

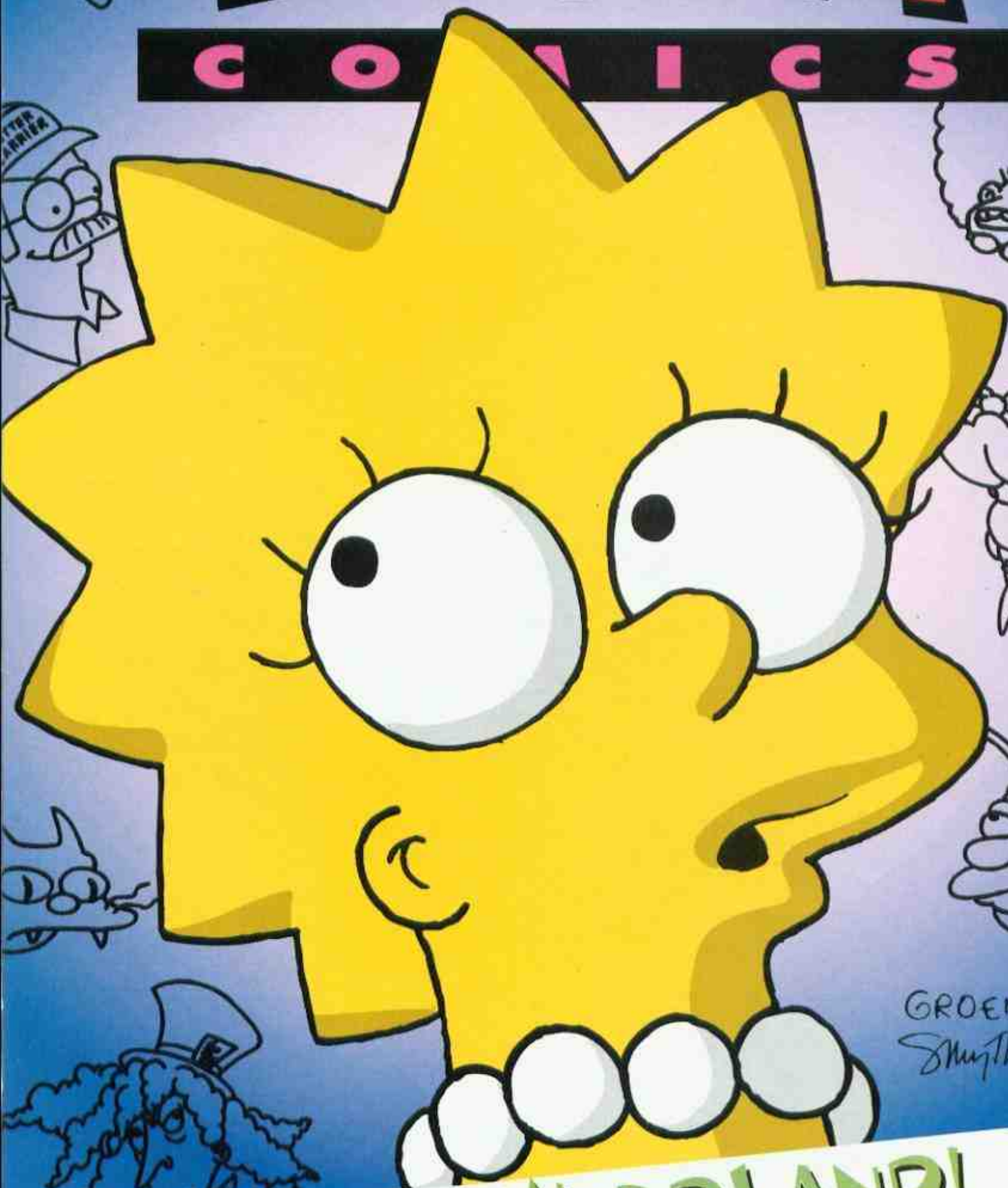


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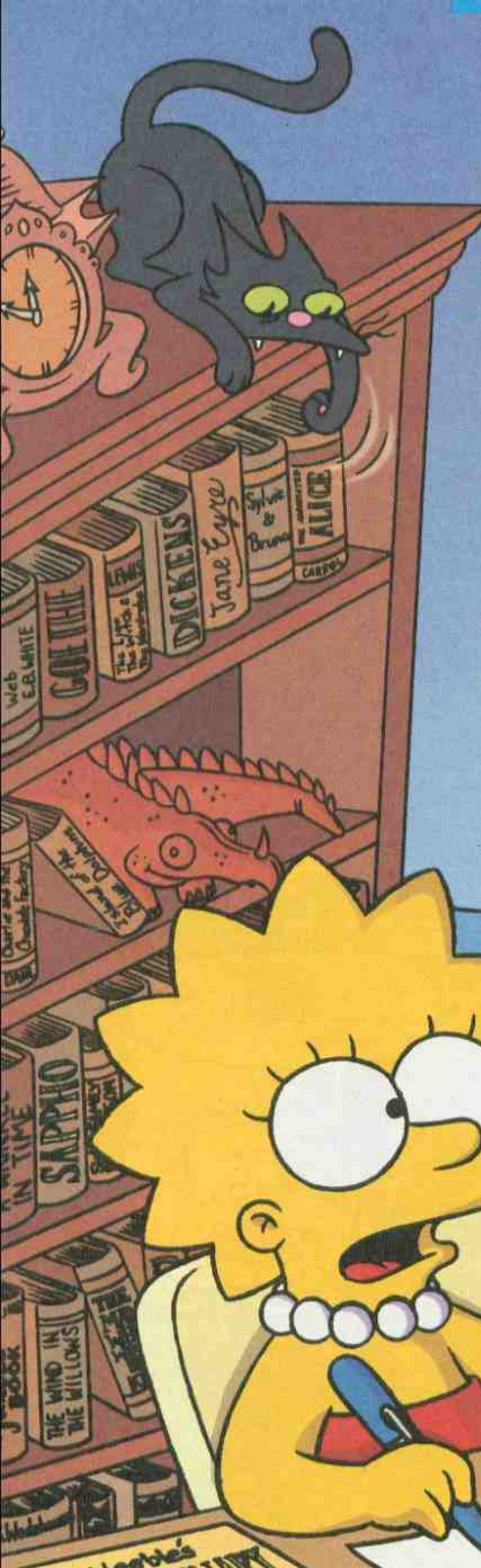
LISA

COMICS



GROENING
Shyne

LISA in WORDLAND!



Lisa's ADVENTURES IN WORDLAND

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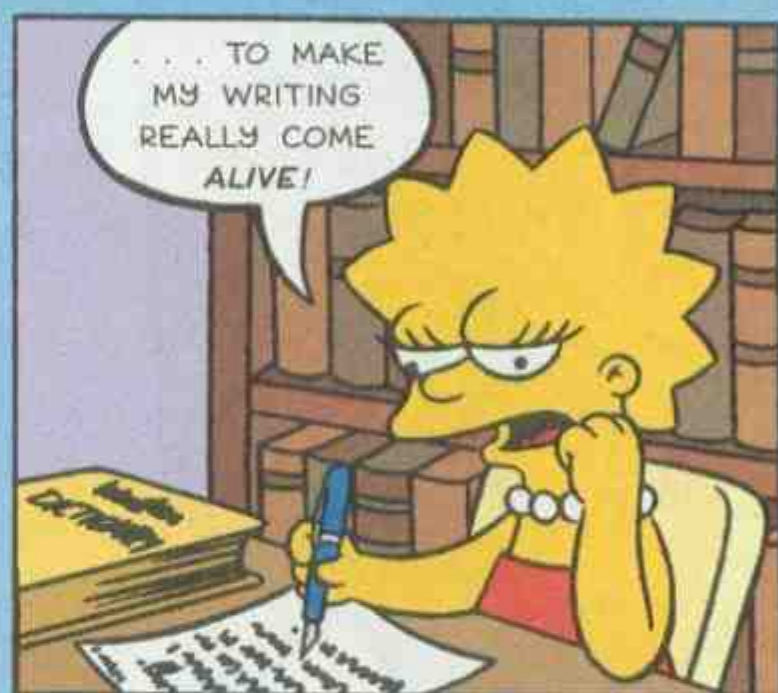
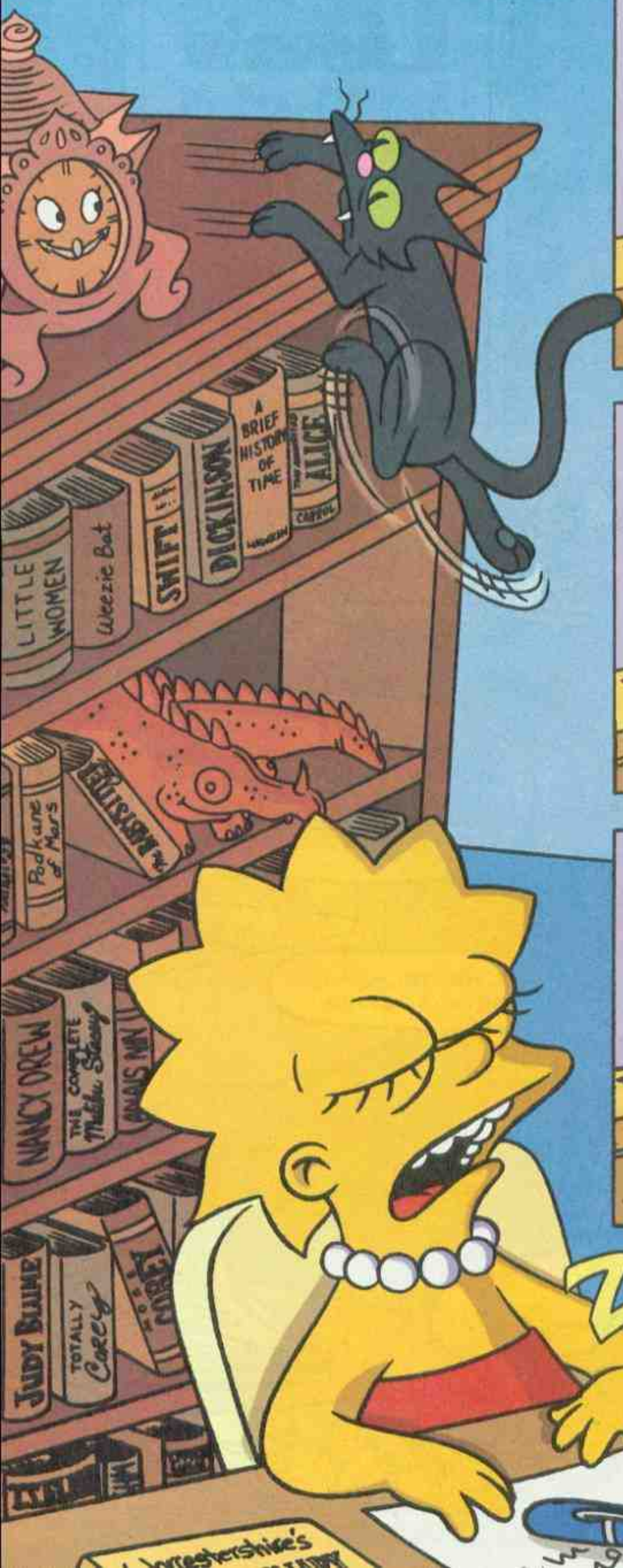
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LISA! YOU'VE BEEN UP THERE
READING AND WRITING ALL MORNING!
COME ON! LUNCH IS ALMOST READY . . .
A GROWING GIRL CAN'T LIVE ON JUST
FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND A THIRST
FOR KNOWLEDGE, YOU KNOW!

