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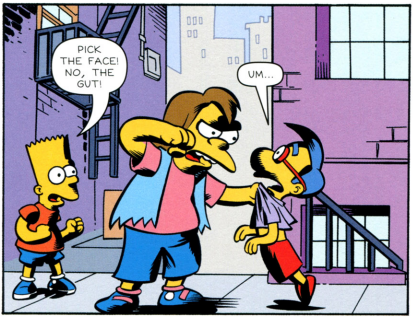
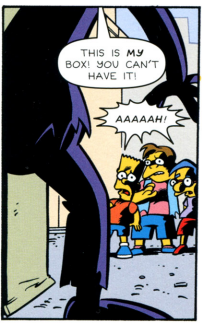
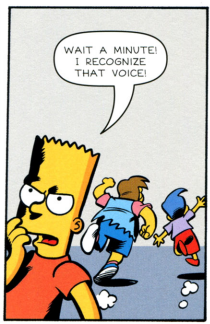
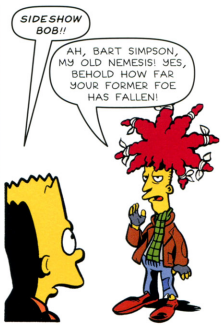

PICK THE FACE! NO, THE GUT!
UM...

I'LL TAKE WHAT'S IN THAT BOX!


THIS IS MY BOX! YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!
AAAAAH!

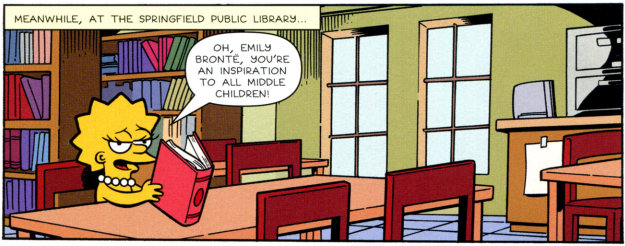

WAIT A MINUTE! I RECOGNIZE THAT VOICE!

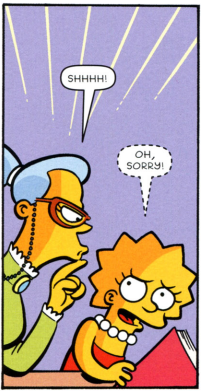

SIDESHOW BOB!!
AH, BART SIMPSON, MY OLD NEMESIS! YES, BEHOLD HOW FAR YOUR FORMER FOE HAS FALLEN!

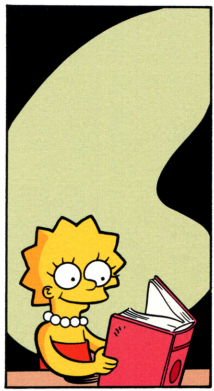
SPARE CHANGE FOR A SCONE AND A HOT CUP OF DARJEELING TEA?
YOU NEED TO GET SOME SELF-RESPECT!

HEY, ARE YOU GONNA FINISH THAT BEER?

BEFORE I RUN AWAY, I GOTTA KNOW...WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
"WELL, AFTER MY LAST ATTEMPT TO MURDER YOU FAILED..."
"...I HAD A BIT OF TIME TO THINK."
"I REALIZED THAT I'D SPENT SO MUCH TIME TRYING TO GET REVENGE ON YOU THAT I'D LET MY OWN LIFE SLIP AWAY."
WELCOME TO POINTY ROCK CANYON!
"I TRIED A SERIES OF JOBS, BUT WITHOUT MY HATRED OF YOU SPURRING ME ON, I HAD LOST ALL AMBITION."
"I COULDN'T EVEN HOLD THE MOST MENIAL POSITION."
"I EVEN TURNED MYSELF IN AND WENT BACK TO PRISON, BUT I JUST DEPRESSED THE OTHER PRISONERS...SO THEY RELEASED ME."
NOW THE GUTTER IS MY HOME. RATS ARE MY ONLY FRIENDS. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, WILBUR?
AAAAH!
OH, WHY DO YOU FIND MY EYES SO DELICIOUS?!
NICE CATCHING UP, BOB! SMELL YA LATER!

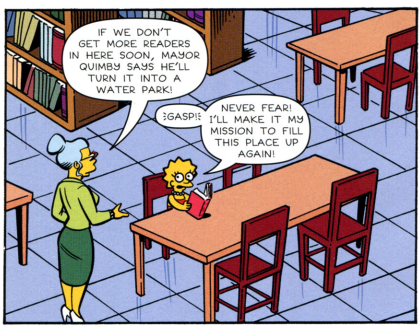

MEANWHILE, AT THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY...
OH, EMILY BRONTE, YOU'RE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL MIDDLE CHILDREN!

