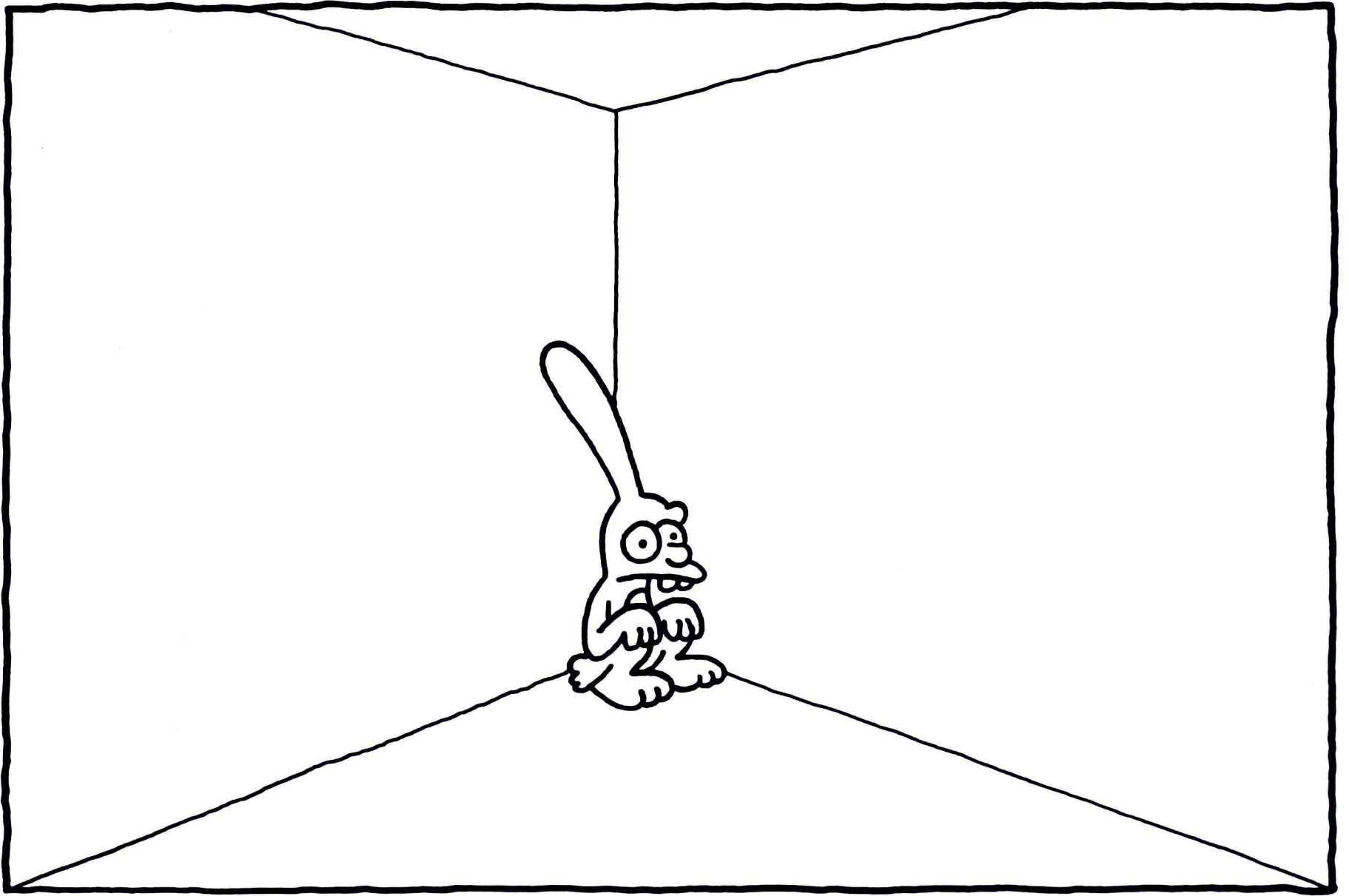


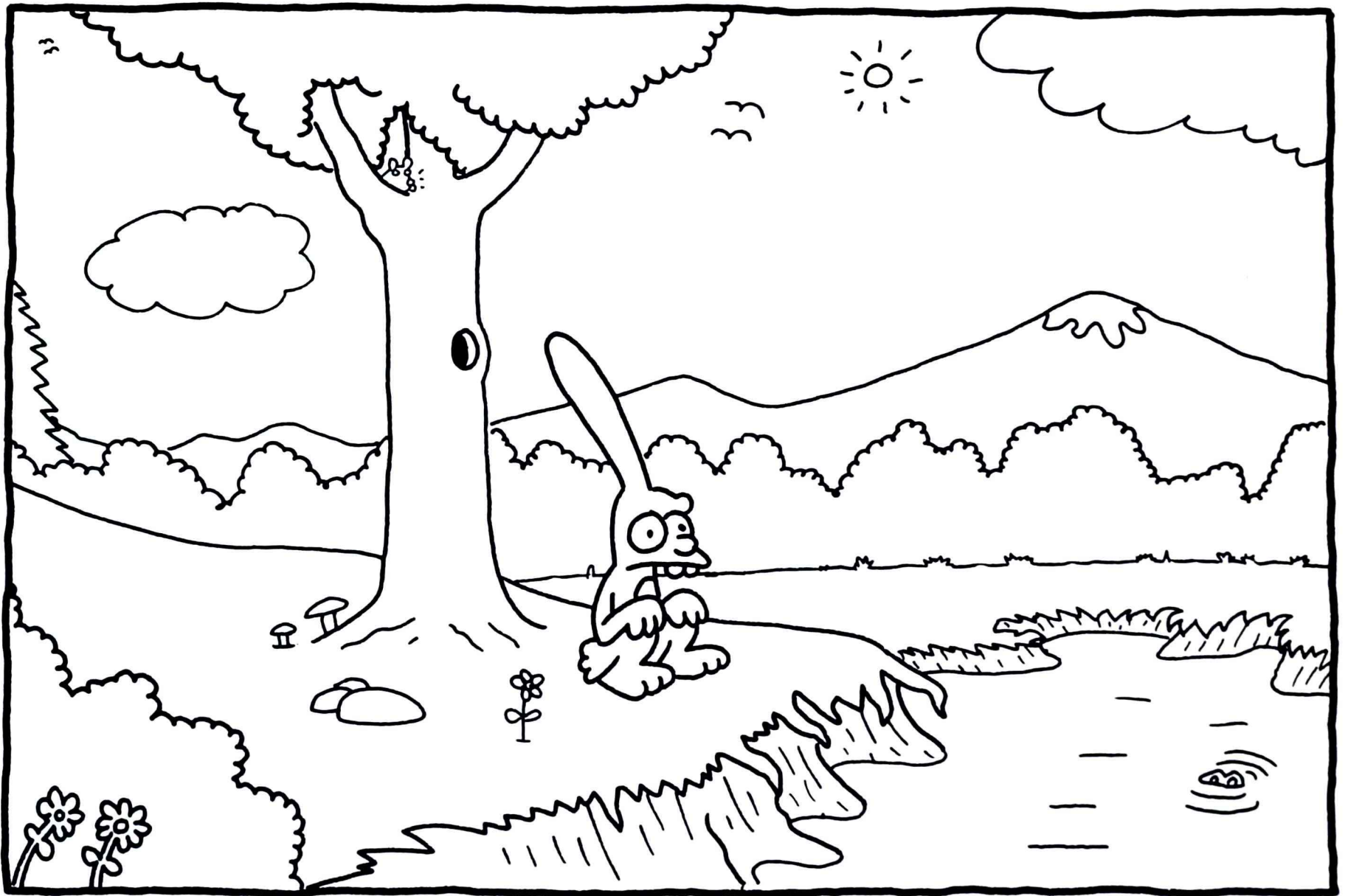
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WORK IS HELL  
SCHOOL IS HELL