IN A MINUTE, MOM! I'M
WRITING A LETTER!







I thought I wrote down,
"Bite the dog,"
upon a yellow note,
but when I read it back

it said,

"Don't forget
to row your boat."

Now have I lost
my mind?

WAIT! WAIT A MINUTE,
MR. POSTMAN! PLEEE-EEEEASE,
MR. POSTMAN, WAIT FOR ME!

YES, INDEEDS
WE ARE!

PLEASE,
COME
ON IN!

BUT NOT
TOO BUSY
FOR YOU!

And

which

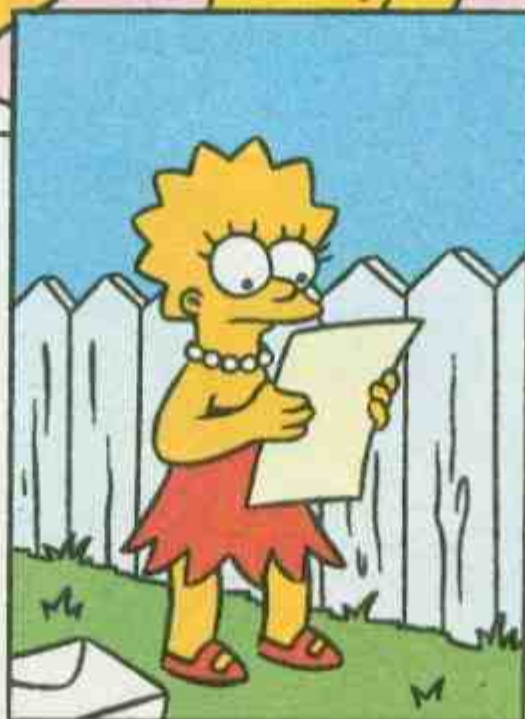
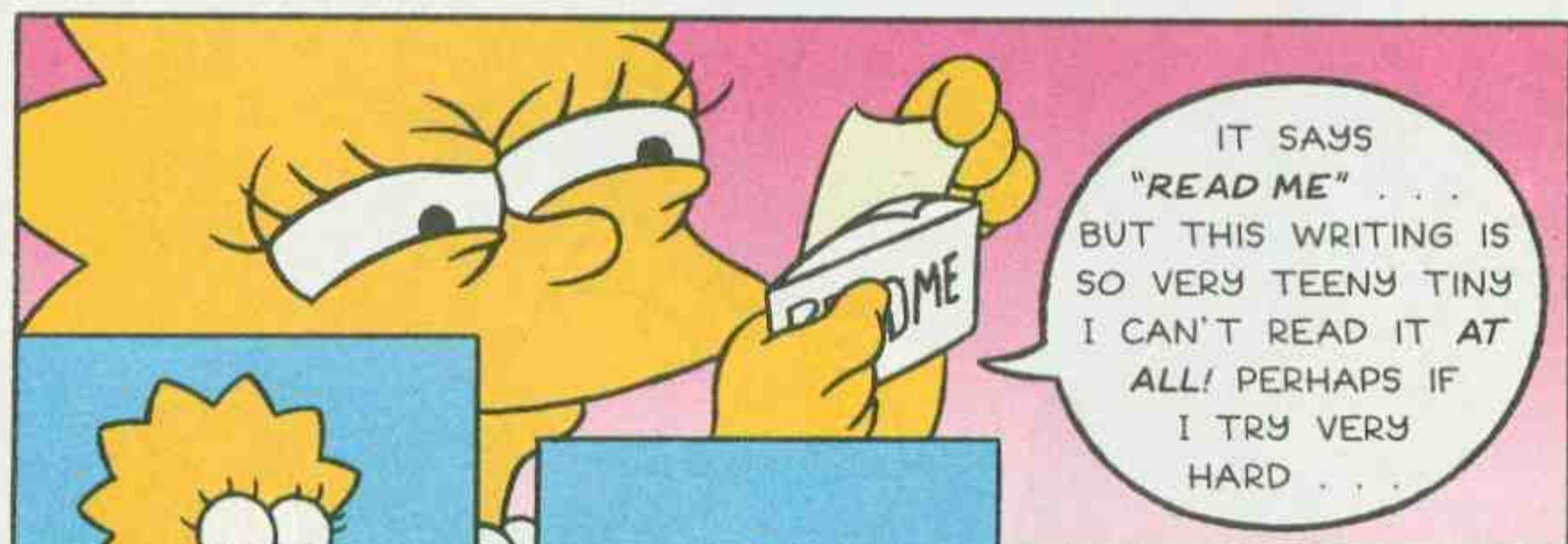
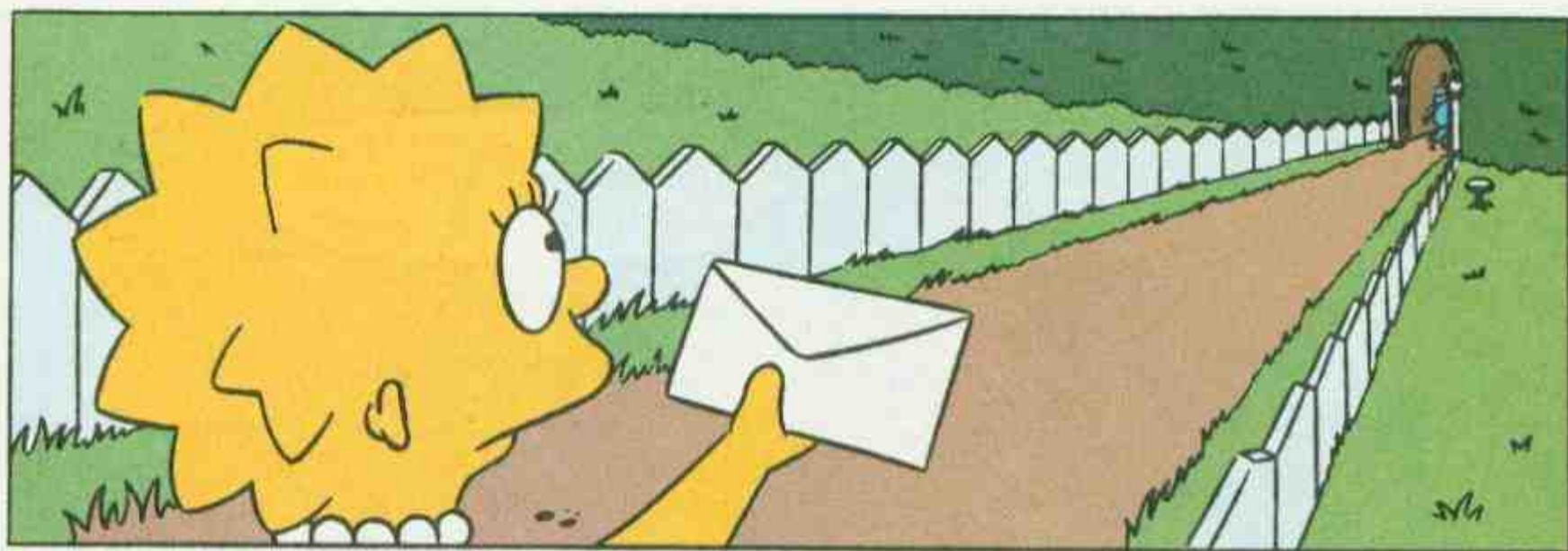
is

what I

wrote? ²

LETTER
CARRIER

The Letters and Mailboxes
are having their own secret
conversation! Read each
out loud to
"hear" what they
are saying.



WELL, IT
CERTAINLY
IS EASY
TO READ
IT
NOW!

If you
can read
this, you're
too close.



I'M SOOO TIRED!

YAWN!

... AND INTO
THIS FANTASTIC,
PRE-HISTORIC
JUNGLE!!!

LET'S SEE . . .
THE POSTMAN
WENT THROUGH
THIS DOOR . . .



call you
this re

I thought I wrote down

"Look at me."

upon the

blackboard green.

WHAT A
FLIRT!

TEE HEE!

queen."

beauty

ain't no

"Your father

But when I read it back it said,

YO,
MR. POSTMAN!
WAIT UP!
WHERE ARE
WE?

MY, BUT YOU ARE AN
ENORMOUSLY IMMENSE
GARGANTUAN! A
THUNDERINGLY
STUPENDOUS
BROBDINGNAGIAN³
BEHEMOTH!

SCRAM.
BEAT IT.

I WAS MERELY
COMMENTING ON
YOUR PORTLY
MAGNITUDE, YOUR
LUMBERING TONNAGE,
YOUR FLESHY
PLUMPNESS, YOUR
CONSIDERABLE
BULK!

EXCUSE ME!

EXCUSE YOU?
BY THAT DO YOU MEAN
PARDON YOU? FORGIVE
YOU? ABSOLVE YOU?
LET BYGONES BE
BYGONES?

AAARRGH!!!
YOU'RE
SQUASHING
ME WITH
WORDS!

SQUASHING YOU?
DO YOU MEAN
CRUSHING YOU?
SQUELCHING YOU?
OPPRESSING YOU?
TYRANNIZING YOU?

NOW STOP THAT!

Have my squirrels
all gone bonkers?

