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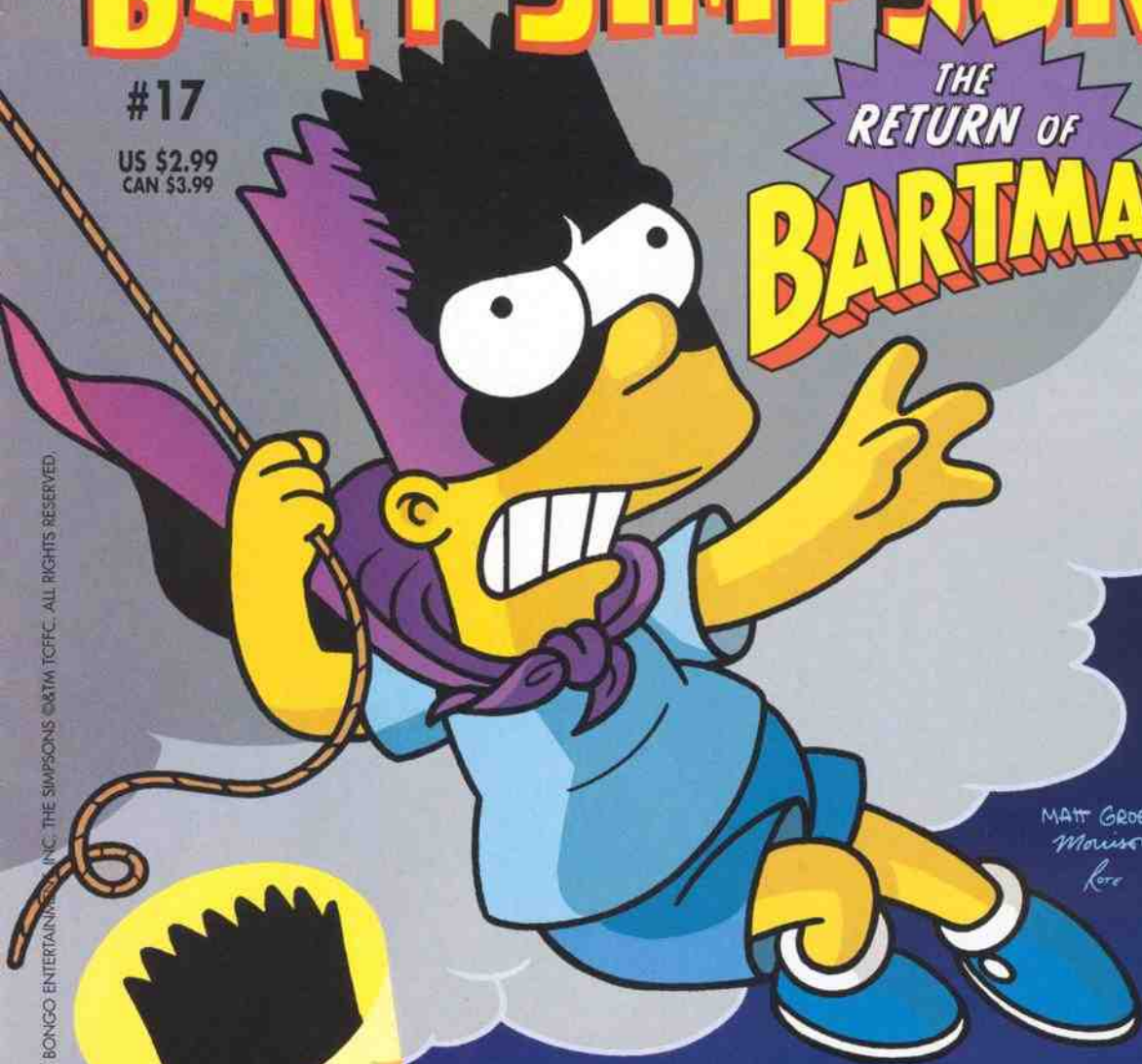


