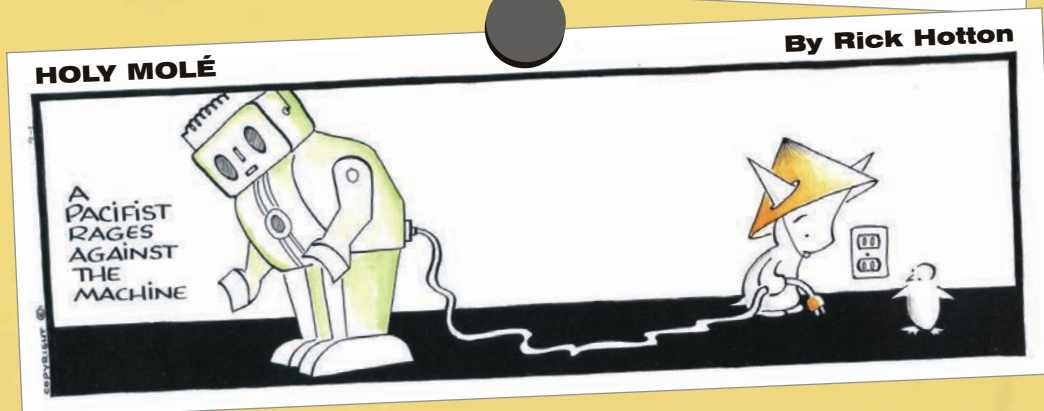
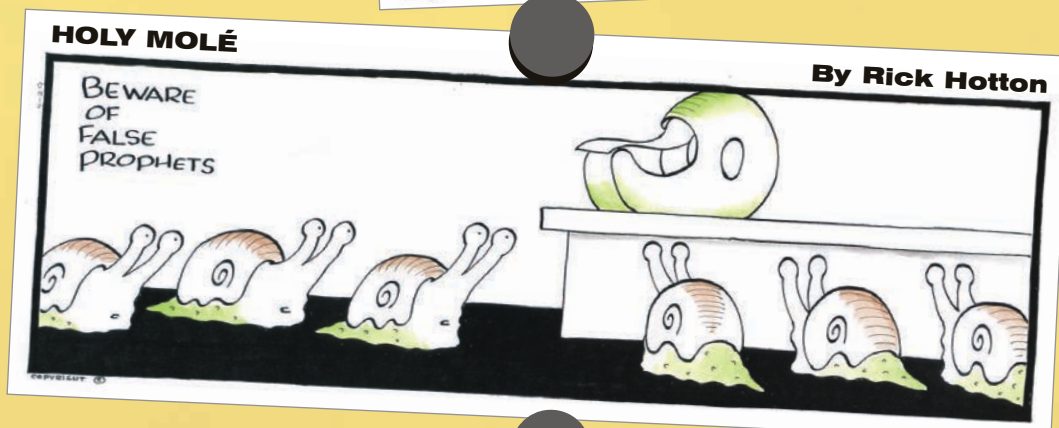
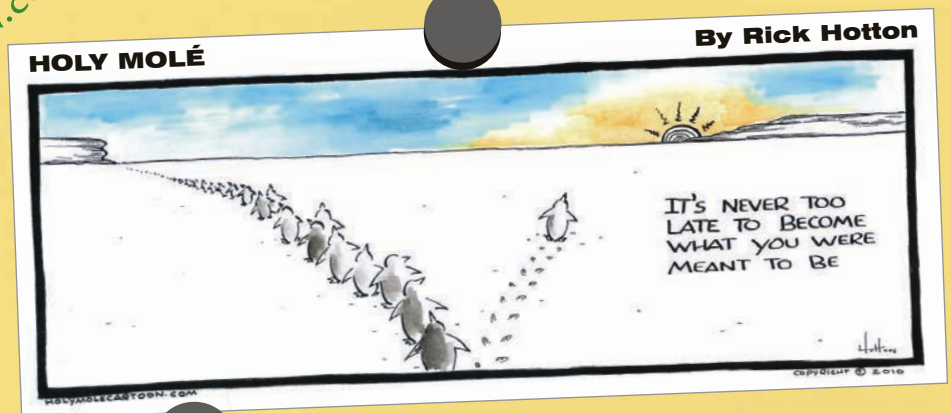




*A cartoon worthy of the highest honor...
the refrigerator door.*

*Drawn & Created
by Rick Hotton*



"Brilliant cartoonist, enlightening and laugh-out-loud funny!"
-Found Marbles

"Holy Molé gently and whimsically provides the antidote for what ails us"
J. Jones (Columnist, Bradenton Herald)

"Amazing"
H. Hassan (Graphic Designer, Beirut, Lebanon)



**Sometimes it takes a little creature
to see the bigger picture.**

Holy Molé is a delightful comic strip about a group of lovable characters on a perennial search for the deeper meaning of life. The cartoon has no religious overtones; but rather represents the seeker in all of us that is striving for meaning and place in an often complex world. Winner of numerous readers' choice contests, Holy Molé provides people of all ages with subtle wisdom and joyful insights about living in harmony with nature, technology and an ever-changing world.

People everywhere are coping with rapid changes in their personal lives and their experience of work. Holy Molé provides encouragement to anyone interested in personal growth and green living. Today, more than ever, that is a significant and growing segment of the population.



