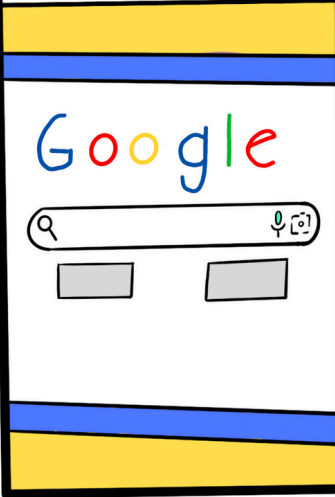


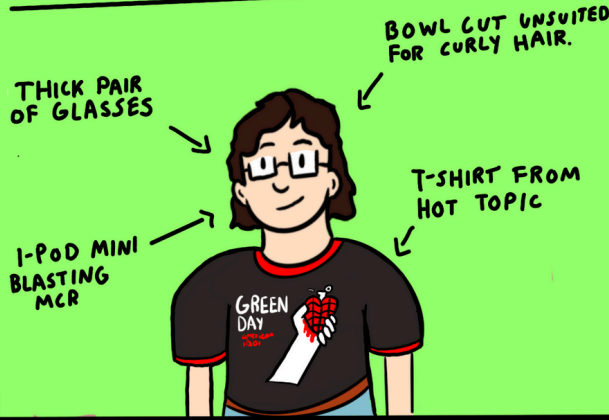
JUST "GOOGLE IT": WHY GOOGLE ISN'T YOUR BEST CHOICE FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION

IT'S WILD TO REMEMBER HOW INFORMATION SEEKING USED TO WORK BEFORE GOOGLE.



I DON'T HAVE THE BEST MEMORY OF IT MYSELF: I WAS A 90'S KID WHO WAS STILL IN SIXTH GRADE WHEN THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION REALLY HIT ITS STRIDE.

MY EARLY 2000S LOOK



I WAS TAUGHT TO USE A CARD CATALOG IN THE LIBRARY AND UNTIL AGE 12, I VIEWED THE COMPUTER MOSTLY AS A MACHINE TO PLAY GAMES ON.



You have died of dysentery.

GOOGLE WAS AROUND ALONG WITH ASK JEEVES AND YAHOO, BUT IT WASN'T QUITE THE DEFAULT SEARCH ENGINE IT IS TODAY.



IN HIGH SCHOOL, HOWEVER, GOOGLE HAD WON ITS SPOT AS KING OF THE SEARCH ENGINES.

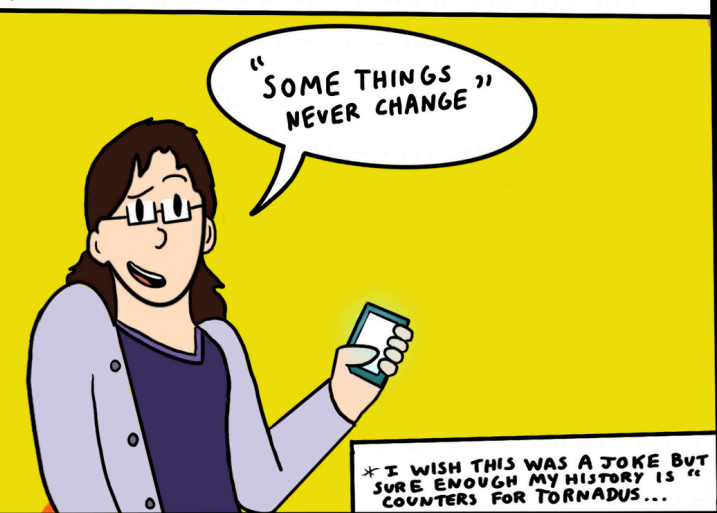
MY MID-LATE 2000'S LOOK:



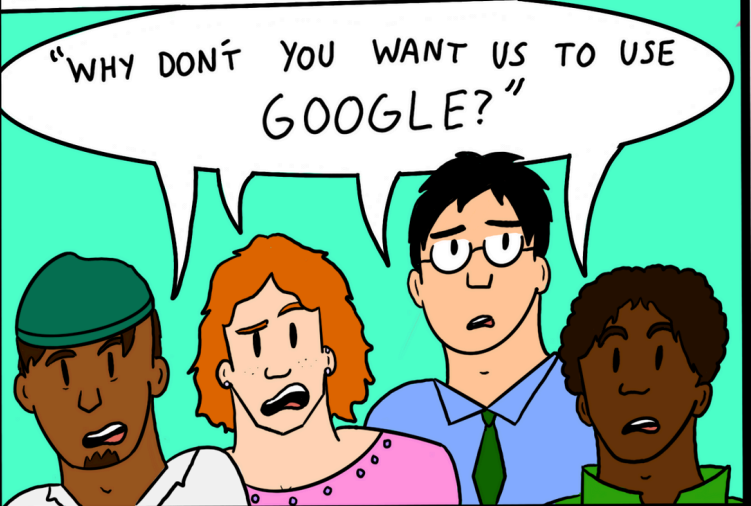
IT WAS SO WELL KNOWN IT IS NOW A VERB: THE TERM "GOOGLE" WAS ADDED TO MULTIPLE DICTIONARIES IN 2006(1)

