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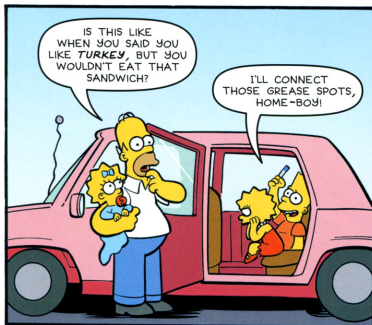


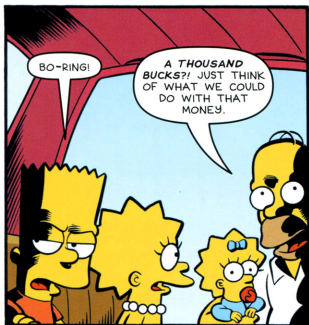
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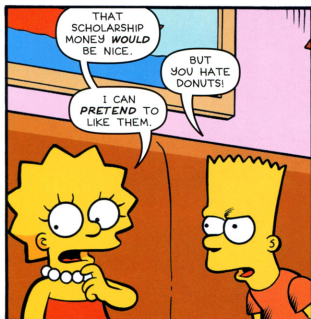
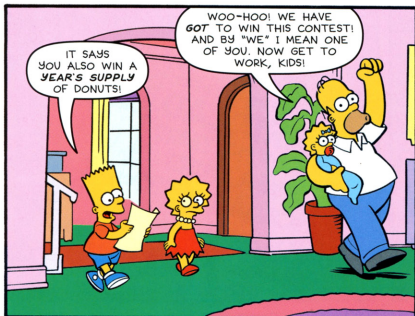
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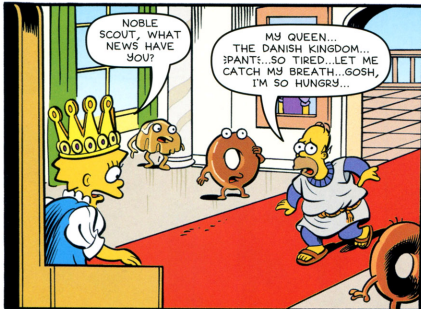
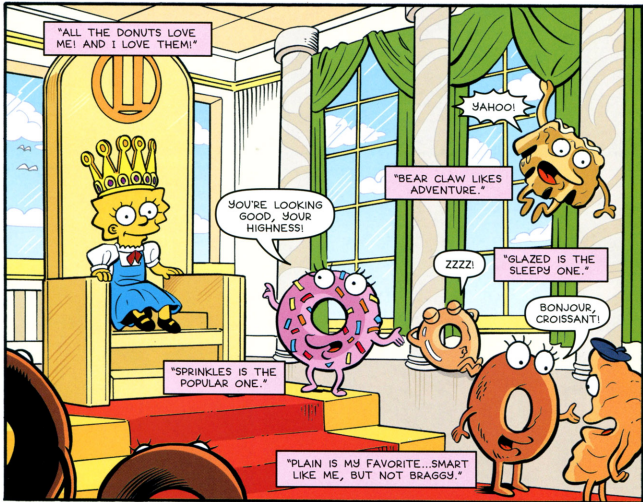
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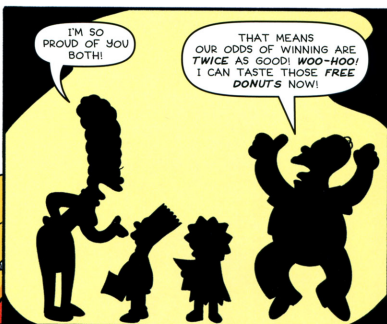
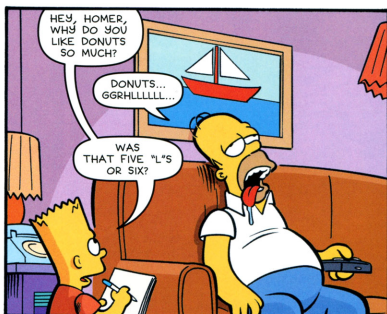
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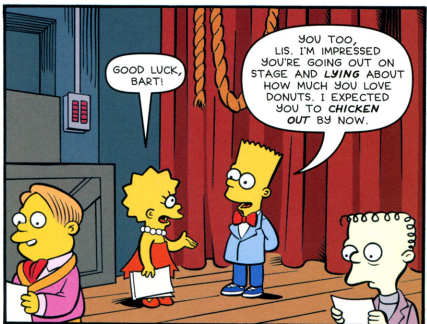
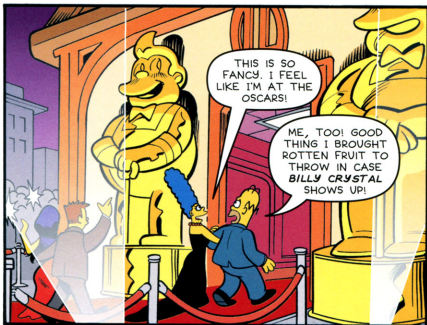