Rick Hotton is the creator of Holy Molé. He has produced more than 1,200 strips and remains dedicated to the art form and the opportunity to reach new readers. Much of the wisdom embodied in Holy Molé stems from Rick's 40 years of martial arts training. Rick teaches karate at his dojo in Sarasota, Florida.

Characters



Holy Molé

I'm Holy Molé, the archetypal seeker in society. I have no religious overtones, yet like many creatures blessed with the great fortune of being alive, I strive to find meaning and purpose in my seemingly complex existence. It is towards these ends that I struggle with great effort.

Kool Kat

This is my best friend, Kool Kat. Unlike me, he is perfectly content living each day without great introspection. He is pragmatic and very much a realist. In his self-accepting, simple existence, he may have found greater enlightenment than I!this I find a little upsetting.



Soft Shell Sensei

This is the master of our pond; he is very wise and very Zen. To me, he represents the great teacher we all long for, the one that doesn't pontificate truth but rather invites us to stand alongside and simply see it for ourselves.

Penguins & Snails



These other critters are our fellow travelers. They often represent our frailties and our perceived anonymity. They usually show up to remind us that in the alchemy of life one of the most important ingredients is whimsy, the things that happen that we just can't quite explain – yet contribute to making the whole experience so remarkably worthwhile.



Praise for Holy Molé

I love Holy Molé. I mean I really, really love it! I would buy the St. Petersburg Times just to read the strip. I save them all.

- Leigh A.

I've loved cartoon strips all my life since growing up in New York City. I have never seen a strip that resonates with me as much as Holy Molé. Your creation reminds me of what matters most in this crazy world.

- Lisa P.

I live in Nebraska. My 74-year-old mother, who lives in Clearwater, has been sending us Holy Molé in her weekly letter. We all love the assortment of critters and the uplifting message. Your mix of humor and spirituality is rare and refreshing.

- Monica C

In 2008, we ran 12 new strips for four weeks each. Then we asked our readers to tell us which ones they liked. Holy Molé made the cut, and we have been running it ever since.

- Mike Wilson, *St. Petersburg Times*

Holy Molé reveals the marvelous simplicity in life and restores our belief in the goodness of mankind. Editors in search of rich content that resonates positively with readers couldn't have an easier choice.

- Jim Smith, *Media Consultant,*
formerly Bradenton Herald

I've fallen in love with your strip since it was added to the St. Petersburg Times. I was wondering if you ever sell the originals since so many of them relate to my life?

- Michael A.

I think your work should be in every newspaper and magazine in the country.

- Judy B.

I enjoyed reading Holy Molé in the St. Petersburg Times for the 9 months I lived in Tampa. I've returned to Jerusalem. It would be great if you featured Holy Molé in the Jerusalem Post.

- Moshe R.

YOU MAKE MY DAY – EVERY DAY! I feel blessed to have found you. Finally, a feel-good cartoon

- Irene (age 86)

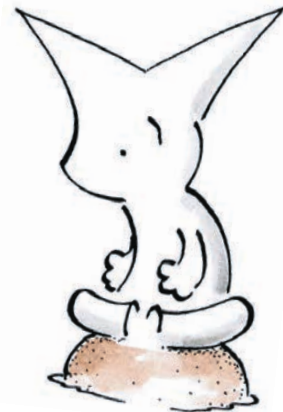
Thank you for your wonderful cartoon strip. My wife and I look forward to your strip every day. We find it refreshing and inspiring.

Thank you for your amazing gift, I love your cartoons

- Jens H

Where have you been all my life!? Glad you're in the Sarasota Herald Tribune - Loved today's cartoon!

- Kate Stetler H.



Here is what the San Francisco Chronicle readers are saying about Holy Molé

I just noticed your strip yesterday in the San Francisco Chronicle. Just love it. Your sense of humor reminds me of the work of Gus Ariola - who was my favorite growing up and into my 30's.

- Susan S., San Francisco, CA

When do we get a book? Holy Mole is the best cartoon currently being created.

- T. Johnson, Fulton, CA

Let me know when you have your first book anthology! I am Korean Zen practitioner and I truly dig your strips.

- Debra B., Oakland, CA

I read your first strip in the San Francisco Chronicle today, and already I love it.

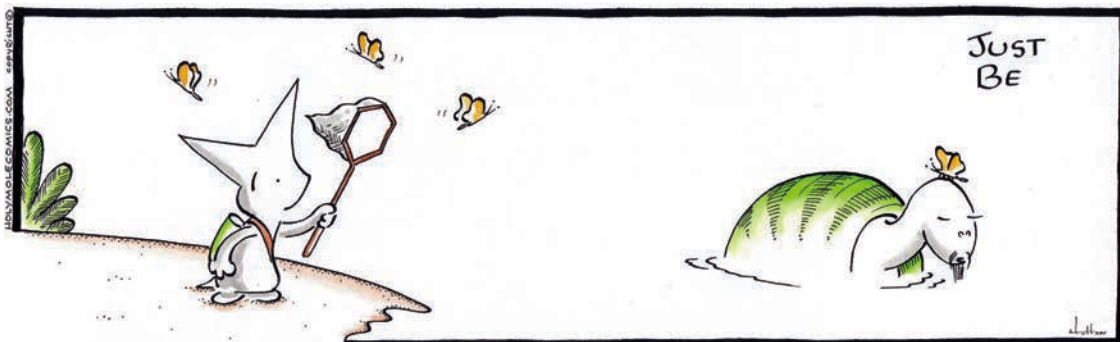
- Brenda G., San Francisco, CA

You probably get this a lot, but your comic is something I find profoundly satisfactory, like each time I watch a new one it sets something straight and gets it right. Sorry for being so vague, but it's one of my favorite series of all time.

