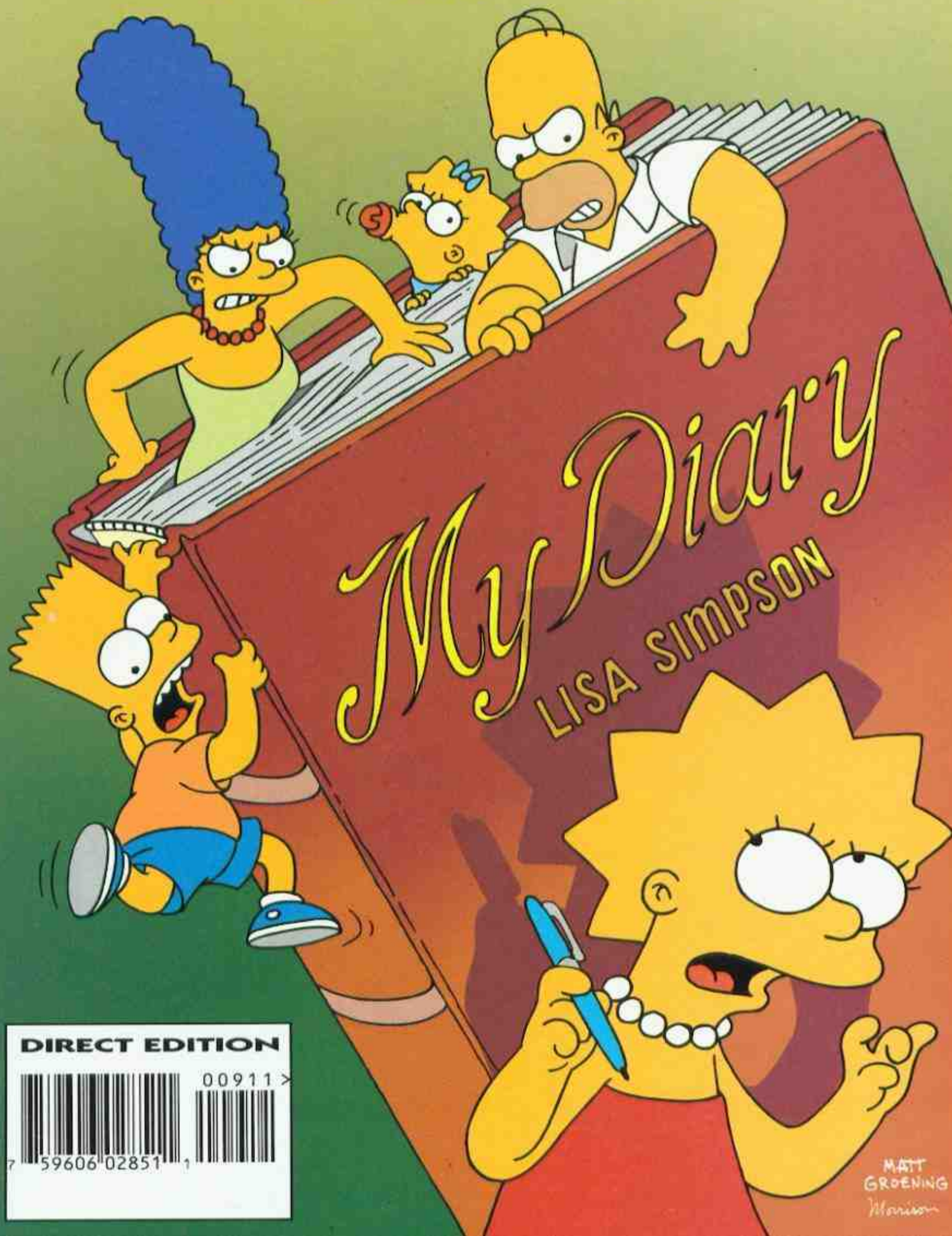


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THE PURPLE PROSE OF SPRINGFIELD

ENEMY CAMP
DESERTED. DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG
STORM GUTTER CAN
SUPPORT MY
WEIGHT...

...WHOA!

