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As this snow sculpture thaws on the first warm day,
so will our hearts melt whenever we think of you.

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BEST INTRO EVER!

Salutations from the Captain's chair of the Android's Dungeon, Springfield's world-renowned comic book shop and the finest purveyor of sport cards and sci-fi/fantasy collectibles in the tri-city area. (Nerts to you, Frodo's of Shelbyville!)

While recently engaged in a spirited discourse with my online role-playing group, the subject of the impending holidays reared its head. The question put before The Continuum was, in a wintertime scenario, which frost-bound character would you be? Predictably many opted for the heroic demeanor of Iceman, or the cold-hearted villainy of Mr. Freeze or even the innocuous japery of Chilly Willy. While Frink 8.5 (the fool) remained unshakable in his position that Captain Cold is a far superior evil-doer than Mr. Freeze (oh please) and The Internet King staunchly defended some nobody named Mr. Plow, I remained steadfast in my conviction that the greatest of all winter characters is the one and only Santa Claus.

Yes, I truly envy that jolly old soul. Why, his ready access to eggnog and gingerbread alone secures him the top spot in my price guide. And let us not forget his happy little helpers. Imagine, if your Muggle brain will let you, commanding legions of elf-lackeys to fashion the rarest of treasures for your personal collection. If I were blessed with the power of the Clausinator, crates of banned missile-launching Boba Fett action figures would line my workshop. I'd use Fantasia animation cels as place mats and wipe doughnut sprinkles from my mouth with Joe DiMaggio baseball cards.

Most wondrous of all, I would have my sprightly drones faithfully re-create classics of graphic storytelling long out of print. Classics like the merry tales contained herein. You hold in your unworthy hands **The Simpsons Holiday Humdinger**, a compilation of seasonal glee from our favorite family's Christmases past. Any one of these now priceless books would cost you a fortune on the back issue market, if you could find them (and rest assured you can't), but thanks to the magic of the Yuletide season, they are yours merely for the wishing, and of course, the \$14.95 marked on the back cover.

Now heat up the cocoa, break out the cookies, assemble your friends (super or otherwise), and enjoy this diverting selection of holiday frippery.

And don't forget the Dungeon's Post-Xmas Clearance Sale 11 A.M. to 9 P.M. on Dec. 26th. All seasonal merchandise 40% off! (No refunds or exchanges.)

Comic Book Guy



HOMER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

AH, CHRISTMAS.
A TIME OF THE YEAR
THAT WARMS MY
HEART.

IN FACT, MY
HEART'S *SO* WARM, I'M
SWEATING. SLEIGH BELLS
RINGING. CHILDREN
SPLASHING...



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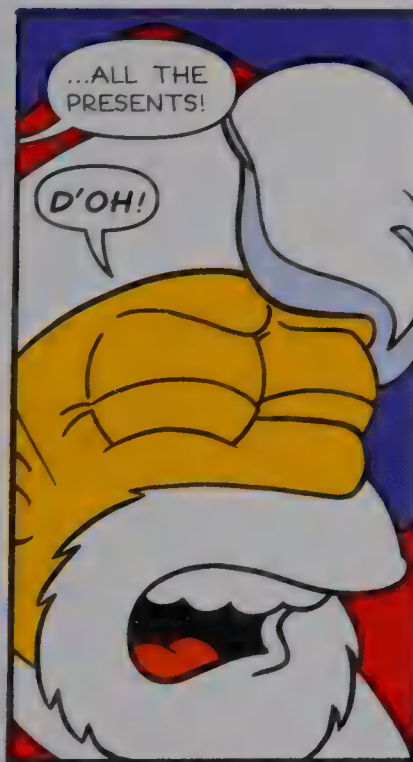


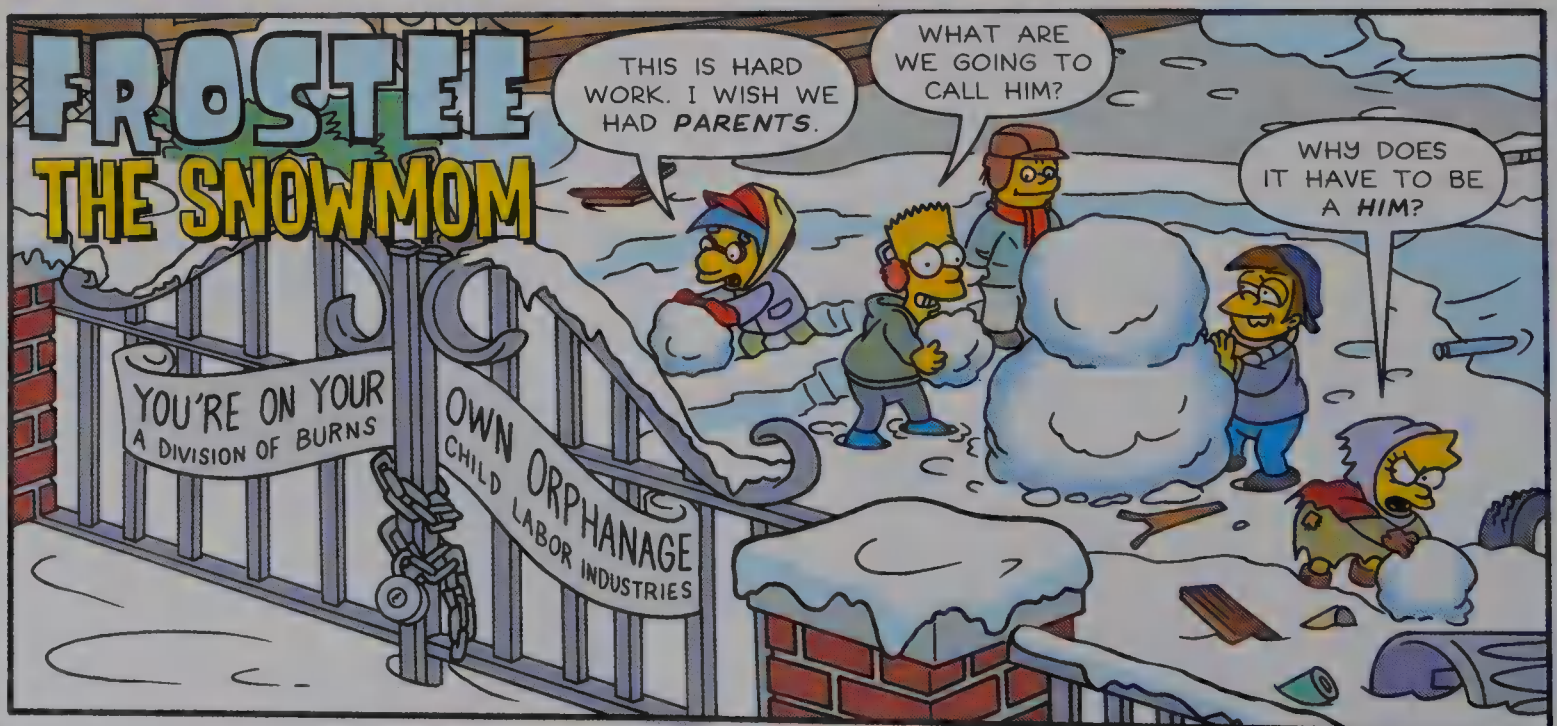






















"HOW ABOUT..."

THE GIFT OF THE MAGGIE

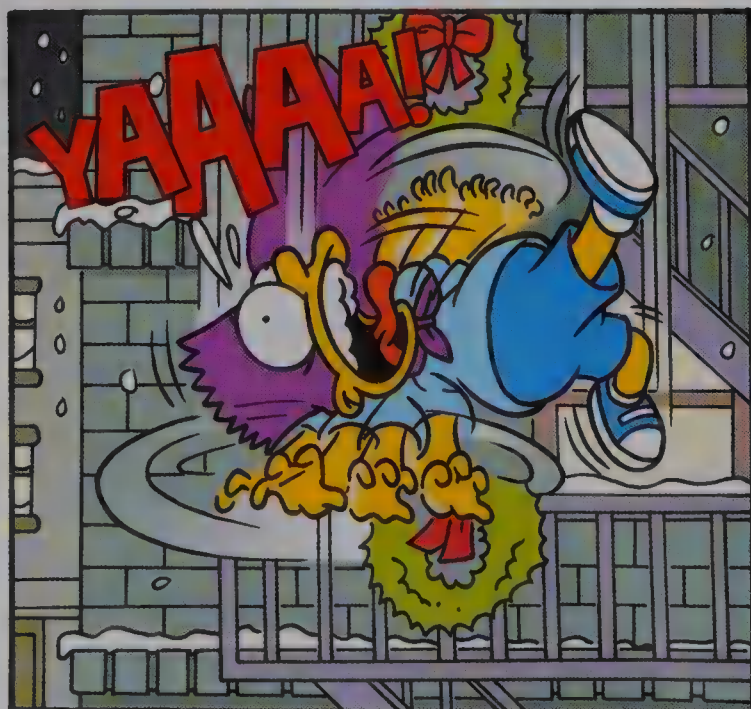
"ON CHRISTMAS DAY, MAGGIE WAS SHOCKED TO FIND THAT WHILE SHE HAD SOLD HER PACIFIER TO BUY BABY GERALD A JAR OF EYEBROW WAX..."

"...GERALD HAD SOLD HIS EYEBROW TO A WIG SHOP TO BUY MAGGIE A PACIFIER COZY."

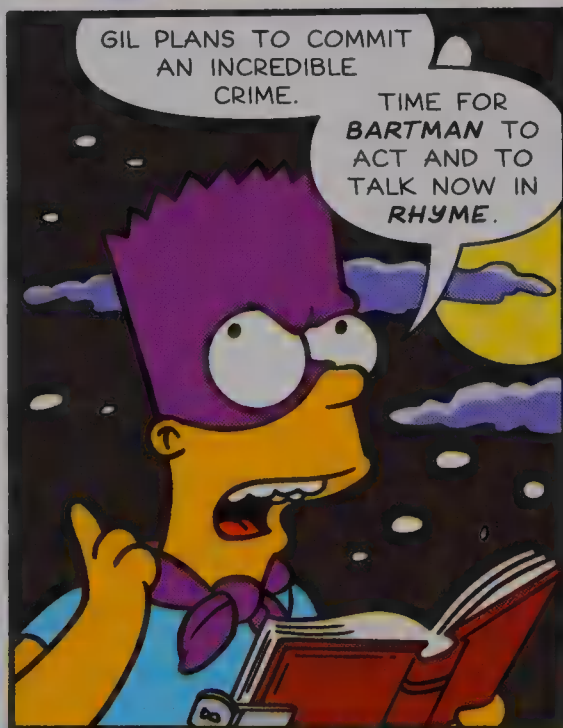


"AND WITH NARY A PACIFIER BETWEEN 'EM, THOSE BABIES CRIED TILL EASTER!"













TREE'S COMPANY





WELL, LET'S SEE. THE WORD CHRISTMAS COMES FROM *CRISTES MAESSE* OR *CHRIST'S MASS*. WHILE MANY CULTURES IN PLACES LIKE ROME AND EUROPE ALREADY HAD A *WINTER FESTIVAL*, THE *CHRISTIAN CHURCH* ONLY CELEBRATED *EASTER*. THAT CHANGED IN THE FOURTH CENTURY. THE BIRTHDAY OF CHRIST, THOUGH NOT RECORDED IN THE BIBLE, WAS FIRST CELEBRATED AS JANUARY 6TH.



THIS CHANGED IN 1743 WHEN POPE JULIUS THE FIRST MADE THE DATE DECEMBER 25TH IN ORDER, IT'S ASSUMED, TO COINCIDE WITH THE PAGAN *SATURNALIA FESTIVAL*. FOR A TIME IN BOSTON, 1659 TO 1681, CHRISTMAS WAS OUTLAWED, BUT BY 1870 IT WAS DECLARED A *NATIONAL HOLIDAY* AND REMAINS ONE TO THIS DAY.



I LIKE EGG NOG.



HERE WE ARE. MAN, LOOK AT ALL THEM TREES!



THIS ONE IS PERFECT.

ARE YOU NUTS? IT'S THE RUNT OF THE LITTER.



ALL IT NEEDS IS A LITTLE LOVE.

I DUNNO, HOMER. I HAVE A HARD ENOUGH TIME TELLING MY MA I LOVE HER.

IT'S GONNA BE EVEN HARDER SAYING IT TO A TWIG.





THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE STORIES WHERE THE CHRISTMAS TREE COMES TO LIFE AND ATTACKS EVERYONE IS IT? BECAUSE THAT HAS SO BEEN DONE.

A TREE COMING TO LIFE? THAT'D BE RIDICULOUS.

"THE FRUIT CAKES ON THE OTHER HAND..."

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE NUT ALLERGIES!

AAAAAH!

SNAP!

GRRRRR!

SNARL!







SPECIAL
HOLIDAY ISSUE,
MAN!

Angry Dad in "Wreck the Halls"

by Bart Simpson

GRRRAHH!
CHRISTMAS
MAKES ANGRY
DAD ANGRY!



AND NOW
TO SET UP THE
HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND WIN
THE BIG NEIGHBORHOOD
HOME DECORATING
CONTEST!

Decorations

YELL WHEN
YOU WANT SOME
JUICE, ANGRY
DAD!

I FEAR
DISASTER.

RRRAGHH!
STUPID TANGLED
CORDS! GGGNAAH!
RRRR!

THERE'S
THE SIGNAL!

THAT'S AN
INARTICULATE
GROWL OF
RAGE.

CLOSE
ENOUGH!

Bzzzzzzzapp!

POP!

POP!

POP!

YAAHH!

RAAGHHH!
GUUUHGG!
AARRGH!

GOOD NEWS,
A.D.! WE WON
FIRST PRIZE!

A SIMPLE
CANDLE IN THE
WINDOW WOULD
HAVE BEEN MUCH
MORE DIGNIFIED.

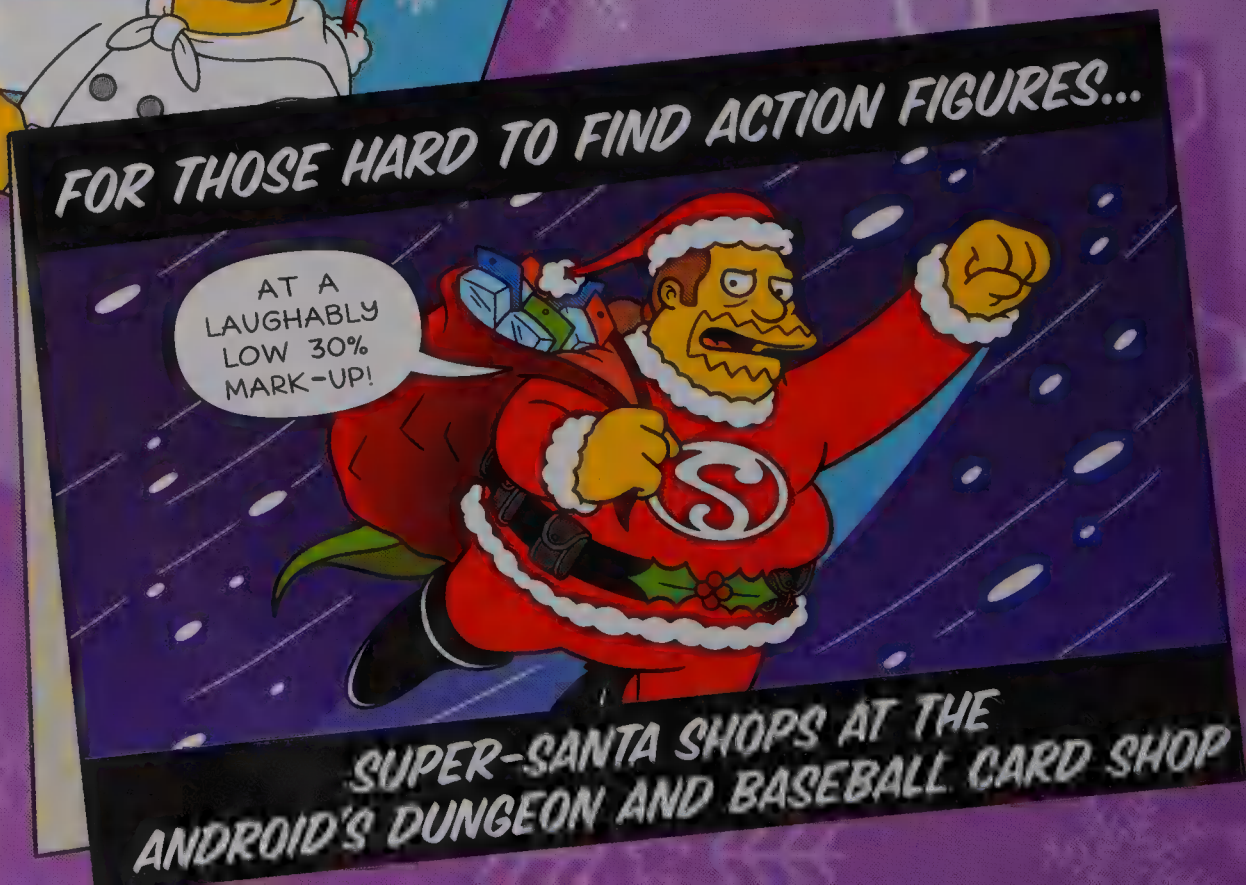
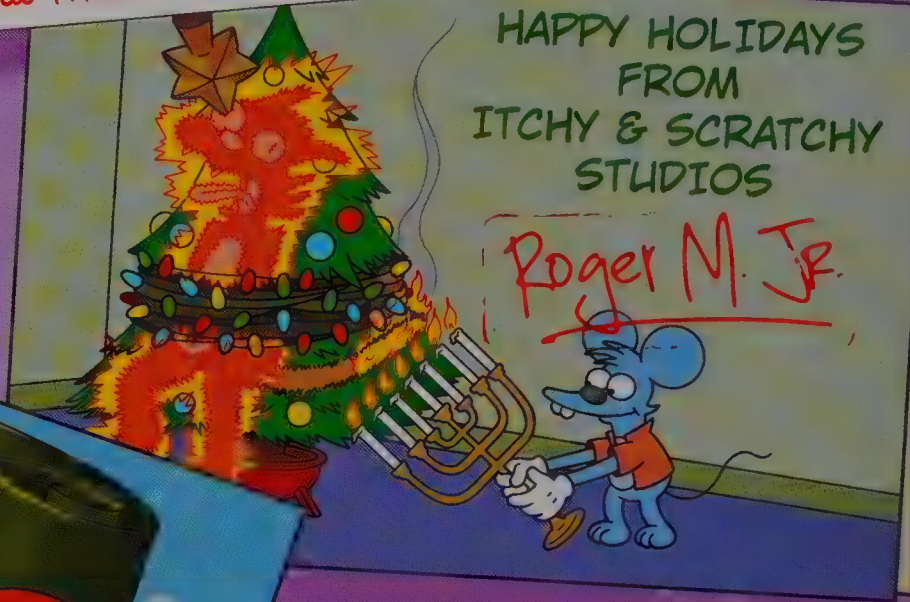
GRRRAHHH!
STUPID LIGHTS!
STUPID ELECTROCUTION!
I HATE IT SO MUCH!
ARRGHH!

ANGRY
DAD, YOU'RE
FIRED!

End



We'll have a Blue Christmas with You at Maison Derriere!



SUPER-SANTA SHOPS AT THE ANDROID'S DUNGEON AND BASEBALL CARD SHOP

DON YOU NOW YOUR GAY APPAREL AT COCKAMAMIE'S



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WE'RE GOING TO PARTY LIKE
IT'S 1979 AT STU'S DISCO!

We raise a glass and share some wine,
With all of you still stuck in line.
We wish you lots of joy and cheer.
Your turn will come some time next year!



GREETINGS FROM MOE'S TAVERN

Your One Stop Holiday Fun Spot



Ol' St. Nahasapeemapetilon

SAYS:

Forget to make those all-important gift purchases for the holidays? Afraid of spending Christmas Day in the house of the dog?

Well, do not worry, my non-Hindu friend! We have the answers at the...

KWIK HOLIDAY

YOU SAY YOU FORGOT TO PURCHASE SMALL ITEMS FOR THE TRADITIONAL STUFFING OF OVERSIZED FOOTWEAR?

NOT TO BE WORRIED! CHOOSE FROM A SANTA-SIZED SELECTION OF PENCILS, TAPE, OINTMENTS, GAUZES, EYE DROPS, TISSUES, CONDIMENT PACKAGES, SWABS, SEALANTS, LIGHTERS,

BUG SPRAYS, FLU REMEDIES, BATTERIES, RAZORS, LUBRICATING JELLIES, TICK POWDERS, AND A FESTIVE ARRAY OF LUNCHEON MEATS AND HEAD CHEESES!