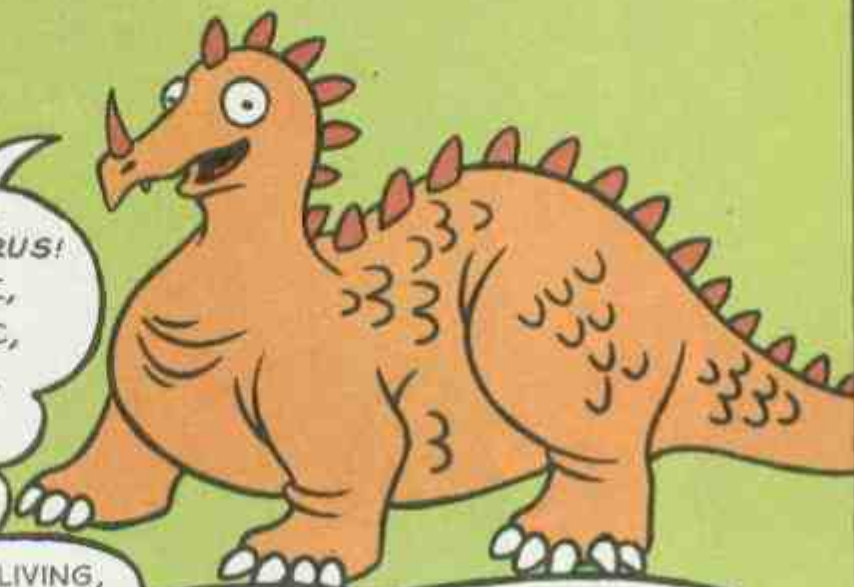
And which is
what I
mean?



I KNOW THAT BIG ONE IS A
BRONTOSAURUS, BUT WHAT KIND
OF DINOSAUR ARE YOU?



I'M A
THESAURUS!
A GENUINE,
AUTHENTIC,
VERITABLE,
WALKING,
TALKING
EMPORIUM
OF WORDS, A LIVING,
BREATHING COMPENDIUM OF EXPRESSIONS, A DINING
AND DANCING AGGLOMERATION OF **CLICHES**!



WELL,
THEN,
MR.
THESAURUS,
COULD YOU
PLEASE
TELL ME
HOW TO
GET OUT
OF THIS
MOST
UTTERLY
CONFUSING
JUNGLE?



GLADLY. HAPPILY.
JOYFULLY. LET ME TELL
YOU IN MY OWN
WORDS . . .



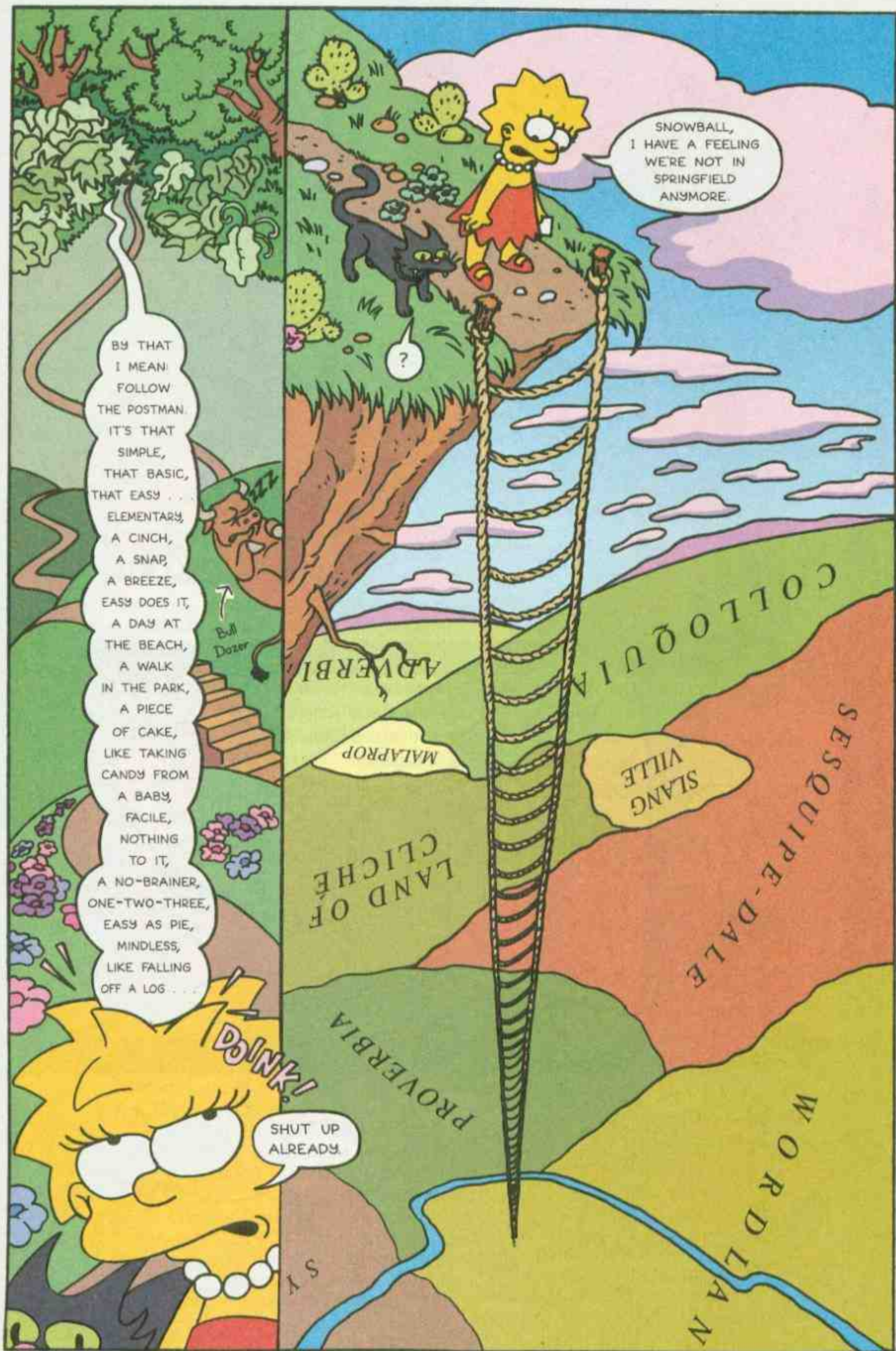
OH, HERE WE
GO AGAIN . . .



TO MAKE AN EXIT, TO GO, TO SPLIT,
TO TAKE LEAVE, TO CHECK OUT, TO DEPART,
TO WEIGH ANCHOR, TO GIVE IT THE OL
HEAVE HO, YOU NEED ONLY, MERELY, SIMPLY,
PLAINLY, TO PURSUE, TO TRAIL,
TO CHASE AFTER,
TO TREAD ON
THE HEELS OF
THE CARRIER OF CORRESPONDENCE,
THE MESSENGER OF MISSIVES,
THE EMMISARY OF ENVELOPES,
THE DELIVERER OF DISPATCHES
AND BILLET DOUX . . .

RUN, SNOWBALL!



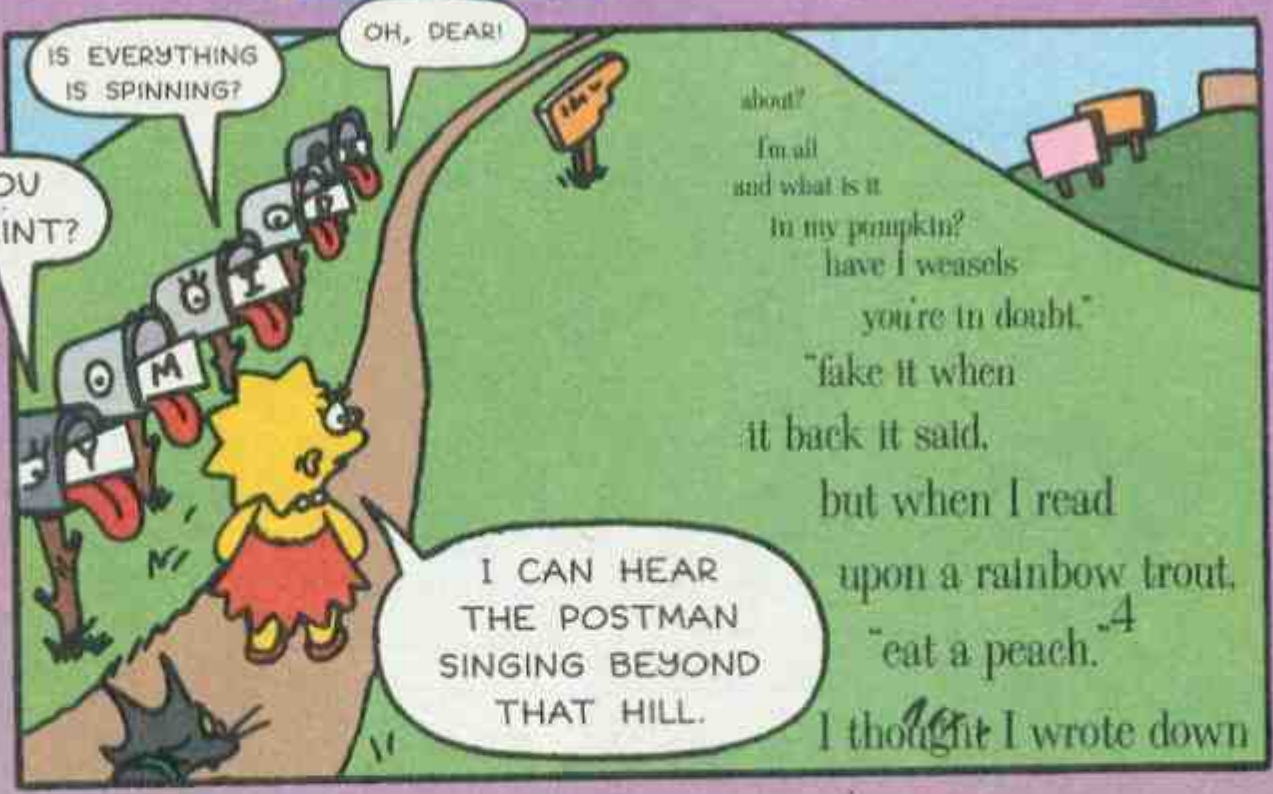
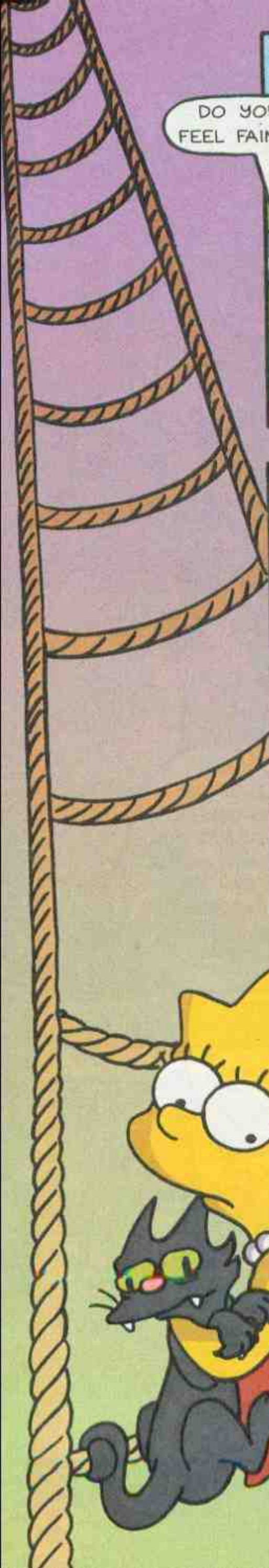


SNOWBALL,
I HAVE A FEELING
WE'RE NOT IN
SPRINGFIELD
ANYMORE.