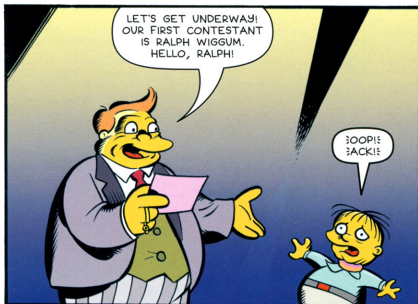


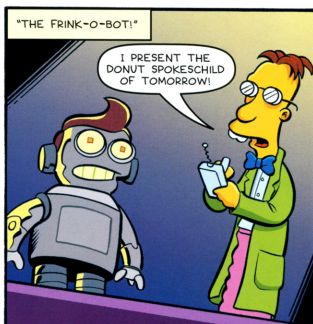


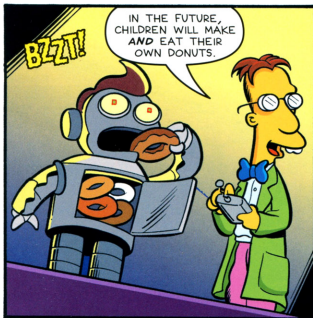




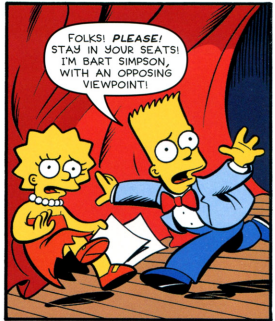


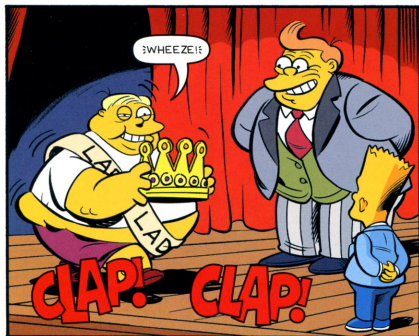


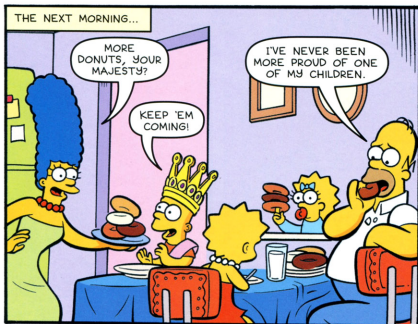
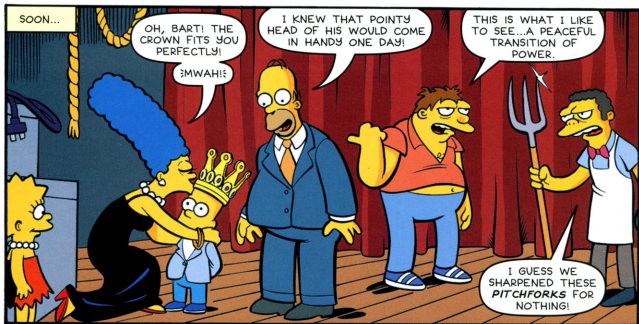


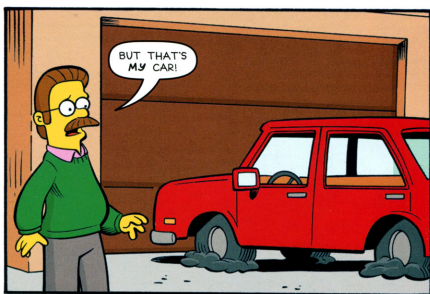
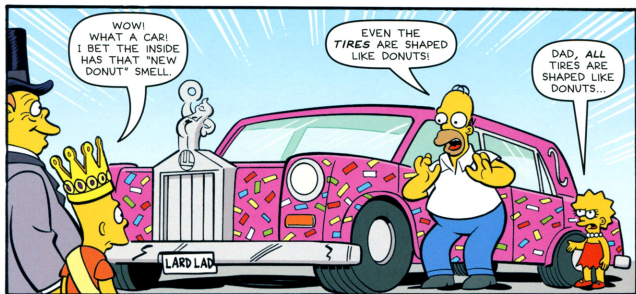