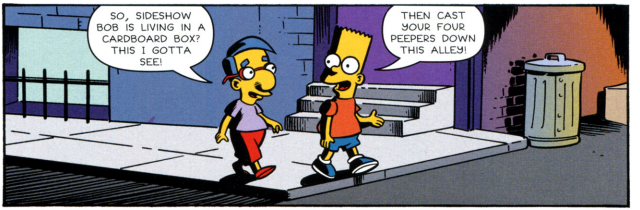

SHHHH!
OH, SORRY!



SHHHH!

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.
I KNOW, BUT THE LIBRARY IS DESERTED, AND I JUST WANTED SOMETHING TO DO.


IF WE DON'T GET MORE READERS IN HERE SOON, MAYOR QUIMBY SAYS HE'LL TURN IT INTO A WATER PARK!
¡GASP!¡
NEVER FEAR! I'LL MAKE IT MY MISSION TO FILL THIS PLACE UP AGAIN!


SO, SIDESHOW BOB IS LIVING IN A CARDBOARD BOX? THIS I GOTTA SEE!
THEN CAST YOUR FOUR PEEPERS DOWN THIS ALLEY!

I'M A MAN OF MEANS BY NO MEANS!
KING OF THE ROOOOOAD!

CHESTER J. LAMPWICK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU'RE NOT A BUM ANYMORE! YOU GOT RICH WHEN YOU WON THE RIGHTS TO ITCHY AND SCRATCHY!
THAT'S TRUE! THIS IS A GUCCI BINDLE SACK FILLED WITH FABERGE EGGS!

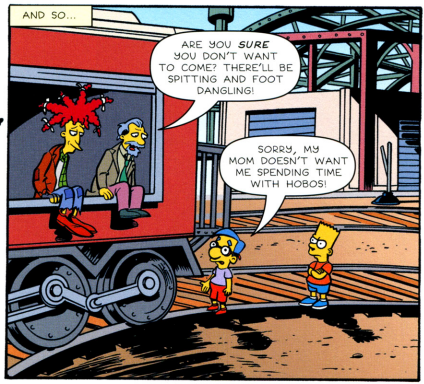
BUT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE I MISS THE LIFE OF A BUM AND COME BACK TO MY OLD ALLEY!
THAT'S HOW I MET BOB HERE, A FEW DAYS AGO!

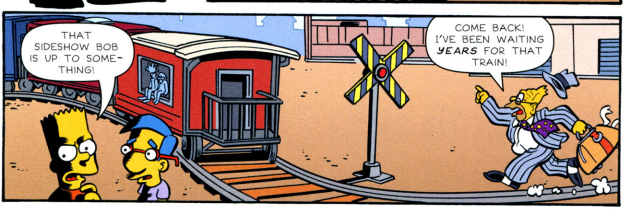
BUT HE'S AN ATTEMPTED MURDERER!
NOBODY'S PERFECT.
LOOK AT ME...I ONLY FLOSS ONCE A WEEK!

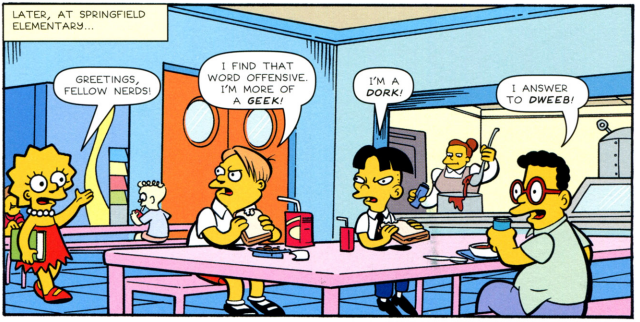
NOW WHAT WAS THAT THING YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO DO, BOB? RIDE THE RAILS, HOBO STYLE?
HOW I WISH WE COULD, OLD FRIEND, BUT THE RAILROAD STOPPED RUNNING THROUGH SPRINGFIELD YEARS AGO!

GIMME A SECOND!
HELLO? GET ME YOUR BOSS! NO, WAIT, GET ME YOUR BOSS'S BOSS!

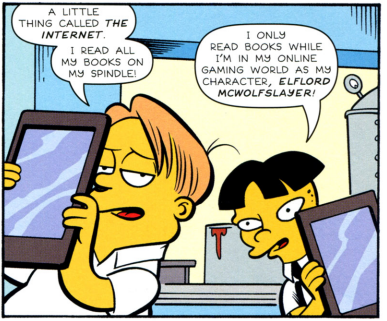
I JUST BOUGHT THE RAILROAD. THEY'LL BE SENDING A TRAIN THROUGH TOWN IN TEN MINUTES!


