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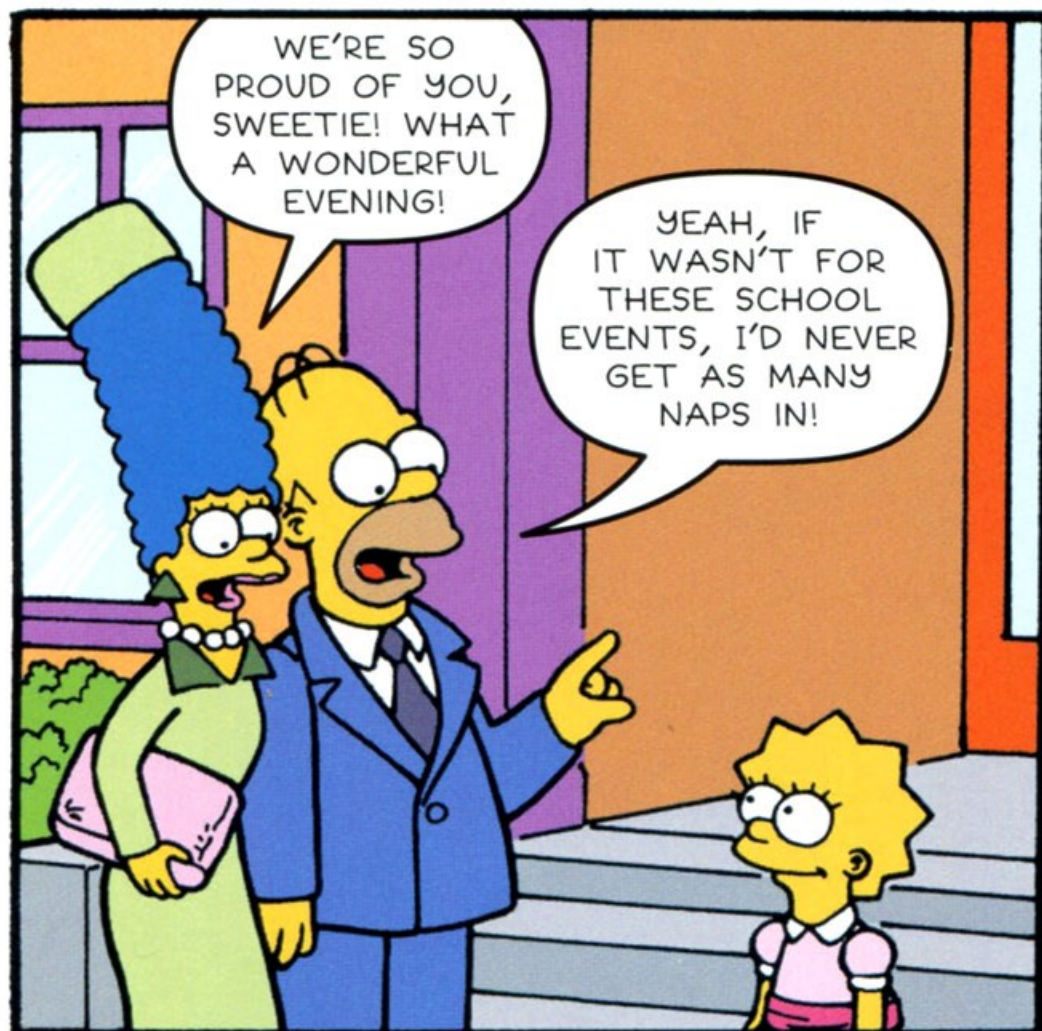
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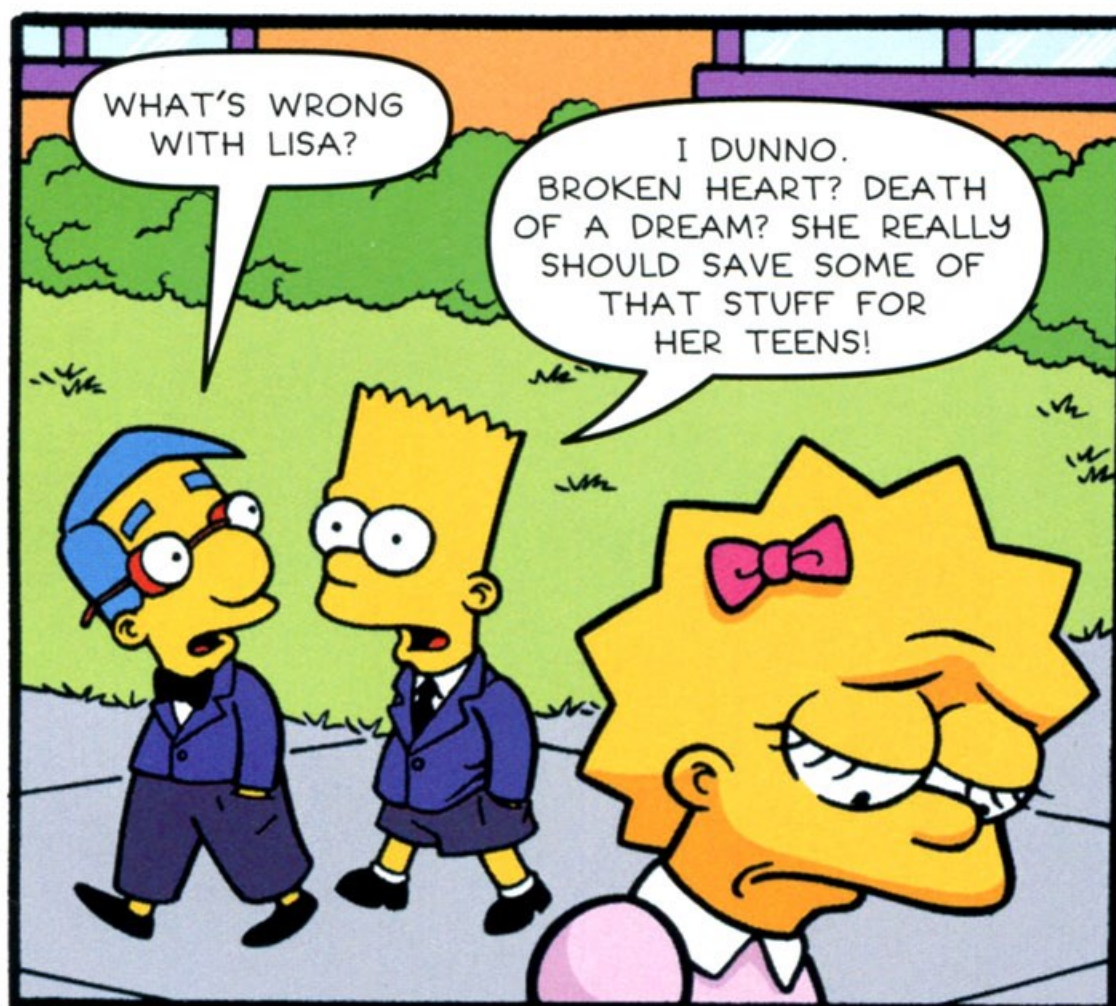
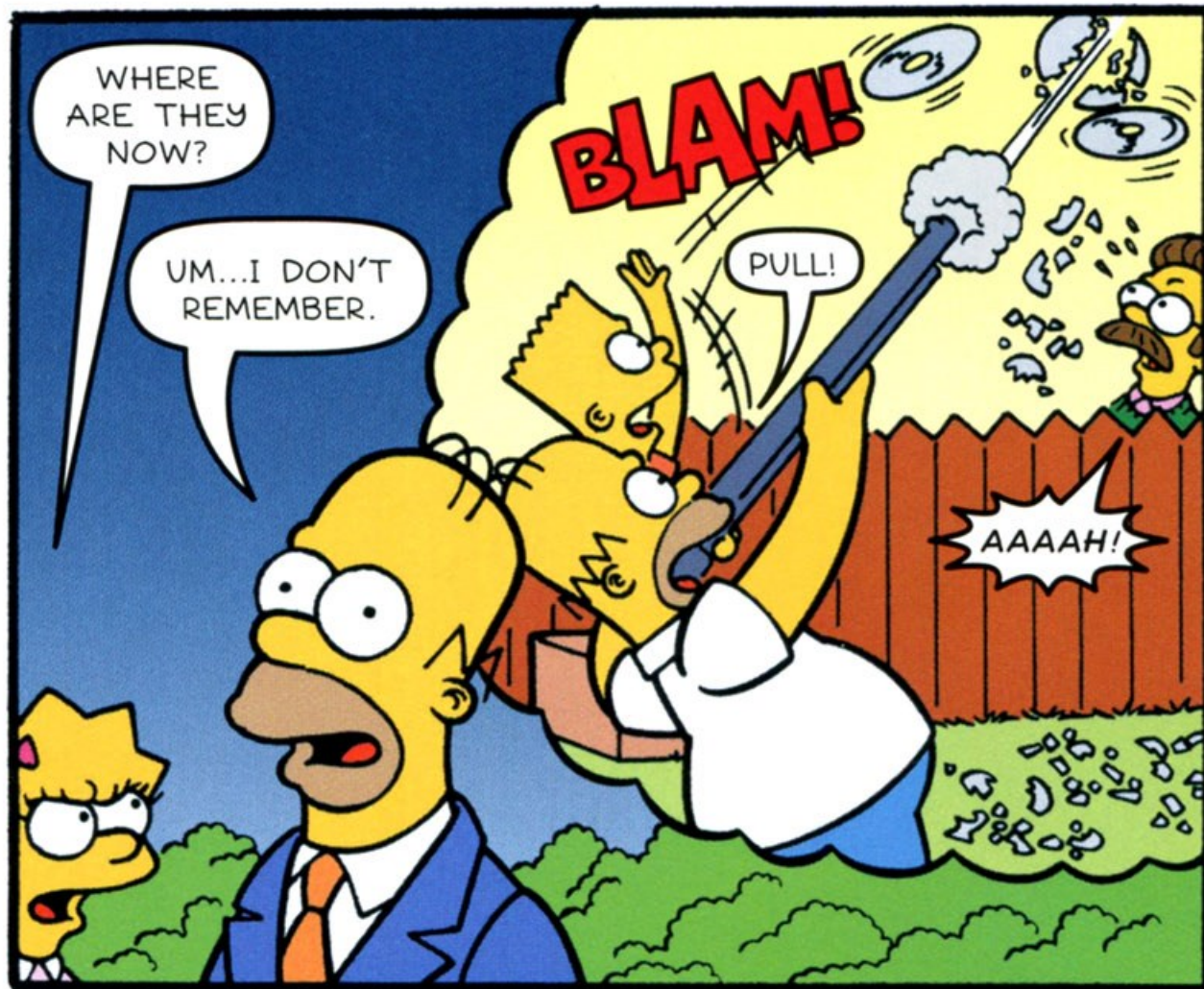
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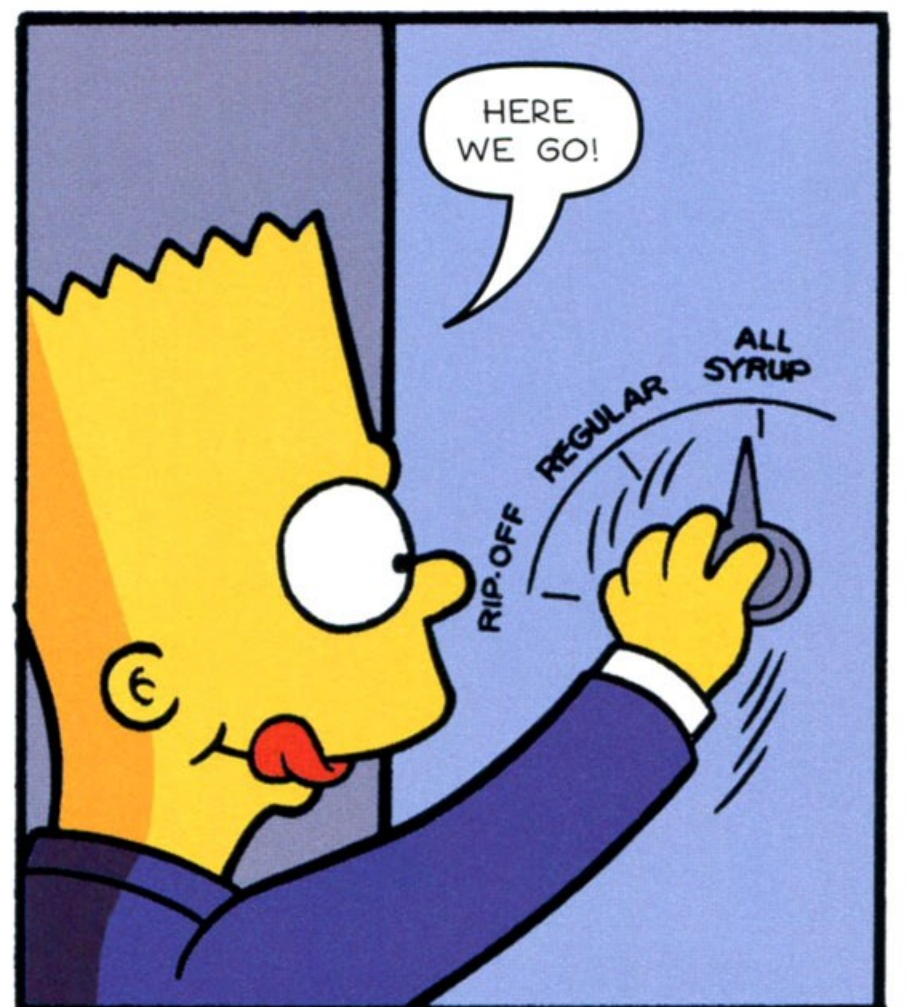
