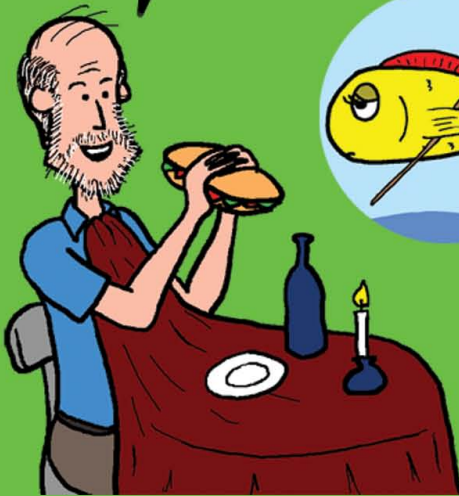
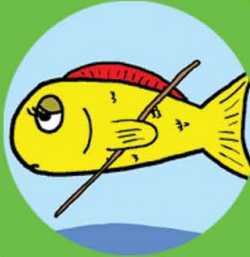


OUT TO LUNCH

Cartoons with an Appetite for the Ridiculous!



Can't a guy eat in peace?



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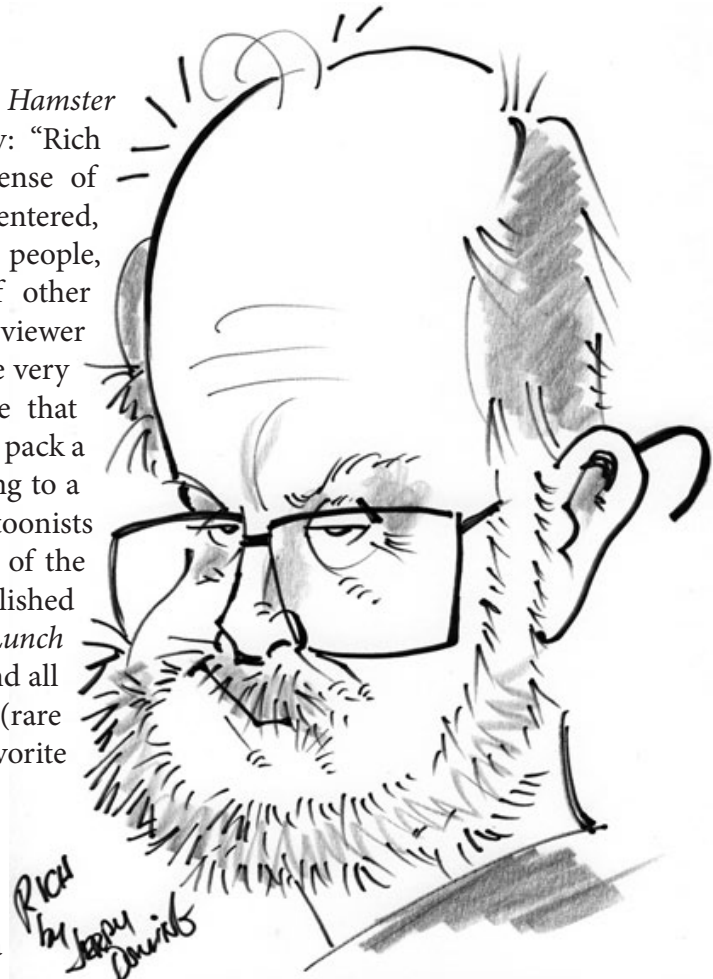
Introduction

About *Out To Lunch* Cartoons:

The idiom “Out to Lunch” (OTL) means crazy or out of touch with the reality, so that seemed a fitting strip name for my single-panel general comic. OTL cartoons have been around for more than a decade in various forms and various media including newspapers, magazines, on the internet at the-cartoonist.com and on merchandise. If you haven’t heard of them before, that’s not surprising since the plethora of media outlets still only reach a limited audience. Hopefully you’ll see them more and more in the future and you can find them weekly at the-cartoonist.com.

About this Book:

Polly Keener, cartoonist and creator of the *Hamster Alley* cartoon strip sums it up this way: “Rich displays a quirky Gary Larson-esque sense of humor in lots of fun, often animal-centered, cartoons. But, of course, there are funny people, humorous holidays and all manner of other toons, too. In *Out to Lunch*, he makes the viewer think a bit. Sometimes, his humor can be very subtle, but keep looking until you have that satisfying “Aha!” moment. He manages to pack a lot into his drawings and keep the wording to a minimum – a real achievement. Many cartoonists consider a “sight gag,” where all or most of the humor is purely visual, the most accomplished type of cartoon humor of all. *Out to Lunch* offers a whole smorgasbord of cartoons and all neatly classified in the Table of Contents (rare in cartoon books) so you can find your favorite topics fast.”



About the Cartoonist:

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a caricature must be worth twice that! Jerry Dowling, awesome caricaturist/illustrator and good friend, has captured my more mischievous side above! Beyond that it may be of note that I do two other cartoon series - a scout cartoon called *Knots or Not* and a biblical cartoon called the *Cartoon Gospels*.

Thank you for your interest in this collection of my *Out to Lunch* (OTL) cartoons. I hope you enjoy this first book collecting about 170 of my favorite cartoons from the past decade or so.

