

the
Idleness is the
Devil's Workshop
Sketchbook

by dr. bob

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COAST-TO-COAST RAVES for dr. bob's new book of humor

" A rare and exceptional new talent with a keen ability to express the lighter side of the human condition."

- East Hoboken Weekly Safeway Sale Circular

" A breath of fresh air in the greeting card business ... even better than spray air freshener "

- Omaha Independent Card Review

" Cash for Trash- if only our garbage were as marketable as this ... "

- Cleveland Sanitation Department

" A fine example of the defusing of a potentially dangerous scientific mind... if only Von Braun had spent a little more of his time doodling. "

- Science for Peace Newsletter

" dr. bob is not merely talented , he is bold , resourceful and intensely precise with a few simple strokes of a ball point pen ... first time , every time. "

- Bic Corporation Annual Stakeholder Report

" An artistic genius unparalleled in this century. "

- artist's parents

" We wouldn't publish this guy's stuff if he paid us. "

- South African edition of Playboy

DEDICATION

This volume is dedicated to Mr. Hester and Mrs. Kiesel, two fine human beings who provided the inspiration which led to its completion and who nearly turned me into an alcoholic.

PREFACE

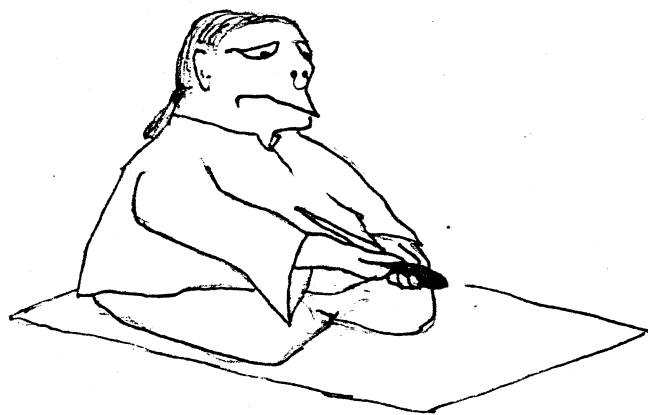
This collection of dr. bob drawings is the first of its kind, put together especially for Herr Ulrich Kiesel in honor of his twenty-ninth birthday so that someday far in the future when I'm neither a famous physicist nor a famous cartoonist this friend of mine can say "I knew that guy when he still had a hint of talent. Boy did he blow it."

-dr. bob

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

It isn't often that a humorist's first work receives such widespread critical acclaim and popular success as has the first edition of this sketchbook. Several pieces of the artist's earlier Italian period have been included, partly to provide insight into the style of his later West German period, which is represented here, but mostly ~~as~~ a flimsy excuse to justify hiking the price of this book by such an outrageous amount. We were all saddened by the sudden and tragic demise of Dr. Bob when he was crushed by a plummeting iceblock resulting from the accidental discharge of sanitary wastes from a passing 747 while jogging, especially since we were hoping to make a killing on his future books.

- the publisher



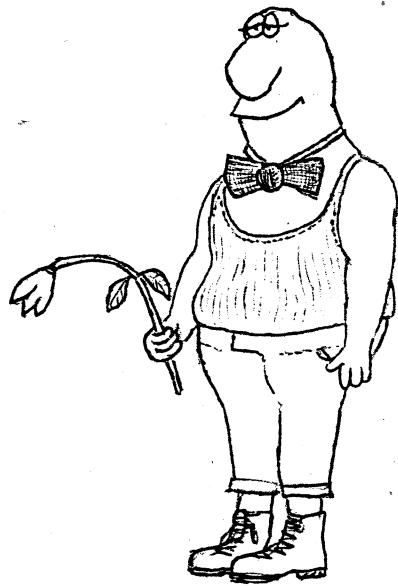
I forgot your birthday.
Does that mean I have to do the honorable thing?



Birthdays may not be anything to get excited
about anymore.
But they are still special.
I hope yours was for you.

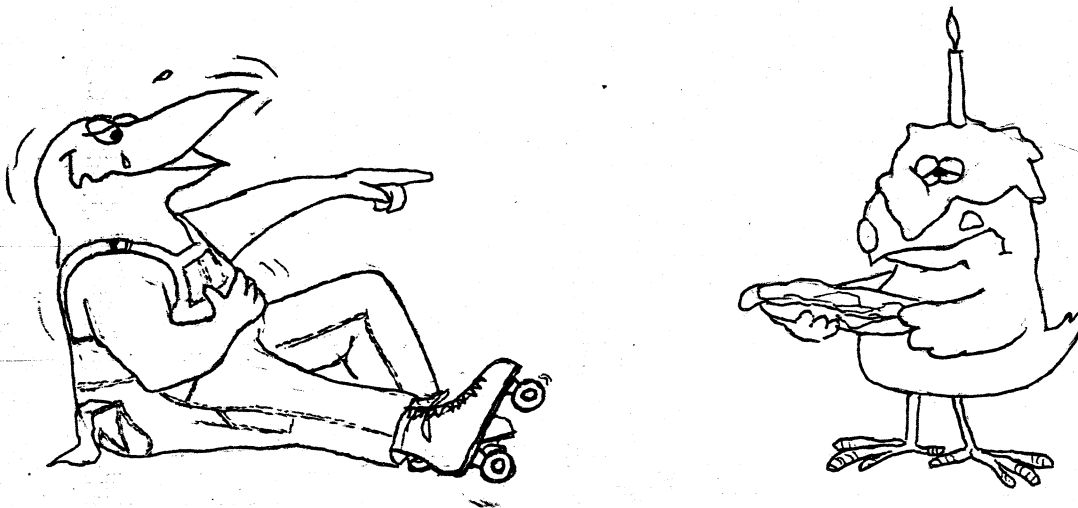
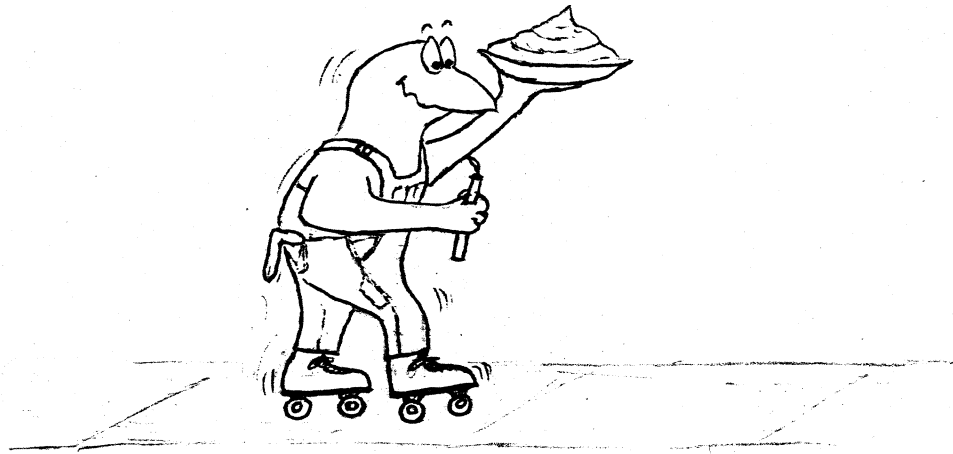
- bob