AND SO...
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO COME? THERE'LL BE SPITTING AND FOOT DANGLING!
SORRY, MY MOM DOESN'T WANT ME SPENDING TIME WITH HOBOS!


THAT SIDESHOW BOB IS UP TO SOME-THING!
COME BACK! I'VE BEEN WAITING YEARS FOR THAT TRAIN!

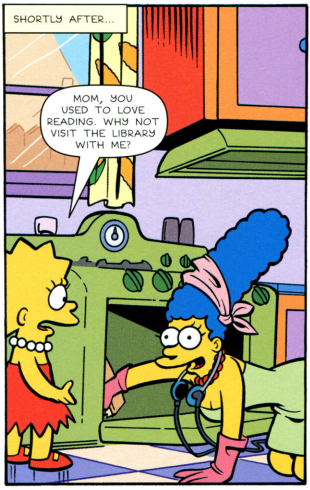

LATER, AT SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY...
GREETINGS, FELLOW NERDS!
I FIND THAT WORD OFFENSIVE. I'M MORE OF A GEEK!
I'M A DORK!
I ANSWER TO DWEEB!

WHATEVER! I DON'T SEE YOU GUYS AT THE LIBRARY ANYMORE. WHAT GIVES?


A LITTLE THING CALLED THE INTERNET.
I READ ALL MY BOOKS ON MY SPINDLE!
I ONLY READ BOOKS WHILE I'M IN MY ONLINE GAMING WORLD AS MY CHARACTER, ELFLORD MCWOLFSLAYER!

WE ALL READ DIGITAL BOOKS NOW!
I THINK I'VE GROWN ALLERGIC TO PAPER!

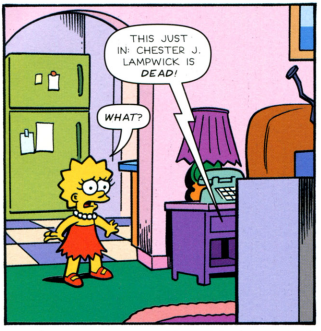
YES, THAT'S A PAPER ALLERGY! OR YOU'VE BEEN EATING A PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH WHILE READING THAT BOOK!
I WAS... SORRY.


SHORTLY AFTER...
MOM, YOU USED TO LOVE READING. WHY NOT VISIT THE LIBRARY WITH ME?

NOW I LISTEN TO BOOKS ON TAPE WHILE I'M DOING MY HOUSEWORK!
IT'S A GREAT WAY TO LOWER STRESS BY NOT HEARING WHAT YOUR FATHER IS UP TO!

MARGE! I'VE FOUND A FASTER WAY TO BARBECUE PORK CHOPS USING LEFTOVER FIREWORKS! WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'LL TAKE YOUR SILENCE AS CONSENT!

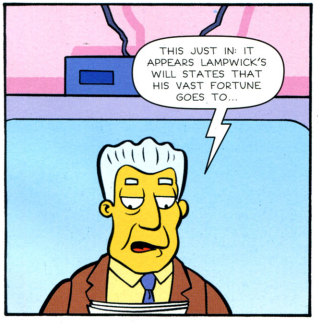
BOOM!
BLAM!
BANG!
AAAAH!
SIGH!

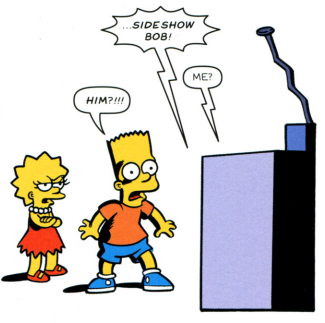

THIS JUST IN: CHESTER J. LAMPWICK IS DEAD!
WHAT?

WHAT?!?!
YAAAAAH!
SHOVE!

TRAGEDY STRUCK TODAY WHEN A TRAIN MR. LAMPWICK WAS RIDING PLUNGED OFF THE AS YET UNCOMPLETED BLEEDING GUMS MURPHY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.
WE SPOKE WITH HIS BEST FRIEND.

HE DIED AS HE LIVED. SMELLY AND DRUNK.
HE WILL BE MISSED.


THIS JUST IN: IT APPEARS LAMPWICK'S WILL STATES THAT HIS VAST FORTUNE GOES TO...


...SIDESHOW BOB!
ME?
HIM?!!!

YOU KNOW WHAT TAKES MY MIND OFF MY TROUBLES?
VISITING THE LIBRARY!
REALLY?
EH...IT WAS WORTH A SHOT! I'M GOING TO GO TRY CONVINCING MILHOUSE!
WELL, NOW THAT I'M FANTASTICALLY WEALTHY, LET ME JUST SAY THIS...
...BART SIMPSON WILL GET WHAT'S COMING TO HIM!