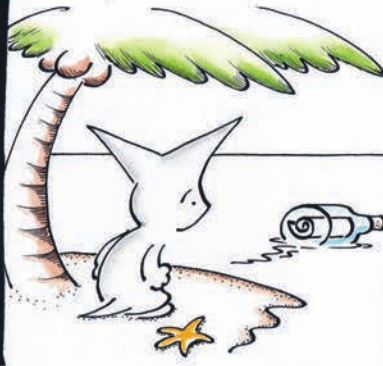
- Jesús R., San Francisco, CA

Holy Molé is truly a gem in the proverbial rough. I look forward to starting my day with Molé and his cast of creatures as they tackle life's little philosophical quandaries. Thank you Rick Hotton for bringing Holy Molé to the Bay Area - we love it!

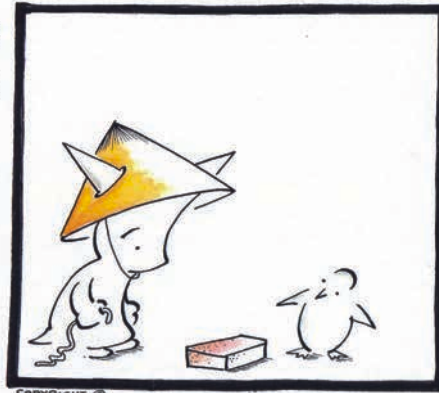
- Sharon R., Mill Valley, CA



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MAN, I SENT OFF FOR A THING THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO INCREASE MY MENTAL FOCUS...



DUDE, WORKS LIKE A CHARM!

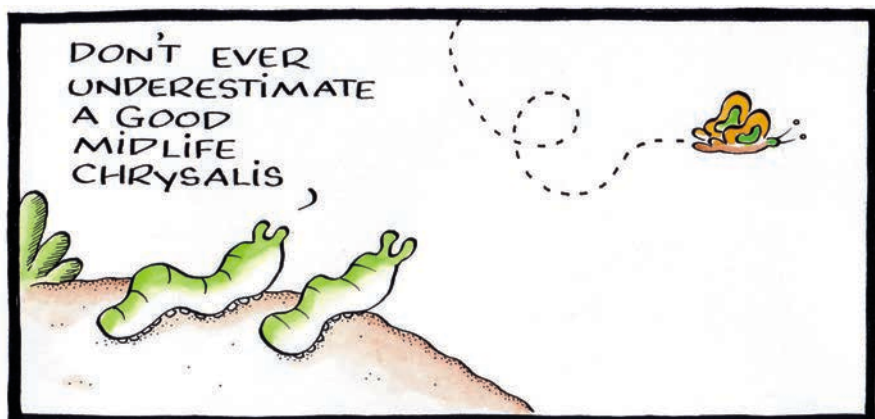
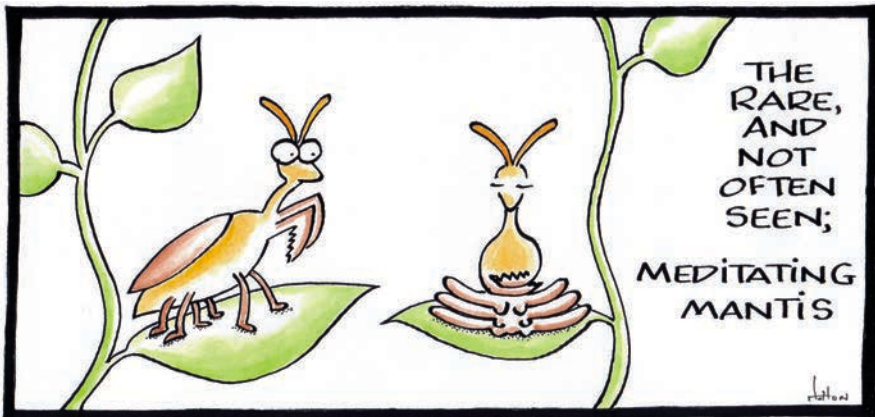


