

BARTMAN™

AYE CARUMBA!
IT LOOKS LIKE
THE NEXT COVER
ENHANCEMENT
IS GONNA BE
MY BLOOD!

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**GIANT
BARTMAN
PULL-OUT POSTER
INSIDE!**

PART 3 OF ULTRA-GIANT 4-PART
BONGO UNIVERSE POSTER!

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**SILVER
INK**

The **COMIC COVER CAPER!**



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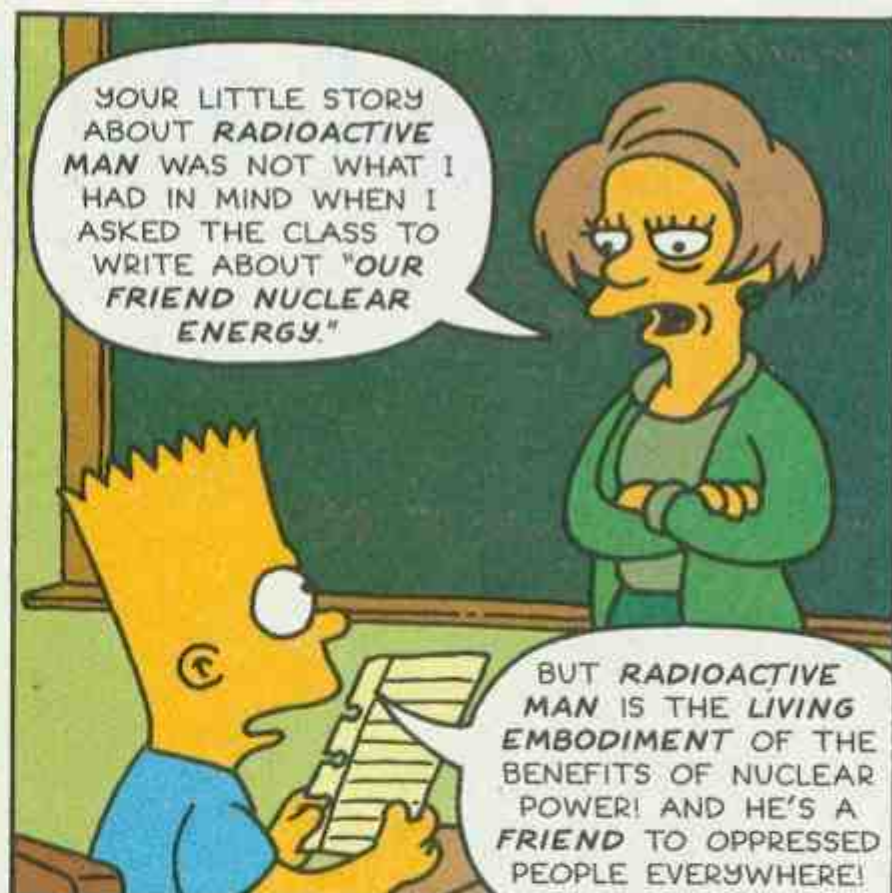
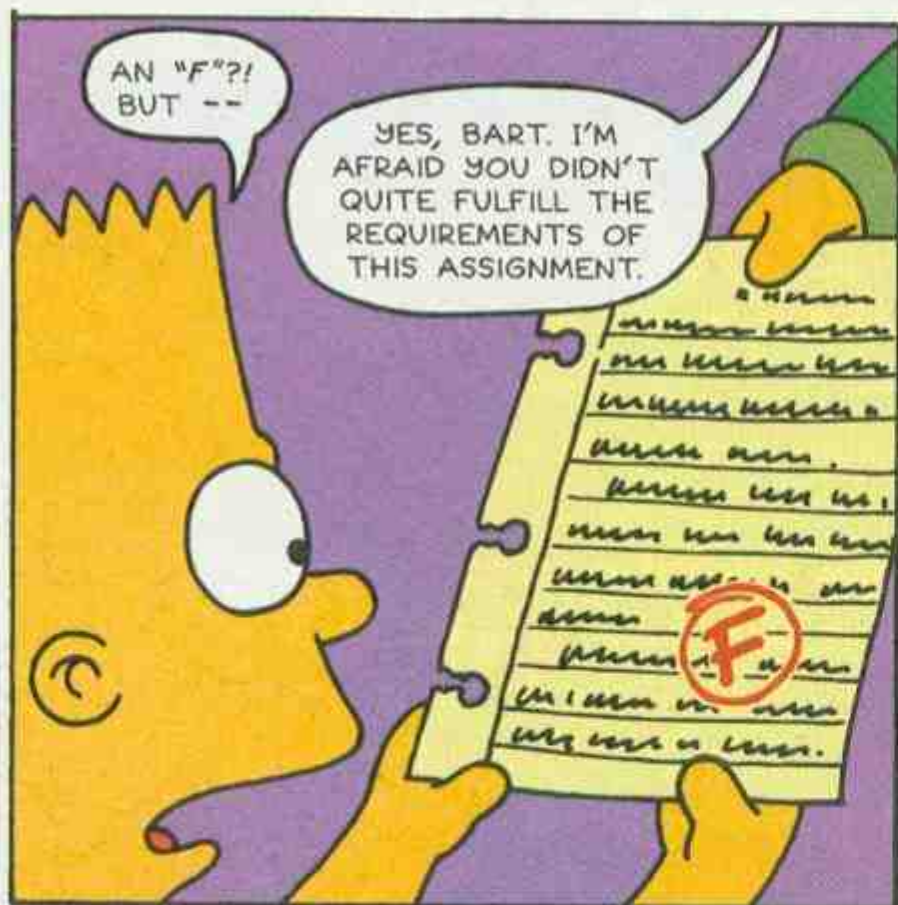
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THAT EVENING...



I CAN'T HELP IT, LISA -- KNOWING THAT I HAVE TO GO TO *SUMMER SCHOOL* HAS TAKEN THE JOY OUT OF MY LIFE.



MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, LISA. I -- HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! I DON'T SEE YOU RUSHING OUT TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER SCHOOL!