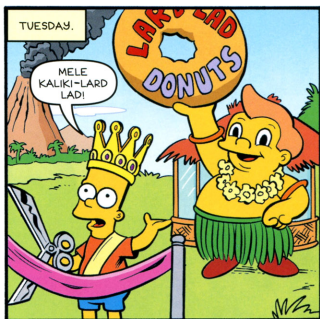
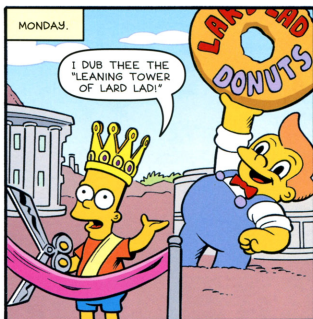
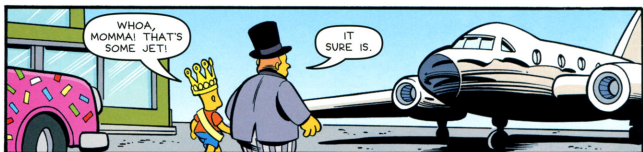


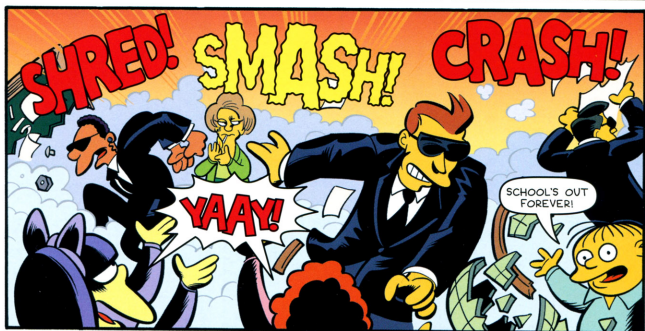








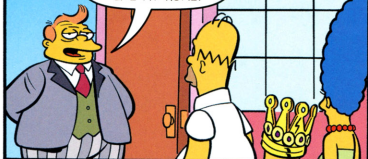




LATER, AT THE SIMPSON HOME...

BECAUSE OF BART'S BUSY SCHEDULE, WE'LL BEGIN HOMESCHOOLING HIM IMMEDIATELY.

AND BY HOMESCHOOLING, I MEAN NOT MAKING HIM GO TO SCHOOL *OR* LIVE AT HOME.



I DON'T KNOW...

WE'RE JUST HIS PARENTS, MARGE. WHO ARE WE TO ARGUE WITH THE HEAD OF A GIANT DONUT CONGLOMERATE?

THEN IT'S SETTLED!



WE JUST WANT BART TO BE HAPPY.

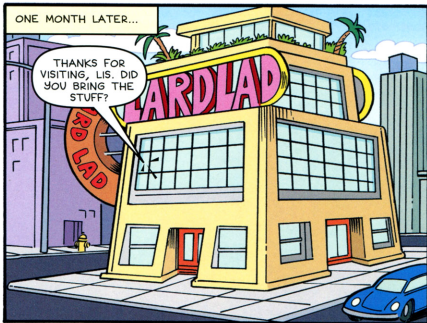
WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, BOY.

I'LL SEND YOU AN AUTOGRAPHED PHOTO EVERY DAY.



ONE MONTH LATER...

THANKS FOR VISITING, LIS. DID YOU BRING THE STUFF?



I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS, BUT I MISS VEGETABLES! TO EAT AND NOT JUST TO THROW!

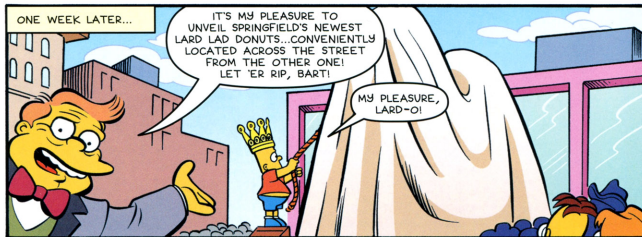
ONE BAG OF CARROTS, "YOUR MAJESTY."



SO WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY?

