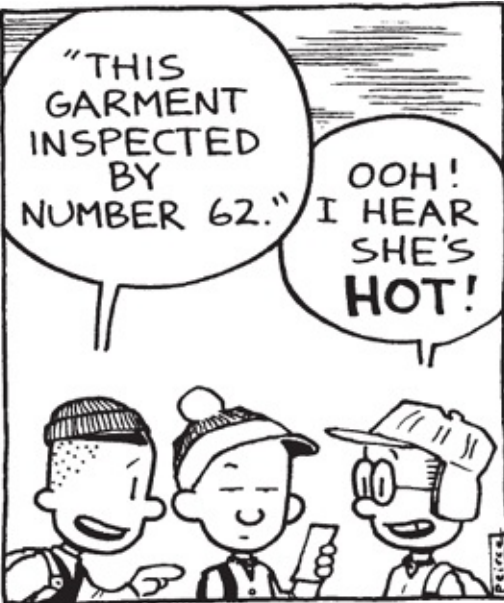
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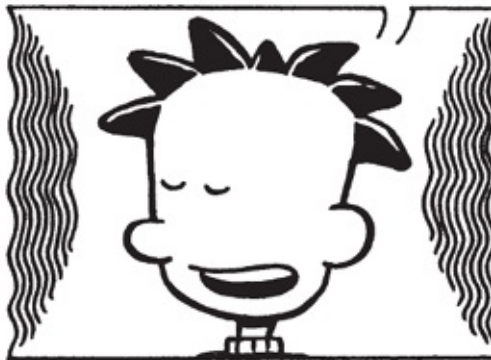


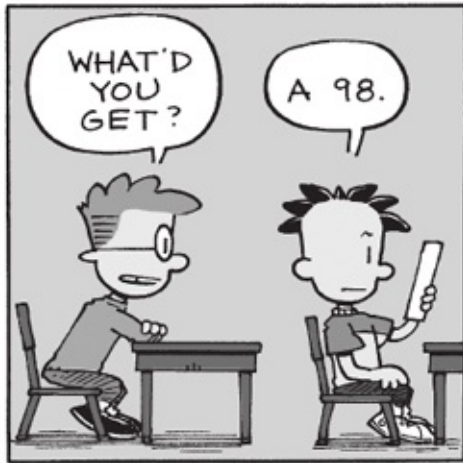
COULD SOME LOVELY LASS HAVE SLIPPED ME A **VALENTINE** THE OTHER DAY WITHOUT ME **REALIZING** IT?



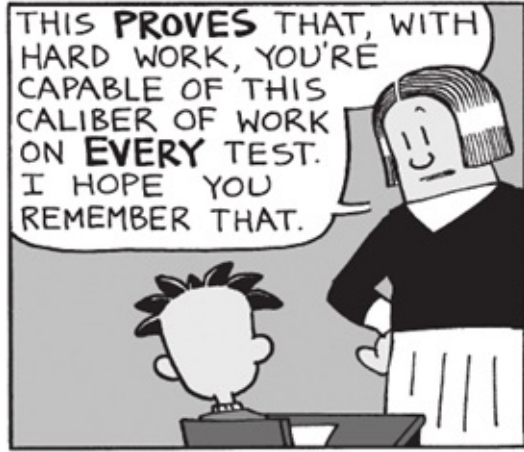


IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE **SCARED** OF **LIKING** ME TOO MUCH! IT'S EASIER TO **DENY** YOUR FEELINGS THAN TO **ADMIT** THEM!





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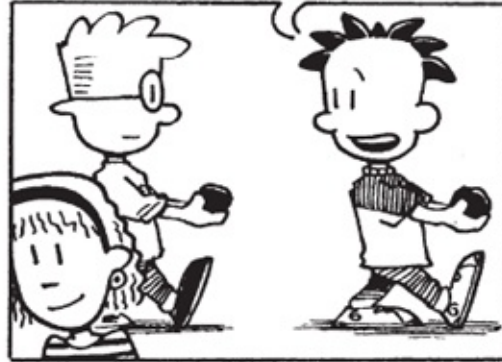


TURNING MY CLASSROOM INTO AN ABSOLUTE PIGSTY THAT'LL TAKE THREE HOURS TO CLEAN UP AFTER SCHOOL, MAKING MY BACK EVEN MORE SORE THAN IT ALREADY IS!