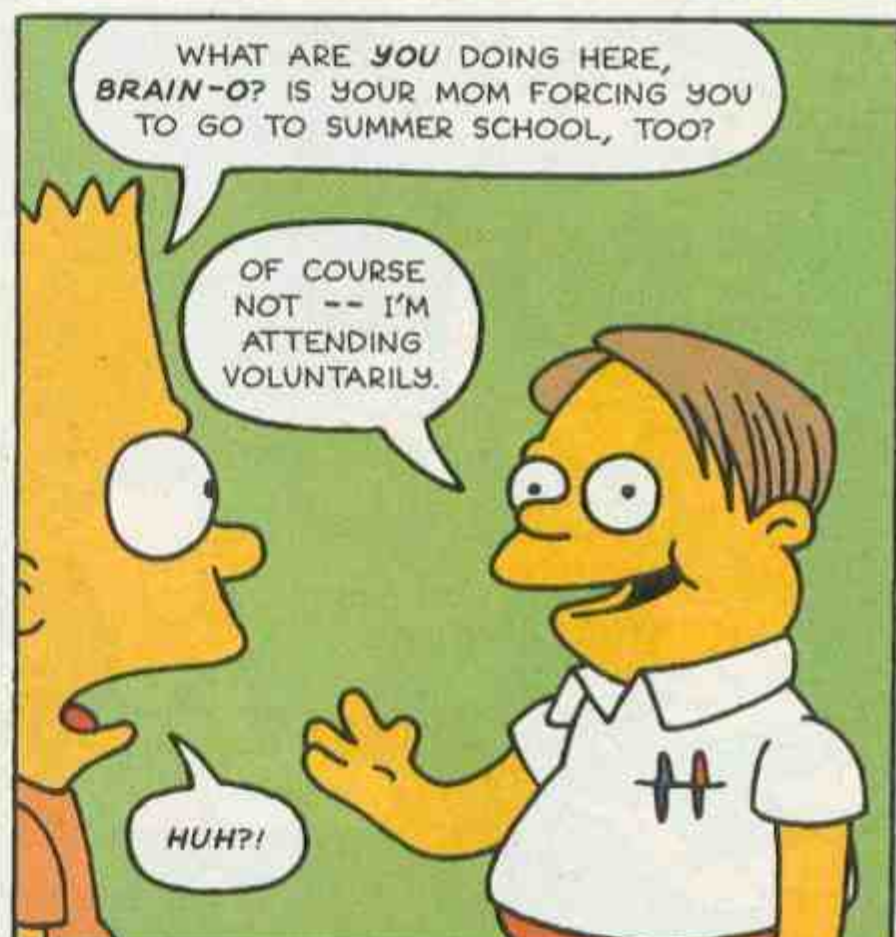


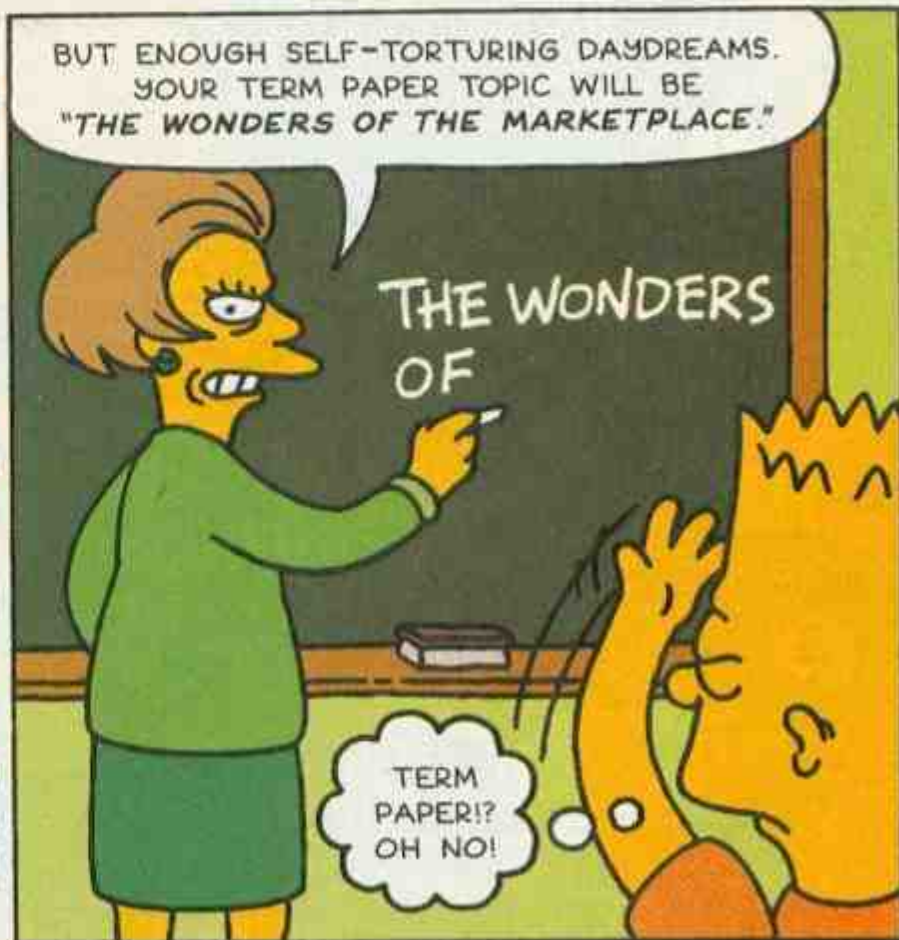
ALL TOO SOON, THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL ARRIVES...



BART, I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL, BUT YOU'RE ONLY MAKING IT HARDER ON YOURSELF BY MOPING AROUND THIS WAY.







AFTER SCHOOL...

OOH, BABY! AFTER A HARD DAY OF SCHOOL, NOTHING HELPS YOU FORGET ALL THE JUNK THEY'VE MADE YOU LEARN LIKE A VISIT TO THE COMIC BOOK SHOP!

YEAH! I HOPE THE NEW CAPTAIN SQUID CAME IN THIS WEEK!

ANDROID'S DUNGEON
BASEBALL CARD SHOP

YES, WE'RE
OPEN

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I'M WAITING FOR THE RADIOACTIVE MAN VS. CAPTAIN SQUID CROSSOVER NEXT WEEK. WHEN THOSE TWO TITANS CLASH, IT'S SURE TO BE THE COMIC BOOK EVENT OF THE MILLENNIUM OF THE MONTH! IT'S GONNA HAVE A HOLOFOIL COVER AND -- AYE CARUMBA!







OBSERVE, POINDEXTER! HERE IS AN **ORDINARY** COPY OF CAPTAIN SQUID #472, JUST LIKE THE ONE YOU'VE GOT. I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT FOR \$2.50. NOTICE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IT AND THE ONE THAT'S GOING FOR \$50?

THE ONE IN THE CASE DOESN'T HAVE A **FOIL-STAMPED** LOGO!



VERY GOOD. YOU PASS THE EYE EXAM.