Original mailed ESPRESSO January 7.



With friends like me you're lucky you didn't decide on a
black tie birthday party

You're lucky I wasn't around during your birthday



'cuz I've thought up a new birthday surprise.

Hope it went well even without my help.

Dear Karin, Jay, Barry, Kathy, Mom, Barbara, Pam, Jimmy, Bob, Laurie, Richard, Pat, Zeke, Dad, Leah, Brad, Valerie, Gram, Vicki, Jeff, Sandy, Jonathon, April, Mike, Tom, Gramp, Henry, Gail, Dave, Kristen, Paul, Claudia, Paul, Emily, Dan, Stan, Michele, Grandma, Kavita, Edith, John, Melba, Rick, Ron, Deanna, Dennis, Linda, Karen, Jason, Abe, Cece, Steve, Kathleen, Judy, Nancy, Nadia, Daniele, Luigi, Mirella, Pado, Eleana, Gloria, Oscar, Carlo, Nicoletta, Marzia, Frances, Pina, Luisella, Roberta, Carroll, Dino, Edoardo, Anna, Maria, Michele, Valeria, Manlio, Gabriella, Chiara, Graham, Laura, Giovanni, Teresa, Tiziana, Rita, Pada, Claire, Gerrard, Adriano, Maria Lettizia, Francesco, Anna Maria, Ursula, Elisabeth, Dagmar, Tino, Remo, Misao, Kikuko, Akihiro, Alexei, Leon, Orlando, Amleto,

Finally it had to come to this, the photocopy letter. I've just been too busy doing many serious and important things (see illustration for example) while being frequently interrupted by my various international movements, not to mention other types of movements.* There are many of you out there and I haven't forgotten you. I'm just getting swamped by your sheer numbers. I hope you understand.



Finalmente doveva venire a questa, la lettera da fotocopia. Sono stato troppo occupato facendo molte cose serie e importanti (vedi il disegno per un esempio) mentre i miei vari movimenti internazionali (e non parlo di altri tipi di movimenti)** mi interrompevano frequentemente. Siete molti e non ho dimenticato di voi. È solo che siete tanti che ho difficoltà in scrivere a voi. Spero che capiate.

