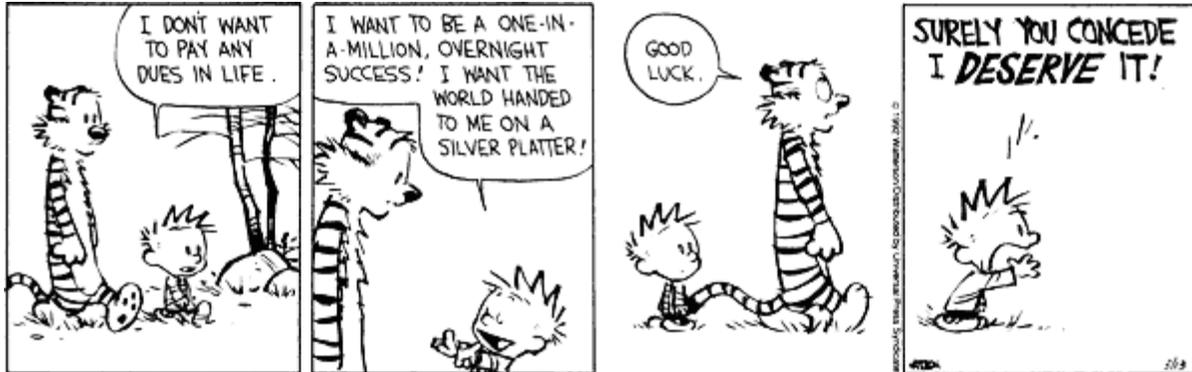




Natively Speaking Comics

Handed (something) on a silver platter:



If you are handed something on a silver platter, you didn't have to work hard to get it or put much effort in.

* Pay your dues -> to pay your debts/ what you owe someone.

1. Bill Gates has 3 children. I think that they will be **handed** everything **on a silver platter**. They will not need to worry about opportunities in life. They've *got it made*. If someone is born into a rich family, we can say that they were "*born with a silver spoon in their mouth.*"
2. Do you remember when you had to go to a library to do research? Well those days are gone... these days everything is **handed** to us **on a silver platter** on the internet. With the advance of the World Wide Web, information is **served** to us **on a silver platter**.
3. Would you like to be **handed** everything **on a silver platter** or would you prefer to become successful though *blood, sweat and tears* (hard work)? They say that if you work hard for something you'll appreciate it a whole lot more.
4. Have you inherited anything from your parents? If you have then you were **handed it on a silver platter**, which is a privilege, not a right.
5. Many people in underprivileged/ third world countries think that the people in first world countries have been **handed** everything **on a silver platter**. Despite that, do you think there is opportunity for anyone, anywhere?
6. Nelson Mandela, despite his relatively privileged upbringing, was not **handed** his eventual success as a leader **on a silver platter**. It took a lot of determination and sacrifice to get there. He became a lawyer when it was incredibly rare for black people to do so under the apartheid laws in South Africa... and was later imprisoned for a total of 27 years.