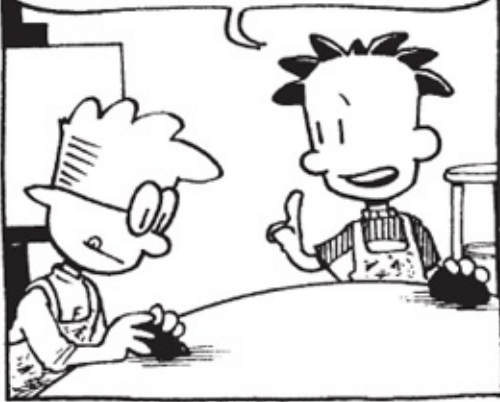




REMEMBER THAT **DRAGON** I MADE LAST YEAR? **THAT**, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF, BELONGED IN A **MUSEUM!**



MICHELANGELO SAID THAT IN EVERY BLOCK OF MARBLE, THERE'S A HUMAN FORM STRUGGLING TO GET OUT!



WELL, SAME THING WITH THIS HUNK OF CLAY! INSIDE IT IS A HUMAN FORM STRUGGLING TO GET OUT!



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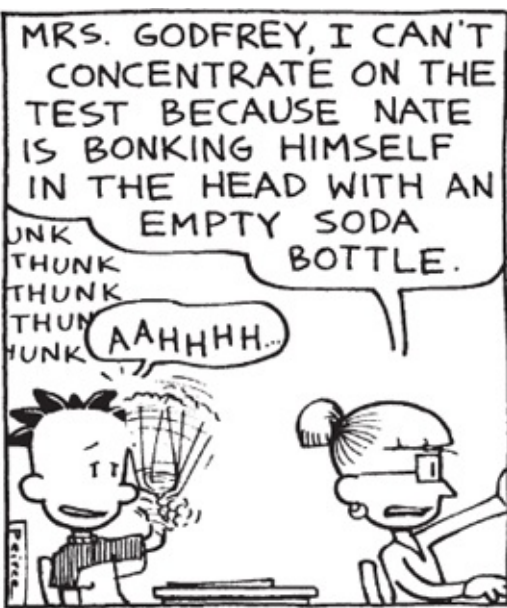
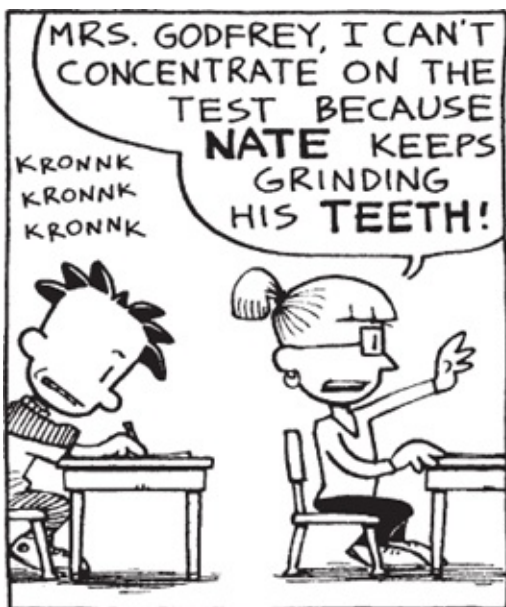