WORK! THIS PLACE IS WORSE THAN SCHOOL!









THE BONGO BEAT

by Nathan Kane

The State of the Bongo Union

Hey there, keepers of the Bongo flame! Welcome to the first Bongo Beat of 2013. I guess those Mayans were wrong and the world didn't end in 2012 after all. Of course, it's still December 2012 as I write this and you may be reading it as you traverse a post-apocalyptic landscape filled with mutants, hell hounds, zombies, and even zombie mutant hell hounds. If that's the case, find an abandoned car and hunker down for the night while I fill you in on all that Bongo has in store for you this year!

2013 is special because it marks Bongo's twentieth year as a comic publisher. Even a professional prognosticator couldn't foresee the ragtag company that produced *Simpsons Comics and Stories* way back in 1993 blossoming into the jaunty juggernaut it is today. We're taking advantage of this milestone to bring you some new and exciting books while still delivering all the *Simpsons* and *Futurama* madness you crave!



In fact, *Simpsons Comics* #200 hits stores in March. Twenty years in the making, this comic celebration of television's favorite family features a wraparound cover by one of Bongo's founding fathers, bombastic Bill Morrison. All kinds of Bongo contributors both old and new will be plying their trade in this fantastic 48-page funfest. Who knows...Matt Groening may even make an appearance! Don't miss it!

We're proud to be the publisher for Coldplay's *Mylo Xyloto* comic. Sprung from the mind of Coldplay and Mark Osborne (*Kung Fu*

Panda, *MORE*, *The Little Prince*), *Mylo Xyloto* is a 6-issue mini-series based on Coldplay's concept album of the same name. The adventure begins this February!



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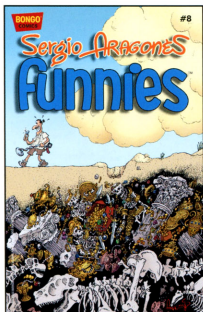


NEXT ISSUE!

SIMPSONS COMICS #199

Inspired by the current crop of trash-to-treasure reality shows, Homer raids the family storage unit looking for a valuable artifact. However, Homer is about to find out that his road to riches is paved with a lot of worthless junk.

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Sergio Aragonés Funnies returns! After a brief hiatus, our favorite MADman picks up right where he left off. Issue 8 will be available in June, and subsequent issues will follow on a bi-monthly basis. Get ready for more heartfelt stories, gut-busting

jokes, and eye-popping artwork delivered as only Señor Sergio can!

The Bongo digital department continues to thrive with new and classic comics being released every week on the Simpsons App and at comiXology. Plus, our blog and facebook pages are delivering more behind-the-scenes factoids and fun than ever before. Check them out!

Bongo's come a long way since we had our mini spit and polish a mere 12 months ago. Since then, we've published a whopping 45 comics along with a plethora of calendars, trade paperbacks, hard-covers, and international editions. Phew! 2012 was Bongo's most prolific year to date! Of course, you've all helped by sending letters,

suggestions, critiques, and artwork submissions. Keep 'em coming! Creating comics can be a little like working in a vacuum, so we love to hear from the Bongo faithful.

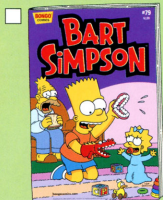
There's so much more to talk about, but...argh!...I'm running out of room! Let me just throw these out there... *One-Shot Wonders!* Free Comic Book Day! *SpongeBob Comics!* Bongo Bonus Stamp Loyalty Program! Contests! Surprises! The mind boggles!

As you can see, Bongo's 20th year is going to be a banner one. Let's hope it embiggens us all!

As long as the zombies don't get us.

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



BART SIMPSON #79

After Lisa applies her study habits to the art of pranking, Bart has a little familial competition for the title of "Class Clown." Then, Bart, Milhouse, and Lisa find a Ouija board, and it doesn't take long before they unleash a demonic spirit from the world beyond.



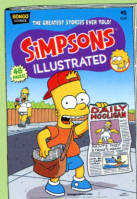
SPONGEBOB COMICS #16

It's an all-out adventure issue as SpongeBob and Mr. Krabs set out on sea voyage in search of "The Treasure of Captain Goldfish"--with a sinister stowaway on board. Plus: a pull-out map, facts about sea turtles, SpongeBob's trip to a land of wizards and fauns, and more!