WITH ALL THE HOLIDAY HUSTLE AND ALSO BUSTLE, CAN A FATHER NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR FORGETTING TO PURCHASE A CHARMING CENTERPIECE FROM A HEARTLESS DEPARTMENT STORE?

NEVER FEAR! NOTHING SAYS "I LOVE MY FAMILY" LIKE A DICKENS VILLAGE MADE TOTALLY OF JERKY!

DO NOT WORRY ABOUT *THE BEEF* BEING INFECTED WITH THE MADNESS OF COWS. THERE *IS* NO BEEF! IT HAS BEEN REPLACED BY EXTRA SULPHIDES AND SOME WOOD PULP!

AS A MOM, I LIKE THAT!

Last minute elegance that the dog will clean up FOR you!

The kids will squeal (with joy)!

MANY IS THE HARD-WORKING HUSBAND WHO NEGLECTED TO PURCHASE A GIFT FOR HIS LOVELY BRIDE. THE ANSWER? **CANDY JEWELRY**, AT A FRACTION OF THE PRICE OF THE REAL THING!

She'll be delighted and sticky!

E-MART LAST MINUTE GIFT SPEND-O-RAMA!

YOU SAY THE LOCAL
TREE MERCHANT SOLD OUT
OF OVERPRICED, MESSY
CHRISTMAS TREES?

WHY,
WITH THE MODERN
VARIETY OF *TREE-SHAPED*
AIR FRESHENERS, YOU
CAN HAVE A WHOLE
FOREST!

AND AFTER
PROVIDING SUCH A
DELIGHTFUL HOLIDAY (AT ONLY
TWICE THE REGULAR MARK-UP),
WHAT FATHER COULD BE
BLAMED FOR SPLURGING ON
HIMSELF A BIT?

JINGLEBRAU,
THE COLD-FILTERED BREW
WITH A PEPPERMINT
KICK!

AND NEW
LOW-CARB *DUFFNOG*:
"HEY, MAN, YOU GOT
NOG IN MY *DUFF*!"®

MY FAVORITE
IS CHUTNEY!

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree!
How fragrant are your odor-producing
Chemical compounds!

Typical Customer

Beer, the forgotten holiday tradition!

I HEARTILY
ENDORSE THESE
PRODUCTS AS BEING EITHER
DELICIOUS OR *FAST-ACTING*.
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA *DO*
ABOUT IT?

AND TO MY MANY
JEWISH CUSTOMERS, DO
NOT FORGET TO ASK ABOUT OUR
KOSHER GUMMI DREIDELS, WHICH WE
KEEP OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND
THE SQUISHEE MACHINE!

HAPPY NON-SPECIFIC SEMI

(Optional Joyful Feeling Rec

SPRINGFIELD
ELEMENTARY

WE HAVE
NOTHING
LEFT TO SUE
FOR!

CHILDREN!
COME AND DECORATE
OUR **NON-HOLIDAY UN-TREE**
WITH COLORFUL HALL PASSES
AND MINT-FREE SUGAR
STICKS!

GIVE IT UP,
SEYMOUR.

NO, NO, NO.
THIS YEAR, THE
THREE WISE DUDES
ARE COLLECTING
GIFTS!

I'M THE
BABY
GENIUS!

WHAT ELSE
YOU GOT BESIDES
MYRRH?

♪ OH, WE'RE A ♪
TRUCKIN' CONVOY, TRUCKIN'
THROUGH THE NIGHT! YES, WE GOT
A GREAT BIG CONVOY, AIN'T SHE A
♪ BEAUTIFUL SIGHT? ♪

I'M AFRAID
IT WAS THIS
OR "PAC MAN
FEVER."

FESTIVE WINTER GATHERING

(Requires Parental Permission Slip)

AND I WANT
AN EASY-BAKE OVEN,
AND A TURTLE, AND A
PUPPY, AND A RACING CAR
BED, AND A PRETEND
SHOPPING CART...



NAUGHTY LIST
HALL OF FAME



AYE, AND
WILLIE WANTS NAE TAH WEEP
INTA HIS PILLOW EVERY NIGHT, BUT
YOU DON'T SEE **HIM** BEGGIN' FAVORS
FROM SOME CENTURIES-OLD, **FAT**
DAFTIE LIKE A SOFT-FOOTED,
WEAK-BELLIED BAIRN!

I MEAN,
"HO, HO, HO" AN'
LIKE THAT.

CHILDREN!
CHILDREN! FOR DER
PARTY I AM DIPPING
INTO MINE **PRIVATE**
COLLECTION!

EAT UNTIL
YOU ARE MIT DER
JOY UND SICK!

WHOA!
AM I WAY
LATE OR WAY
EARLY?

CAROLS ARE
GREAT AND EVERYTHING,
BUT SOMETIMES A GIRL
LIKES TO HEAR A NICE,
ROMANTIC **DIRGE**.



SALUTATIONS
OF THE SEASON! HERE
AT THE ANDROID'S DUNGEON
WE ARE NOT ALL TRADING CARDS
AND FOUR-COLOR FANTASIES.
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GROUNDSKEEPER
WILLIE

NELSON MUNTZ

JOY TO THE WORLD

hit
single

KRUSTY THE CLOWN PRESENTS:
GRANDPA GOT SIDESWIPED
BY A SNOWBOARD

HIT
NOVELTY
SINGLE!

I DIDN'T
DO IT!

STARRING
BART - THE
"I DIDN'T DO IT"
BOY - SIMPSON!

KIRK VAN HOUTEN
CAN I BORROW A
HOLIDAY FEELING?

ITCHY & SCRATCHY
meet the
MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER

TURLEEN LUMPKIN

A Stocking Filled With Lonely
AND OTHER SONGS OF HOLIDAY HEARTBREAK



BETHLEHEM
BARBERSHOP



11 WONDERFUL
NEW HIT SONGS!

"Oook, Oook, I'm
Christmas Ape!"
"Candy Canes, Bananas
and Head Lice"
Many More...

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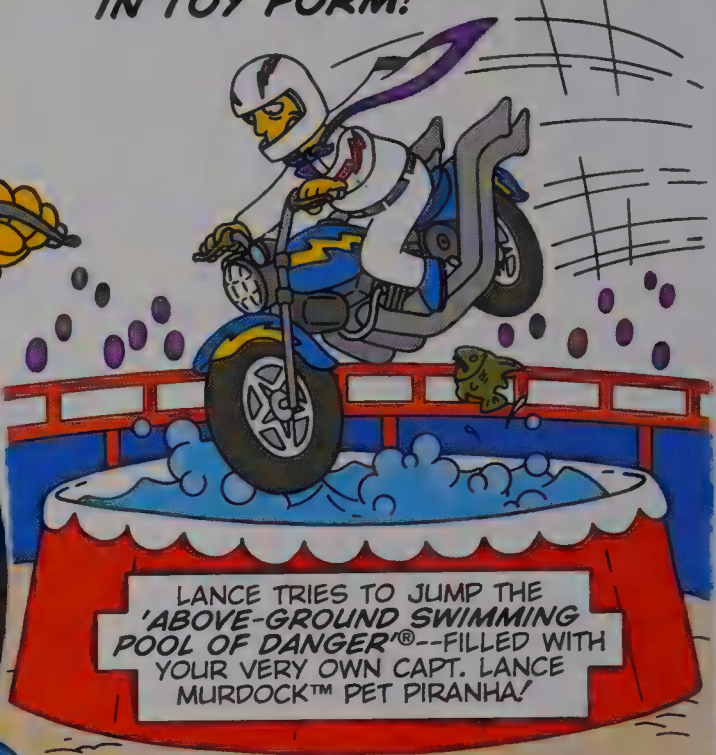
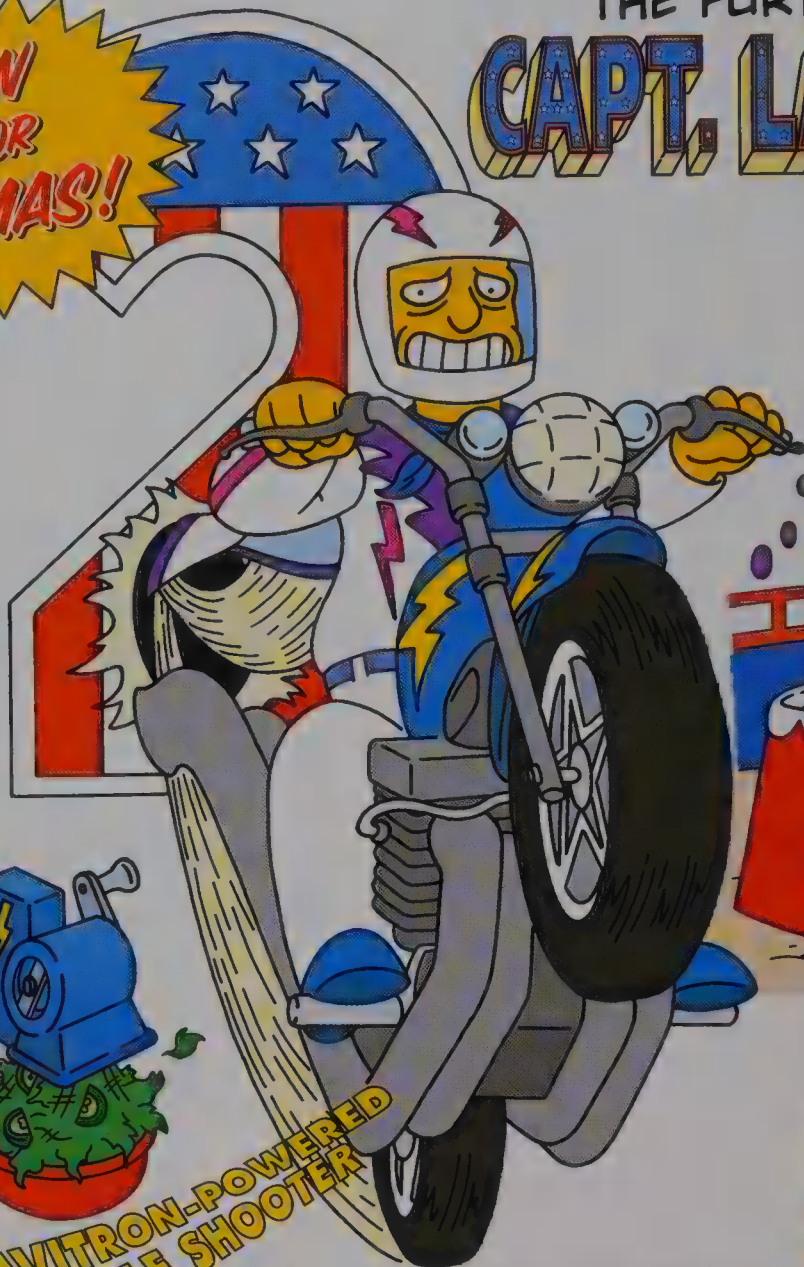
CHRISTMAS APE

WITH THE VOICE TALENTS OF: FRED ASTAIRE, BURL IVES, SHIRLEY BOOTH,
MOREY AMSTERDAM, AND TROY MCCLURE AS CHRISTMAS APE!

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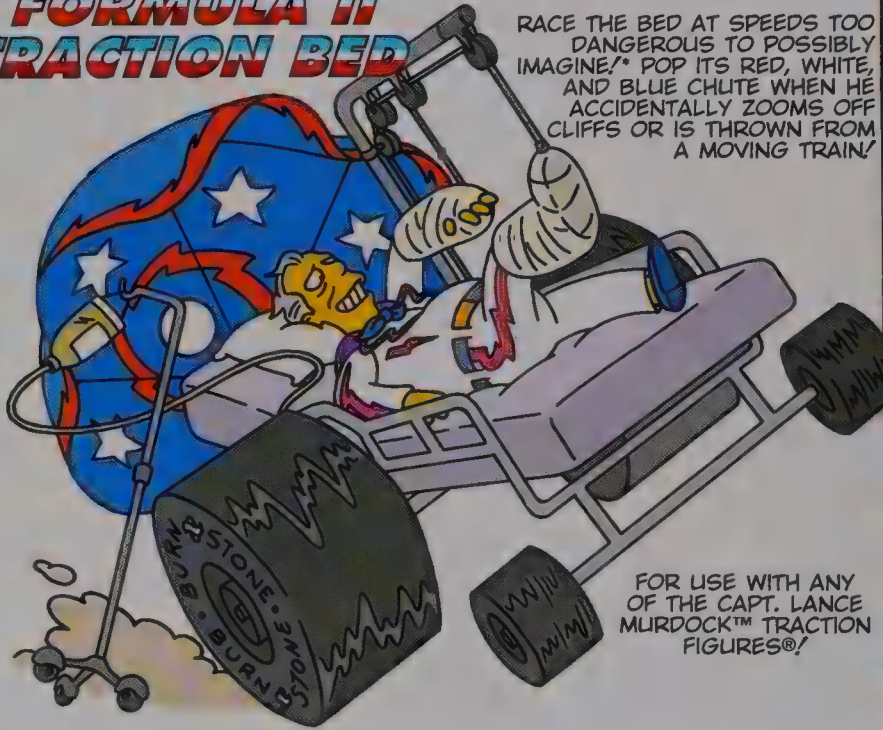
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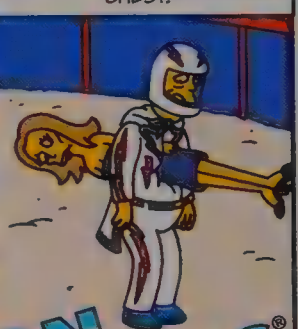


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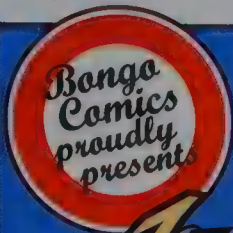
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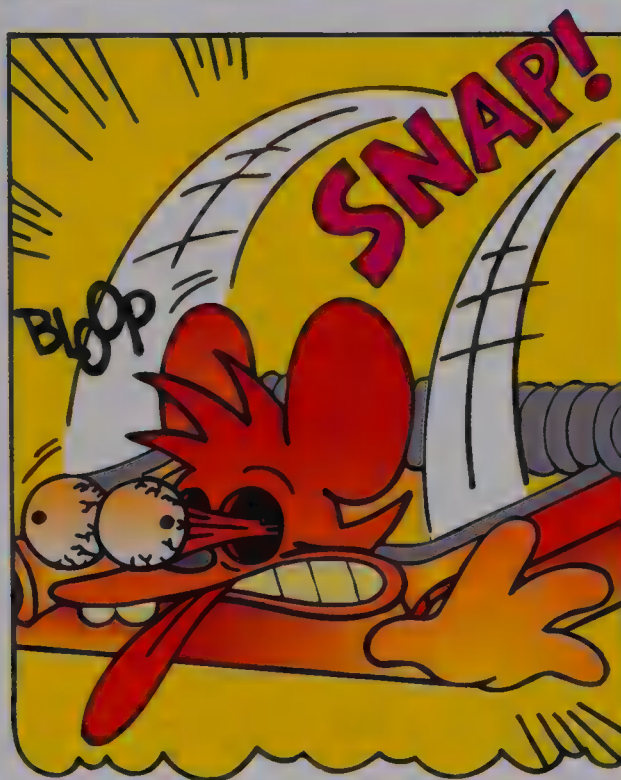
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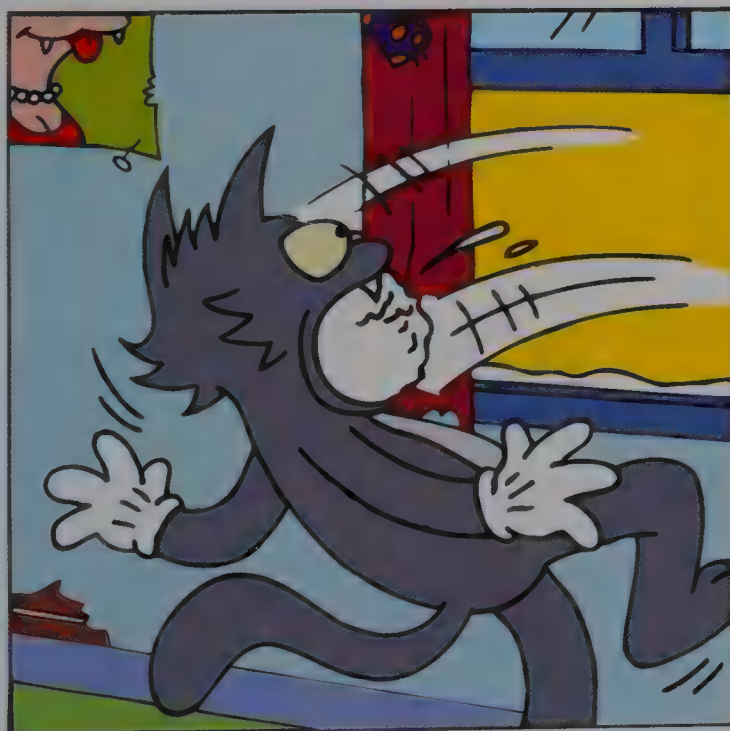
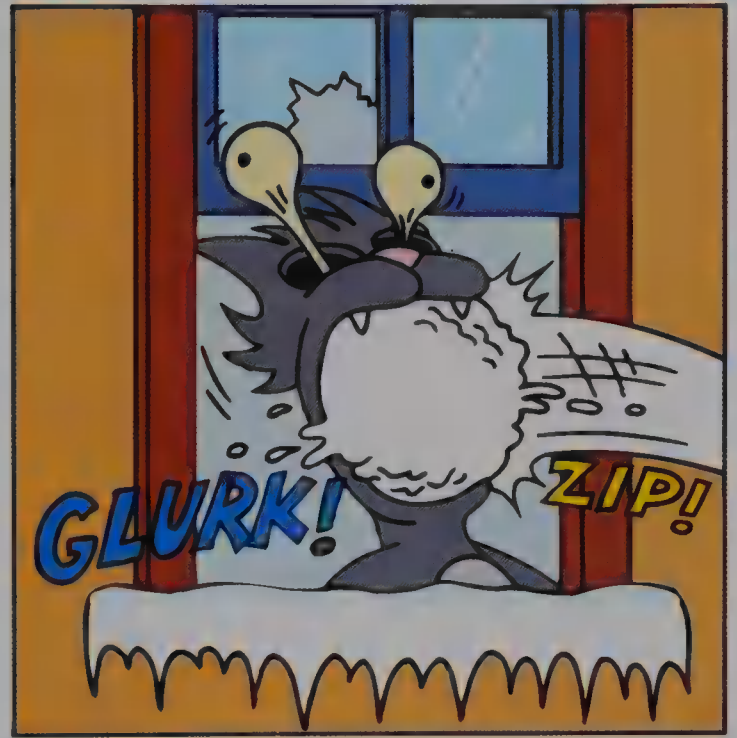
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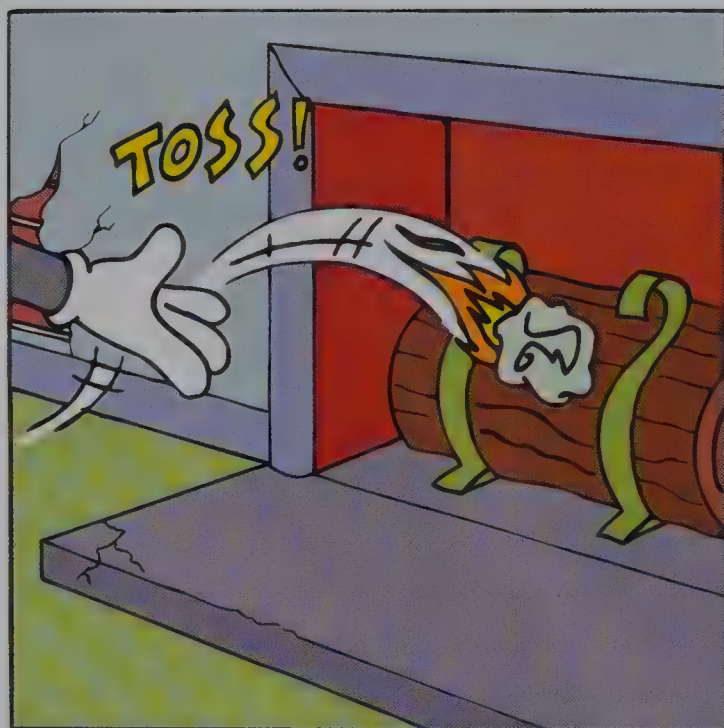
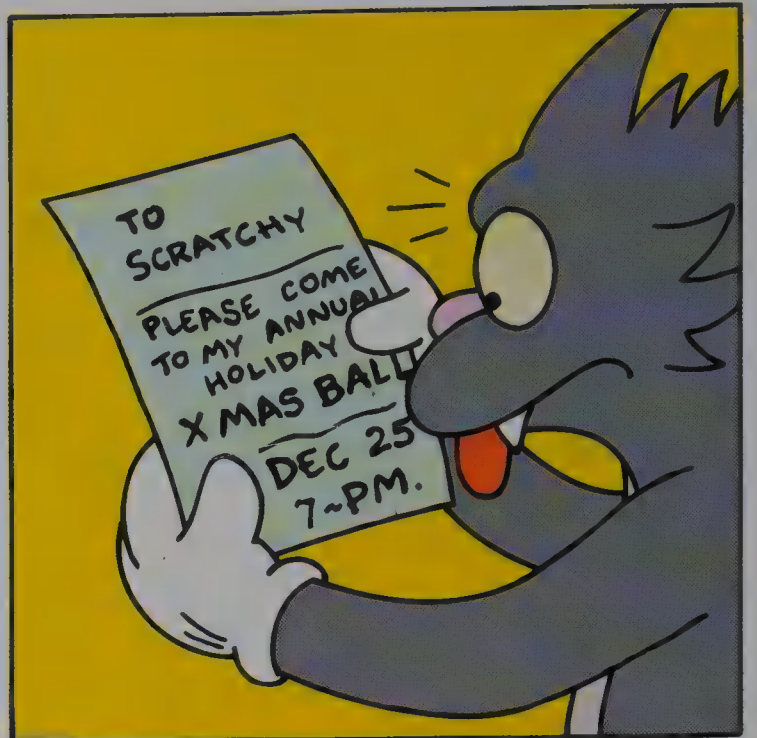
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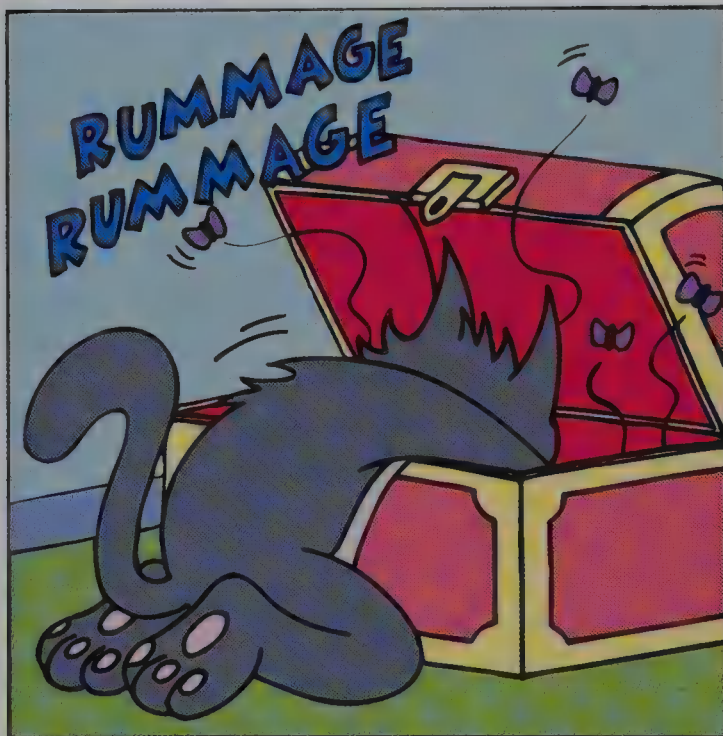