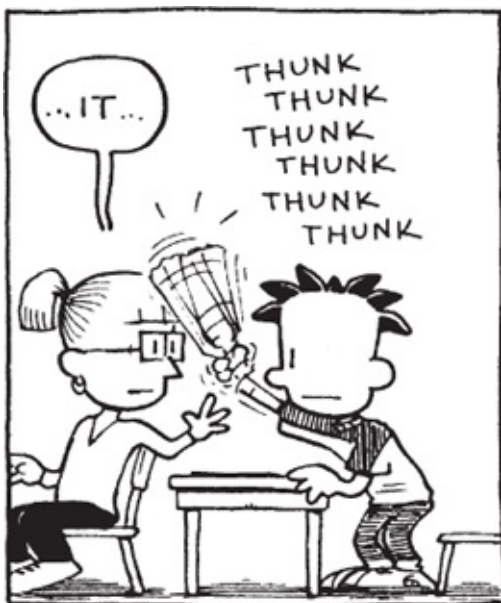
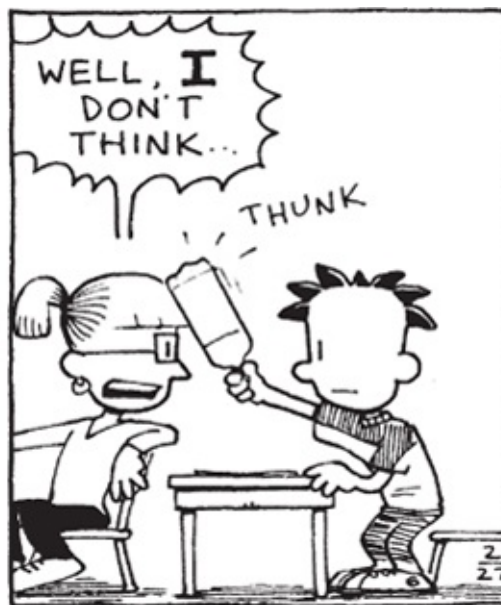
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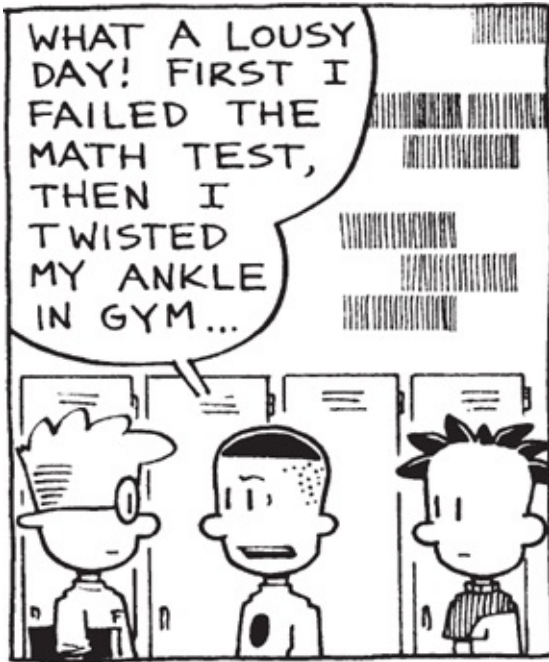


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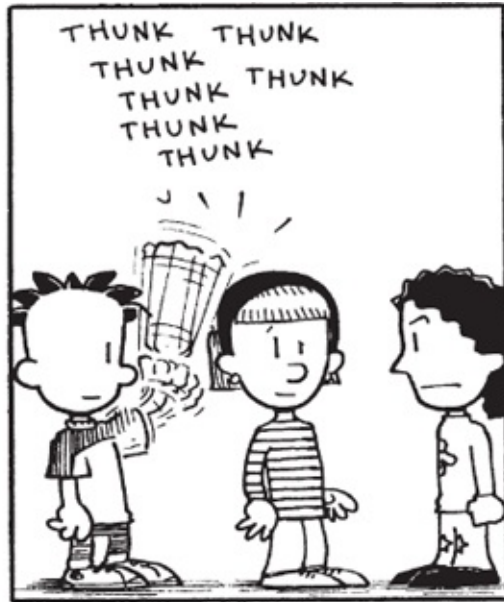
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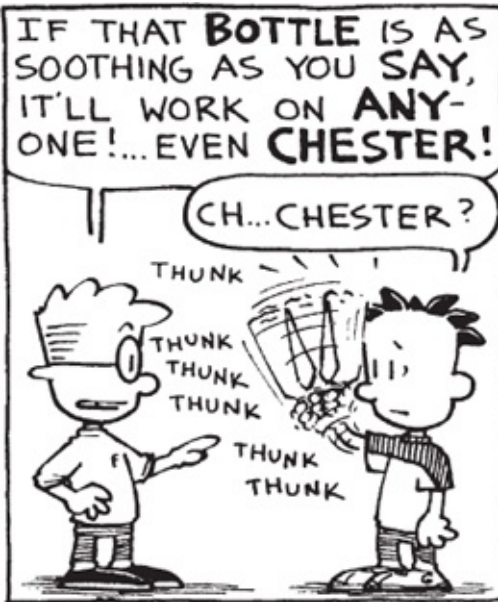


