



UNFIT FOR SYNDICATION


Kim & Jason

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 On November 30, 2005, I submitted Kim & Jason to the five major syndicates. It was the third time I approached them since I began this little journey in the fall of 2000. As of this writing, Kim & Jason can be found in about a dozen newspapers, and over one hundred small independent newsletters. But If one hopes to get published with the big boys, syndication is the only realistic route.

So you package up about six weeks of your best work, include a short cover letter and character description, and hope for the best. The syndicates get thousands of submissions a year; of those, they choose one or two to promote. Clearly, Vegas boasts better odds. It didn't take very long for the standard form rejection letters to start rolling in...five in all.

The frustrating thing is the lack of feedback. Understandably, it would be an overwhelming task to critique each submission that comes in. It leaves me to wonder: Does my writing need work? Is it not "edgy" enough? Is the art subpar? Does it not fit the demographic they're looking to target? Ultimately, it all comes down to one thing: for one reason or another, the syndicate big wigs deem Kim & Jason unfit for syndication.

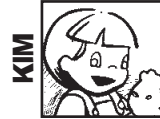
That's ok. I'm having too much fun and getting too much positive feedback from readers all over the world to quit now. This book contains the very strips I sent out to the syndicates in 2005 (plus a few more for good measure.) Maybe they don't fit the bill for the powers that be, but I do hope YOU enjoy them. That's what really matters.



theCAST



The real Kim and Jason, in the studio with the real Stinky. You can read the couple's online blogs at www.KimandJason.com



KIM

Kim is a spunky little girl who is a bundle of innocence, unabashed confidence, and hopeless naiveté. She has the ability to pare down complex issues into tidy and logical, albeit misguided, explanations.



JASON

Jason is a little boy with hair as wild as his imagination. Kim's best friend is smart but often shy and anxious; and usually enveloped in a world of dreams and fantasy. He strives to save the world from evil as Super J, a confident and fearless superhero with 3D glasses.



KATIE

Katie is Kim's seventh grade older sister. To Kim and Jason, she is evil incarnate, the quintessential older sibling who knows everything and tells all, never hesitating to manipulate them to do her will.



BOOMPA

Boompa is Kim's grandfather and provides wise and witty answers to life's most challenging questions. A retired carpenter, he always takes time to honor the kids' questions, stories, and ramblings.



STINKY

Stinky is Kim's favorite stuffed animal, a skunk reeking of Old Spice. Although inanimate and unable to communicate audibly, Stinky has a remarkably distinguished taste and outlook on life. A connoisseur of the finer things in life, he has an opinion on pretty much everything.