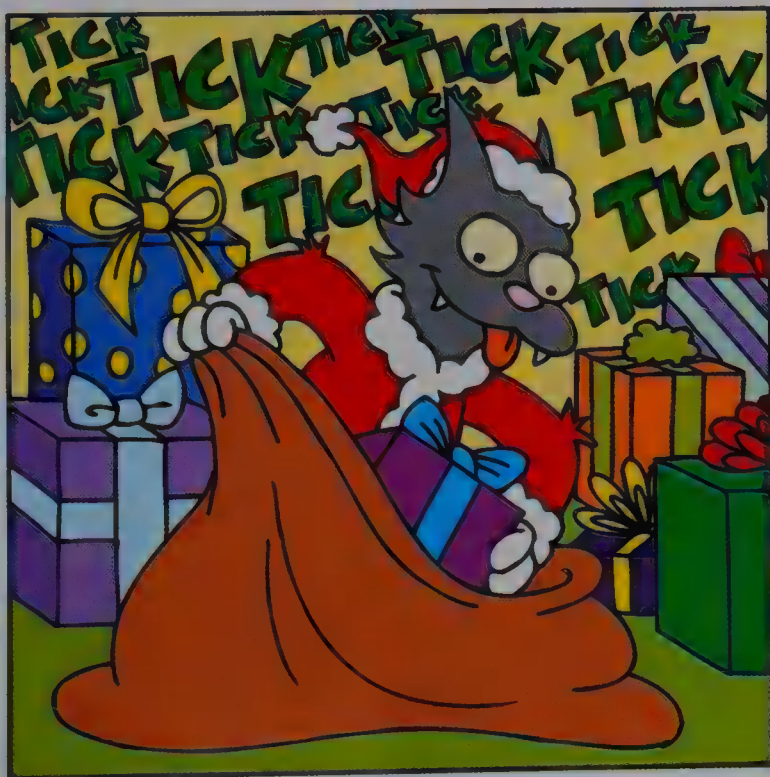








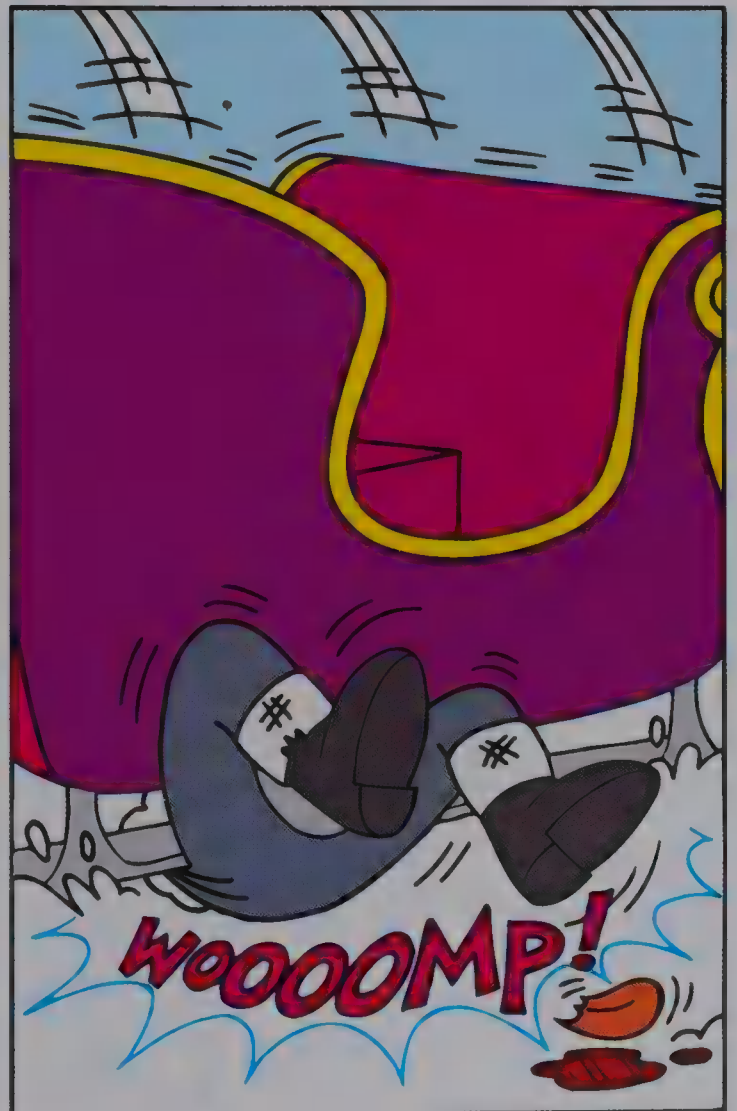






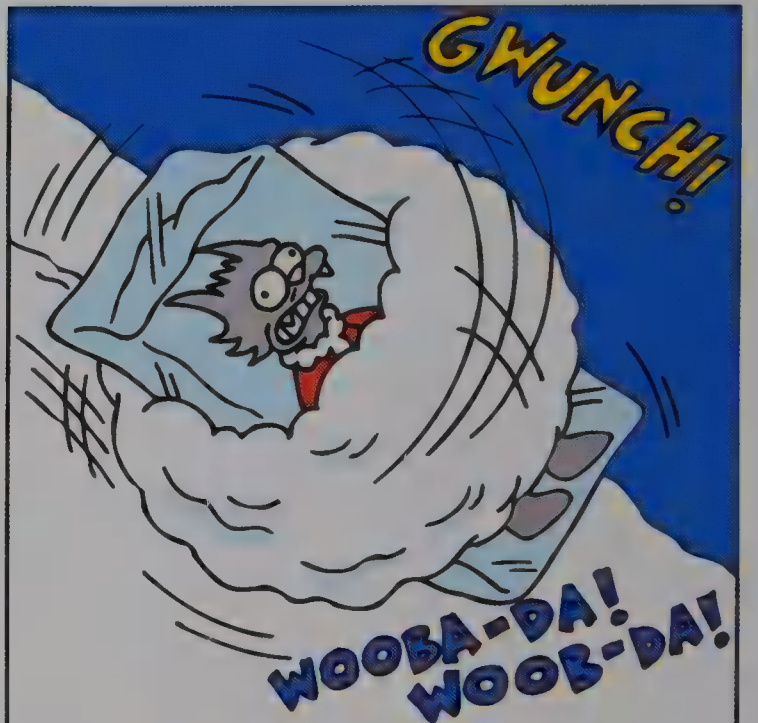


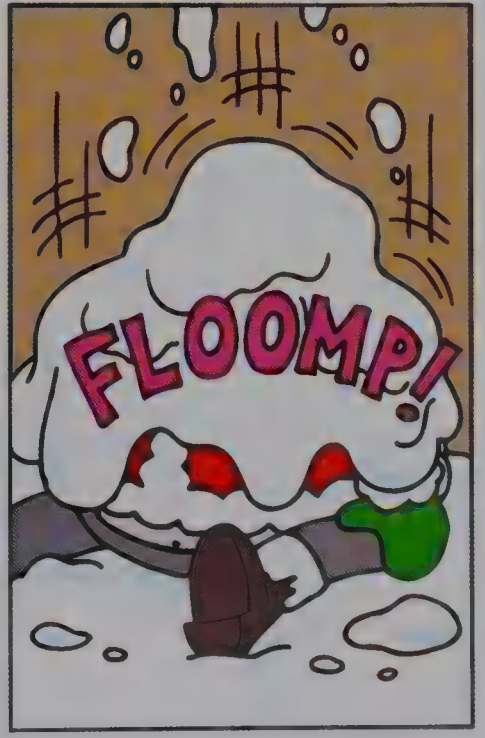
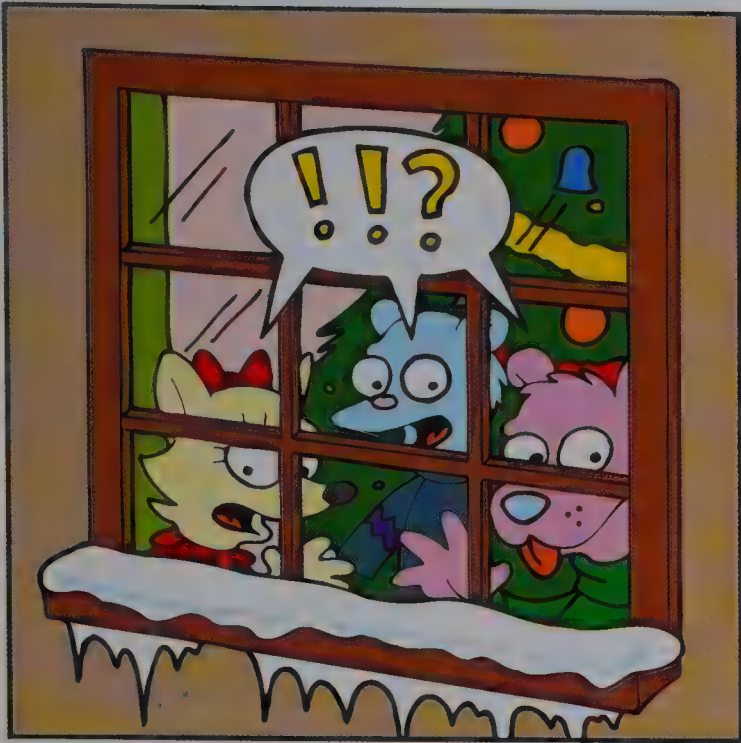


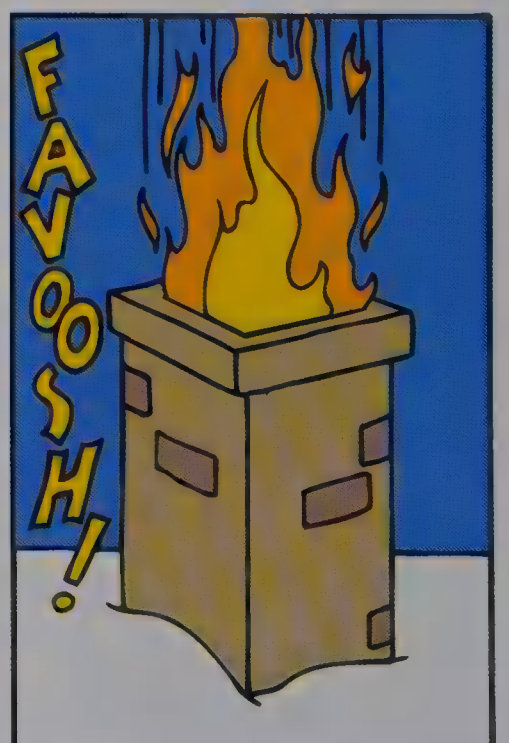
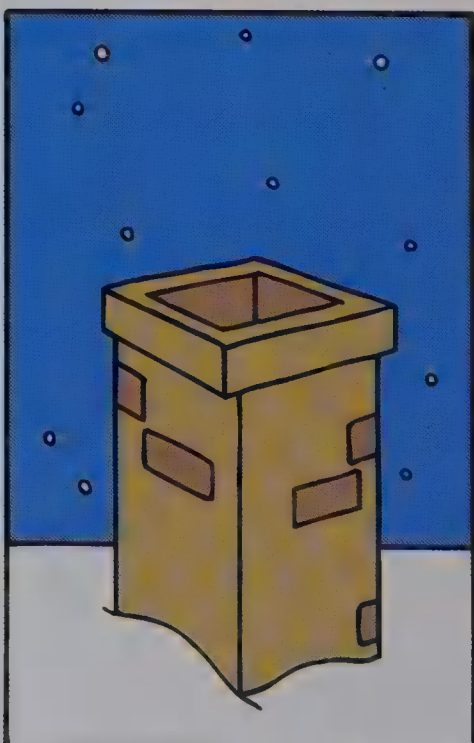
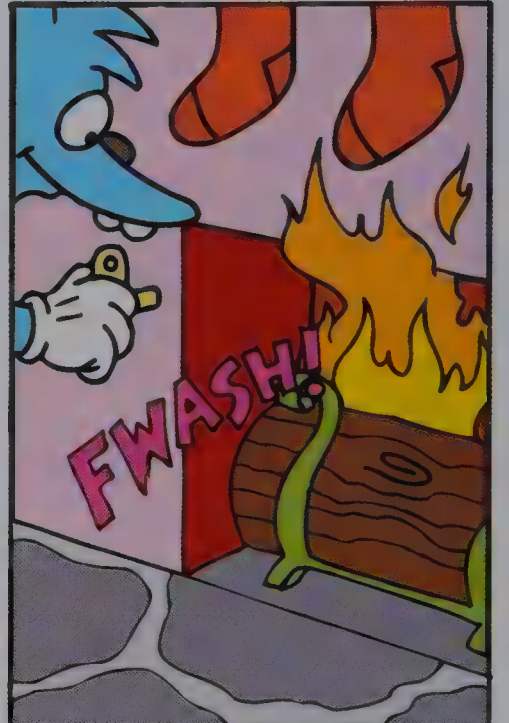


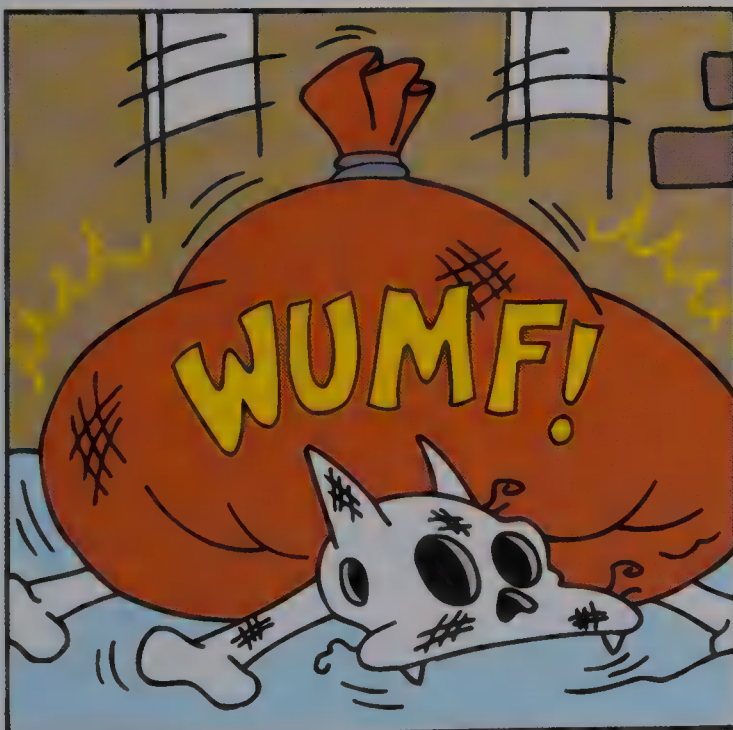
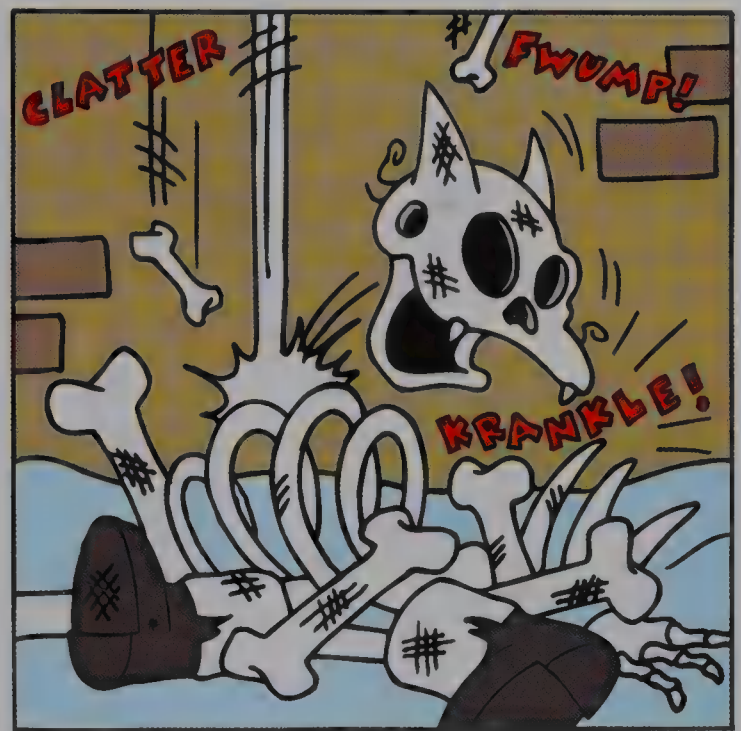