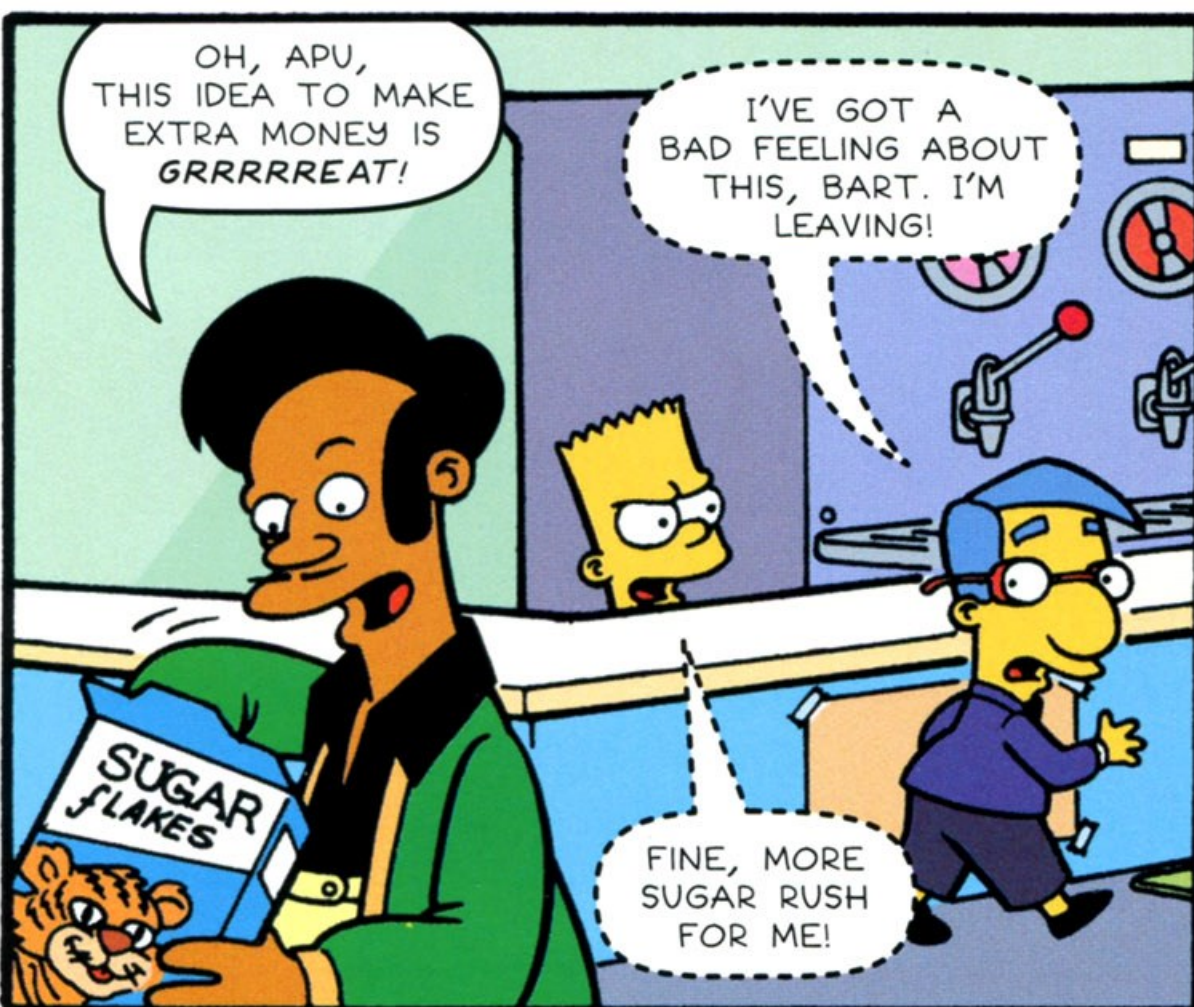
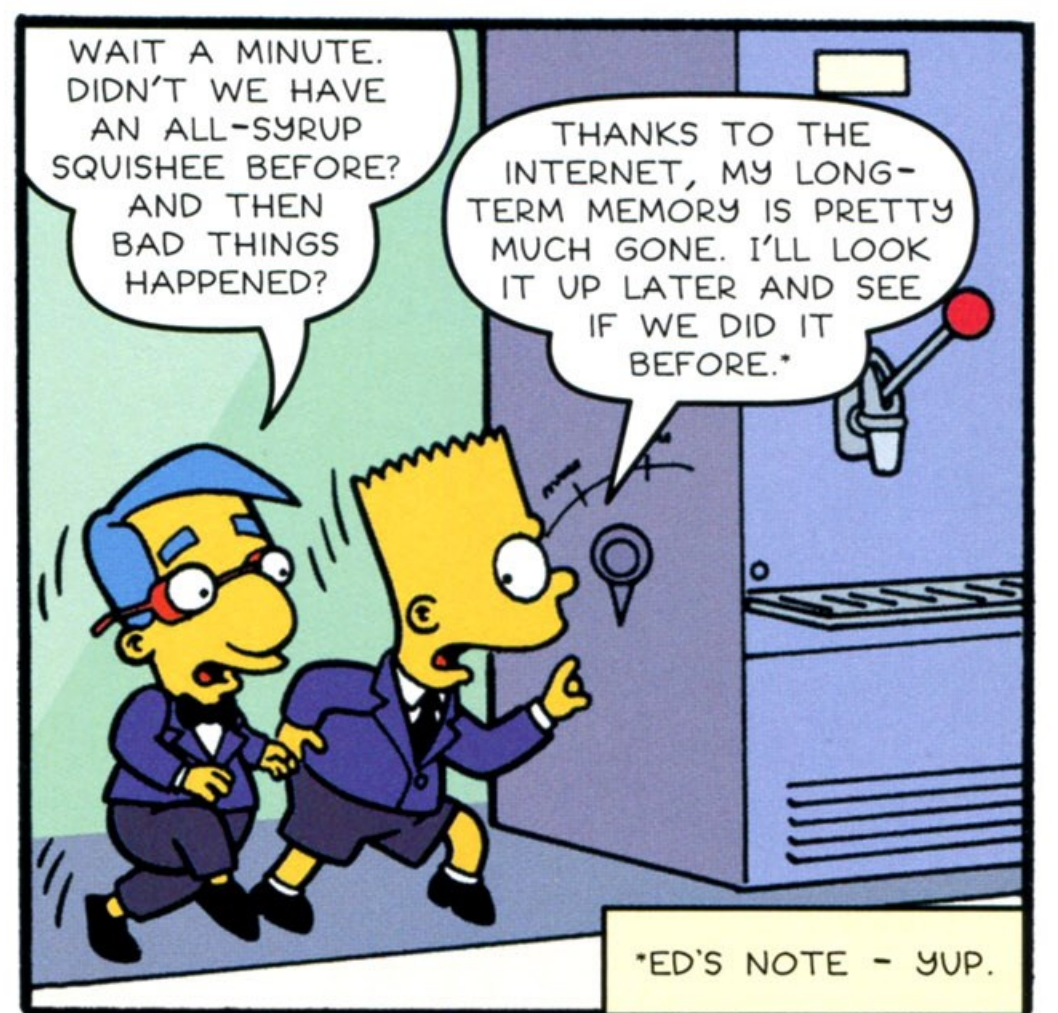
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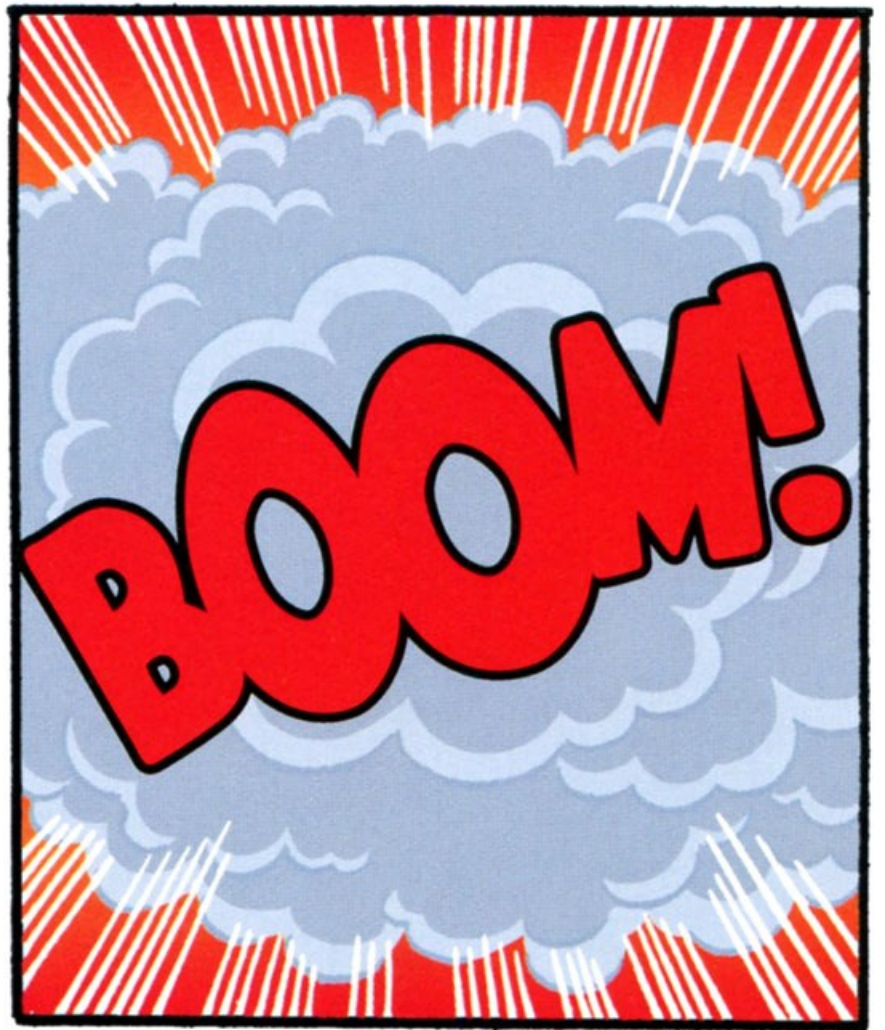
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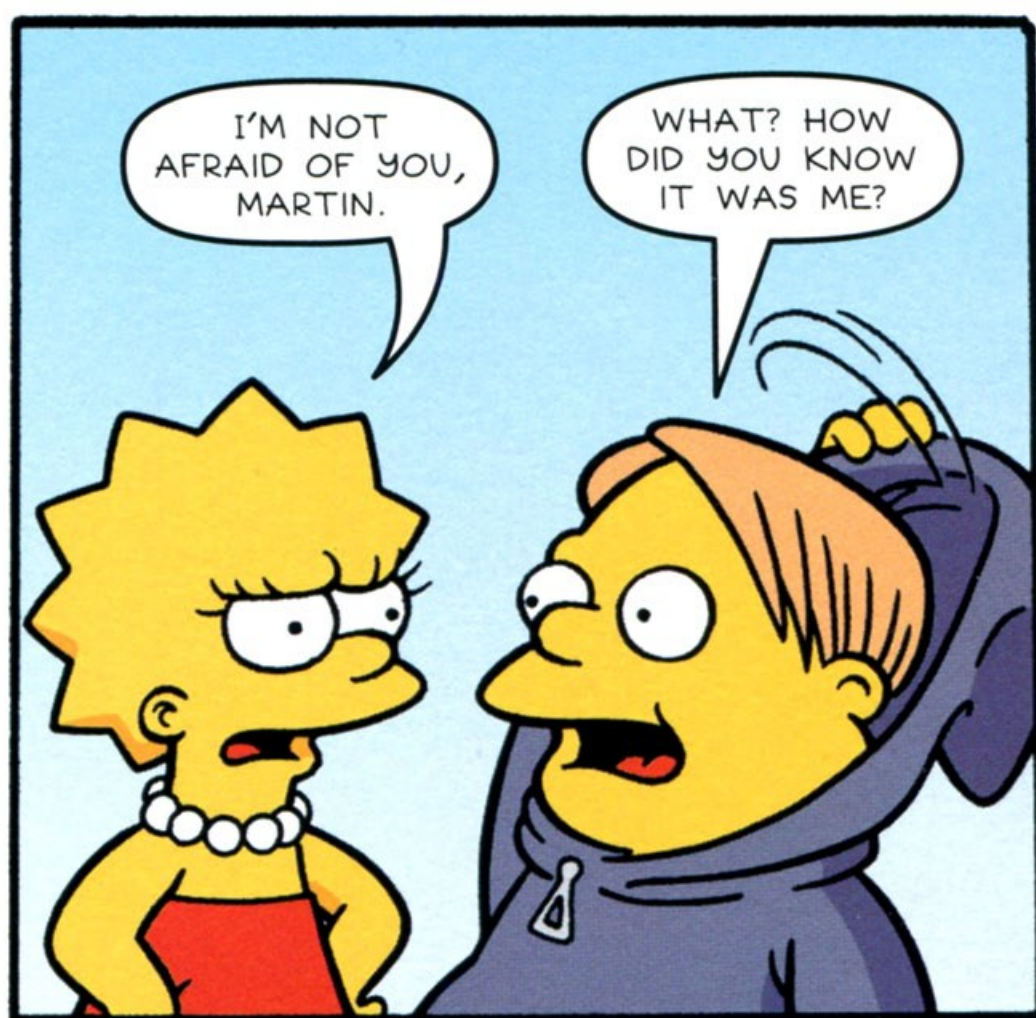