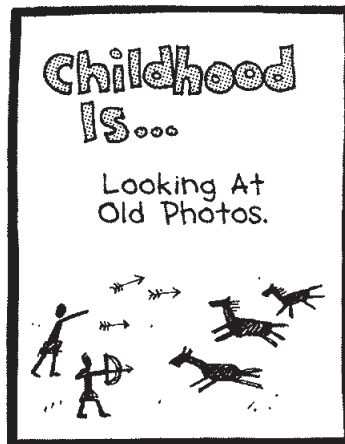


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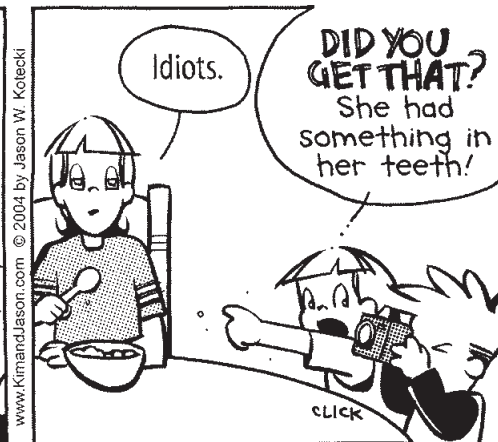
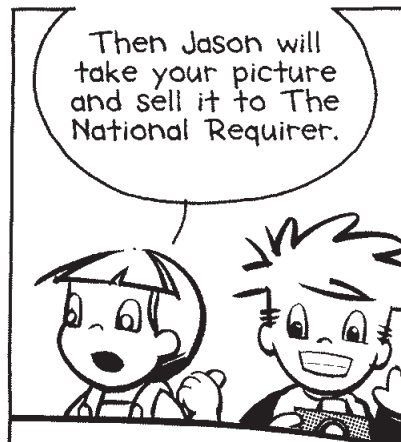
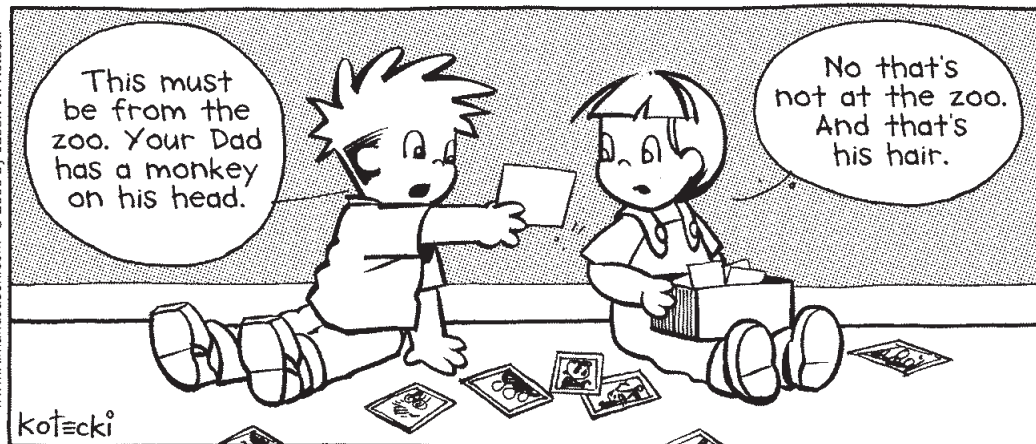


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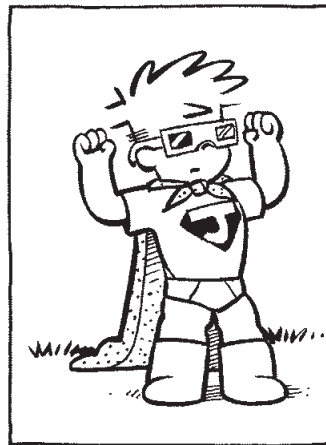
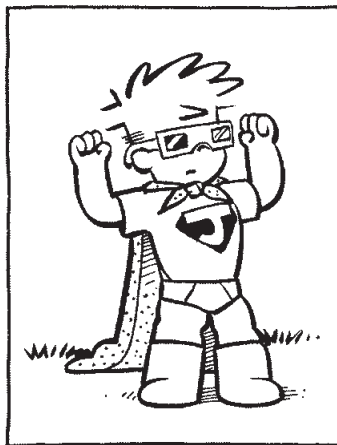




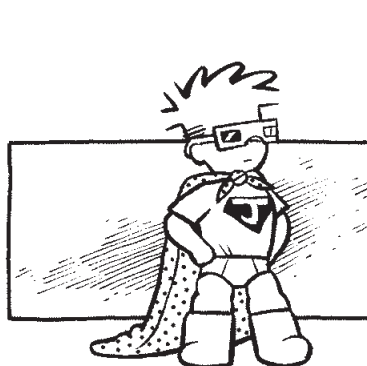
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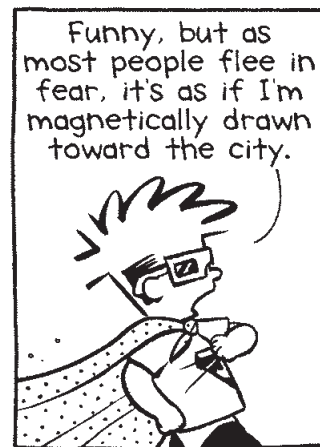