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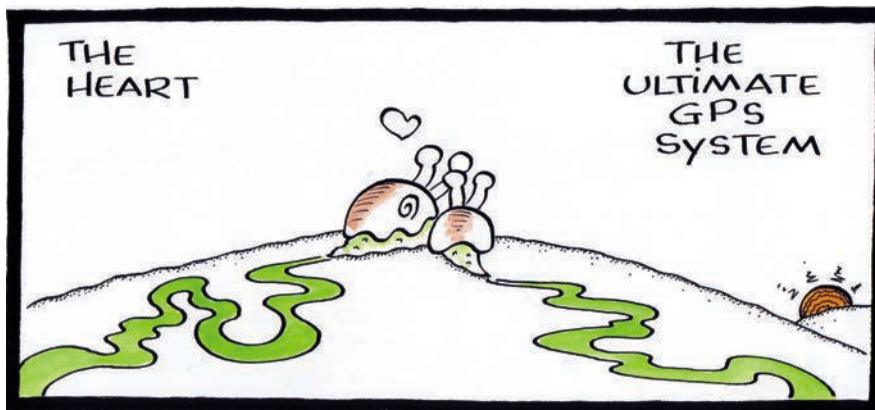
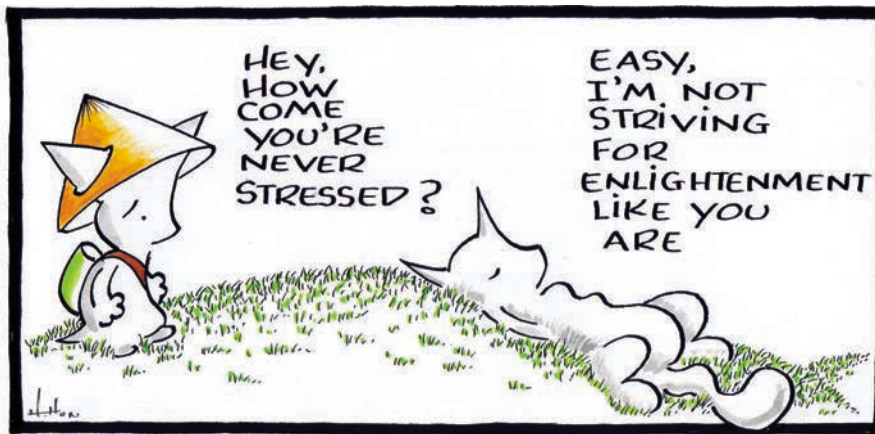
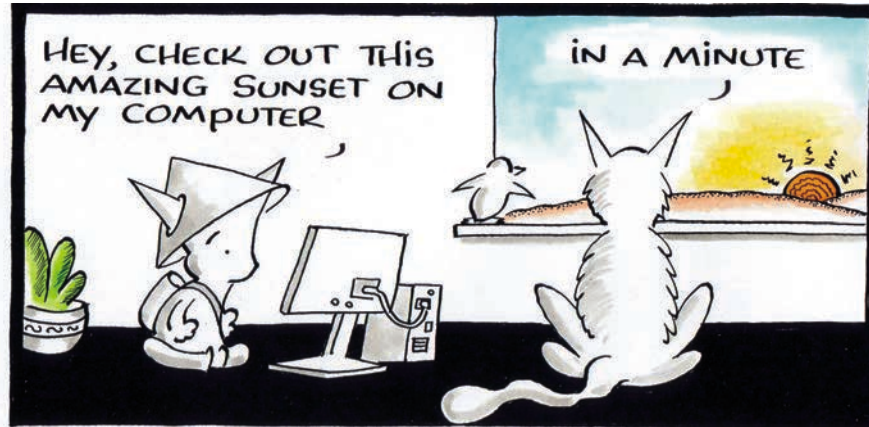
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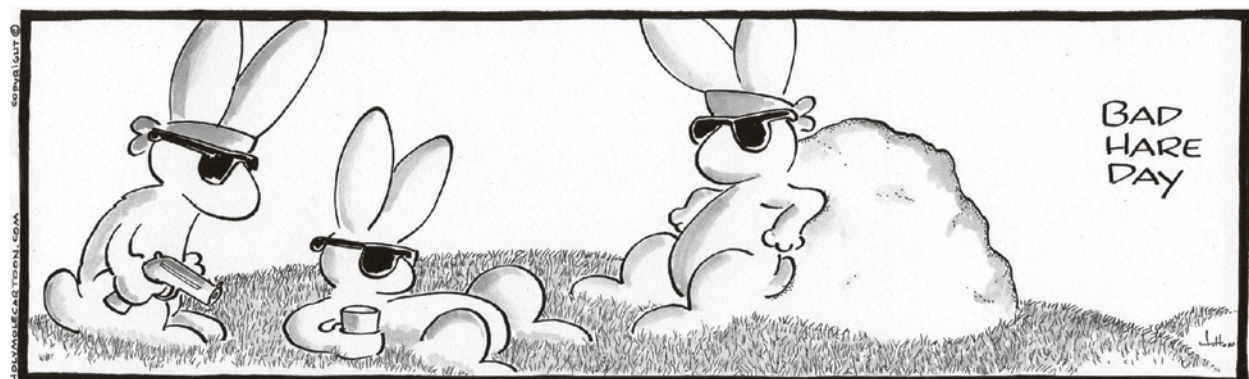
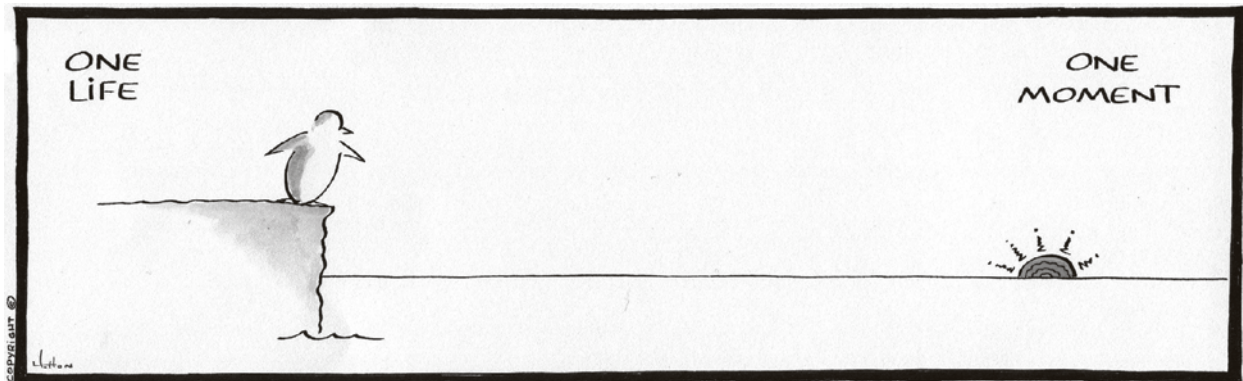


