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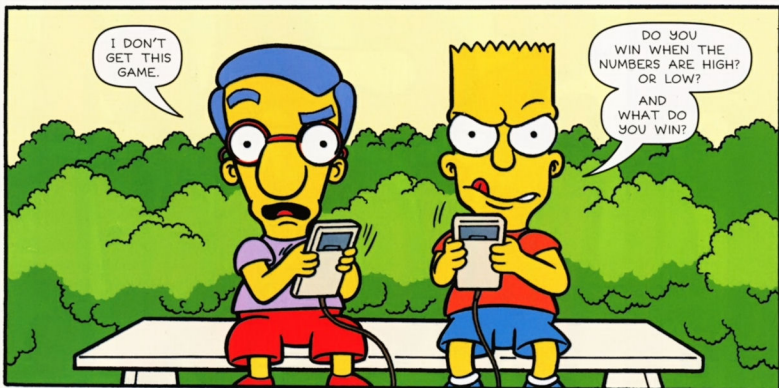


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SCAM WOW!

SCIFIOMETRY

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NO, BART!
THERE'S **NOTHING**
WRONG WITH
YOU!

WELL, NOTHING
WE DON'T KNOW
ABOUT AND HAVE
UNDER CONTROL,
ANYWAY.

WHEEL-
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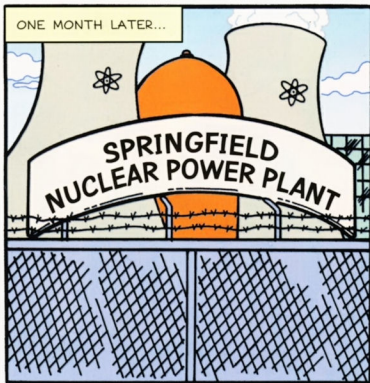
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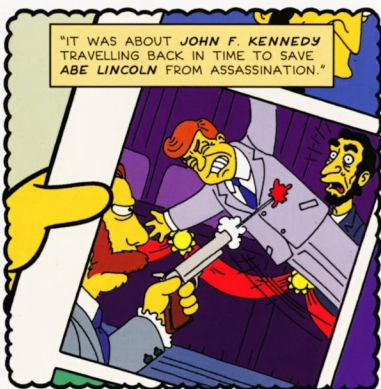




"I SOLD A STORY TO A COMIC BOOK COMPANY, BUT...UH...IT WASN'T ONE OF THE MAINSTREAM PUBLISHERS."



"IT WAS ABOUT JOHN F. KENNEDY TRAVELLING BACK IN TIME TO SAVE ABE LINCOLN FROM ASSASSINATION."



"I MANAGED TO SELL ONE STORY ABOUT AN INVASION OF EVIL ALIENS TO AN OBSCURE MAGAZINE PUBLISHER CALLED *SCIFIOMETRY*."