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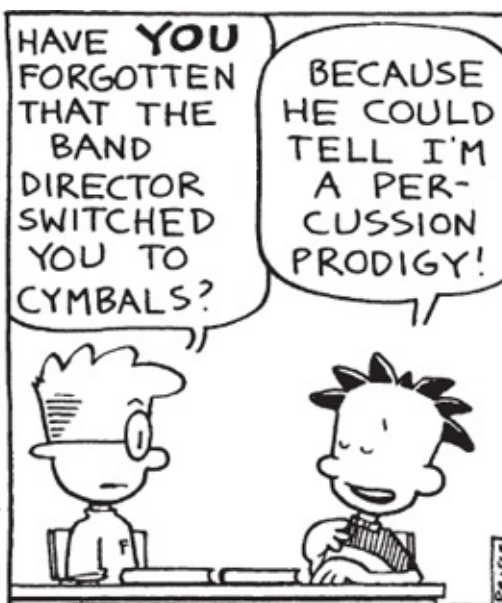
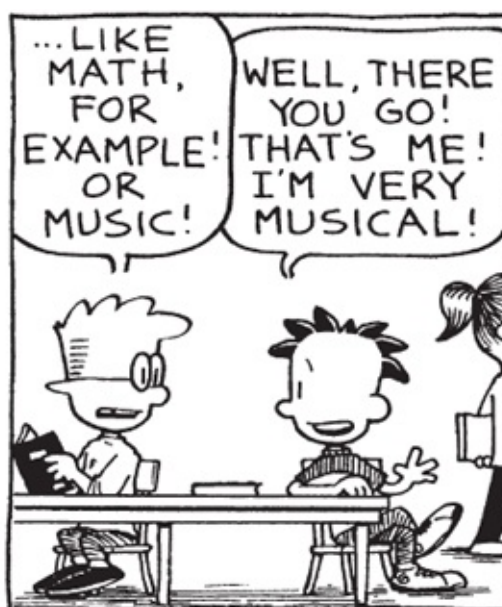
IT'S JUST THAT... MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT CHESS ARE USUALLY... THEY'RE USUALLY...

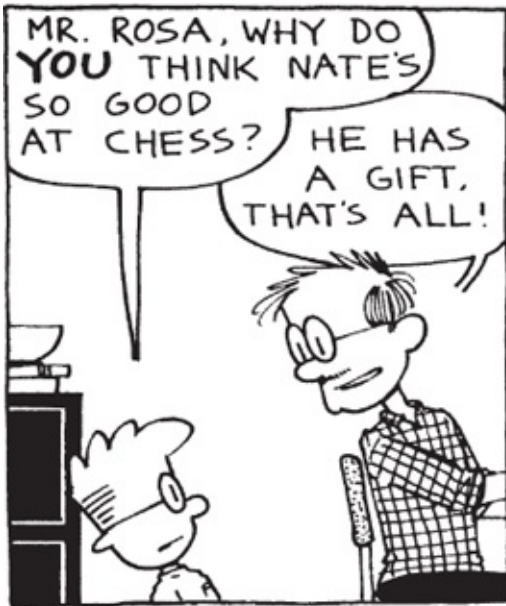




I MEAN, YOU'D EXPECT SOMEONE WHO'S SO GOOD AT CHESS TO BE, LIKE, REALLY SMART, RIGHT?