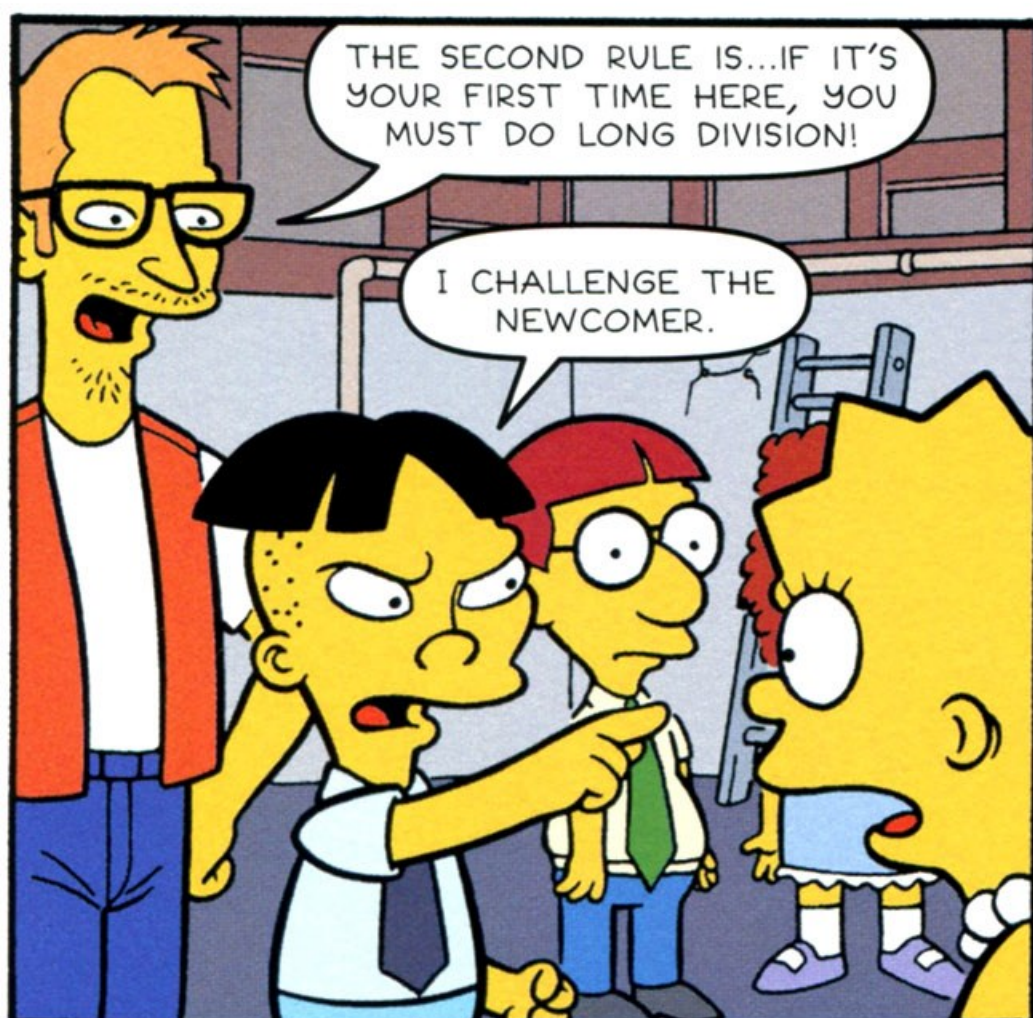


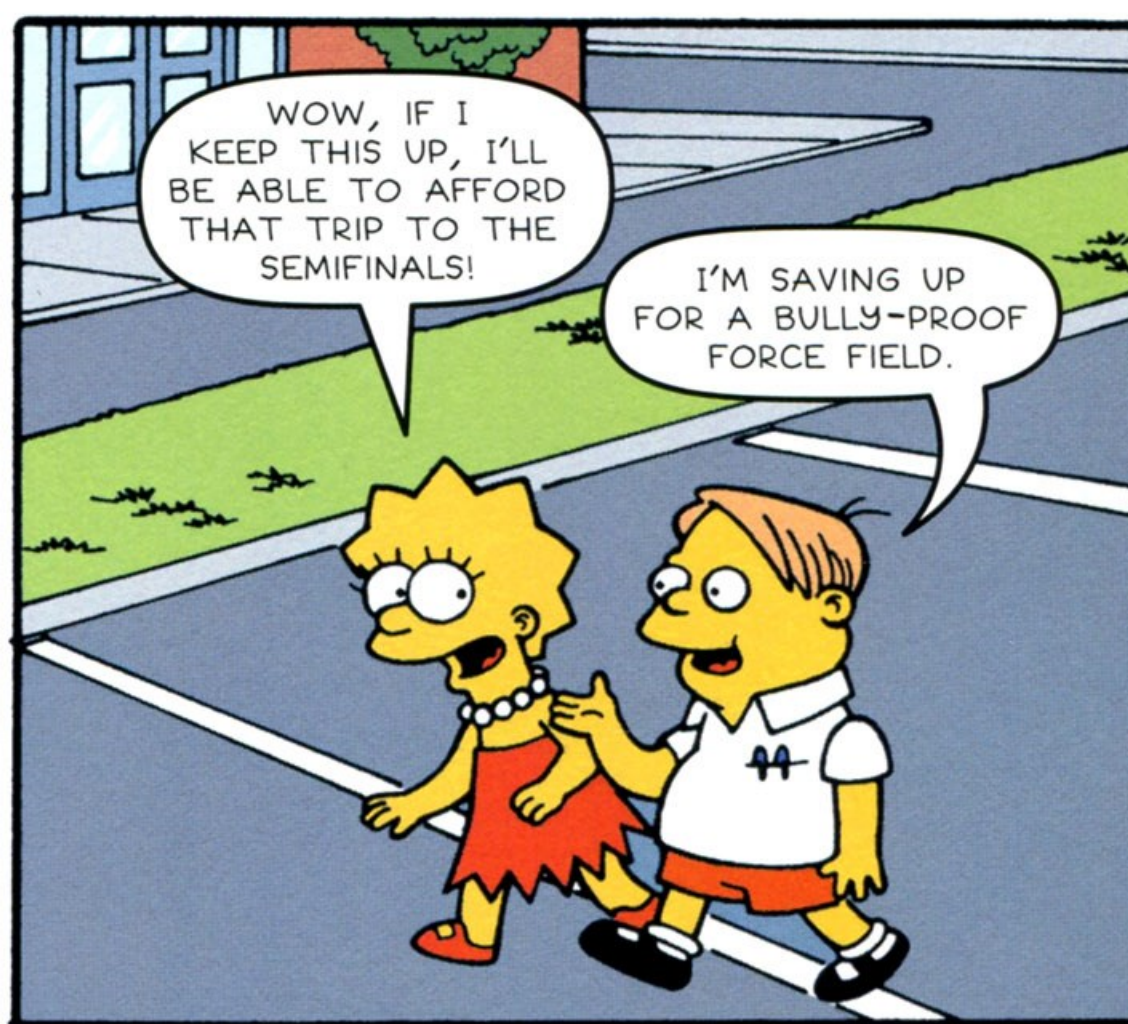
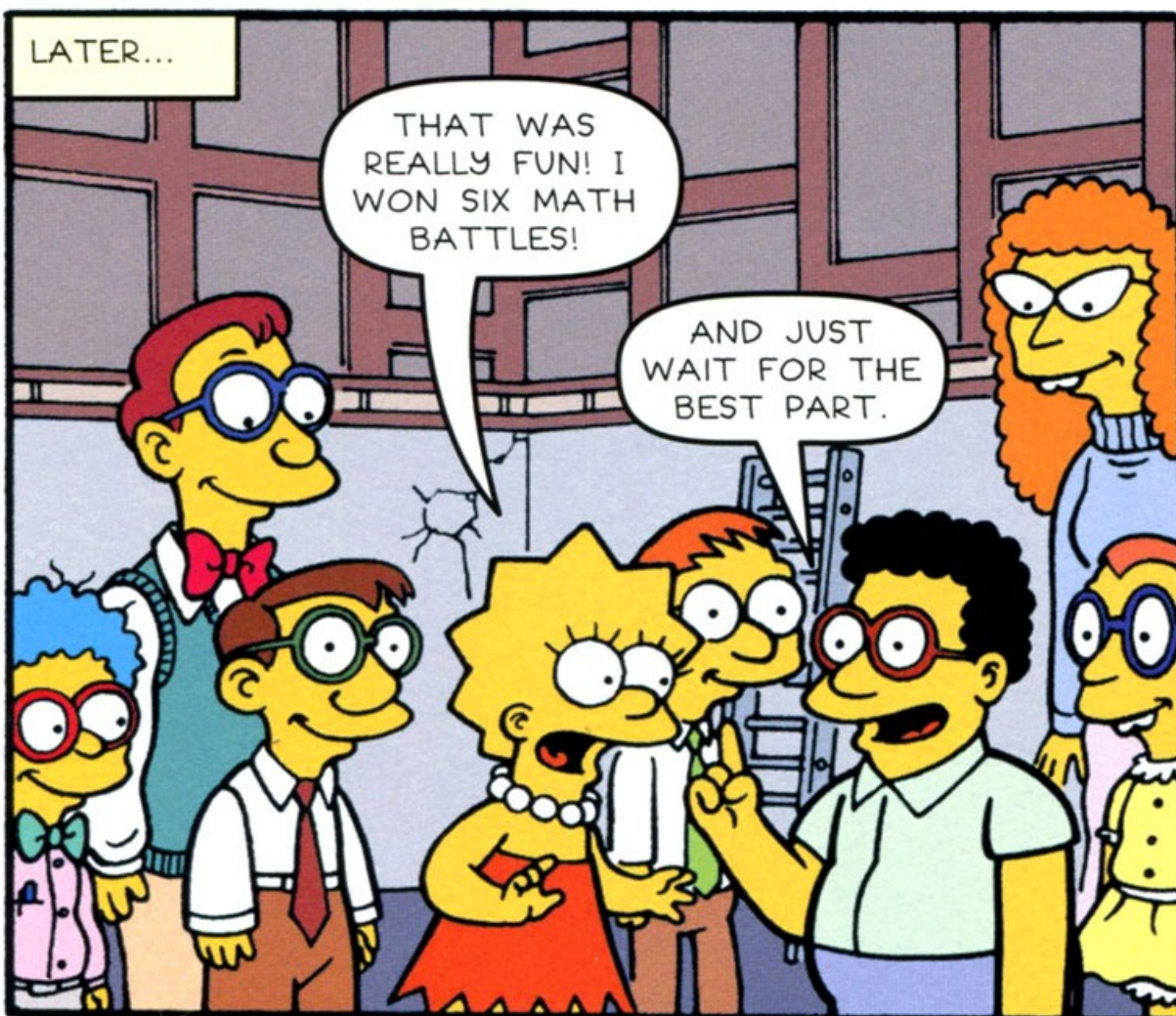