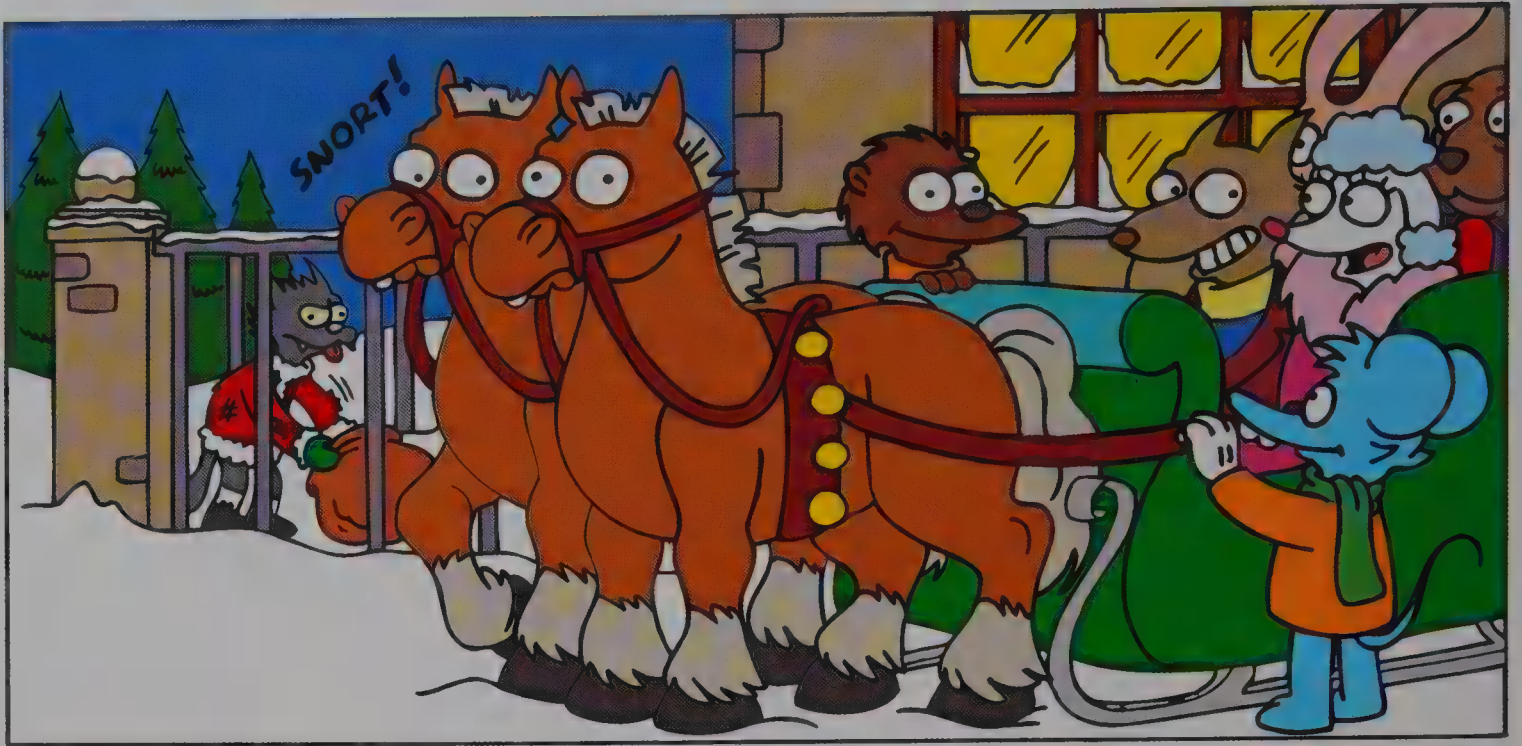




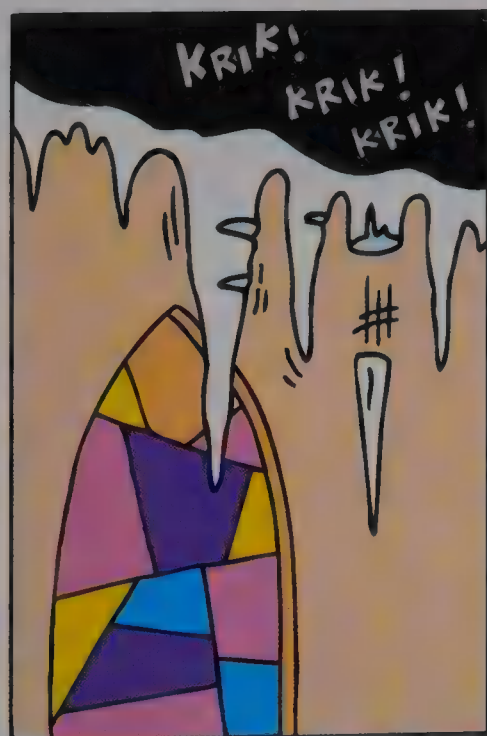
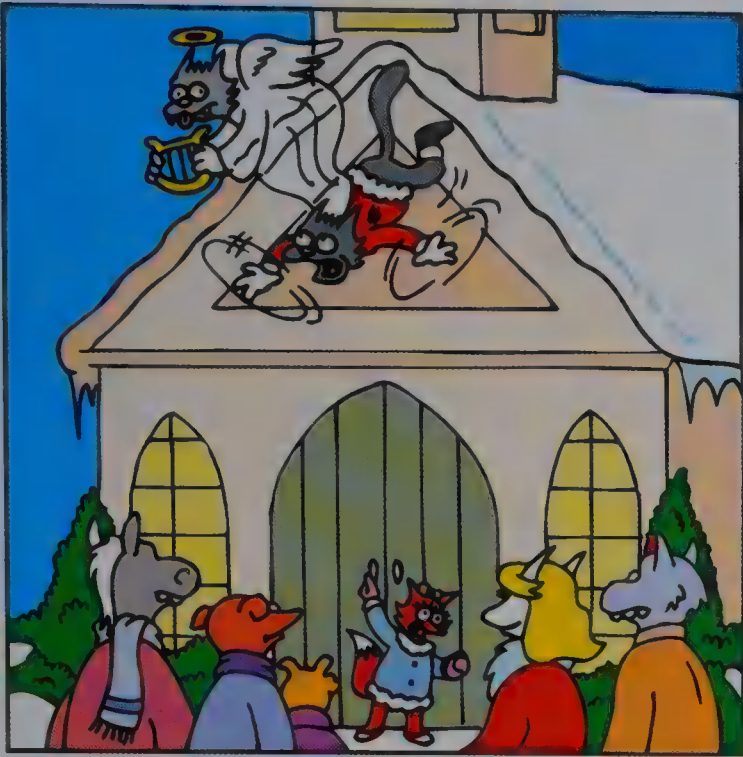






















reetings, lucky friends, family, patients, former patients, future patients, gauze suppliers, pharmaceutical junket coordinators, nosy mailmen, and Consuela, the best housekeeper in Springfield! Just why are you so lucky? Well, you have just received...

DR. JULIUS HIBBERT'S FAMILY PRACTICE KWANZAA LETTER!



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE HOLIDAY, **KWANZAA** IS A UNIQUE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION WITH A FOCUS ON THE TRADITIONAL AFRICAN VALUES OF FAMILY, COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY, COMMERCE, AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH **ME**, I'M THE DOCTOR WITH THE DULCIMER GIGGLE WHO'D LIKE TO REMOVE THAT GROWTH FROM YOUR BACK!

KWANZAA LASTS **SEVEN GLORIOUS DAYS**, WITH EACH DAY A FOCUS ON ONE OF THE **NGUZO SABA**! THAT'S NOT KLINGON, FRIENDS--THAT'S **SWAHILI**! THE **NGUZO SABA** ARE THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF KWANZAA. WHAT **ARE** THESE SEVEN PRINCIPLES, AND HOW IS YOUR PAL DOCTOR HIBBERT **FULFILLING** THEM THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? **READ ON!**



Umoja (Unity)

The first principle of Kwanzaa is to strive for and maintain unity. In the spirit of this day, I got Krusty the Clown to finally make amends with his estranged sidekick, Sideshow Raheem. They're currently in development on what's sure to be a hilarious new UPN sitcom called "Clizzy in Da Hizzy."

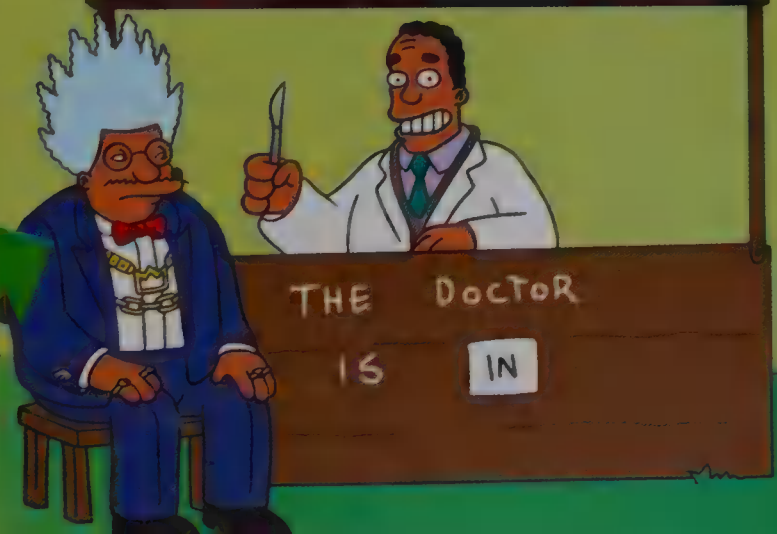
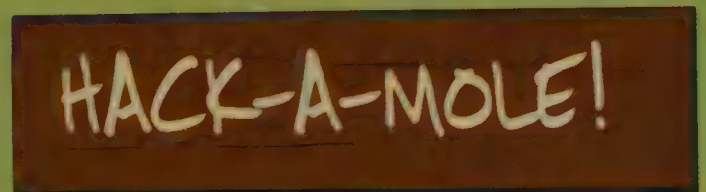


Ujichagulia (Self-Determination)

The second principle of Kwanzaa is self-determination. Dr. Hibbert would rather play golf than work at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)

The principle of Ujima is about making our fellow man's problems our own, and to solve them together. That's why I held "Free Mom Removal Day" at the Springfield Mall on Day Three.



GOOD-TIME SWEATER EXPERIENCE



Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

Ujamaa encourages African-Americans to open our own stores and to patronize them. That's why I finally fulfilled my lifelong dream of opening a first-class sweaterteria. Like what you see? That's my hair, purchased from my cousin's herd! The tags were sewn by a fraternity at Grambling State! Cornell West designed our new collection of turtle-necks! See, we scratch each other's back, and I mean literally! Some of these babies are 100% wool!

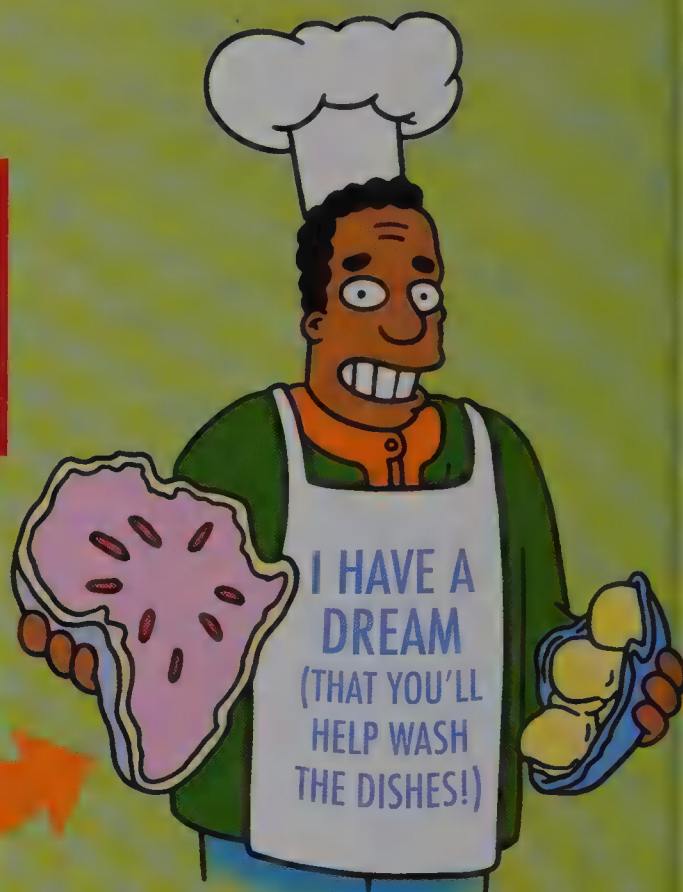
Nia (Purpose)

The fifth day of Kwanzaa has to do with **setting personal goals**—and recognizing how they fit into the community. That's why I'm involving elderly Springfielders in my weight training program. Right now, I'm up to twenty reps of Hans Moleman. This time next month, I hope to be doing dead lifts of Abraham Simpson, who, thanks to my biweekly efforts in the emergency room, continues to be very much alive.



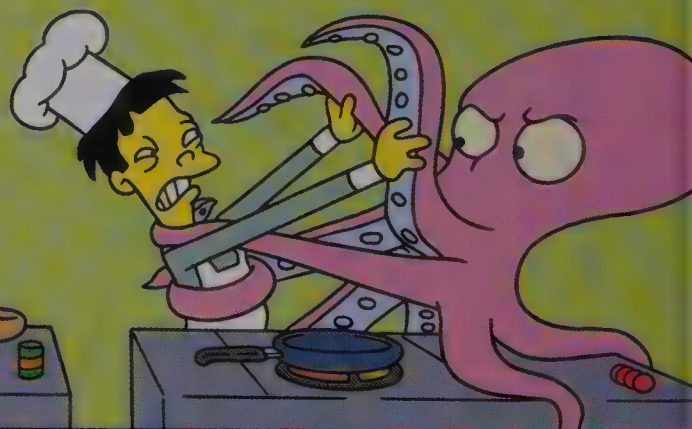
Kumba (Creativity)

Day Six of Kwanzaa celebrates Kumba, or creativity. To celebrate, I baked the family a sweet potato pie in the shape of Africa, which I served à la Madagascari.



Imani (Faith)

Imani is about ascending to a new level of greatness. It's about people and all humanity by believing in ourselves, both individually and as a whole. It is faith that is the focus of this final day of Kwanzaa. So I challenged Doc Hibbert to a duel while wearing Japan's traditional blindfold!

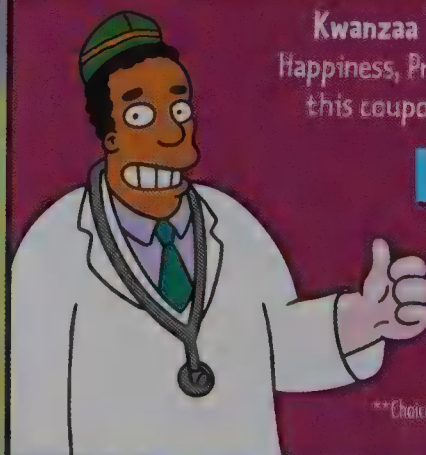


Kwanzaa Yenu Iwe Na Heri! (May your Kwanzaa be one of Happiness, Prosperity, and Goodness!) To that end, please take this coupon, with my compliments and Kwanzaa blessings!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Good for one **FREE OBJECT EXTRACTION***,
DECORATIVE WOUND STITCH**
or **CAUTERIZATION!**

EXPIRES: St. Patrick's Day, 2005.



*Extracted objects become the property of the patient.

**Choices include skull, Pac-Man, "Kilroy was here" cartoon, and a large, decorative waffle.

Other designs require a prescription.

Homer's Christmas Eve Adventure







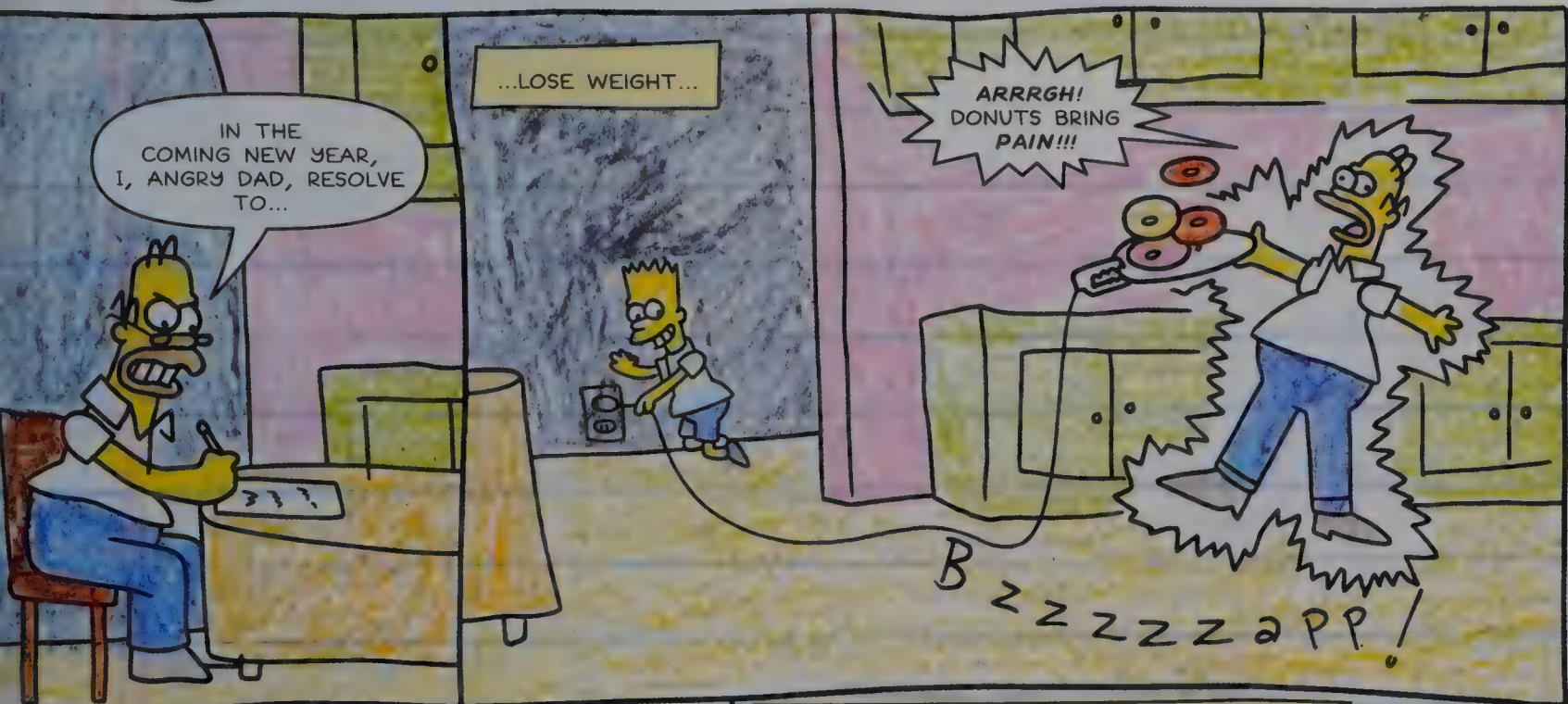




IT'S A
NEW YEAR'S EVE
COUNTDOWN...TO ANGER!
ARRGH!

Angry Dad in "RESOLUTION DISILLUSION"

by Bart "Beetle Bailey eats my shorts" Simpson



IN THE
COMING NEW YEAR,
I, ANGRY DAD, RESOLVE
TO...

...LOSE WEIGHT...

ARRRGH!
DONUTS BRING
PAIN!!!

B z z z z z a p p !



...MODERATE MY DRINKING...

GLARRRRGG!

...BECOME A MORE CONSCIENTIOUS EMPLOYEE...

ANGRY DAD,
YOU'RE FIRED...
AGAIN!

WHA?!?

RAAAHH!

TA, HA, HA!

SHAKE



...AND MOST OF ALL I RESOLVE...

...TO SMASH BOY!

RAARRGHH!

BETTER
LUCK NEXT
YEAR, ANGRY
DAD!

VALENTINE
GREETINGS
TO ALL!

YAAA!

BONK

LARAMIE CIGARETTES AND DUFF BEER
PRESENT
CHRISTMAS!

NO MINORS
ADMITTED
WITHOUT
FAKE I.D.!

WHEN I WAS
A LAD, CHRISTMAS AND
INDEPENDENCE DAY WERE ONE AND
THE SAME, AND *UNCLE SANTA*
WOULD LEAVE FIRECRACKER'S
IN YOUR STOCKIN'S, EVEN
IF YOU WERE STILL
IN 'EM!

"HOT DIGGETY,"
WE'D SAY, AS WE COUNTED
OUR REMAINING TOES EACH
CHRISTMAS 4TH MORN!

DUFFMAN'S
FULFILLING HIS *EXTREME*
CONTRACTUAL HICK TOWN
APPEARANCE CLAUSE, EVEN
THOUGH DUFFMAN'S
BELOVED CAT
IS SICK!

LOW CARBS!
MORE FLAVOR!

TO: CARL
FROM: Lenny

TO: Lenny
FROM: CARL



MERRY CHRISTMOE'S

COLD FISH!

GEE,
THAT'S AN... UH...
UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS
DIORAMA, MOE...

YOU AIN'T
KIDDIN'! YOU GOT ANY
IDEA HOW LONG IT TAKES
TO GET THEM RATS
TO ICE SKATE?

HEY
THERE! HEY,
LITTLE SCABBY!
HEY, BOY!

♪ 96 BOTTLES ♪
OF EGG NOG AND BEER
ON THE WALL, 96 BOTTLES
OF EGG NOG AND
BEEEEEEEEER...!

HEY, ISN'T
THAT THE TOP HAT
THAT MAGICALLY BRINGS
FROSTY THE SNOWMAN
TO LIFE?

FIRST, I'M
GOING, ER, CAROLING,
AND THEN, EH, I'M
GOING DEBBY-ING!

ALL I'M
SAYIN' IS A FINE HAT
THIS BE, AND FINDERS,
KEEPERS, SAYS I!