All the best,
Rich

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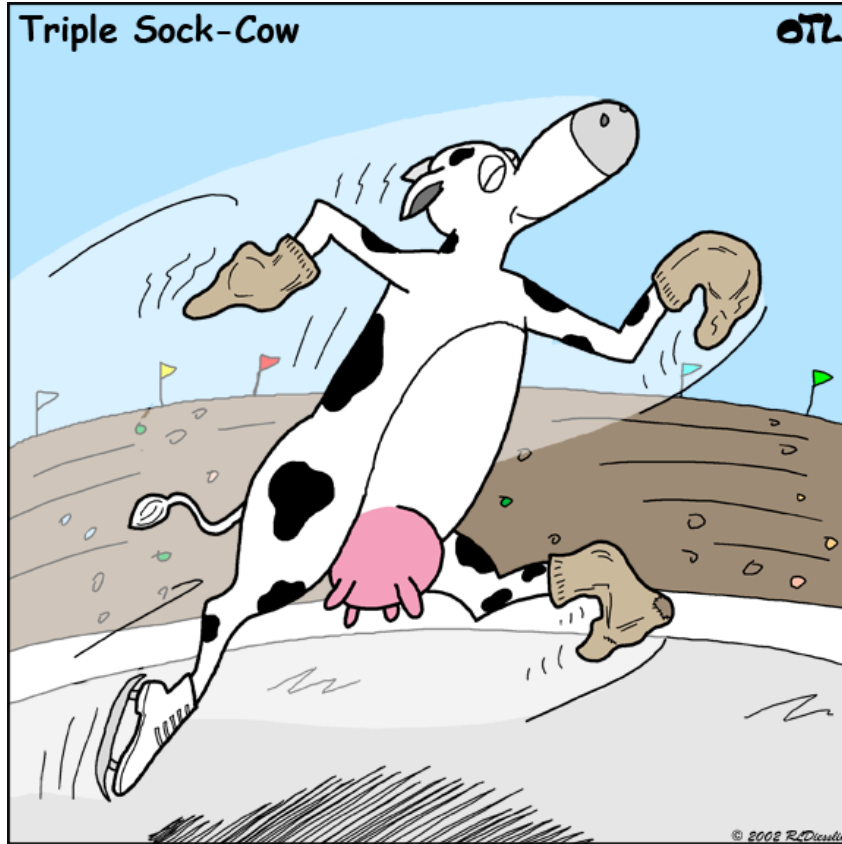
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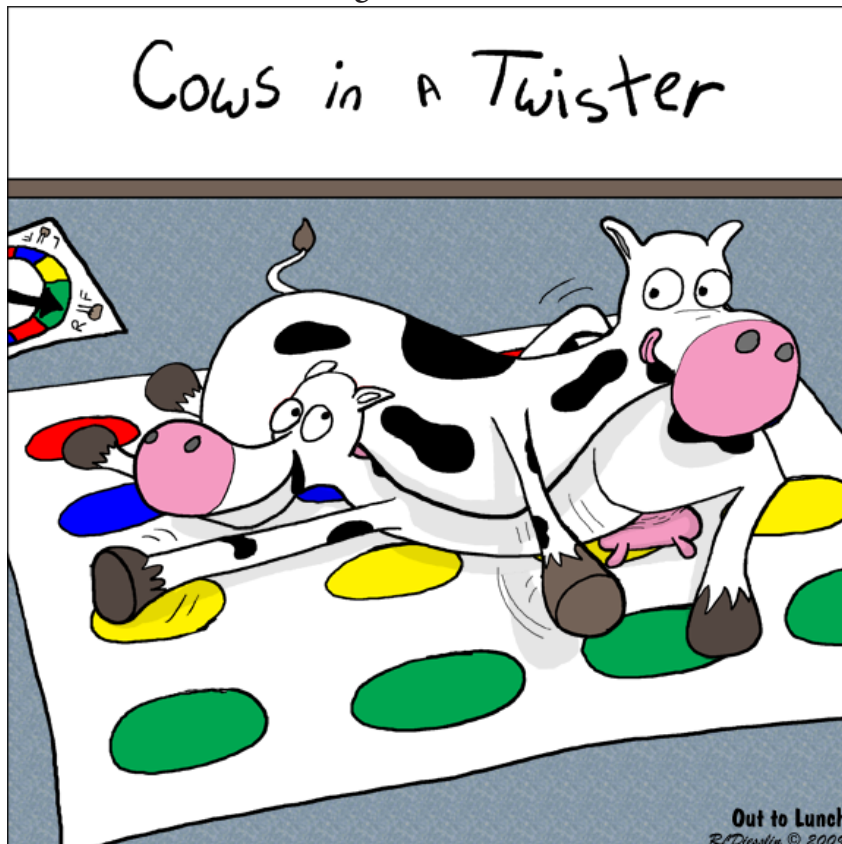
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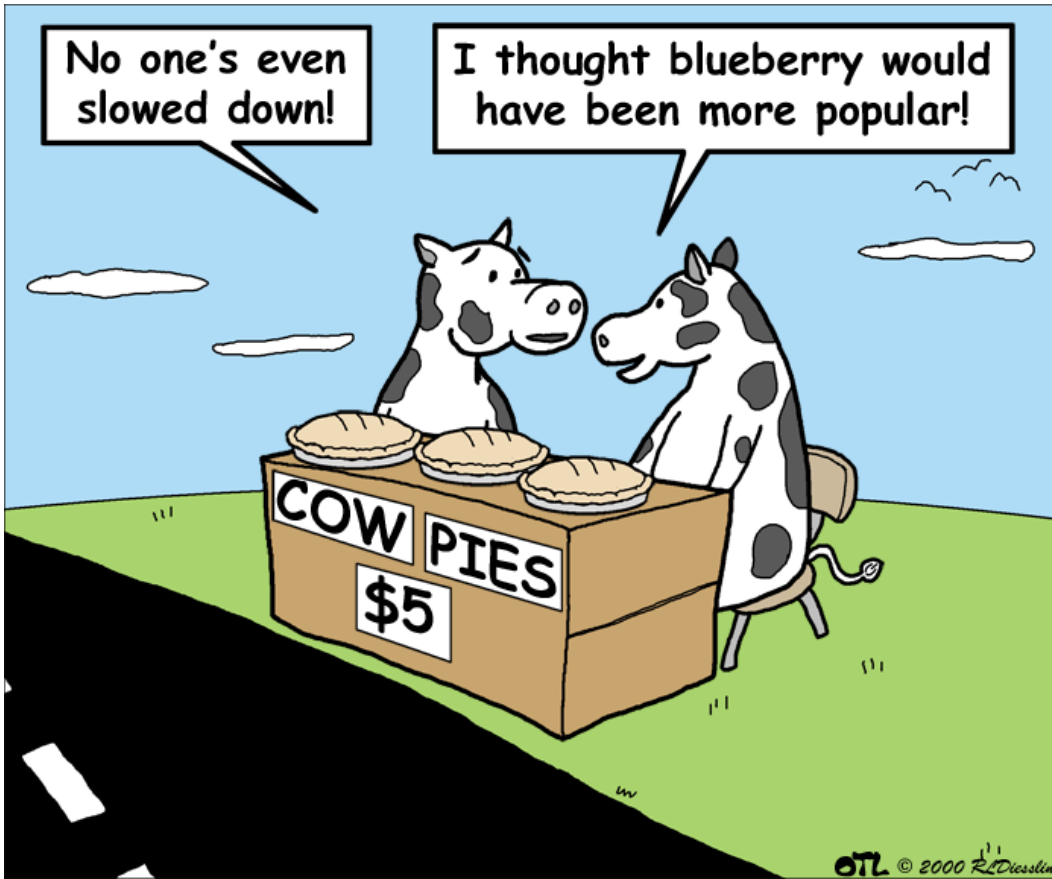
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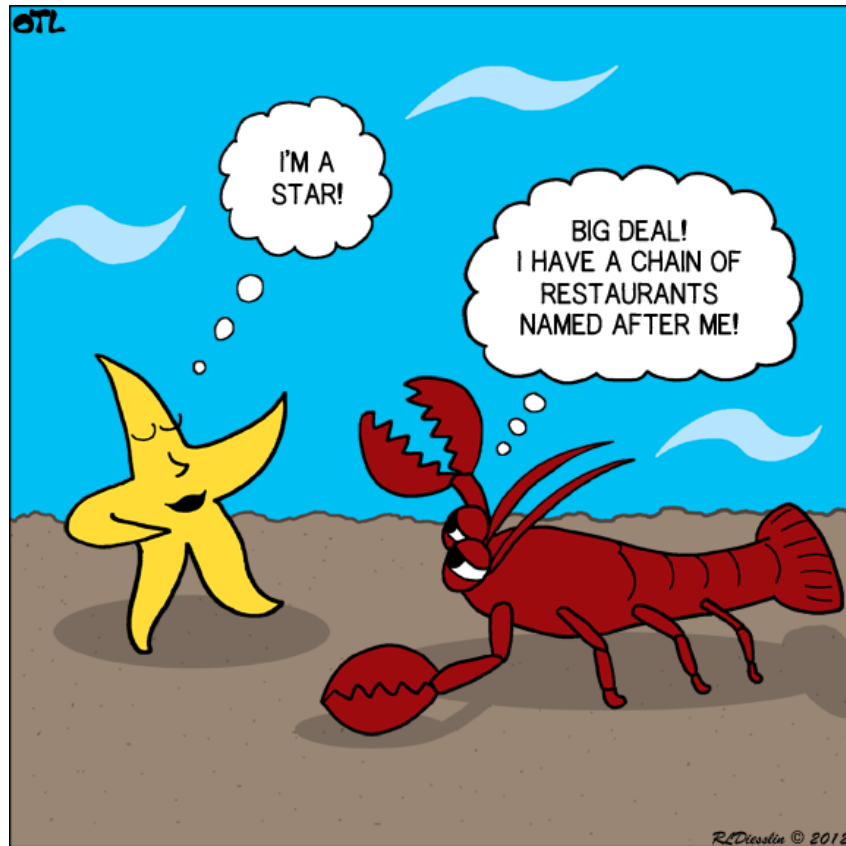
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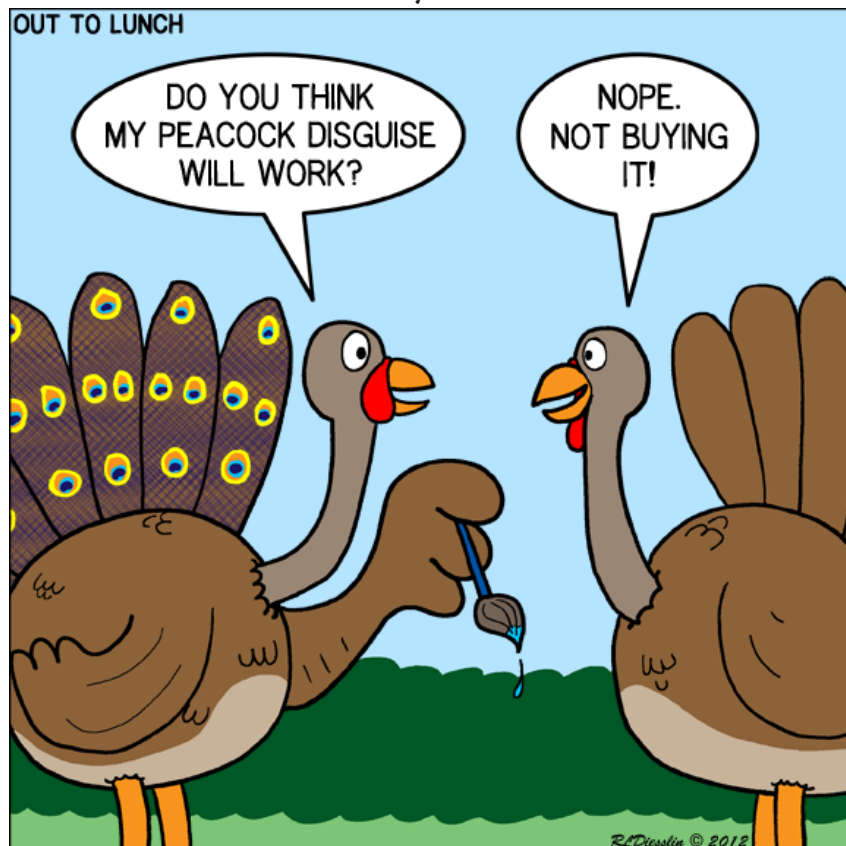
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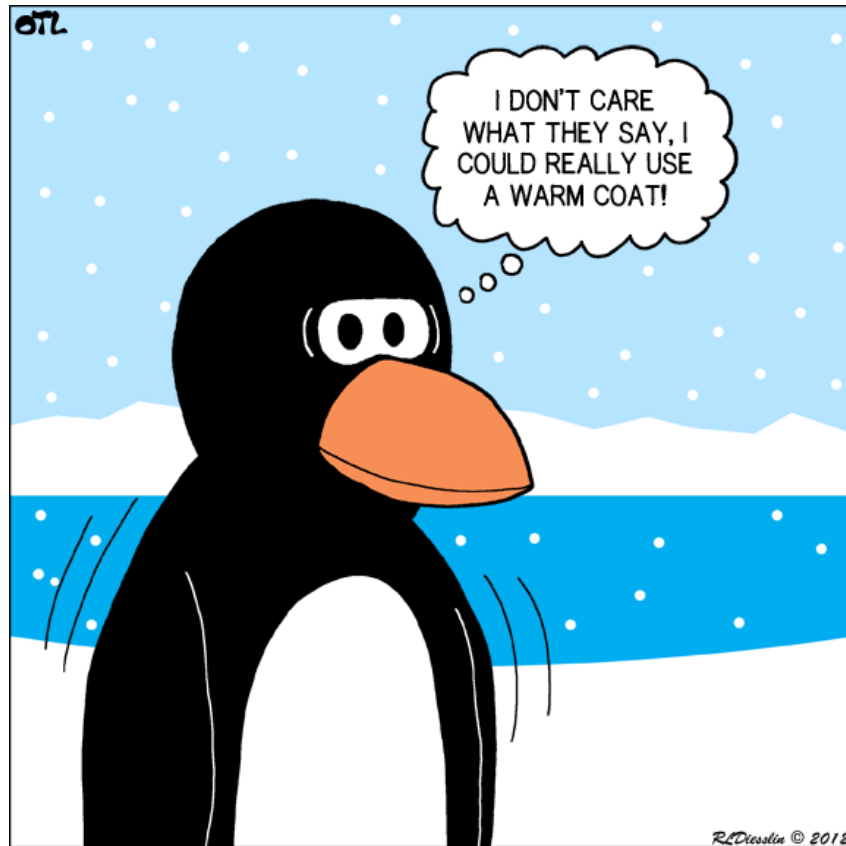
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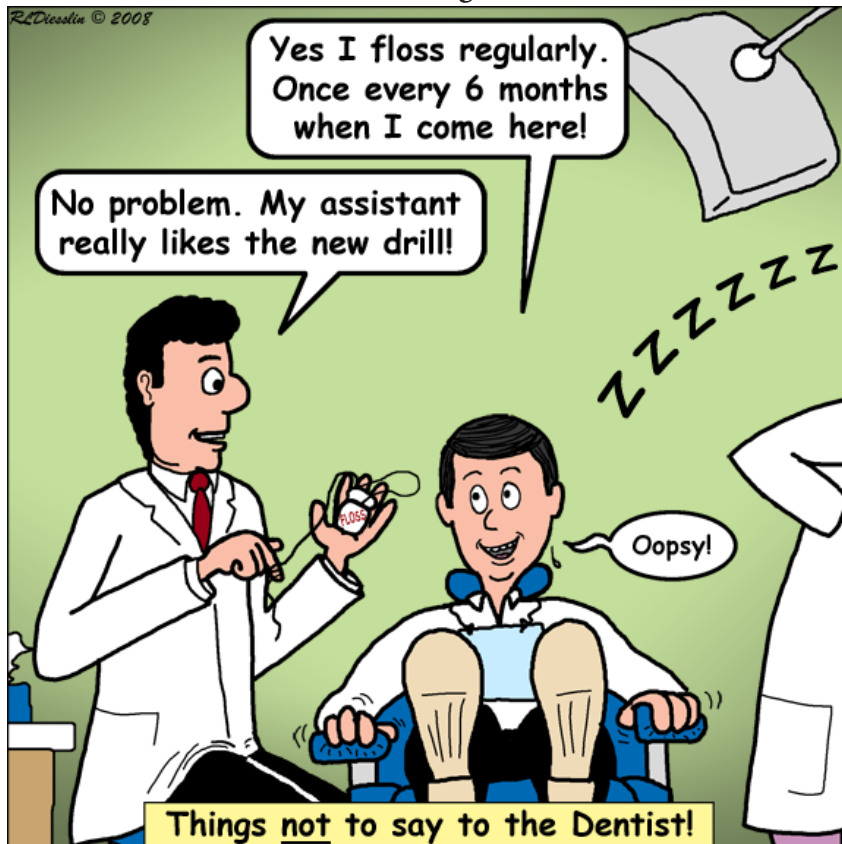