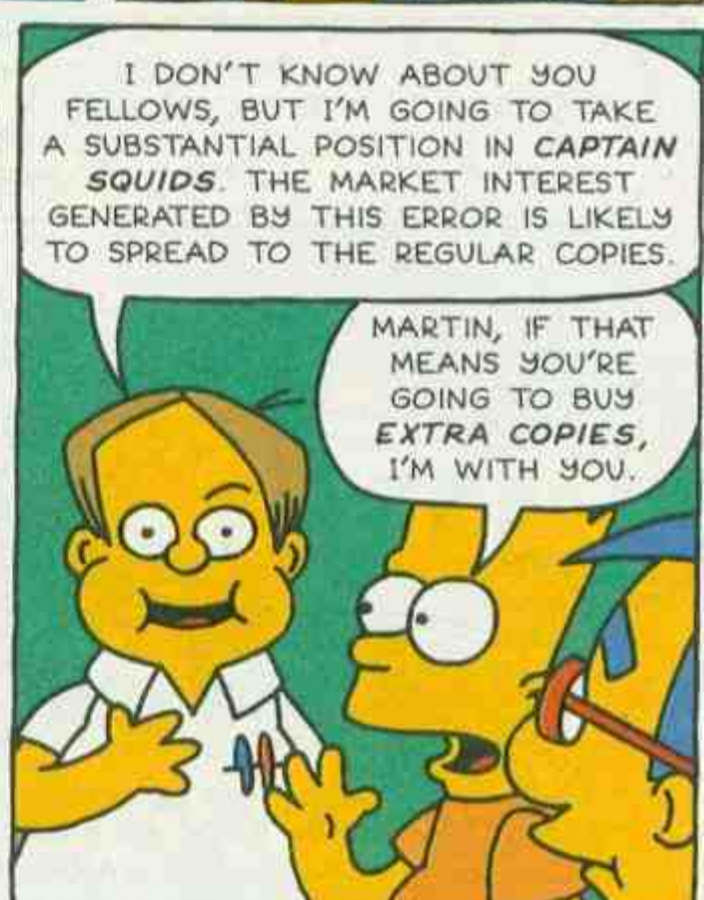
BUT IF IT'S DEFECTIVE, WHY IS THE PRICE **HIGHER**?



WHATSAMATTER? YOU NEVER HEARD OF **SUPPLY AND DEMAND**? OUT OF A PRINT RUN OF 500,000, ONLY **50 COPIES** DIDN'T GET FOIL STAMPED.

THAT MAKES 'EM **ULTRA-RARE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS** -- HENCE THE EXORBITANT PRICE.

WOW! A **NON-ENHANCED** COMIC THAT'S WORTH MORE THAN AN **ENHANCED** COMIC! IS THAT LEGAL?



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU FELLOWS, BUT I'M GOING TO TAKE A SUBSTANTIAL POSITION IN **CAPTAIN SQUIDS**. THE MARKET INTEREST GENERATED BY THIS ERROR IS LIKELY TO SPREAD TO THE REGULAR COPIES.

MARTIN, IF THAT MEANS YOU'RE GOING TO BUY **EXTRA COPIES**, I'M WITH YOU.



SOON...

HEY, I JUST PUT THAT BOOK ON DISPLAY AND THE KIDS ARE DROOLING ALREADY. THEY BOUGHT OUT ALL THE **REGULAR COPIES**.

SO -- YOU GOT ANY MORE **ERROR COMICS**?

JUST WAIT --

-- YOU'LL HAVE MORE SOON.

THE NEXT DAY...

TODAY YOUR SCHOOL WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU A GLIMPSE OF THE EXCITING THINGS YOU HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO ONCE YOU GET YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

IT'S DEAD-END CAREER DAY!

THIS AFTERNOON WE'LL BE TAKING A FIELD TRIP TO THE SPRINGFIELD PAPER AND PRINTING COMPANY.

YAWN

WE WERE GOING TO PAY A VISIT TO THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, BUT BECAUSE OF CERTAIN DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS WE HAD ON OUR LAST TRIP THERE, THEY ASKED US TO NEVER COME BACK.

SOMETIMES I WAKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT THINKING I HEAR THAT SIREN...

DO NOT TOUCH THIS BUTTON

VEEP! VEEP! VEEP! VEEP!

NO!

WHOOOMPH!
SSSSSSSS!

AIEEE!!

SOON...

HOLD ONTO YOUR SEATS, KIDS! DUE TO SCHOOL BUDGET CUTBACKS, WE COULDN'T GET THE BRAKES FIXED.

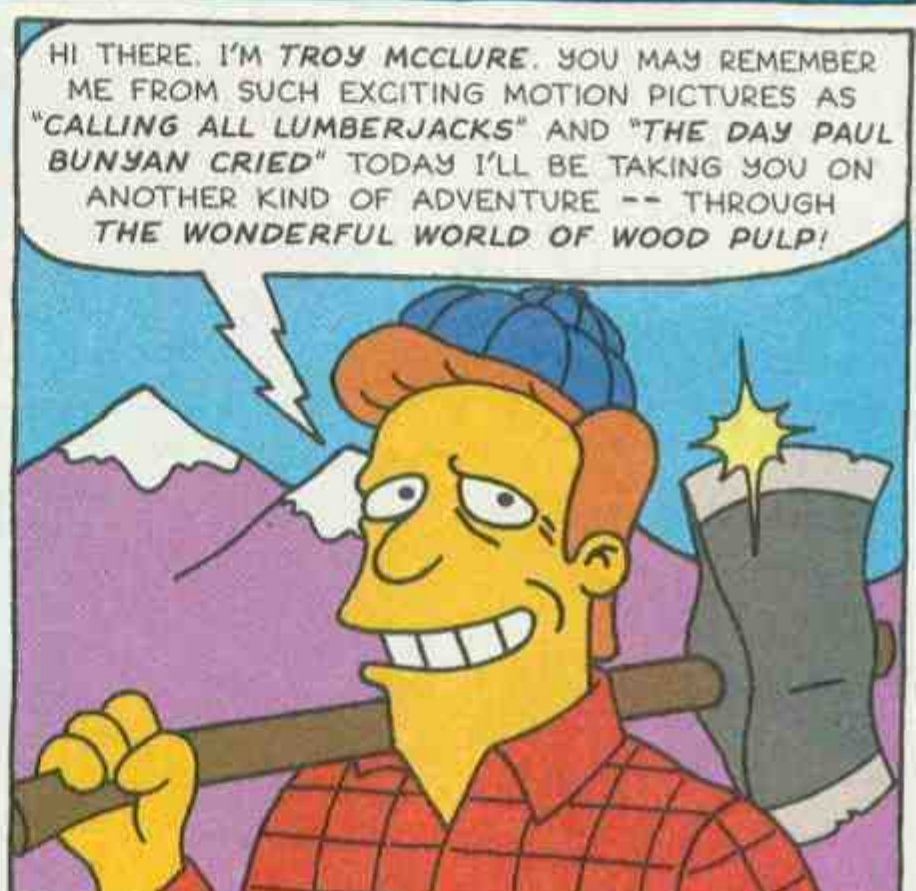
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SPRINGFIELD PAPER AND PRINTING CO.

"THE ANSWER TO YOUR PAPER AND PRINTING NEEDS IS CLEAR CUT."