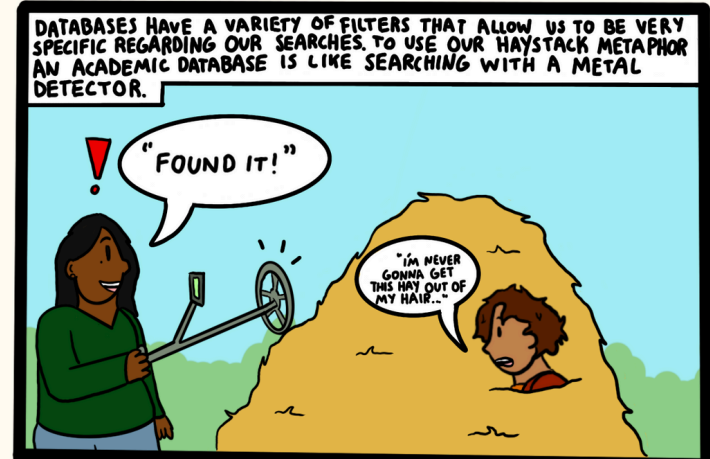
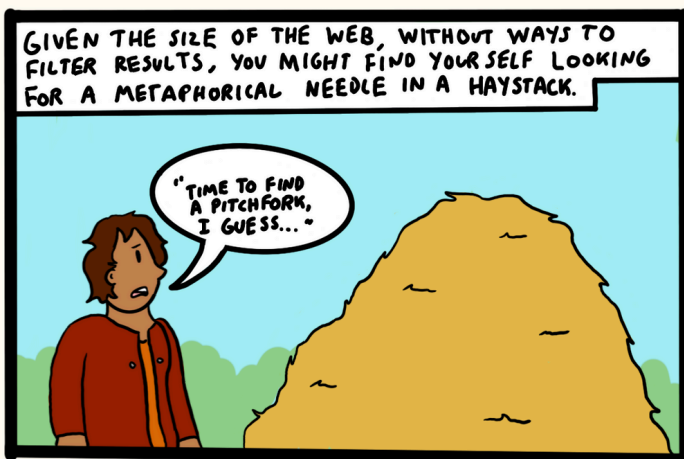
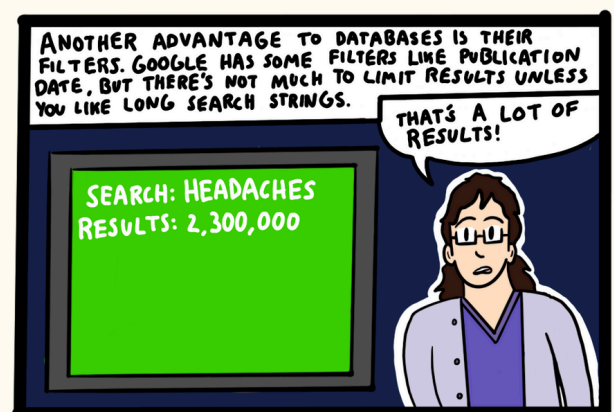
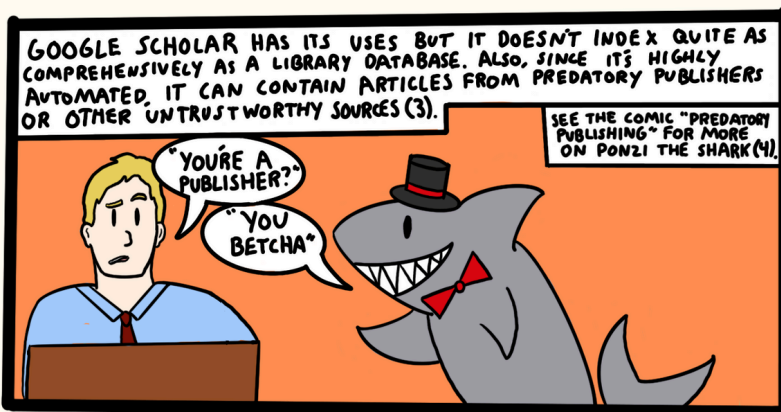
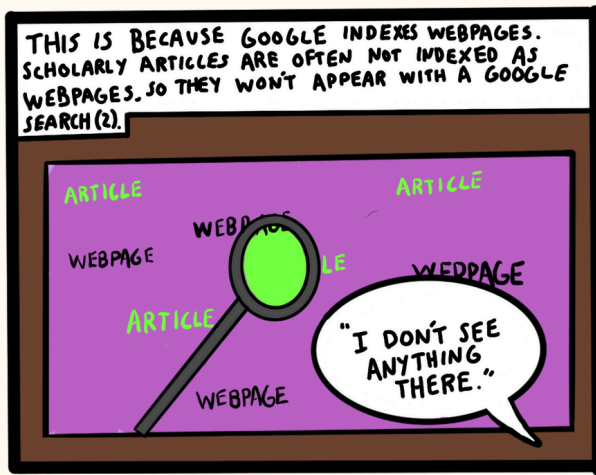
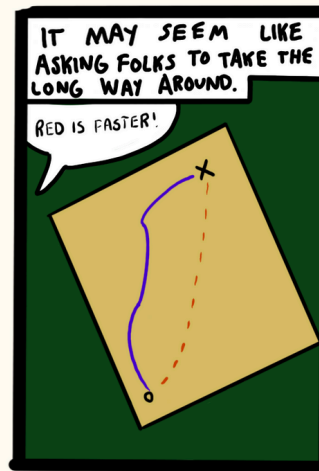
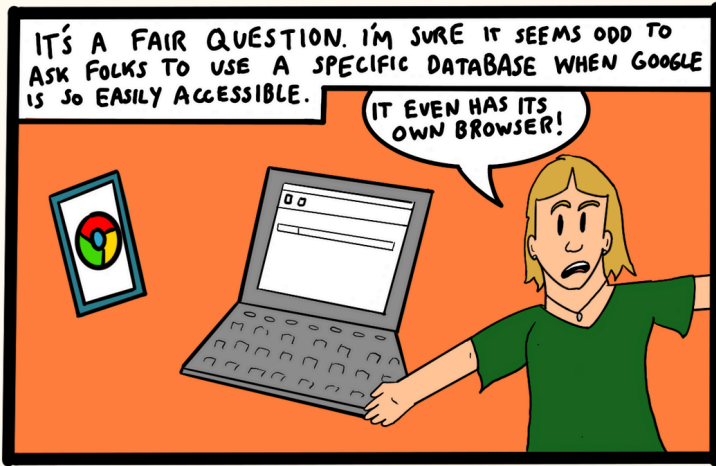