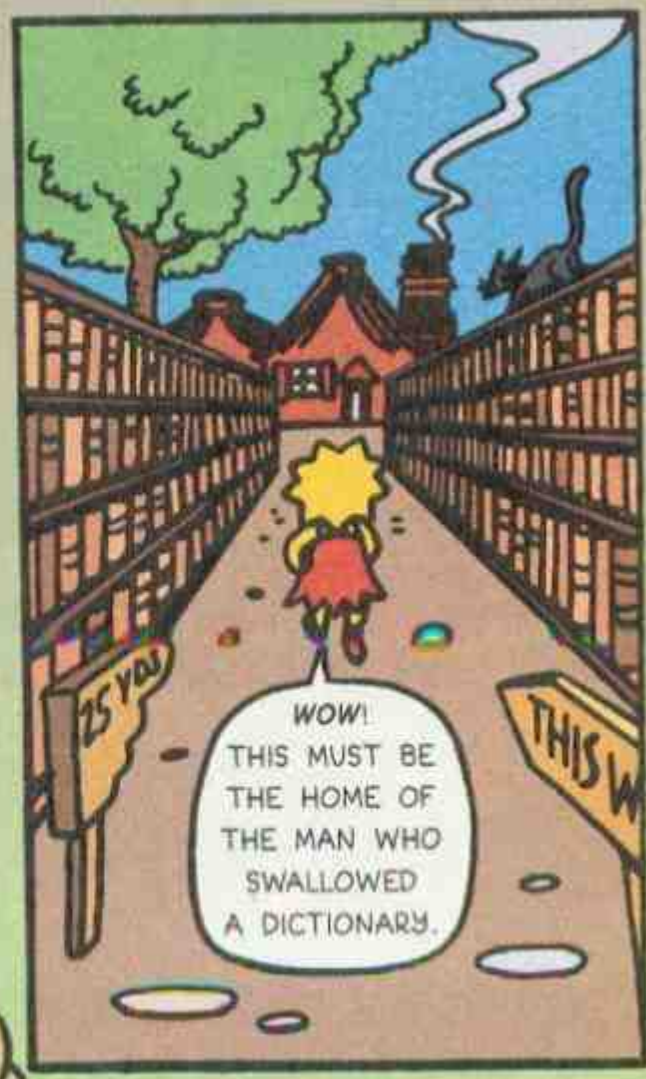
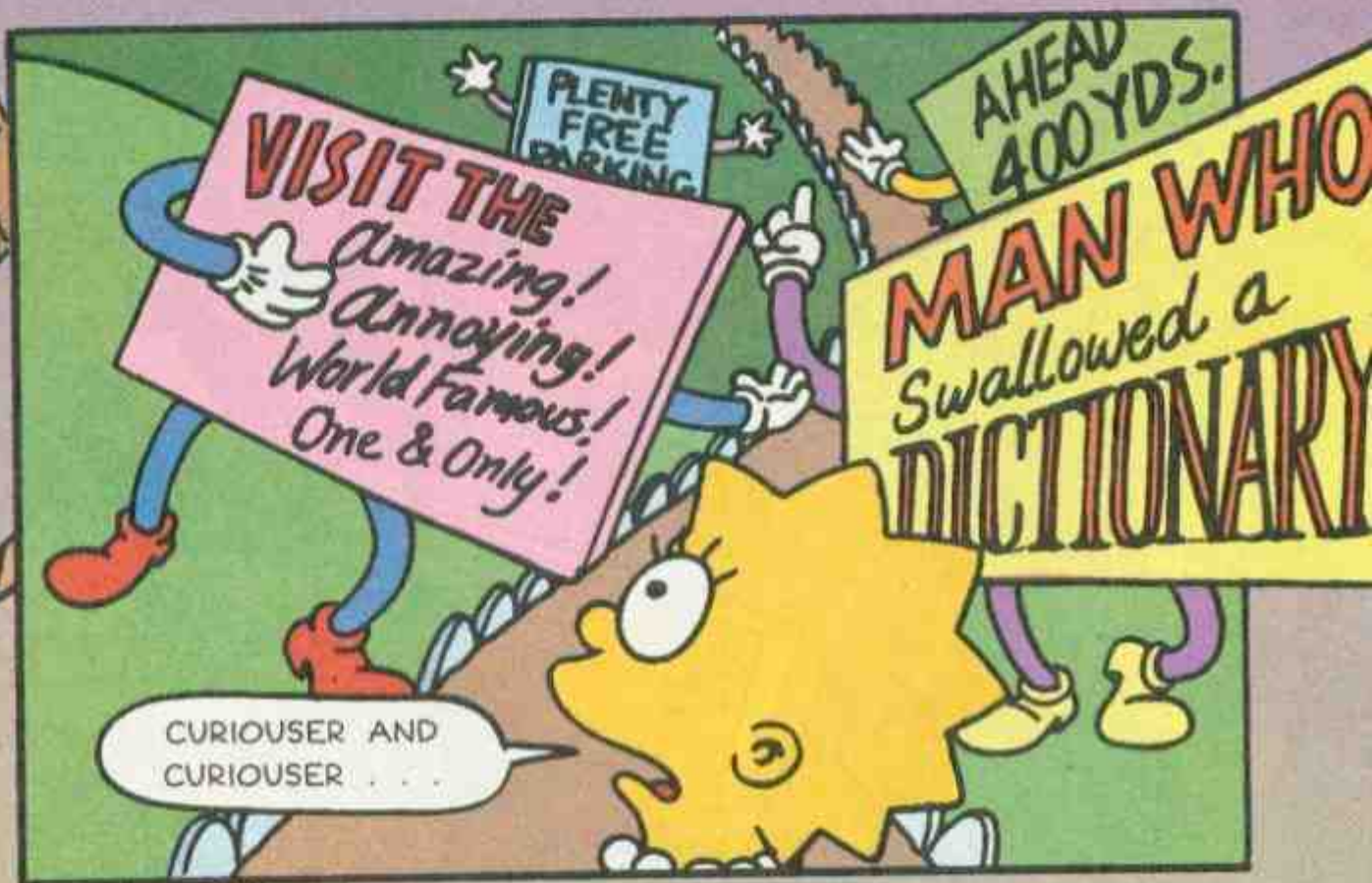
BY THAT
I MEAN!
FOLLOW
THE POSTMAN.
IT'S THAT
SIMPLE,
THAT BASIC,
THAT EASY...
ELEMENTARY,
A CINCH,
A SNAP,
A BREEZE,
EASY DOES IT,
A DAY AT
THE BEACH,
A WALK
IN THE PARK,
A PIECE
OF CAKE,
LIKE TAKING
CANDY FROM
A BABY,
FACILE,
NOTHING
TO IT,
A NO-BRAINER,
ONE-TWO-THREE,
EASY AS PIE,
MINDLESS,
LIKE FALLING
OFF A LOG...

SHUT UP
ALREADY.

!KNIQ!



about?
I'm all
and what is it
in my pumpkin?
have I weasels
you're in doubt."
"fake it when
it back it said,
but when I read
upon a rainbow trout,
"eat a peach."⁴
I thought I wrote down





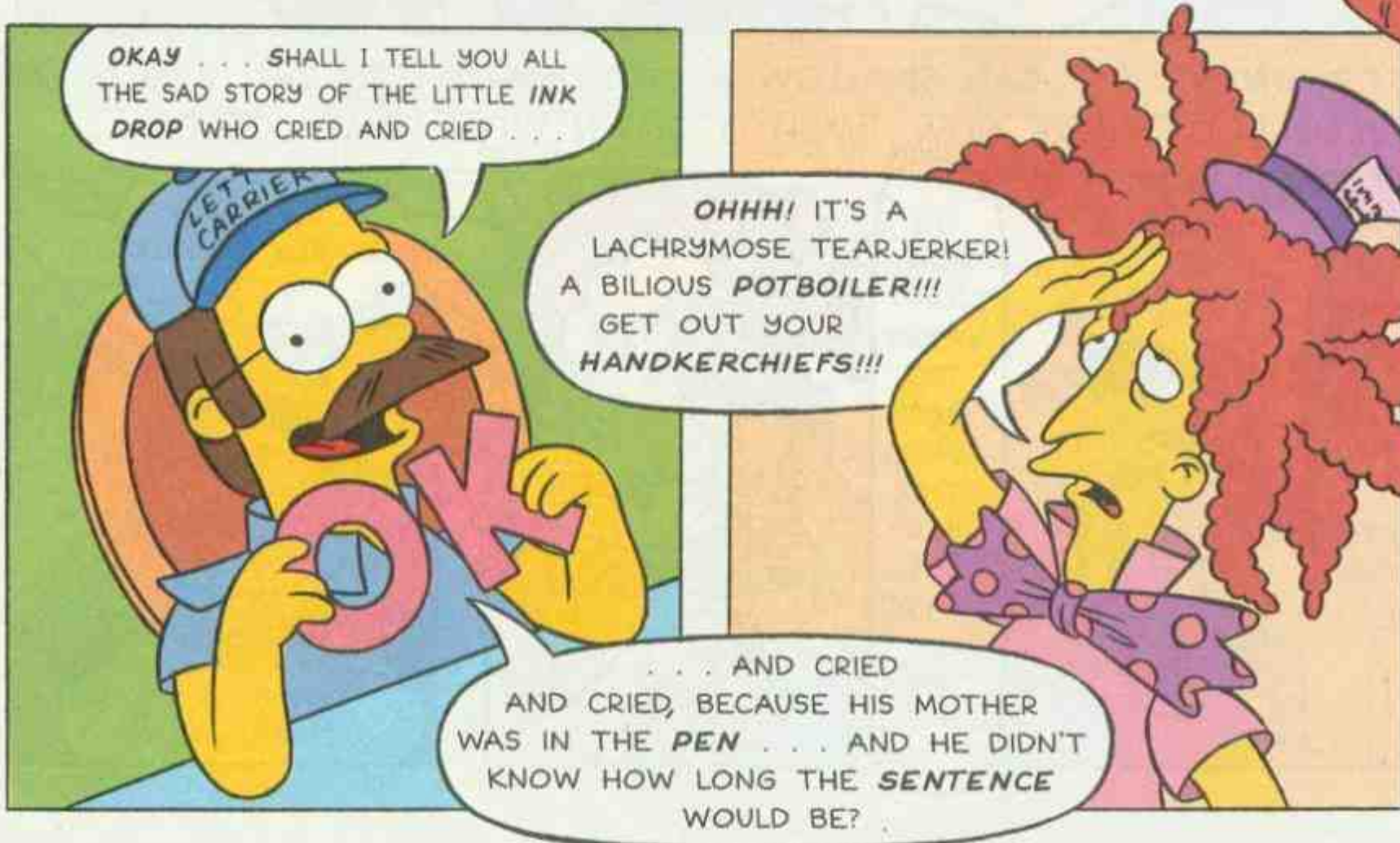
EGAD, AN INTERLOPER! BEGONE YOU RAGAMUFFIN HOBBLEDEHOY! NO ROOM! NO ROOM!