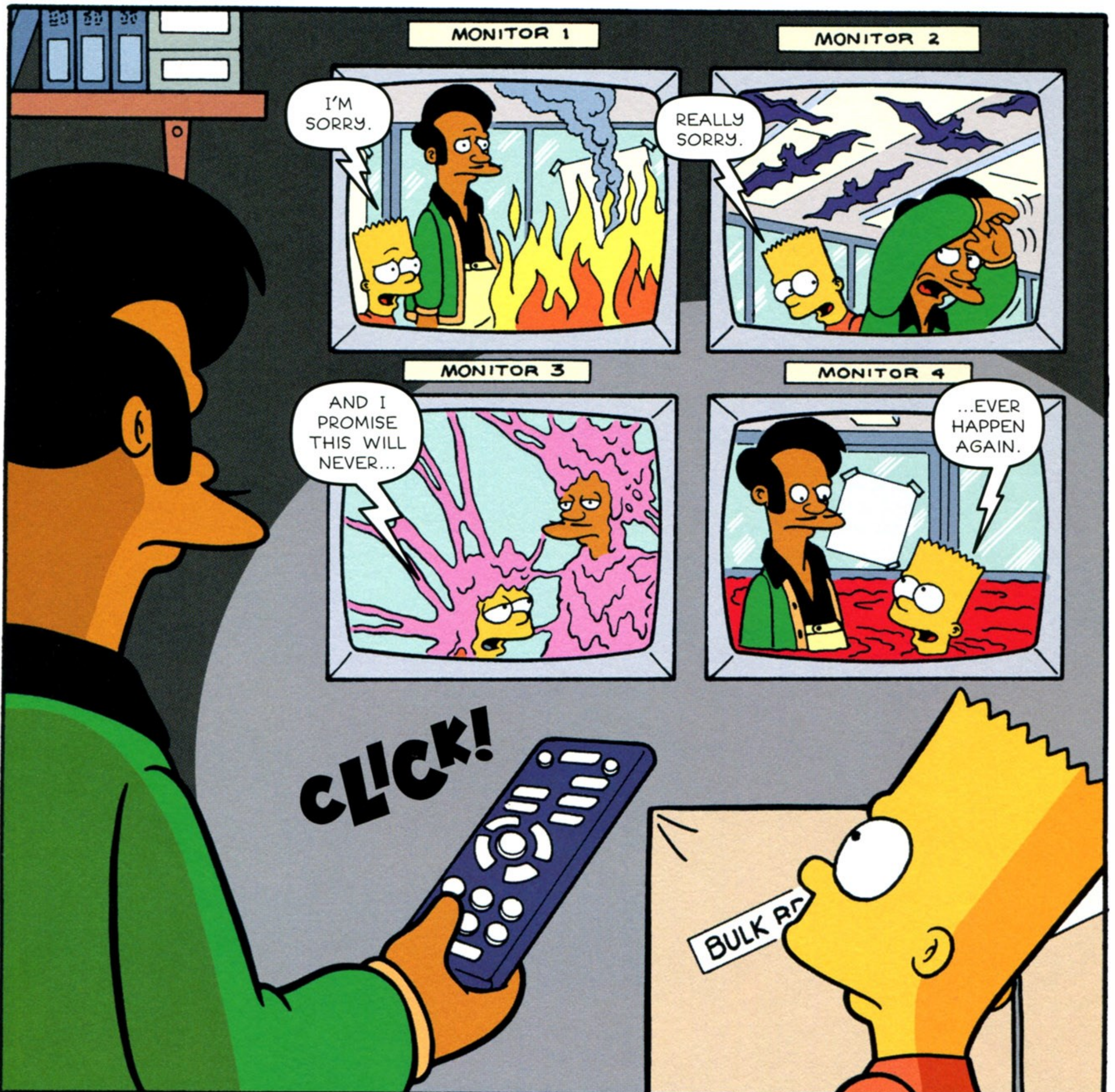
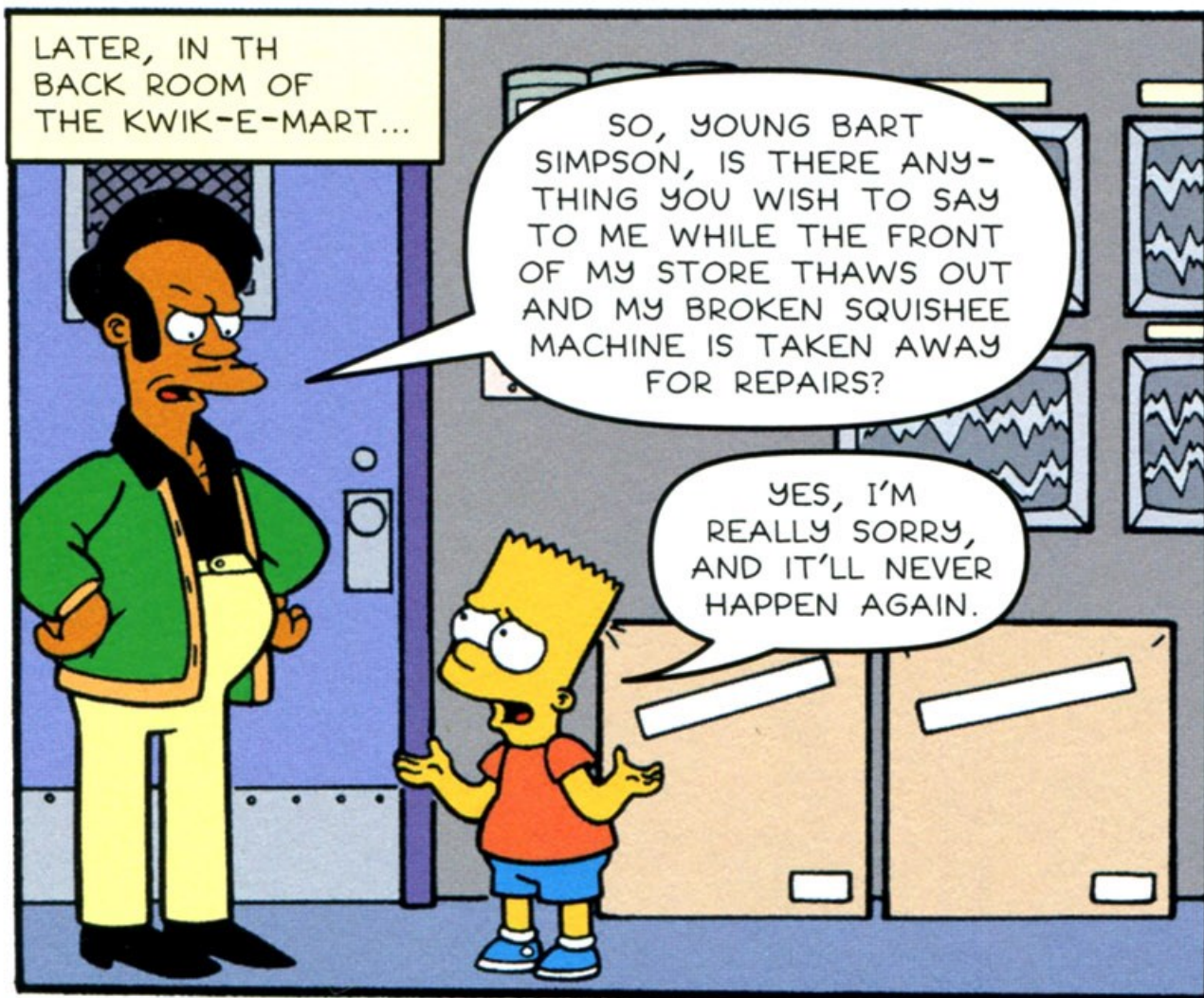