ANDREW
GOTTLIEB
SCRIPT

LUIS
ESCOBAR
PENCILS

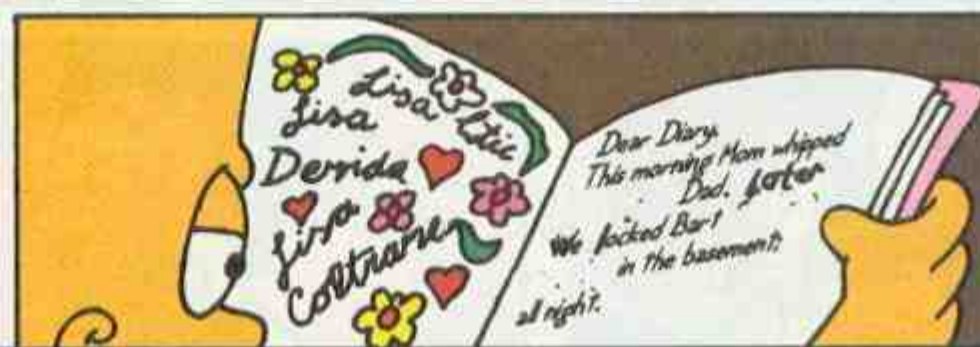
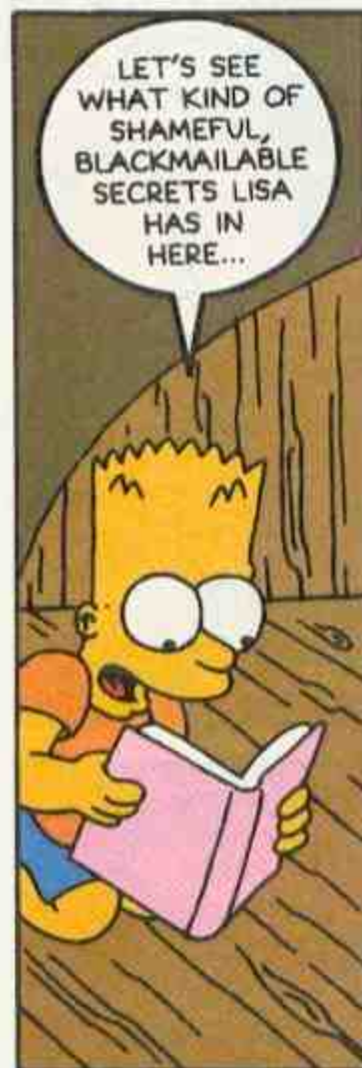
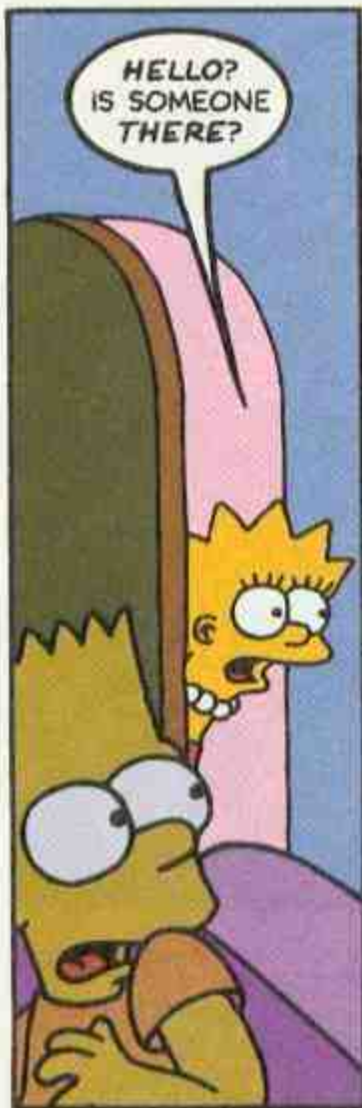
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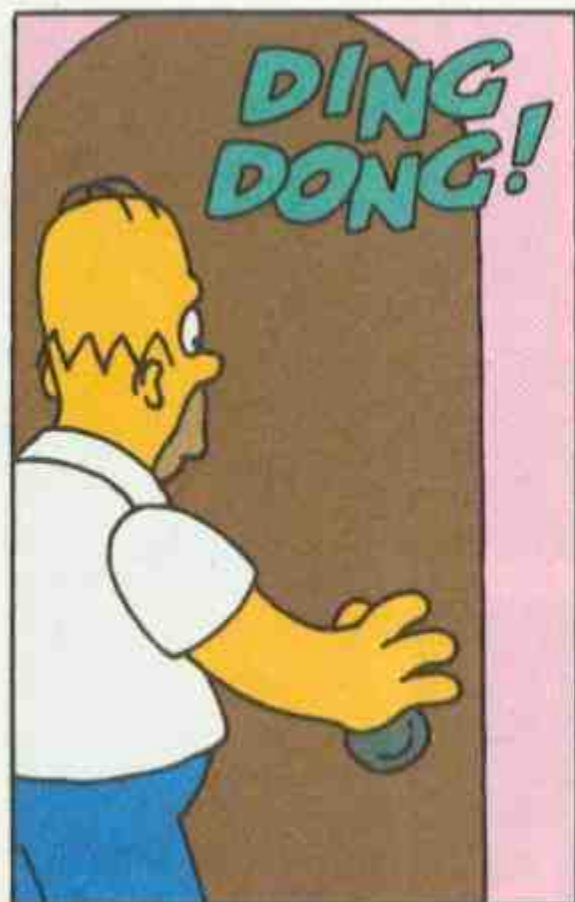
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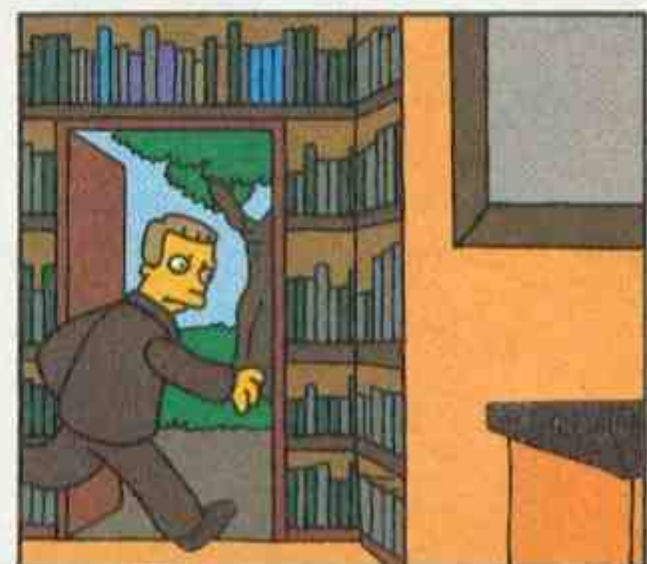
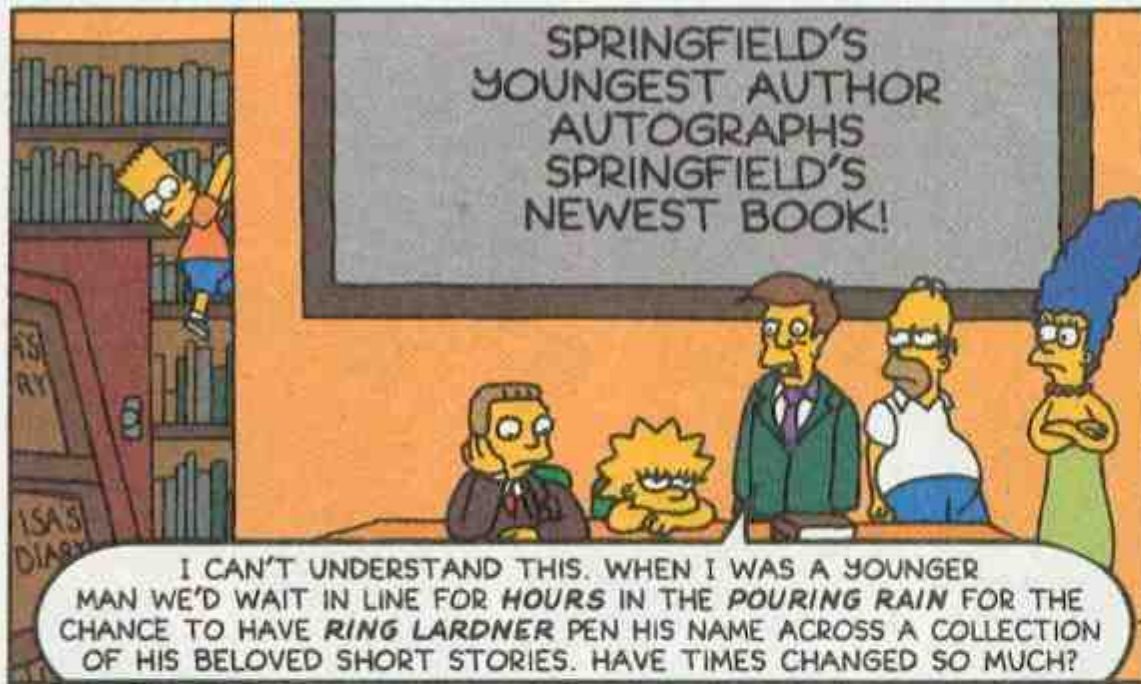
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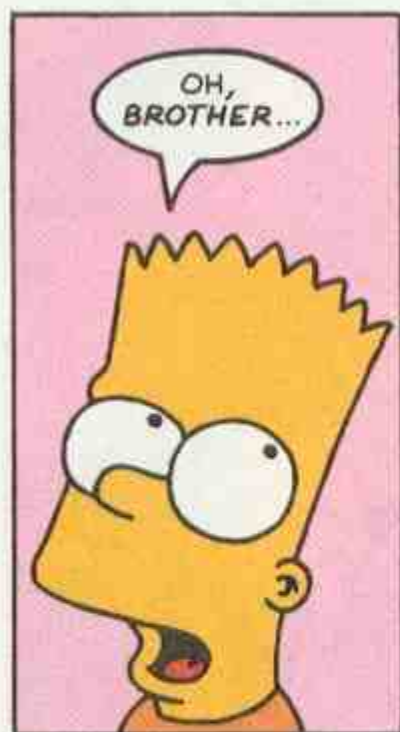