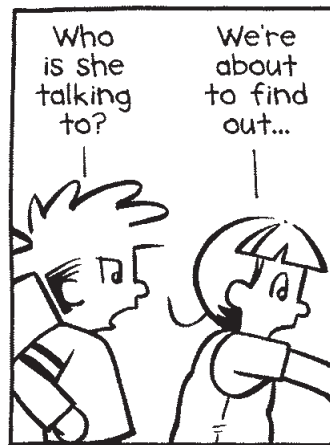
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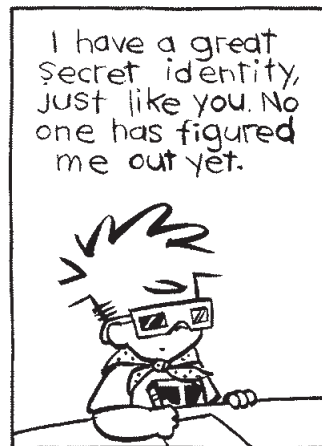
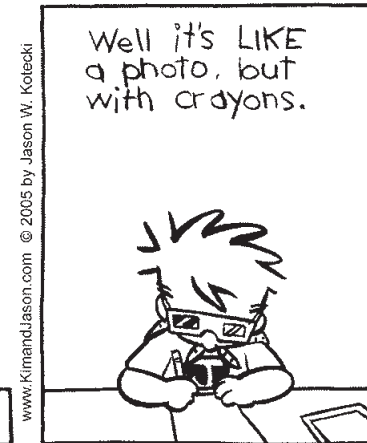
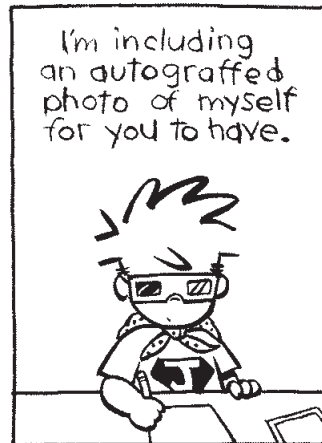
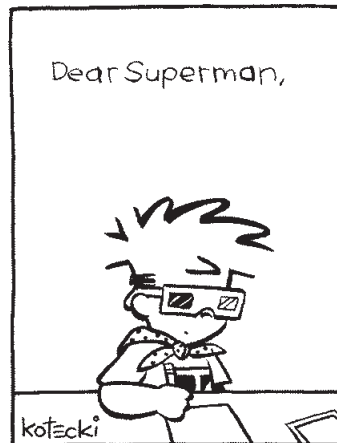