CERTAINLY! IF I CAN SWALLOW A DICTIONARY, YOU CAN SWALLOW YOUR PRIDE! HERE NOW, WASH IT DOWN WITH SOME COFFEE . . .









BABBLE
ON

ONOMATOPOEIA

HEIROGLYPHIA

HEDGE MAZE

HOME OF THE MAN WHO
SWALLOWED A DICTIONARY

ROPE LADDER

LAND OF THE C...

LAKE LOQUACITY

JUNGLE OF VERBOSITY

THE BIG HEDGE



NEW
ENGLISH

Old English

MIDDLE
ENGLISH

MT. REDUNDANCY MOUNTAIN

DYSLEXIA

NOUN
PROPER

UPPER
CASE

BACKWORDS COUNTRY

lower
case

FORBIDDEN WORDS

THE PALIN DROME

SSWORDS

LEFT
FIELD

GAMING GROUNDS

CASTLE OF THE GRAND
HIGH INFLATED EGO-MANIAC

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SLEET, NOR SNOW; NOR DARK OF NIGHT...



THE POSTMAN'S MOTTO

Neither rain,
nor sleet,
nor snow;
Nor dark of night,
nor light of day;
Nor fear of fear,
nor words of love;
Nor corn of cob,
Nor ice,
nor cream;
Nor milk,
nor shake,
nor can of worms;
Nor poodle dog,
nor idle threat;
Nor fish,
nor sticks,
Nor hedge,
nor hog;
Nor dip of clam,
nor head of ache;
Nor smelly socks,
nor fluffy kittens
Shall keep me
from my
appointed rounds.



OH, HO!

AHA!

TIRED NUDE MAN
IN A PAJAMA I AM.
A JAPAN I NAMED
UNDER IT.

NO LAVA ON
AVALON, NO
LAVA, NO AVALON

BOB

OTTO

MOM

POP

STEP
ON NO
PETS

I'M A
PUP
AM I?

FOUND BY
A CAT I AM.
Madam,
I'm Adam

EVE

THEY'RE BACKWORDSMEN.
THEY SPEAK ENTIRELY
IN PALINDROMES.

LETTERS



I KNOW! PALINDROMES ARE WORDS OR PHRASES THAT SPELL THE SAME THING BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS.



I thought

I wrote down.

"Spatulas"

along

the dotted

line.

but when I

read it

back

it said,

"Keep it up.

you're doing

fine."

Oh,

I've sprung

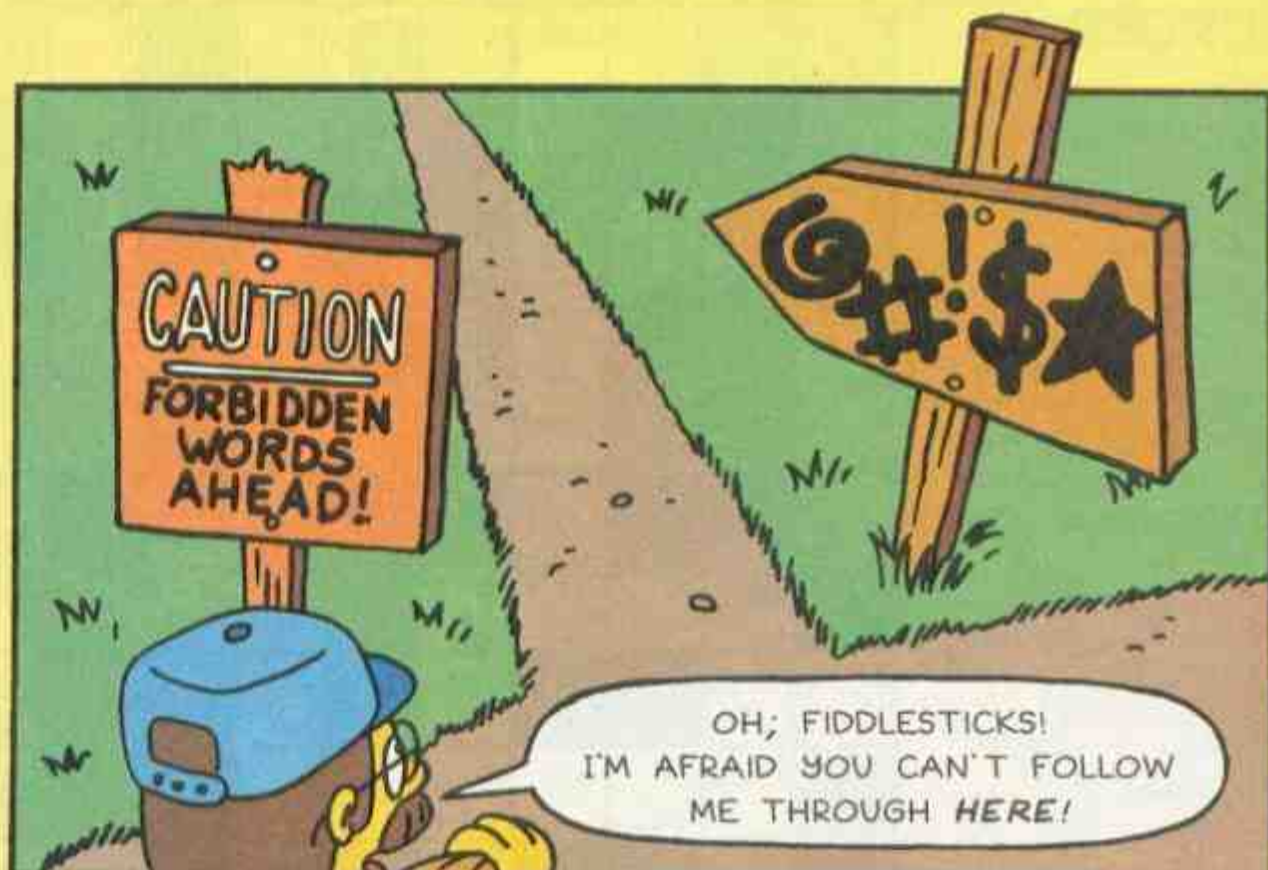
a leak

up in my attic,

and I'm

not yet

thirty-nine!