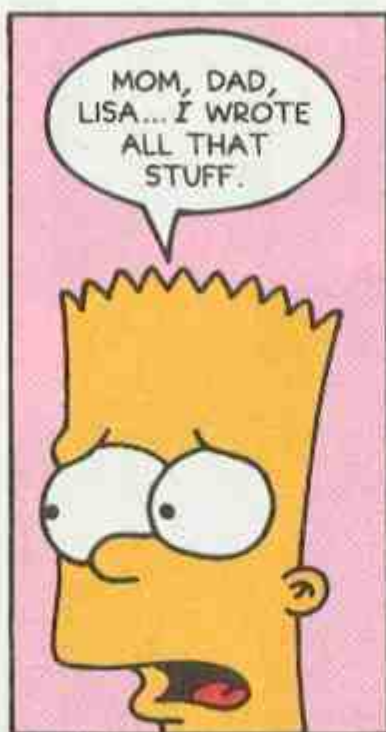




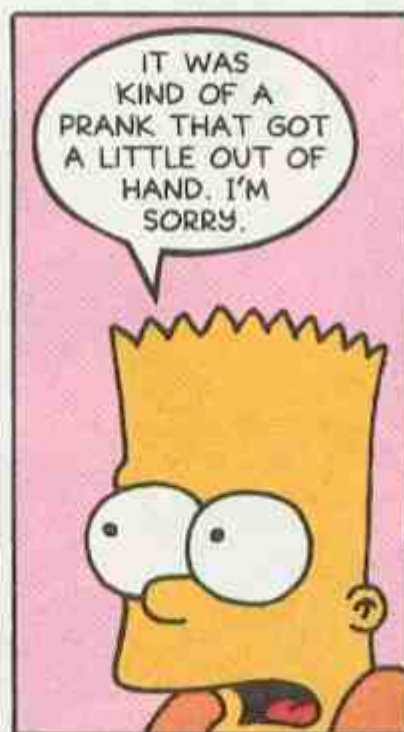




OH, BROTHER...



MOM, DAD, LISA... I WROTE ALL THAT STUFF.



IT WAS KIND OF A PRANK THAT GOT A LITTLE OUT OF HAND. I'M SORRY.



IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT. BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET EVERY ONE OF THOSE BOOKS OFF THE SHELVES. THIS IS ALL JUST A HORRIBLE MISTAKE. CAN YOU HELP US, MR. HUTZ?



HELP YOU GET RID OF "LISA'S DIARY" THEREBY SACRIFICING FINANCIAL GAIN IN THE NAME OF A HIGHER MORAL PURPOSE? ARE YOU KIDDING? THEY'D DRUM ME OUT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION FOR THAT.

I DON'T WANT ANOTHER COPY OF THAT BOOK SOLD.



BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY RASH DECISIONS, I HAVE SOMETHING HERE YOU SHOULD SEE...



HA! YOU THINK THIS MAKES A DIFFERENCE?

WHAT IS IT?

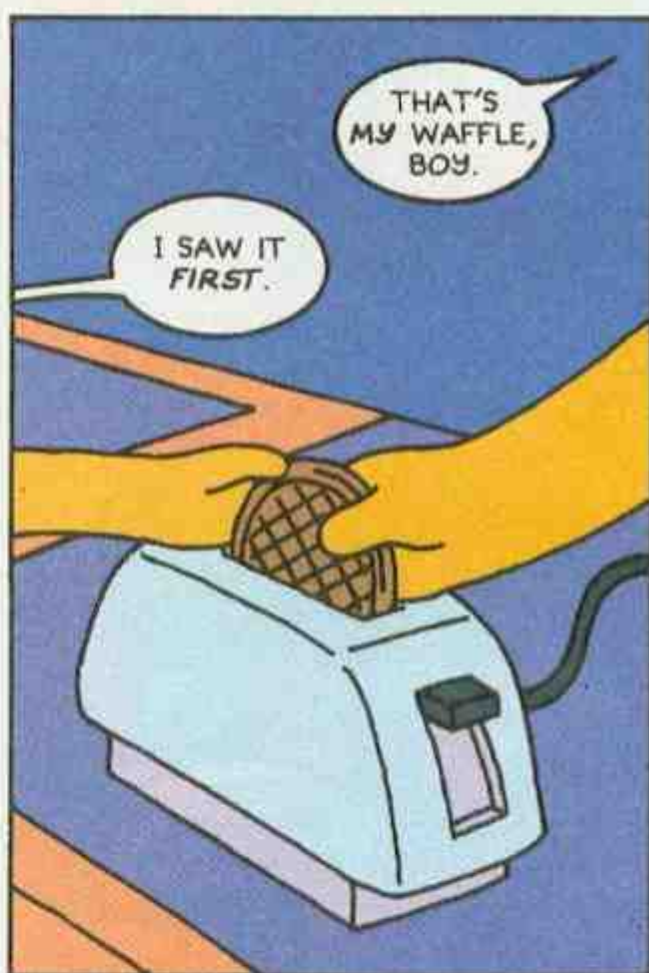
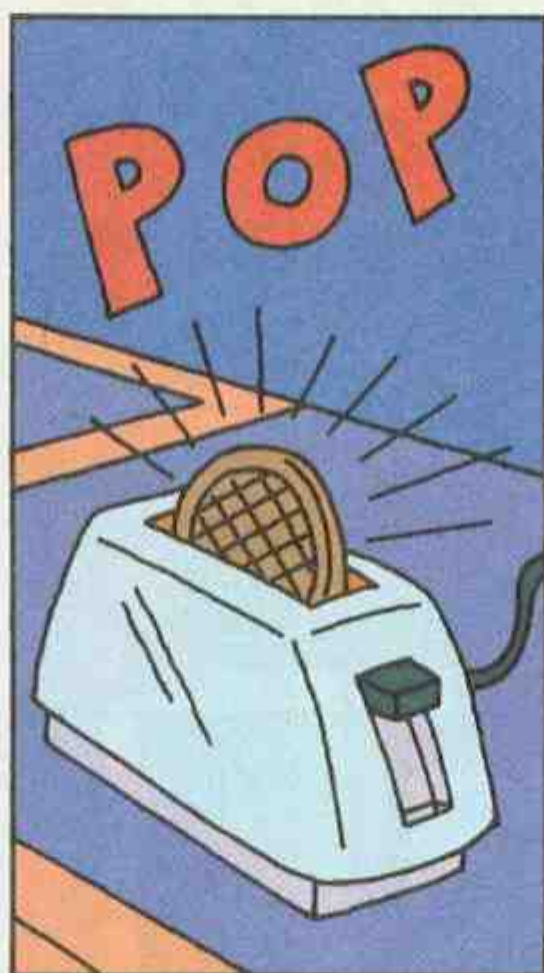
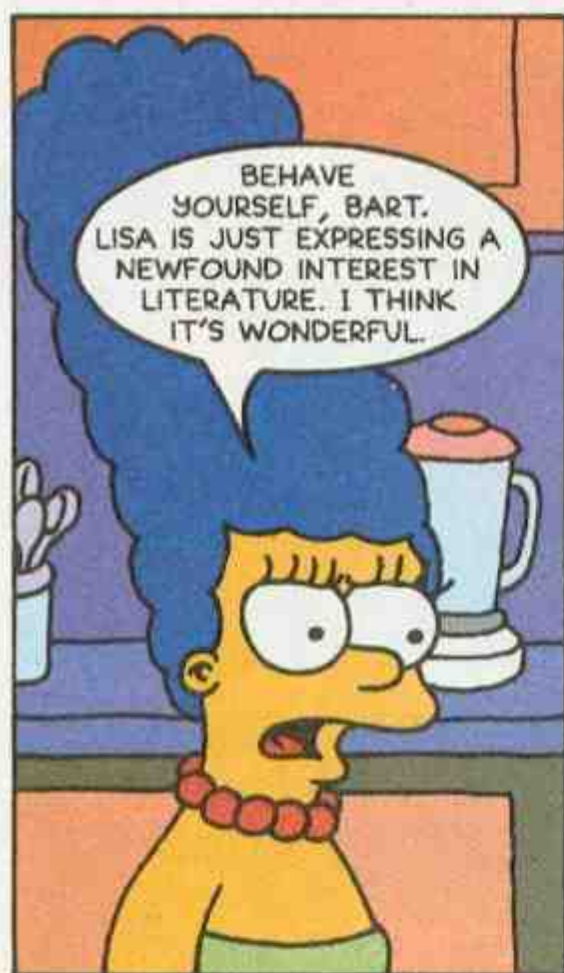
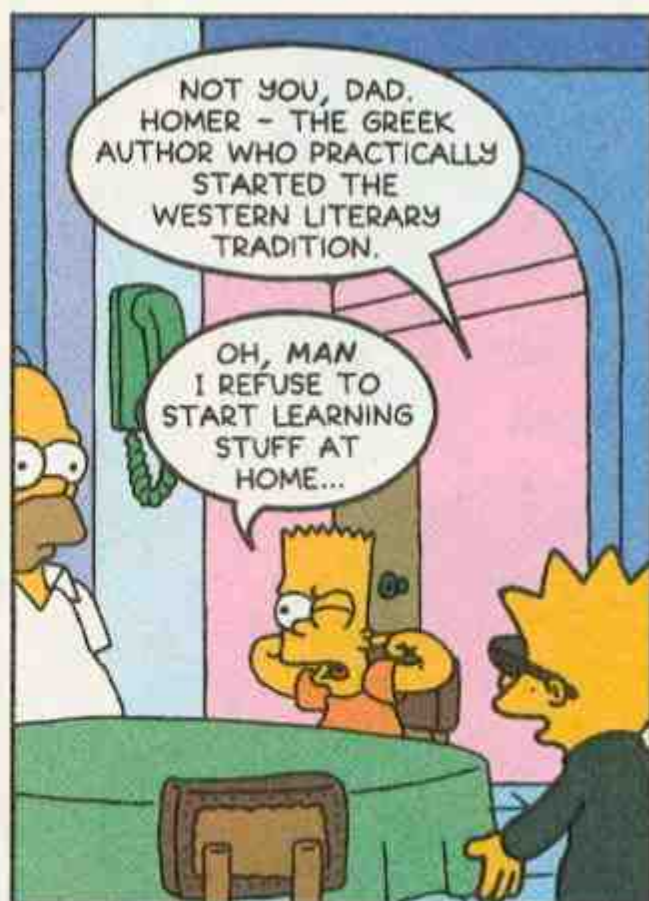
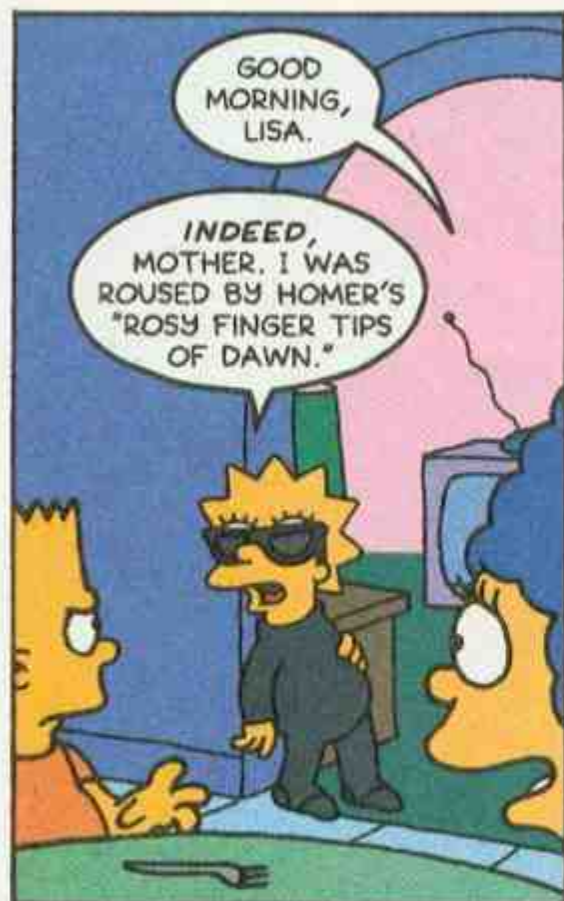
IT'S A ROYALTY CHECK TO LISA FOR 45,000-DOLLARS. LOOK, MR. HUTZ, THE SIMPSONS CAN'T BE BOUGHT.