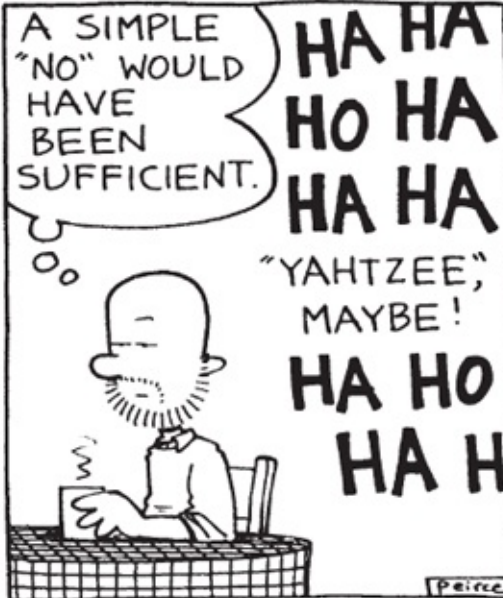


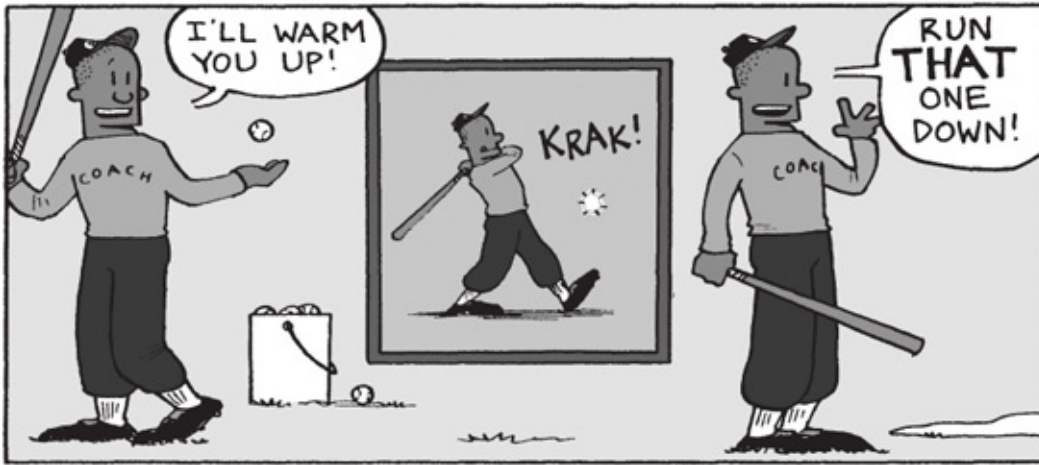
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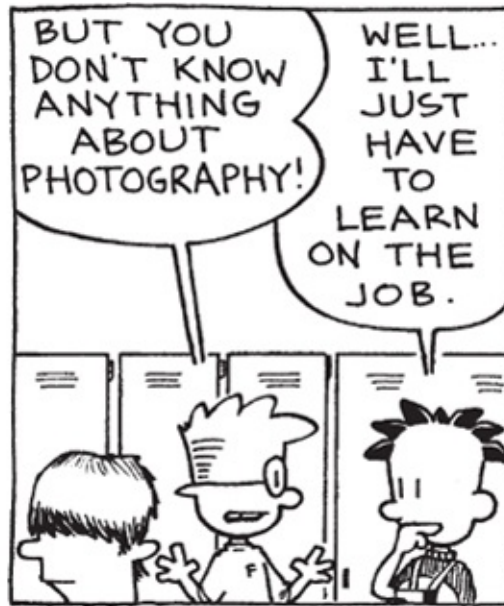


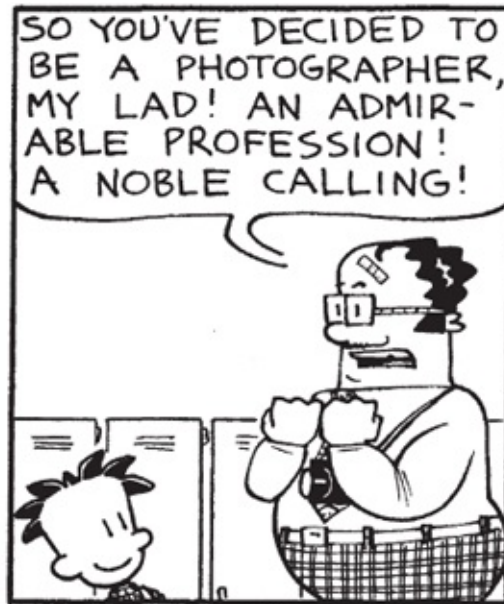


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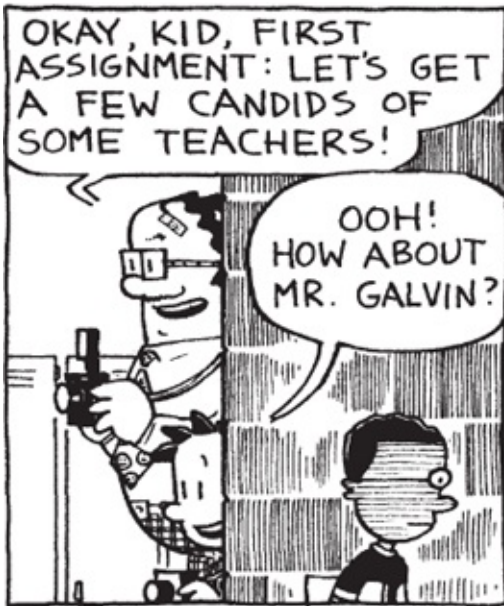