FORTHCOMING MAYBE, MAYBE NOT

AKBAR & JEFF'S HAPPY HAYRIDE SONGBOOK  
SMART MEN, FOOLISH FEZZES  
MEN WHO WEAR FEZZES TOO MUCH  
MEN WHO LOVE MEN WHO WEAR FEZZES  
THE MAN WHO MISTOOK HIS WIFE FOR A FEZ

DEDICATED, AGAIN, TO THE RADIANT DEBORAH CAPLAN

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## CHILDHOOD IS HELL

A CARTOON SERIES ABOUT WISING UP

## CHAPTER 1 IS CHILDHOOD HELL?

• TIPS FOR TOTS •

WHEN YOU DRIVE YOUR PARENTS CRAZY, IT'S BECAUSE... THEY ARE CRAZY.



<p>QUESTION: IS CHILDHOOD HELL?</p>	<p>NOT NOW, I'M BUSY.</p> <p>YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE.</p>	<p>GO WASH THEM AGAIN -- THEY'RE STILL DIRTY.</p> <p>JUST DO IT.</p>	<p>YOU'RE TOO LITTLE TO KNOW WHY.</p> <p>GO TO YOUR ROOM.</p>	<p>NO DESSERT FOR YOU.</p> <p>GET UP, LAZY-BONES.</p>	<p>WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, SOMEBODY SPECIAL?</p> <p>WE'RE NOT MADE OF MONEY.</p>
<p>OPEN YOUR MOUTH. HERE COMES THE STRAINED-BEETS CHOO-CHOO TRAIN.</p> <p>WHERE DID WE FAIL?</p>	<p>YOU'RE NOT BIG ENOUGH YET.</p> <p>ACT YOUR AGE.</p>	<p>GO SIT ON THE FRIENDLY CROWN'S LAP. HE WON'T SCARE YOU.</p> <p>BOYS DON'T DO THAT.</p>	<p>I'LL TREAT YOU LIKE AN ADULT WHEN YOU START ACTING LIKE ONE.</p> <p>EAT YOUR BRUSSELS SPROUTS.</p>	<p>YOU'RE GOING TO FORGET.</p> <p>THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR NOT LISTENING.</p>	<p>YOU'VE GOT NO ONE TO BLAME BUT YOURSELF.</p> <p>DON'T MAKE ME COME IN THERE.</p>
<p>HOW COULD YOU DO THAT AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE FOR YOU?</p> <p>JUST WAIT TILL YOUR FATHER FINDS OUT.</p>	<p>WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE RIGHT NOW.</p> <p>WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE YOUR SISTER?</p>	<p>LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU.</p> <p>YOU HEARD ME.</p>	<p>MOST KIDS WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE WHAT YOU HAVE.</p> <p>NO, YOU CAN'T GO.</p>	<p>YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN ANYONE ELSE AROUND HERE.</p> <p>DON'T INTERRUPT ME.</p>	<p>YOU'LL GROW UP BIG AND STRONG IF YOU EAT YOUR TOFU.</p> <p>GO ASK YOUR MOTHER.</p>
<p>YOU LOOK SO CUTE I COULD JUST EAT YOU UP.</p> <p>IT'S GOOD FOR YOU.</p>	<p>IF YOU CRY THAT JUST MEANS YOU'RE FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF.</p> <p>BECAUSE I SAY SO.</p>	<p>I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH YOU.</p> <p>ZIP THE LIP.</p>	<p>YOU'RE GOING TO SIT ON THAT POTTY TILL I SEE SOME RESULTS.</p> <p>DO IT BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.</p>	<p>WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO SUMMER SCHOOL.</p> <p>YOU'RE JUST NO GOOD.</p>	<p>GO TO SLEEP RIGHT NOW.</p> <p>CLUMSY.</p>
<p>WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I ALWAYS OBEYED MY PARENTS.</p> <p>YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT.</p>	<p>AWW, TOO BAD. I GUESS YOU HAVE THE MEANEST PARENTS IN THE WORLD.</p> <p>SPANKING TIME.</p>	<p>HOW CAN YOU STAND TO LIVE LIKE THAT?</p> <p>WAIT IN THE CAR.</p>	<p>BECAUSE THE BIBLE SAYS SO.</p> <p>SORRY ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.</p>	<p>YOU CALL THAT A KISS?</p> <p>NOW SAY THANK YOU.</p>	<p>ANSWER: SORTA.</p>

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## CHAPTER 2 HOW TO BE A WILY 1-YEAR-OLD

• TIPS FOR TODDLERS •  
URGENT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO?  
YOU MAY FIND IT FASTER TO REVERT  
TO CRAWLING IN SITUATIONS THAT  
REQUIRE GREAT HASTE.



### WHEN TO WAKE UP



THE FUN BEGINS AT SUNRISE!!! MANY BIG PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS CONCEPT, SO BE SURE TO REMIND THEM EVERY DAY.

### YOUR DUTIES

- ①. BE CUTE.
- ②. SCREAM IF PROVOKED.
- ③. SCREAM IF IGNORED.
- ④. GRAB ANYTHING YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS ON.
- ⑤. TASTE ANYTHING YOU CAN JAM IN YOUR MOUTH.
- ⑥. KEEP AN EYE ON MOMMY.