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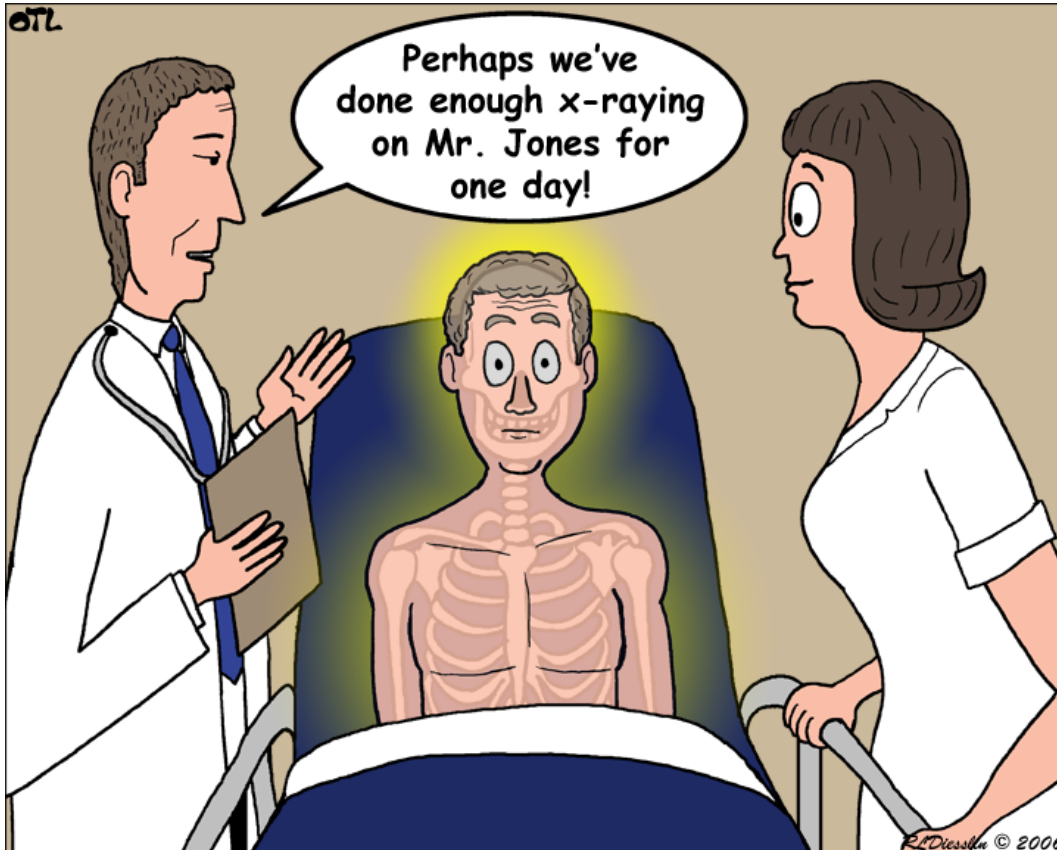
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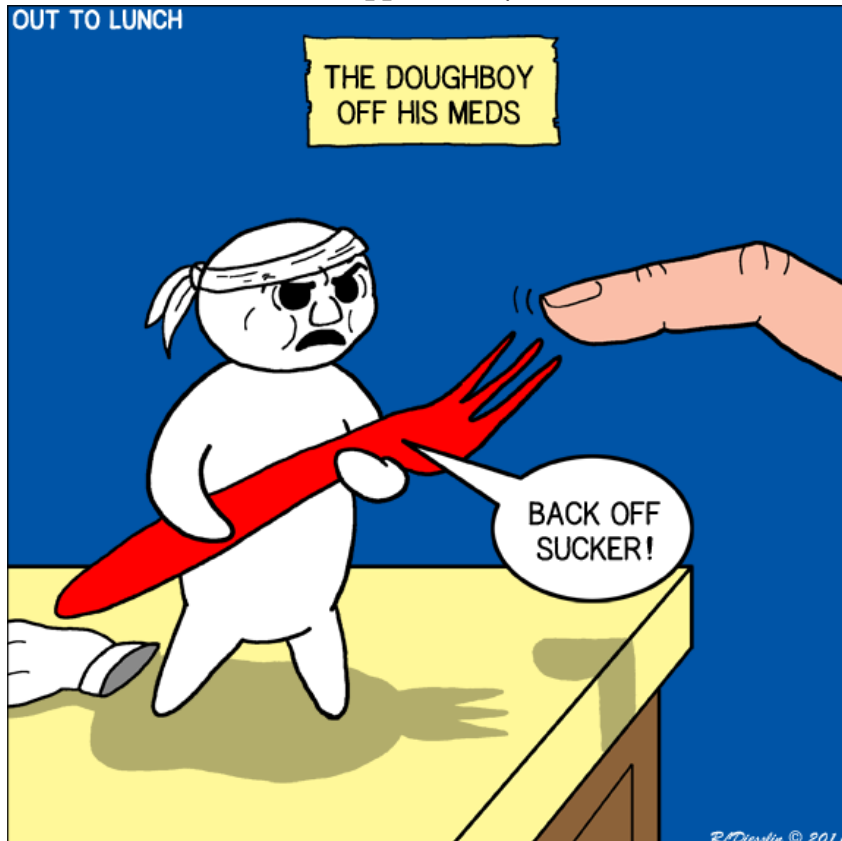