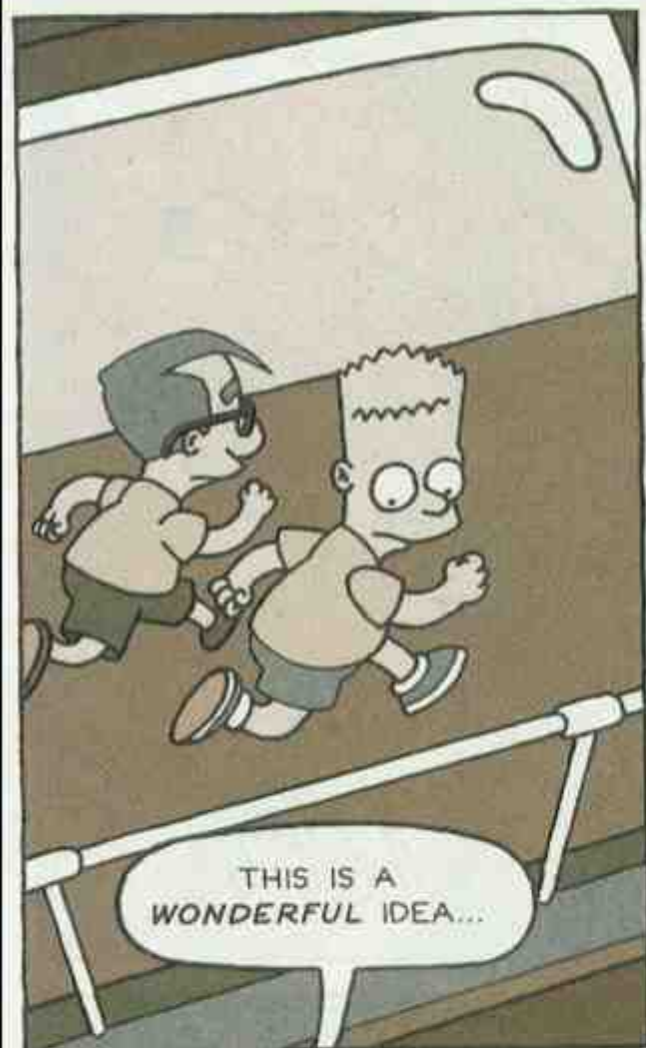
STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH

SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL









LATER THAT AFTERNOON, MILHOUSE HEADS FOR THE COMIC BOOK SHOP...

MAYBE I'LL FINALLY MAKE A DEAL ON THAT ROLLIE FINGERS ROOKIE CARD TO -- YIKES!

YES
OPEN

IT'S JIMBO!

BUT WHAT'S HE DOING AT THE COMICS SHOP? HE SAID COMICS ARE FOR BABIES! UNLESS...

...MAYBE HE COLLECTS BASEBALL CARDS!

I'M NOT GOING IN UNTIL HE LEAVES. HE MIGHT PUSH ME LIKE HE DID BART!

10 MINUTES LATER...

SEE YOU LATER, MAN.

FINALLY! HE'S LEAVING.

INSIDE THE COMICS SHOP...

WHOA! A NEW ERROR COMIC!

THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS. I'D BETTER GET GOING! THIS IS A JOB FOR...

"...BARTMAN!"

SOON, A MYSTERIOUS BEACON
GLOWS IN THE DARKENING
SKY OVER SPRINGFIELD...

THE BARTSIGNAL!
I'M NEEDED!

I HOPE
BARTMAN SEES
THE SIGNAL. HE...

GOOD EVENING,
OLD FRIEND.

BARTMAN!

WHAT DASTARDLY EVIL
STALKS SPRINGFIELD
TONIGHT, MILHOUSE?

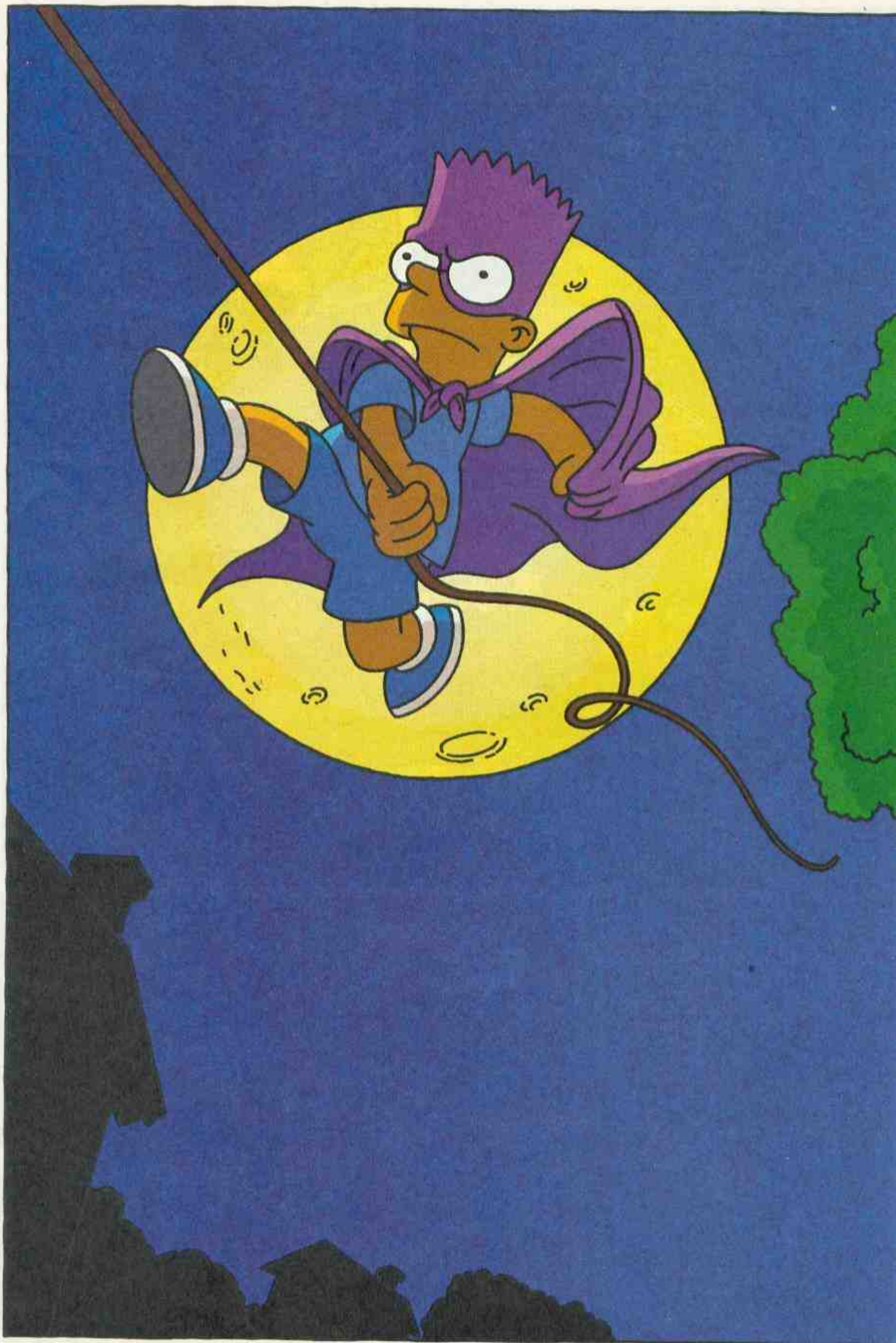
QUICKLY, MILHOUSE EXPLAINS...