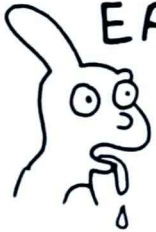


### VOCABULARY CORNER

YOU MAY FIND THAT THESE WORDS WILL COME IN HANDY FROM TIME TO TIME.



### DROOLING MADE EASY



1. CLEAR MIND.
2. TILT HEAD FORWARD.
3. STARE BLANKLY.
4. SALIVATE.
5. PRESTO!

### 1001 FUN THINGS TO DO WITH FOOD



FRUSTRATED BECAUSE AN OBJECT DOESN'T WORK THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO?



"THROW & FETCH"  
PERHAPS THE BEST GAME EVER INVENTED



#### HOW TO PLAY

- ①. YOU THROW TOY.
- ②. MOMMY FETCHES.
- ③. REPEAT.

GAME IS OVER WHEN MOMMY GIVES YOU A COOKIE AND GOES TO LIE DOWN.

**WARNING:** THIS IS YOUR ONLY CHANCE IN LIFE TO LEGALLY RUN NAKED AND FREE, SO GO FOR IT.



### SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ARTIST



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN ART SUPPLIES? THAT'S RIGHT! JUST REACH IN YOUR DIAPERS AND SMEAR WHATEVER YOU FIND ALL OVER THE WALL. WOW!! YOU COULD BE AN AVANT-GARDE GENIUS!!!

### ...MYSTERIES OF YOUTH...



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THE GOOD OLD DAYS REVISITED

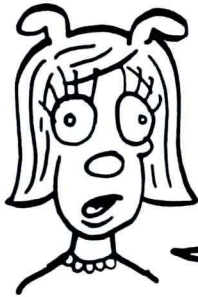
## CHAPTER 3 THE 16 TYPES OF MOMS

### IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

YOUR MOM IS NOT  
DEPICTED IN THIS  
CARTOON, OK?



### WORRY MOM



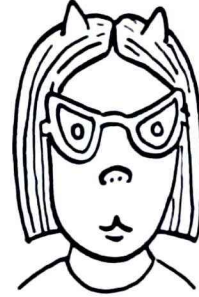
ARE YOU  
SURE YOU'LL  
BE ALL  
RIGHT?  
MAYBE I'D  
BETTER  
COME WITH  
YOU.

### MAD MOM



I  
SAID  
SHUT  
UP,  
YOU  
LITTLE  
BABY!

### CLEAN MOM



I HAD  
JUNIOR  
TOILET-  
TRAINED  
BY NINE  
MONTHS.

### FUN MOM



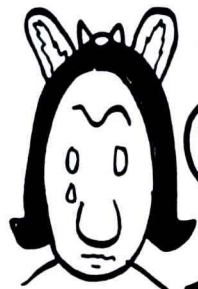
C'MON!!  
WE'RE  
ALL  
GOING  
TO TAKE  
BELLY-  
DANCING  
LESSONS!

### CRAZY MOM



THE  
GOOD  
LORD  
TOLD ME  
TO  
SPANK  
YOU.

### GUILT MOM



DON'T  
WORRY.  
I DON'T  
EXPECT  
TO BE  
APPRECIATED  
FOR MY GIFT  
TO YOU--  
THE GIFT  
OF LIFE.

### SICK & TIRED MOM



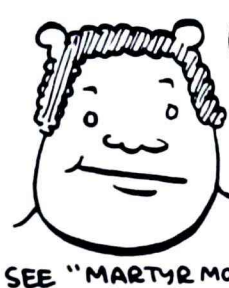
PLEASE  
DON'T  
BOTHER  
ME FOR  
THE NEXT  
THREE  
MONTHS.  
I'LL BE  
NAPPING.

### STAGE MOM



SMILE!  
DO IT  
LIKE I  
TOLD  
YOU!!  
LOOK  
SINCERE!!

### WONDER MOM



PANCAKES  
COMIN'  
RIGHT  
UP!!

SEE "MARTYR MOM"

### WORKING MOM



HERE'S  
YOUR KEY!  
DON'T OPEN  
THE DOOR!  
DINNERS  
IN THE  
FRIDGE!  
HAVE  
FUN!  
BYE!

### DEPRESSED MOM



SNIFFLE

GOO

### PLASTIC MOM



LET'S  
ALL BE  
NICE  
AND  
PRETEND  
WE'RE  
HAPPY.

### PSYCHO MOM



I'M  
EITHER  
GOING TO  
KILL YOU  
OR KILL  
MYSELF.  
WHERE  
ARE MY  
PILLS?

### GONE MOM

### ALCOHOLIC MOM



I WOULDN'T  
BE DRINKIN'  
IF YOU  
DIDN'T  
UPSET  
ME SO  
MUSH.

### MARTYR MOM



WHAT  
ELSE  
CAN I  
DO FOR  
YOU?

