

PG & A

with  
the creator of *Dilbert*  
Scott Adams



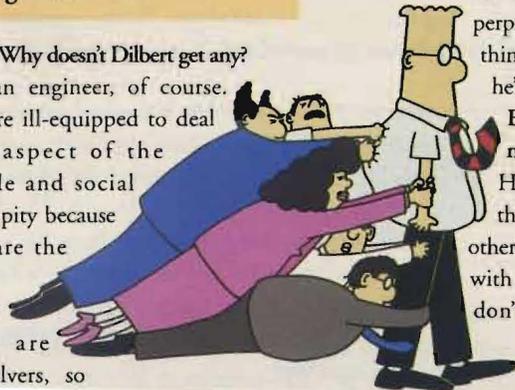
Scott Adams toiled at a number of “humiliating and low-paying jobs” for over 17 years. Now 14 books and a TV show later, his comic-strip character Dilbert, the lowly cubicle-dwelling engineer, has become famous—although he still can’t get laid.

PLAYGIRL: Why doesn’t Dilbert get any?

Well, he’s an engineer, of course. Engineers are ill-equipped to deal with any aspect of the pleasureable and social world. It’s a pity because engineers are the best lovers.

Why is that?

Engineers are problem solvers, so



while they might not start out as the best, they’re determined to find the quickest solution. If there’s an orgasm in there, they’re going to find it.

Your e-mail address is listed on your column. How many do you get a day?

I get a few hundred. I try to read every one. I can’t respond to all of them, nor do they all deserve responses. Some of them are: “Adams, you motherfucker, you suck.”

Do you get propositions?

Yes, but I assume it’s a 300-lb man named Bruno who’s doing the writing, so I never take it seriously.

Who is the most powerful character of the strip?

Dogbert, of course. He’s kind of an expression of my untamed ego—the part of me that would say what Dogbert says if I did not fear retribution, being thrown in jail and ostracized.

Who is the most sexual character?

Dilbert’s necktie. There’s something in that suggestive image at all times. It kind of flips up towards the sky. It’s got that perpetual semi-aroused look. I think on the subliminal level, he’s putting out the vibes.

But yet Dilbert still doesn’t get any.

He puts out the vibe and then people go have sex with other people. That’s the trouble with subliminal messages. You don’t know where they came from. You just know you’re horny.

How is Dilbert like you?

I shared his dating history. I now have a long-time girlfriend, but my early dating years—my 20s—were a long dry period.

Is it true that people, “the cubicle club,” actually have sex in their work cubicles?

I don’t get the details. I just hear from people that they’ve had sex in the office. More often I hear that it’s behind an office or conference room door. But it’s just suspicious, all these claims. I have to think they’re not as prevalent as people say. Otherwise everywhere you go, you’d open up a door and...“Oops. Sorry.”

How important is sex to the working world? Fundamentally, men make money to improve their odds at having sex.

What turns you on?

Um, naked women? I hate to be so boring, but it’s really a simple life I lead.

Do you think men and women can be friends?

Sure. As long as they’re having sex. Otherwise it’s just frustrating for the guy. No, of course, they can be friends. It just requires more self control.

If you could change women in just one way, what would you do?

Why there’s a question that could get me in trouble. You’re trying to ruin me for life. Boy, I have so many answers, and yet all of them are lethal.

So don’t censor yourself.

I think now that I’ve reached my forties, I’d like them to be more and more nearsighted.

—Sandra Mardenfeld