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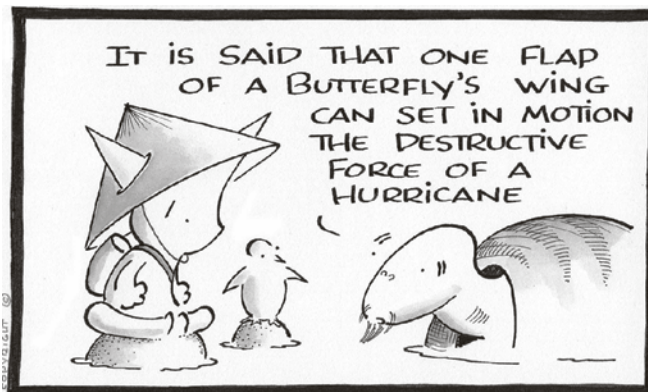
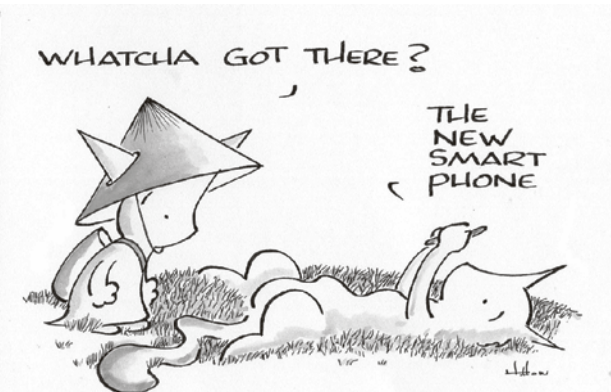
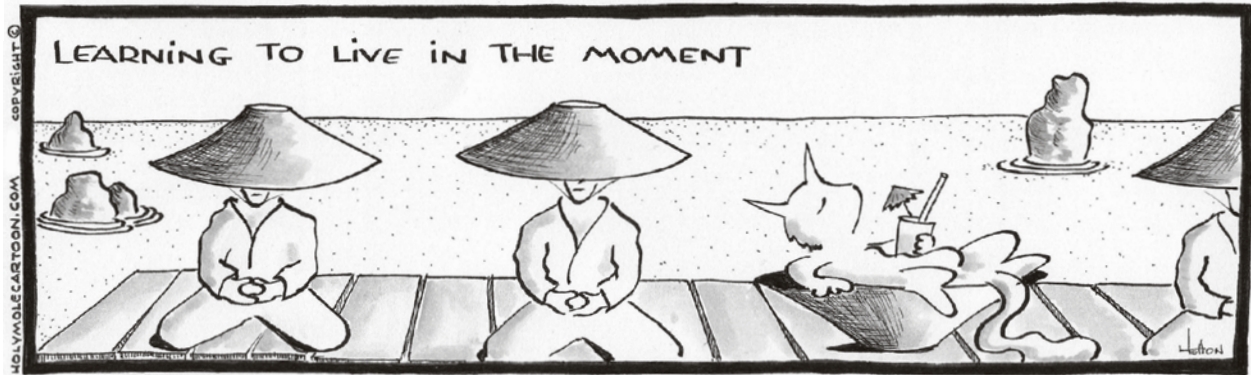
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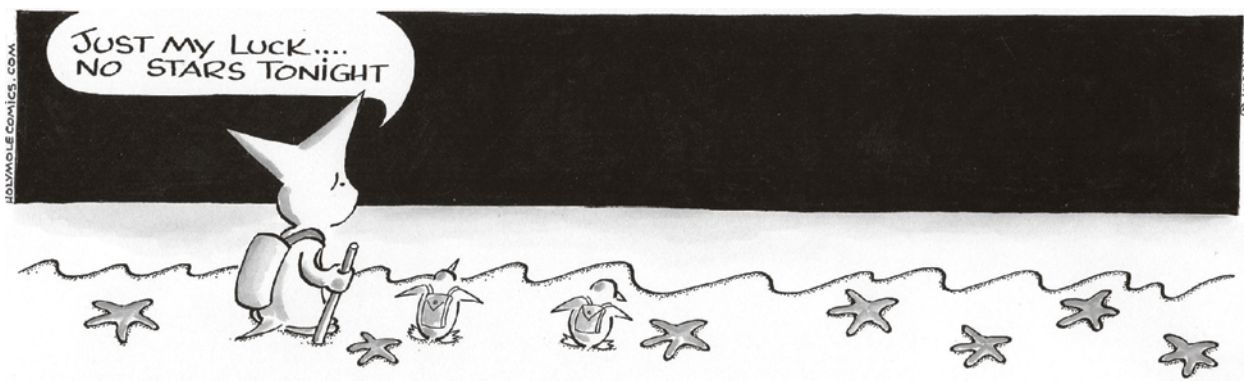