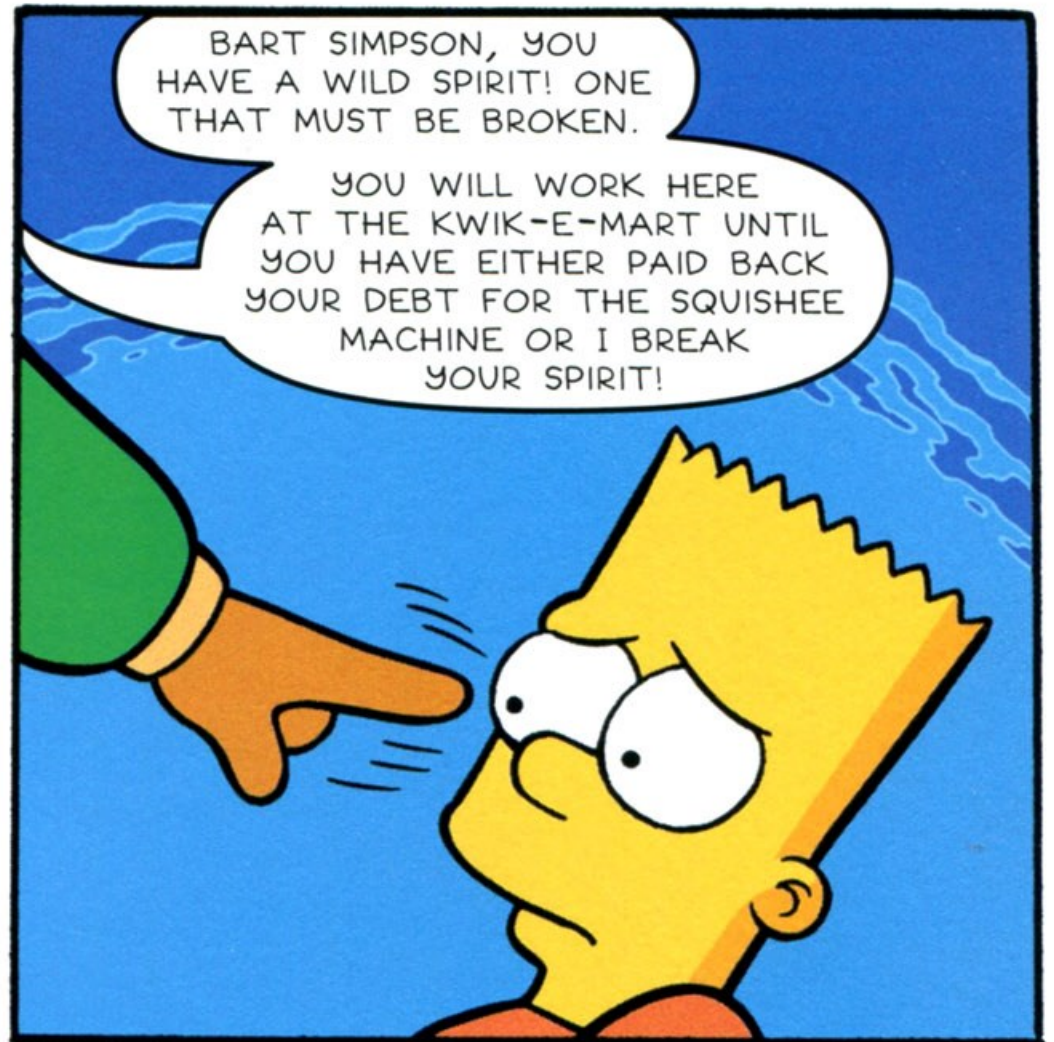


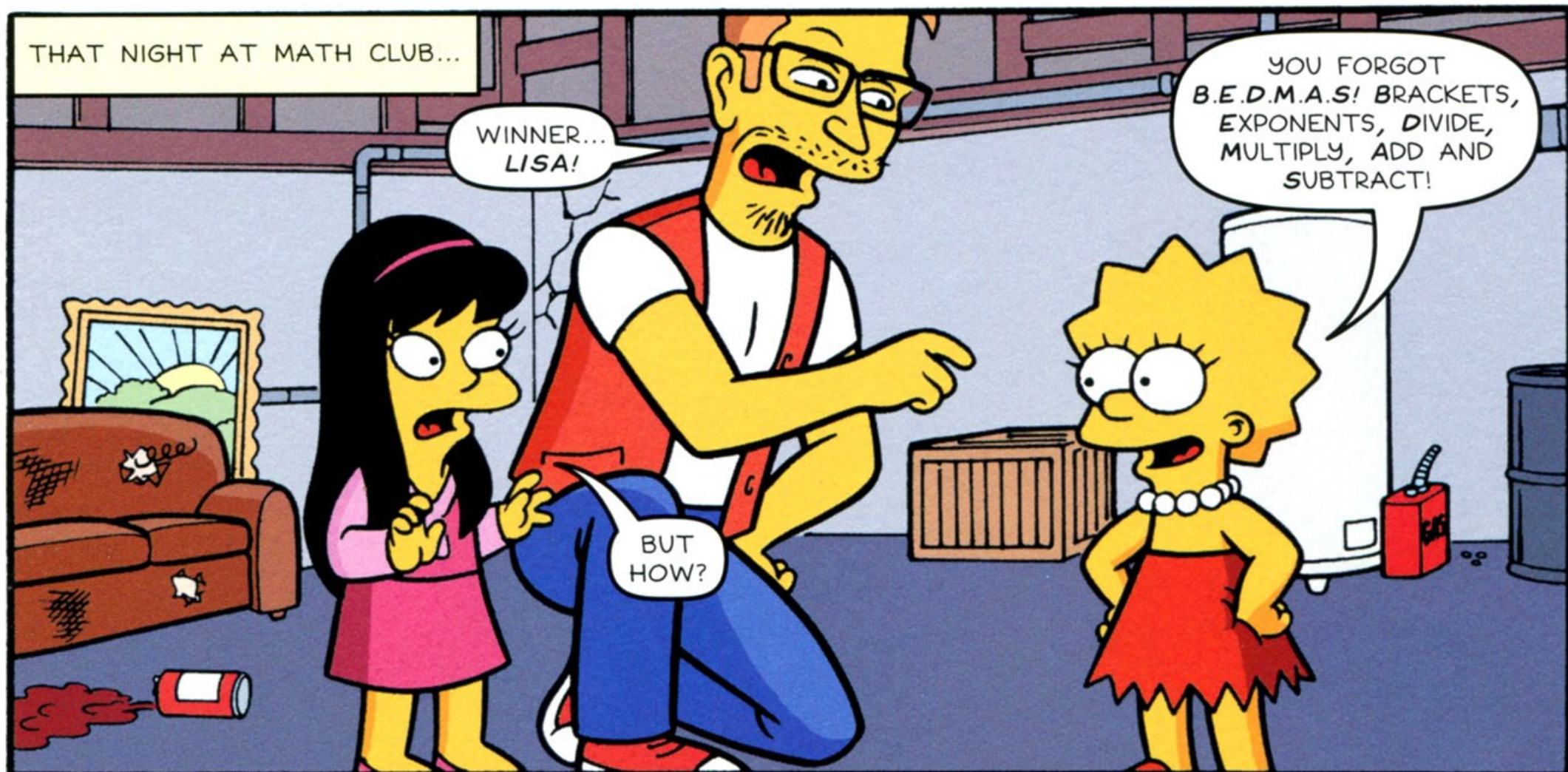


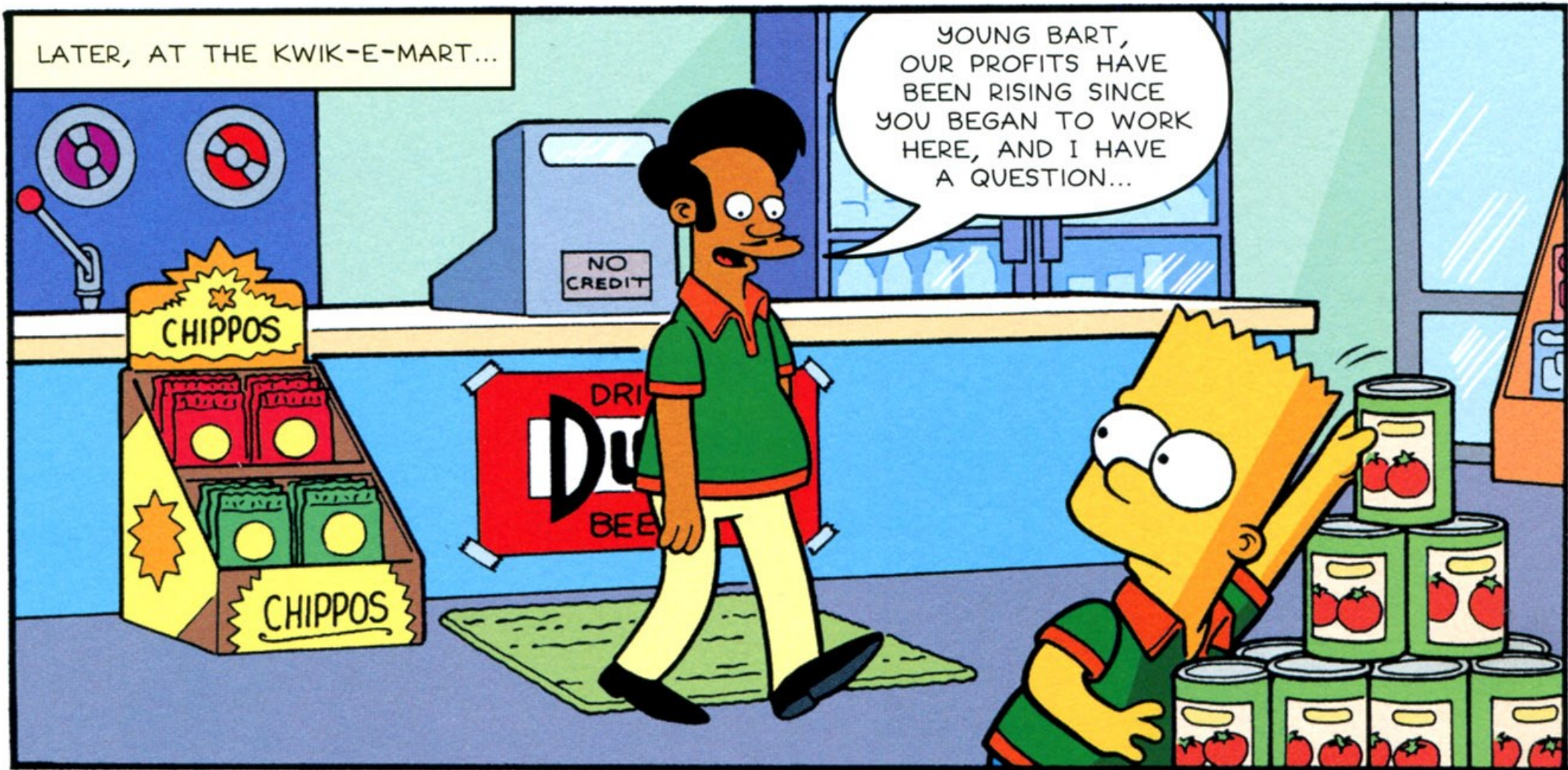


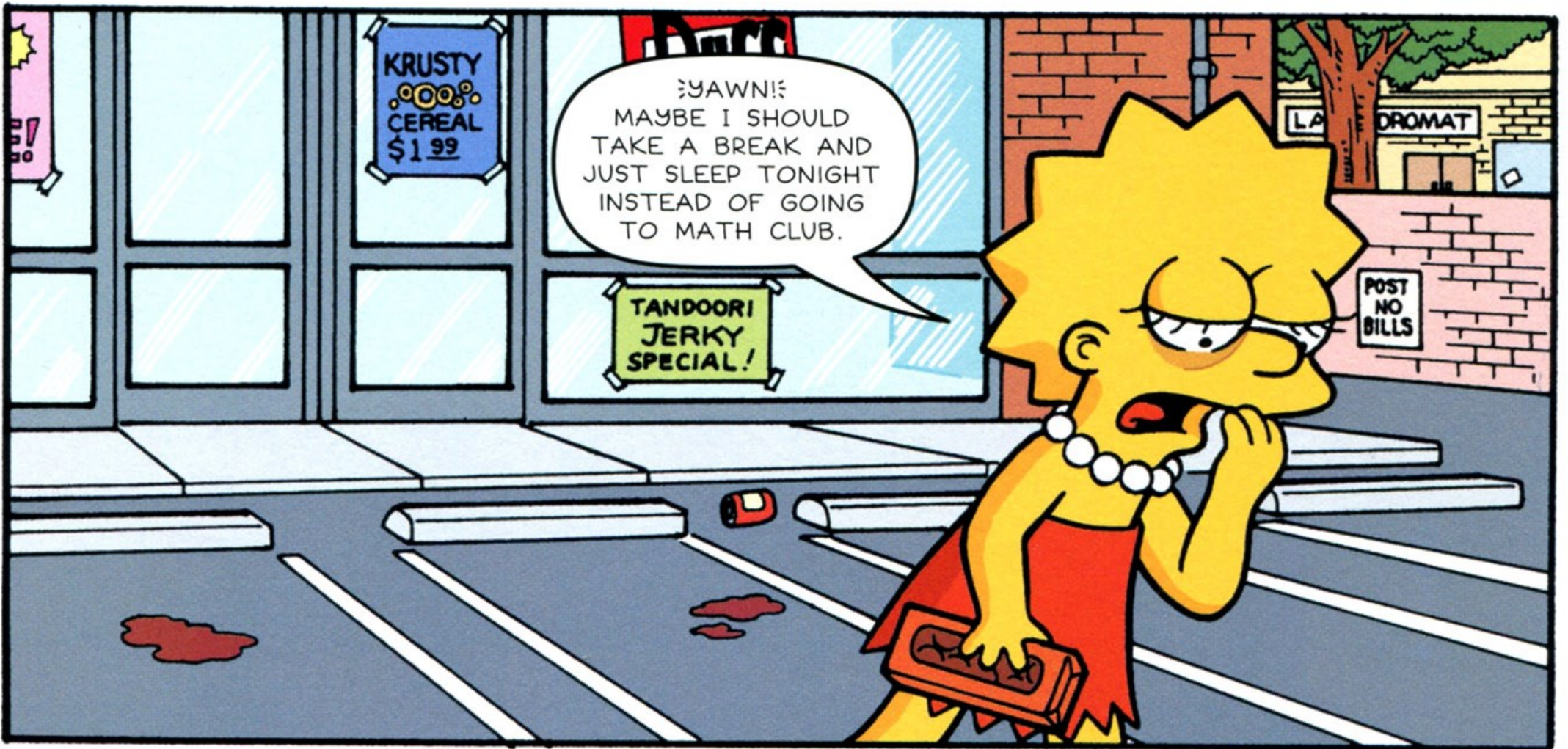




