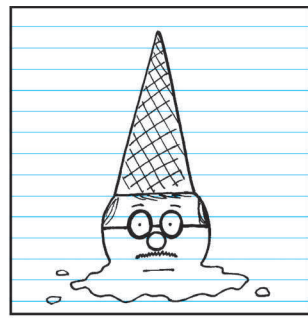


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by Lincoln Peirce



WELCOME TO SWEET LICKS!
OH, MY GOSH! MR. ROSA?

YES! SORRY, DO WE KNOW ONE ANOTHER?
I'M BETH DUNPHY! I WAS A STUDENT OF YOURS! TWENTY YEARS AGO!

BETH! OF COURSE! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THESE DAYS?
YOU'LL LOVE THIS! I'M AN ARTIST!

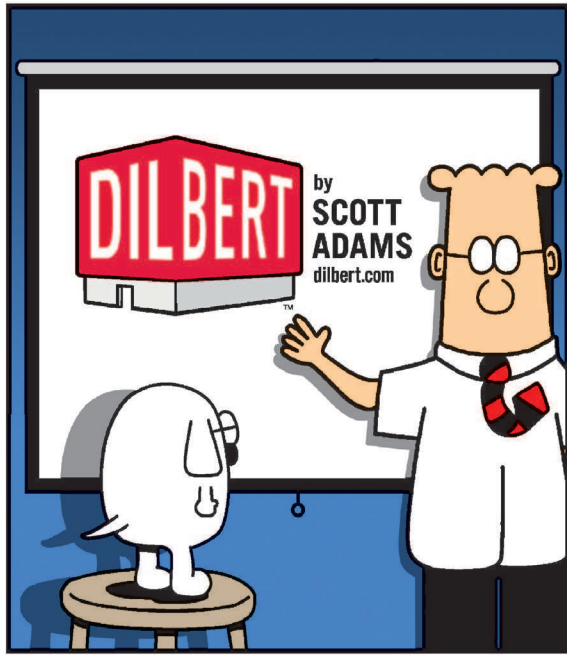
AND YOUR CLASS IS WHERE IT ALL STARTED! I SO ADMIRE YOUR PASSION AND DEDICATION!

I DECIDED I WANTED TO DO WHAT YOU DID, AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'VE DONE!
WELL, THAT'S AWFULLY NICE TO HEAR!

SO... YOU TEACH IN A MIDDLE SCHOOL?
NO, AT YALE.

I'M ON SABBATICAL AT THE MOMENT TO FOCUS ON MY UPCOMING RETROSPECTIVE AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, BUT NEXT YEAR I'LL BE BACK IN NEW HAVEN!

I FEEL AN ICE CREAM HEADACHE COMING ON.
AND HOW ARE YOU?



I NEED YOUR FEEDBACK ON MY POWERPOINT DECK BEFORE TUESDAY.

I'LL DO THAT ON MONDAY NIGHT.
GAAA!!! IT'S A TRAP!

YOU ARE NOTORIOUSLY UNDEPENDABLE. THE ODDS OF YOU WORKING ON A MONDAY NIGHT ARE TERRIBLE.

IF I DON'T GET YOUR INPUT ON TIME, YOU WILL MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME IN THE MEETING.

I'LL STAY UP ALL NIGHT MONDAY HOPING TO GET YOUR EMAIL.

BUT THAT INPUT WILL NEVER COME. I'LL END UP DOING THE PRESENTATION ON NO SLEEP.

THEN YOU WILL EMBARRASS ME DURING THE PRESENTATION BY POINTING OUT THE ERRORS IN MY SLIDES.

FOR A MIND READER, YOU SURE HAVE A TERRIBLE LIFE.

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE
By Lynn Johnston

HI, MIKE. MIND IF I HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH YOU?

UH... I GUESS NOT.

HMM... WHERE'D THE GREEN ON MY THUMB COME FROM?

IF YOU STARE AT THE WALLPAPER LONG ENOUGH, THE PATTERN DISAPPEARS.

MOM HAS AN OREO CRUMB ON HER CHIN.

SHE BLINKS A LOT. I WONDER IF EVERYONE BLINKS THAT MUCH.

GREAT. ... THINK I'LL CALL UP AND SEE WHAT GORDON'S DOING.

SIGH! I JUST HAD A NICE LONG CHAT WITH MICHAEL, HONEY!

... AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES HE REALLY LISTENED TO ME!!

WUMMO

by Wulff & Morgenthaler

Darn wasps!

Die, ants, die!

Argghhh! Ticks everywhere!

Animal rights activists on a picnic

LUANN!?

BY GREG EVANS

BELIEVE ME, TONI, LOTS OF NEWLYWEDS HAVE THIS PROBLEM. I SUGGEST YOU JUST FLIP IT EACH TIME YOU PUT ONE ON. I'M SURE THAT WILL MAKE BRAD HAPPY

PERFECT! THANK YOU!!

YOUR MOM'S IDEA

BUT NOW I'LL BE UNHAPPY HALF THE TIME...

NEW ROLL? FLIP IT!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

WHERE'S BEETLE?

BEETLE! THERE YOU ARE AGAIN DOING NOTHING!

THAT'S NOT TRUE. I WAS CHEWING

MY TONGUE WAS HELPING ME SWALLOW. MY TONGUE IS ALWAYS BUSY

MY TONGUE HELPS ME TALK AND WETS MY LIPS

MY TONGUE WHISTLES, SINGS SONGS, LICKS ENVELOPES AND TASTES THINGS

MY TONGUE IS EVEN BUSY SNORING WHEN I'M ASLEEP

YOU'RE NUTTY, BEETLE

LOOK! IT EVEN HAS OPINIONS!

THBBB!

GREG + MORT WALKER