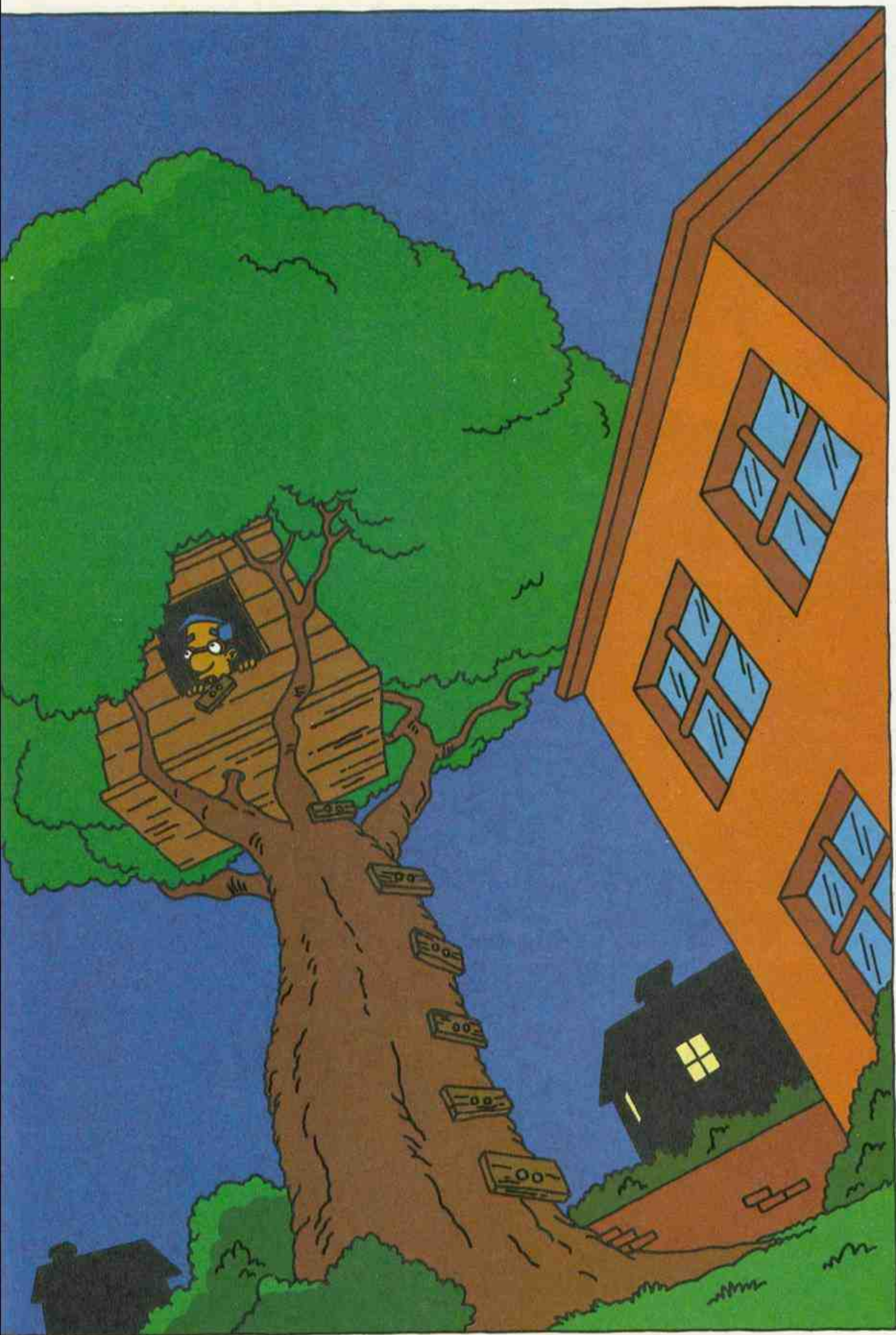
HMMM... SO JIMBO WAS IN
THE COMICS SHOP, EH? AND AT
THE SAME TIME AS THE NEW
ERROR COMIC APPEARED?

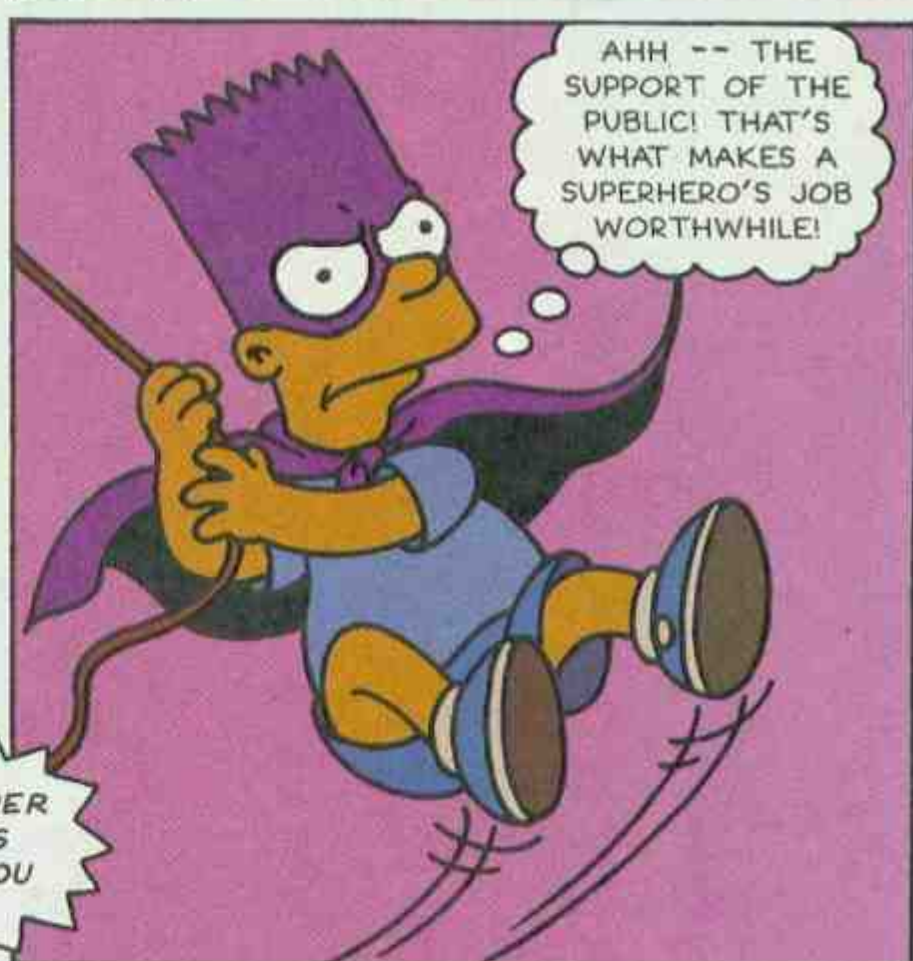
I'D BETTER
INVESTIGATE
FURTHER.

WHAT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND IS...