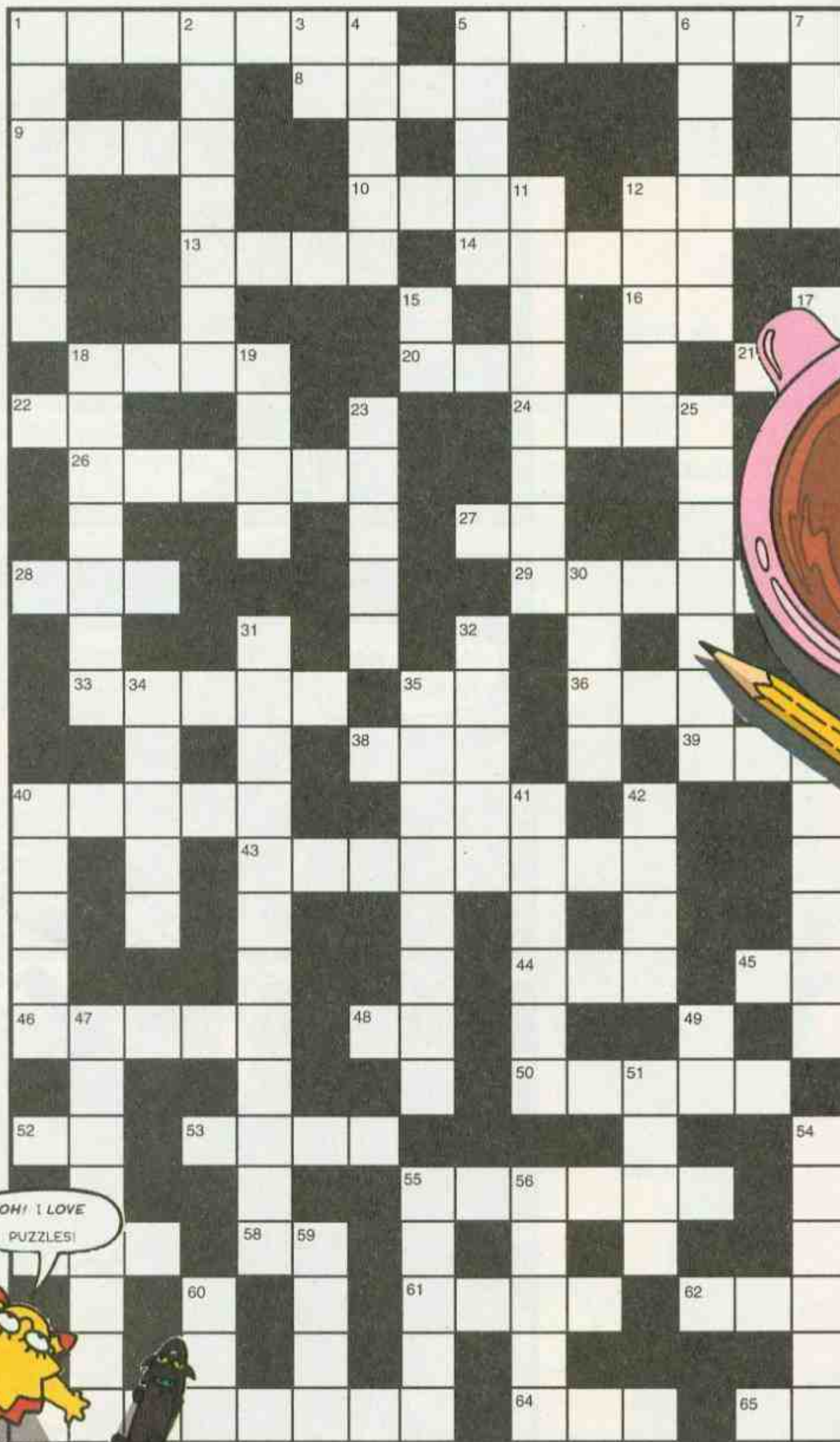


ACROSS

1. Throw a _____. Have a fit.
5. Parrot's complaints.
8. Sulk.
9. Hang around in a gloomy sort of way.
10. "I ____ care!"
12. "____ up!"
13. Jealous desire.
14. Complain.
16. Rode in ____ a broomstick.
18. Gets on one's nerves.
20. "What are ____ looking at?"
21. "____ way, José!"
22. "Stick it ____ your ear!"
24. Pain in the ____.
26. Glum; moody.
27. "Don't ____ an idiot!"
28. Sick and tired.
29. Rude; snappish.
33. Beat it!
35. ____ your face.
36. "____ lost!"
38. "What ____ you looking at?"
39. "Go ahead. ____ if I care!"
40. Type of fuse or temper.
43. Long word for 'tude, dude.
44. Have a ____; throw a tantrum.
45. "____ if I cared!"
46. "Cut off your nose to ____ your face."
48. "Scram! Beat ____!"
50. "____ shorts!" (2 wds.)
52. "What are you looking ____?"
53. ____ sport; bad loser.
55. Go away, insect! (2 wds.)
57. "You ____ goat!"
58. "____ what?!"
61. "Don't have ____ man!" (2 wds.)
62. ____ again?! Weren't you just at 20 Across?
63. Like a mule.
64. Flip one's ____; go nuts.
65. "____ yeah?!"

DOWN

1. Type of tantrum.
2. Pain in _____. (2 wds.)
3. "Shut ____!"
4. Peevish.
5. Bee's insult.
6. Madder than a _____. (2 wds.)
7. Hissy fit.
11. Problems; worries.
12. Poor ____; bad loser.
15. "Kiss ____ foot!"
17. Get outta here! (2 wds.)
18. Rude remarks.
19. Mope; pout.
23. Mean; derisive.
25. Low-down; bottom of the barrel. (2 wds.)
30. Continuously scolds.



OH! I LOVE
PUZZLES!



MROW!

1. Crotchety; cranky; grouchy.
32. "It takes ____ to know one!"
34. Type of words Lisa encounters on this page.
35. Irrk.
37. Easily annoyed; petulant.
40. Spews saliva.
41. ____ one's feathers; be bothered by.
42. "Scram! ____ it!"

47. Peevish; ill-humored.
49. "____ fed up!"
51. Minor fight; squabble.
54. Cantankerous old poot; Oscar is one.
55. Bird-____; idiot; moron.
56. Mutter like a dog.
59. "____, not Yoko!!!" (2 wds.)
60. ____ the wrong way; give an annoying massage.



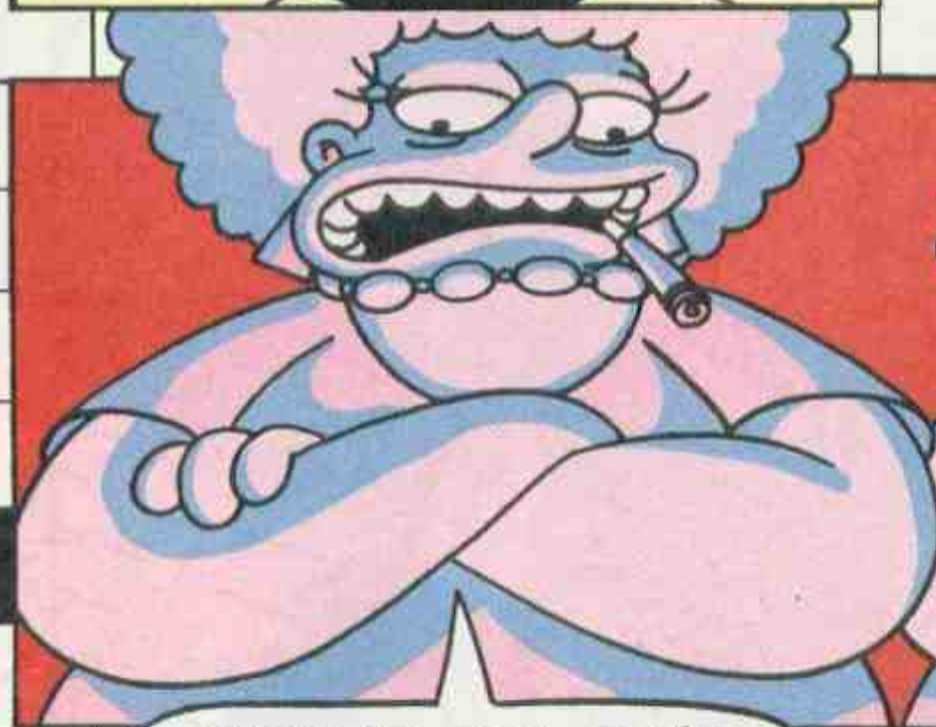
MAN! WHAT
IRRITABLE
WORDS!



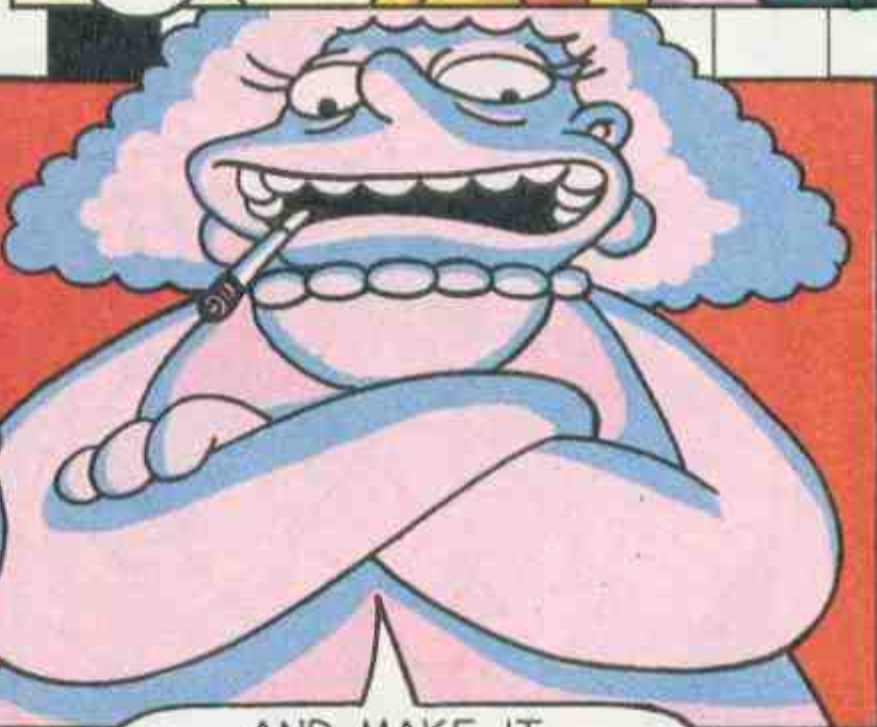
WHAT
ARE
YOU
LOOKING
AT?

STUPID
CHILD.

OH, DEAR!
HE MEANT *THESE*
SORT OF *CROSS*
WORDS!



SPEAK *UP*, FOOL. DON'T
LEAVE ALL THE CONVERSATION
TO *OTHERS*!



AND MAKE IT
SNAPPY! WE'RE ON OUR
WAY TO A FUNERAL.



A **FUNERAL**!
HOW **SAD**. DID ONE
OF THE **CROSSWORDS**
DIE?