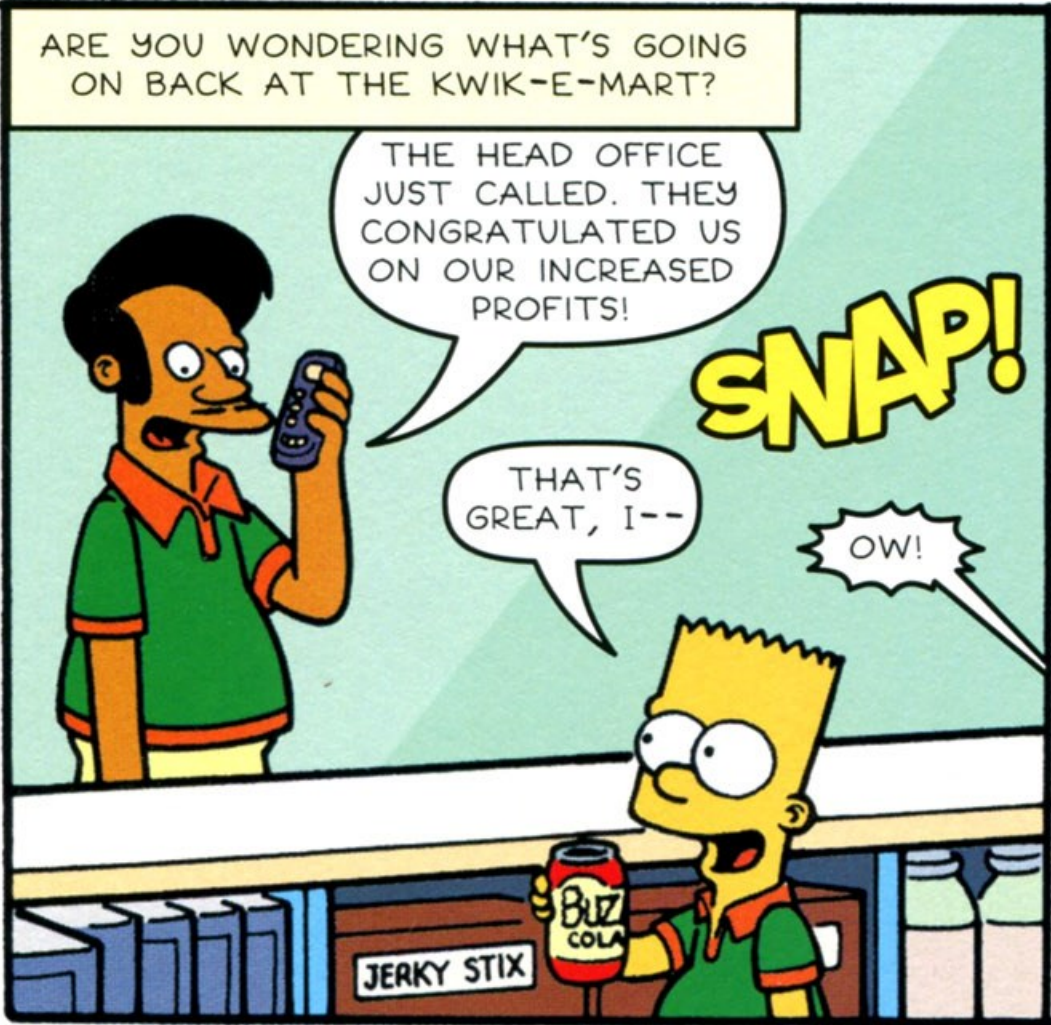


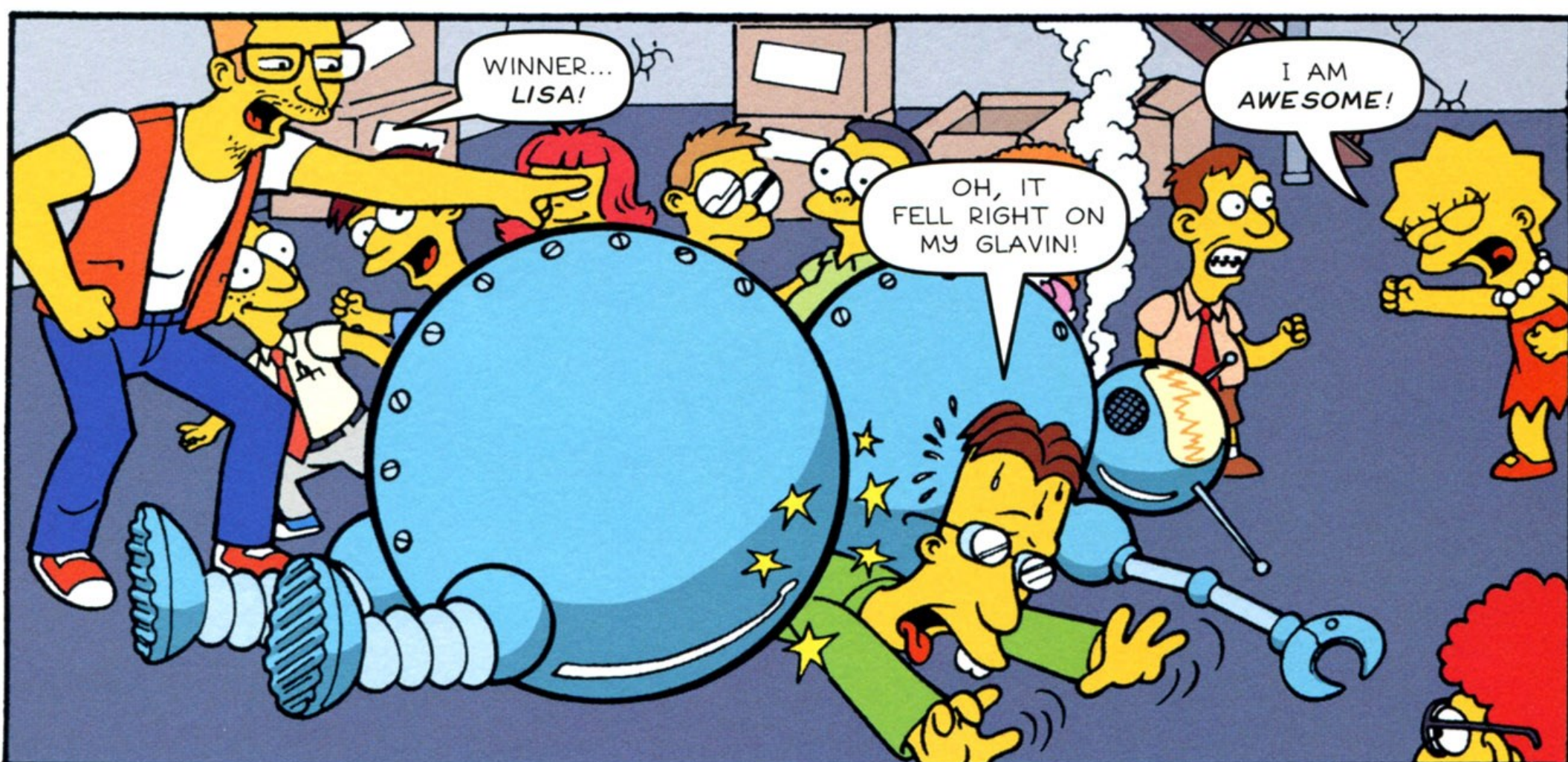
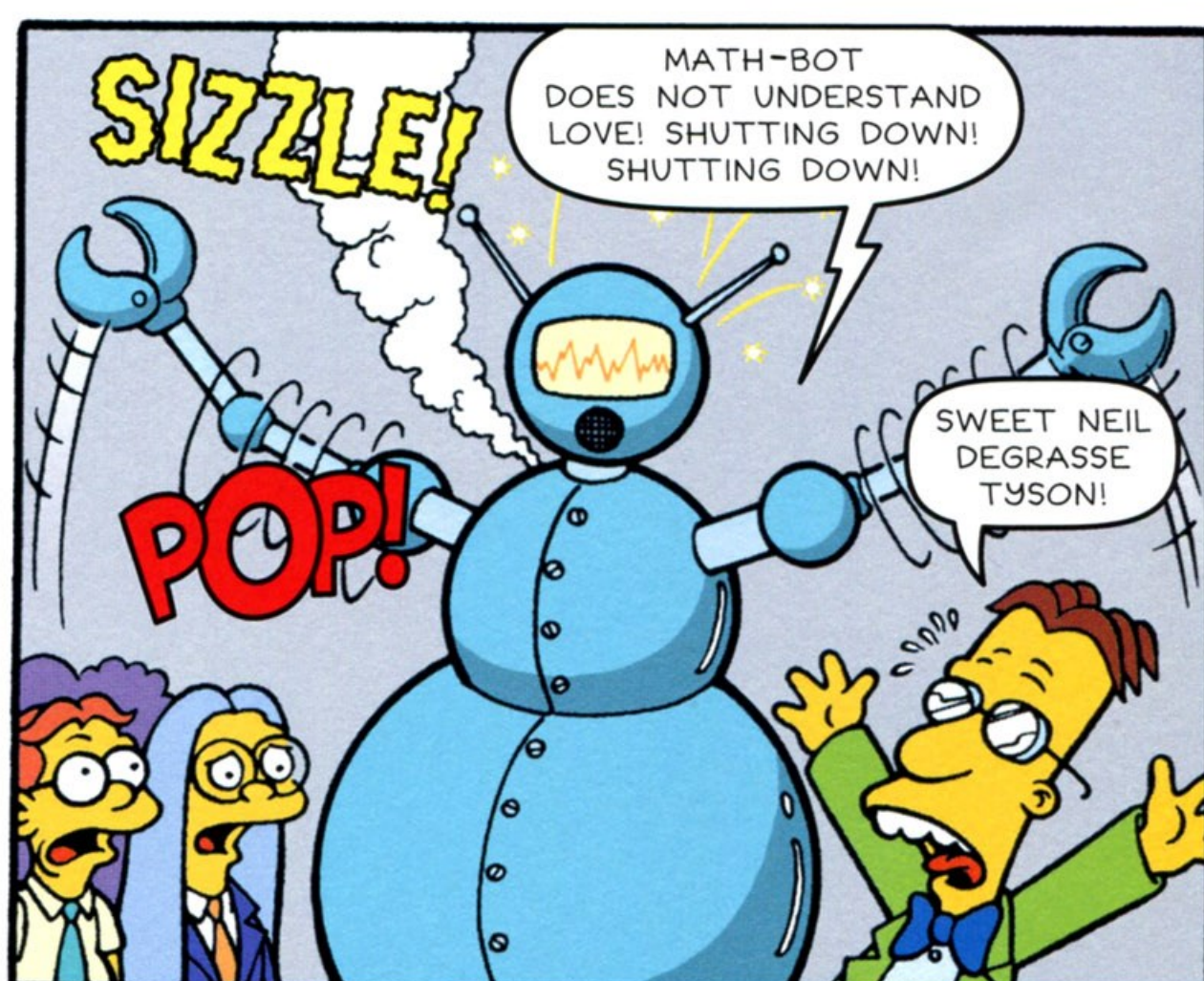
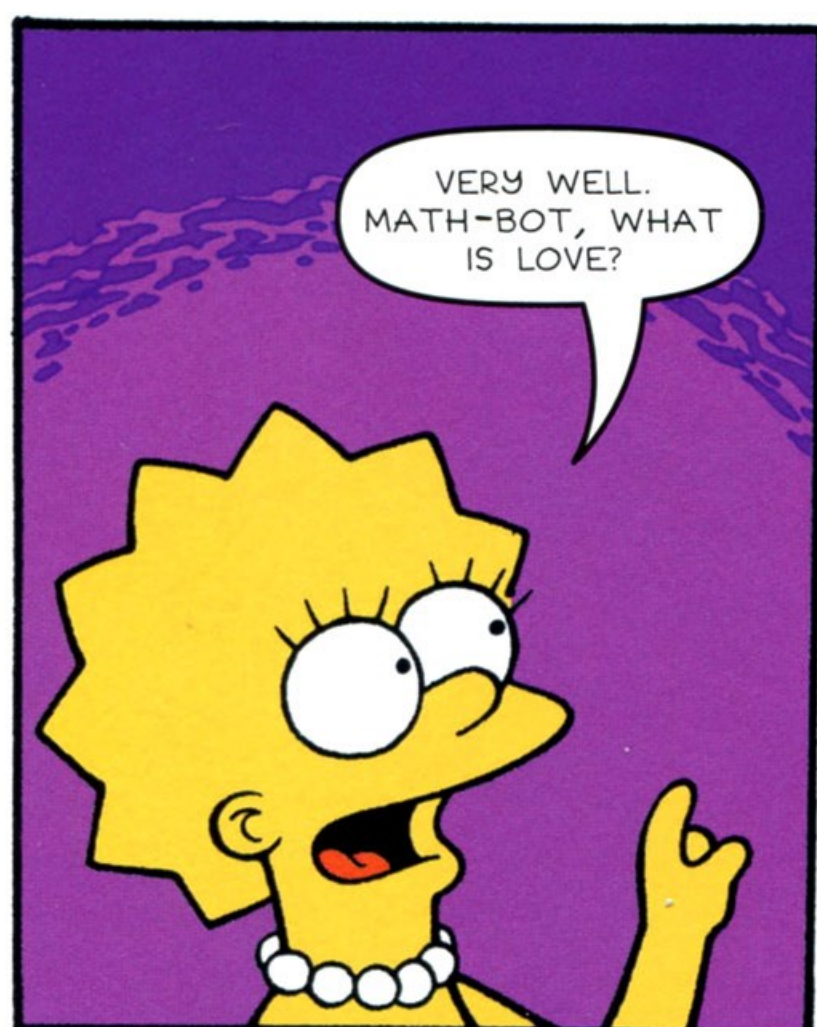
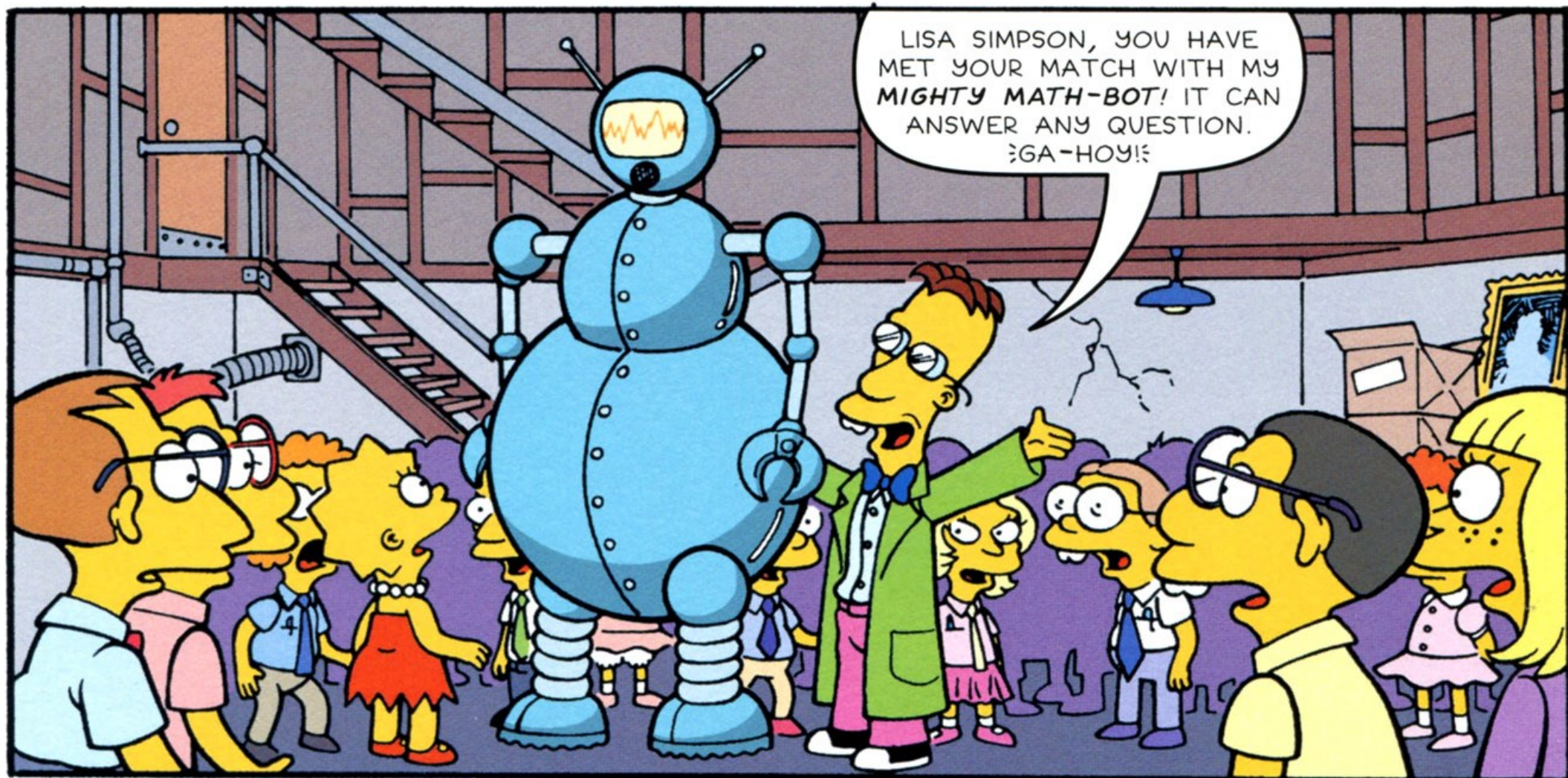