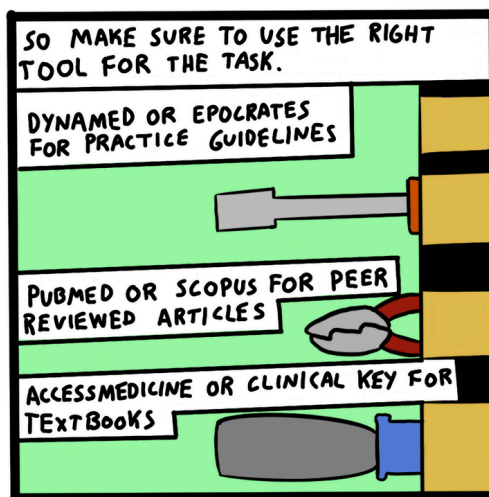
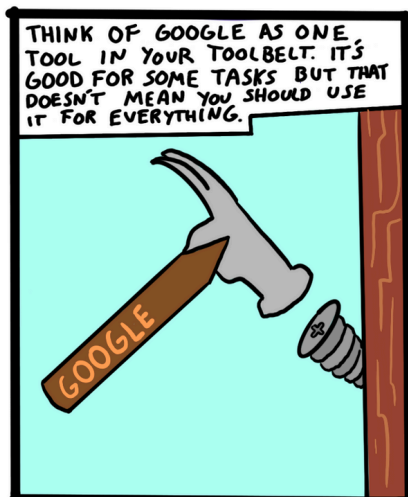
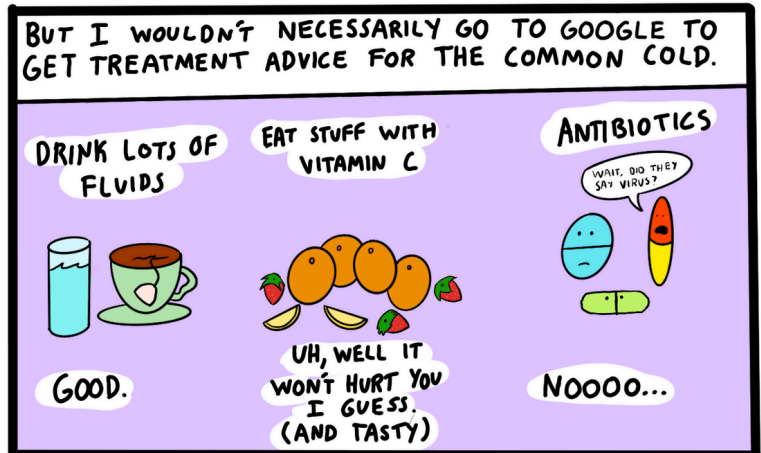
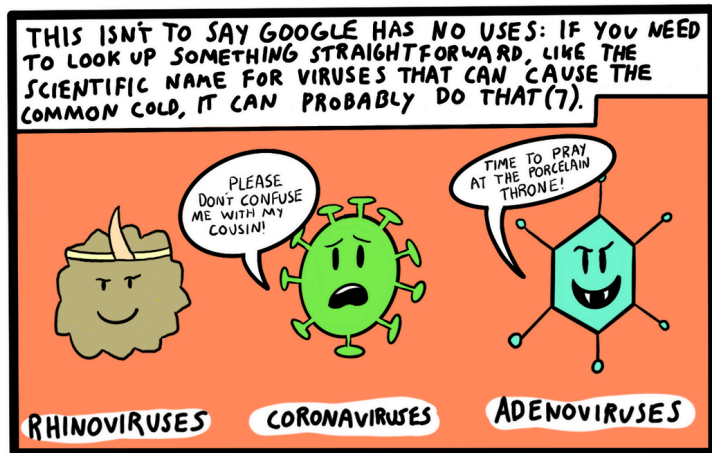
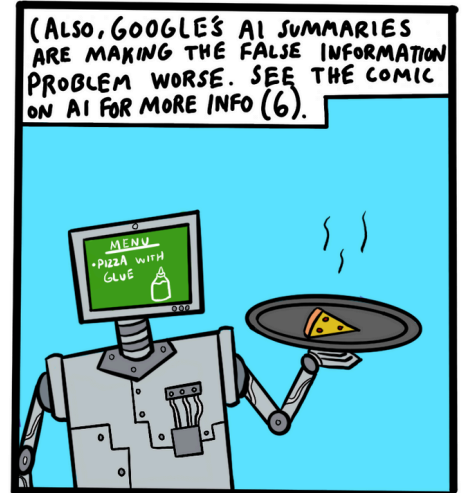
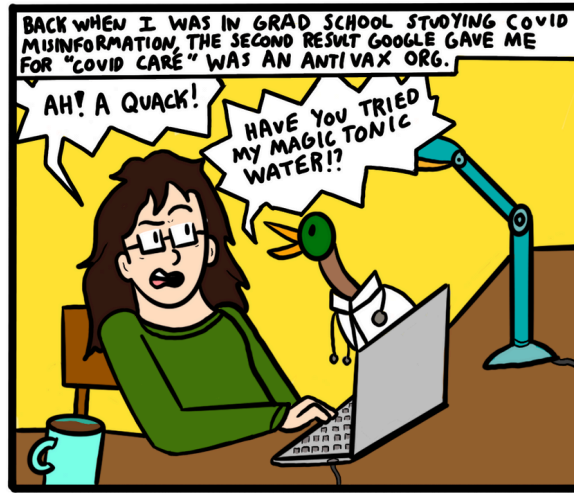
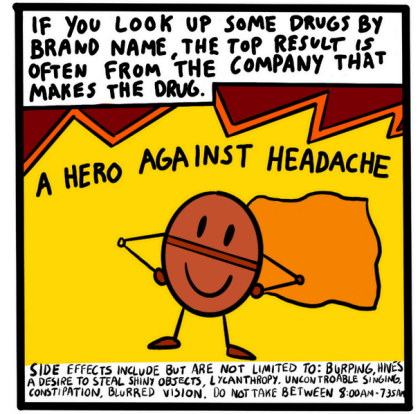
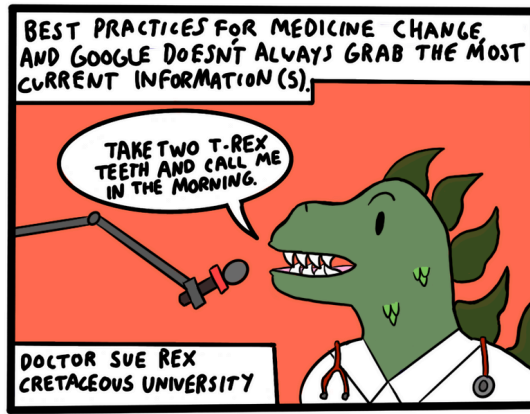
I USE GOOGLE FREQUENTLY TO THIS DAY. JUST THIS MORNING I GOOGLED... A QUESTION ABOUT POKEMON.*