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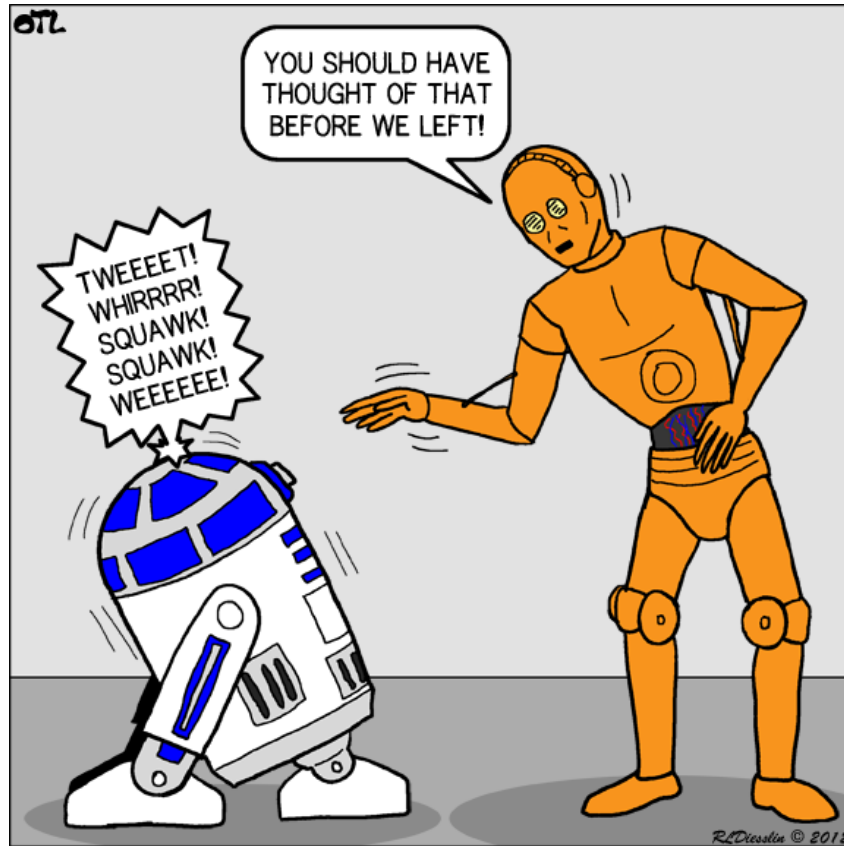
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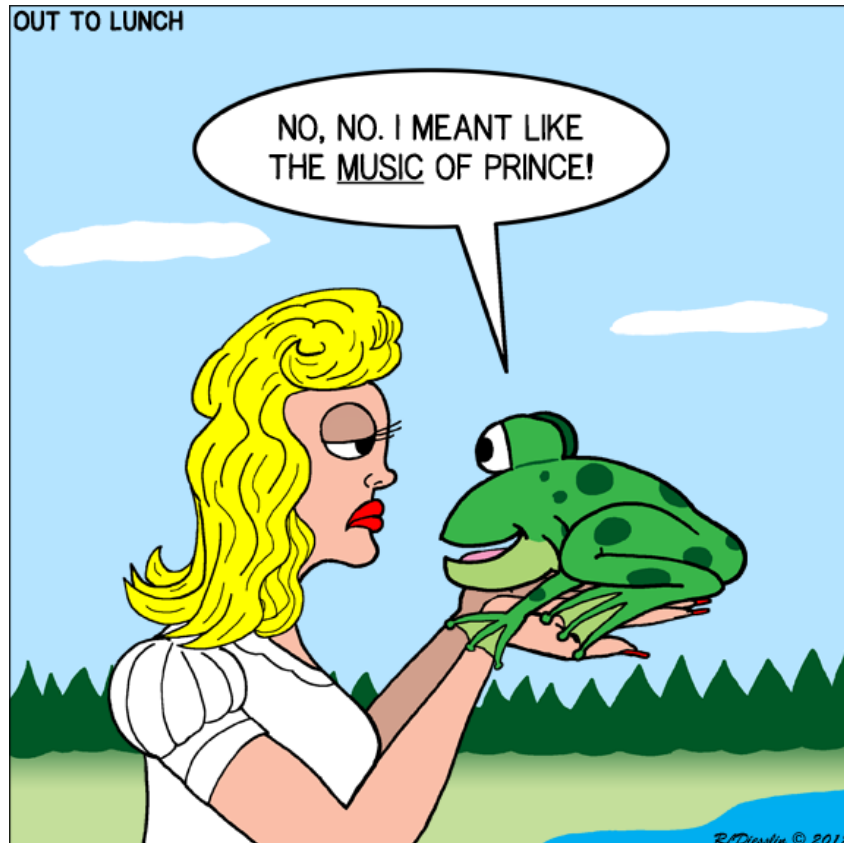
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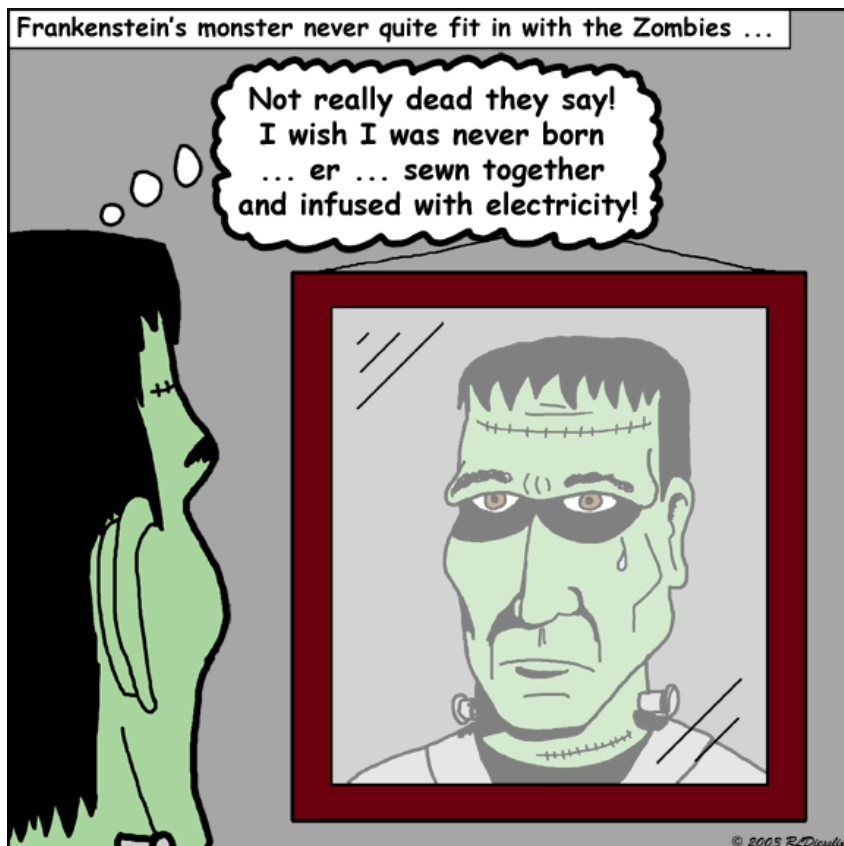
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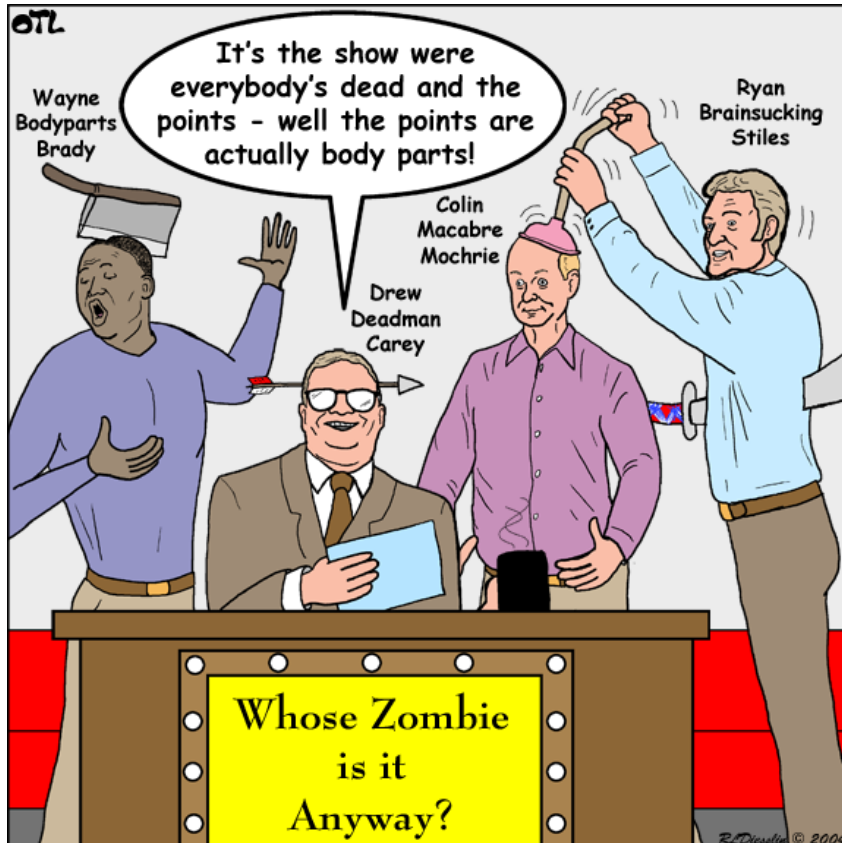
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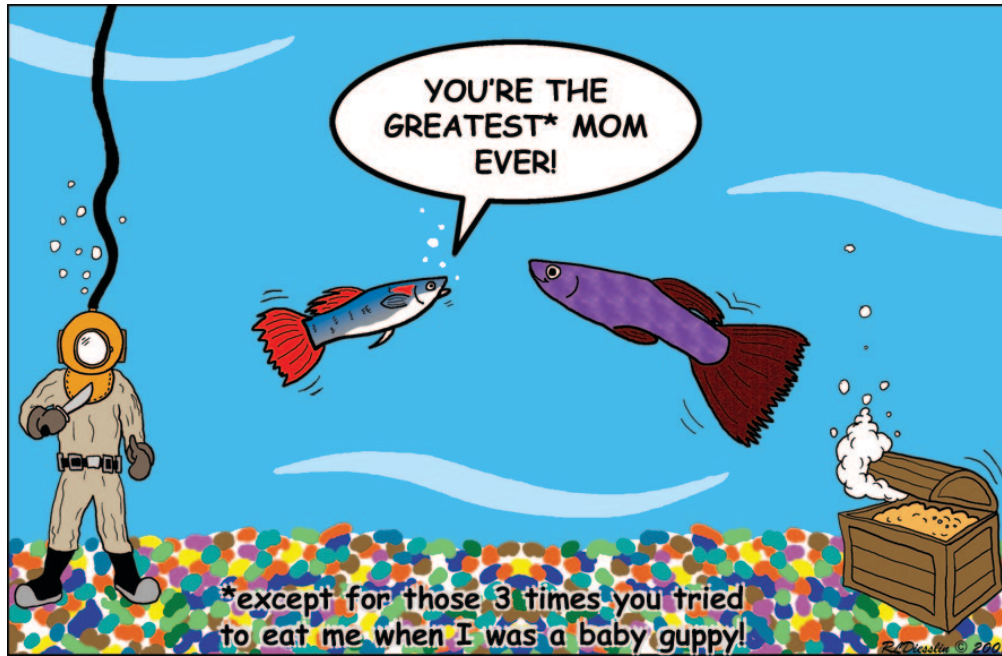