* urban and national, for example

** urbani e nazionali per esempio

Greetings from Munich

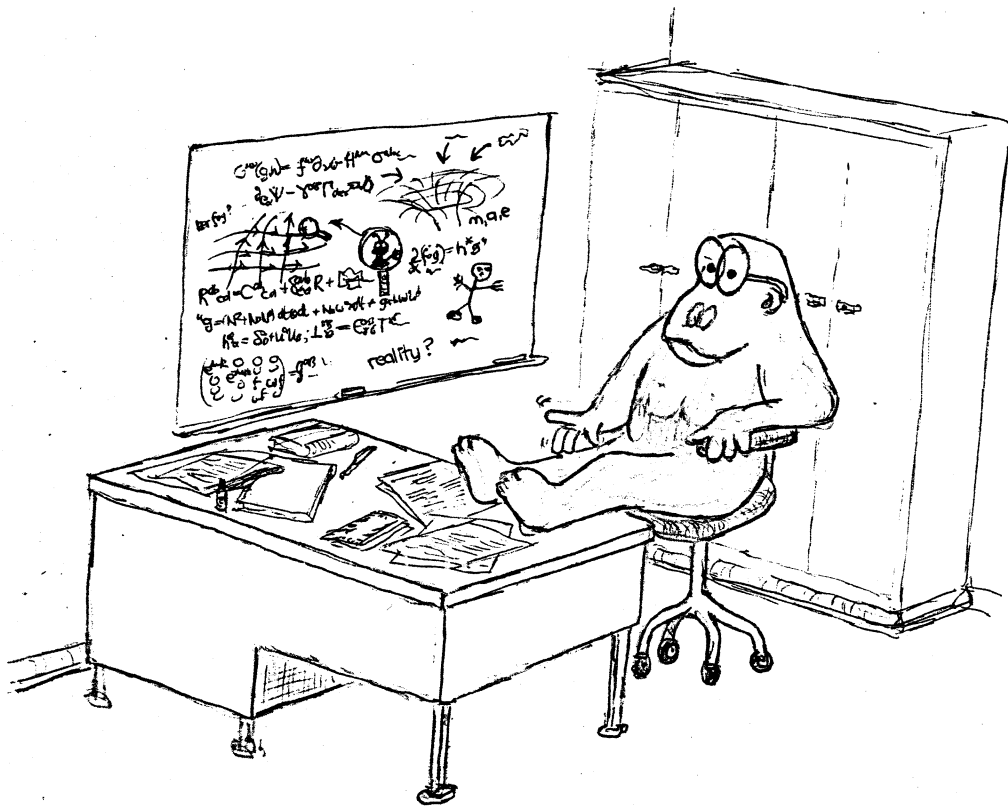
Ciao da Monaco



Horney jogger with sexy target in sight.



Say "cheese" ?



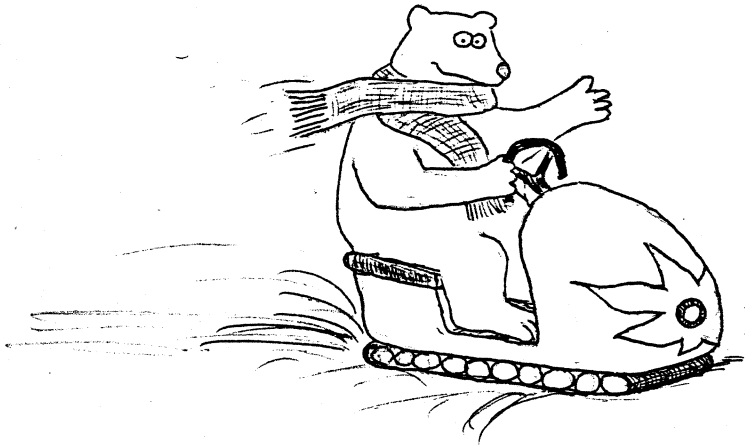
Maybe we should have stayed in the trees



You can find every kind of perversion in the City



just scored with Eve



Returning from Goldilock's Massage Parlor

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1234 Main St.
BOSTON, MA 02111