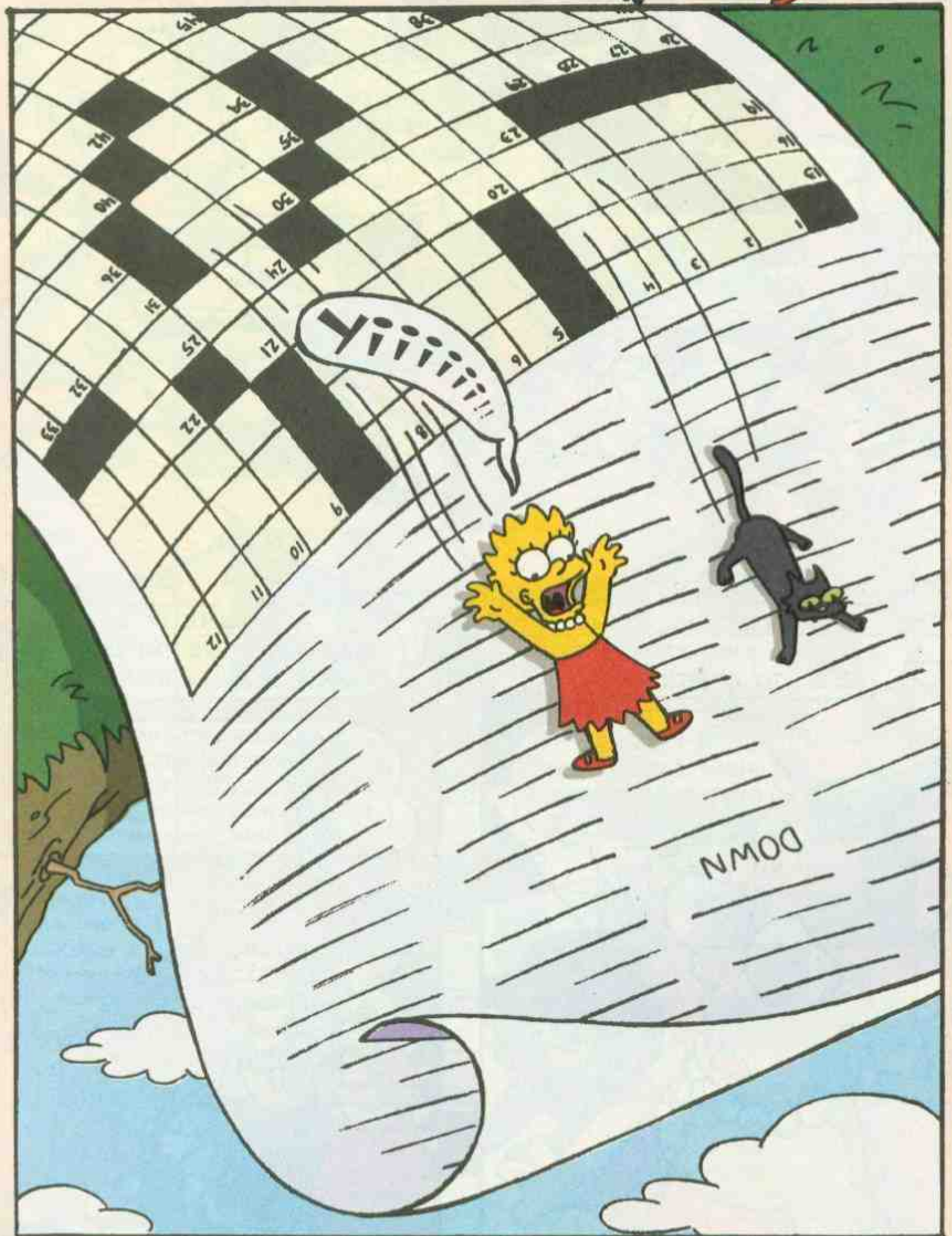
YEAH, SOME **BONEHEAD**
GOT HIMSELF ERASED. WE
TOLD HIM NOT TO LET THEM
USE A **PENCIL** ON HIM! NOW
THEY'RE GONNA **BURY** HIM . . .

. . . YEAH,
6 DOWN AND
3 ACROSS!

THIS PLACE IS A MADHOUSE, SNOWBALL!
WE'VE JUST GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT!

HA, HA, HA!

AW, SHUT UP!



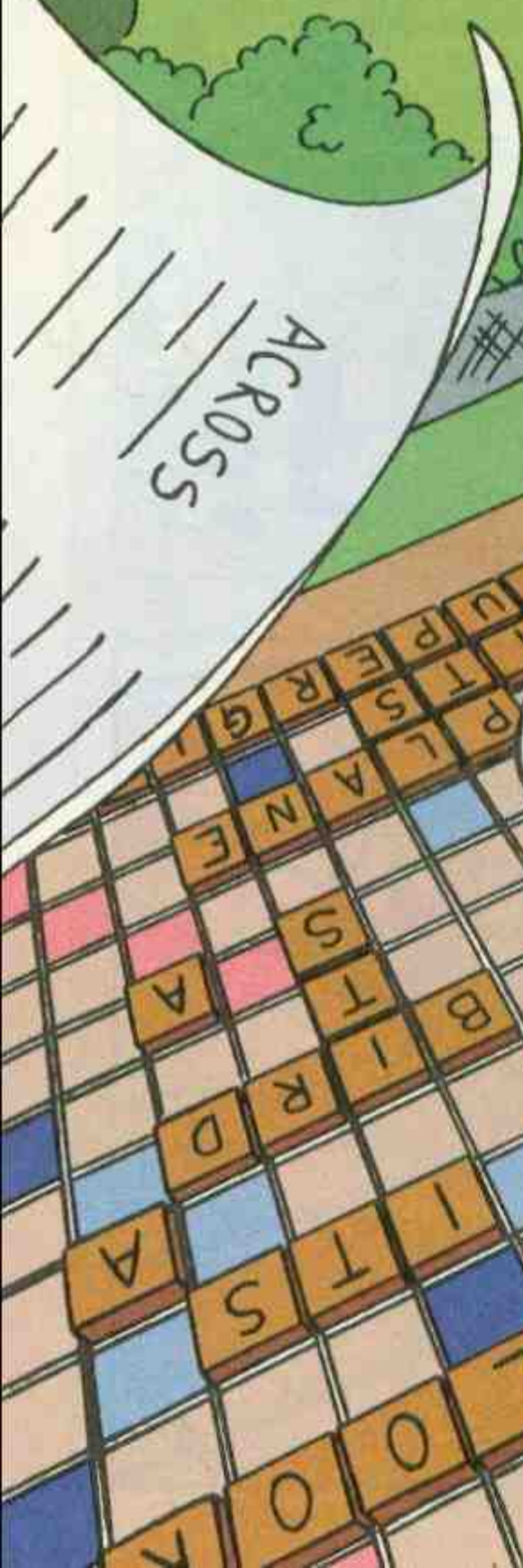


FORBIDDEN
WORDS

WHEW!
I JUST KNEW
THESE TALK BALLOONS
WOULD COME IN HANDY AT
SOME POINT IN THIS STORY!
LOOK, SNOWBALL, THERE'S
THE POSTMAN DOWN THERE
ON WHAT SEEMS TO BE . . .

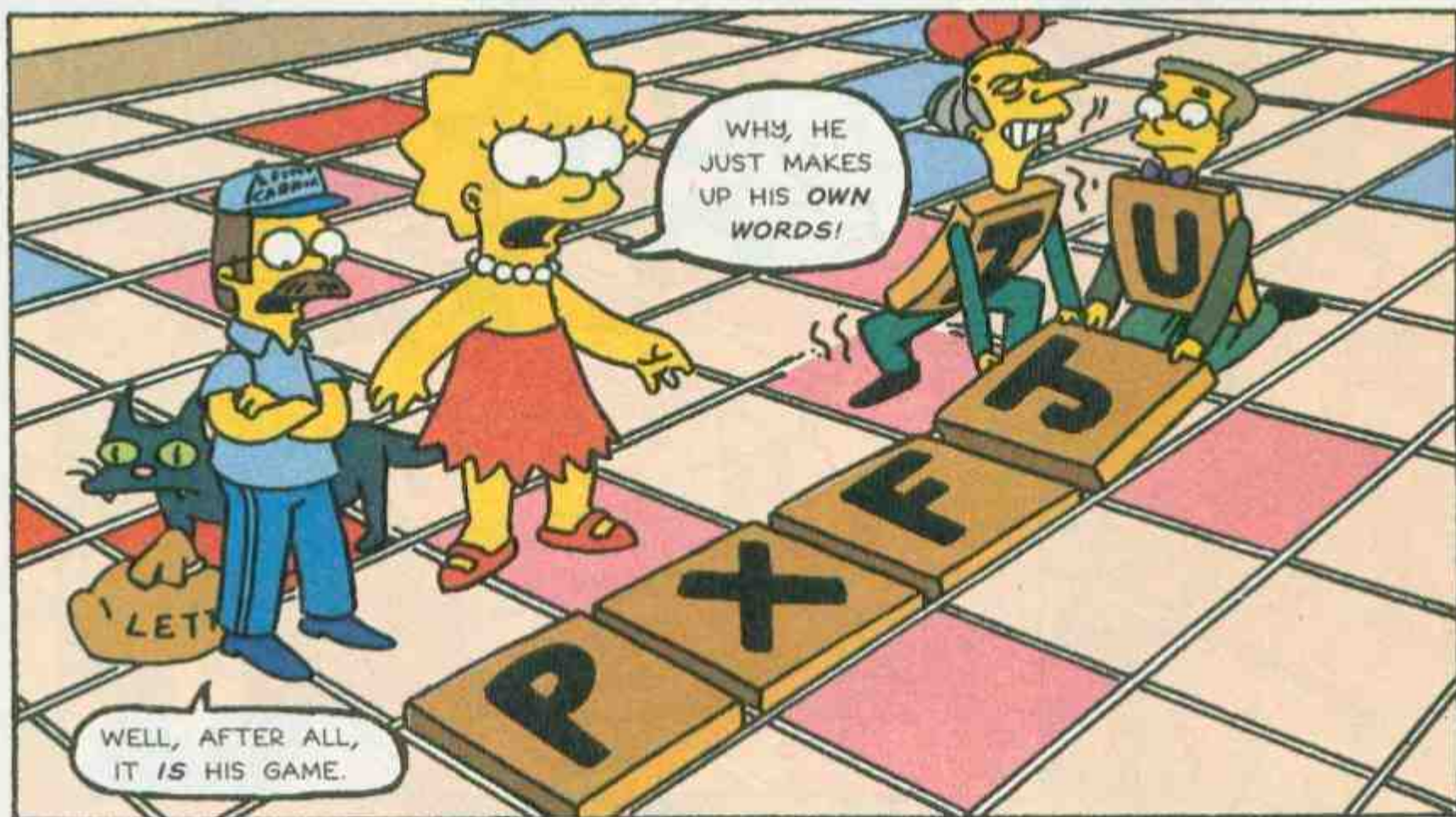
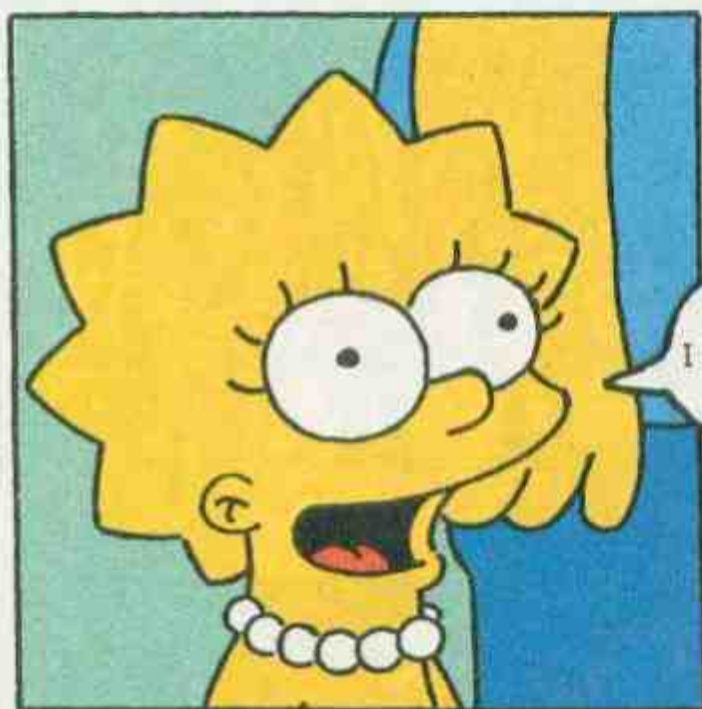