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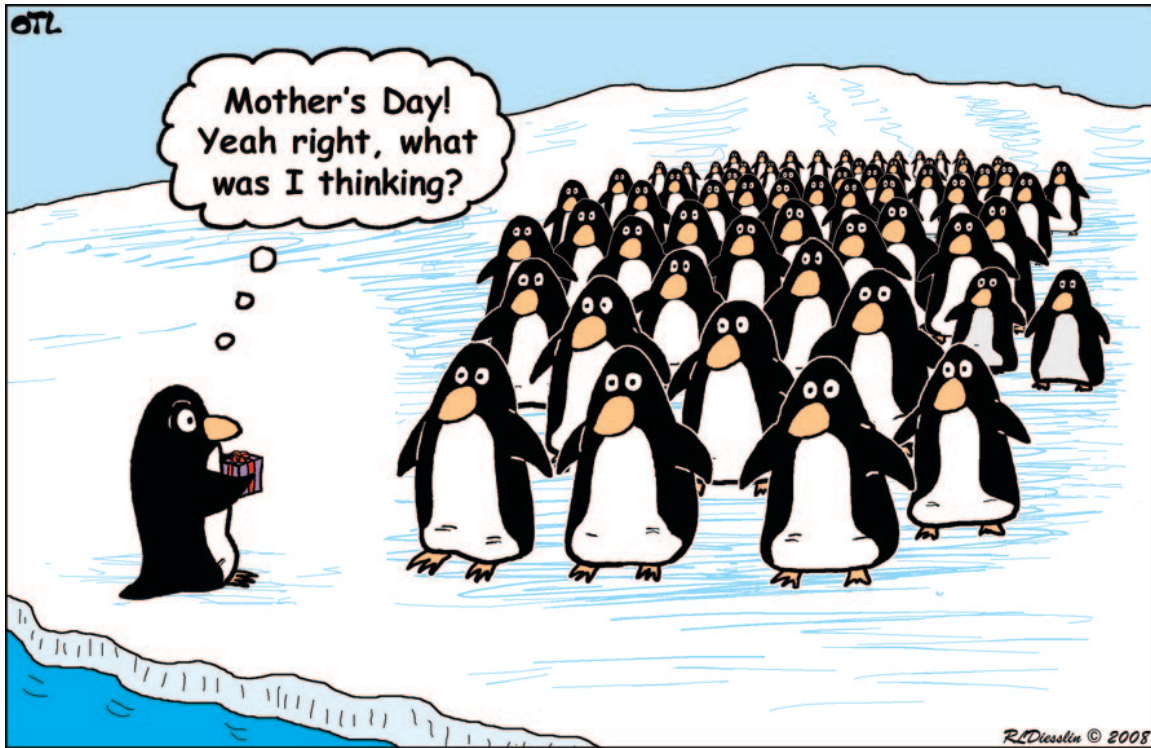
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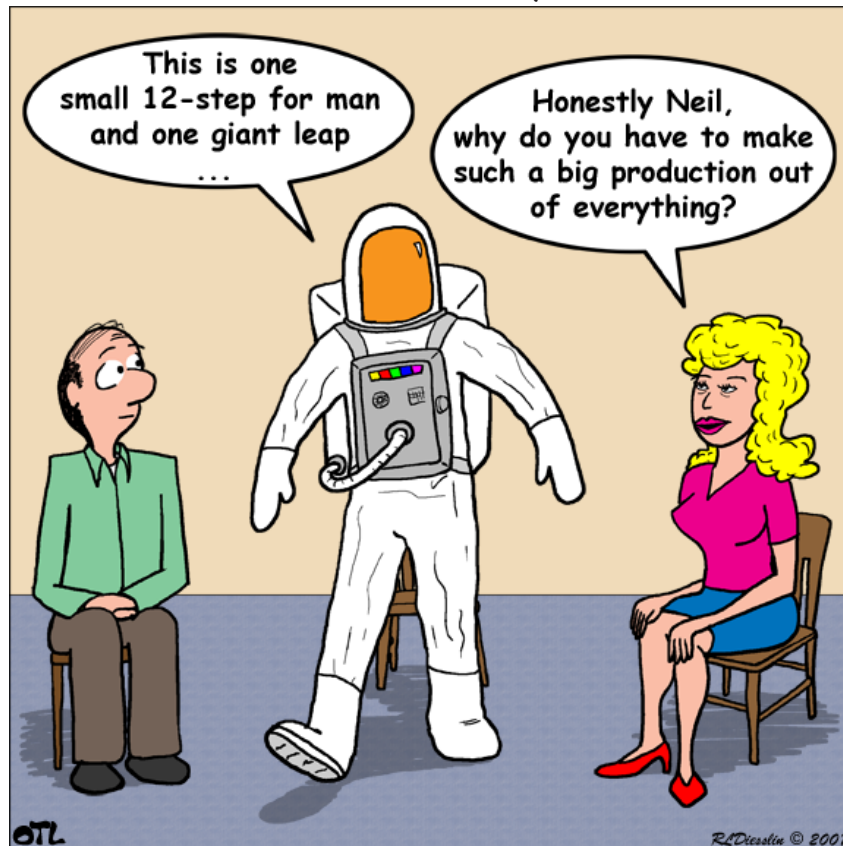