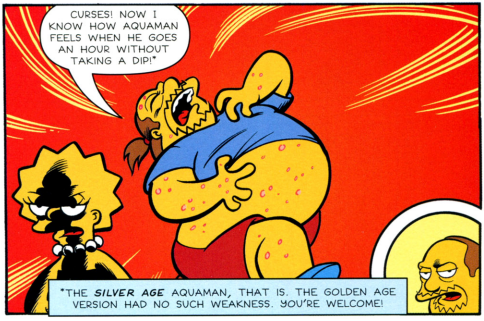
LATER, AT THE ANDROID'S DUNGEON...
YOU KNOW, MILHOUSE, THEY HAVE GRAPHIC NOVELS YOU CAN READ FOR FREE AT THE LIBRARY!

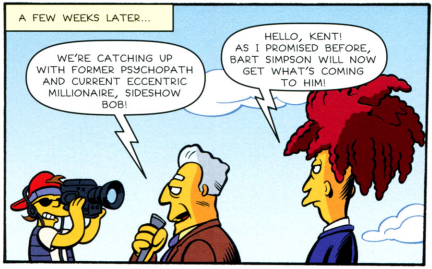
LIKE THE FLASH IN A FOOT RACE, I AM WAY AHEAD OF YOU!

I'VE PERSONALLY CHECKED OUT EVERY COMIC BOOK-RELATED TOME FROM THE LIBRARY AND COVERED IT WITH POISON IVY!
NOW MY BOOKS ARE THE ONLY OPTION!

DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU ITCHY?
NOT IF I BATHE ONCE AN HOUR IN CALAMINE LOTION.

OH NO! MY WATCH ALARM DIDN'T GO OFF! I MISSED MY LAST SOAKING!

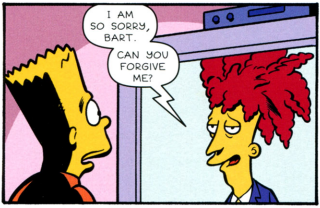

CURSES! NOW I KNOW HOW AQUAMAN FEELS WHEN HE GOES AN HOUR WITHOUT TAKING A DIP!*
*THE SILVER AGE AQUAMAN, THAT IS. THE GOLDEN AGE VERSION HAD NO SUCH WEAKNESS. YOU'RE WELCOME!

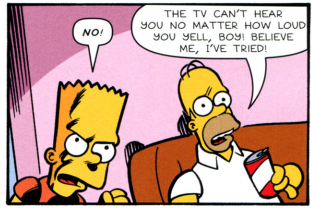

A FEW WEEKS LATER...
WE'RE CATCHING UP WITH FORMER PSYCHOPATH AND CURRENT ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE, SIDESHOW BOB!
HELLO, KENT! AS I PROMISED BEFORE, BART SIMPSON WILL NOW GET WHAT'S COMING TO HIM!

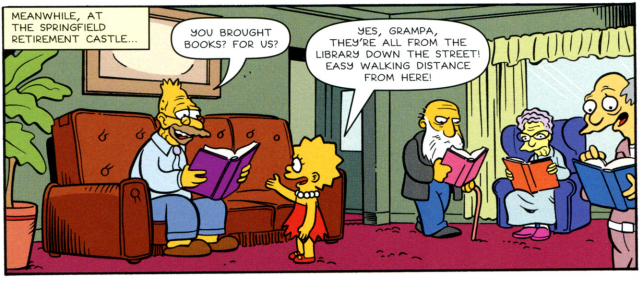
SEE! I TOLD YOU THAT'S WHAT HE SAID!
FINE! BUT THIS HAPPENS SO OFTEN YOU'RE LIKE THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLFMAN!

BART SIMPSON, I GIVE YOU...

...BARTLAND!
AN AMUSEMENT PARK DEDICATED TO THE SCAMP I ONCE TRIED TO KILL! I'M HAVING A SPECIAL PRIVATE PREVIEW FOR YOUNG BART TOMORROW THAT I HOPE HE WILL ATTEND!

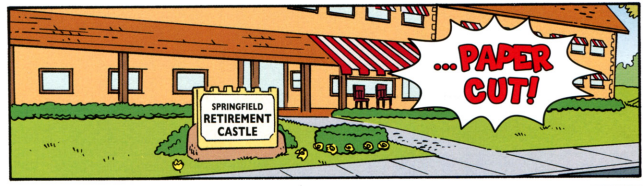

I AM SO SORRY, BART.
CAN YOU FORGIVE ME?