FUTURAMA #65

The stakes have never been higher when the Planet Express crew needs to deliver a check to an alien race to pay the Earth's solar power bill. But it is going to take a little gamesmanship and even more dumb luck to prevent another planetary Ice Age. Fortunately, Bender and Fry have both...in spades.



SIMPSONS ILLUSTRATED #5

Bart finds himself in control of Springfield's print media and begins to publish all the news, causing half of Springfield to be left in tatters. Later, Bart tries a find a way out of writing a book report on "Great Expectations." And finally, Stretch Dude is in need of a new partner, but there is only one sidekick available...Gluestick (alias Ralph Wiggum).



Do you have a question? A query? A quixotic conundrum? We've got your answers to all things Bongo and more! Send your letters, artistic renderings, photos, and whatnot to: JUNK MAIL, Bongo Comics Group, P.O. Box 1963, Santa Monica, CA 90406-1963, or contact us online at bongoheads@bongocomics.com. If you wish to have your letter or artwork published in our comics, you need to include the following statement in your letter or attached to your artwork: "For consideration for publication in Bongo Comics. I agree if you publish my submission it becomes your property." and sign your name. Unfortunately, because we require your signature, we cannot publish emails at this time. (That instruction comes courtesy of our watchful legal eagles.)

OREGON TO THE DOGS

Dear people of BONGO,

I am a 14-year-old boy living in Eugene, Oregon, and I enjoy reading (and collecting) your *Simpsons Comics*! I own issues #1, 2, 185, and 191-195. My favorite is probably #194, with the translations of the dogs talking about taking over the world and deciding not to do so, as it would make them fat, lazy and stupid like humans (like Homer!).

I have a few questions:

- Where are Bongo Comics printed?
- When did Bongo add the Bongo Bonus stamps to the comic books?

Seth Wilson
Eugene, OR

Well Seth, we have a few answers:

1) Bongo Comics are printed in our good ol' neighbor to the north, Canada. That's why our pages have a whiff of maple syrup about them.

2) Not counting the Plasmio stamp that appeared waaay back in 1974 in Radioactive Man #222, we've been proudly including a Bongo Bonus stamp in nearly every issue since January 2012. Better hang on to them. While they're worth nothing now, we've got a feeling they'll be the new currency once the inevitable zombie apocalypse happens!

Louis Lane

OLD TIMEY COSTUMES

I love your comic books and I'm your #1 fan! My favorite comics are *The Simpsons*, *Bart Simpson*, *Millhouse*, *Radioactive Man*, and *Ralph Wiggum*. I would like to ask you something: In *Simpsons Comics* #195, why isn't Homer looking like a person in the past?

Michael Frasca
Brooklyn, NY

Thanks for writing in, Michael! Even though Homer thought he was time traveling in issue #195, he was actually still in the present! Because of that, he stayed in his normal, present-day clothes. Which is a shame, because he looks really great in a toga. Maybe we'll write a real time-travel story where Homer goes to ancient Rome.

T.A. BARACUS

S'up Bongo! You guys are rated "TA" ...for TOTALLY AWESOME. I love your comics. I have a few suggestions and requests for ya'll!

1) You guys should make *One-Shot Wonders* for: Duffman, Nelson, Mr. Burns (or Smithers), Ned Flanders, Chief Wiggum, Moe, and Santa's Little Helper (with Snowball II). And your guys should start making *One-Shots* for *Futurama*!

2) Can you please tell me what the heck is Earth 1 and Earth 2?

3) I've played *The Simpsons* arcade game and it was cool. You should make a tie-in comic for that game.

4) Put Mario and Sonic the Hedgehog in your comics.

Well, gotta go! See ya!

Francisco Diaz
Orlando, FL

Thanks for the high praise, Francisco!

1) Without giving anything away, one of your suggestions is slated to appear in the issue after Professor Frink. It's that easy! Just ask and Bongo delivers.

2) Simply put, Earth 1 and Earth 2 are different planes of reality, or parallel dimensions. Even though they are similar, there are slight changes that make them wildly different. For example, the Earth 2 version of Homer Simpson wears...green pants! Insane, right?

3) A comic book about video games? That would combine my two favorite things! Comic Books and crossovers!

4) Mario and Sonic are currently ranked behind Q*bert on our wish list of video game characters we want to appear. Your suggestions are great, but Q*bert really needs the work.

**HERE'S YOUR
BONGO
BONUS STAMP!
COLLECT
THEM ALL!
(AND YOU CAN
BORROW A FEELING!)**



Art by Francisco Diaz

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