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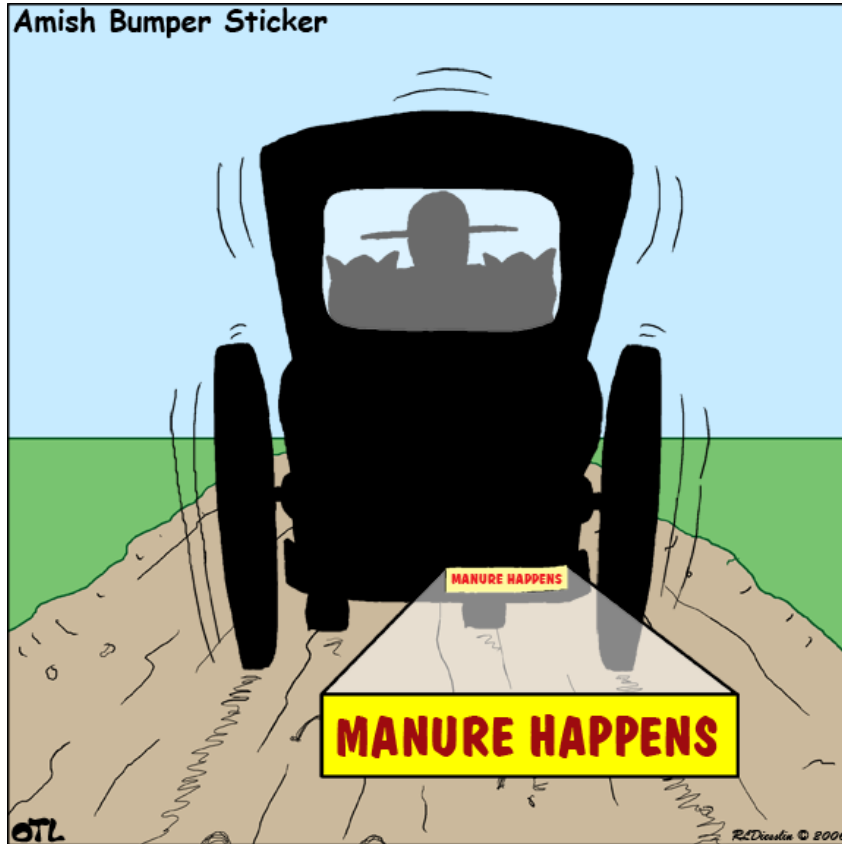