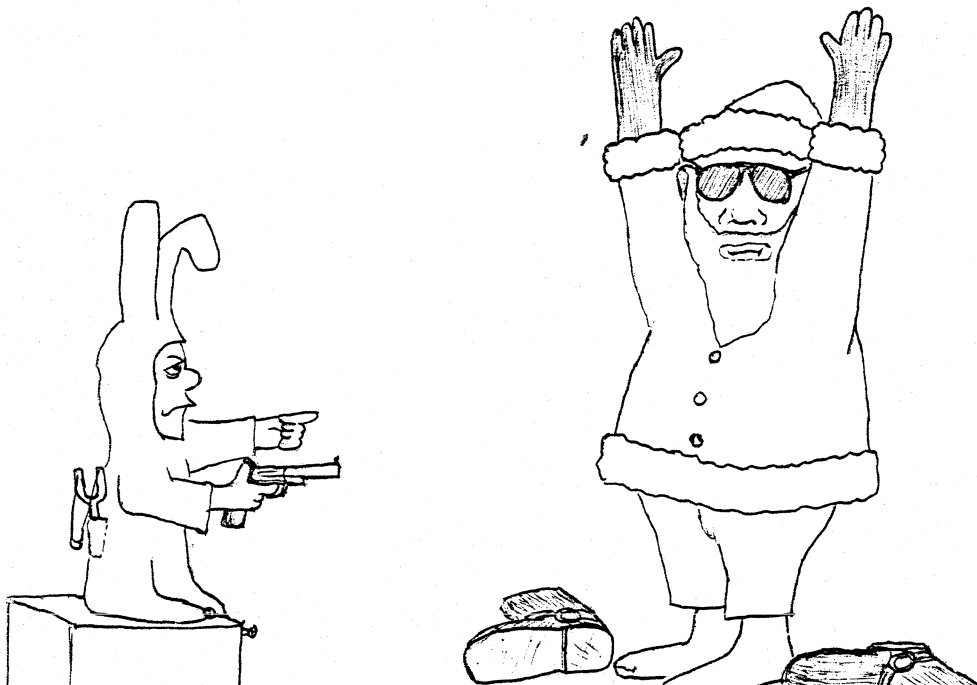


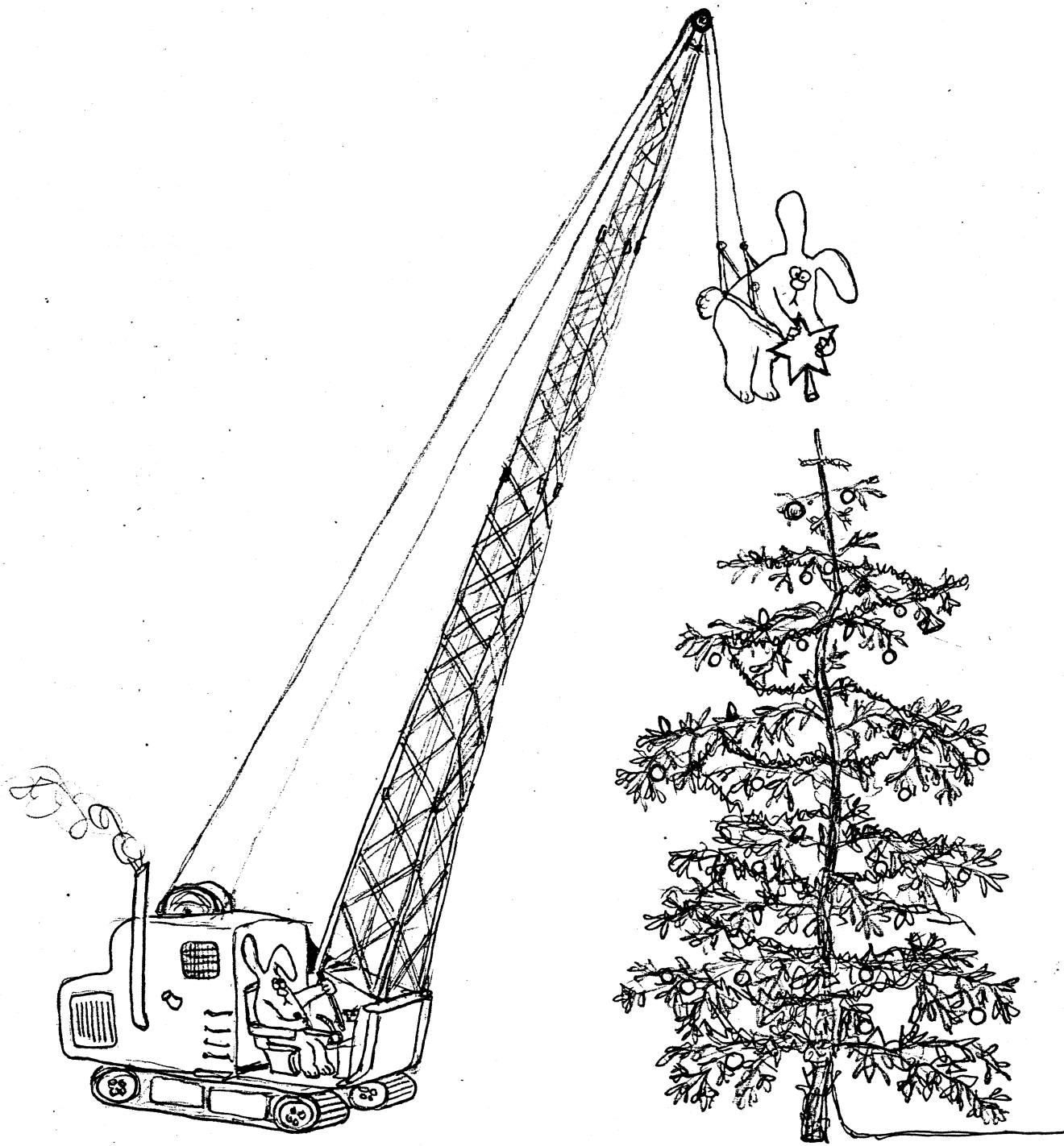
Jimmy Carter meets Dudley Doright



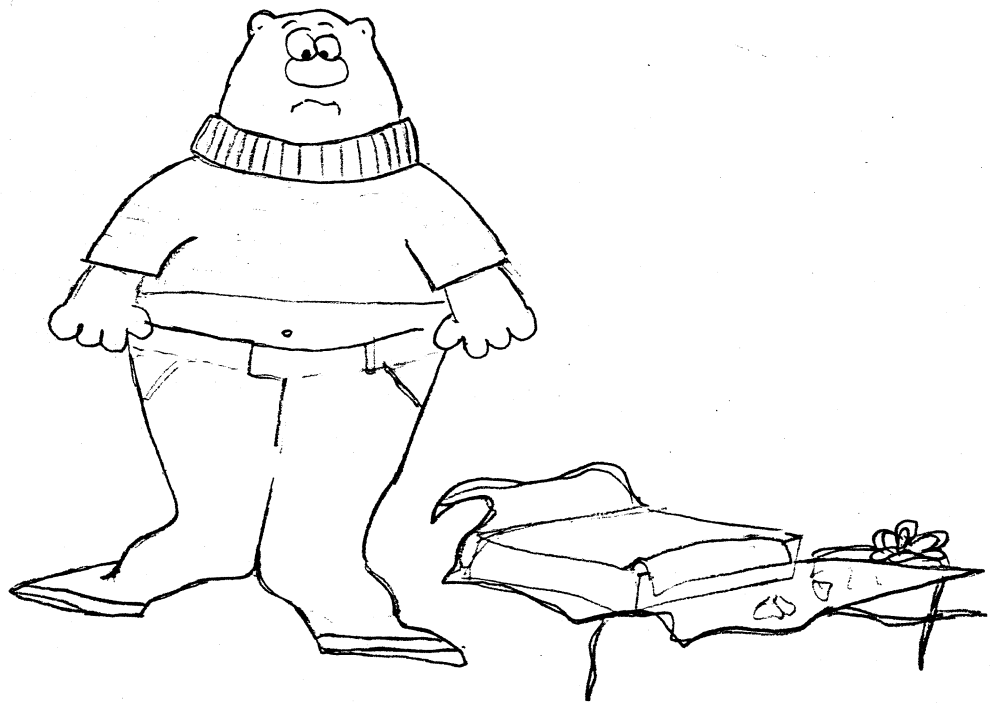
CHRISTMAS
SORT OF SNUCK BY ME
THIS YEAR

HOPE IT DIDN'T GET PAST YOU

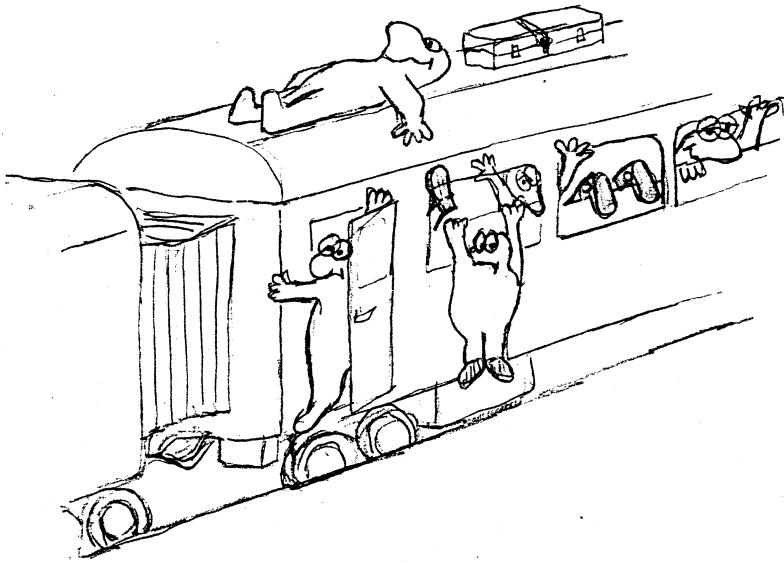




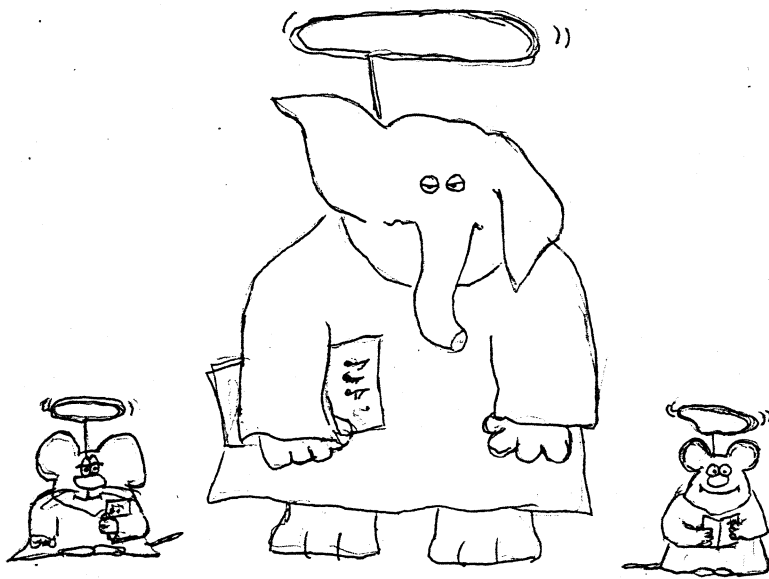
Getting ready for Christmas



guessed sizes



Stazione Termini, Rome, leaving for the south
just before Christmas



There's one in every crowd



Wait-Watchers candidate



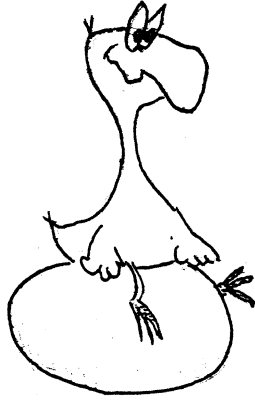
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famous film star incognito