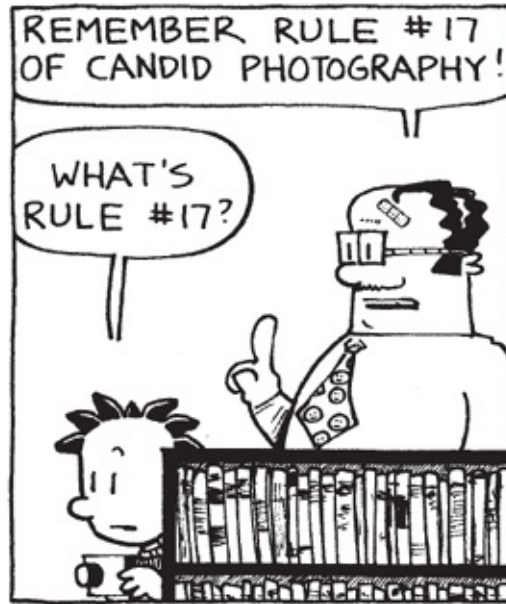
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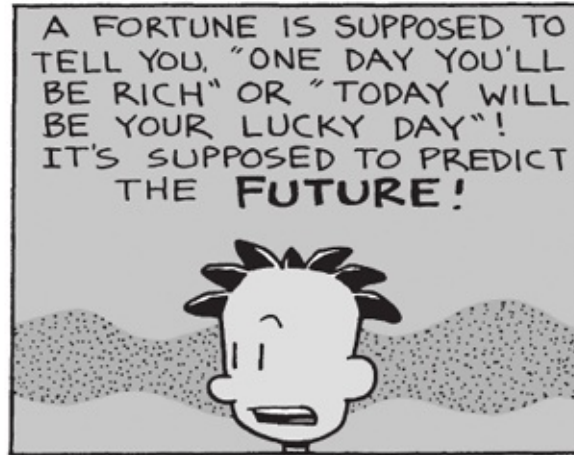








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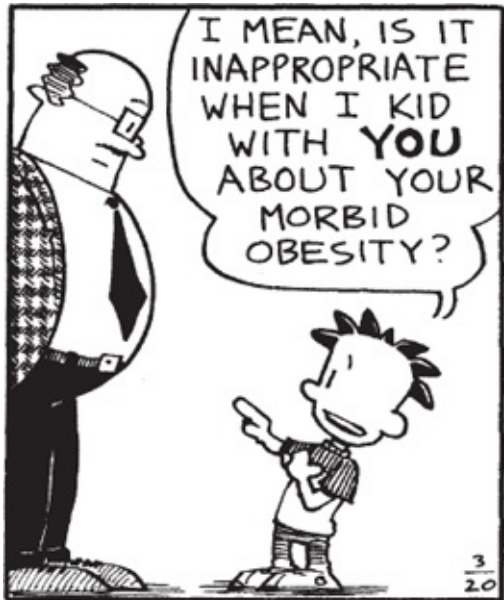
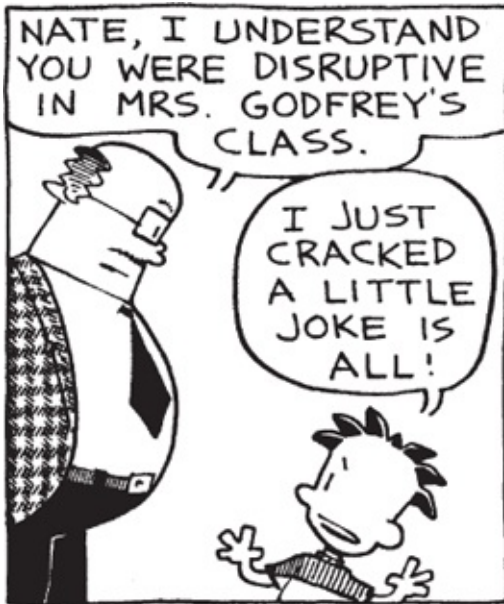


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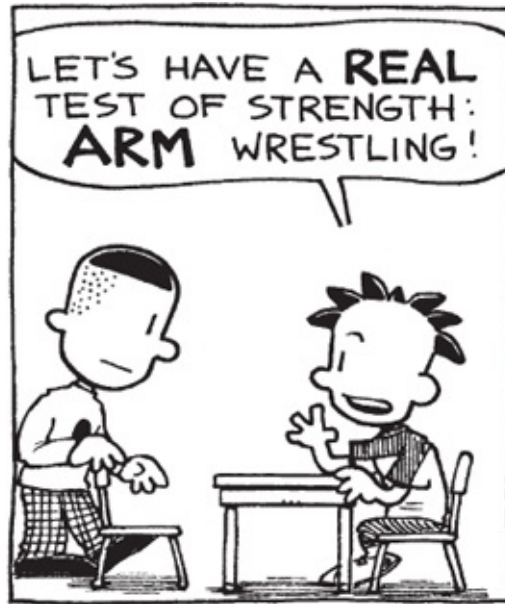