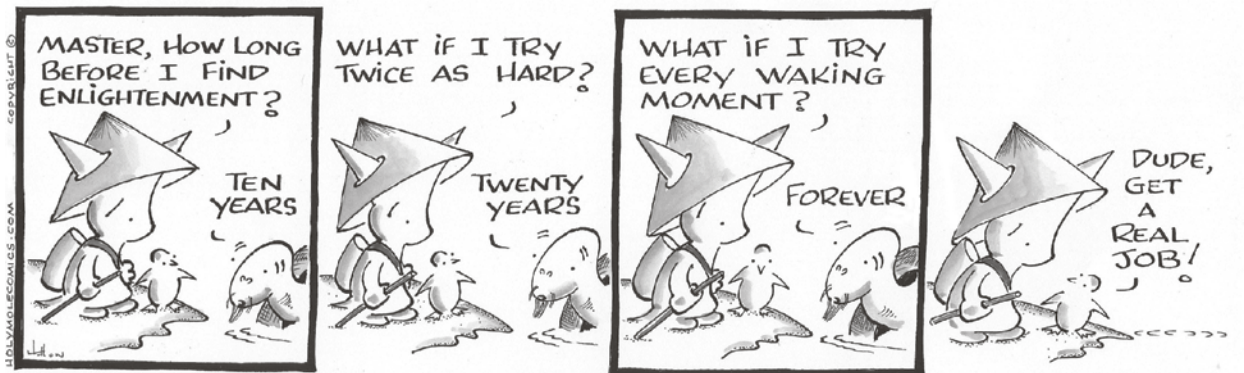
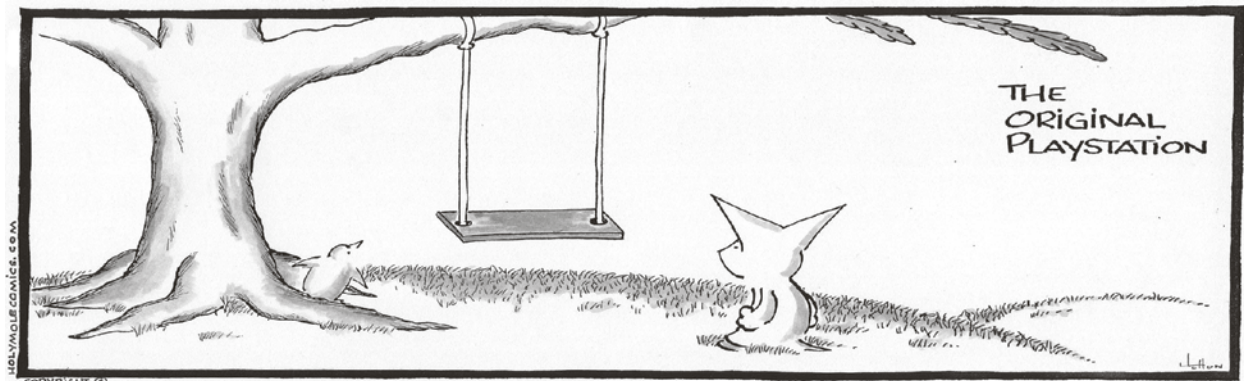
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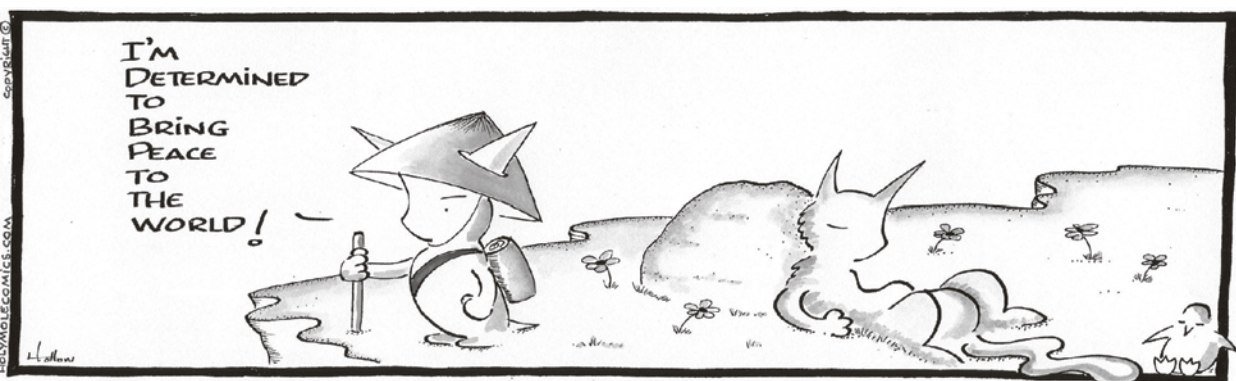
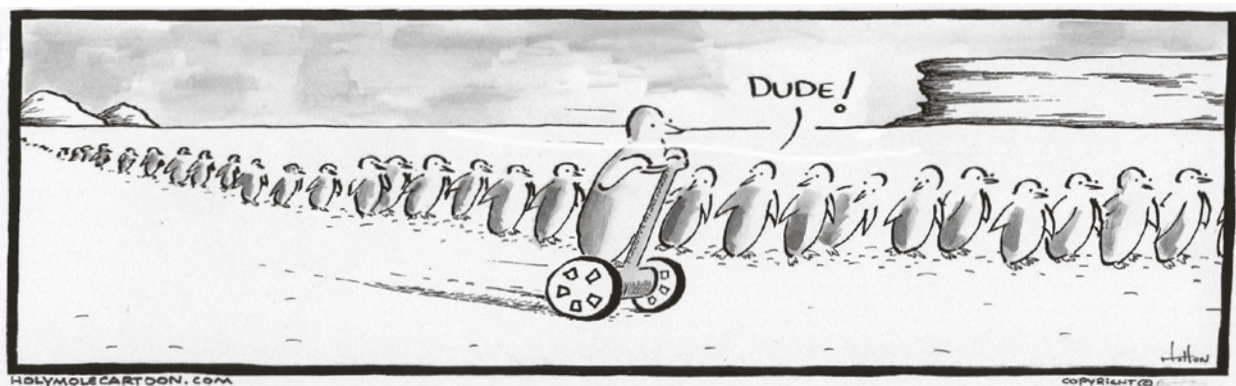
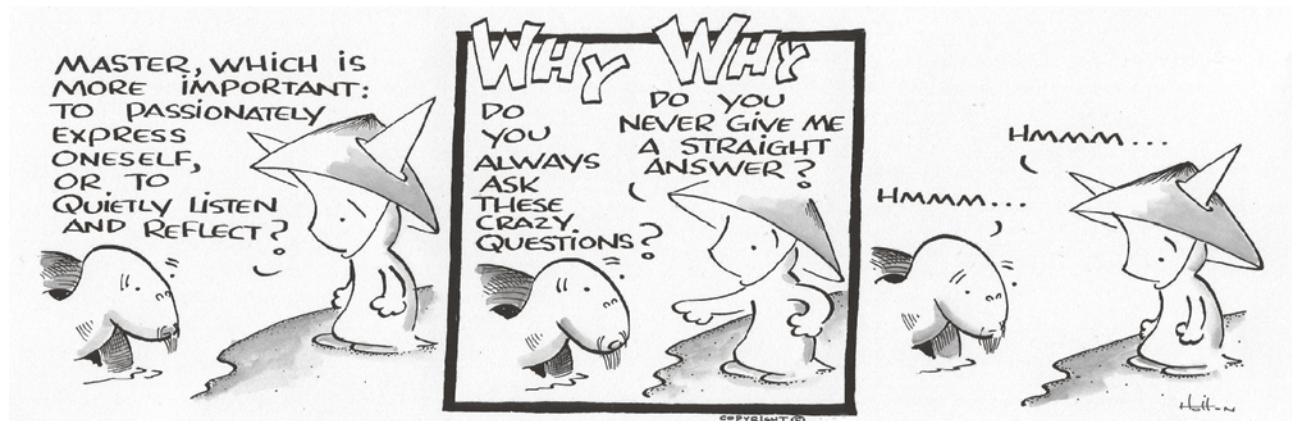
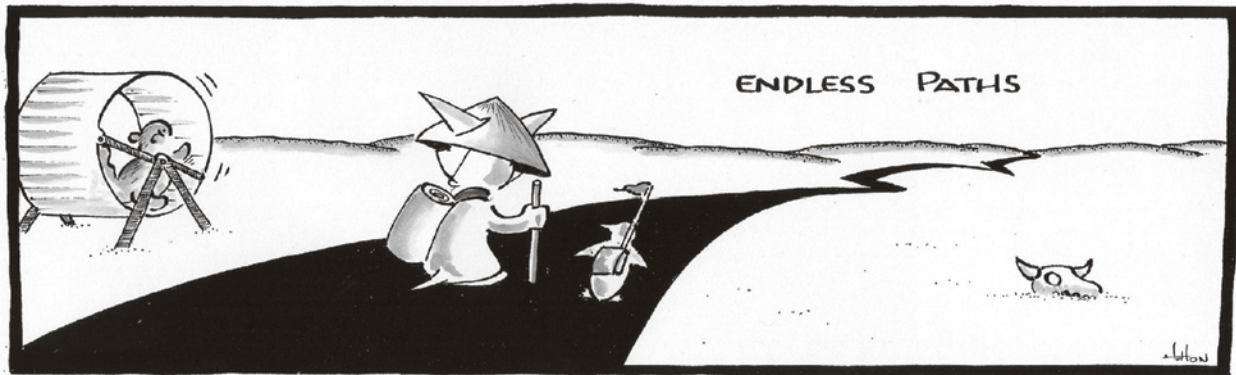
