

Do You Know?

- **What “Disability” Means?**

Social Security says to be “Disabled” and get a monthly check a person must offer medical facts that prove:

- (1) He/She can't work at any substantial gainful job
- (2) Due to a medical condition (physical or mental) or more than one medical condition;
- (3) That has lasted or will likely last a year or more; or
- (4) That is expected to cause death.

Proving disability requires a report from your doctor.

- **How Many Disability Claims SSA Decides a Year?**

Social Security made 2,477,413 initial claim decisions in 2003.

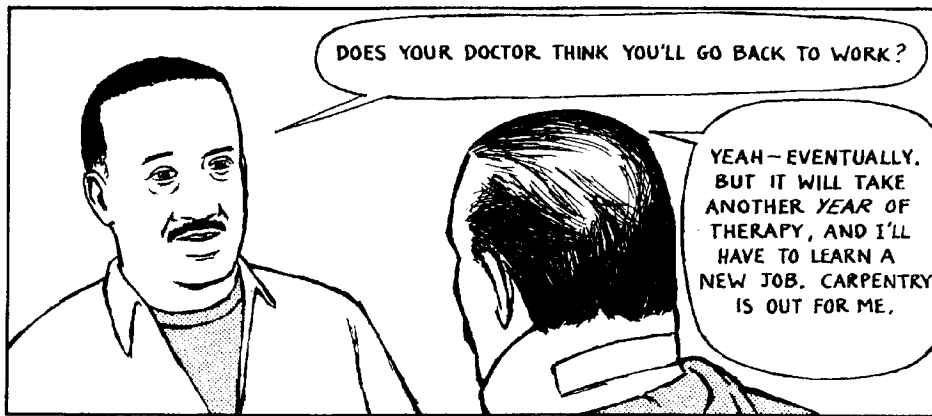
- **How many Claims Social Security Rejects?**

Social Security rejected 63% of claims in the initial decision in 2003.

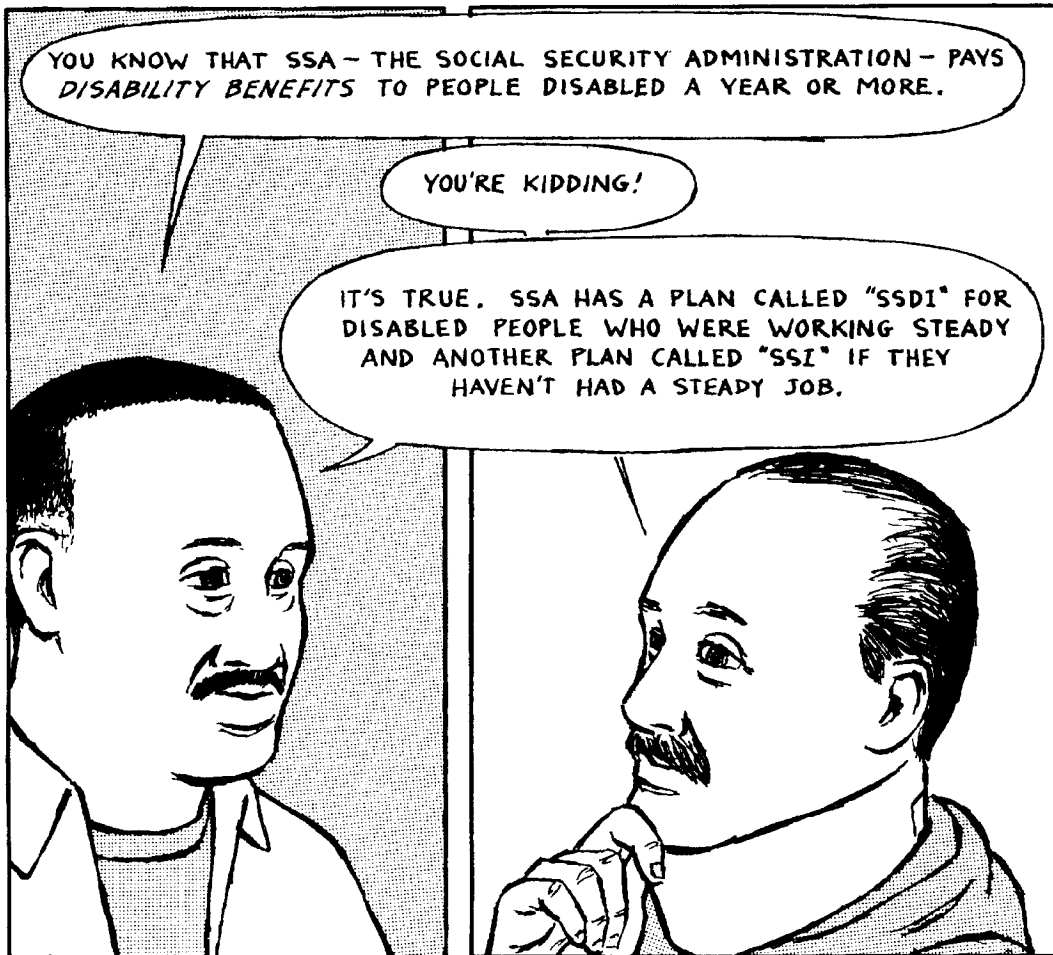
- **Why Social Security Rejects Most Claims?**

Not enough medical information (or the wrong kind) is received.

A HELPING HAND
With Social Security Disability



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- SSDI - which stands for Social Security Disability Insurance - pays cash and healthcare benefits to disabled workers younger than 65. It is insurance they paid for when FICA tax was deducted from their paychecks. Blind people also may qualify for SSDI.
- SSI - Supplemental Security Income - pays cash and healthcare benefits to disabled people who have little property or income. Aged or blind people also may qualify for SSI.