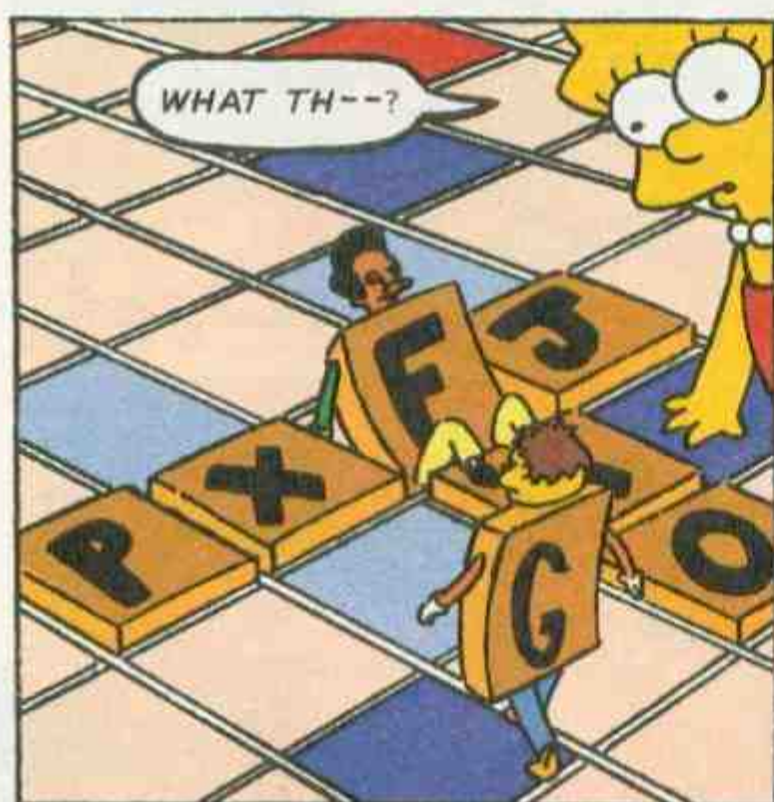
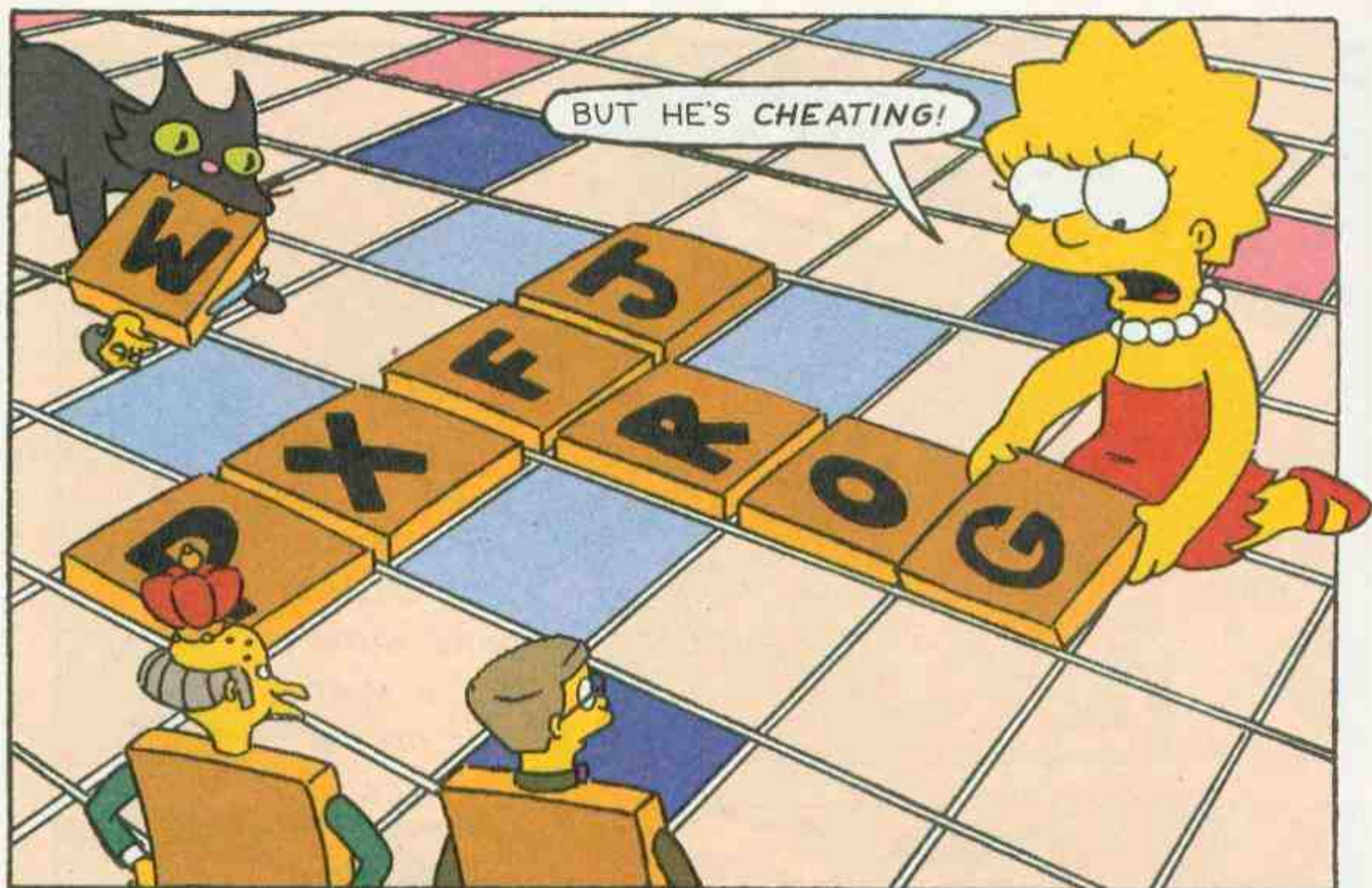
AN ENORMOUS
GAME BOARD!

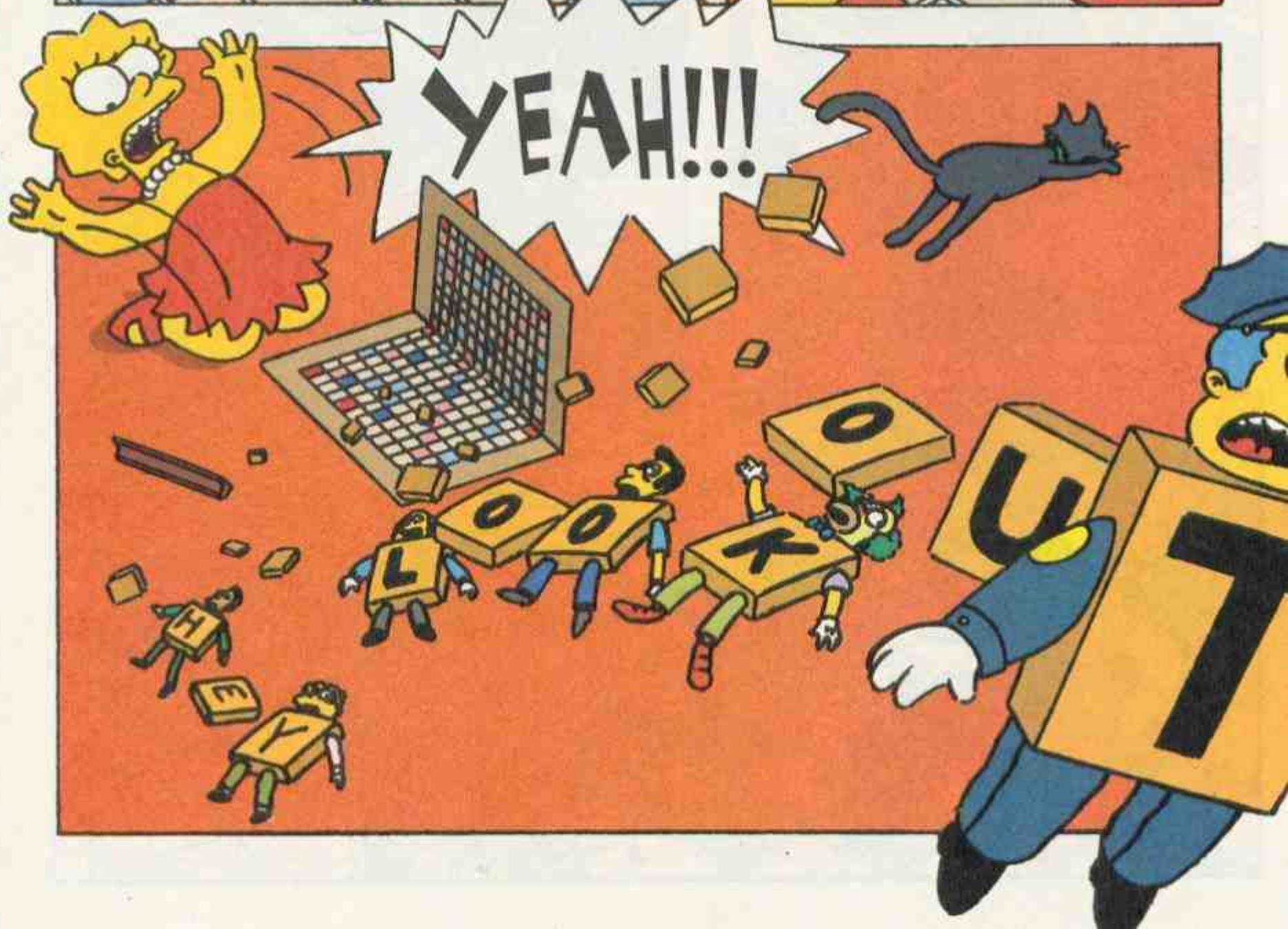


MR. POSTMAN,
WHO IS THAT
PUFFED UP TILE
THERE?

OH, NOODLY-
NOO! DON'T
POINT . . .
IT IS I,
THE GRAND
HIGH INFLATED
EGOMANIAC!
THESE ARE HIS
GAMING
GROUNDS.











Tangy Taffy gives
you a lot to
chew on!