MAYOR



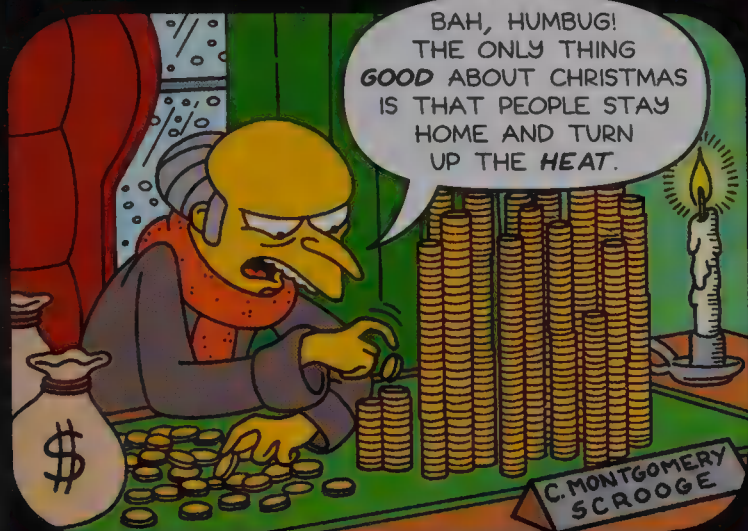
A Springfield Christmas Carol

Written by
Abraham Simpson
and Company

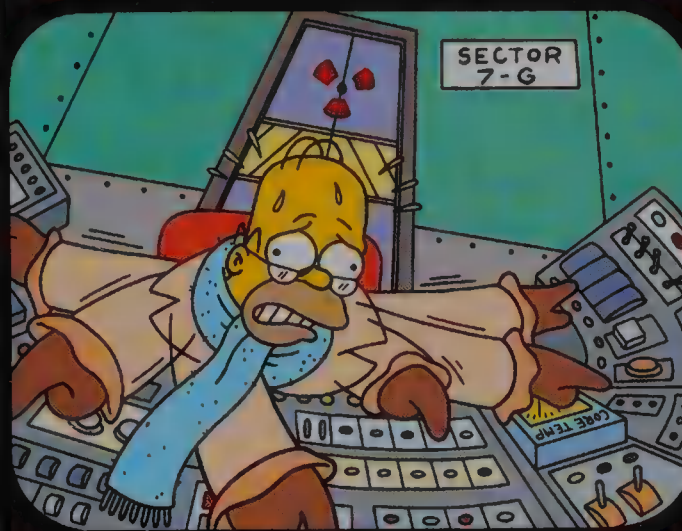
"WE START AT THE SPRINGFIELD NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, WHERE THE POOR, DOWNTRODDEN WORKERS ARE SLAVING AWAY THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS."



"MEANWHILE, THE PLANT'S STINGY OWNER, C. MONTGOMERY SCROOGE, SITS AT HIS DESK, DOING WHAT ALL MISERS DO THIS TIME OF THE YEAR."



"AND DOWN IN THE BOWELS OF THE PLANT, WE FIND OUR HERO, POOR, OVERWORKED HOMER CRATCHIT."



"BUT ON THIS SPECIAL NIGHT, HE IS VISITED BY THAT MAGICAL LITTLE MAN ONLY HE CAN SEE."



IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO REKINDLE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS IN HIS STONY OLD HEART.



THAT NIGHT AT SCROOGE'S MANSION.



WHAT IN THE NAME OF KAISER WILHELM?!

RISE AND SHINE, SCROOGE! I'M TAKING YOU ON A MYSTIC TOUR OF YOUR MISSPENT LIFE!



UGH! ANOTHER ANNOYING HOLIDAY PIXIE THAT DELIGHTS IN LADLING A PROLETARIAN GUILT TRIP ON MEMBERS OF THE HARD-WORKING BOURGEOISIE!



WELL, I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER, SUNNY JIM! MEET MY OWN IMPISH SIDEKICK, SMILIN' JOE FISSION!

HOWDY, MONTY! THIS LI'L GREEN WIENER GIVIN' YA TROUBLE?



BACK OFF, GLOWY! I WAS HERE FIRST!

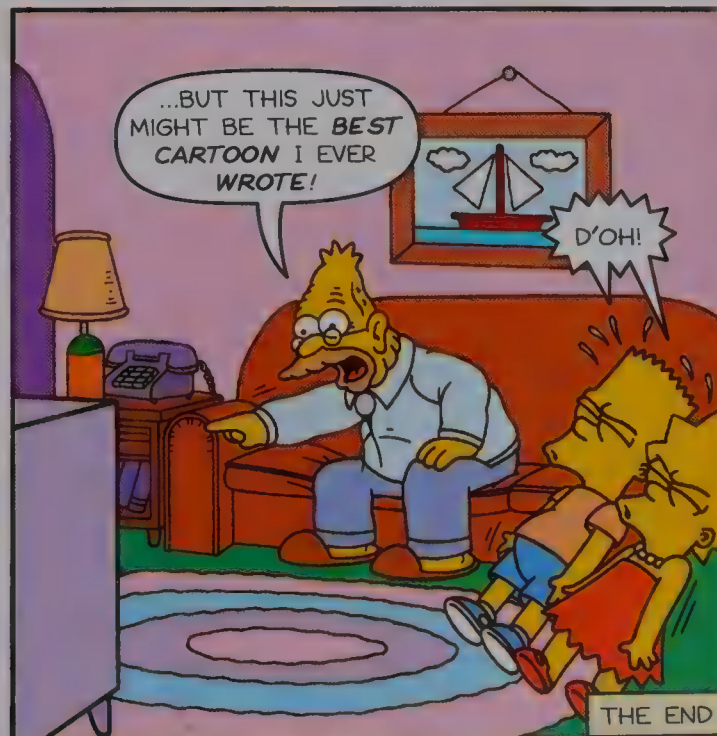
OOH, THEM SOUNDS LIKE FIGHTIN' WORDS, STRANGER!



WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING OF IT?

AH B'LIEVE AH DO!

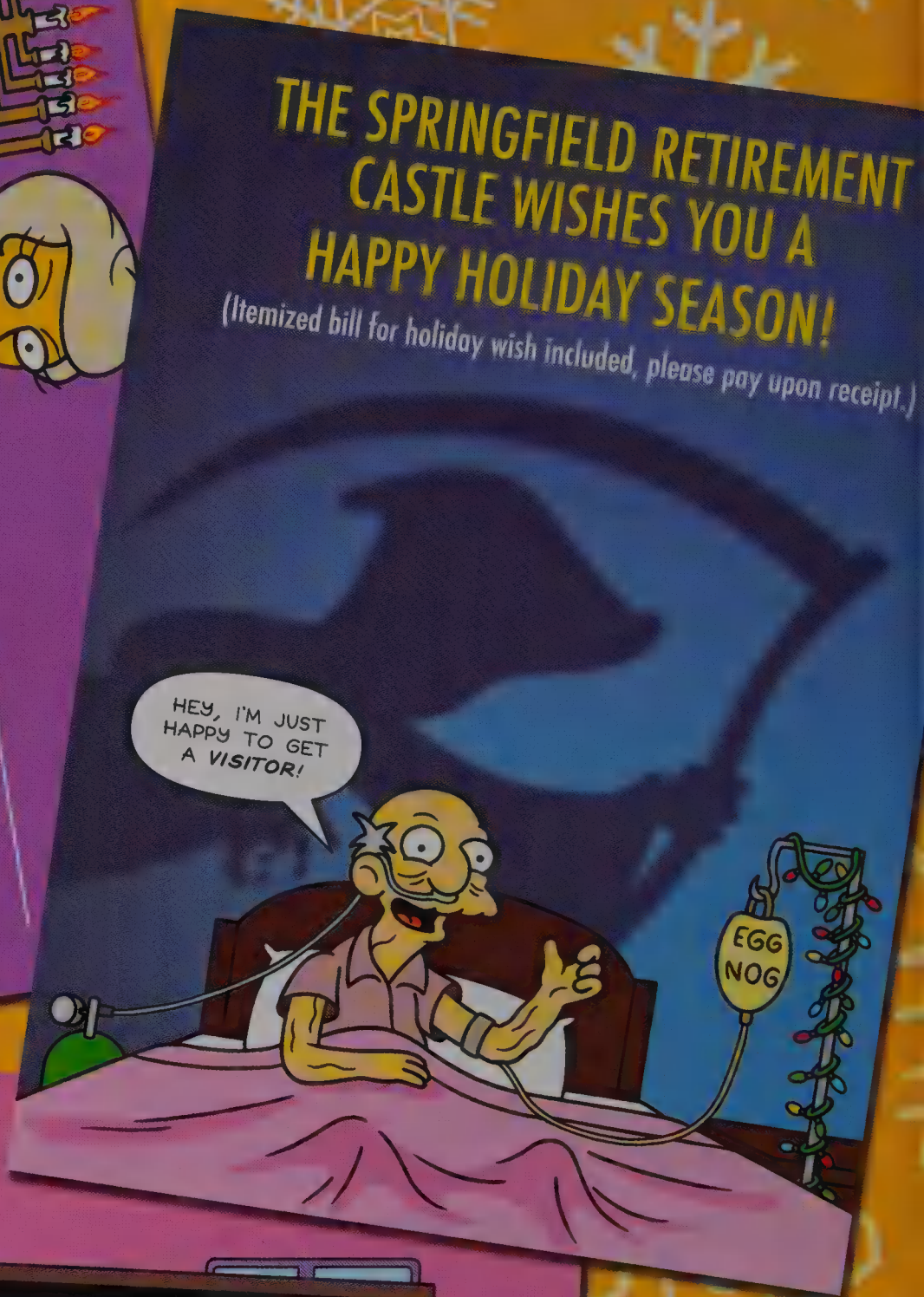






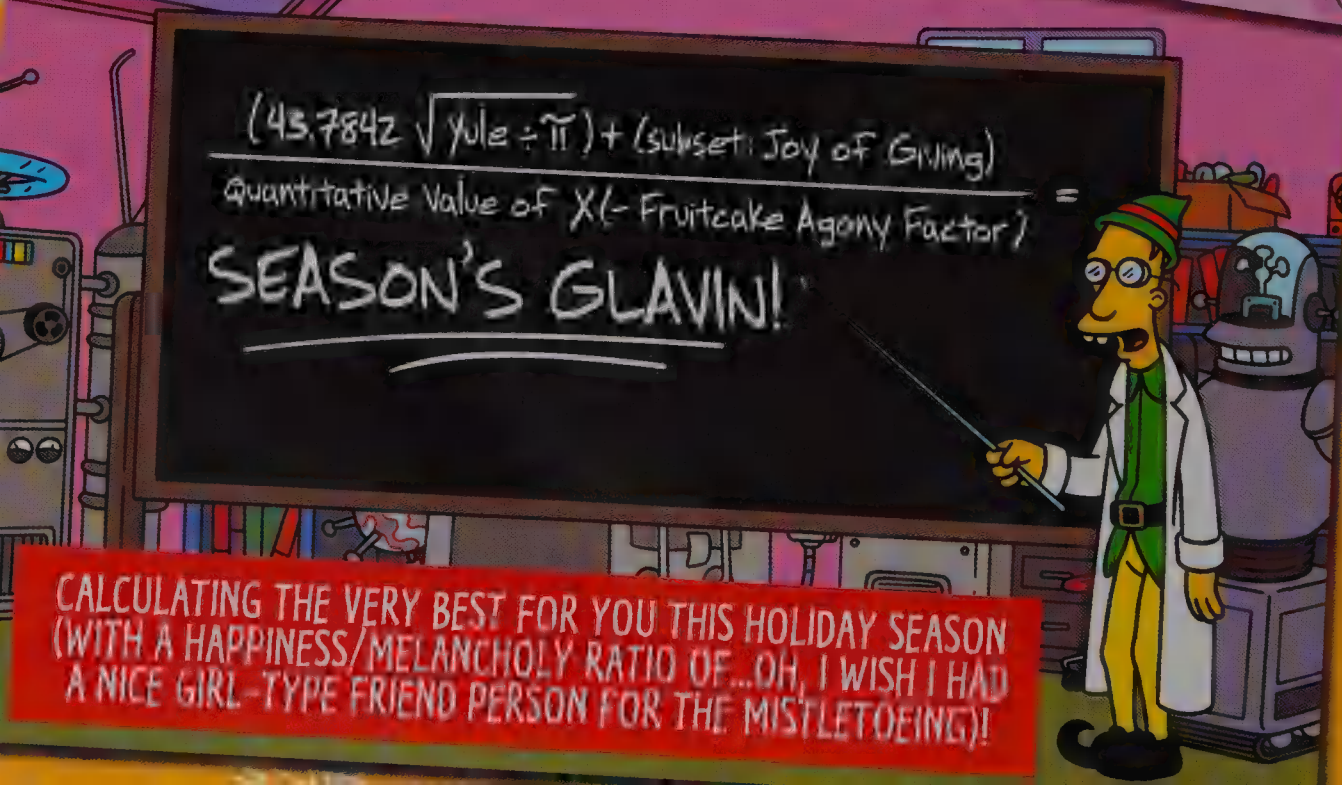
LINSEY NAEGLÉ,

PROVIDING EFFICIENT
AND SYNERGISTIC CHEER
AND SOLUTIONS FOR ALL
YOUR KWANZ-
CHRISTMUKKAH NEEDS!



**THE SPRINGFIELD RETIREMENT
CASTLE WISHES YOU A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

(Itemized bill for holiday wish included, please pay upon receipt.)



$$(43.7842 \sqrt{\text{Yule} \div \pi}) + (\text{subset: Joy of Giving})$$

Quantitative Value of X(-Fruitcake Agony Factor)

SEASON'S GLAVIN!

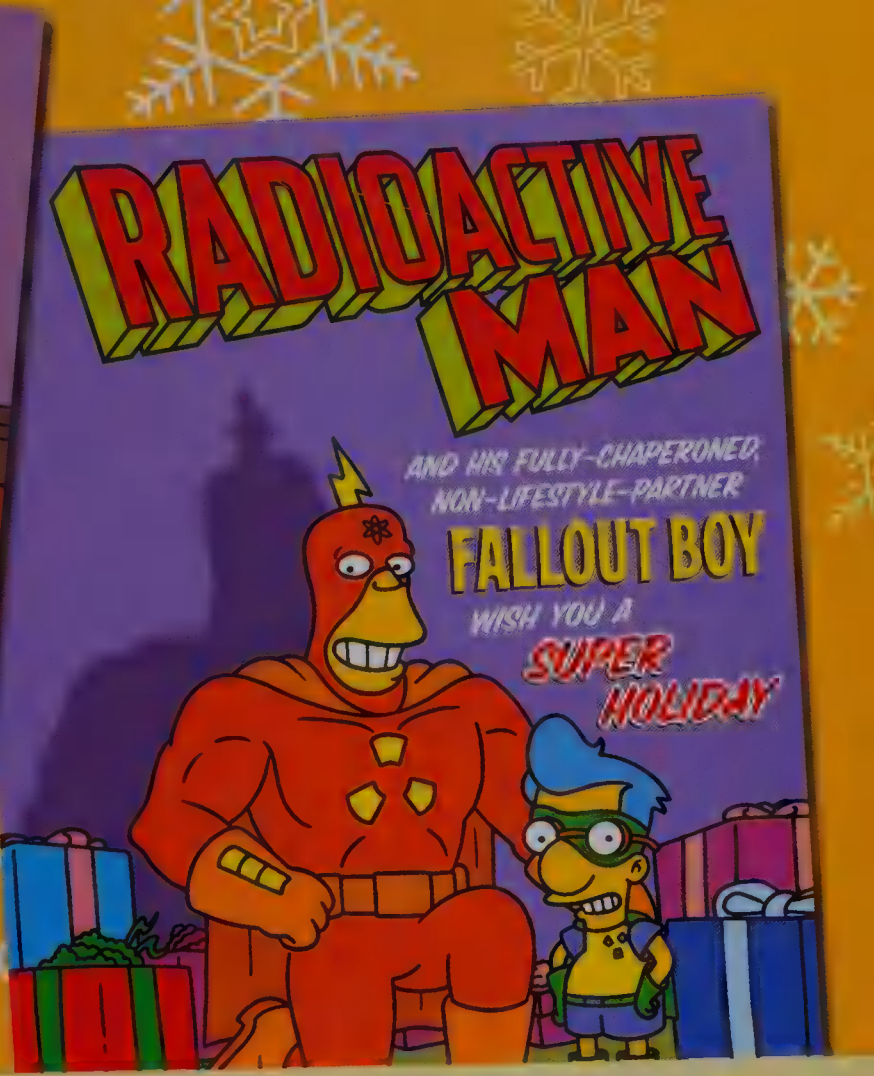
**CALCULATING THE VERY BEST FOR YOU THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
(WITH A HAPPINESS/MELANCHOLY RATIO OF...OH, I WISH I HAD
A NICE GIRL-TYPE FRIEND PERSON FOR THE MISTLETOEING!)**



From all
of us 'n'...

To all of you 'n'!

MERRY CHRISTMASTIMES!




RADIOACTIVE MAN

AND HIS FULLY-CHAPERONED,
NON-LIFESTYLE-PARTNER

FALLOUT BOY


WISH YOU A
SUPER HOLIDAY



UNITED STATES OF SNACKTASTIC!




2 FOR 1



2 FOR 1

Sideshow Mel
SECRETARY OF SPECIAL SAUCE



PRESENT THIS COUPON AT ANY PARTICIPATING KRUSTYBURGER FOR "TWO-FOR-ONE" YULE DOGS*!

From KRUSTY to all his BELOVED EMPLOYEES, SEASON'S GREETINGS!

(Upon opening and reading this card, employee waives all rights to Christmas bonus and holiday overtime pay under penalty of job forfeiture!)

*YULE DOGS OFFER MAY BE LIMITED, IN WHICH CASE A "TWO-FOR-ONE YULE DOGS GET ONE FREE MUSTARD PACKET" OFFER APPLIES. PLEASE EXAMINE MUSTARD CAREFULLY FOR "CHOO! I'M YELLOW" COLOR! BROWN MUSTARD IS NOT INTENTIONAL. KRUSTYBURGER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLNESS/DEATH OF SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS CAUSED BY EXPIRED MUSTARD.

WORST XMAS

REGULAR
CHICKS

XENA,
BLACK CANARY OR
WONDER WOMAN
ONLY!

NO,
WE DO NOT
BUY FREAKIN'
POGS!

LATER ON...
WE'LL HAVE COM-BAT
AND MY SKULL...
LOOKS LIKE A WOM-BAT!
I'LL STEAL YOUR LAST BREATH
AS WE FIGHT TO THE DEATH,
CHRISTMAS IN A
KLINGON WONDERLAND!

HALT,
YON PIMPLE-FACED
ADOLESCENT!

THERE BE NO
PEACE ON EARTH, NOR
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN
OF MIDGARD WITHOUT
PURCHASE!

HMMPH!
WELL, I SEE THE NERD
CONVENTION IS IN
TOWN!



PARTY EVER!



HEY,
WHADJA SWIPE,
MAN?

"KITE SAFETY
WITH THE LEAGUE
OF EXTRAORDINARY
GENTLEMEN"

"RUDOLPH,
THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
VS. PREDATOR VS. ALIENS VS.
JASON VS. ROBOCOP"

WOW!
MILHOUSE WILL
LOVE THESE!

"BETTY AND
VERONICA'S SUPER
SUMMER BINGE N' PURGE
FUN-TACULAR
DIGEST"

HEY!
COMICS FROM
JAPAN!