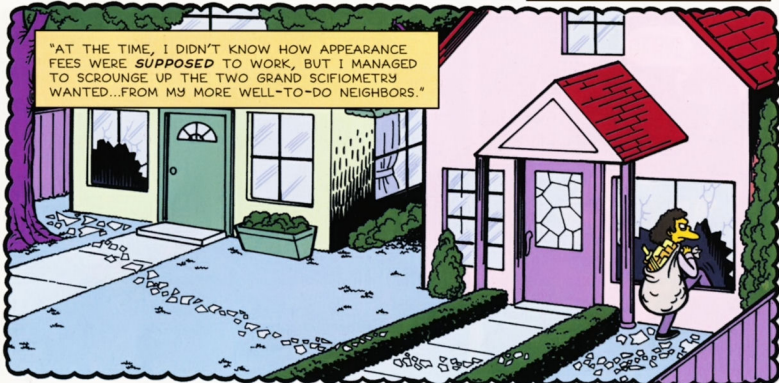


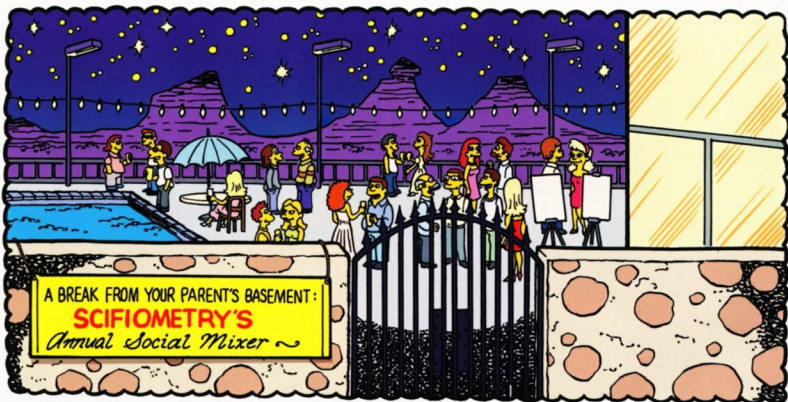
"I THOUGHT 25 BUCKS WAS A HELL OF A DEAL AT THE TIME. THE **BEST PART** WAS I WAS INVITED TO THE MAGAZINE'S SOCIAL MIXER IN ARIZONA."



"THE LETTER ALSO MENTIONED AN **APPEARANCE FEE!**"

"AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW APPEARANCE FEES WERE *SUPPOSED* TO WORK, BUT I MANAGED TO SCROUNGE UP THE TWO GRAND *SCIFIOMETRY* WANTED...FROM MY MORE WELL-TO-DO NEIGHBORS."



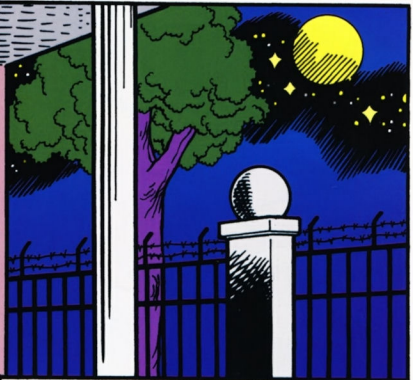


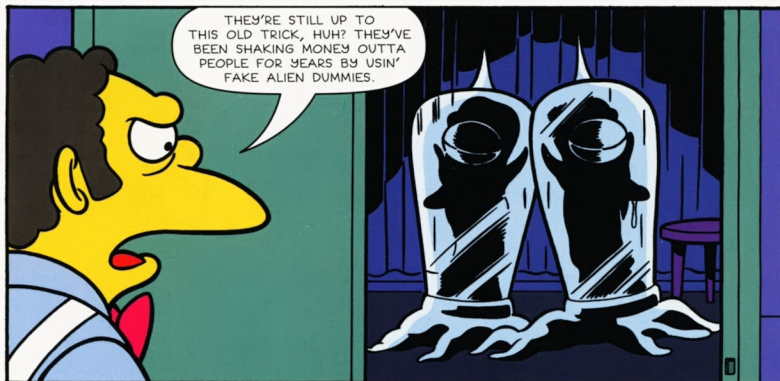






LATER THAT NIGHT...







MEANWHILE, IN THE SCIFIOMETRY STAR CHAMBER...

SO...YOU CAN WRITE US A CHECK, OR YOU CAN USE OUR **FUTUREBOT 2000**. IT CAN ACCESS YOUR EARTH FINANCES TO TRANSFER THEM INTO OUR **SCIFIOMETRY CREDITS**. THEY'RE MORE FUN.



ELSEWHERE...

WHAT TH--? NOBODY ON THIS PLANET HAS ANTI-PUNCH TECHNOLOGY! THESE GUYS ARE FROM OUTER SPACE!

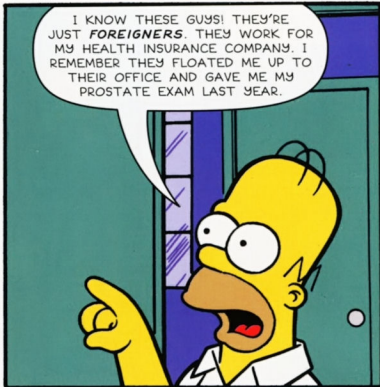


UM...
YEAH.

ARE YOU THE ENLIGHTENED
ONES THAT WE PAID TO MEET? WHEN
DO WE RECEIVE ENLIGHTENMENT?
OUR CHECK CLEARED, RIGHT?