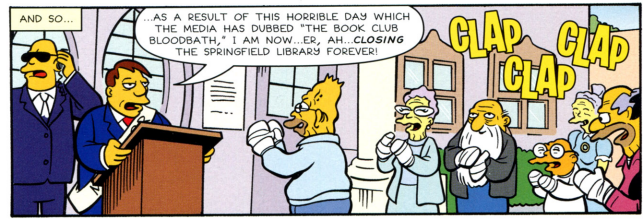

NO!
THE TV CAN'T HEAR YOU NO MATTER HOW LOUD YOU YELL, BOY! BELIEVE ME, I'VE TRIED!

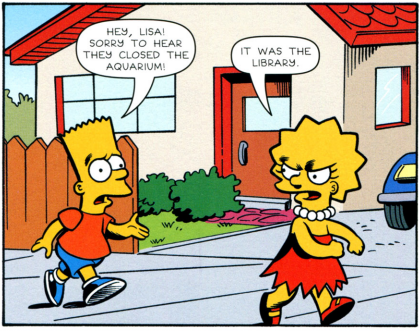

MEANWHILE, AT THE SPRINGFIELD RETIREMENT CASTLE...
YOU BROUGHT BOOKS? FOR US?
YES, GRAMPA, THEY'RE ALL FROM THE LIBRARY DOWN THE STREET! EASY WALKING DISTANCE FROM HERE!

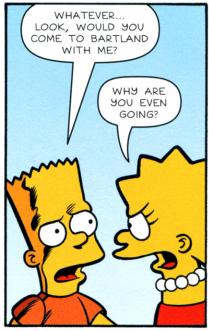
I LOVE BOOKS!
I'M SO EXCITED! NO ONE BRINGS US ANYTHING!
I CAN'T TURN THE PAGES FAST ENOUGH!

OKAY, JUST BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T GET A...


SPRINGFIELD RETIREMENT CASTLE
...PAPER CUT!


AND SO...
...AS A RESULT OF THIS HORRIBLE DAY WHICH THE MEDIA HAS DUBBED "THE BOOK CLUB BLOODBATH," I AM NOW...ER, AH...CLOSING THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FOREVER!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

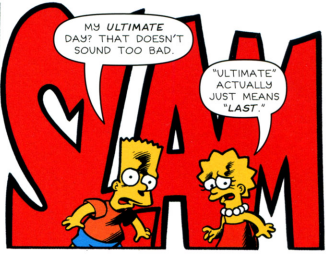

HEY, LISA! SORRY TO HEAR THEY CLOSED THE AQUARIUM!
IT WAS THE LIBRARY.

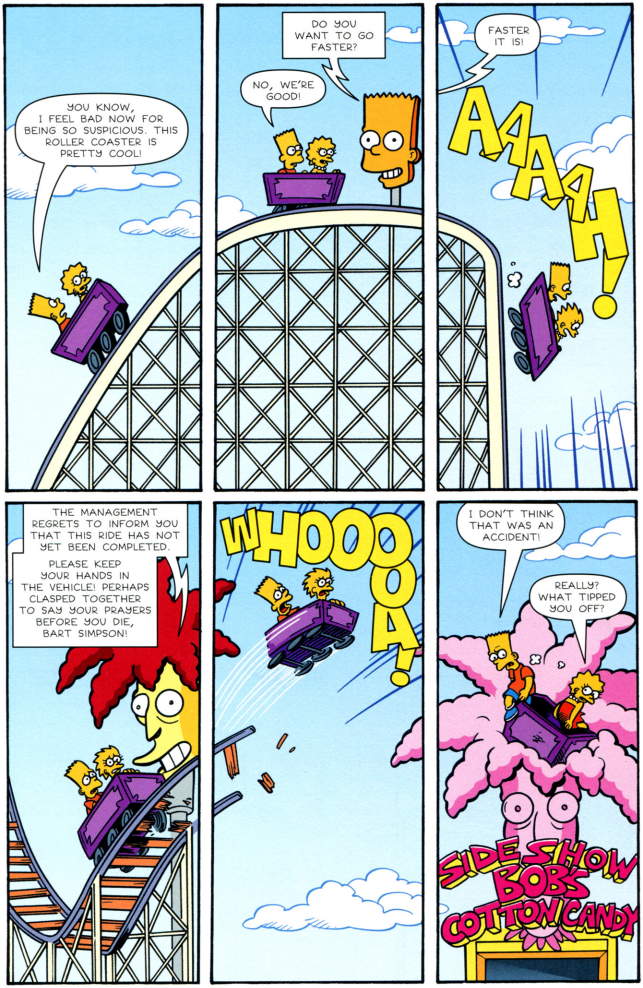

WHATEVER... LOOK, WOULD YOU COME TO BARTLAND WITH ME?
WHY ARE YOU EVEN GOING?