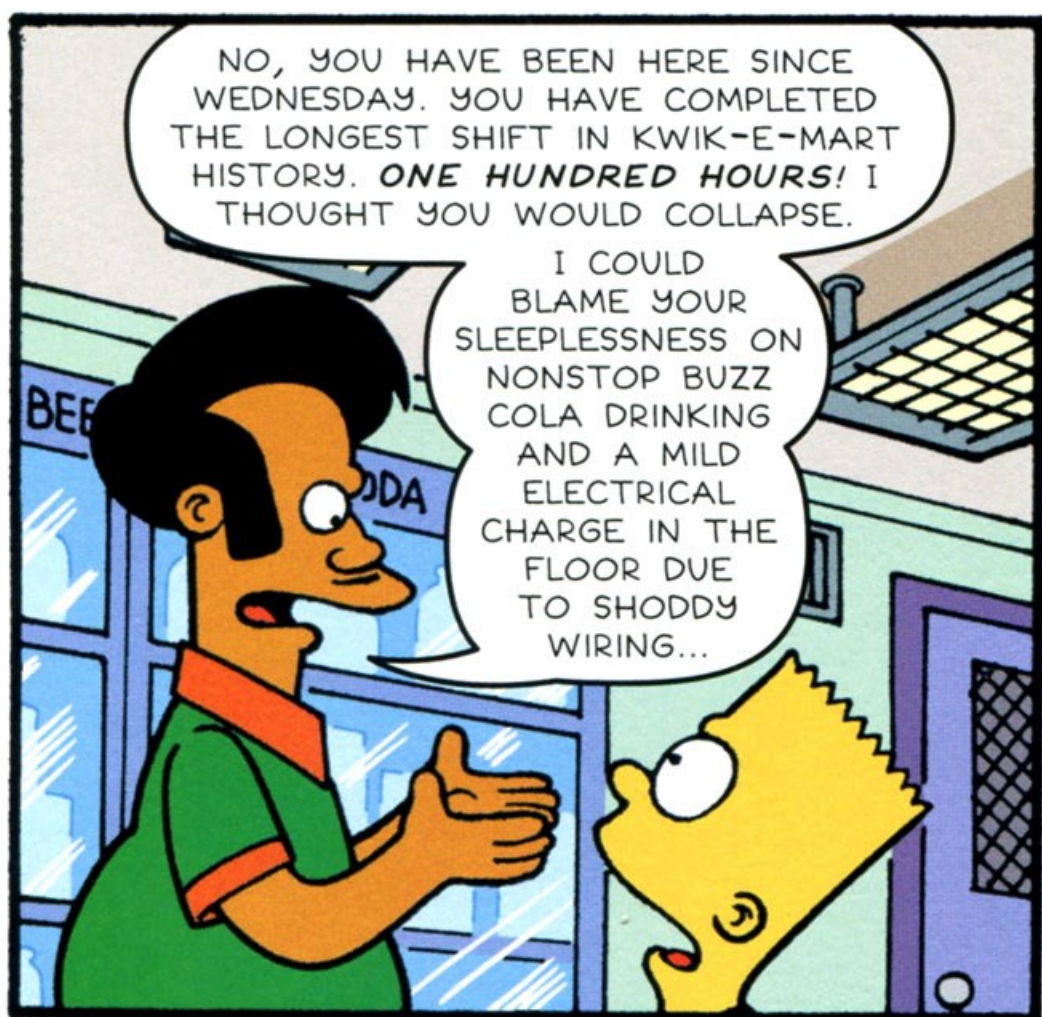


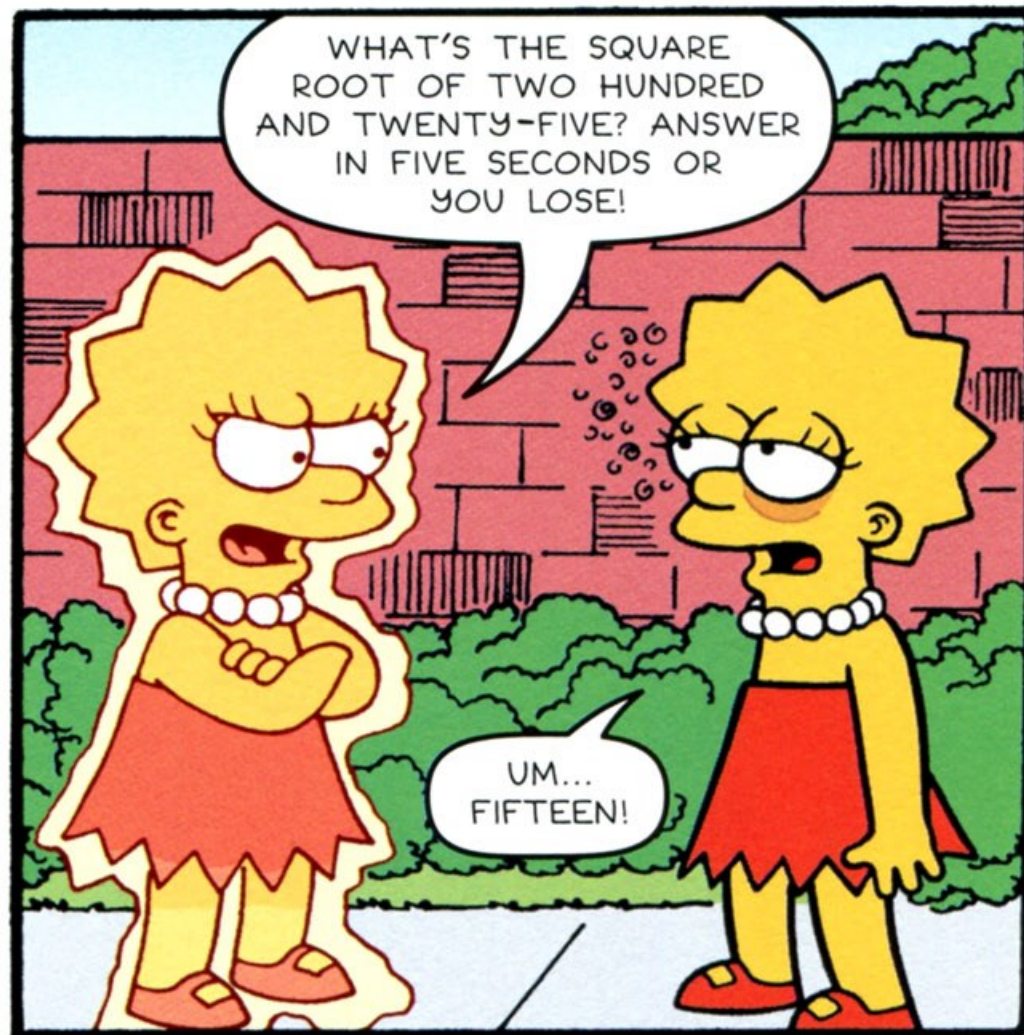


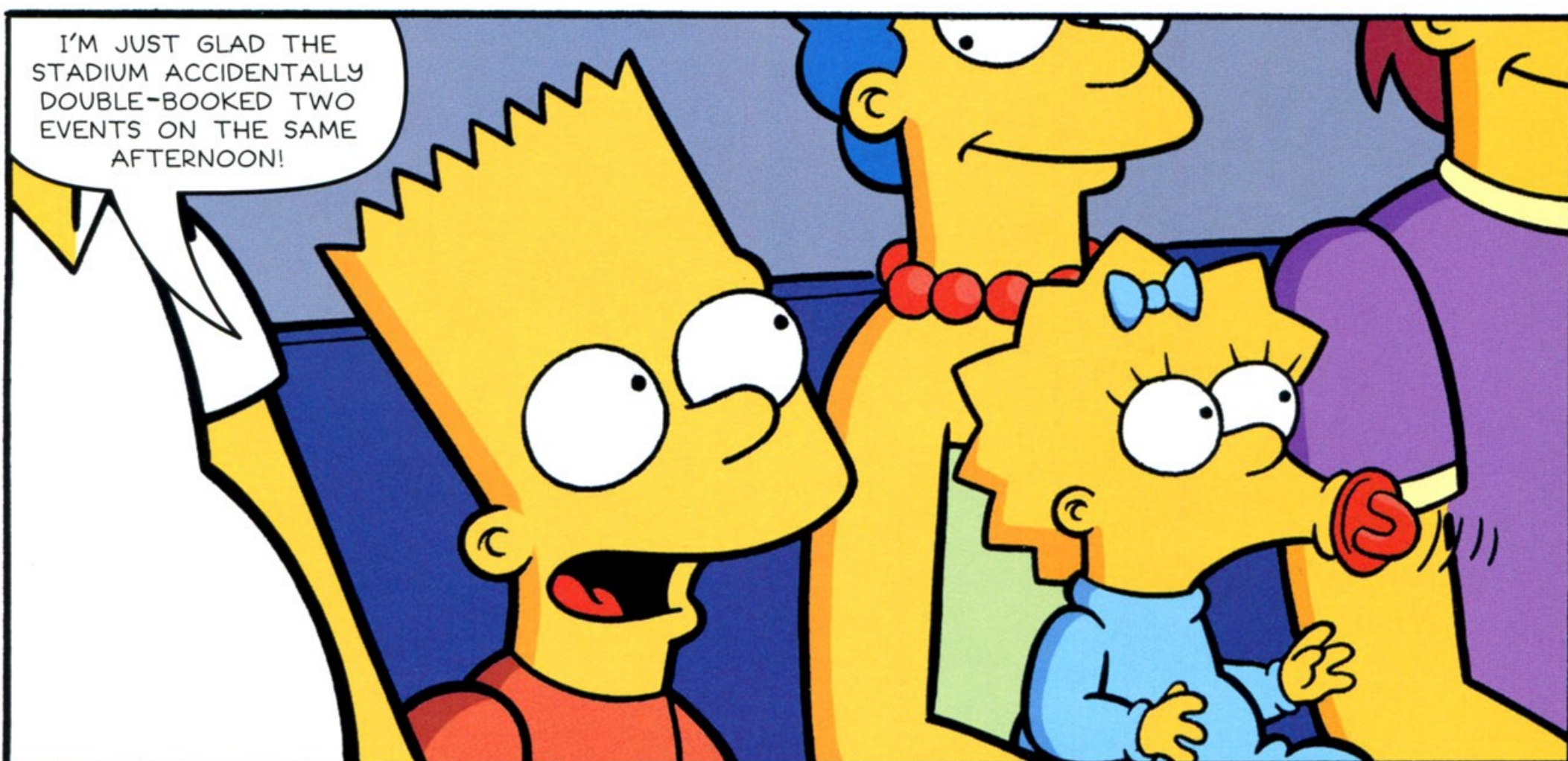
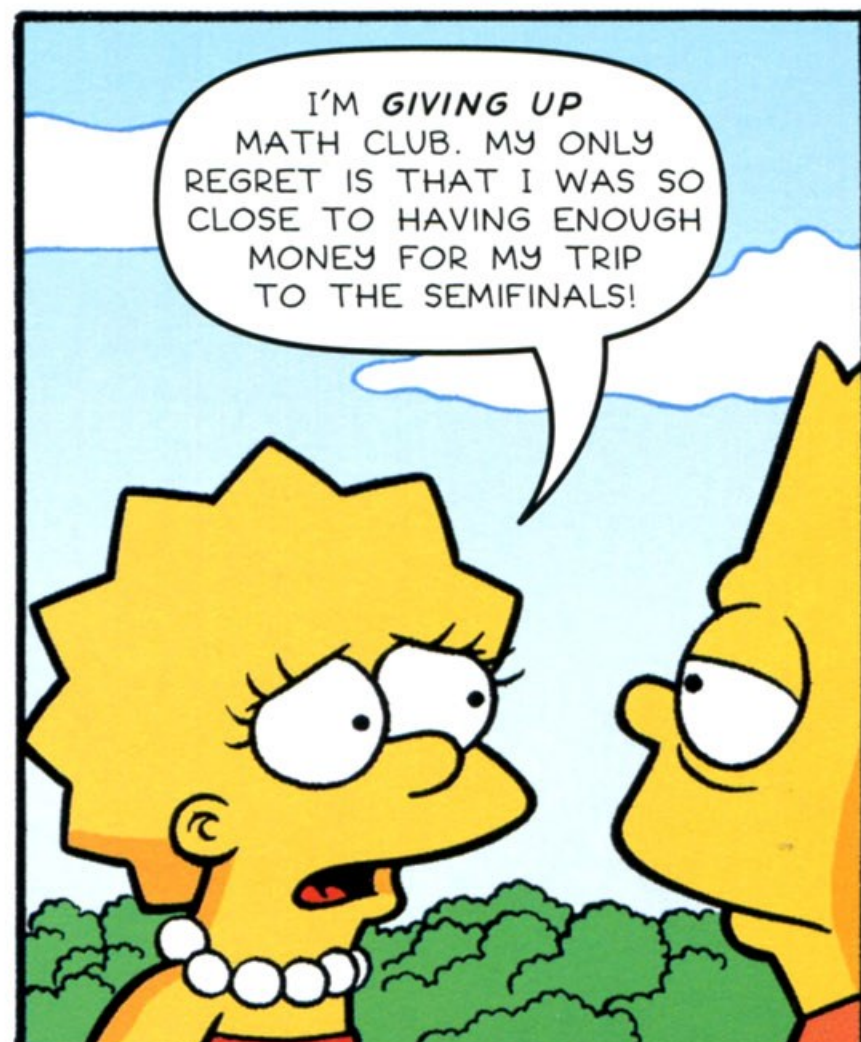