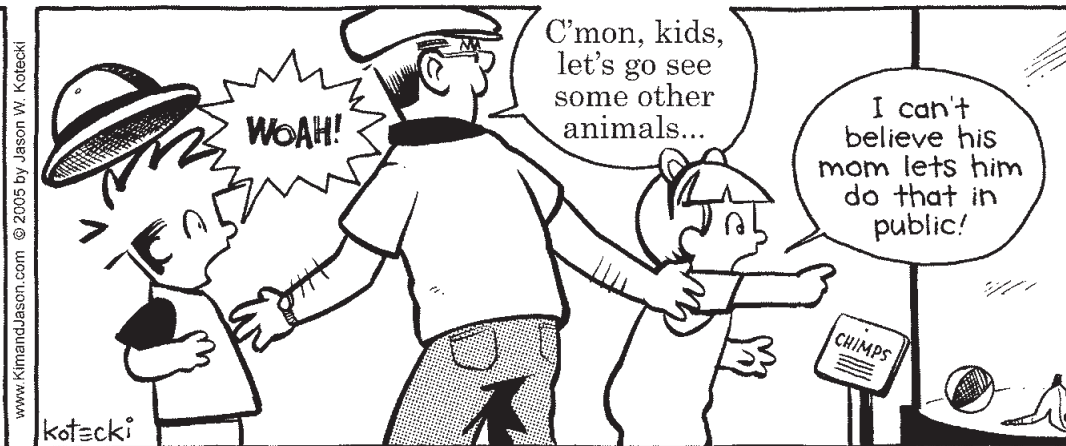
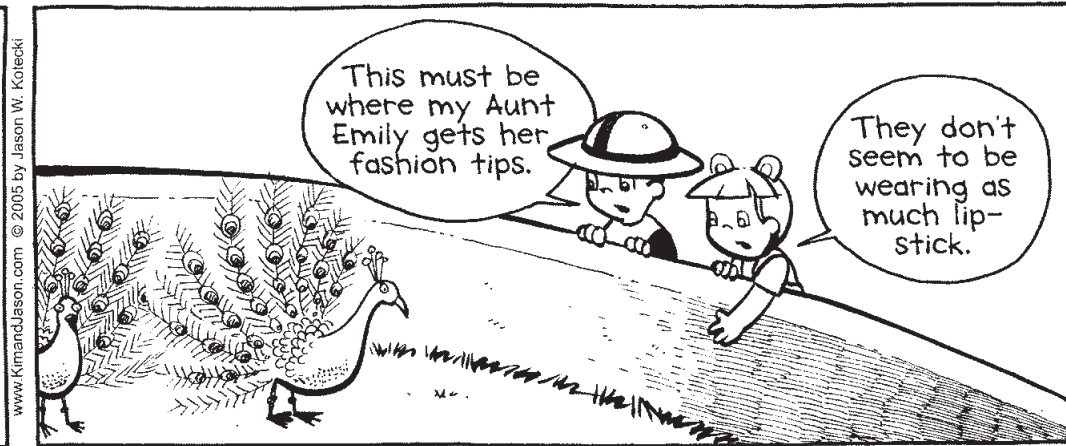
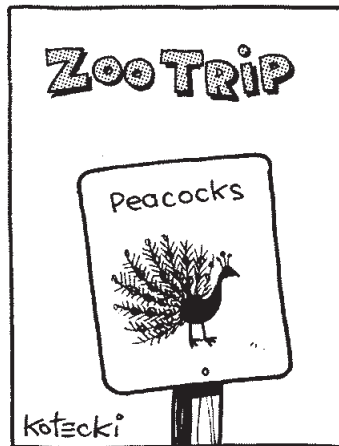
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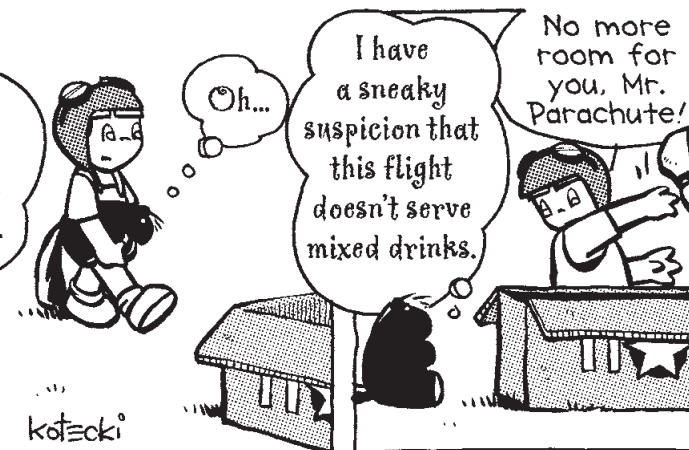