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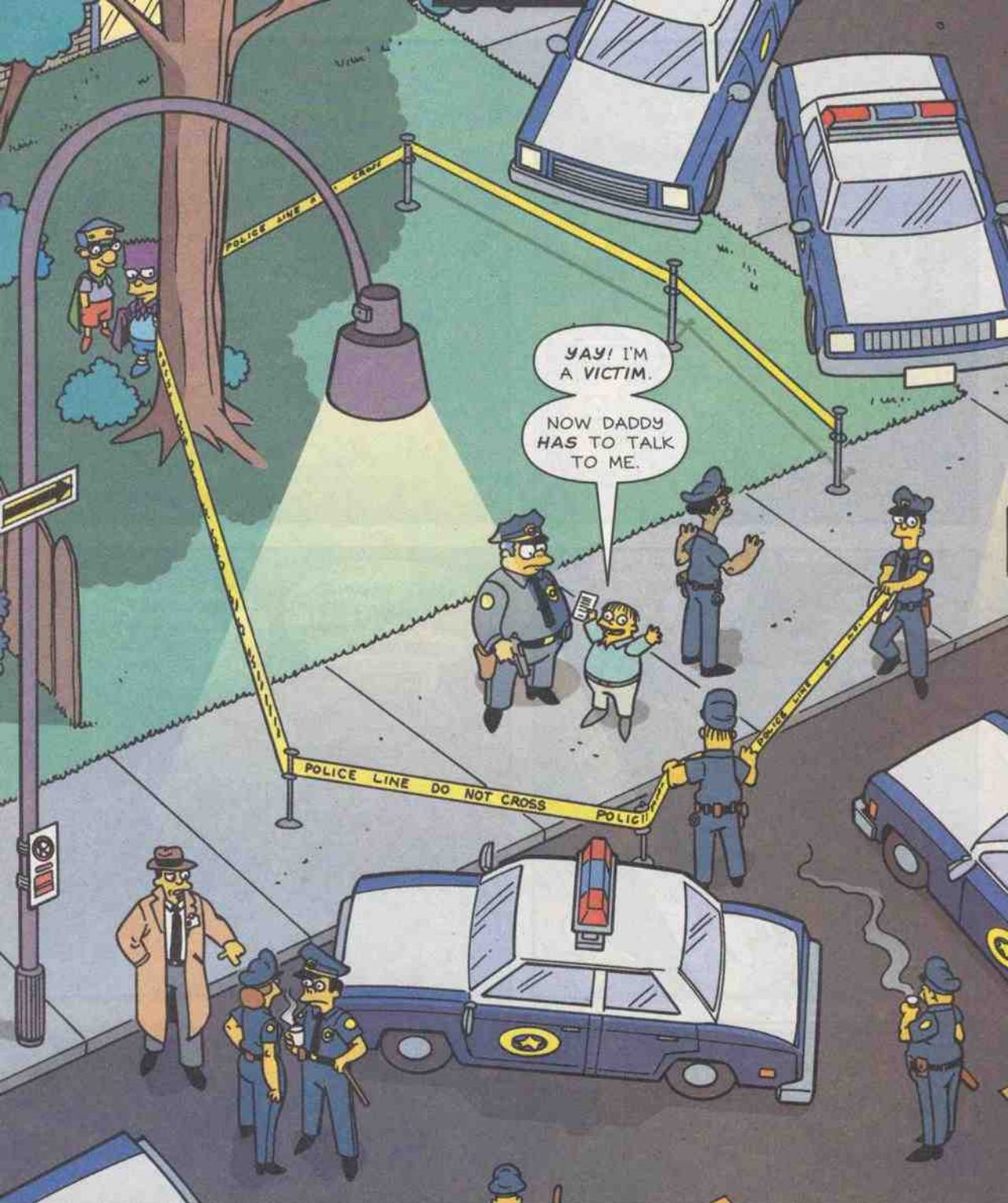
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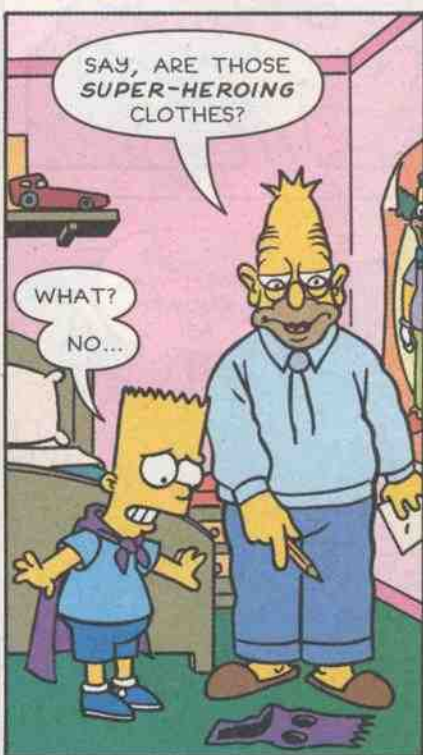
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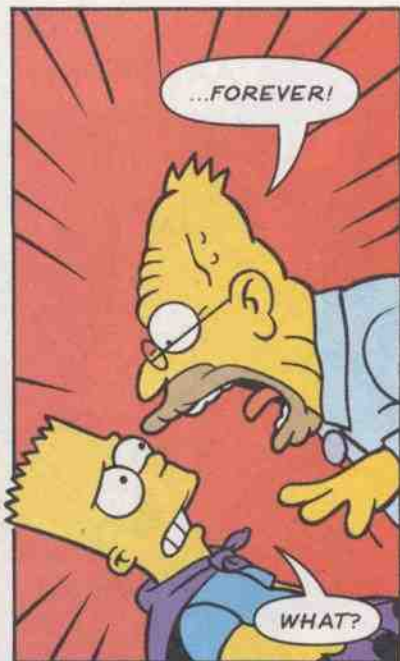
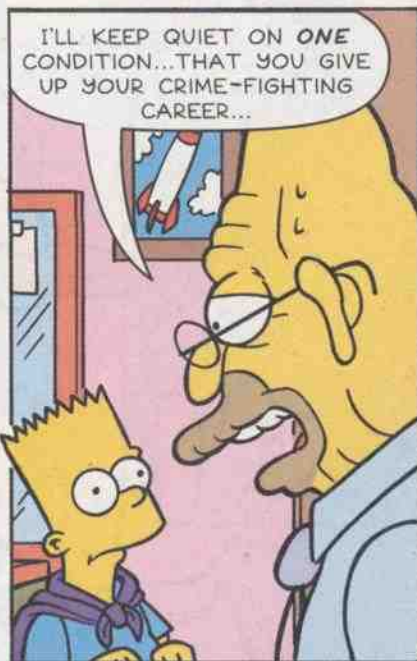
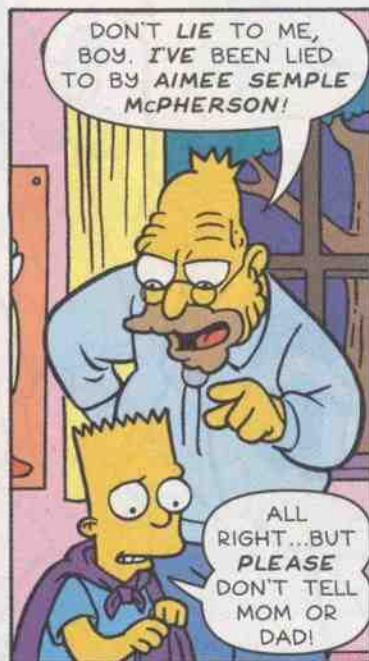
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DUSK SETTLES ON THE CITY,
AND THE FREELANCE SIDEKICKS
OF SPRINGFIELD GATHER NEAR
THE DOCKS TO WAIT FOR WORK...