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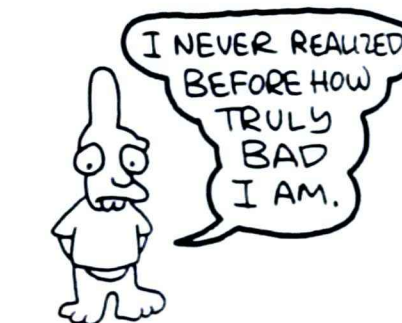
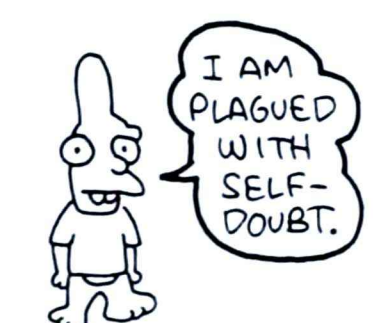
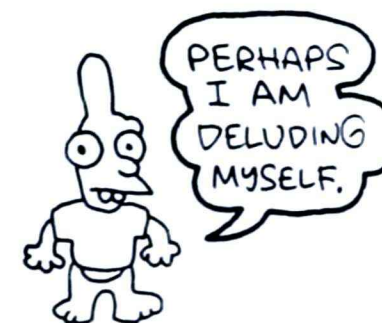
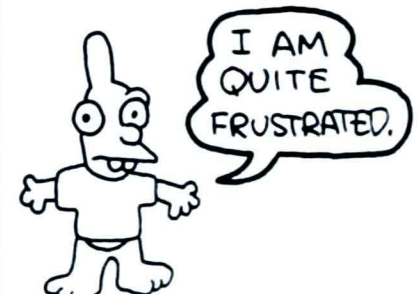
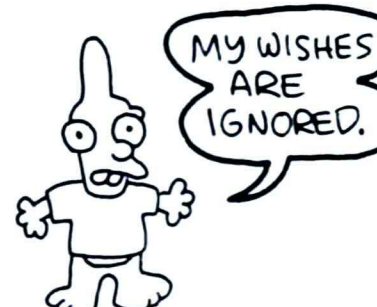
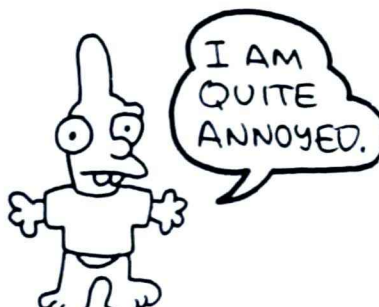
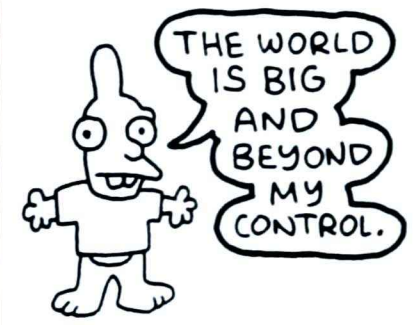
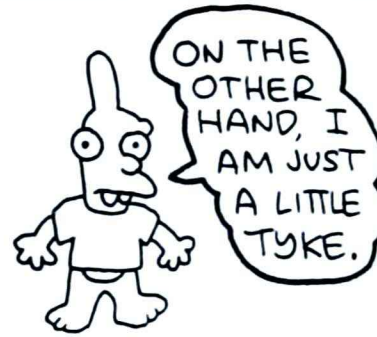
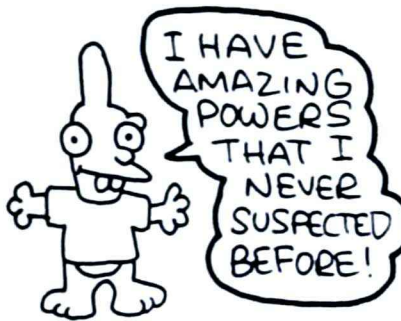
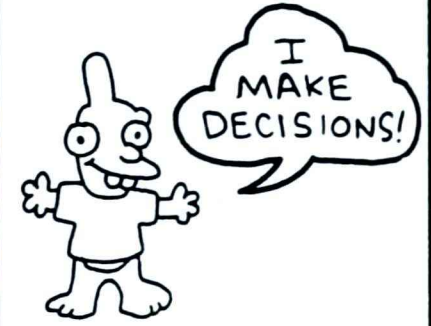
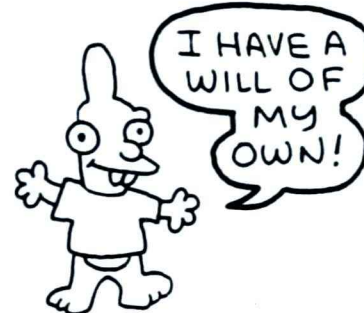
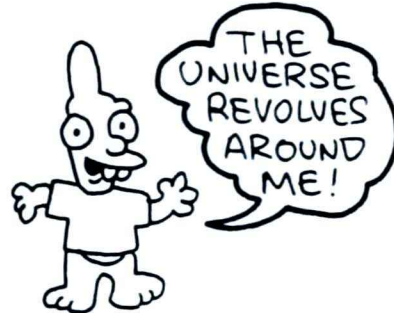
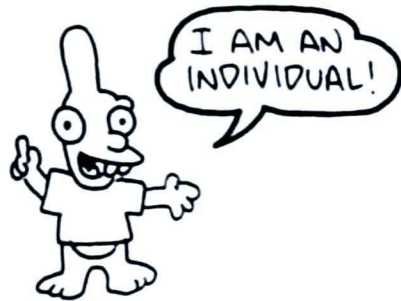
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### CHAPTER 4 HOW TO BE A TURBULENT 2-YEAR-OLD

◦ TIPS FOR TODDLERS ◦  
DOES MOMMY JUST NOT GET IT?  
THEN SPELL IT OUT FOR HER.

I DON'T KNOW HOW, I  
DON'T WANNA, AND YOU  
CAN'T MAKE ME.

JUST LOOK HOW IMPRESSED SHE IS!



REPEAT THROUGH ADULTHOOD.

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DINNER!!

IN A MINUTE.

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CHAPTER 5  
YOUR PAL  
THE TV SET

• FAMILY ACTION •

IS DAD ACTING SLUGGISH? GET HIM OFF HIS DUFF THE EASY WAY! JUST HIDE THE TV REMOTE CONTROL AND WATCH THE FUN!!

WHERE IS THAT #6\*!! THING?

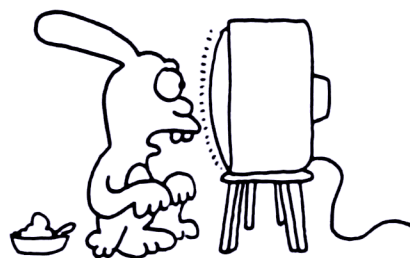
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IS TV THE COOLEST INVENTION EVER INVENTED?



WELL, DUH.

HOW CLOSE SHOULD YOU SIT TO THE TV?



AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN GET. (RESTING YOUR EYEBALLS ON THE TV SCREEN FOR PROLONGED PERIODS MAY RESULT IN CHAFING.)

WHY IS TV SO COOL?



IT ALLOWS SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HATE EACH OTHER'S GUTS TO SIT PEACEFULLY TOGETHER IN THE SAME ROOM FOR YEARS ON END WITHOUT MURDERING EACH OTHER.

CAN TV BE USED AS A TORTURE DEVICE?



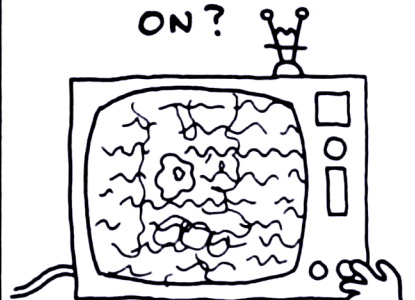
YES.

IS SATURDAY-MORNING TV PROOF THAT ADULTS HATE CHILDREN?