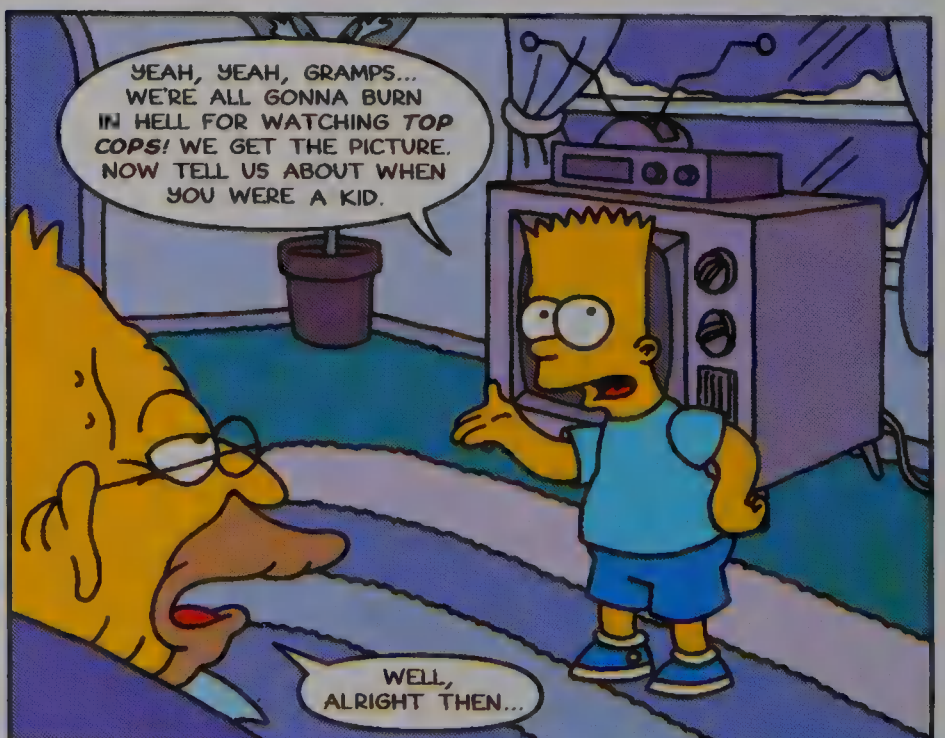
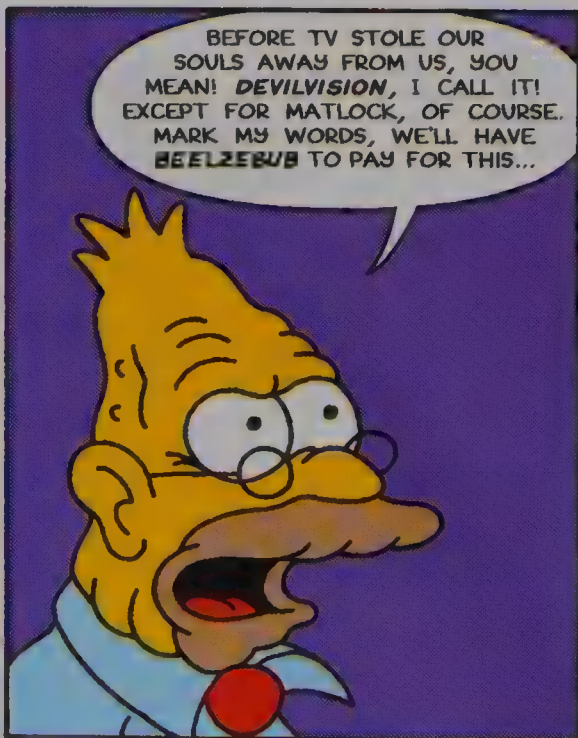
GOOD GLAVIN!
YOU SAY YOU'RE A FEMALE
WOMANLY-TYPE AND YOU
READ COMICS?

WHY,
YOU'RE THE GREATEST
BREAKTHROUGH IN CRYPTO-
ZOOLOGY SINCE THAT GUY THEY
FOUND WATCHING "OPRAH"!
;VO-YOINKS!;

IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND EVERYONE WAS COZY AND DAZED,
BASKING IN THE WARM, WARM WITLESS GLOW OF THE BELOVED TELEVISION SET...







AS A YOUNG BOY
GROWING UP IN A LARGE
FAMILY DURING THE GREAT
DEPRESSION, CHRISTMAS
WAS A TIME OF QUIET
JOY AND SIMPLE
PLEASURES...

I LIVED WITH
MY MOMMA AND
MY DADDY, MY BELOVED
SIX BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
AND MY WISE AND CARING
GRANDPARENTS ON **SIMP-
SONS MOUNTAIN** IN THE
BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS
OF RURAL VIRGINIA....

A TRIP TO SIMPSON'S MOUNTAIN



MARY
TRAINOR
STORY

BILL
MORRISON
CO-PLOT/EDITS

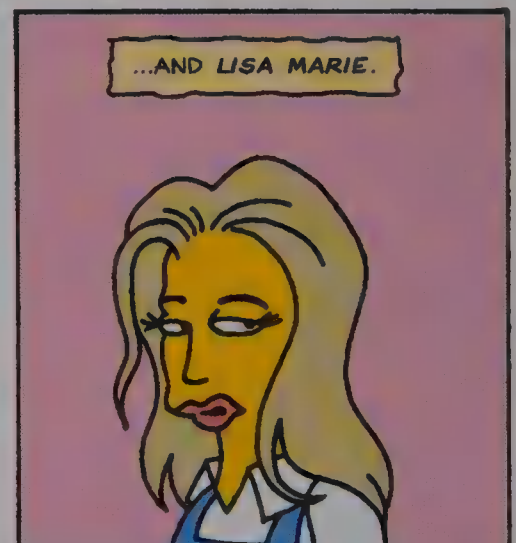
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GLADDEN
ART

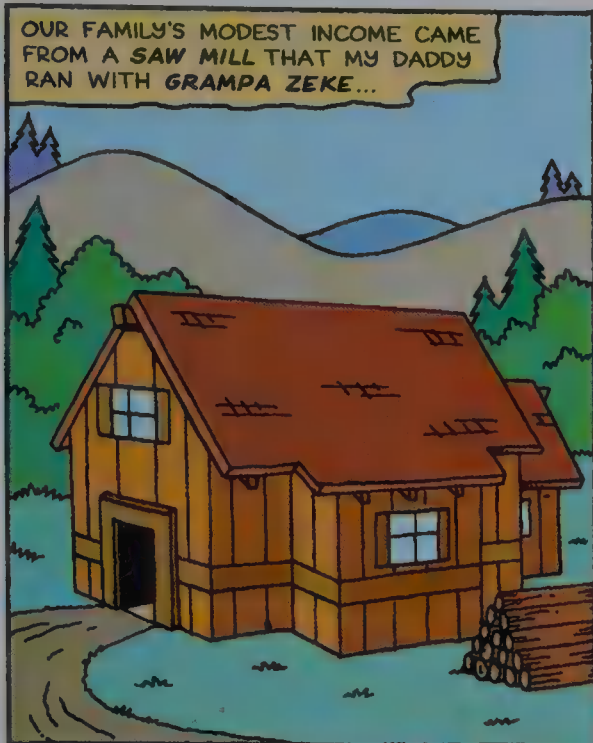
TIM
BAVINGTON
INKS

CHRIS
UNGAR
LETTERS

NATHAN
KANE
COLORS

MATT
GROENING
HALL DECKER





MOMMA HAD HER HANDS FULL WITH ALL THOSE YOUNG-UNS, BUT SHE COULD ALWAYS TURN TO GRANDMA ZZA-ZZA FOR SUPPORT...



I REMEMBER IN PARTICULAR THIS ONE YEAR. IT WAS CHRISTMAS EVE AND MY DADDY HAD GONE WAY UP ON SIMPSONS MOUNTAIN TO FETCH US BACK A CHRISTMAS TREE!



HE HAD LEFT EARLY THE DAY BEFORE AND HADN'T COME BACK YET...



YOU KNOW, GRANDPA, THIS SOUNDS AWFULLY FAMILIAR. DIDN'T WE SEE THIS ON TV?



WELL, IF IT WAS BEFORE TV, HOW COME YOUR FAMILY HAD OPENING CREDITS?



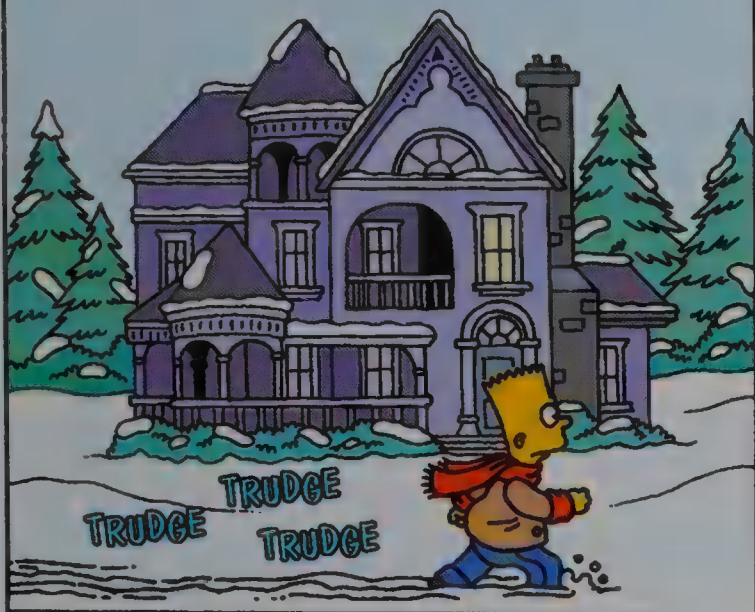
LIKE I WAS SAYING, MY DADDY AIN'T BEEN BACK YET, AND MOMMA WAS PRETTY NEAR SICK WITH WORRY...







AND SO, I SET OFF TO FIND MY DADDY. I PASSED THE HOME OF THE ECCENTRIC **BALDWIN SISTERS**...



LOOK, IT'S THAT WHITE TRASH **ABE-BOY SIMPSON**. EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE HIS DADDY GOES OFF ON A BENDER AND **OLIDIA** SENDS THAT FOOL KID OUT LOOKING FOR HIM.



GOODNESS GRACIOUS. PEOPLE LIKE THAT GIVE **DRINKING** A BAD NAME.

YES, SISTER. THAT'S WHY WE MUST TAKE CARE TO SHARE OUR "RECIPE" WITH ONLY THE FINER FOLKS IN THIS TOWN...



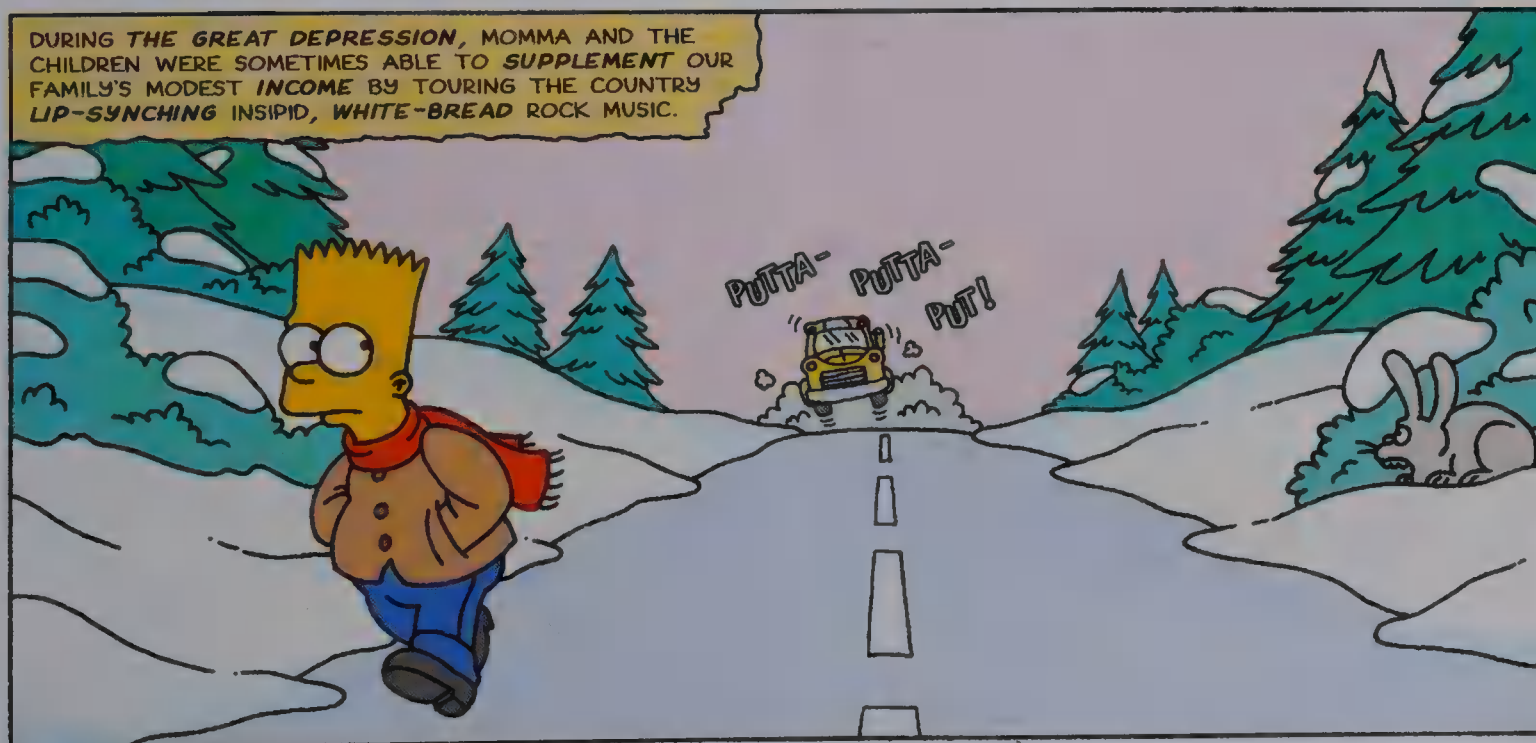
...THE ONES WITH THE CHARM AND BREED-ING TO BE ALCOHOLICS...NOT MERE DRUNKARDS!

OH, AND LOOK, SISTER. HERE COMES OUR OWN REVER-**END REED!**



LET'S GET OUT THE GOOD CRYSTAL 8-OUNCE TUMBLERS, SHALL WE?

DURING THE **GREAT DEPRESSION**, MOMMA AND THE CHILDREN WERE SOMETIMES ABLE TO SUPPLEMENT OUR FAMILY'S MODEST INCOME BY TOURING THE COUNTRY **LIP-SYNCHING** INSIPID, **WHITE-BREAD** ROCK MUSIC.





I KNEW MOMMA WAS COUNTING ON ME AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY BEGAN TO WEIGH HEAVY ON MY SPIRITS.













YOU KNOW, WHAT I
REMEMBER MOST ABOUT
GROWING UP IN A LARGE FAMILY
WAS THE BOND OF **LOVE** AND **UNDER-
STANDING** THAT HELD US ALL TOGETHER
AND KEPT US WARM DURING THOSE
LONG, COLD WINTERS ON
SIMPSONS MOUNTAIN.

GOOD NIGHT,
RUBE ELLA.

GOOD NIGHT,
ABE-BOY.

GOOD NIGHT,
LUKE.

WILL YOU
GAD-DRATTED KIDS
SHUT THE HELL UP AND
GO TO SLEEP FOR
CRIMINY'S SAKE!!!

GOOD NIGHT,
JASON.

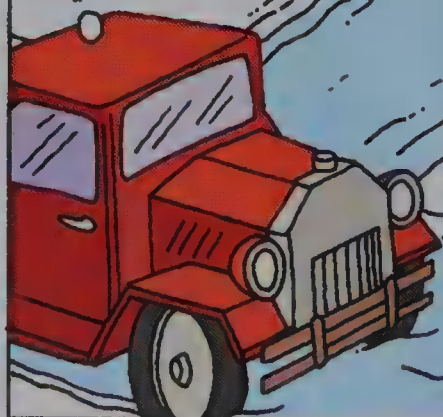
GOOD NIGHT,
TORI-MAE.

I CAN'T TAKE
MUCH MORE OF
THIS, ABE...

I KNOW,
OLIDIA, I KNOW.

GOOD NIGHT,
LISA-MARIE.

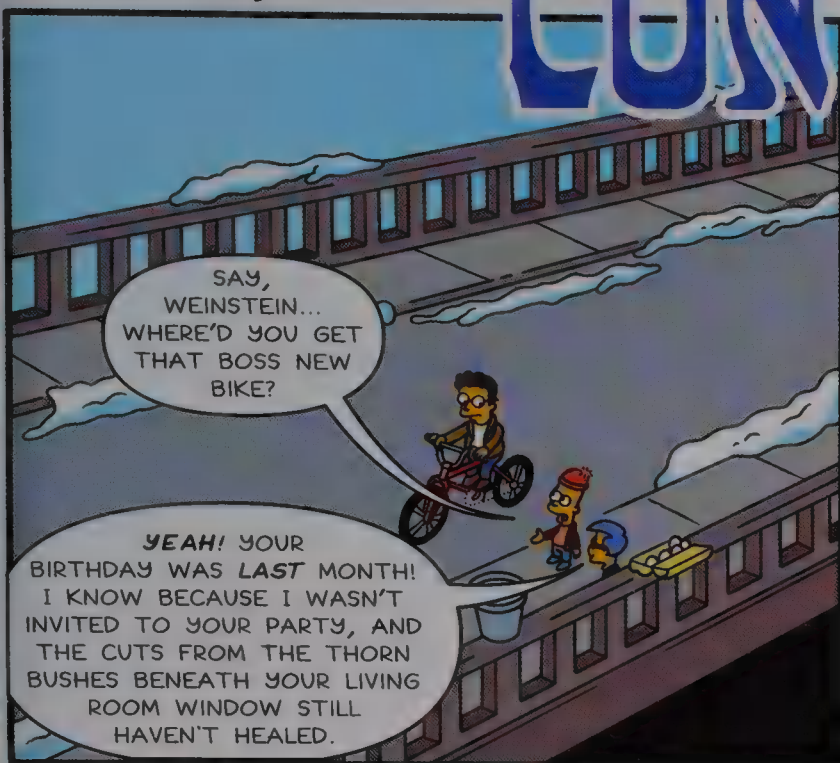
GOOD NIGHT,
BABY LEROY.



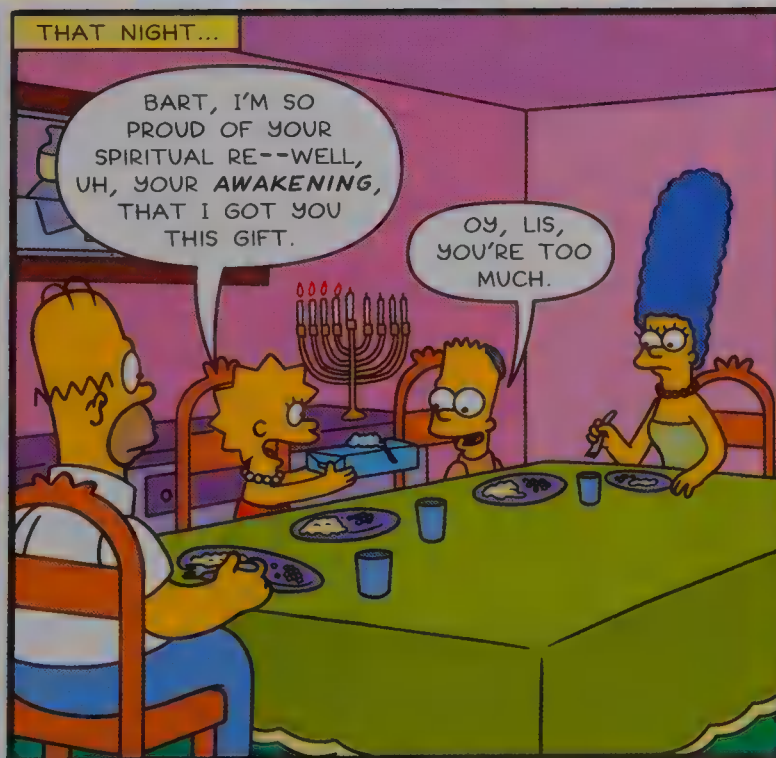
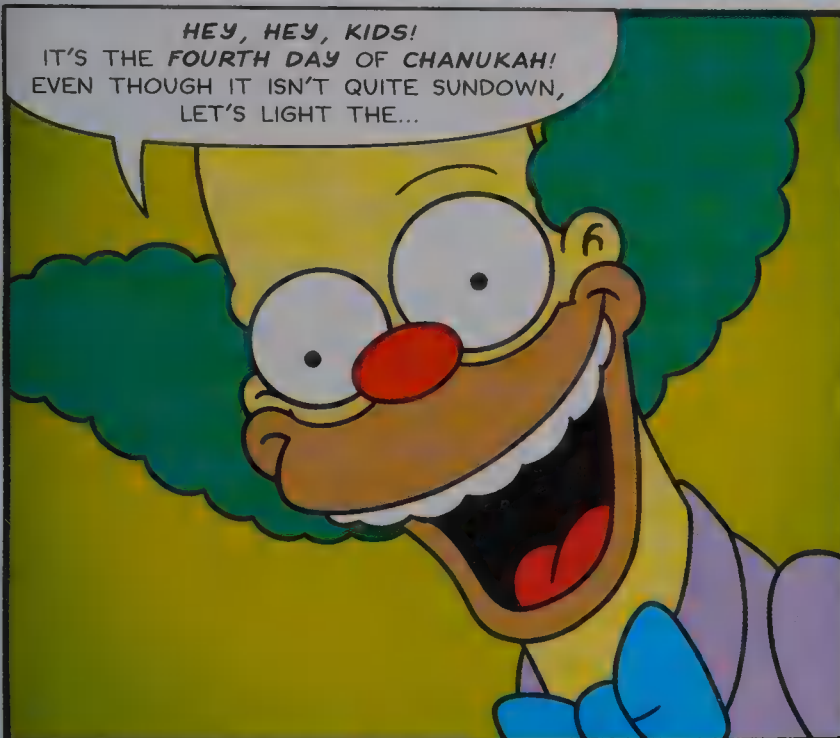