WHATCHA DOIN'
WITH THAT PORTABLE
RADIO, THERE, ABLE-
BODIED BOY?

GEEZWHILLIKINS,
SKEEZY, DON'TCHA
KNOW?

IT'S TIME FOR THE
PUZZLING PURLOINER TO
INTERRUPT
THE REGULAR
BROADCAST AND
GIVE OUT HIS DAILY
CRIME RIDDLE TO
THE POLICE!

--ZZSQUAVAKK...
BWAA-HAA-
HAA!

ANOTHER NIGHT,
ANOTHER CRIME, AND
NOW WE COME TO
QUESTION TIME.

NO HEARTS
OR SPADES,
JUST A PAIR
OF FIVES. I'LL
BE THERE
AT TEN, TRY
TO TAKE ME
ALIVE...IF YOU
DARE! HAA-
HAA!

THERE'S BIG
TROUBLE AT THE
SAWMILL OUTSIDE
TOWN. BOOT-
LEGGERS AND
GUNS...

WE OFFER
SIDEKICKING
JOBS...IF KIDS
INTERESTED.

JUMPING
JUNEBUGS! WE
SURE ARE!!

WHO
HERE CAN
FLY?

HOW
FAR?

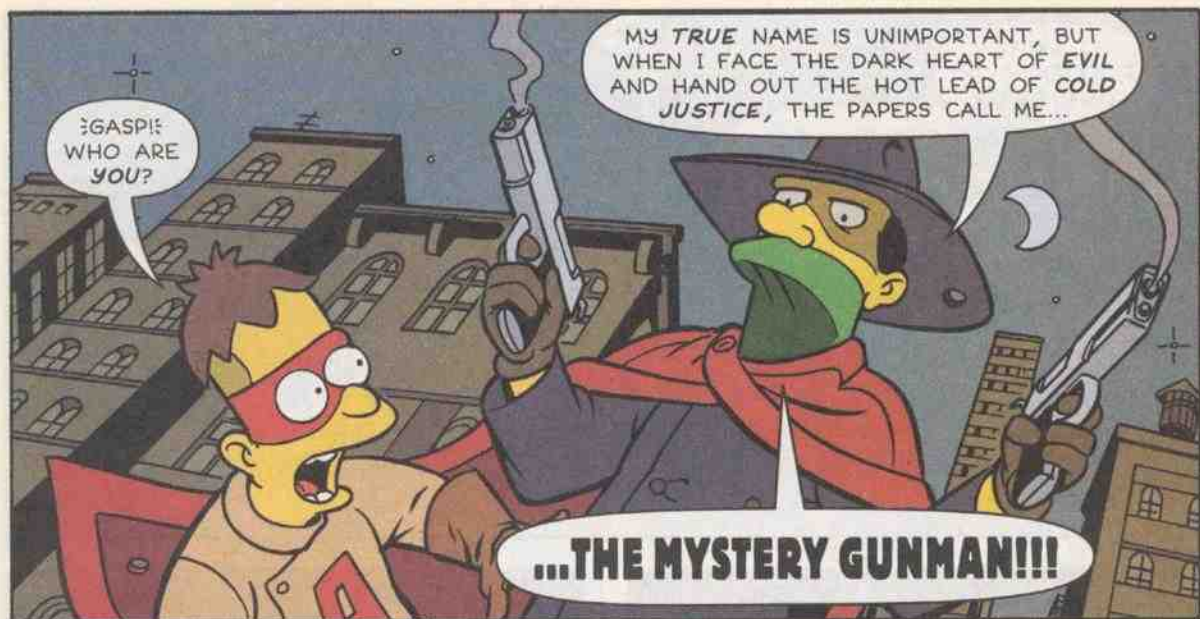
ANY
BUCKAROOS
OUT THERE
THAT CAN
SHOOT AND
RIDE?