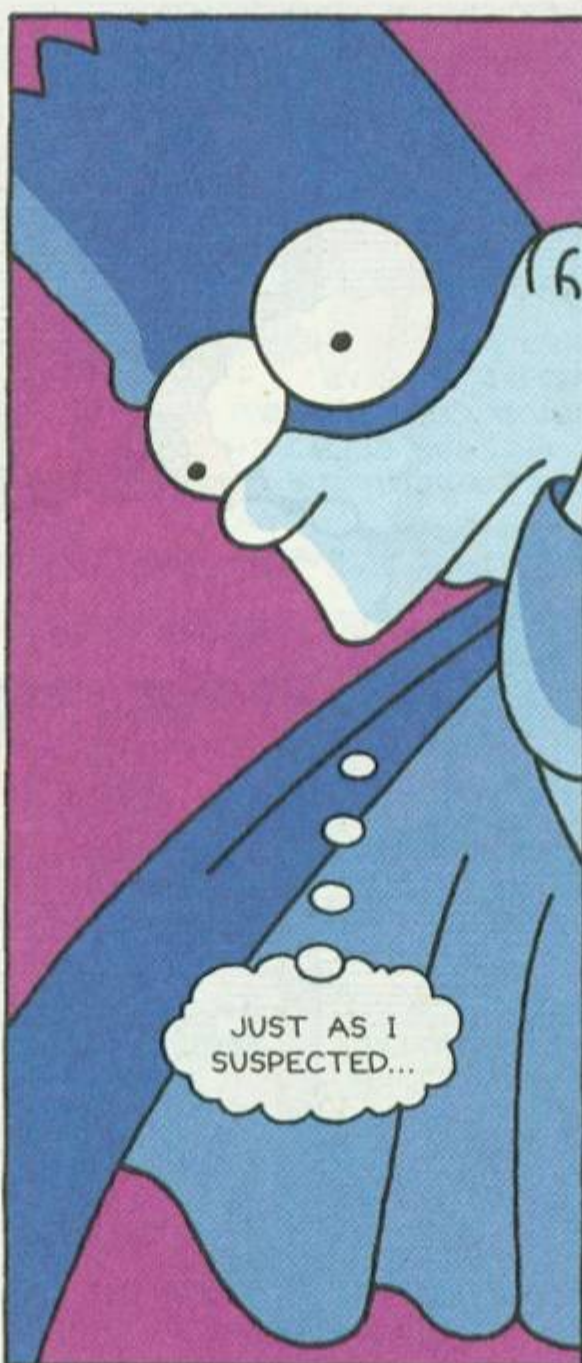
ZULP!
HE'S GONE!