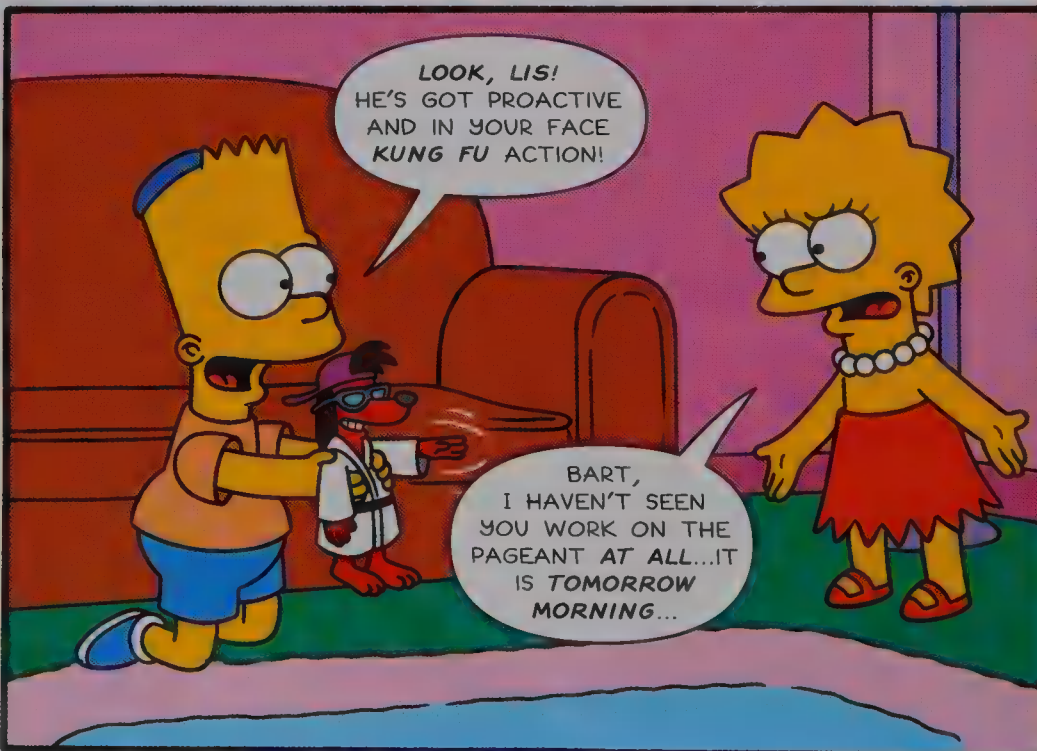


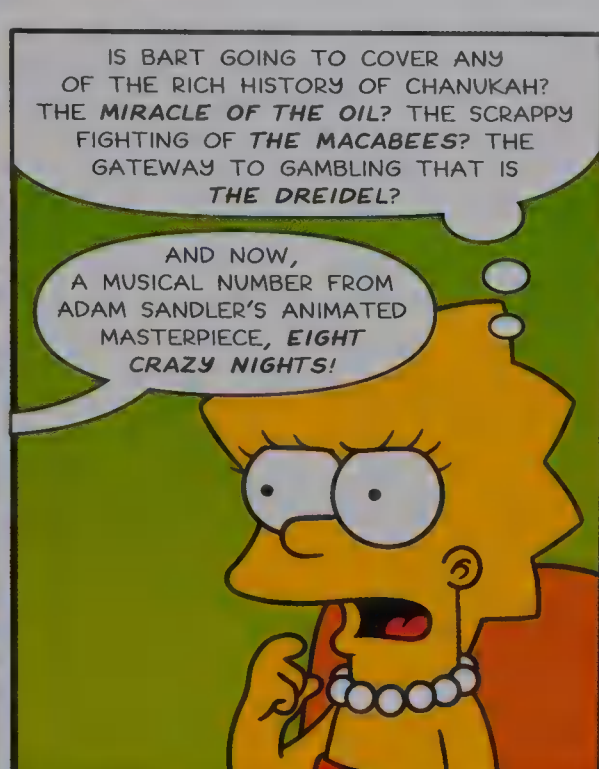
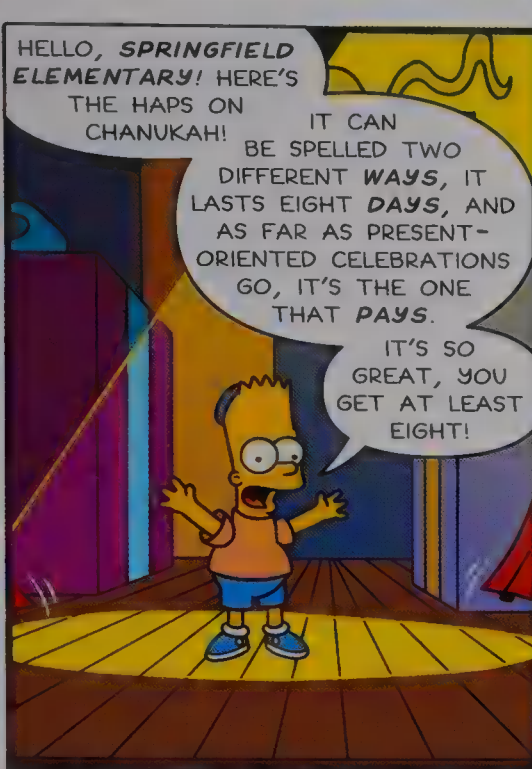
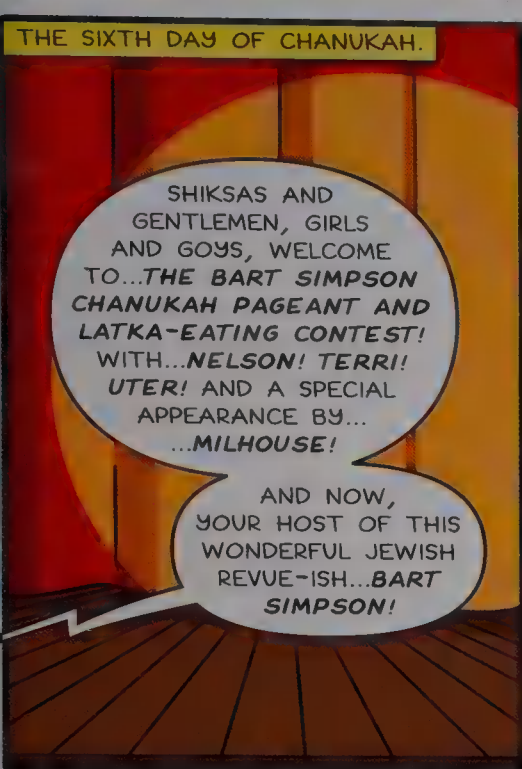
CON-NUKAH!











THE SEVENTH DAY
OF CHANUKAH.

EXTRA, EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!
MY BROTHER IS CHANGING
HIS RELIGION FOR *GIFTS*
AND *DAYS OFF*!

PARDON THE INTERRUPTION OF LISA'S
PATRONIZING DIATRIBE, CHILDREN, BUT I
HAVE SOME **BAD NEWS**. DUE TO A SCHEDULING
SNAFU, TATER TOTS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE
FOR TODAY'S LUNCH.

I AM
OUTRAGED!

FURTHERMORE,
DUE TO A PRINTING
ERROR, THEY WILL
BE REPLACED NOT BY
FREEDOM FRIES, BUT
RATHER, **MORGAN
FREEMAN FRIES**.

AS
AM I!

DOESN'T ANYONE CARE
AT ALL? MY BROTHER IS TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS
OF *TRADITION* AND *FAITH* FOR
PERSONAL GAIN!

WHERE IS
YOUR SENSE OF
OUTRAGE?

THAT NIGHT...

LISTEN, BUBIE,
CAN'T WE SET OUR
DIFFERENCES ASIDE
AND PLAY WITH
THE ITCHY AND
SCRATCHY "DEATH,
DEATH, REVOLUTION"
INTERACTIVE
PLAYSET?

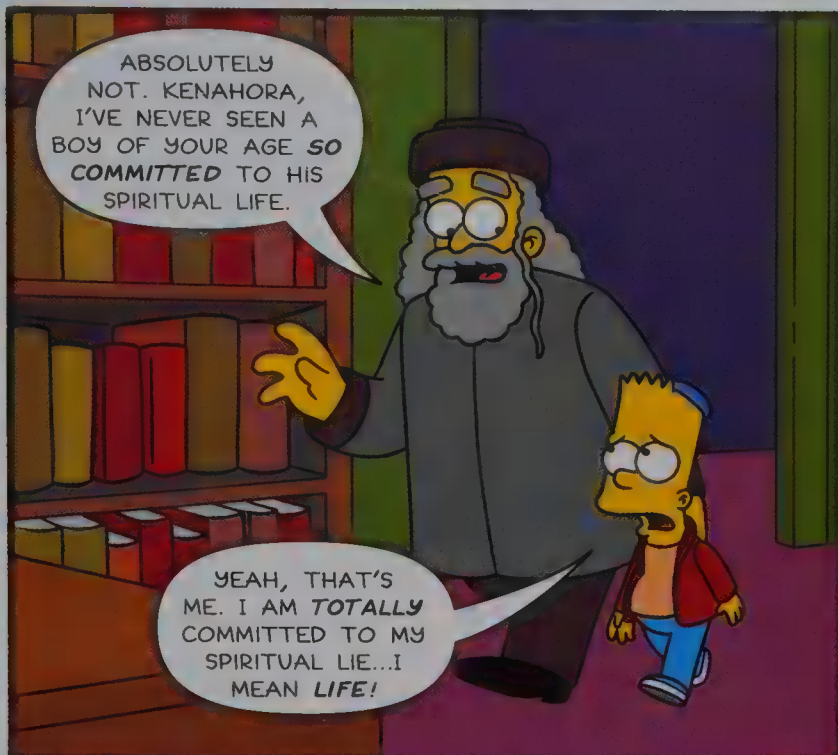
BART, I THOUGHT WE
FINALLY HAD **SOMETHING IN
COMMON**. THAT WE FOLLOWED
OUR HEARTS BECAUSE OF
WHAT WE BELIEVE IN.

BUT, AS USUAL,
THE ONLY THING YOU
BELIEVE IN IS **SELF-
GRATIFICATION**.

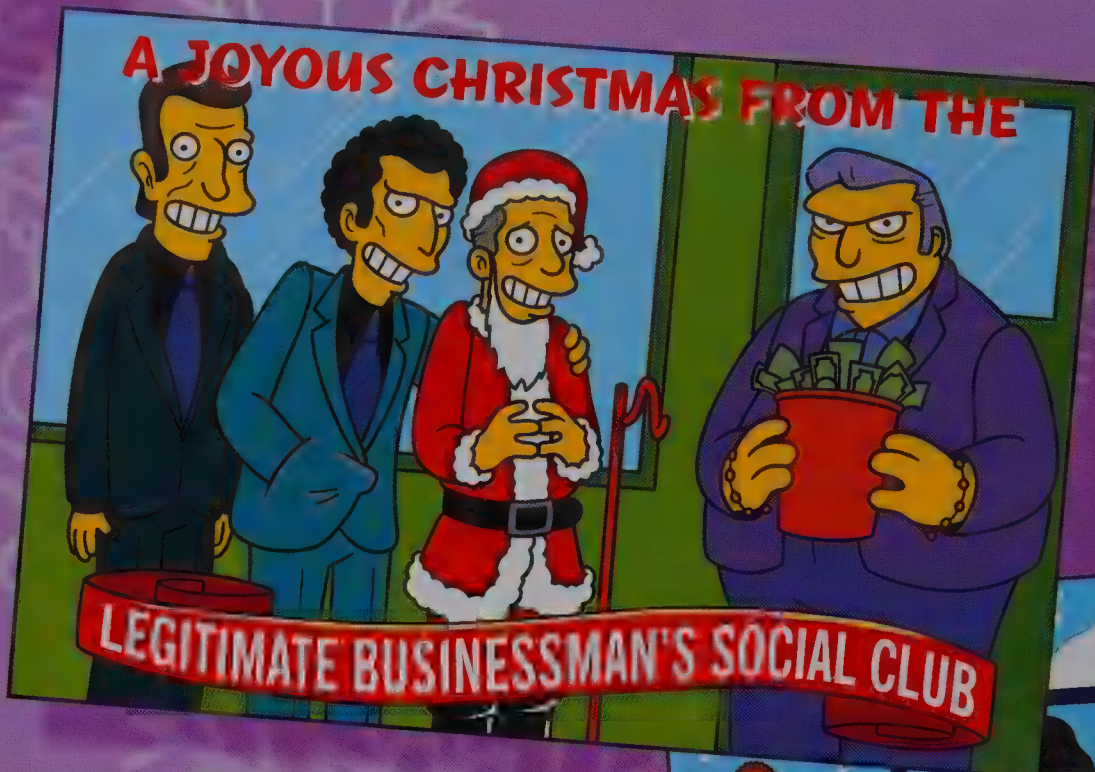
C'MON,
LIS, FEEL THE
APATHY.

I'M CONVERTING
TO CATHOLICISM FOR
THE *FREE WINE*.

**KNOCK!
KNOCK!**



THE END



**HERMAN'S
MILITARY ANTIQUES**
MAKING HOLIDAY DREAMS COME TRUE



Children,
Enjoy your secular holiday in moderation and have
those book reports on Mrs. Krabappel's desk no later
than 9:00 A.M. January 2nd. Seymour Skinner, Principal

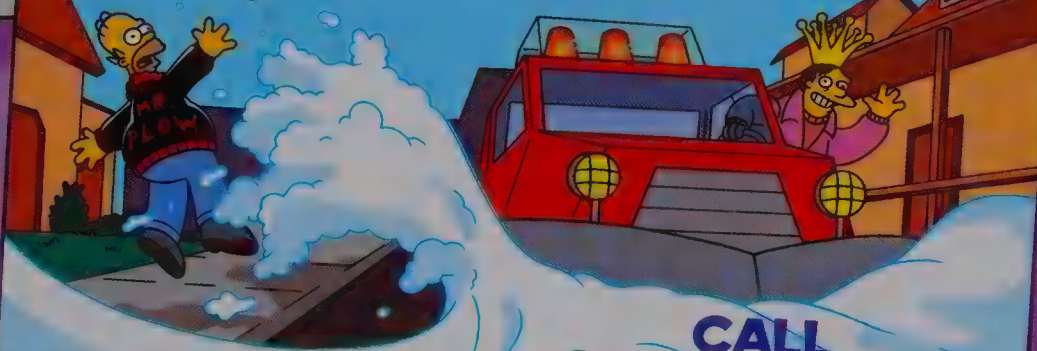


**SHED THOSE EXTRA HOLIDAY POUNDS AT
DR. NICK'S LIPOSUCTORIUM**
BRING THIS CARD FOR **40% OFF!** (YOUR THIGHS, NOT THE PRICE)



SEASON'S
EATIN'S
AND A
HAPPY NEW
Y'ARR!

THE PLOW KING WISHES YOU A
VERY, VERY, VERY, WHITE CHRISTMAS!



CALL
KL5-4796
(LET IT RING)

THE SPRINGFIELD MILLIONAIRES
CLUB WISHES YOU A

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



DON'T BE LEFT HO-HO-HOLDING THE BAG!

NO
MORE SANTA
SUITS!



RENT YOUR SANTA SUITS EARLY AT
YUCKINGHAM PALACE!

FAMILY FUN WARNING LEVEL: ORANGE)





CHRISTMAS
IS MY FAVORITE "MAS"
OF ALL! HERE'S WHAT
HAPPENED TO ME ON
THAT DAY!

my CHRISTMAS DAY

by Ralph Wiggum

I woke up early and Mom
undid my snoozy belts.



Then, I went
downstairs and opened
candy socks!



Doctor Hiccup says I have to wear
a helmet to make my head shaped right.
Now I have a red one for church!

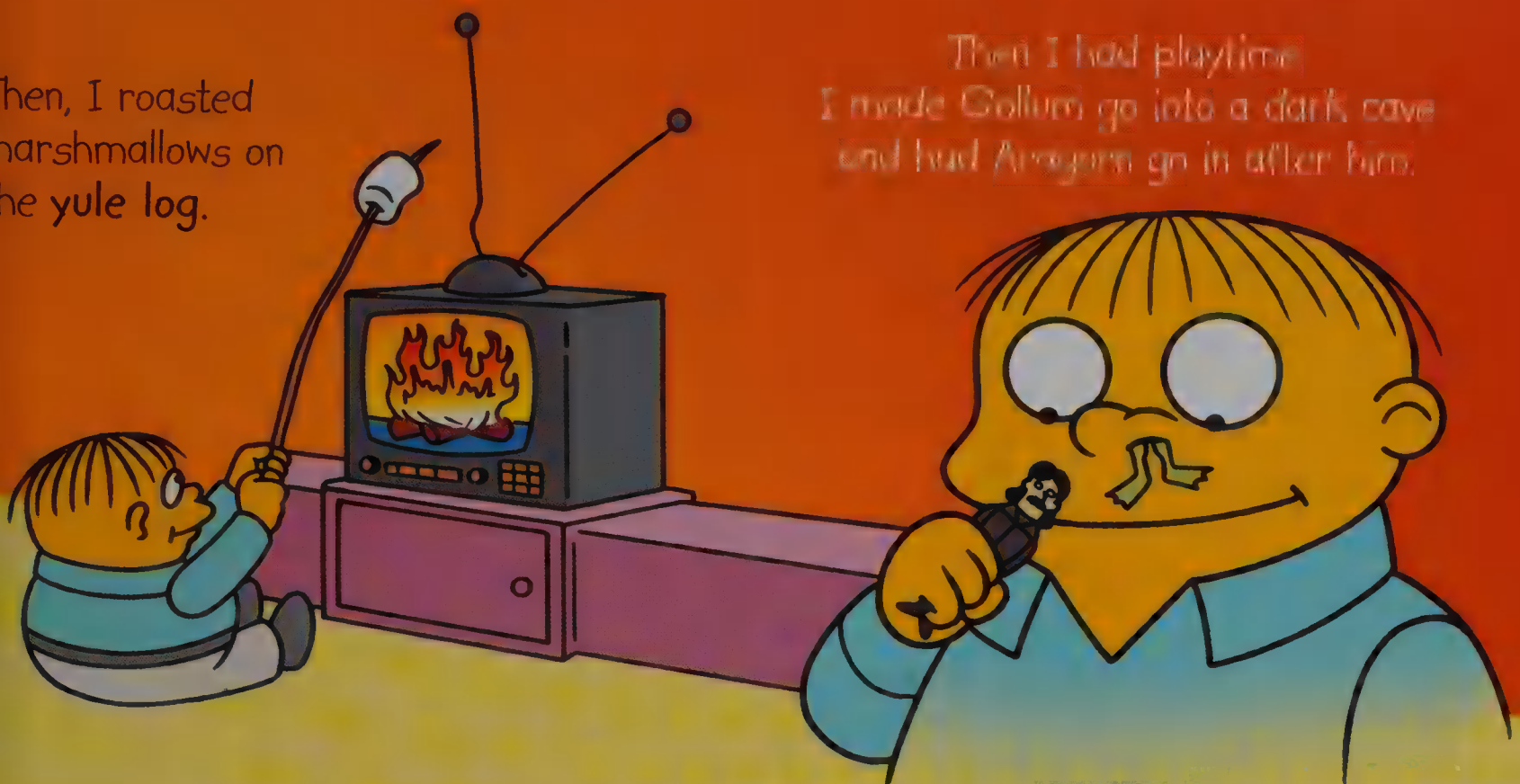
Mom got me a new
T-shirt with words on it!



I was so happy, I set
the Christmas Goose
free to go find its
head and neck!



Then, I roasted marshmallows on the yule log.



Then I had playtime.
I made Gollum go into a dark cave
and had Aragorn go in after him.

Then we went to
the emergency room!
They gave me a lollipop
and a pill that made
my eyes close and my
feet float!



On the way home, we stopped for chewish food and had supper with Krusty and his dad, who's a rabbit! I think it was the best Christmas ever! I can't remember any other ones. Merry X-men, everbody, and to all a good kite!

"IT BEGAN, AS MOST **FADS** DO, VIRTUALLY UNNOTICED. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE **ITCHY AND SCRATCHY INTERACTIVE PLAYSETS** QUIETLY APPEARED ON TOYSHOP SHELVES, SIMPLY ONE MORE ADDITION TO AN ALREADY **BLOATED PRODUCT LINE**."