OH!
PICK ME!!
ME!!

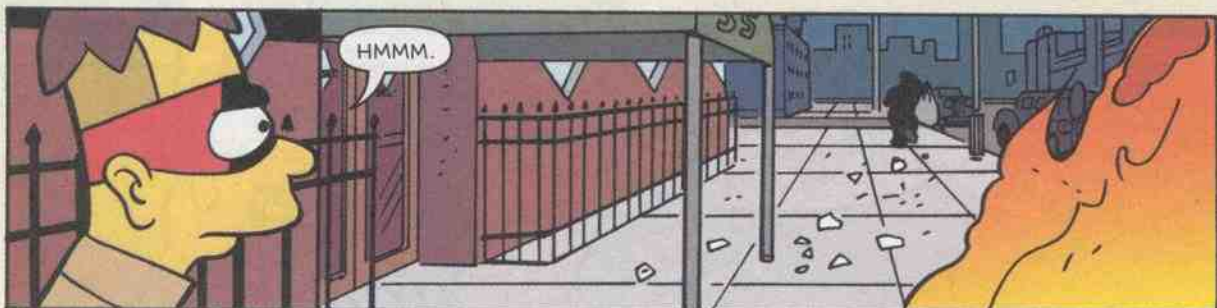
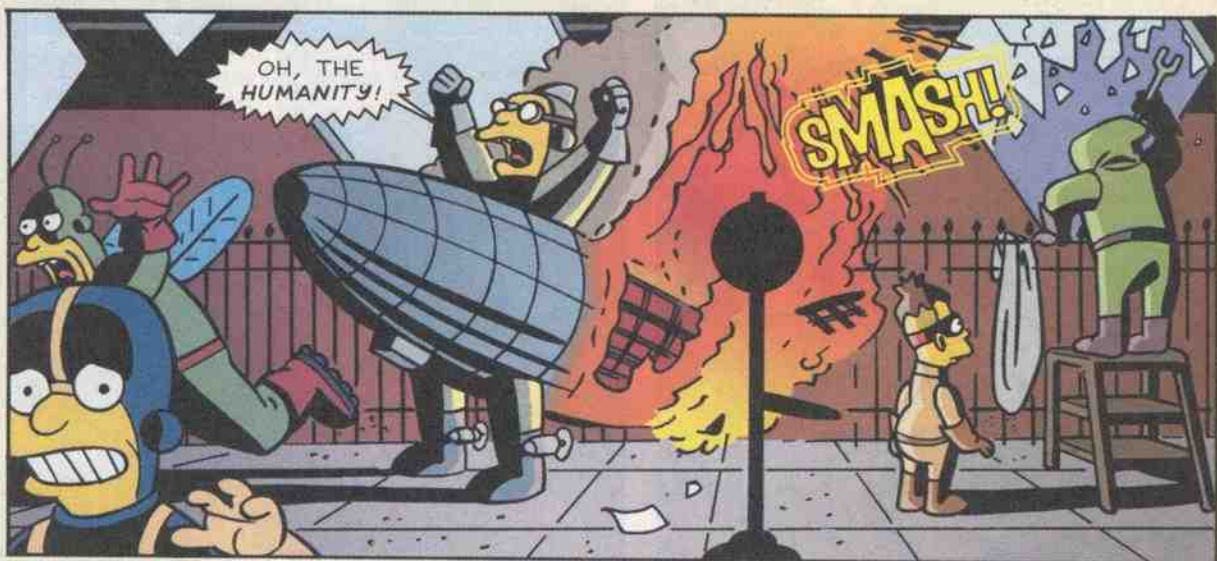
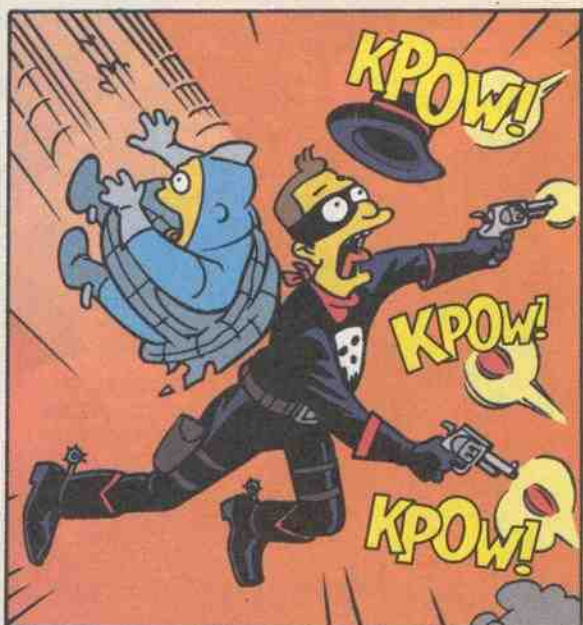
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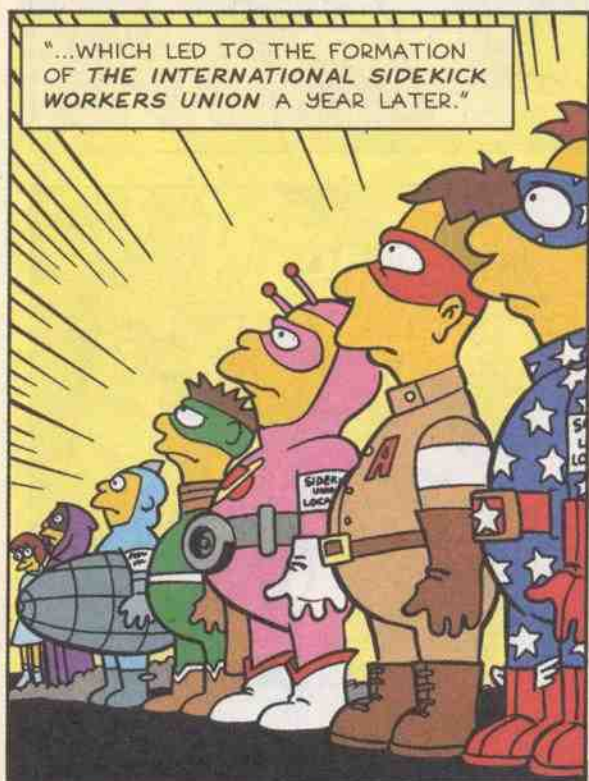
LET THEM
GO...
...FOR YOU
SHALL BE
SIDEKICKING
TONIGHT...