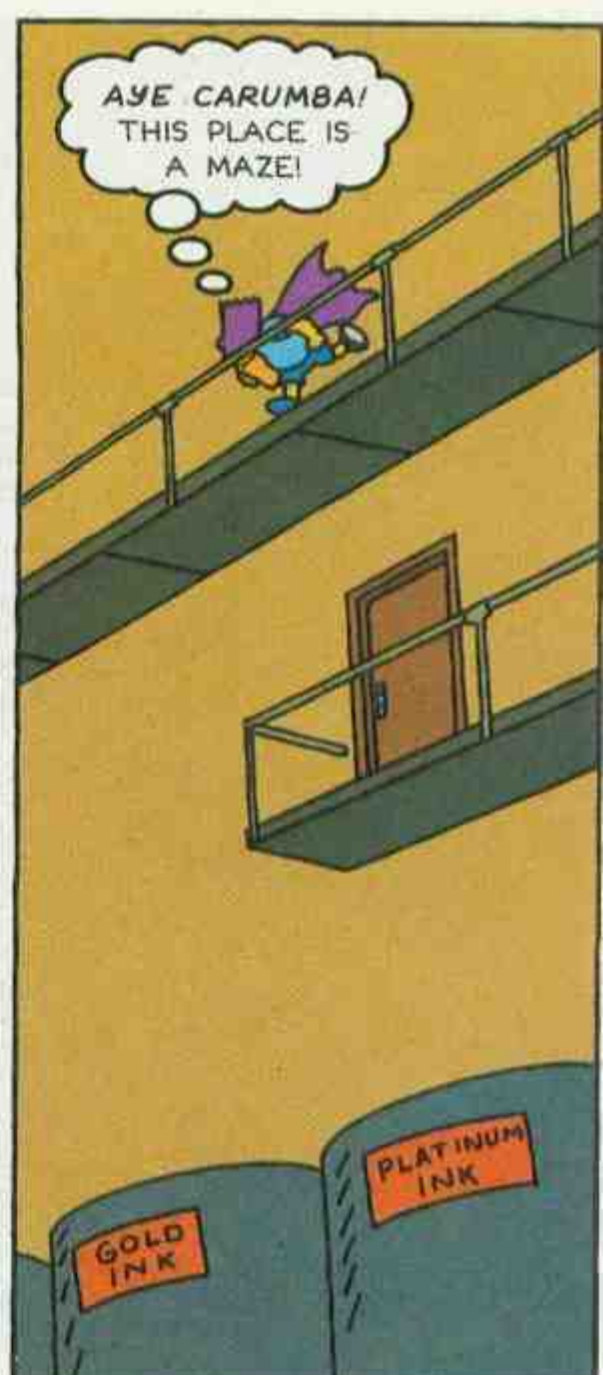


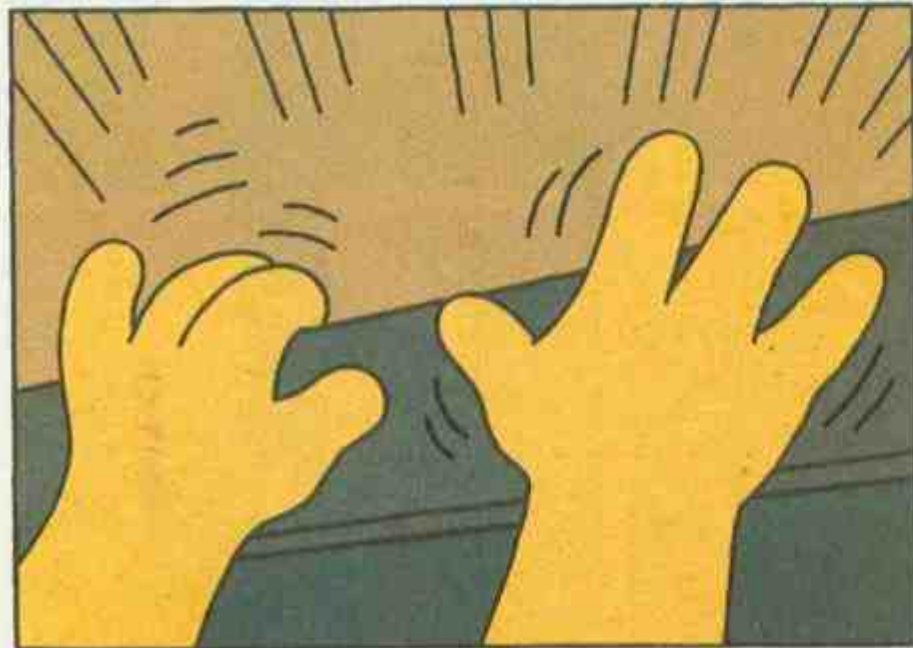


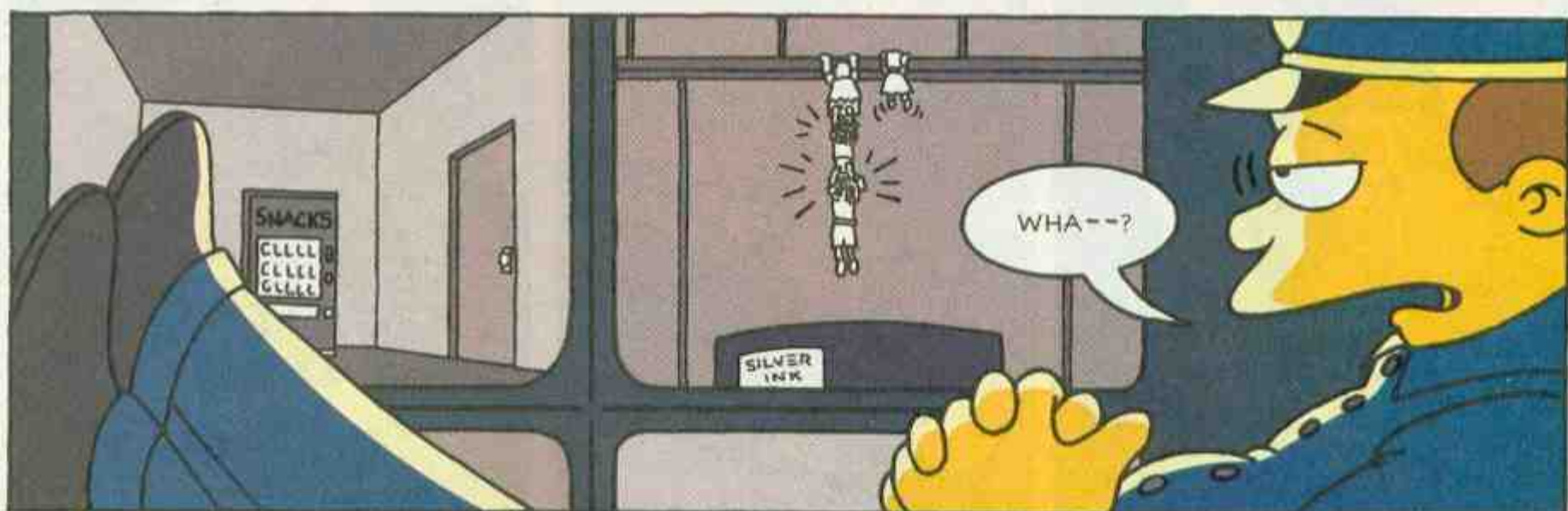
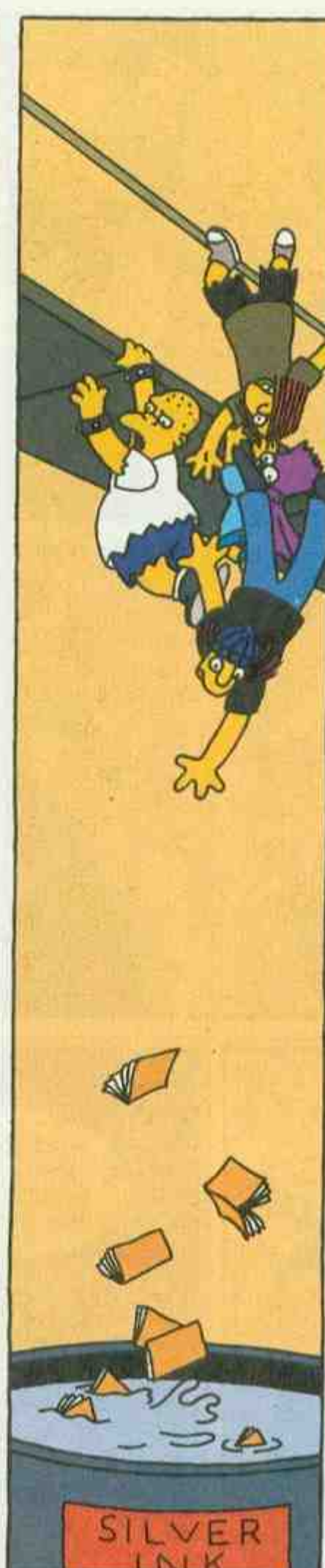
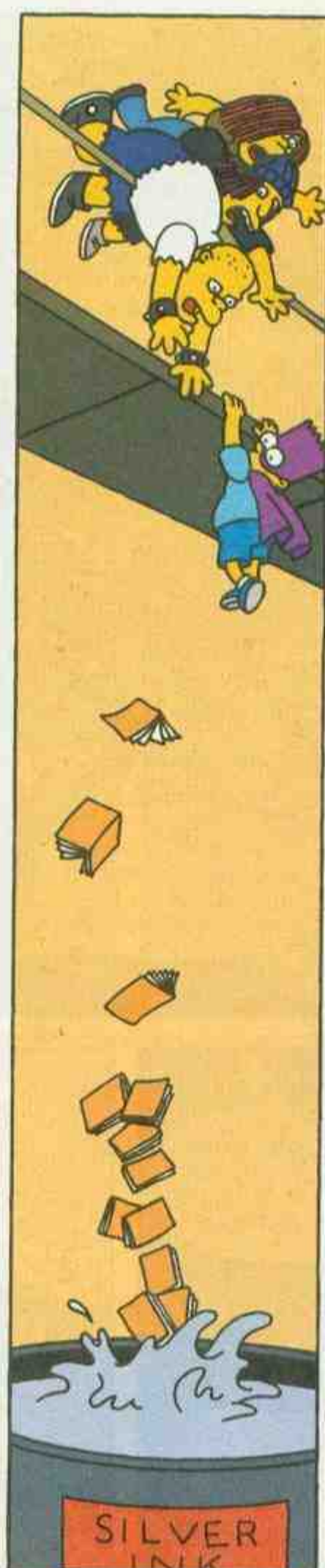
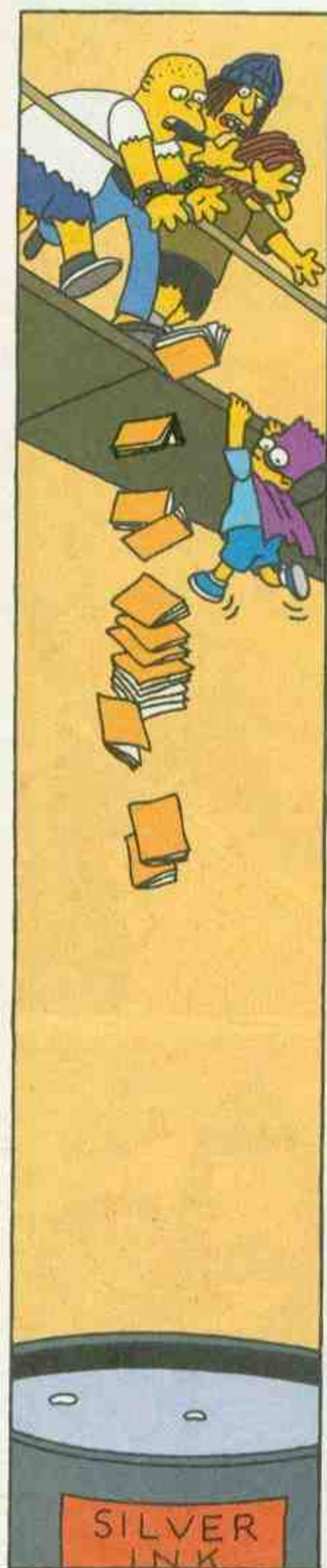














THE NEXT MORNING...