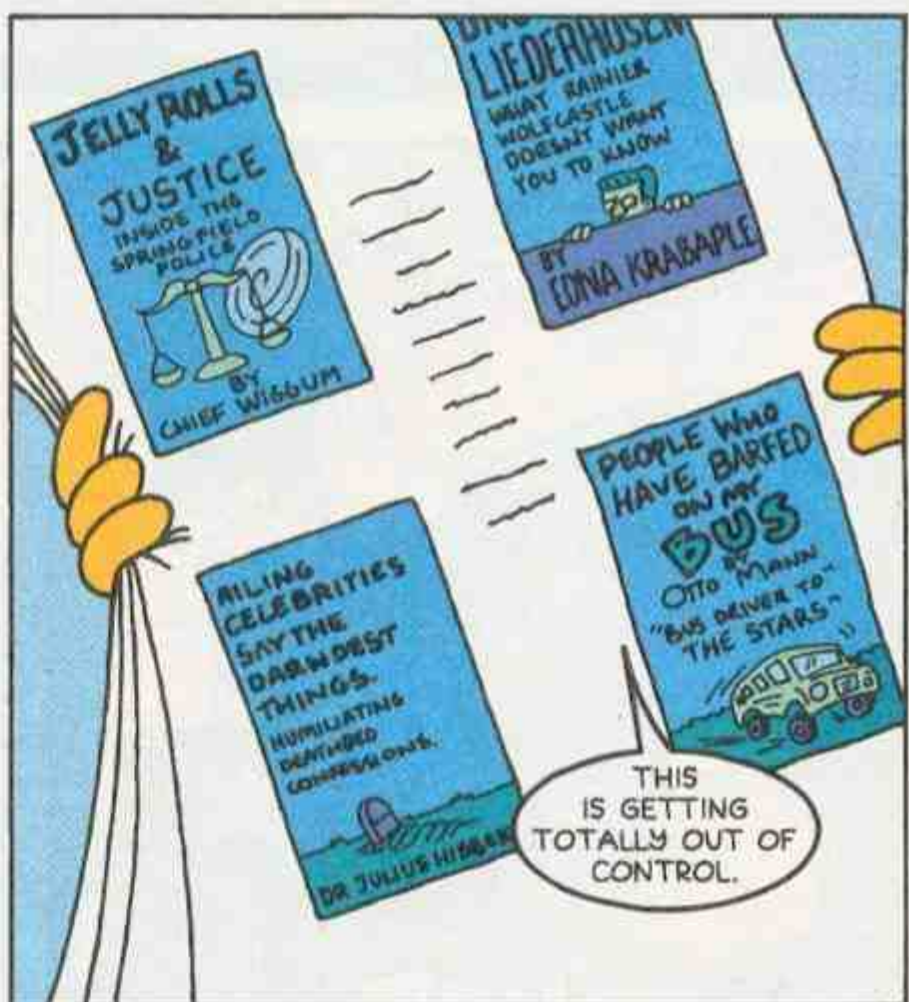
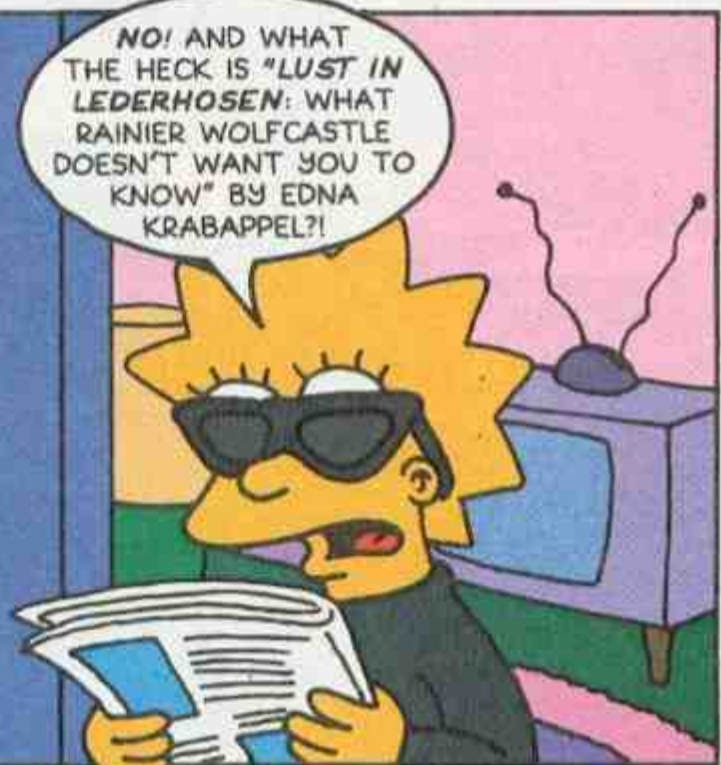