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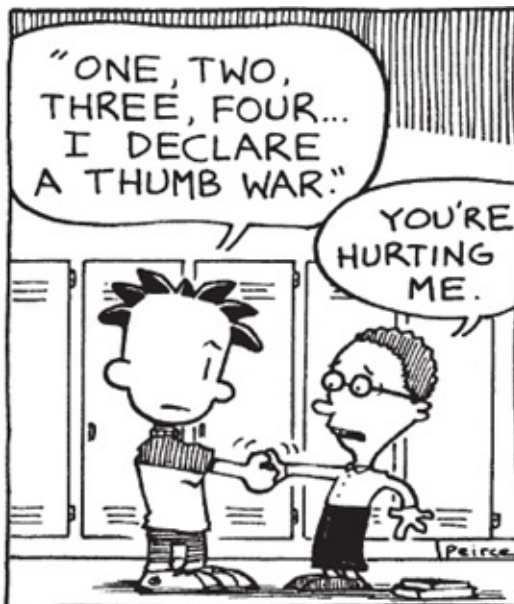


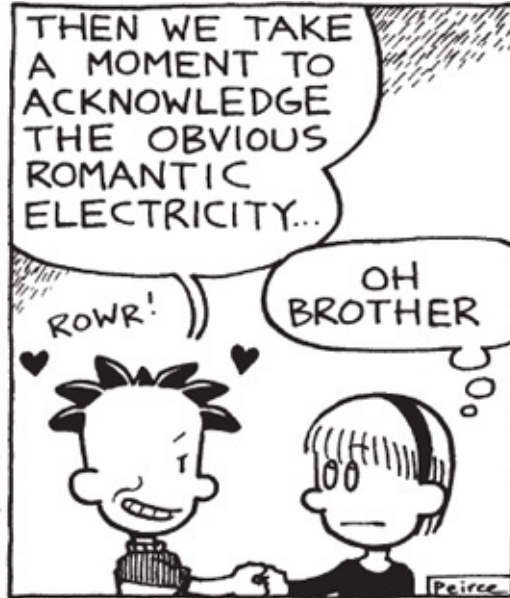


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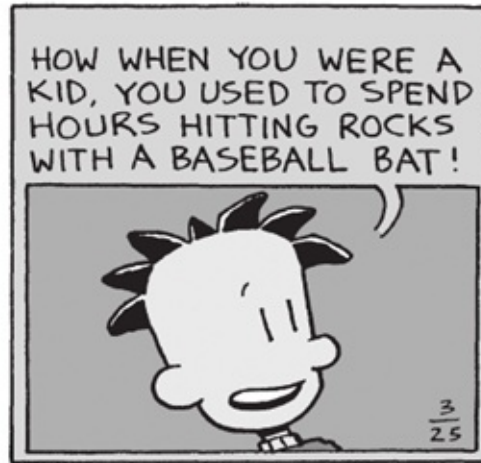






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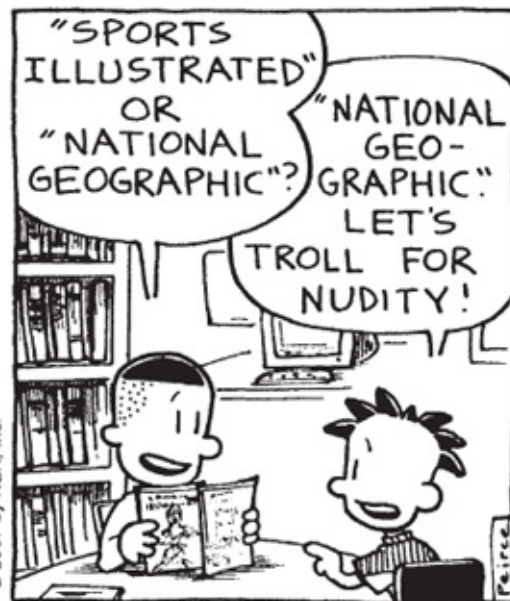
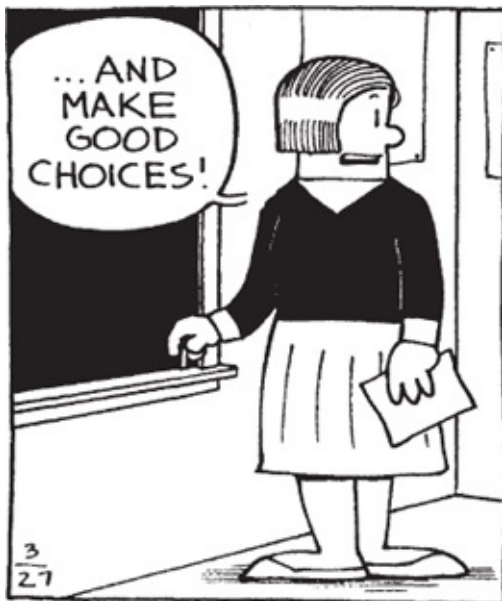