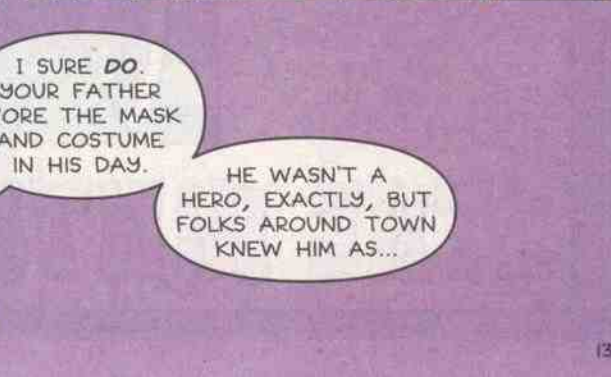
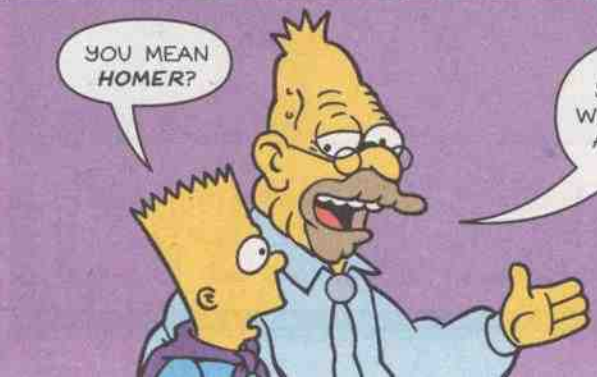
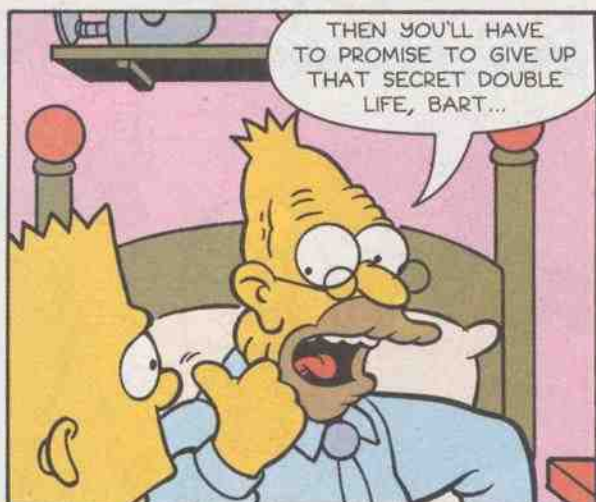
...WITH
ME!