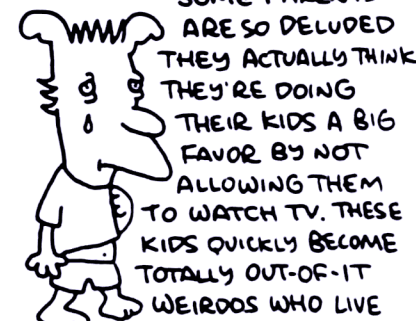
YEP.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN A SHOW IS BORING BUT THERE'S NOTHING ELSE GOOD ON?



TWIST THE DIALS UNTIL EVERYTHING GETS ALL WAVY AND PEOPLE'S SKIN COLOR IS PURPLE. PRETEND YOU ARE ON MARS.

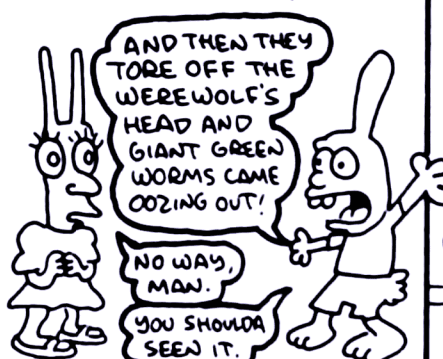
HOW CAN YOU HELP KIDS WHOSE CRUEL PARENTS WON'T LET THEM WATCH THE BEST SHOWS, OR EVEN WORSE, WON'T LET THEM WATCH TV AT ALL?



YES, IT'S TRUE. SOME PARENTS ARE SO DELUDED THEY ACTUALLY THINK THEIR KIDS A BIG FAVOR BY NOT ALLOWING THEM TO WATCH TV. THESE KIDS QUICKLY BECOME TOTALLY OUT-OF-IT WEIRDOOS WHO LIVE SMALL, PATHETIC LIVES OF UTTER SHAME AND DEGRADATION.

**BUT YOU CAN HELP!**

EVERY DAY, ACT OUT THE PLOTS OF THE TV SHOWS YOU'VE SEEN THE NIGHT BEFORE FOR YOUR HAPLESS PALS. THEY'LL HANG ONTO EVERY WORD YOU SAY! BE SURE TO EMBELLISH THE STORIES TO MAKE THEM EXTRA-EXCITING!!!



AND THEN THEY TORE OFF THE WEREWOLF'S HEAD AND GIANT GREEN WORMS CAME OOZING OUT!

NO WAY, MAN.

YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN IT.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE HOME ALONE LATE AT NIGHT WATCHING A SCARY MOVIE ON TV ABOUT SOMEONE HOME ALONE LATE AT NIGHT?

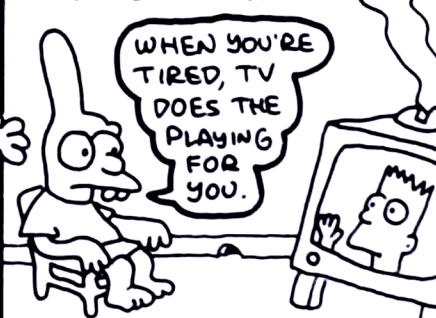


- 1 TURN DOWN THE TV AND LISTEN FOR STRANGE NOISES OUTSIDE.
- 2 WHEN YOU HEAR A STRANGE NOISE, TURN ON ALL THE LIGHTS IN THE HOUSE.
- 3 DON'T GO IN THE BASEMENT.
- 4 LIE IN BED AWAKE ALL NIGHT.

IS THERE ANYTHING AS ENGROSSING AS TV?

I'LL TELL YOU AS SOON AS THIS SHOW IS OVER.

WHY IS TV THE BEST PAL OF ALL?



WHEN YOU'RE TIRED, TV DOES THE PLAYING FOR YOU.

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OR "I DO BELIEVE IN GHOSTS"

## CHAPTER 6 HOW TO BE A THRILL-SEEKING 3-YEAR-OLD

### BEDTIME STALLING TACTICS

- ① ASK FOR ANOTHER GLASS OF WATER.
- ② PLEAD FOR ANOTHER HUG.
- ③ DEMAND ANOTHER TRIP TO THE POTTY.
- ④ SAY GOODNIGHT TO EVERY SINGLE OBJECT IN THE ROOM.



### ANNOYING STUFF



LINT ON YOUR PACIFIER

PUSHING ALL THE MAGNETIC LETTERS UNDER THE FRIDGE AND NOT BEING ABLE TO GET THEM OUT



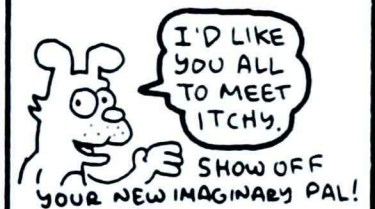
BEING FORCED TO GO TO BED WHEN YOU'RE NOT TIRED AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY IS STILL UP HAVING A BLAST

### THINGS NOT GOING YOUR WAY? JUST SAY....



MILDLY DISGRUNTLED 3-YEAR-OLD

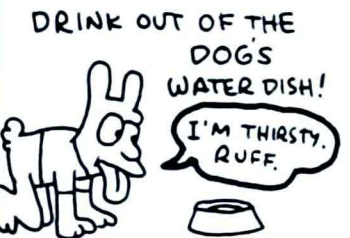
### GET A BIG REACTION WITH THESE FUN ACTIVITIES



SHOW OFF YOUR NEW IMAGINARY PAL!

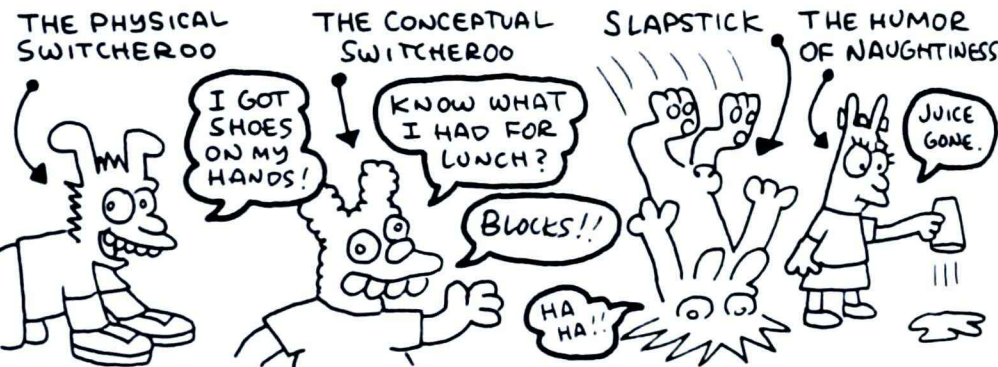


CREATE A MASTERPIECE ON THE WALL!