WE CAN, HOWEVER, BE LEASED WITH AN OPTION TO BUY. WHEN DO WE GO TO PAPERBACK?

YOINK!



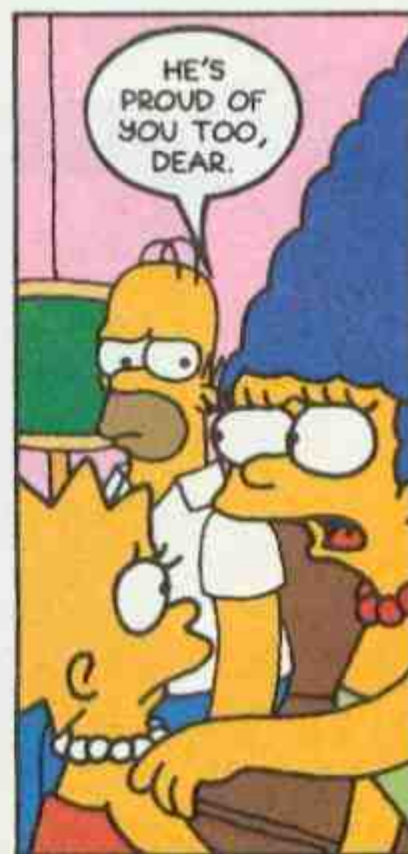
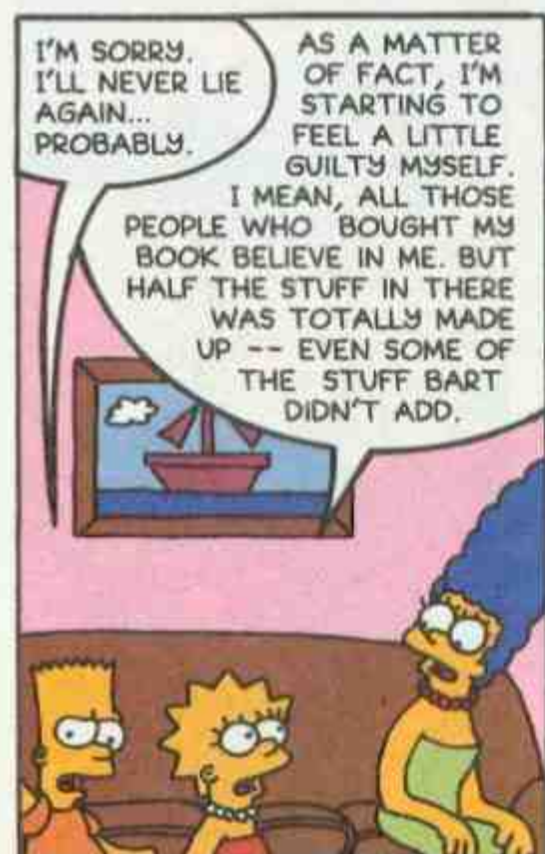
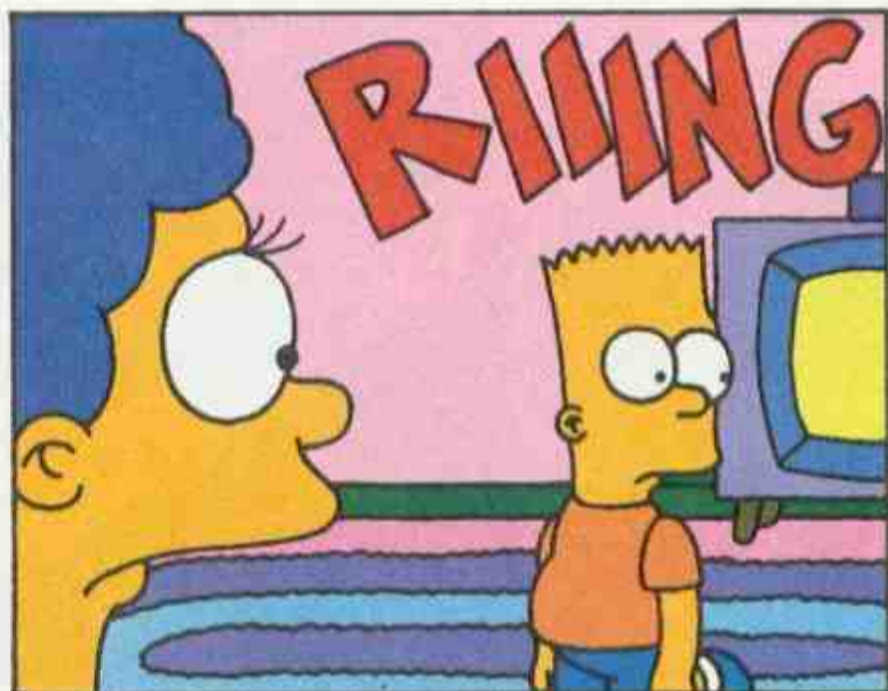
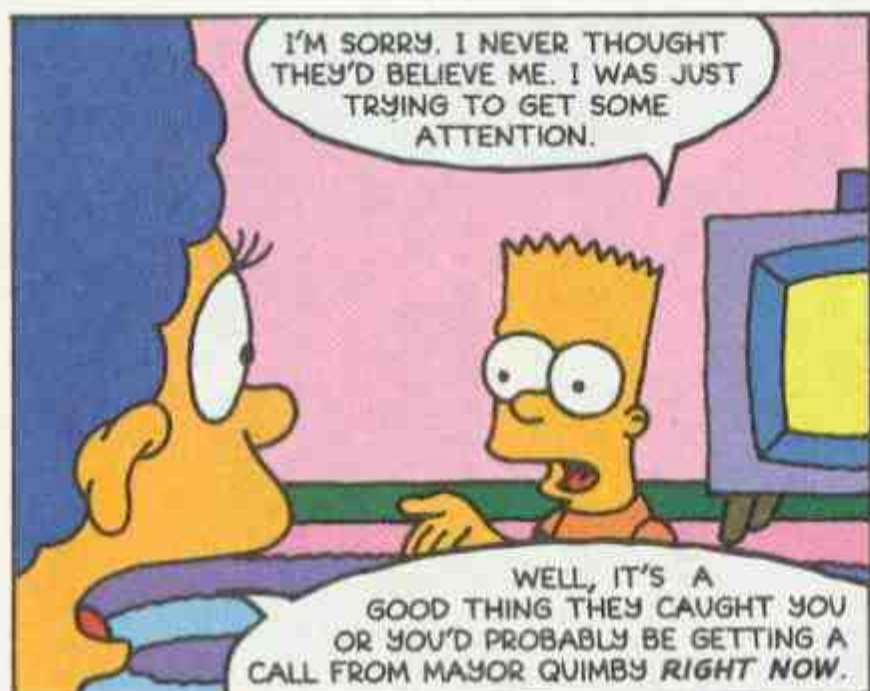