...AND WELCOME BACK
TO THE MATHEMATICS
SEMIFINALS AND MONSTER
TRUCK RALLY!

WOO-HOO!
I LOVE MATH!

Laramie
CIGARETTES

VROOOOOM!

DRIVE at a LOW PRICE
K-E-MART

YAAHH!

OUR SHIFT'S
OVER FOR NOW!
THE END!



THE BONGO BEAT

by Louis Lane

Simpsons Road Rage

As you readers may have already figured out, there are a lot of things I'm really passionate about. I love comic books, movies, my job at Bongo, and a heapin' helpin' of shawarma with a side of fattoush. (Thank you, *Unnamed Super-Team Summer Movie Blockbuster!*) On top of all that, I most definitely loves me some video games.

The other day I was thinking about my earliest (and possibly greatest) video game purchase. It was *The Simpsons Road Rage*. Not only did that game give me countless hours of enjoyment, it gave me the worst case of "Nintendo thumb" I ever experienced.

Road Rage is a game that still holds up, and not just for Simpsons fanatics. Oh sure, the game lacks substantial depth and the collision detection is weak (or so Wikipedia tells me), but that takes a back seat (literally!) to careening around the streets of Springfield in the Simpsonmobile.

The plot was simple yet intricate. Mr. Burns seizes the Springfield transit system and replaces all

transportation with his nuclear powered buses. As any great entrepreneur would do in times of crisis, the Simpson family decides to create their own taxi service. Challenges consisted of tasks such as: picking up Hans Moleman and bringing him to the Retirement Castle, taking Ralph back to his daddy, or schlepping Homer back home after falling asleep at Moe's. Man, those taxis were crazy!

In addition, the attention to detail really sealed the deal. While knocking down nuclear waste barrels on Main Street, you see a banner highlighting the upcoming *Oh! Streetcar!* performance at the Community Center. It made you feel like you actually were driving like a madman through Springfield.

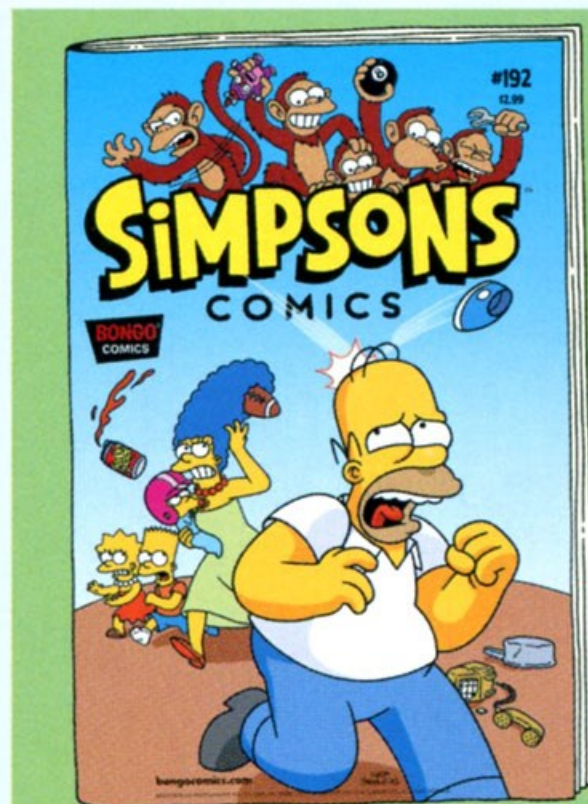
One night, my friends and I made it our mission to open all the unlocked cars. These included: The Canyonero, Frink's hover car, Li'l Bandit (I now understand why Snake is so attached to that car), and Reverend Lovejoy's book-burning mobile. All of which were notable accomplishments. But unlocking Mr. Plow? That was the highlight of the night and quite possibly my life.

I slept well that night. Slept the

sleep of a true warrior. The next morning, my thumb was the size of a baby eggplant. For the next two days I iced it like a football injury (or what I'm told football injuries are like). It was a trophy. A badge of honor. A sign that I had dedicated myself to a noble pursuit. It almost makes me feel sorry for the younger generation and their "invisible" game controllers. No measly pop-up achievement can match the swollen and calloused thumb for true heroic bragging rights.

So if you missed it the first time around or want to relive the glory days, find yourself a decent copy on eBay and dust off the old Gamecube or PS2. Spend a few hours (or weeks) exploring the streets of Springfield.

Believe me, your thumb will thank you.



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After a school prank gone bad, Bart is afraid to face the consequences or his parents, so he and Milhouse stowaway on Captain McCallister's boat and set sail for exotic ports. However, an adventure on the high seas is not everything it is cracked up to be. Oh...did we mention the mutiny?

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SMELL YA LATER?

Hey Bongo,

I've heard that Bill Morrison will be leaving Bongo after issue 189 of *Simpsons Comics*. It's kind of sad, but his story in "The Bongo Beat" about Comic Con was HALARIOUS (sic)! Anyway, tell Bill that a pal said, "Goodbye."

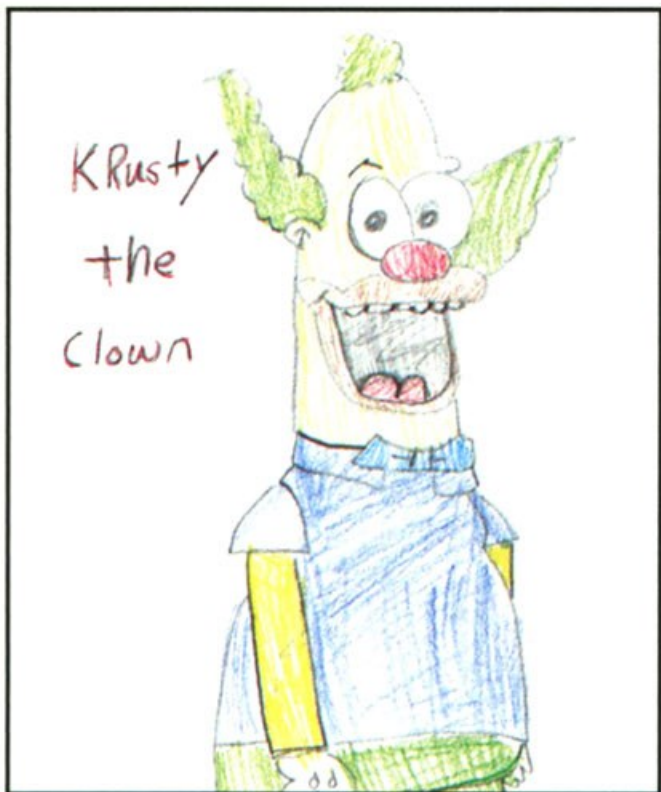
Your pal,
Will Taylor
Lascassas, TN

Even though he's no longer on the masthead, Mr. Morrison is still a big part of Bongo. We still see Bill in the hallowed halls of Bongo, penciling, painting, using the color copier, etc. But is he using the copier for personal use, or is it for...SECRET UPCOMING PROJECTS? We assume it's secret projects because the Bongo employee handbook strictly forbids personal use of the copier. Stay tuned...

Louis Lane

FUTURE CARTOONIST

My name is Daniel Izyk and I am a cartoonist myself. I heard about the Simpsons one-shot series and I thought that you should make Lisa



Art by William Reece

Simpson Comics! My dad came up with *Sideshow Bob Comics*. I just bought *Ralph Wiggum #1*. It was so funny. My favorite part was the second "Ralph's Room" comic strip. Well, in the future you should be getting more letters and maybe some comics from me.

Sincerely,
Daniel Izyk
New Bedford, MA

P.S. *Simpsons Comics* rules!!!!!!!!!!!!

That's one vote apiece for Lisa and *Sideshow Bob Comics*. Here at Bongo, we're tabulating your votes very carefully for our next One-Shot Wonder.

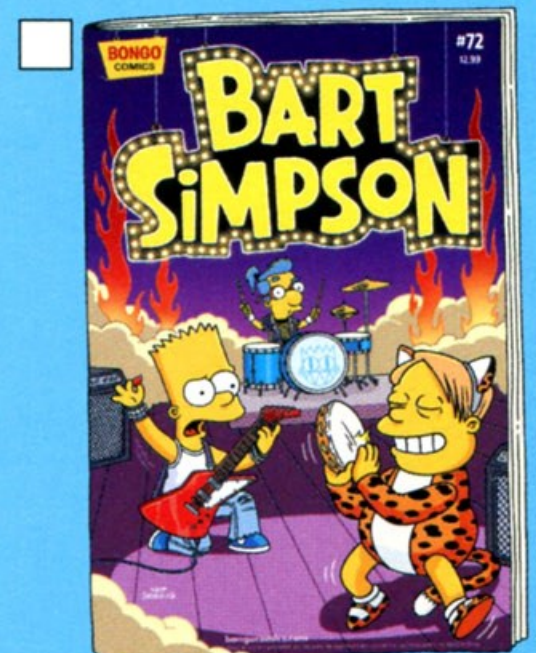
We're excited to see your comics, Daniel! Send us some of your *Simpsons* drawings and maybe you'll see them in a future issue.

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HERE'S YOUR
BONGO
BONUS STAMP!
COLLECT
THEM ALL!
(WE DARE YOU!)



THE BIG, BAD, BONGO CHECKLIST ON SALE THIS MONTH!



BART SIMPSON #72

Bart finds himself in need of the perfect patsy...did someone say, "Martin Prince"? Then, Milhouse discovers that there is a fortune to be made in wedgies! And Bart gets a lesson in the survival of the fittest after competing in a skateboard tournament. Plus, it's time for another episode of Sergio Aragonés' "Maggie's Crib."



SUPER SPECTACULAR #15

Radioactive Man welcomes guest artist Frank Brunner (Doctor Strange) for a trans-dimensional tale! When Plasmio the Mystic goes missing, Radioactive Man must travel across time and space to rescue him. Then, a new, all-girl superhero team, The Nerds of Prey (Jessica Lovejoy, Sherri and Terri, and Greta Wolfcastle), spring into action under the watchful eye of Lisa Simpson to rescue Bartman from the clutches of The Cat Lady Woman.