MEDIA PRESSURE!
PLEASE DO IT OR WE'LL HAVE TO FILL THE TIME WITH A REAL NEWS STORY!

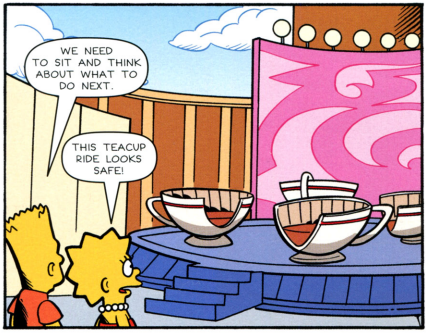
A QUICK WALK LATER...
DON'T WORRY, BART. THESE RIDES WERE BUILT USING THE FINEST LOCAL DAY LABORERS!
WAIT, WUZ THESE NUTS SUPPOSED TO GO ON THEM THERE BOLTS?
NUTZ

THE PARK IS ALL YOURS!
WELCOME, BART SIMPSON, TO YOUR *ULTIMATE DAY ON EARTH!*


MY *ULTIMATE* DAY? THAT DOESN'T SOUND TOO BAD.
"ULTIMATE" ACTUALLY JUST MEANS "*LAST*."

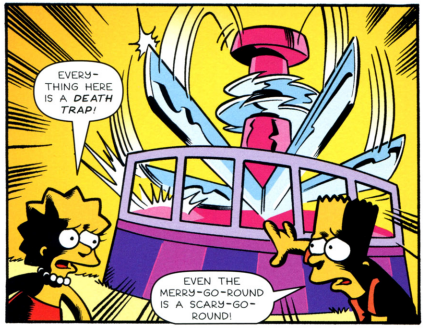

YOU KNOW, I FEEL BAD NOW FOR BEING SO SUSPICIOUS. THIS ROLLER COASTER IS PRETTY COOL!
DO YOU WANT TO GO FASTER?
NO, WE'RE GOOD!
FASTER IT IS!
AAAAH!
THE MANAGEMENT REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS RIDE HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED.
PLEASE KEEP YOUR HANDS IN THE VEHICLE! PERHAPS CLASPED TOGETHER TO SAY YOUR PRAYERS BEFORE YOU DIE, BART SIMPSON!
WHOOOOOA!
I DON'T THINK THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
REALLY? WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF?
SIDESHOW BOB'S COTTON CANDY

LET US OUT!
THE DOORS ARE TOO THICK! NO ONE ON THE OUTSIDE CAN *HEAR* US!

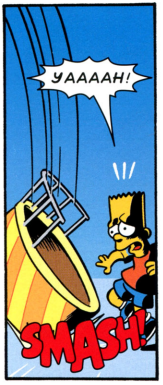

WE NEED TO SIT AND THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT.
THIS TEACUP RIDE LOOKS SAFE!

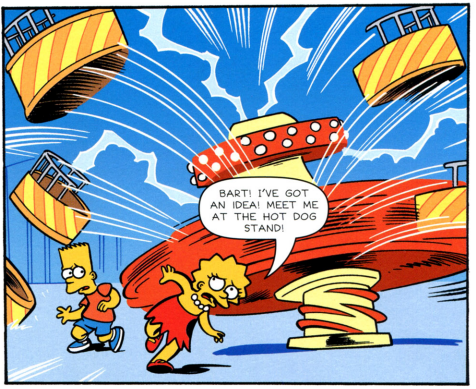
¡SNIFF!¡
WHAT'S THAT I SMELL?

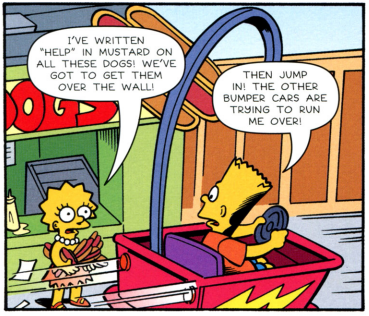
SSSSSS!
EARL GREY! *HOT!*


EVERY-THING HERE IS A *DEATH TRAP!*
EVEN THE MERRY-GO-ROUND IS A SCARY-GO-ROUND!

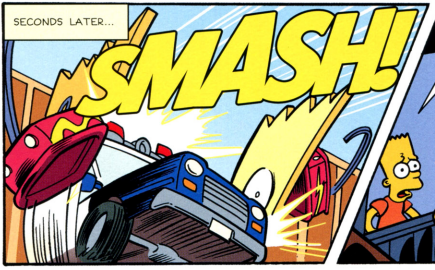
THAT'S THE BEST JOKE YOU COULD COME UP WITH?
CUT ME SOME SLACK...I'M TERRIFIED!