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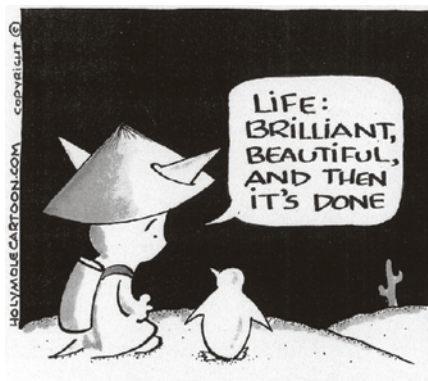
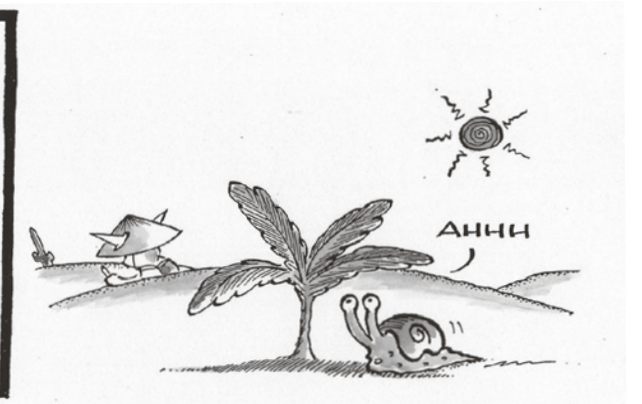
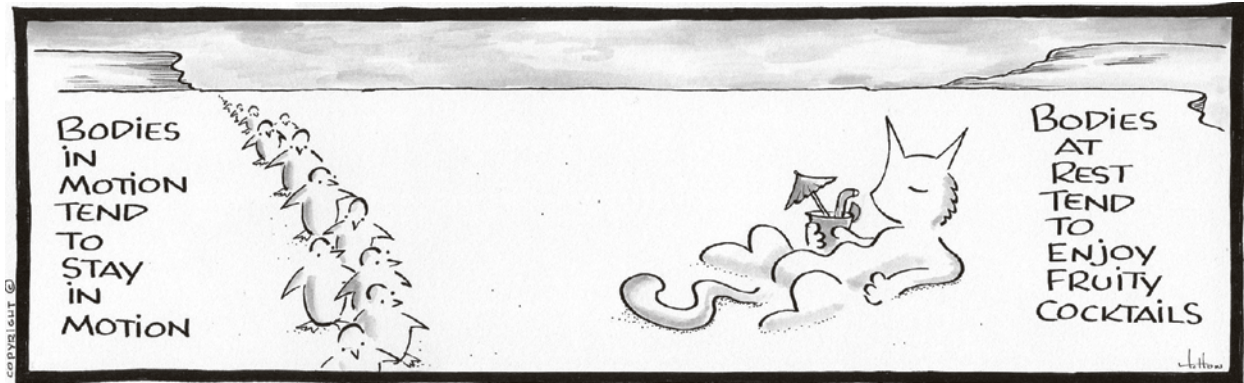
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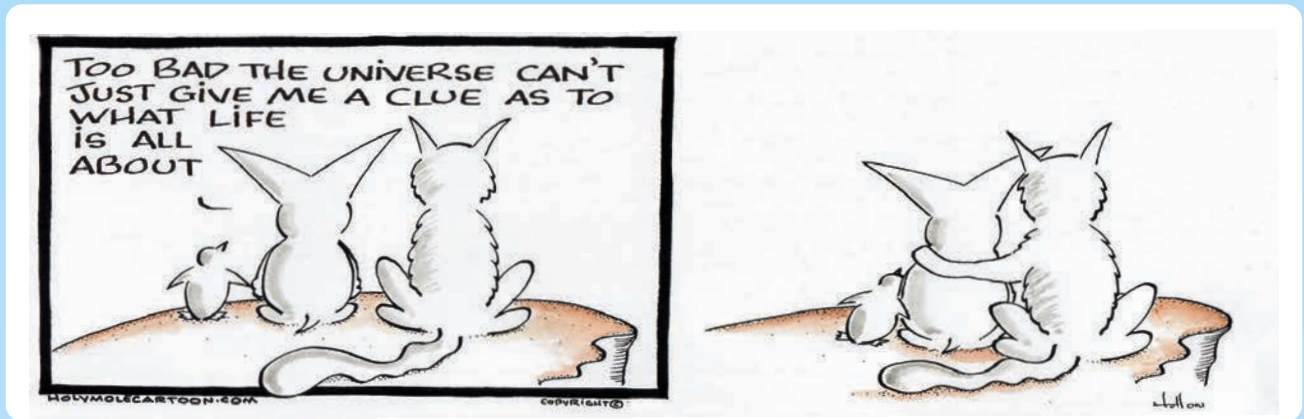


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"And now here is my secret,
a very simple secret;
it is only with the heart that one
can see rightly, what is
essential is invisible to the eye."

-Antoine de Saint-Exupery





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