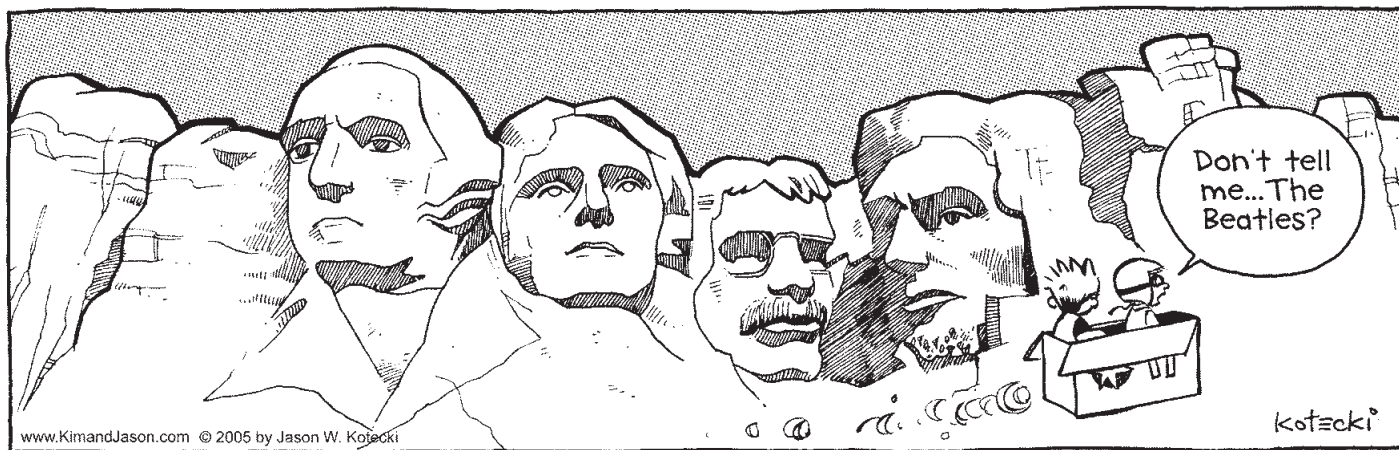
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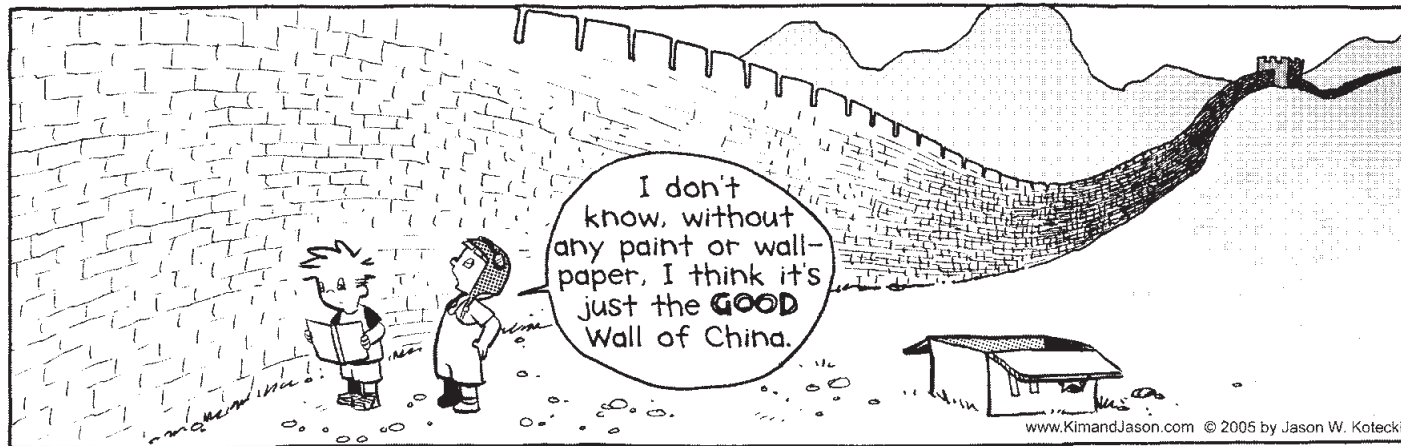