YAAAAH!
SMASH!

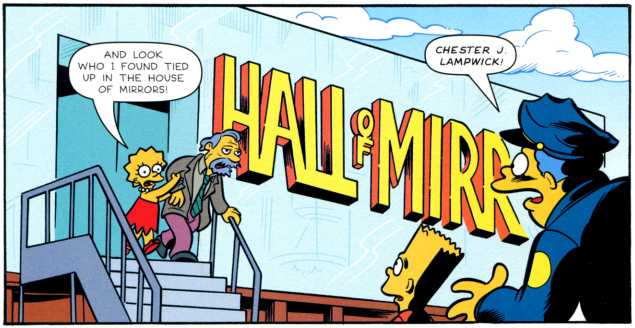

BART! I'VE GOT AN IDEA! MEET ME AT THE HOT DOG STAND!


I'VE WRITTEN "HELP" IN MUSTARD ON ALL THESE DOGS! WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM OVER THE WALL!
THEN JUMP IN! THE OTHER BUMPER CARS ARE TRYING TO RUN ME OVER!

TOSS!


SECONDS LATER...
SMASH!

YOU GOT OUR MESSAGE!
WHAT MESSAGE? WE JUST WANTED MORE OF THOSE DELICIOUS HOT DOGS!

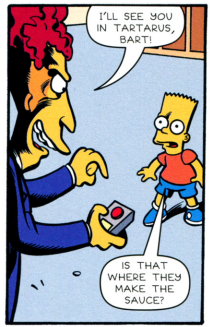

AND LOOK WHO I FOUND TIED UP IN THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS!
CHESTER J. LAMPWICK!
HALL of MIRRORS

HOW DID YOU FIND ME IN THERE SO FAST?
HALLS OF MIRRORS ARE BUILT TO FOOL THE HUMAN EYE, NOT THE NOSE!
POINT TAKEN! I'LL UP MY SPONGE BATHS TO *TWICE* A MONTH!

YES, YES, LET'S JUST CUT TO THE CONFESSION! I FAKED LAMPWICK'S DEATH AFTER I MADE FRIENDS WITH HIM AND GOT HIM TO LEAVE ME EVERYTHING IN HIS WILL. THEN I USED THE MONEY TO BUILD THIS ELABORATE DEATH TRAP FOR BART SIMPSON. AND I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT TOO...
...EXCEPT FOR A SERIES OF FACTORS I DIDN'T CONSIDER!

LIKE US MEDDLING KIDS?
AMONG OTHERS... YES!

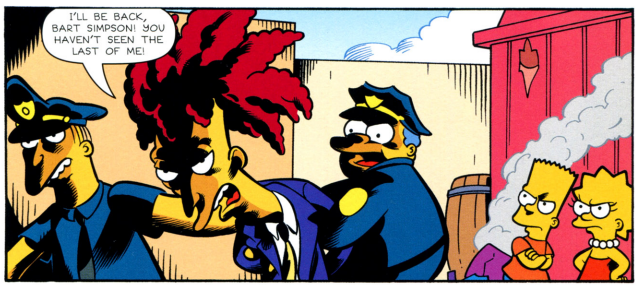
BUT...*SURPRISE TWIST*! I PLANNED FOR THIS AND RIGGED THE ENTIRE PARK TO *EXPLODE* WHEN I PUSH THIS BUTTON!


I'LL SEE YOU IN TARTARUS, BART!
IS THAT WHERE THEY MAKE THE SAUCE?

CLICK!

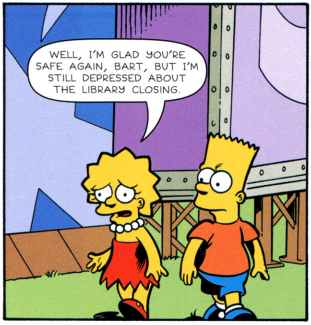
SORRY TO BOTHERS YA, MR. BOB, BUT WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO ATTACH THIS HERE WIRE TO AGAIN?
THE DYNAMITE, YOU INCOMPETENT HICK!

HEY, IF YOU GOTS A COMPLAINT, TAKE IT UP WITH THE HEAD OF MY UNION!
OINK!


I'LL BE BACK, BART SIMPSON! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME!

BONK!

RAKE
WHY DID I EVEN BUILD THAT THING?

