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Old dogs and new tricks - posted by philologos (), on: 2003/12/8 8:04

oops, sorry, this us now in the 'lighter side'!

Re: Old dogs and new tricks - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/12/8 10:41

Funny you should ask, had this stored away in my files. For those not familiar this would be in regards to the greatest cartoon strip ever produced, Calvin and Hobbes. No longer in print.

I had intended to post this mainly because of the popularity of the Hobbes avatar, some interesting tidbits from it's creator, Bill Watterson:

Calvin

- Calvin is named for a sixteenth-century theologian who believed in predestination. Most people assume that Calvin is based on a son of mine, or based on detailed memories of my own childhood. In fact, I don't have children, and I was a fairly quiet, obedient kid--almost Calvin's opposite. One of the reasons that Calvin's character is fun to write is that I often don't agree with him.

Hobbes

- Named after a seventeenth-century philosopher with a dim view of human nature, Hobbes has the patient dignity and common sense of most animals I've met. Hobbes was very much inspired by one of our cats, a gray tabby named Sprite. Sprite not only provided the long body and facial characteristics for Hobbes, she also was the model for his personality. She was good-natured, intelligent, friendly, and enthusiastic in a sneaking-up-and-pouncing sort of way. Sprite suggested the idea of Hobbes greeting Calvin at the door in midair at high velocity.

Miss Wormwood

- As a few readers guessed, Miss Wormwood is named after the apprentice devil in C. S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters. I have a lot of sympathy for Miss Wormwood. We see hints that she's waiting to retire, that she smokes too much, and that she takes a lot of medication. I think she seriously believes in the value of education, so needless to say, she's an unhappy person.

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To answer your original question;

Quote:

-----is there a deep significance in your choice of Calvin's nemesis for your avatar?  
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Well, Hobbes would do *anything* for a tummy rub.....

Quotes

Calvin - Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us.

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Calvin - It's psychosomatic. You need a lobotomy. I'll get a saw.

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Calvin - What's it like to fall in love?

Hobbes - Well... Say the object of your affection walks by...

Calvin - Yeah?

Hobbes - First, your heart falls into your stomach and splashes your innards. All the moisture makes you sweat profusely. This condensation shorts the circuits to your brain, and you get all woozy. When your brain burns out altogether, your mouth disengages and you babble like a cretin until she leaves.

Calvin - That's love?!?

Hobbes - Medically speaking.

Calvin - Heck, that happened to me once, but I figured it was cooties!

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Hobbes - Do you think there's a God?

Calvin - Well somebody's out to get me!

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