

Calvin and Hobbes

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Intro

Calvin and Hobbes are the main characters from the classic comic "Calvin and Hobbes". The author of the crazy twosome is Bill Watterson. Calvin's stuffed tiger is Hobbes, and Calvin is only imagining everything that happens with Hobbes. Below you will find comparisons and contrasts of their appearance, personality, actions and motives, and preferences. You might think they would have many things in common since Hobbes is in Calvin's imagination, but you will be surprised about how many differences they have.

Appearance

A similar thing is that everyday Calvin wears a striped t-shirt just like Hobbes's striped fur. The way Watterson draws their hair on their

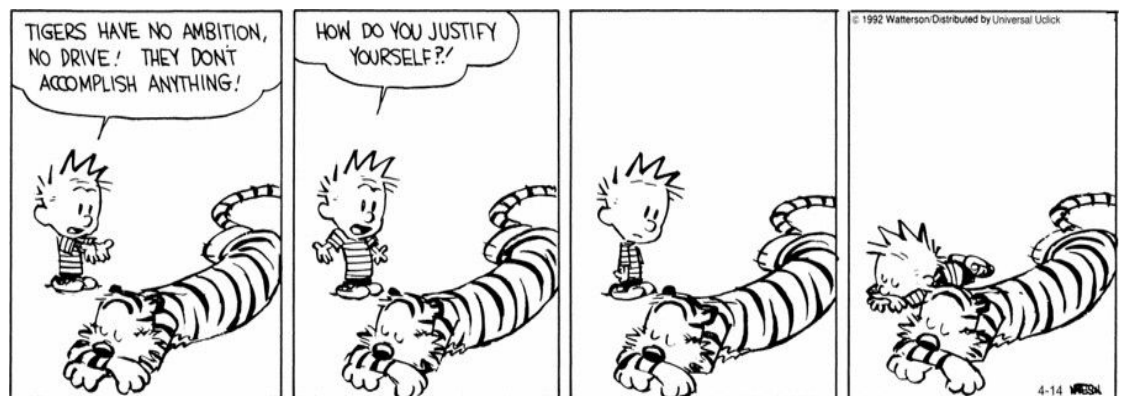
head is similar also. Both Calvin's hair and Hobbes's whiskers sticks out in a crazy way.

Differences are pretty obvious. Hobbes is a tiger and Calvin is a human boy. Hobbes has orange and black striped fur and Calvin is a human child, so, yes he has smooth, beige human skin. Hobbes is just a stuffed animal and Calvin is alive. Another difference is their height. Hobbes, the stuffed animal, is taller than Calvin, and in Calvin's imagination, Hobbes is even taller.

Personality

Calvin and Hobbes's personalities are really different but there are some similarities. They both like playing the most unorganized game called Calvinball. It's an activity that they play all the time together.

The sport repeats consistently throughout Watterson's comics. There is only one rule: you



make up all the rules. They are both crazy, love tricking people, and have a wild personality.

Some differences in their personalities are Calvin is always longing for adventure when Hobbes is always trying to find an excuse to get out of Calvin's imaginary adventures. Hobbes is the "I told you so" guy when things go wrong. Sometimes Calvin has to really convince him to do crazy stunts like time traveling or transmogrifying, which is Calvin's imaginary transformation of himself and Hobbes into other animals or objects (though it's all in his mind of course!).

Actions and Motives

One of the biggest similarities in the actions between Calvin and Hobbes is that every time their babysitter Rosalyn comes over, they always attack or trick her because they think she's the meanest babysitter on earth. They have stolen her science notes, locked her outside, tricked her to think Calvin was outside when he wasn't!

Calvin and Hobbes also have different actions and motives. Sometimes Calvin make fairly dumb decisions like pushing a car out of a driveway or playing

baseball inside the house. Calvin does that stuff mostly for entertainment but also to get attention from other people. Hobbs



would rather chill by the fire or sleep all day. Hobbes also likes to tackle Calvin whenever he walks in the front door after school, and Calvin hates it. Not to mention Hobbes is a little smarter than Calvin. He tries to stop him from doing his usual dangerous tricks. Sometimes he's able to, but he's not always successful!

Preferences

Calvin likes many things that Hobbes does not. For instance, Hobbes would rather eat his tuna sandwich and get caught in a trap than going on time-traveling mission to see dinosaurs. Also, Calvin thinks of life as TV, chocolate sugar cereal, and no school. Hobbes is a bit more smart than Calvin. To me that's surprising considering Hobbes

is a stuffed animal. Calvin loves to watch TV when Hobbes would rather lie down in a big, sunny field, or by the fireplace.



Conclusion

As you can see, in some ways Calvin and Hobbes are different and in some ways they are similar. Calvin is a little 6 year old wrecking ball boy and Hobbes is wiser and smarter than Calvin. Tiger, child, totally evil flying monkeys, we all have similarities and differences because nobody's the same.

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