DRINK OUT OF THE DOG'S WATER DISH!

### THE LAUGH-FILLED WORLD OF BRILLIANT HUMOR



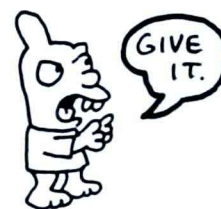
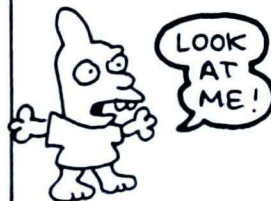
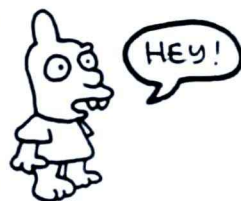
THE PHYSICAL SWITCHEROO

THE CONCEPTUAL SWITCHEROO

SLAPSTICK

THE HUMOR OF NAUGHTINESS

### A HANDY DANDY BEHAVIOR CYCLE



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OR HOW TO OUTRUN GROWN-UPS

## CHAPTER 7 THE 16 TYPES OF DADS

WARNING!!!

WHEN READING THIS  
CARTOON WITH YOUR  
FATHER IN THE VICINITY,  
IT MAY BEHOVE YOU TO HIDE ANY  
SIGN OF AMUSEMENT.

WHAT'RE YOU  
SMILING AT?

NUTHIN,  
POPS.

### FUN DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE JOKER,  
JOE PIGGYBACK, MR. HAPPY



### COLD DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE STONEWALL,  
THE WITHHOLDER, MR. FREEZE,  
IGNORE-O-MATIC



### FEAR DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS SNARLY, THE  
GROUCH, DEATH-PIG ON THE RAMPAGE



### DECIDER DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE BOSS, MR. RIGHT,  
MR. BIG PLANS, THE CONFUSER



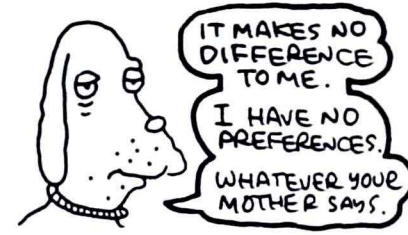
### SPOILER DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE BRIBER,  
MR. ICE-CREAM-ON-THE-WAY,  
OL' MONEYBAGS



### WIMPY DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS OLD WISHY-WASHY,  
THE FLINCHER, MR. DROOPY



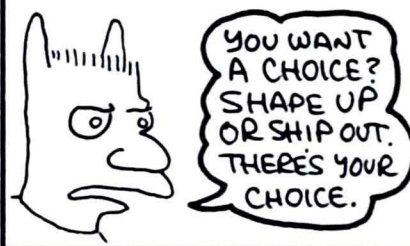
### SNEAKY DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE CREEP, THE  
CRIMINAL, JOE DECEPTIVE,  
MR. REPUBLICAN



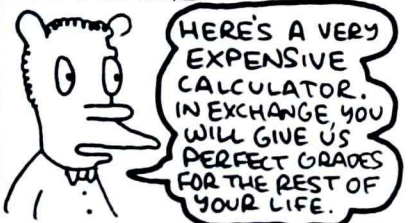
### LORD DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE HUMILIATOR,  
THE DICTATOR, MR. SQUELCH



### GREAT EXPECTATIONS DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE LECTURER,  
THE UTILITARIAN, THE OLD  
MANIPULATOR



### SNOOZE DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE SNORE  
MACHINE, GRUMPUS THE BEAR,  
THE SLUMBERING BEHEMOTH



### RUNAWAY DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS WHATHISNAME,  
OL' GOOD-FOR-NOTHING, THAT BUM



### DISAPPOINTED DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE TESTER, THE  
JUDGE, THE FLAW-FINDER,  
MR. NO-WIN



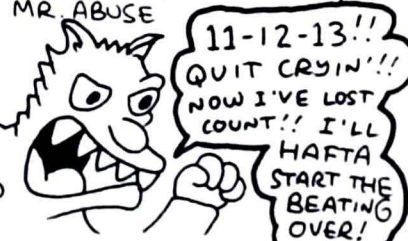
### BITTER DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS JOE DEPRESSED,  
MR. CYNICAL, THE LACONIC WHINER



### ALCOHOLIC DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE VOLCANO,  
THE PSYCHO, THE BASHER,  
MR. ABUSE



### STRANGER DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE TRAVELER,  
THE WORKAHOLIC, MR. OVERWORKED  
AND UNDERPAID



### GOOFY DAD

ALSO KNOWN AS THE CORNBALL,  
MR. EMBARRASSING, EL DORKO.



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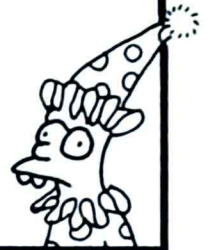
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## CHILDHOOD IS HELL

WEE TALES FOR YOUNG SNUGGLEBUNNIES

## CHAPTER 8 HOW TO BE A FEISTY 4-YEAR-OLD

ISN'T HE CUTE?  
I MADE HIM THAT  
LITTLE SUIT  
MYSELF.



### PROPER REPLIES TO OFTEN-ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN'T YOU SIT  
STILL?

NO!

WOULD YOU  
PLEASE STOP  
SHRIEKING?

NO!

SHALL WE  
PICK UP OUR  
TOYS NOW?

NO!

WOULD YOU LIKE  
A COOKIE?

NO...  
I MEAN  
YES!

### BEDTIME BULLETIN

1 IF YOUR PARENTS PUT YOU TO  
BED BEFORE 7:30 PM, THEY  
ARE CRUEL OR TIRED, OR BOTH.

### HOW TO WORRY MOM AND DAD NEEDLESSLY

TWITCH AND  
SQUIRM

FALL ON YOUR FACE  
OFTEN

LIE OUTRAGEOUSLY

BLINK REPEATEDLY

TALK  
NAUGHTY

I SWEAR ON  
THE BIBLE THAT  
I RODE A GIANT  
BLUE DOGGY TO  
THE CANDY PLANET  
WHILE YOU  
WERE SLEEPING  
LAST NIGHT.

YOU'RE  
A DOO-DOO.