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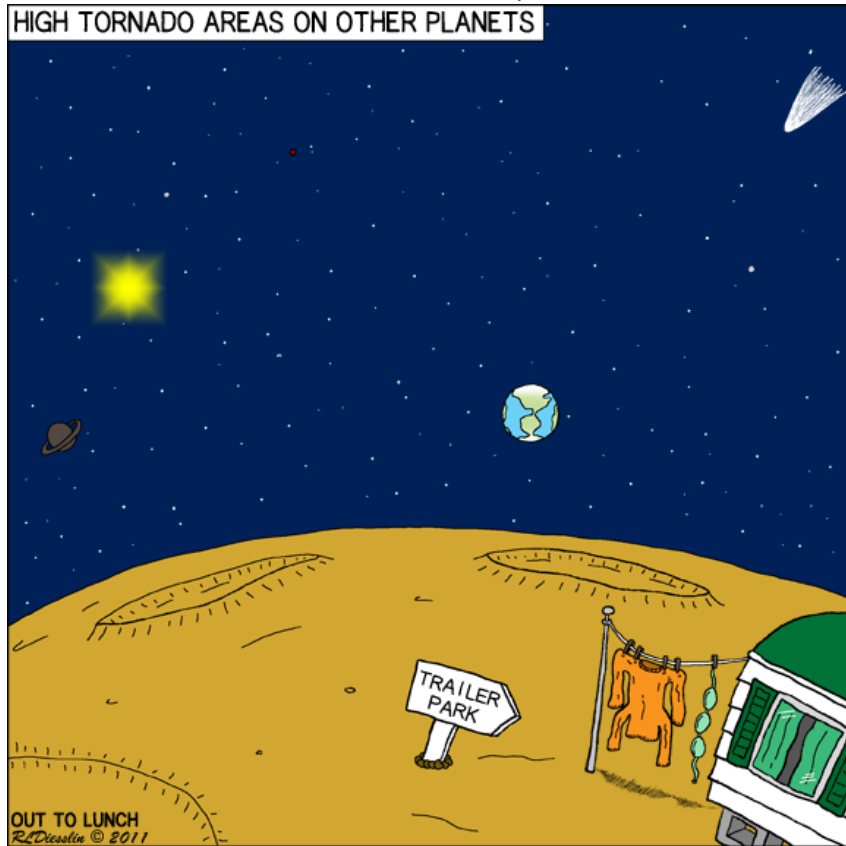
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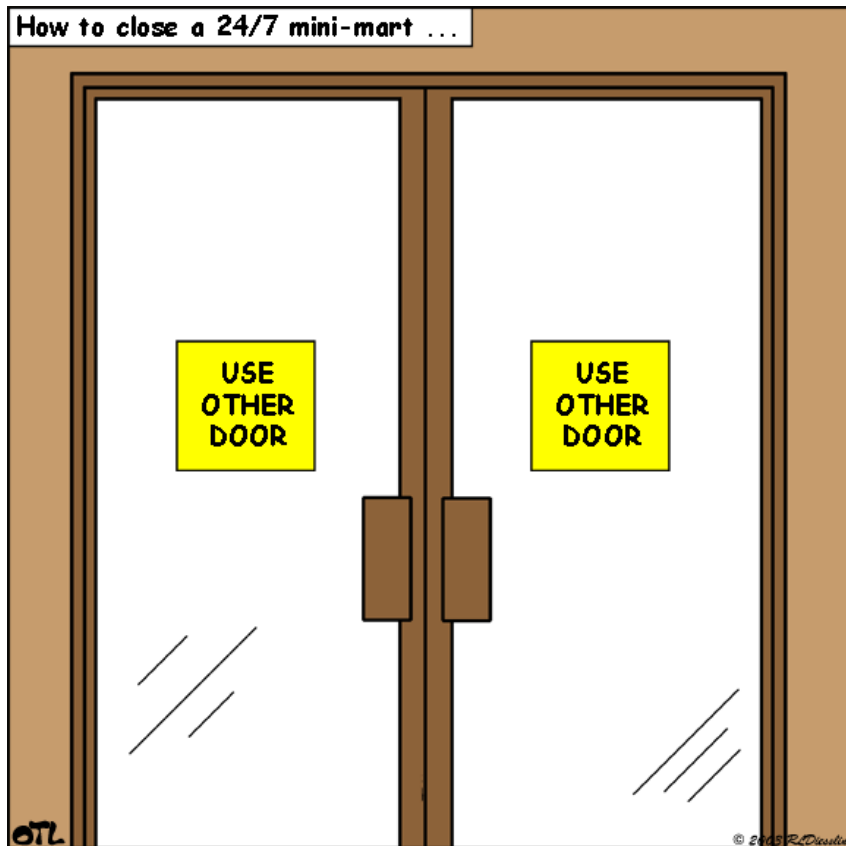
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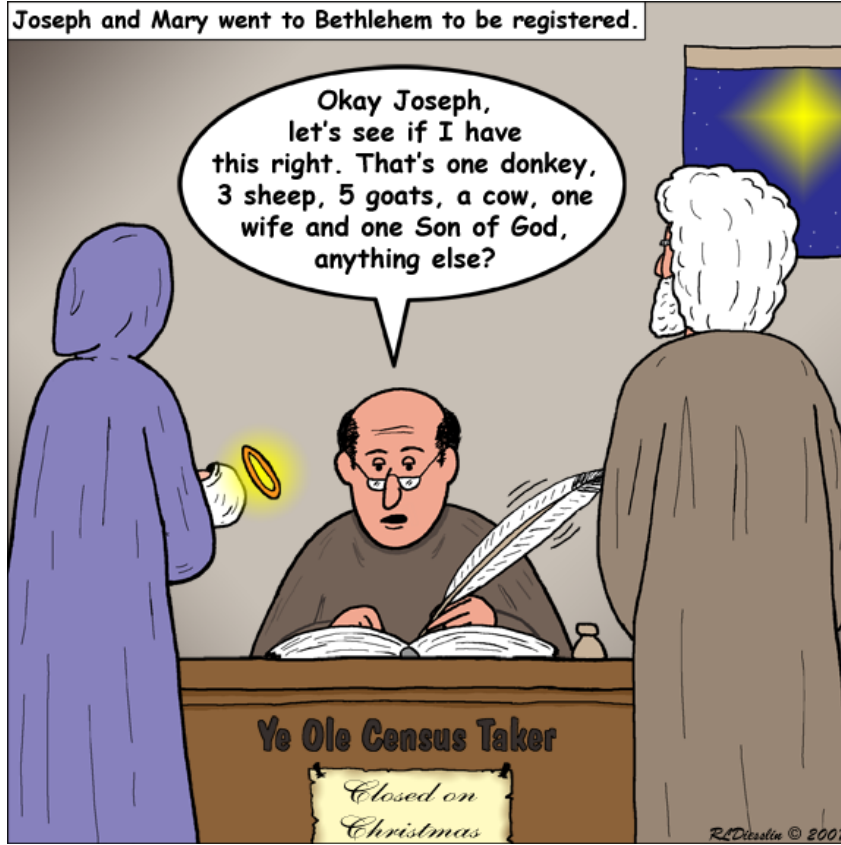