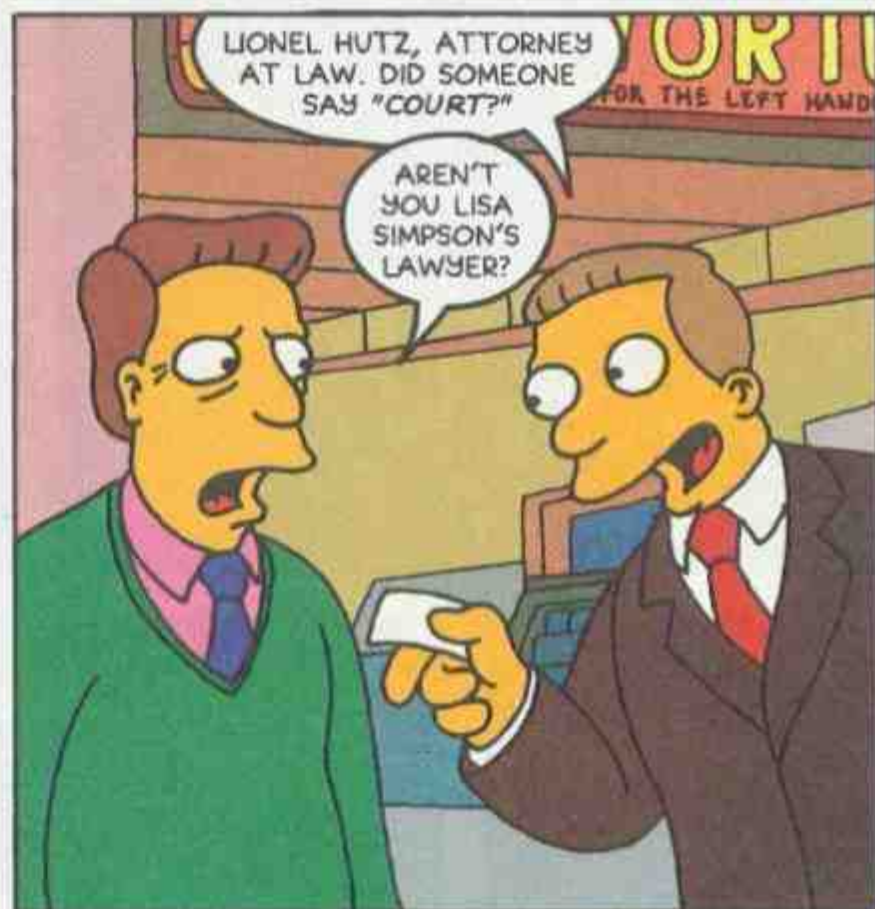
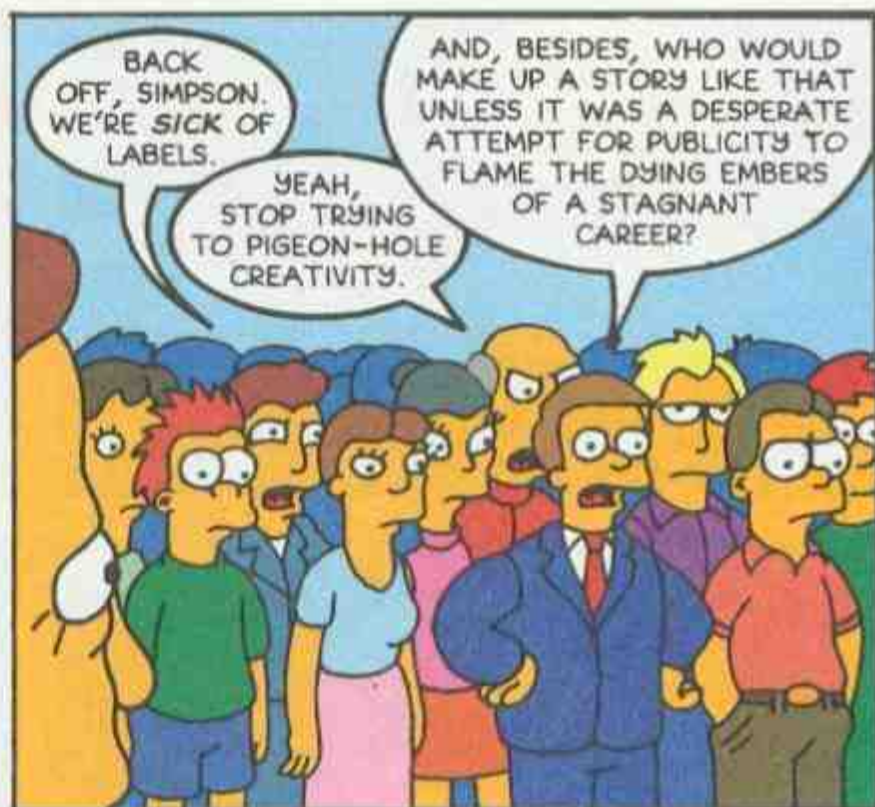




