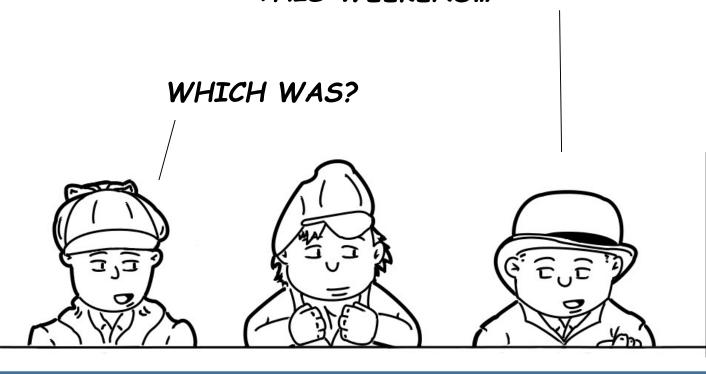
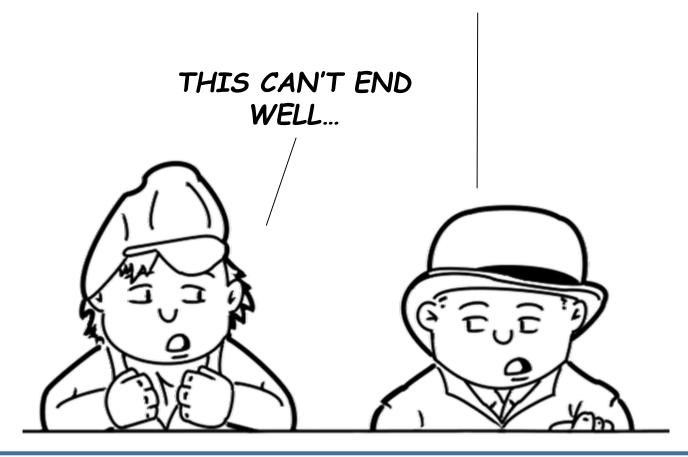
I LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON IN NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE THIS WEEKEND...



I ASKED FOR AN INCREASE IN MY ALLOWANCE FROM MY FATHER, DUE TO THE INCREASE IN COSTS AT THE LOCAL CONFECTIONER... MY NEGOTIATION PLOY WAS TO START HIGH AND THEN GO DOWN...



HE THEN EXPLAINED HE HAD CALCULATED HOW MANY POUNDS IT WAS GOING TO COST TO RAISE ME TO ADULTHOOD...



HE THEN ASKED WHETHER I THOUGHT THOSE

FUNDS SHOULD BE A "GRANT" OR A "LOAN

WITH INTEREST"?



IF I DROPPED THE ISSUE, I WOULD BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN FOR THE REST OF THE WEEKEND...