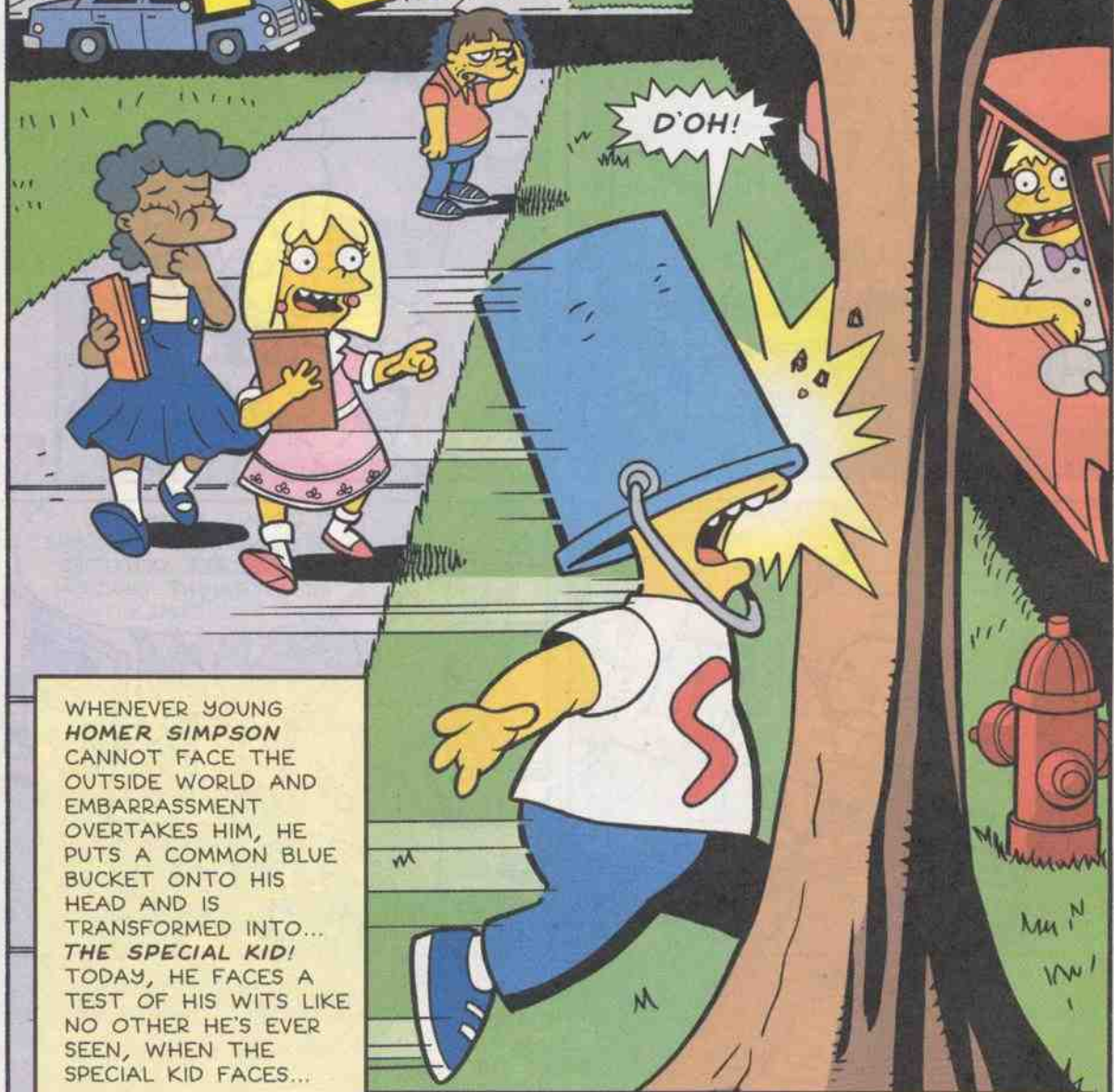








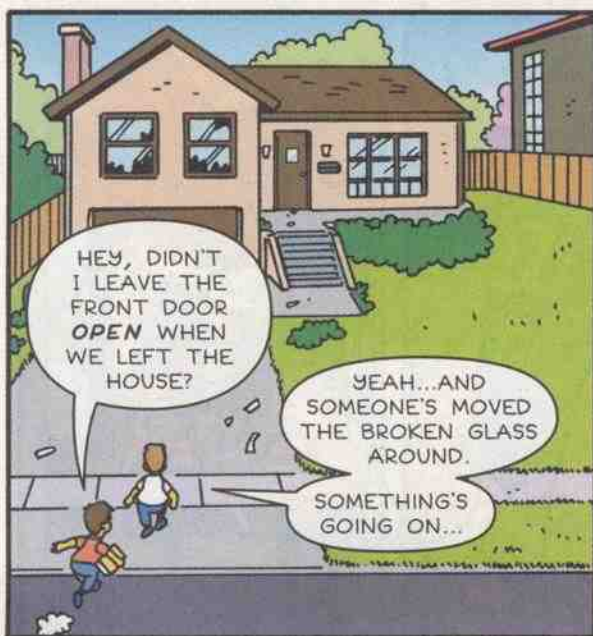
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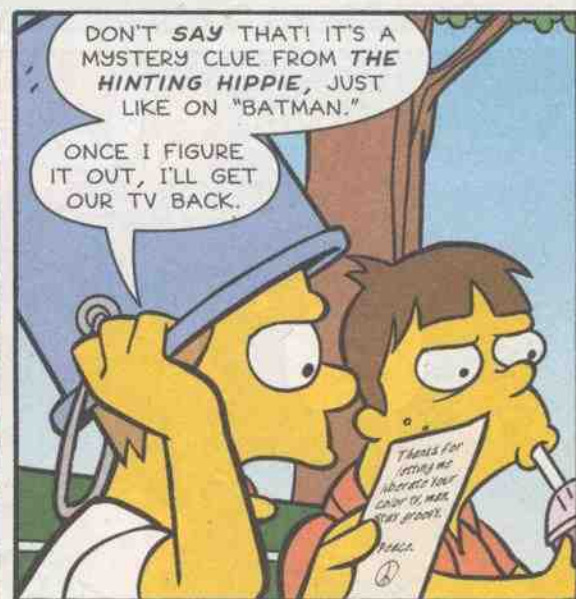
WHENEVER YOUNG HOMER SIMPSON CANNOT FACE THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND EMBARRASSMENT OVERTAKES HIM, HE PUTS A COMMON BLUE BUCKET ONTO HIS HEAD AND IS TRANSFORMED INTO... **THE SPECIAL KID!** TODAY, HE FACES A TEST OF HIS WITS LIKE NO OTHER HE'S EVER SEEN, WHEN THE SPECIAL KID FACES...