NOW WITH ALL THIS SAID LET'S DIVE INTO A QUESTION I HEAR A LOT FROM MEDICAL STUDENTS-







Sources:

1. Heffernan V. Just Google It: A Short History of a Newfound Verb. *Wired*. Accessed September 3, 2024. <https://www.wired.com/story/just-google-it-a-short-history-of-a-newfound-verb/>
2. Pellack L. Library Guides: Nursing Research Guide: Why can't I just use Google? Iowa State University. Accessed September 3, 2024. <https://instr.iastate.libguides.com/c.php?g=709797&p=6216502>
3. Haddaway NR, Collins AM, Coughlin D, Kirk S. The Role of Google Scholar in Evidence Reviews and Its Applicability to Grey Literature Searching. *PLoS One*. 2015;10(9):e0138237. Published 2015 Sep 17. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0138237
4. Kyser R. Comic: Predatory Publishing. The Rotation: A Himmelfarb Library Blog. May 29, 2024. Accessed September 3, 2024. <https://blogs.gwu.edu/himmelfarb/2024/05/29/comic-predatory-publishing/>
5. Murphy B. Consulting Dr. Google? Why you shouldn't do it in medical school. American Medical Association. January 2, 2020. Accessed July 29, 2024. <https://www.ama-assn.org/education/accelerating-change-medical-education/consulting-dr-google-why-you-shouldn-t-do-it>
6. Kyser R. Comic: Mimic in the Machine: Chat-GPT and A.I. The Rotation: A Himmelfarb Library Blog. August 5, 2024. Accessed September 3, 2024. <https://blogs.gwu.edu/himmelfarb/2024/08/05/comic-mimic-in-the-machine-chat-gpt-and-a-i/>
7. About Common Cold. CDC. May 16, 2024. Accessed August 6, 2024. <https://www.cdc.gov/common-cold/about/index.html>
8. Hsieh P. Doctors Use Youtube And Google All The Time. Should You Be Worried? Forbes. December 30, 2019. Accessed July 29, 2024. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/paulhsieh/2019/12/30/doctors-use-youtube-and-google-all-the-time-should-you-be-worried/>