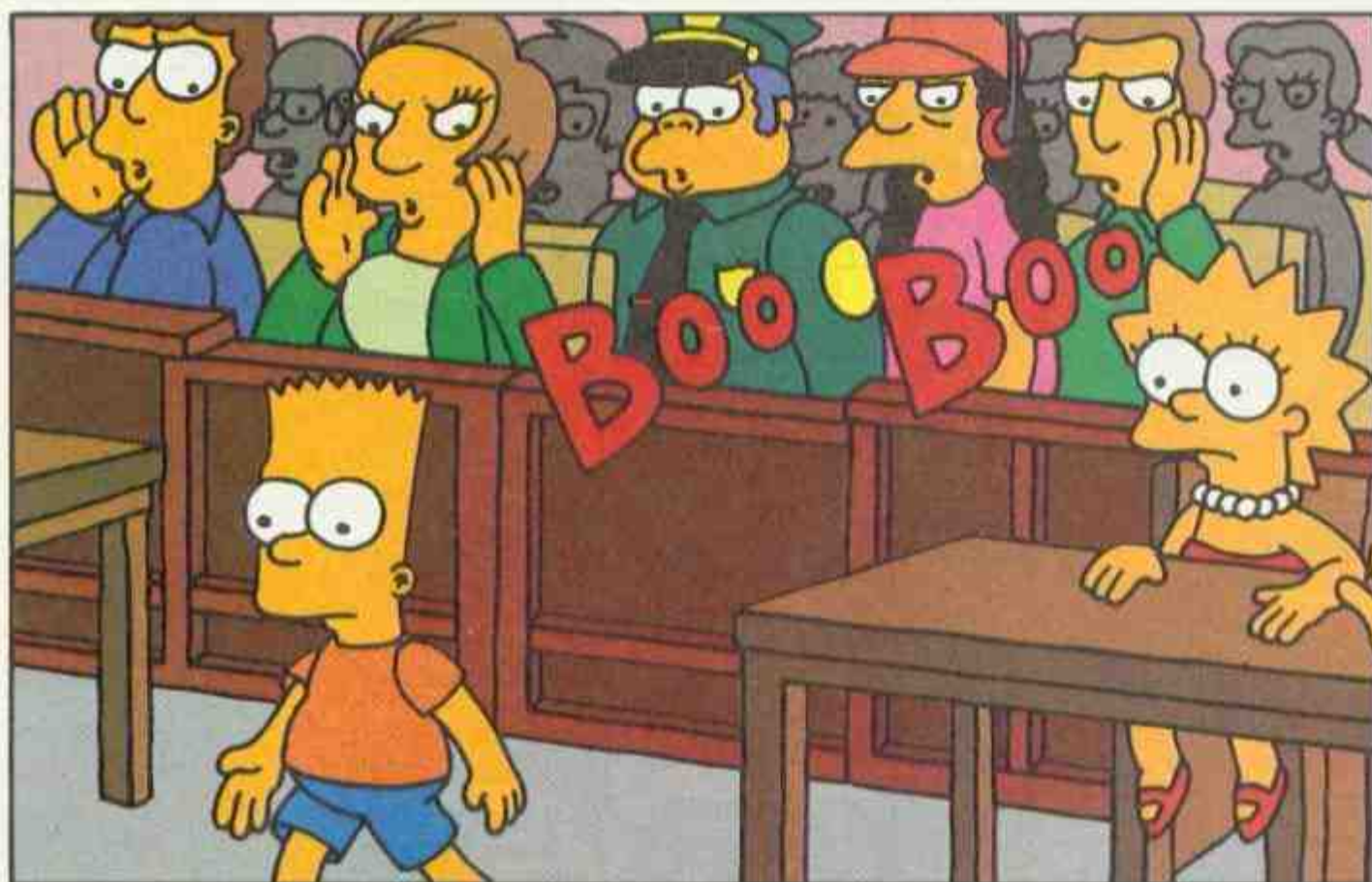












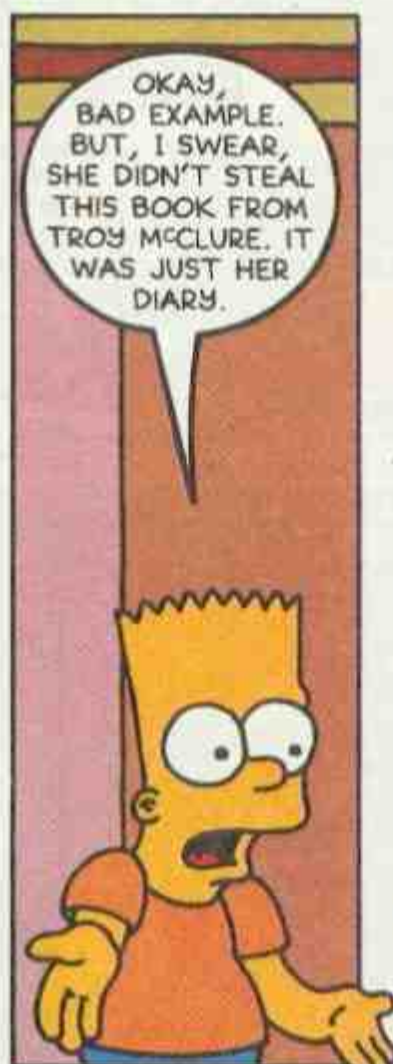
GOOD CITIZENS OF SPRINGFIELD, BEFORE YOU SITS A FLOWER OF OUR FAIR TOWN'S YOUTH. WHY, LISA SIMPSON IS NO MORE CAPABLE OF COMMITTING FRAUD OR THIEVERY THAN I AM.



STRING HER UP!

GIVE HER THE CHAIR!

GIVE HER THIS BENCH -- IT'S KILLING MY BACK!



OKAY, BAD EXAMPLE. BUT, I SWEAR, SHE DIDN'T STEAL THIS BOOK FROM TROY MCLURE. IT WAS JUST HER DIARY.



AND THEN I GOT MY HANDS ON IT AND KIND OF JUICED IT UP A LITTLE. YOU KNOW, TO GET SOME PIZZAZZ IN THERE...



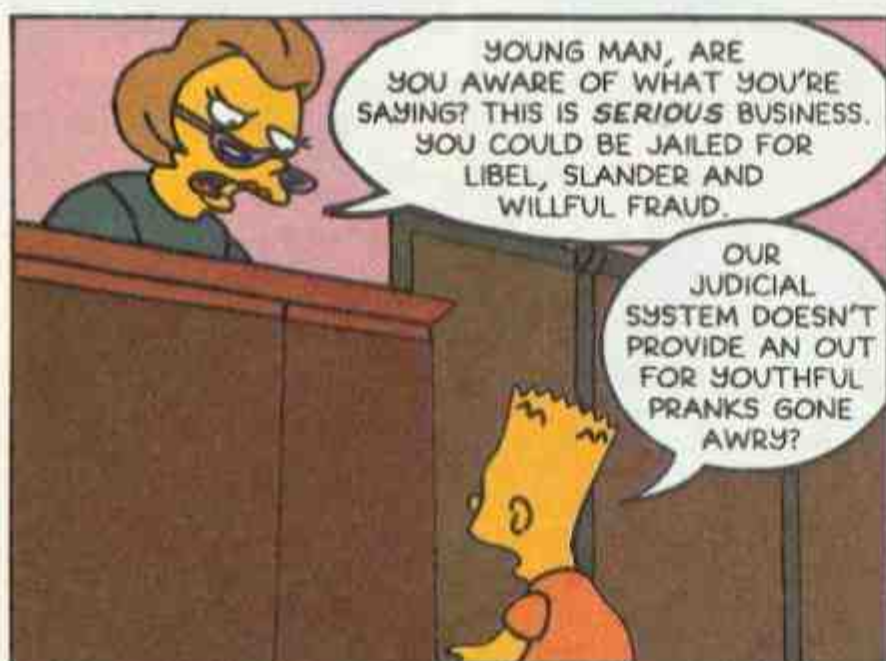
PIZZAZZ?

"LISA'S DIARY" ISN'T REAL?

YOU MEAN, HOMER DOESN'T REALLY HAVE BEER BREATH?

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU!

WELL, I GUESS SHE COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT ALL UP.



YOUNG MAN, ARE YOU AWARE OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? THIS IS **SERIOUS** BUSINESS. YOU COULD BE JAILED FOR LIBEL, SLANDER AND WILLFUL FRAUD.