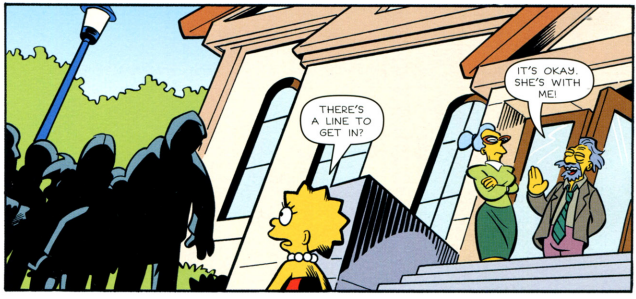

WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE AGAIN, BART, BUT I'M STILL DEPRESSED ABOUT THE LIBRARY CLOSING.

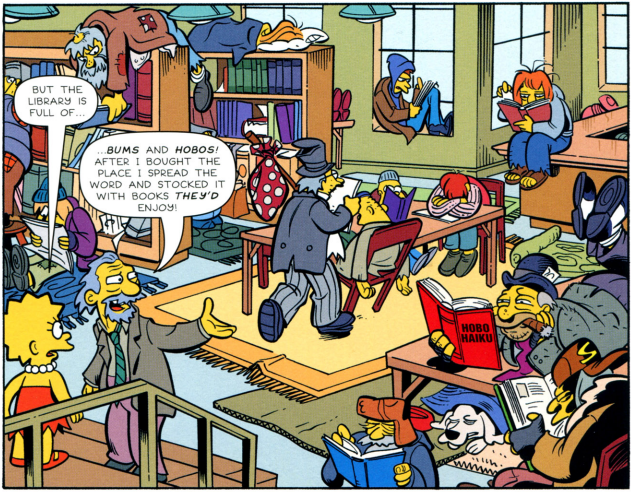
DID YOU SAY THEY CLOSED THE LIBRARY? BUT THAT WAS MY SECOND HOME, EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE A FIRST ONE!

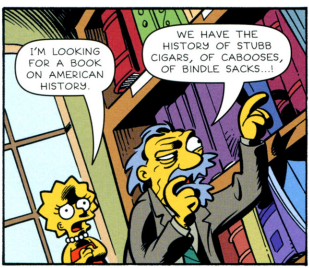
DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE LADY. I'LL OPEN THAT PLACE BACK UP BY TOMORROW MORNING!
OH, THAT'S WONDERFUL!

THE NEXT MORNING...
♪ LA ♪, LA LA!

BACK OF THE LINE!
WHAT?

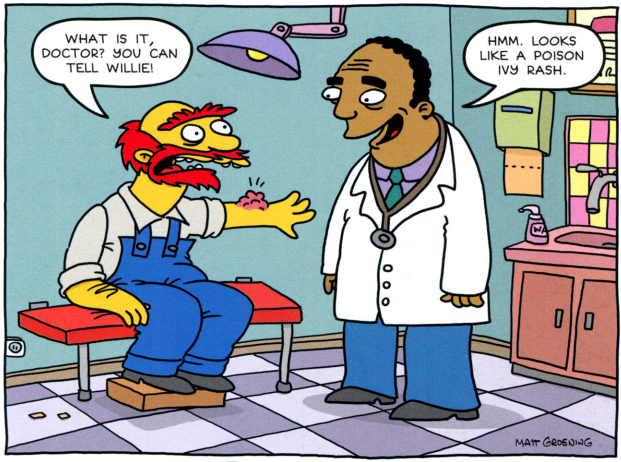

THERE'S A LINE TO GET IN?
IT'S OKAY. SHE'S WITH ME!


BUT THE LIBRARY IS FULL OF...
...BUMS AND HOBOS! AFTER I BOUGHT THE PLACE I SPREAD THE WORD AND STOCKED IT WITH BOOKS THEY'D ENJOY!
HOBO HAIKU


I'M LOOKING FOR A BOOK ON AMERICAN HISTORY.
WE HAVE THE HISTORY OF STUBB CIGARS, OF CABOOSES, OF BINDLE SACKS...!

I'LL TAKE THE ONE ON BINDLE SACKS.
OKAY, BUT WE'LL NEED IT BACK BY NEXT WEEK. THERE'S A WAITING LIST!

WE'RE MEN OF MEANS BY NO MEANS! KING OF THE ROOOOAD!
¡SIGH!¡
SHHHH!
THE END!



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I RECOMMEND THIS CREAM.
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TCHEZE

DO IT, DOCTOR! GREASE UP WILLIE!
HOP!

RRIIIPPP

ACTUALLY, IT JUST NEEDS TO BE APPLIED TO THE INFECTED AREA.

SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE A CASE OF BEING A LITTLE RASH!

HEE HEE HE
?
THE END