I KNOW THESE GUYS! THEY'RE
JUST **FOREIGNERS**. THEY WORK FOR
MY HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY. I
REMEMBER THEY FLOATED ME UP TO
THEIR OFFICE AND GAVE ME MY
PROSTATE EXAM LAST YEAR.



COME AGAIN?
WHAT ARE YOU
GUYS DOIN'
HERE?



WE'VE COME TO EARTH
BECAUSE WE HEARD IT'S
WHERE THE SECRETS TO A
BETTER LIFE HAVE BEEN
HIDDEN.

WE WERE TOLD THAT EARTH HAS ENDED WAR,
POVERTY, AND ADOPTED UNIVERSAL HEALTH
CARE FOR EVERYONE! WE'RE HERE TO BRING
THIS ACHIEVEMENT TO THE UNIVERSE!

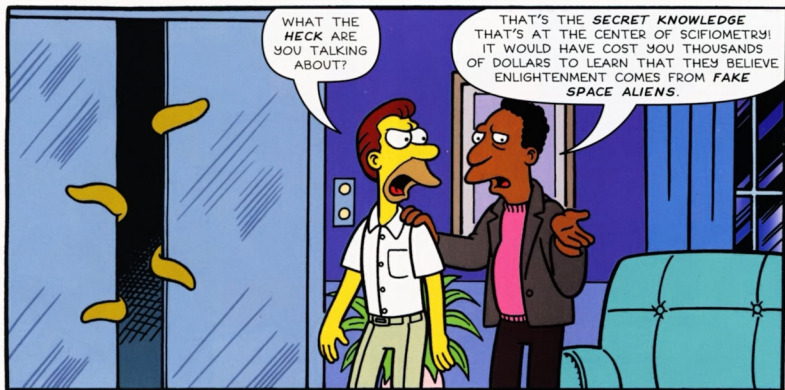
WE PAID SCIFIOMETRY THE
REQUISITE FUNDS TO RETRIEVE
THE SECRET TO A LONG HAPPY
LIFE FROM THE VAULT WHERE
THE SECRETS ARE KEPT.



WELL, I
HATE TO BREAK
THE **BAD NEWS**
TO YOU GUYS...









THAT SATURDAY NIGHT...



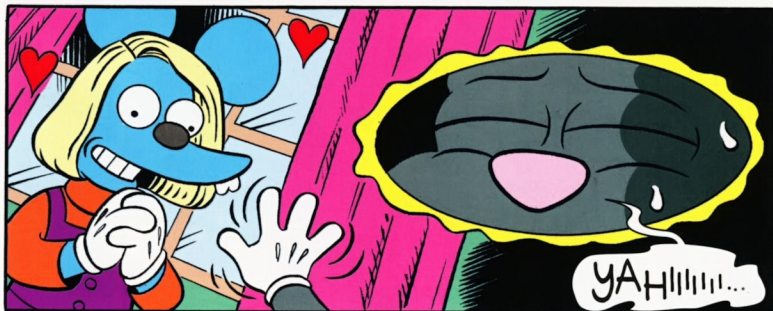
SORRY, I WAS HELPING A NIGERIAN PRINCE THAT I MET ON THE INTERNET GET HIS MONEY FROM A CORRUPT BANK. MAYBE YOU GUYS WILL WANT TO THROW SOME MONEY INTO THE COLLECTION I'M TAKING UP?



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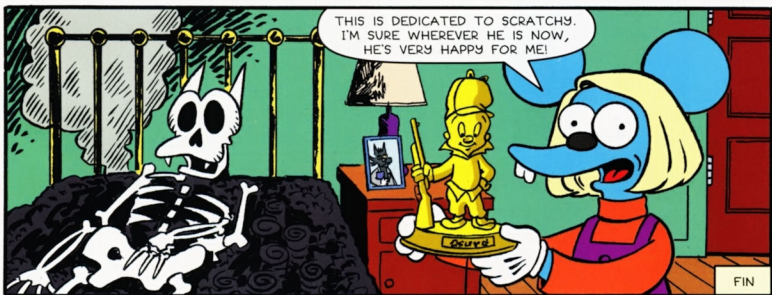






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