Sitting on something big



a difference of opinion

1. The first opinion
2. The second opinion
3. The third opinion

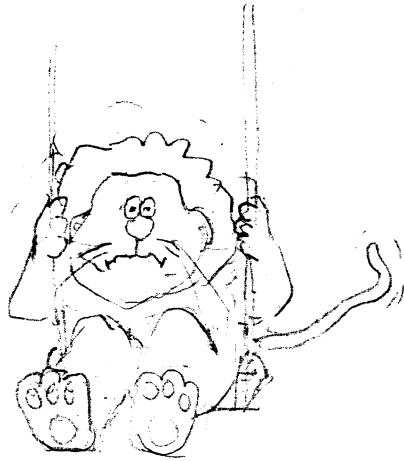




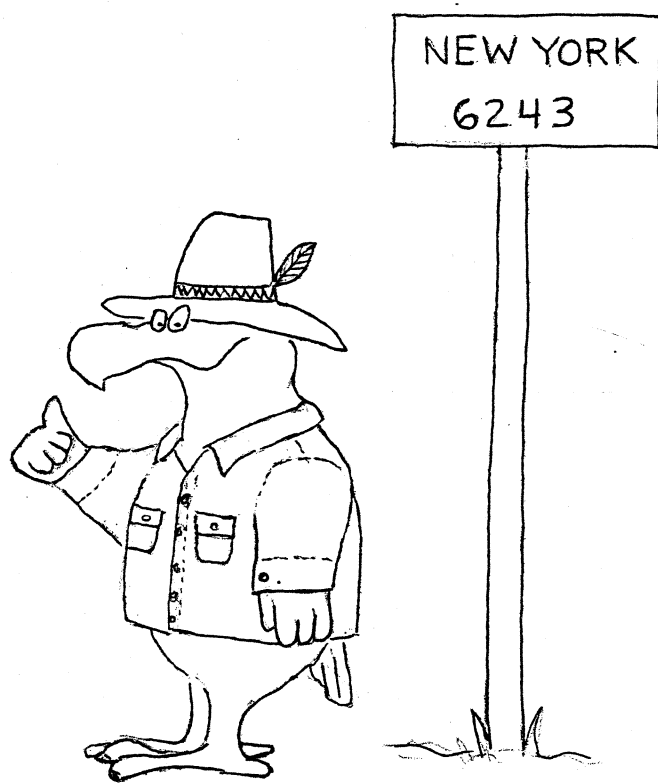
shy suiter



Better under the weather than under the ground



caught swinging in the children's playground



why wing it when you've got a thumb



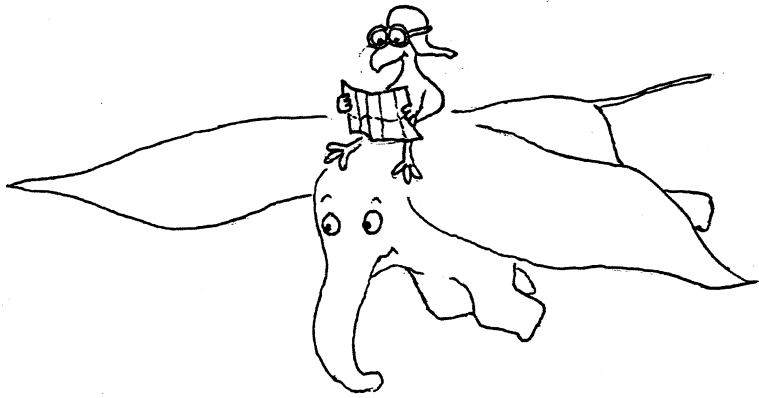
second thoughts



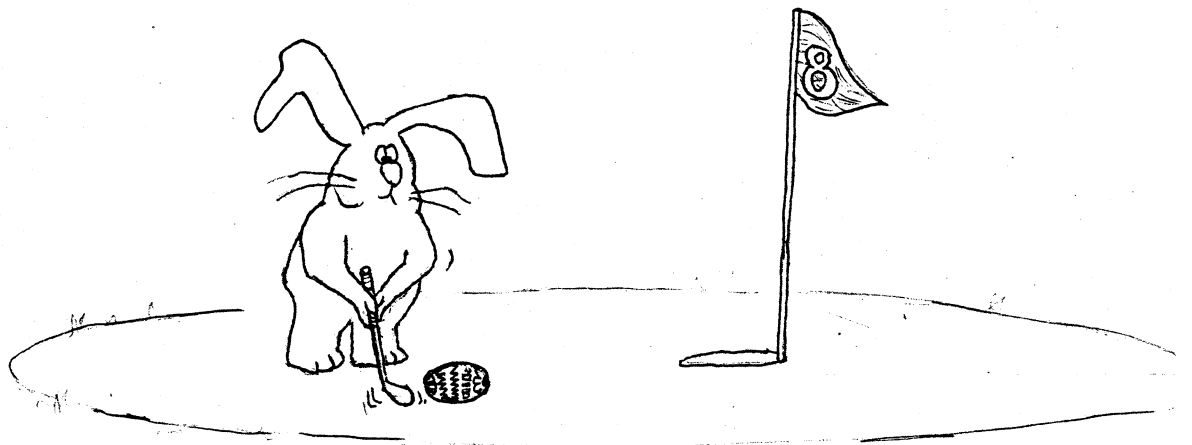
Kentucky Fried Sheriff



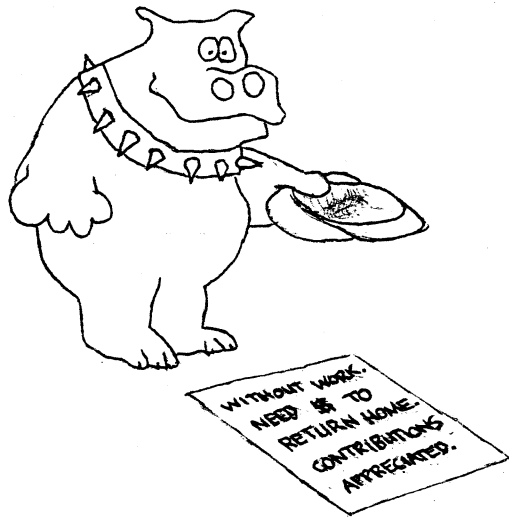
What's up ?



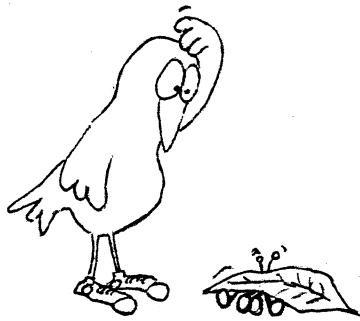
It's always easier if you take somebody along to read
the road map as long as they don't shit on your head



DID YOU KNOW A RABBIT IS CALLED A GOLF IN EUROPE?
(a VW Rabbit, that is)



Maybe you've been wandering where Fido's been getting those
big steak bones lately



Three's a crowd

ATTENTI AL CANE !!



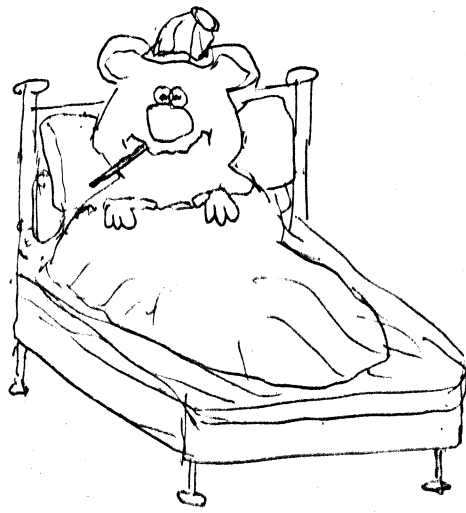
Prima di aver preso il caffè
della mattina, ho difficoltà a
sembrare pericoloso...

Honestly, before I've had my
morning coffee I have a hard time
looking vicious...

BEWARE OF VICIOUS DOG

The way to the top is easier for some than others...