TALK AND  
EAT  
SIMULTANEOUSLY

BITE  
NAILS

SUCK THUMB

STEAL  
COOKIES

WET PANTS

PULL OFF  
SCABS

PLAY WITH  
YOURSELF

PUT SHOES ON  
WRONG FEET



### THE STRESS-FILLED WORLD OF OTHER 4-YEAR-OLDS

BEING AROUND SAVAGE TYKES YOUR OWN AGE IS NOT MERE CHILD'S PLAY. YOU MUST CONSTANTLY BE ON YOUR TOES WITH THESE CRAFTY LITTLE DEMONS. NEVER LET DOWN YOUR GUARD, ALWAYS HIT BACK, AND ABOVE ALL, DEFEND YOUR TOYS TO THE DEATH.

1 GIVE FAIR  
WARNING.

2 MAKE YOUR  
NEEDS KNOWN.

3 DEMONSTRATE  
SUPERIORITY.

4 NEGOTIATE  
PEACE.

GO  
'WAY!

GIMME  
THAT  
TRUCK!

I HAVE  
BIGGER  
BLOCKS  
AT  
HOME.

STOP  
CALLING  
ME DOO-  
DOO OR  
I'LL SUCK  
YOU.

### HOW TO EAT CAKE



1 PEEL OFF  
FROSTING

2 EAT FROSTING

3 DISCARD THE REST

4 ASK FOR MORE CAKE

### THE CLEVER WORLD OF 4-YEAR-OLD HUMOR

TELL RISQUÉ JOKES TO SHOW  
OFF YOUR NEWLY DEVELOPED  
SOPHISTICATION.

GUESS WHAT?  
I WENT WEE-WEE  
IN THE POOL!!  
HA HA HA  
HA HA!!!

SERIOUSLY, FOLKS,  
NOT REALLY.



### THE PAINFUL WORLD OF VIOLENCE

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT HITTING  
A SMALLER CHILD, YOUR  
PARENT MAY VERY WELL  
GIVE YOU A QUICK SWAT WITH  
THIS STERN ADMONISHMENT:

NEVER HIT  
SOMEONE  
SMALLER THAN  
YOU!!!

THE CONFUSION YOU FEEL IS  
NATURAL. DO NOT WORRY.  
YOU HAVE JUST BEEN INTRO-  
DUCED TO THE WACKY WORLD  
OF HYPOCRISY.

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## CHAPTER 9

### YOUR CHILDHOOD TRAUMA CHECKLIST

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "A TRAUMA"  
AND "NO BIG DEAL"

A TRAUMA  
IS WHEN IT HAPPENS  
TO ME. NO BIG DEAL IS WHEN  
IT HAPPENS TO YOU.



<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> MOM READING YOUR SECRET DIARY	<input type="checkbox"/> ALLOWANCE CUT OFF	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST STARVING CHILD SEEN ON TV
<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF BROTHER/SISTER	<input type="checkbox"/> THROWING UP AT SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD NOT TO EAT SO FAST	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST ASSASSINATION SEEN ON TV
<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF BEST FRIEND	<input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFERABLE BROTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD NOT TO CHEW WITH YOUR MOUTH OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST REALIZATION THAT DEATH IS PERMANENT
<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF IMAGINARY PLAYMATE	<input type="checkbox"/> INSUFFERABLE SISTER	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD TO SIT UP STRAIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST REALIZATION THAT DEATH IS INEVITABLE
<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH OF SANTA CLAUS	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD TO SAY "THANK YOU" FOR THE 10,000TH TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> HOMEWORK	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST REALIZATION THAT DEATH HAPPENS TO EVERYONE
<input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE OF PARENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM FOR THE 10,000TH TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS AS PRESENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST REALIZATION THAT APPLIES TO YOU TOO
<input type="checkbox"/> MOVING TO A NEW CITY	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEANING YOUR ROOM	<input type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEF FOR BIRTHDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST GHOST SEEN
<input type="checkbox"/> REMARRIAGE OF PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> REPUBLICAN PARENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> PARENTS TELLING YOU WHAT YOU WILL BE WHEN YOU GROW UP	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TREATED LIKE A BABY IN FRONT OF FRIENDS
<input type="checkbox"/> EVIL STEPPARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FORCED TO WEAR TOTALLY STUPID CLOTHES	<input type="checkbox"/> LISTENING TO PARENTS FIGHT IN THE NEXT ROOM	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CHOSEN LAST FOR THE TEAM
<input type="checkbox"/> KICKED OUT OF HOUSE BEFORE 18 YEARS OF AGE	<input type="checkbox"/> FAVORITE TV SHOW CANCELED	<input type="checkbox"/> LISTENING TO PARENTS FIGHT IN THE SAME ROOM	<input type="checkbox"/> NOT BEING INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY
<input type="checkbox"/> DAD BLOWS ALL THE MONEY ON THE LOTTERY	<input type="checkbox"/> DREAMING ABOUT HAVING NO CLOTHES AT SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING HIT BY PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST BEE STING
<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT ON A DIET	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEANING OUT CAT BOX	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING KICKED BY PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST BOOSTER SHOT
<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT ATTEMPTING TO QUIT SMOKING	<input type="checkbox"/> PARENTS CALLING YOU BY EMBARRASSING NICKNAME IN FRONT OF FRIENDS	<input type="checkbox"/> SLAPPED BY PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING FORBIDDEN TO PLAY WITH BAD KIDS
<input type="checkbox"/> REFRIGERATOR FULL OF YOGURT	<input type="checkbox"/> WETTING YOUR PANTS AT SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> SPANKED BY PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF DOGS
<input type="checkbox"/> HAVING A DORKY NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TATTLED ON	<input type="checkbox"/> BEATEN BY PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF VAMPIRES
<input type="checkbox"/> REALIZING YOU'RE NOT THE FAVORITE CHILD	<input type="checkbox"/> TATTLING ON SOMEONE AND HAVING IT BACKFIRE	<input type="checkbox"/> BURNED BY PARENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF ROBOTS
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST CONFRONTATION WITH A CLOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> FORCED TO EAT SPINACH	<input type="checkbox"/> LOCKED IN CLOSET	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF ALIENS
<input type="checkbox"/> PUNISHED FOR TELLING THE TRUTH	<input type="checkbox"/> FORCED TO EAT BROCCOLI	<input type="checkbox"/> TORTURED	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF SHARKS
<input type="checkbox"/> TOILET OVERFLOWING	<input type="checkbox"/> PARENTS THREATENING TO SEND YOU TO MILITARY SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> SEXUALLY MOLESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF MONSTERS
<input type="checkbox"/> FORCED TO KISS WARTY OLD RELATIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> GETTING LOST	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF BEARS
<input type="checkbox"/> FORCED TO WEAR HAND-ME-DOWNS	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CALLED "BAD"	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF LIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> FORCED TO PERFORM IN FRONT OF PARENTS' FRIENDS	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CALLED "LAZY"	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF PSYCHOPATHS
<input type="checkbox"/> BEING PUT TO BED WHEN NOT SLEEPY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CALLED "SELFISH"	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF NUCLEAR WAR
<input type="checkbox"/> PARENTS DRIVING TOO SLOWLY	<input type="checkbox"/> DANCING SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> MAKING YOUR MOM CRY	<input type="checkbox"/> FEAR OF DAD
<input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVING UNDERWEAR FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> EARLY BEDTIME STRICTLY ENFORCED	<input type="checkbox"/> MEETING ANOTHER KID WITH YOUR NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> CAUGHT SHOPLIFTING
<input type="checkbox"/> SCRATCHY NEW SWEATER	<input type="checkbox"/> NOT GETTING DESSERT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T EAT YOUR VEGETABLES	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD "YOU'RE JUST NOT TRYING"	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD "YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF"
<input type="checkbox"/> BORING VACATION	<input type="checkbox"/> GROUNDED	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING FORCED TO APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU DON'T MEAN IT	
<input type="checkbox"/> BEING FAMILY SCAPEGOAT		<input type="checkbox"/> NOT BEING ALLOWED TO GO TO A SLUMBER PARTY	
		<input type="checkbox"/> BEING TOLD "I KNOW YOU COULD DO BETTER"	
		<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST TIME SEEING DEAD DOG IN THE ROAD	
			(FILL IN THE BLANK)
			ONGOING NAMELESS DREAD