...THE HUNTING HIPPIE!

OUR STORY BEGINS ONE FINE DAY AS HOMER SIMPSON AND HIS BRAINY BUDDY, BARNEY, SPEND THE DAY WITH SCIENCE...

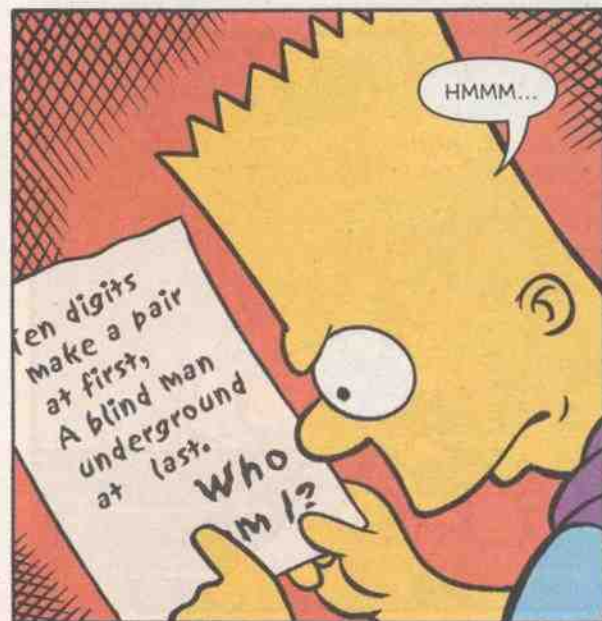


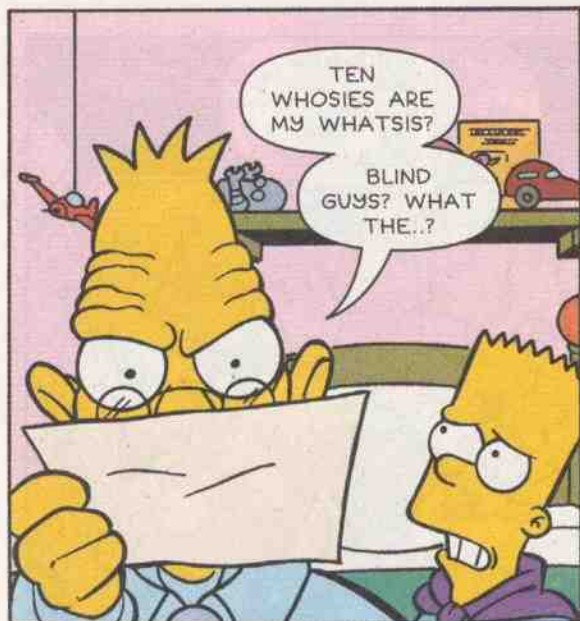


















THERE'S ALL YOUR ELECTRONIC KID GAMES, BARTMAN. THE CASE IS *SOLVED*.

WAIT...THOSE LOOK LIKE PARTS FROM MY OLD COLOR TV.

AND IS THAT...THE WORLD'S LARGEST DIAMOND?!!



IT'S BEEN *YOU* ALL THESE YEARS? *YOU'RE* THE PUZZLING PURLOINER! AND THE HINTING HIPPIE AND THE RIDDLING ROBBER! *YOU???*

MAYBE...

WHAT DOES THIS EVIL MACHINE DO?



I DON'T REMEMBER...



I BUMPED MY HEAD ON THE DRESSER... AND NOW I CAN'T REMEMBER MUCH OF *ANYTHING*.