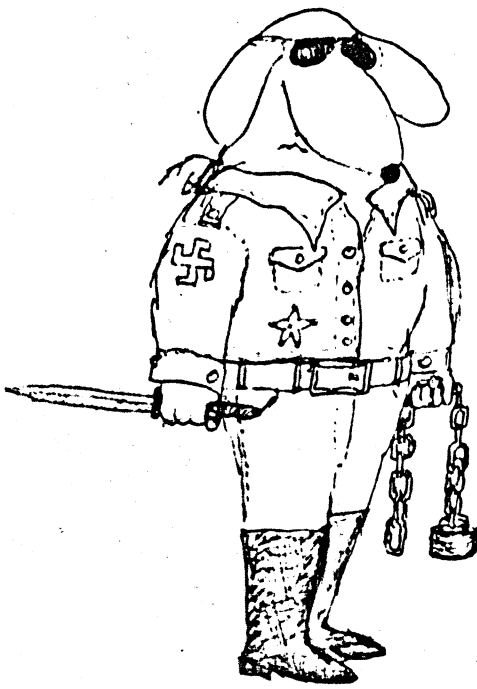
Guess what I got for Christmas...

Sick.

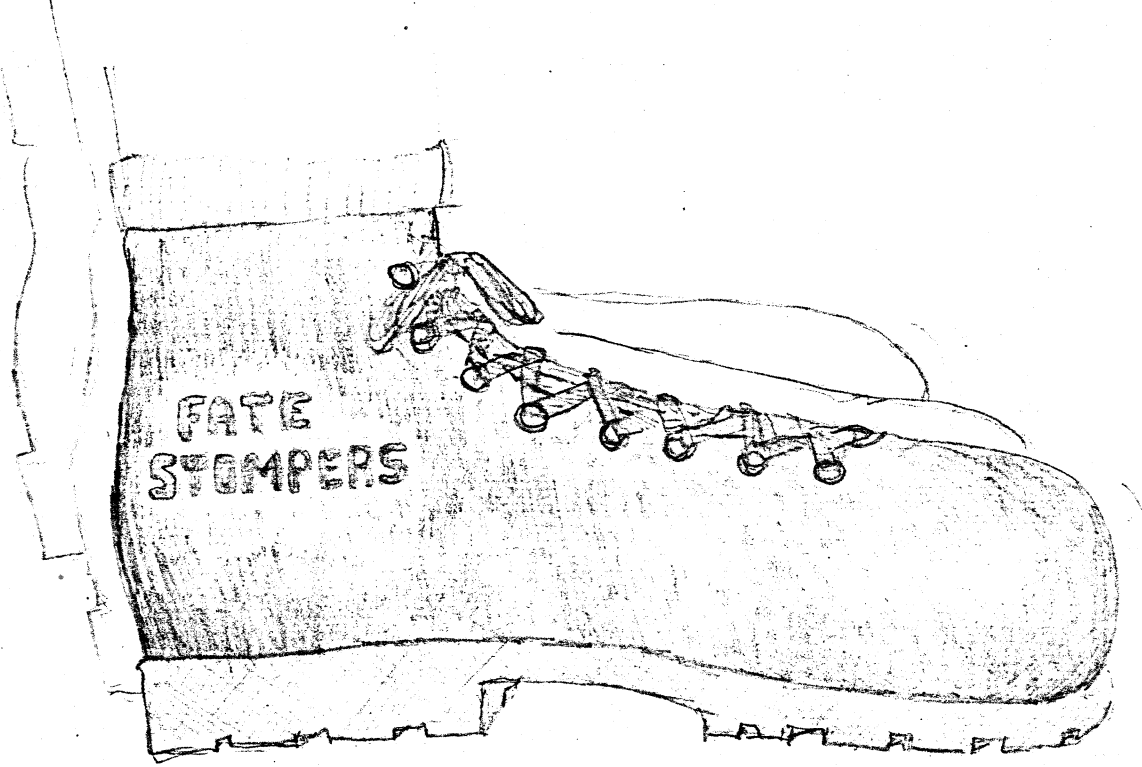
Indovina che cosa ho ricevuto
per Natale...

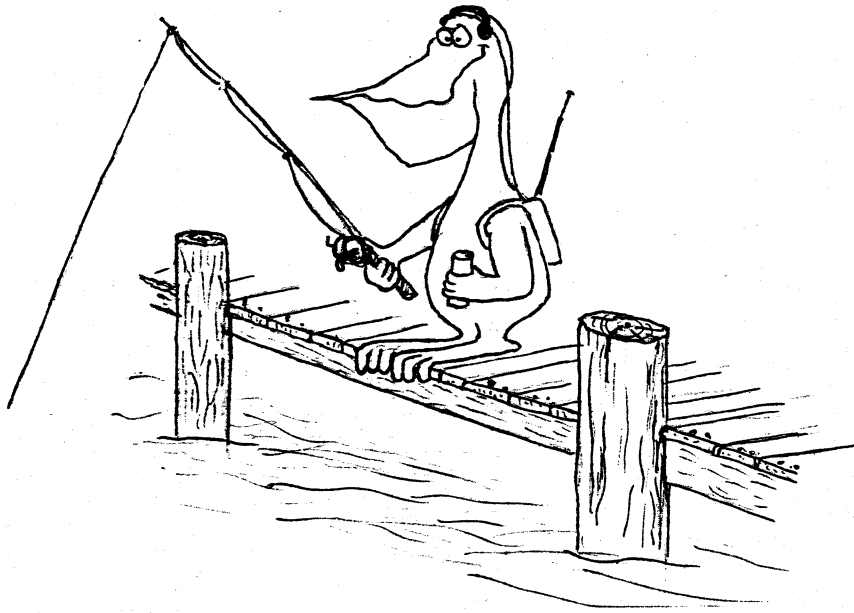
Una malattia.