YAAAAHH! SOMEONE CUT UP THE FRONT PAGE -- THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE PAPER!



GOSH, DAD, YOU USUALLY IGNORE THE FRONT PAGE AND GO RIGHT FOR THE COMICS! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU TAKING SUCH AN INTEREST IN CURRENT EVENTS.

AAWWW...



MEANWHILE, UPSTAIRS...

Springfield Shopper

SERVING SPRINGFIELD FOR SEVERAL YEARS

COMICS CAPER FOILED

WHO IS BARTMAN?



CAUGHT SILVER-HANDED POLICE CHIEF WIGGUM WITH THREE UNIDENTIFIED JUVENILE SUSPECTS.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF BARTMAN BASED ON EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS.

AAHHH...AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO BARTMAN'S ARCHIVES!



ELSEWHERE...

SALES ARE GREAT ON CAPTAIN SQUID AND SUPERIOR SQUADRON, BOSS -- THANKS TO THE HEAT FROM THOSE FAKE ERROR COMICS!

BOFFO COMICS

TOO BAD THOSE PUNKS YOU BOUGHT OFF AT THE PRINTER GOT *BUSTED* SO WE CAN'T DO ANY MORE.

Springfield Shopper

COMICS CAPER FOILED

GRRRR!

ARNOLD LEACH PUBLISHER

CRUMPLE!

BEWARE, BARTMAN!

WHEN NEXT WE MEET, I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE!

LATER...

HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR TER PAPER YET?

AYE CARUMBA! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT! IT'S DUE TOMORROW -- AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA WRITE ABOUT!

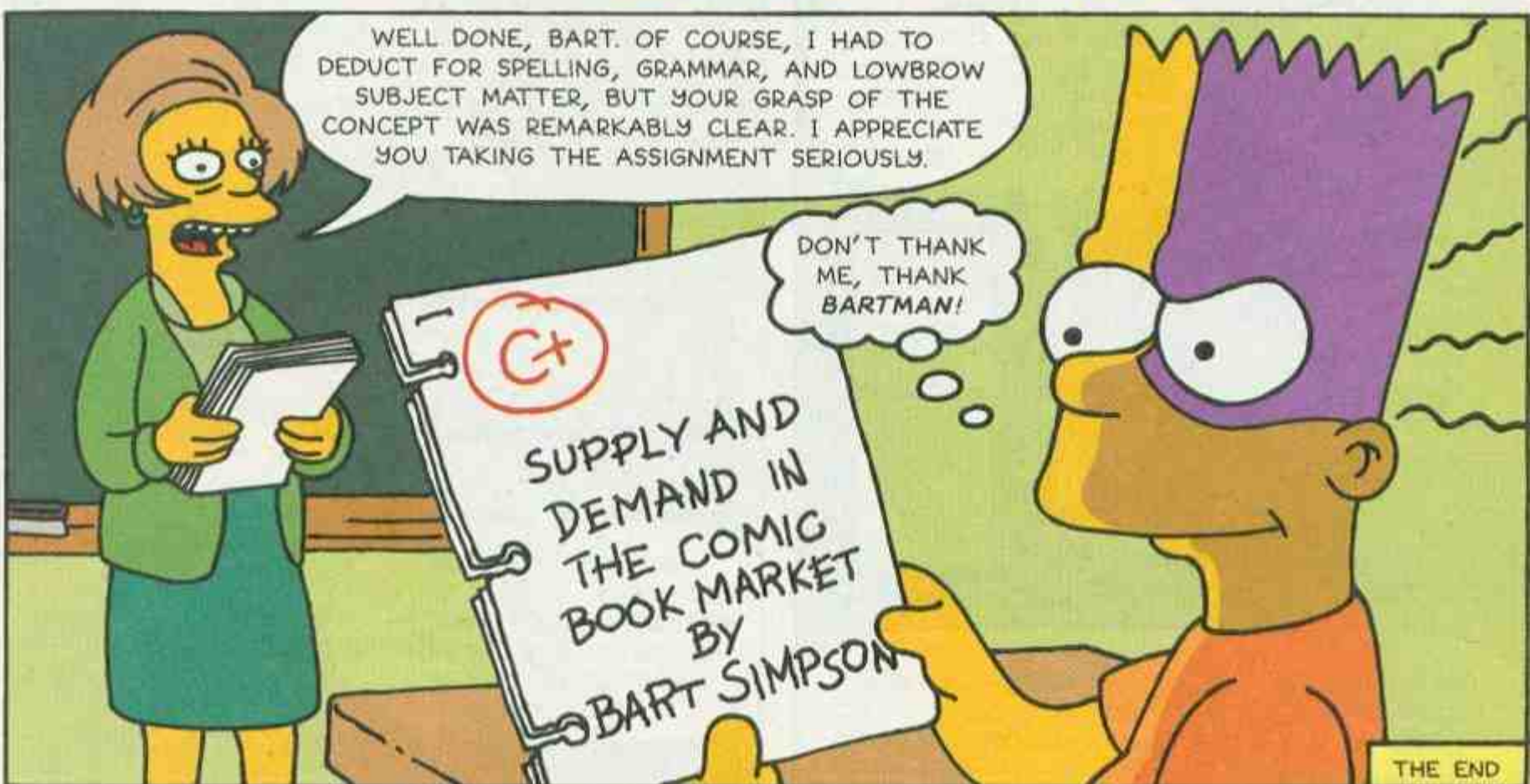
"TAKE ME TO YOUR COMIC BOOKS & BASEBALL CARDS!"

YES, WE'RE OPEN

GOSH, BART -- IF YOU FLUNK REGULAR SCHOOL THEY MAKE YOU GO TO SUMMER SCHOOL. WHAT DO THEY DO TO YOU IF YOU FLUNK SUMMER SCHOOL?

HEY, MAN -- WHAT'S THAT? ANOTHER ERROR COMIC?

NOT JUST ANOTHER ERROR COMIC -- THIS IS THE RAREST OF THE RARE -- AN ALL-SILVER COPY OF RADIOACTIVE MAN VS. CAPTAIN SQUID!



HAVE A BLAST!



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