What's for Dinner Grandpa?



The True Meaning of Christmas

The Census



Gift or Public Nuisance?



Survey Says



Good Housekeeping



The End!

Cartoonist Wonders



Epilogue

Well, if you've made it to this point in the book you either liked it, didn't like it but are stubbornly dedicated, or jumped ahead. In any event, congratulations! As you can see by this vary random smattering of ideas and subjects, OTL is just that - out to lunch.

Thanks again for your interest in my cartoons! Hopefully this is the first of many more volumes of *Out to Lunch* cartoons! You can follow OTL online at www.the-cartoonist.com or maybe someday in your local paper. Most of these cartoons are also available on cheesy merchandise such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, cards, posters, clock, trivets, key chains, quilt squares, pen holders, mouse pads and more! So if you haven't wasted enough money on the book already, that might be a good way to go. Always here to help!

-Rich

Other Books by the Cartoonist

Books in Print:

The Cartoon Old Testament, Cartoons and Commentary on the Old Testament, ISBN: 978-0-9848872-0-0, Dayton:Diesslin Press, June 2011, 164p, black-and-white paperback.

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Out To Lunch

Here are some reviews by other cartoonists ...

Page through this book, *Out to Lunch, Cartoons with an Appetite for the Ridiculous*, and try not to laugh. I dare you. I couldn't do it. Perfect one liners ... hilarious throwaways, sight gags, and puns so horrific I hated myself for smiling at them. Gotta go ... going to read it again!

-**Tony Cochran**, Cartoonist of *Agnes*

Richard Diesslin manages to pack a lot into his drawings and keep the wording to a minimum – a real achievement. Many cartoonists consider a “sight gag,” where all or most of the humor is purely visual, the most accomplished type of cartoon humor of all. *Out to Lunch* offers a whole smorgasbord of cartoons.

-**Polly Keener**, cartoonist and creator of the *Hamster Alley* cartoon strip

Rich Diesslin has served up a feast of cartoons. Out of some conventional situations -- except for all those talking animals, of course -- Rich takes his appetite for a turn of a phrase or an unexpected encounter and invites us along as we all go *Out to Lunch*. Enjoy the fare!

-**Frank Pauer**, Cartoonist, Designer

Rich may be a quiet, reserved guy, but he's full of very funny and fresh ideas which you'll really enjoy in *Out to Lunch*. The book will be a welcome addition to my collection. You should add it to yours!

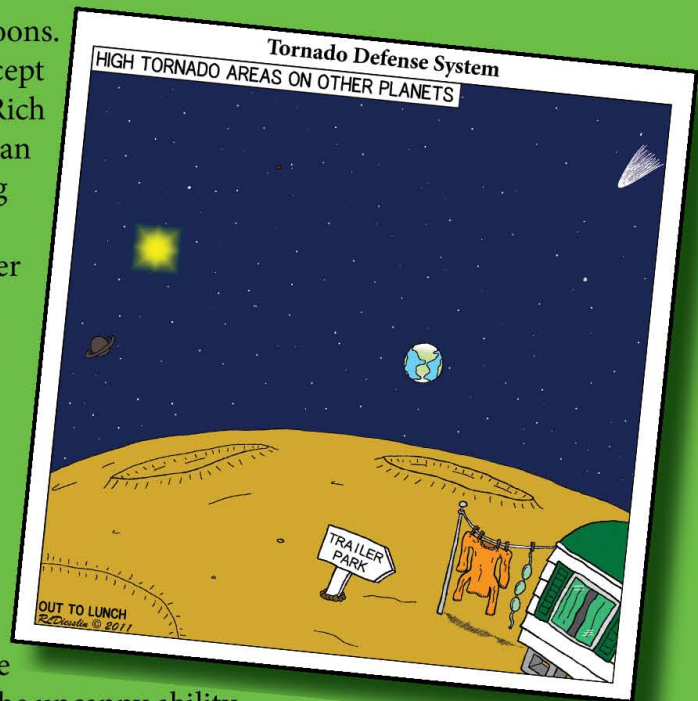
-**Jerry Dowling**, Cartoonist/Illustrator

If Rich Diesslin wasn't a cartoonist, he should have been a baseball player because he is constantly out in left field! Rich has the uncanny ability to turn a gag on it's ear and blind side you. In a world of homogenous cartoon books I think you will find Rich's humor a welcome change of pace.

-**Graham Nolan**, Cartoonist, *Sunshine State*, *Rex Morgan*

Out to Lunch is a fitting title for this collection of hilariously wacky comic panels. Rich has done a fine job of tapping into his inner-goofball and creating a fine menagerie of silliness we can all identify with.

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