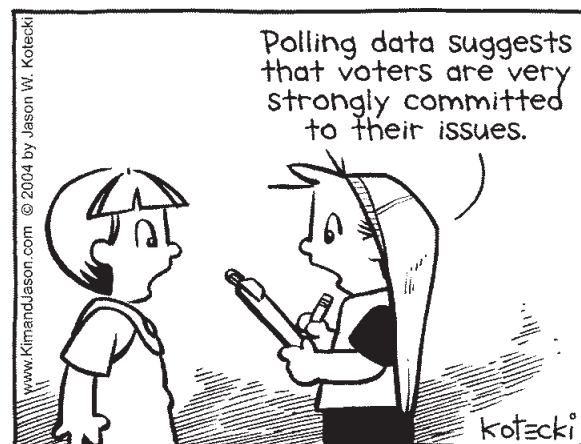
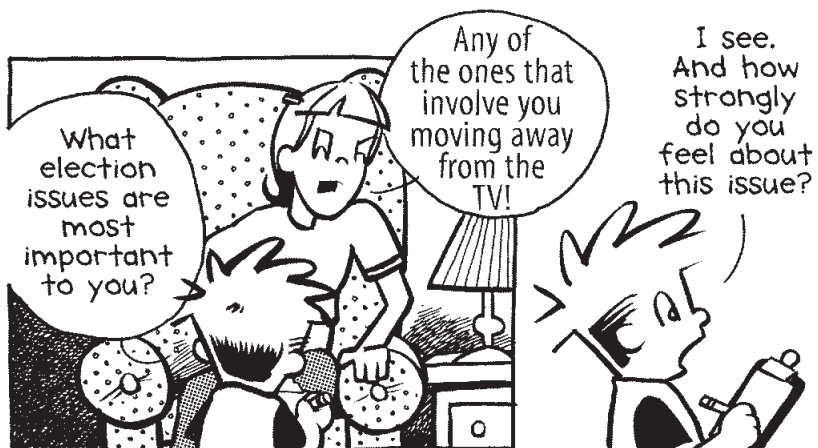
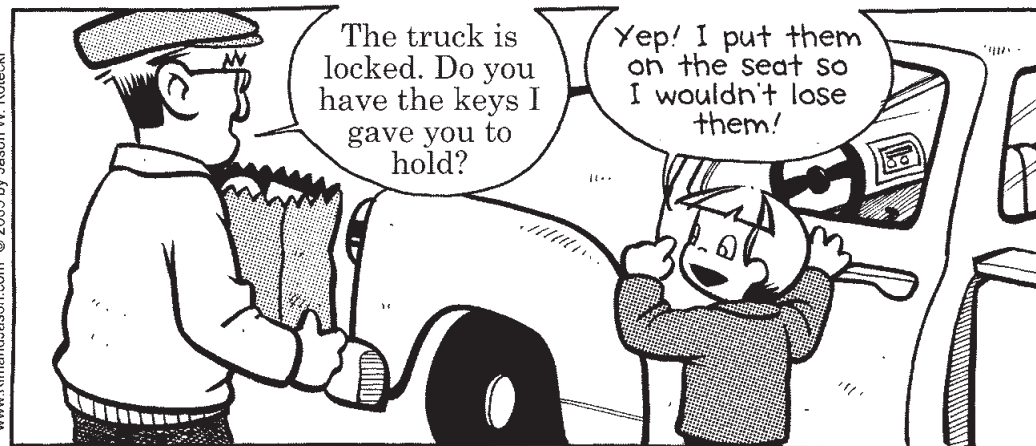


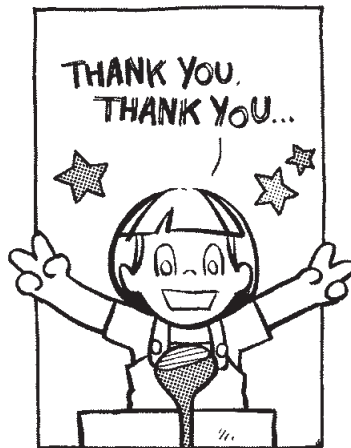




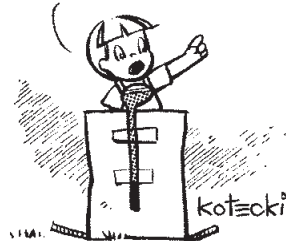






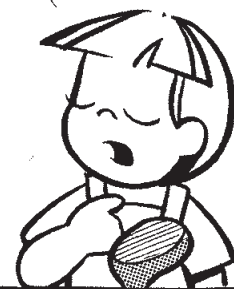


If I'm elected
President, we'll have
higher bed times,
less chores, and no
broccoli. **I PROMISE!**



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Cross my heart
and hope to die...