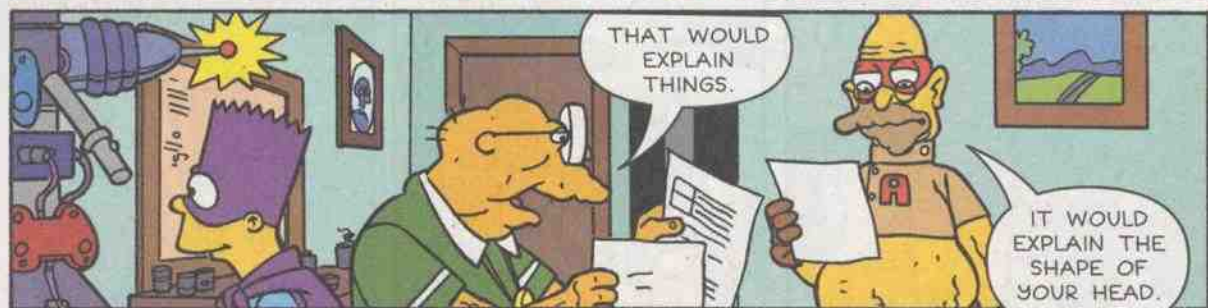


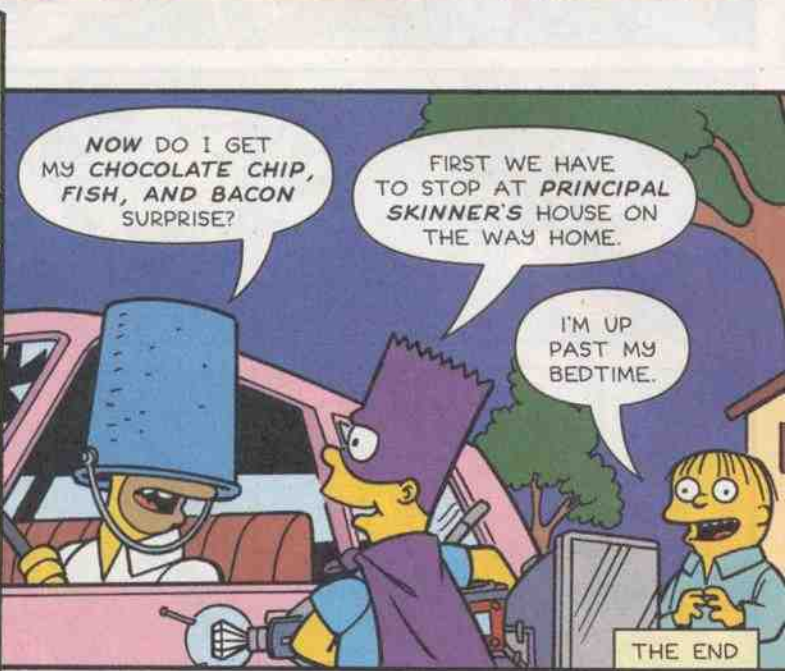
OF COURSE! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE *CAREFUL*. AMNESIA IS THE NUMBER ONE SIDE EFFECT OF *BUMPING YOUR HEAD!*

IT HAPPENS TO ME WHEN I SCALD MY TONGUE.



WAIT...THERE'S A MANUAL HERE...



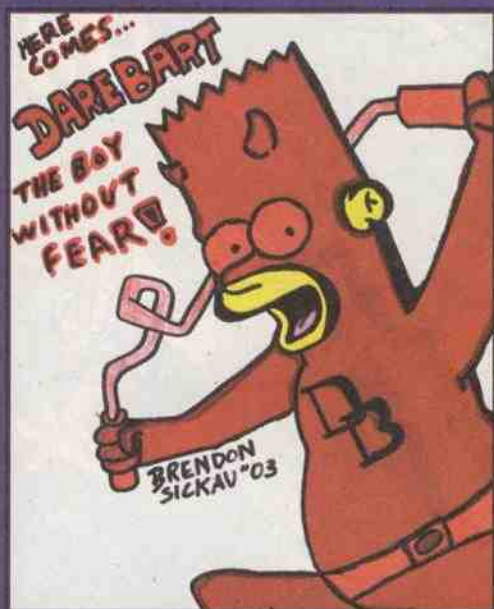


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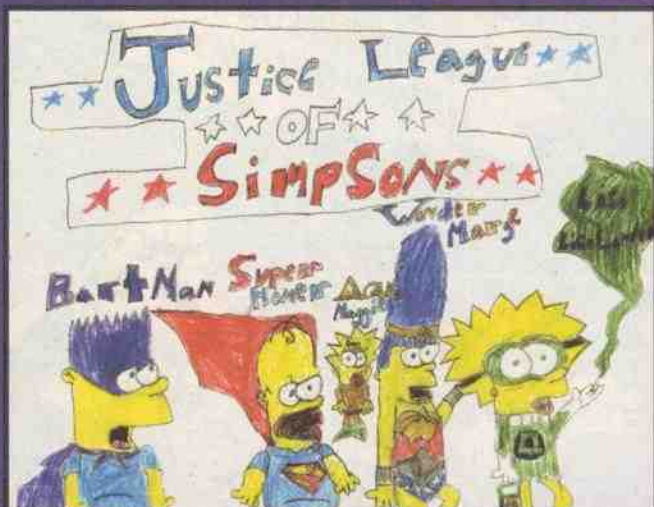
BART'S ART GALLERY



From the vaults of the Bongo Mail Department comes a veritable rogue's gallery of Bartman-inspired superhero artwork! Many thanks to the clever artists that captured these magnificent heroes in action.



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Orchard Park, NY



Garret Levitz
Chappaqua, NY



Kevin Tift
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Adam Tuero
West Valley City, UT



Sal Sanchez — Anaheim, CA



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