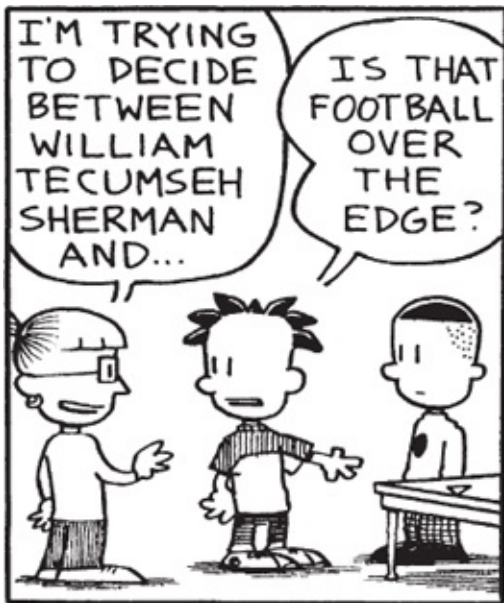
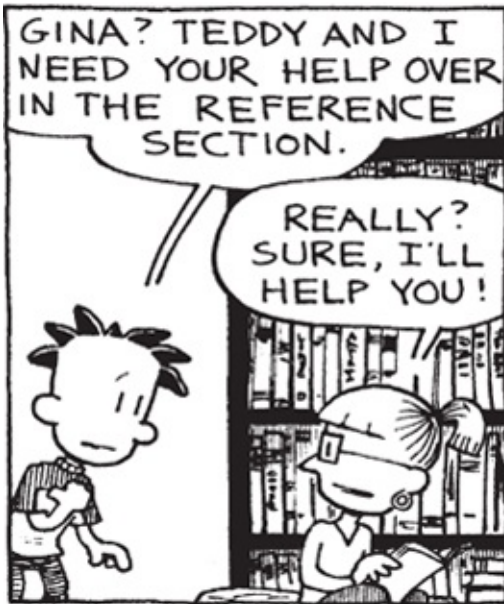
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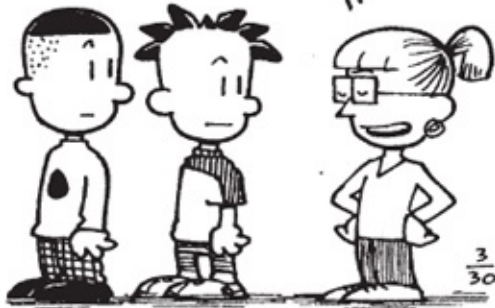


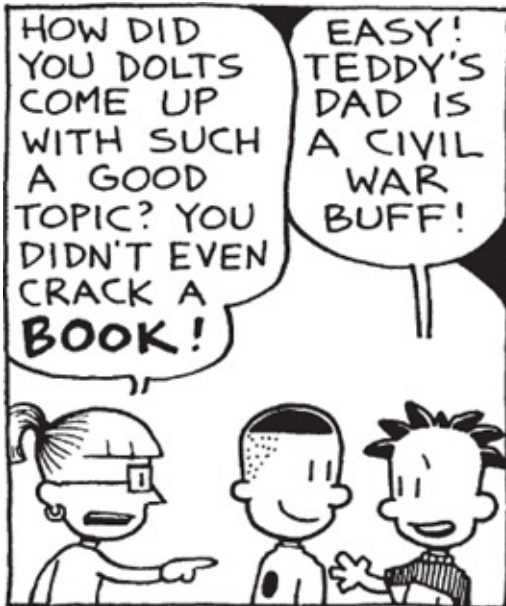






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