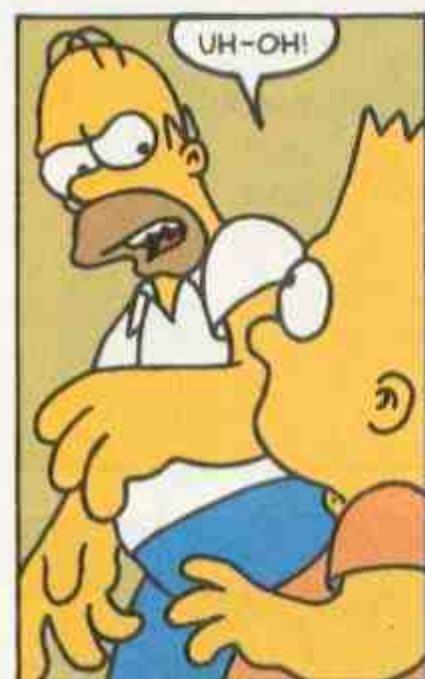
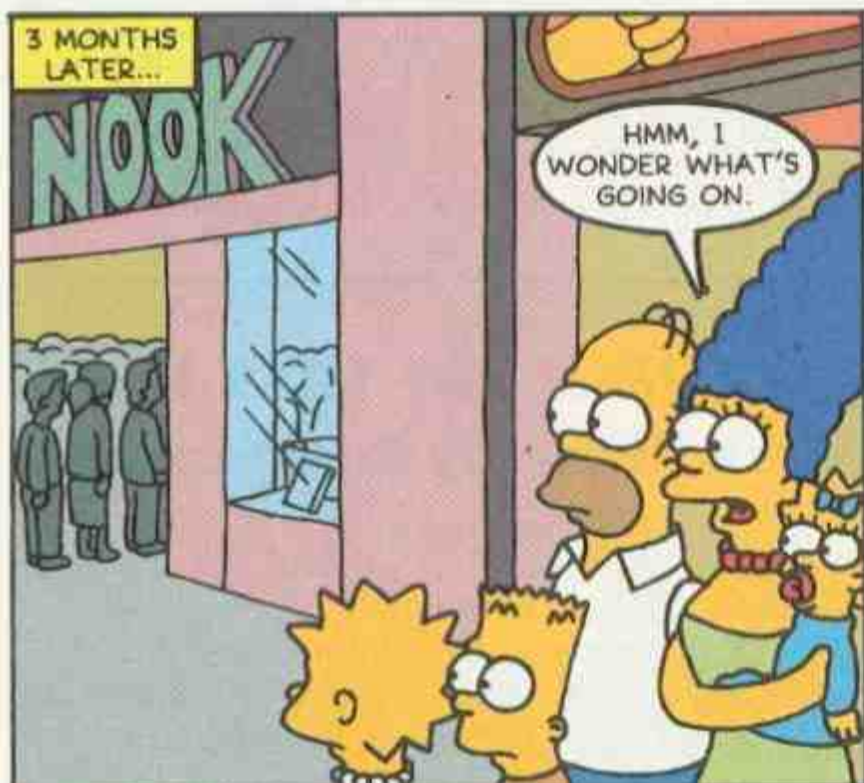
OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM DOESN'T PROVIDE AN OUT FOR YOUTHFUL PRANKS GONE AWRY?



NOT UNLESS YOU HAVE A REALLY GOOD LAWYER.

BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS. EVERYBODY DOES IT...







HOMER SIMPSON'S PATHETIC PAL

BARNEY GUMBLE

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FEATURING...



THE WIFE DODGER



THE EAR BENDER



OLD BARKEEP



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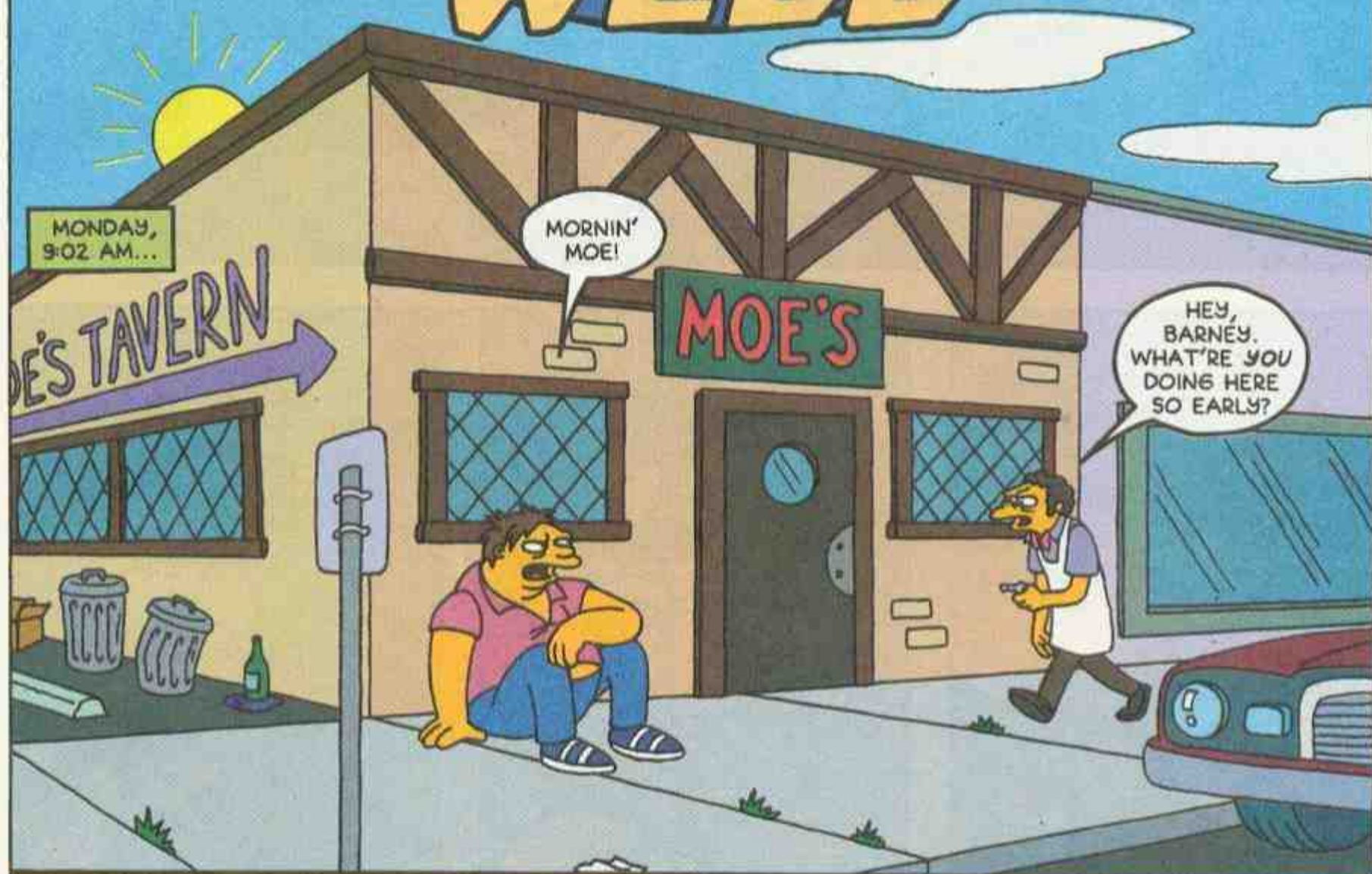
I YAM
WHAT I YA-
UUUUURRP!!

MATT
GROENING

Morrison

HOMER SIMPSON'S PATHETIC
PAL BARNEY IN:

ASLEEP AT THE WELL



BILL
MORRISON
STORY

STEPHANIE
GLADDEN
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LETTERING

ELECTRIC
CRAYON
COLORS

MATT
GROENING
BRAUMEISTER









3:38 PM...

zzzzzz...

MAN,
WHATTA LIFE.
ITJUSH DUZ'N GET
ANY BETTER'N
THISH!

YOU
SHED IT!

EXCUSE
US...

...WE'RE A TRAVELING WET-BIKINI CONTORTIONIST
TROUPE, ON OUR WAY TO GIVE A FREE CHARITY
PERFORMANCE AT THE SLEAZY-COME,
SLEAZY-GO SALOON.

WE MUST'VE
MADE A WRONG TURN
SOMEWHERE. COULD YOU
GIVE US DIRECTIONS?

WHY, UH...
THIS IS
SLEAZY-COME,
SLEAZY-GO!!

BUT
YOUR SIGN
SAYS --

IT'S AN
OLD SIGN! LET THE
SHOW BEGIN, LADIES!