"LITTLE BY LITTLE, THE PLAYSETS BEGAN TO **SEEP** INTO **THE COLLECTIVE JUVENILE CONSCIOUS**; A BIRTHDAY PRESENT **HERE**, A GIFT FROM GRANDMA **THERE** AND SO ON. BY SPRING **VISIBILITY** WAS ON THE RISE AND A **GROUND SWELL** WAS TAKING HOLD."



"OF COURSE, THE INEVITABLE **MEDIA BLITZ** ONLY HELPED TO **SHARPEN DEMAND** AND KEPT THE TOYS **HOT SELLERS** THROUGH SUMMER."



"ONCE THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGAN, THE **ITCHY AND SCRATCHY CRAZE** HAD SWOLLEN TO **EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS**. THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAD HERETOFORE BEEN LACKING THESE **HOLY GRAILS OF TOYDOM** LOOKED ANXIOUSLY AHEAD TO THE COMING HOLIDAY SEASON. SURELY **THEN** THEIR **WISHES** WOULD BE GRANTED."



"ALAS, AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS WITH A FAD OF THIS NATURE, THE LARGE RETAIL OUTLETS HAD WOEFULLY **UNDERESTIMATED** YOUTHFUL DEMAND AND THE PLAYSETS WERE COMPLETELY **SOLD OUT** BY MID-NOVEMBER."



"WHICH BRINGS US TO THE PRESENT, 10:46 A.M. CHRISTMAS EVE, AND TO THE **ONLY PLACE** IN SPRINGFIELD WHERE THE **CHERISHED TOYS** MAY YET BE PURCHASED..."



WORST CHRISTMAS EVER!



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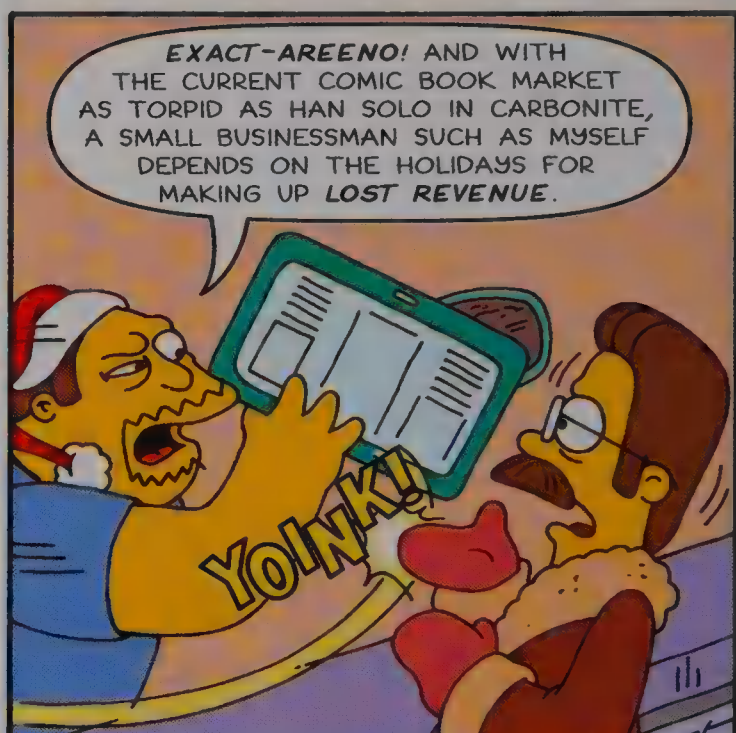
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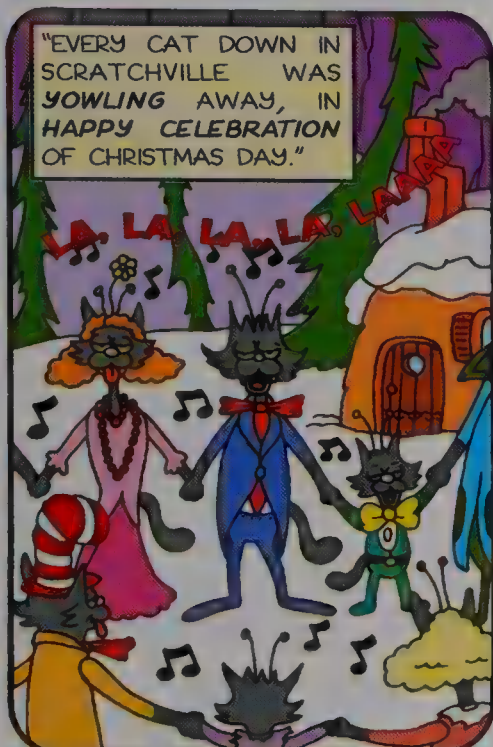
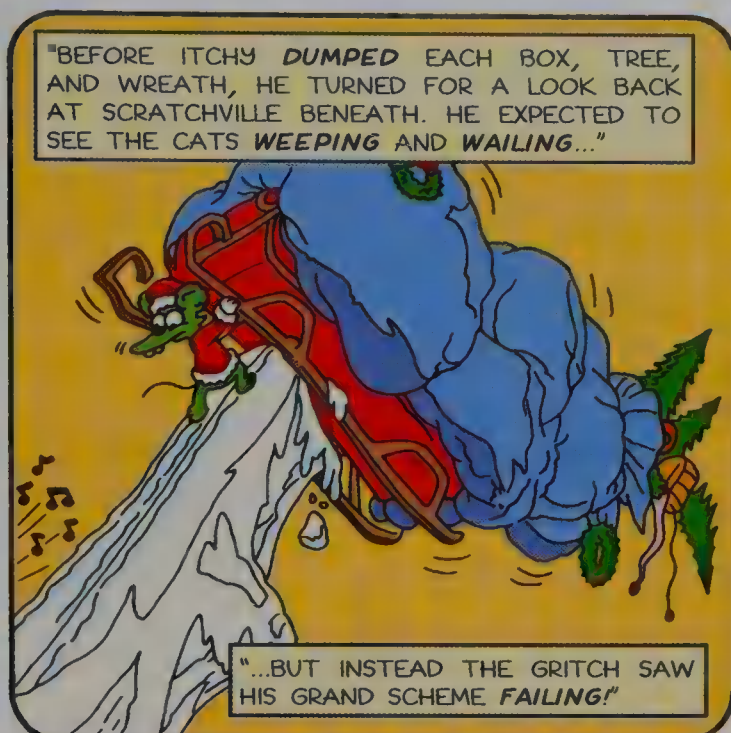
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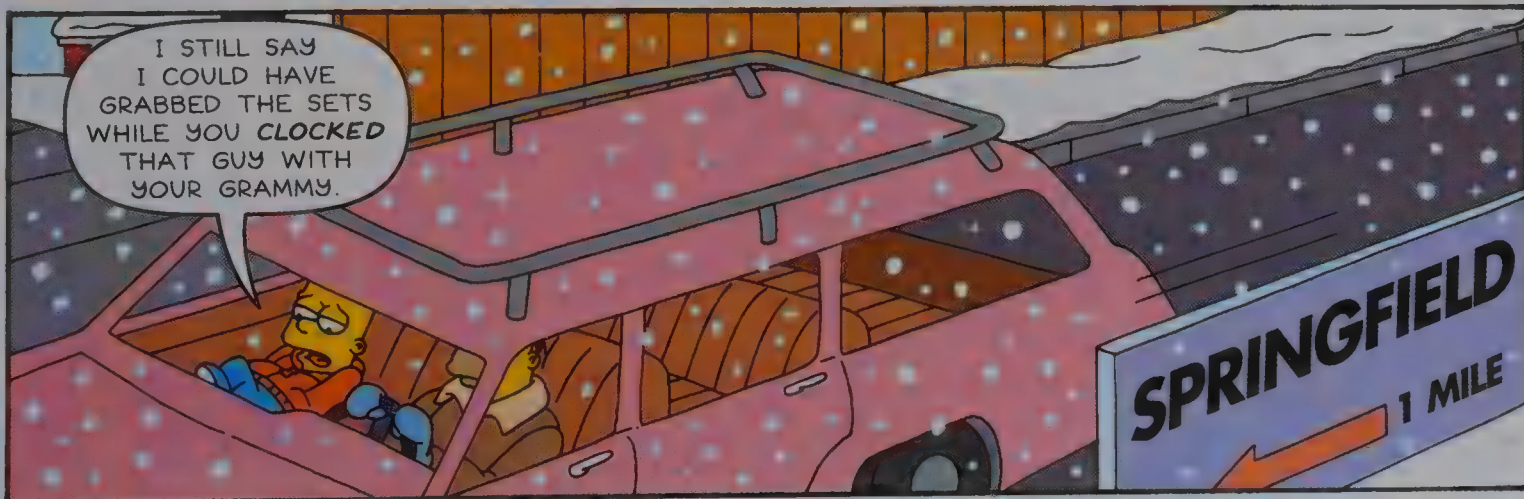
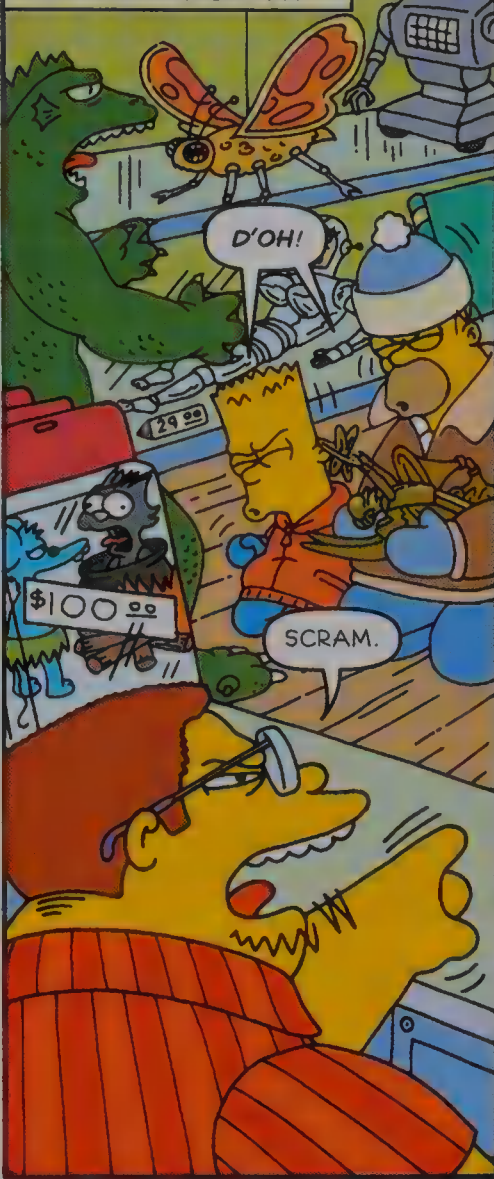
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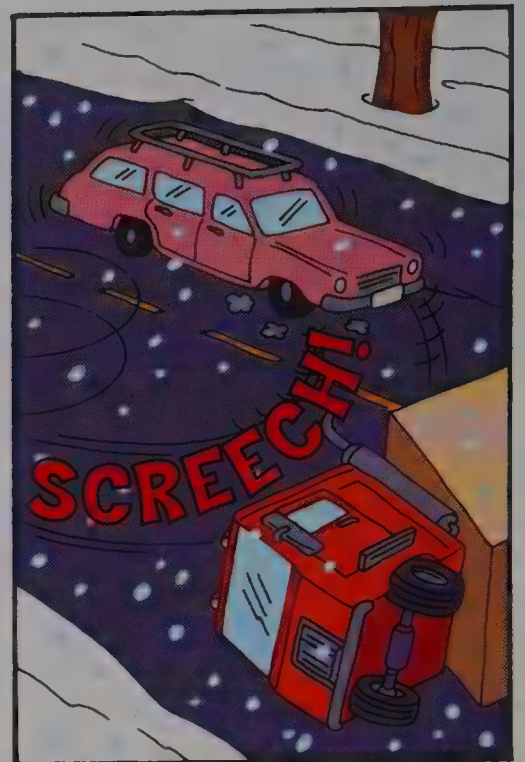
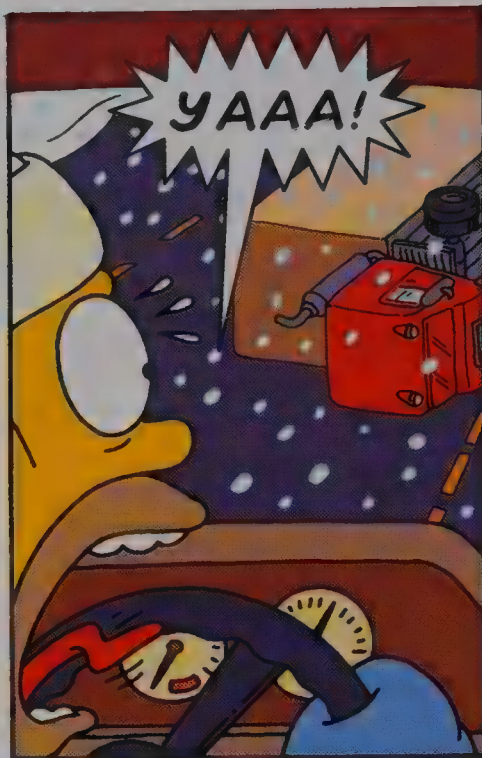


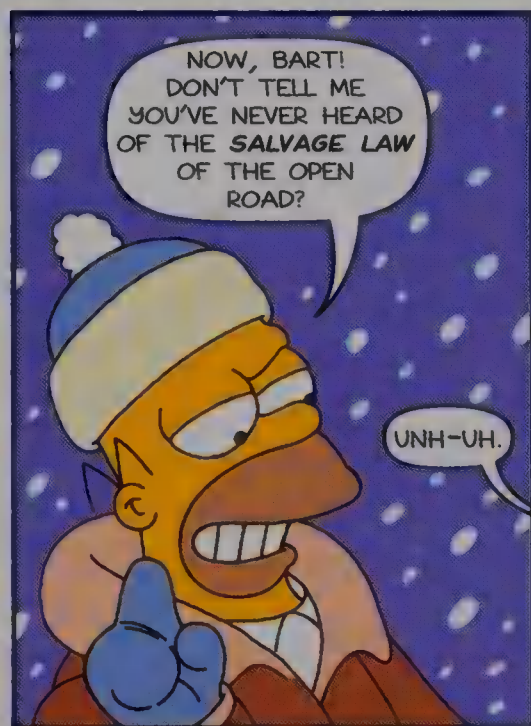
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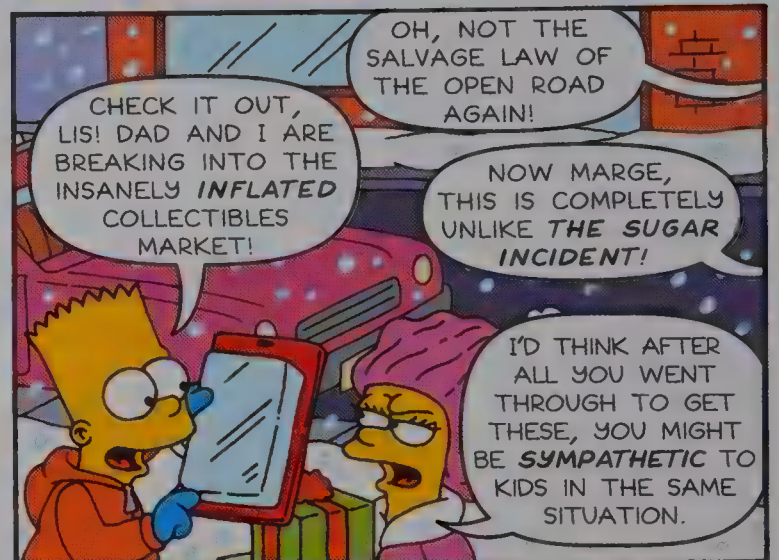
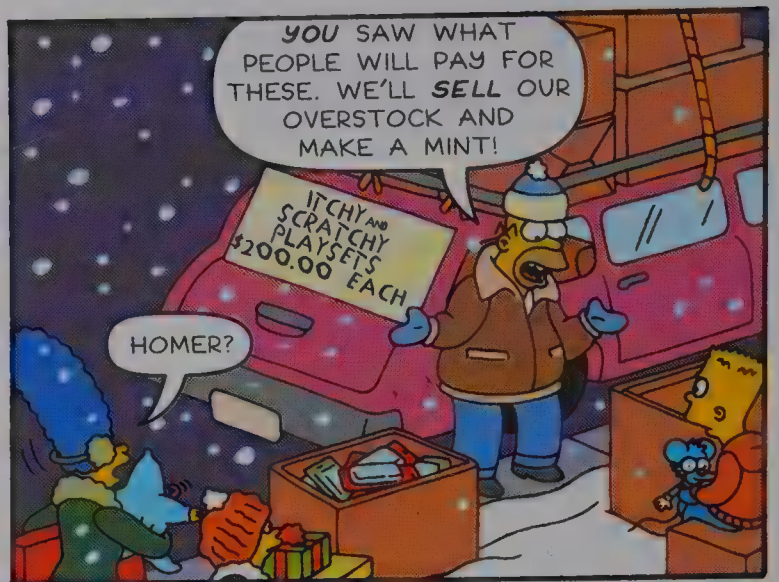


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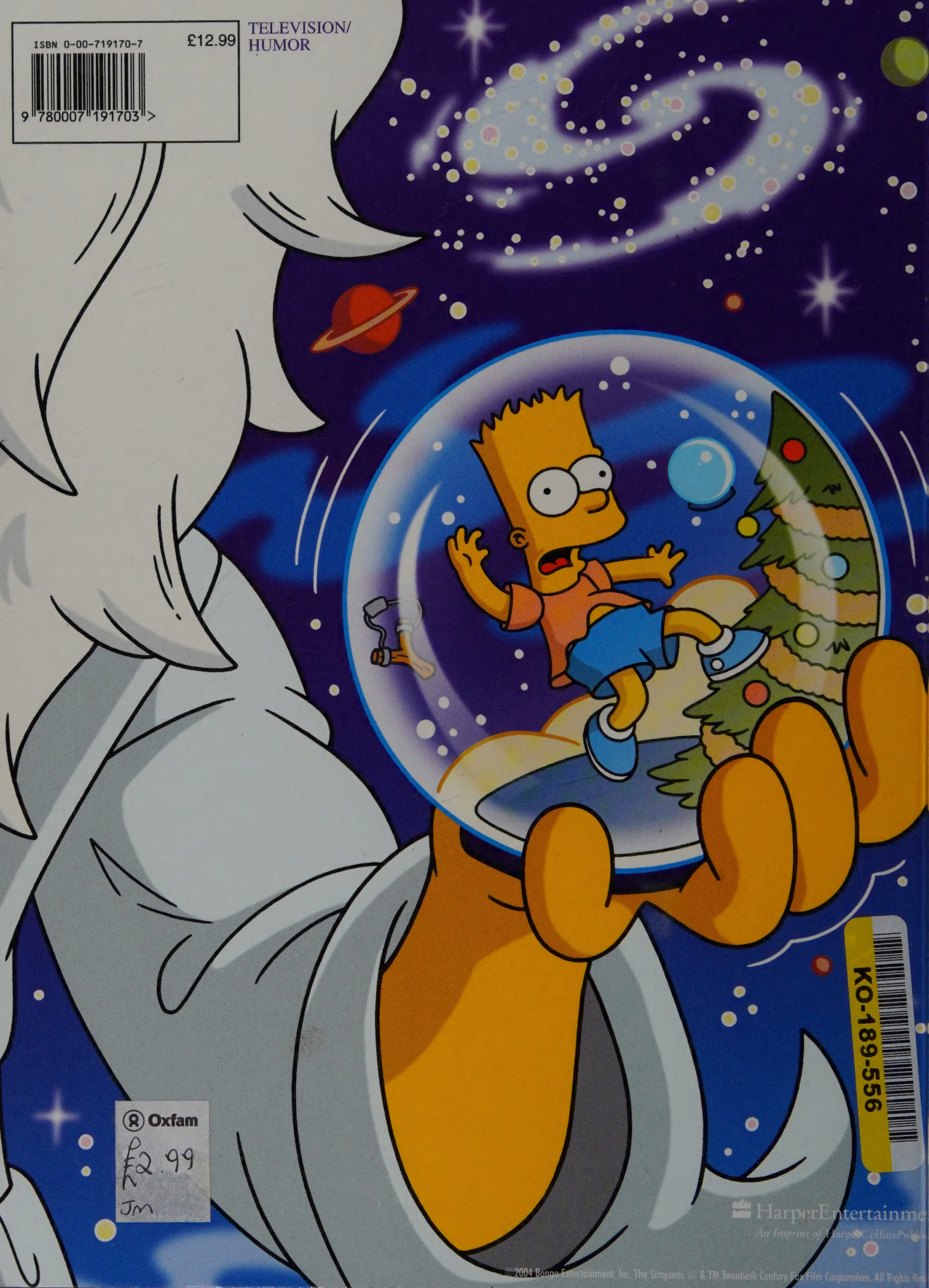
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