Stick a needle
in my eye!



How about "Vote
For Kim, Or You're
Stupid."

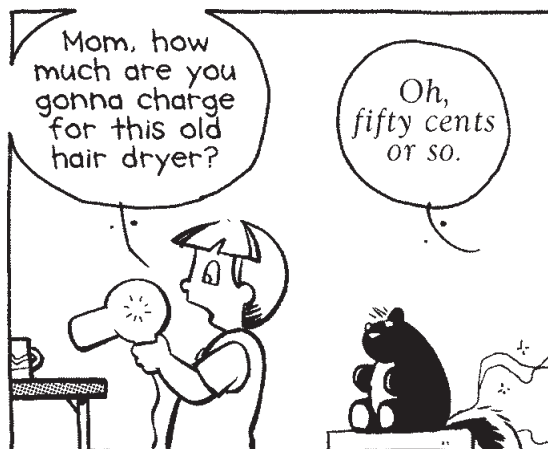
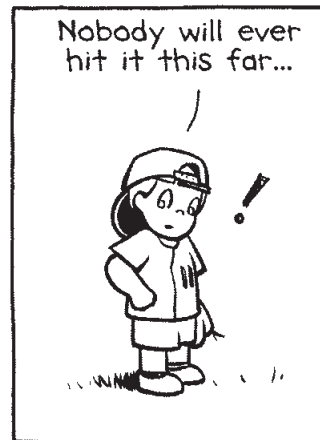


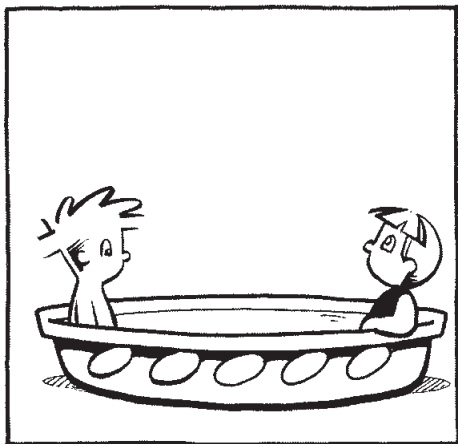
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like you calling
them all stupid.

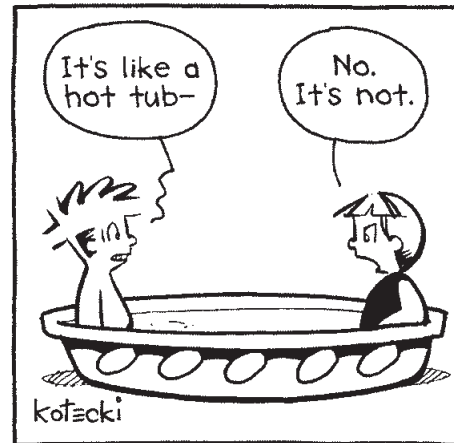
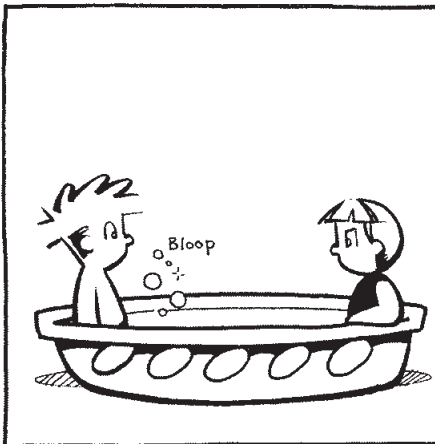
Not all of them.
Just the stupid
ones who don't
vote for me.