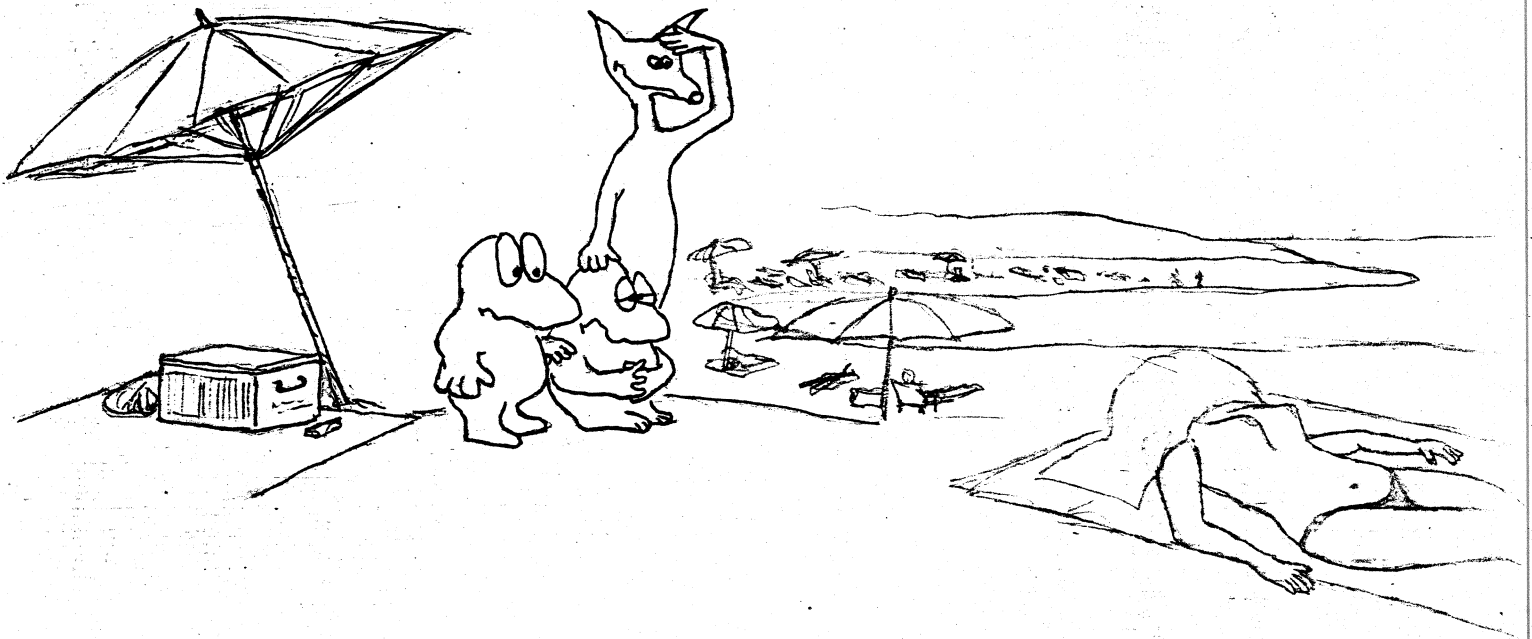




Be careful , you're breaking my nerves

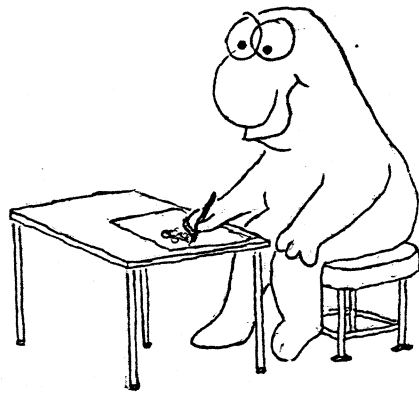






It's that time of the year again in Europe...

(sigh...)



"I do it all for you."

"TIREME SU"

(PICK ME UP)

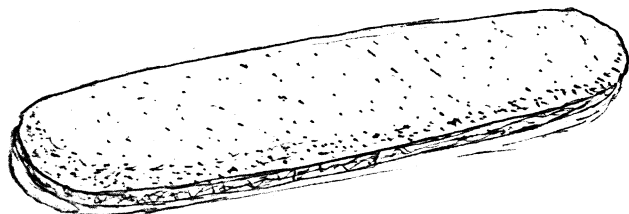
INGREDIENTS

- 500g mascarpone *
- 100g sugar (zucchero)
- 40g cocoa (cacao amaro)
- 4 egg yolks (rossi d'uovo)
- 3 egg whites (bianchi d'uovo)
- a cup or so of coffee (caffé espresso), rum added to taste
- 200g Coccardi Bistefani **

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** Italian brandname of a biscuit cookie:

Ladyfingers	(English)
Savolardi all'uovo	(Italian)
Biscuits à la cuiller	(French)
Eier Löffelbiscuit	(German)



* Italian type of cream cheese of the consistency and color of whipped butter; perhaps can be substituted by a mixture of cream cheese and some thick heavy cream.

Beat egg yolks, mix in sugar until smooth, then mix in mascarpone until smooth.

Beat egg whites until peaks form and gently fold into the batter.

Dip Coccardi in coffee one at a time and quickly (otherwise they will absorb too much coffee), using them to line the bottom of the pan. Cover with layer of batter. Repeat.

[use 9½ inch springform pan or a rectangular pan about the size of this page]

Refrigerate many hours. Sprinkle cocoa evenly over the top with a sifter or fine wire mesh strainer when batter has stiffened from the cold.