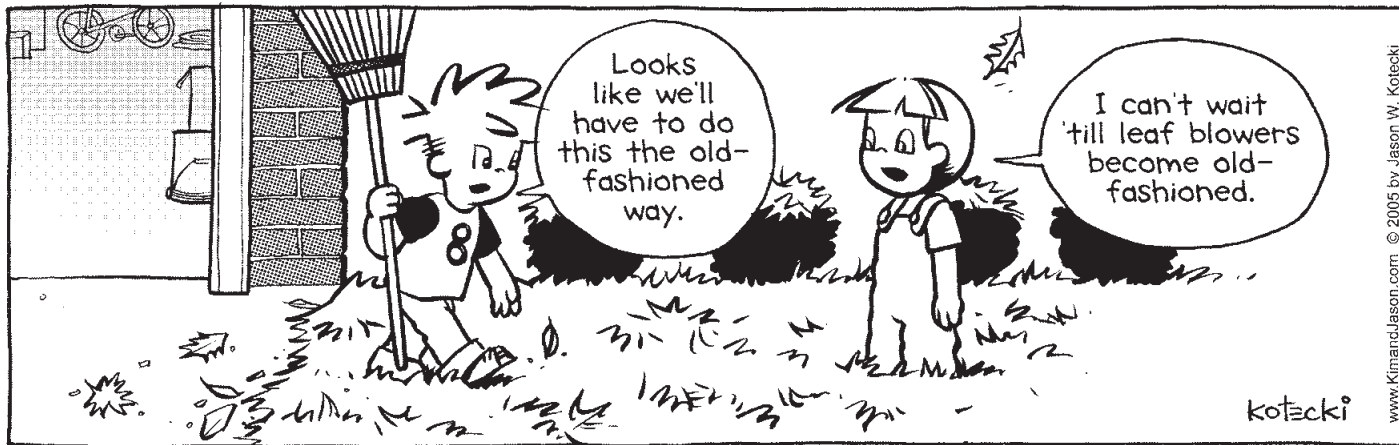






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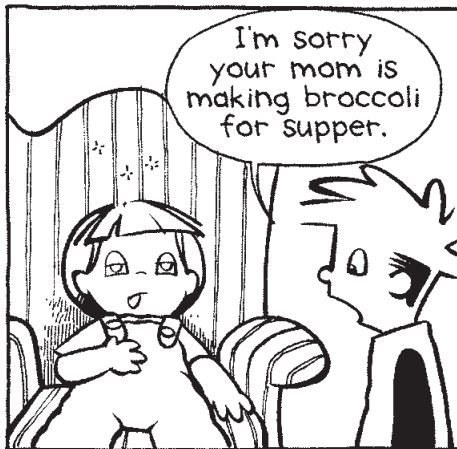




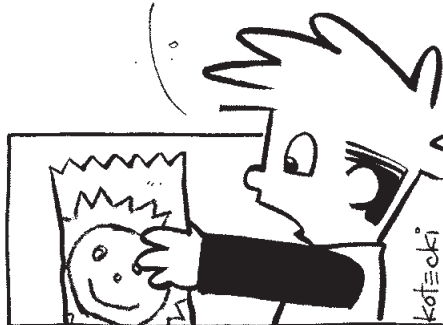
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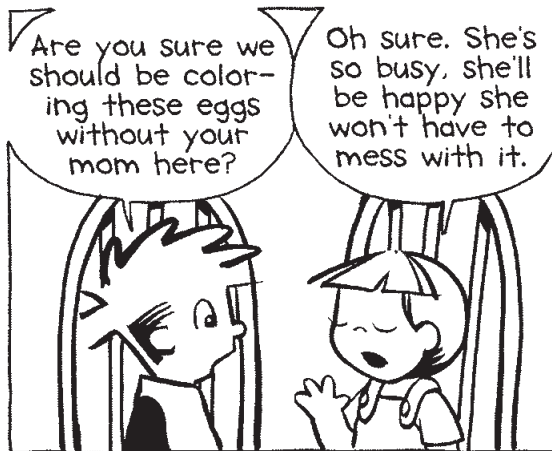


So I made something to cheer you up.



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