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## CHAPTER 10 HOW TO BE A FRISKY 5-YEAR-OLD

THE MOST COURAGEOUS THING A 5-YEAR-OLD  
CAN SAY



YOU'RE A  
MEAN  
MOMMY.

### GENERAL ALL-PURPOSE QUESTIONS

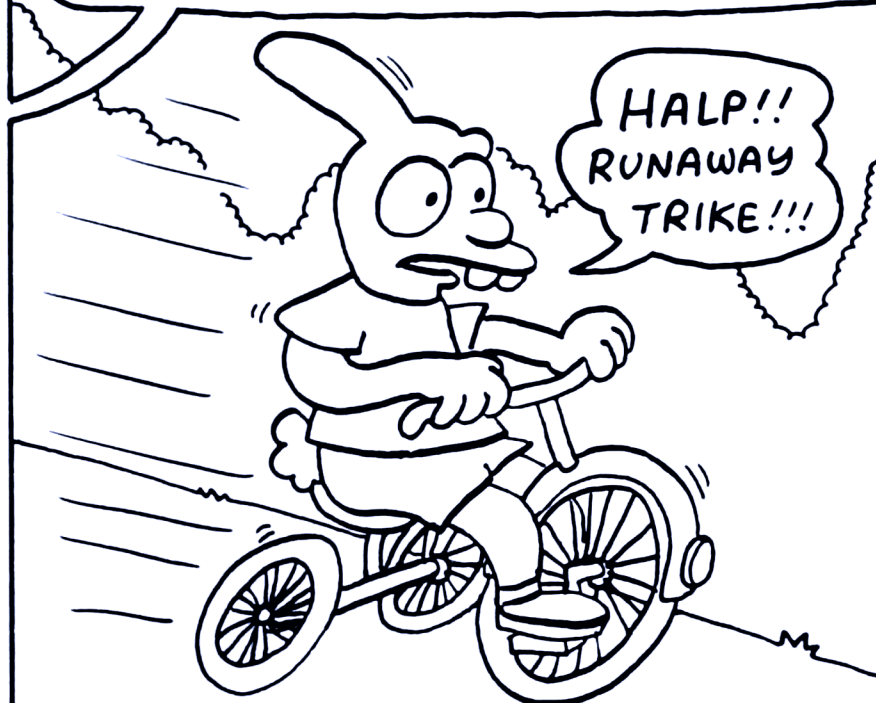
WHAT  
THE HELL  
IS THIS?

HOW THE  
HELL DOES  
IT WORK?

IF MOMMY ASKS YOU  
WHERE YOU LEARNED SUCH  
LANGUAGE, SAY:

DADDY.

### COME BACK HERE RIGHT NOW!



EARLY ATTEMPT TO SHIFT BLAME AWAY FROM SELF

### OTHER PEOPLE TO BLAME:

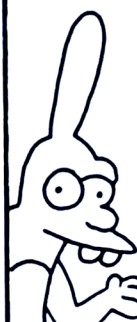
- BROTHERS  SISTERS  NEIGHBOR KIDS  
 DOGS  GHOSTS  MOMMY (BE CAREFUL)  DADDY (BE VERY CAREFUL)

### BEDTIME BULLETIN



5-YEAR-OLDS AGREE  
THAT BEDTIME ANY  
EARLIER THAN 8 PM  
IS TOTALLY CRUMMY.

### NOTHING TO DO?



WHY NOT  
TATTLE  
ON YOUR  
OLDER  
BROTHER  
OR SISTER?

### TIPS FOR TYKES

LEARN THE PROPER  
RESPONSE. WHEN MOMMY  
SAYS:

DON'T YOU  
KNOW WHAT "NO"  
MEANS?

DON'T SAY:

CERTAINLY I  
KNOW WHAT "NO"  
MEANS, BUT THE  
FACT OF THE MATTER  
IS THAT I FEEL  
DISINCLINED TO  
INHIBIT MY  
YOUTHFUL  
EXUBERANCE  
AT THIS TIME.

SAY:

YES, MOMMY.

### THINGS TO BE AFRAID OF



SIRENS



THUNDER &  
LIGHTNING



BEARS



THE DARK



SOLITUDE



WITCHES



MONSTERS



DAD

### HOW TO KEEP FROM GETTING KILLED BY MONSTERS AT NIGHT



- KEEP YOUR BEDROOM  
DOOR OPEN.
- KEEP THE NIGHT-  
LIGHT ON.
- HIDE UNDER  
THE COVERS.
- SCREAM YOUR  
HEAD OFF.

### FABULOUS 5-YEAR-OLD FUNNY STUFF



LOOK  
UP.



LOOK  
DOWN.



LOOK  
AT MY  
THUMB.



GEE  
YOU'RE  
DUMB.

YOU TRIUMPH AGAIN.

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## CHAPTER 11 THE 16 TYPES OF BROTHERS

### PARENTS GIVING YOU THE OLD LOW SELF-ESTEEM ROUTINE?

THERE'S A WAY OUT! INSTEAD OF WALLOWING IN FEELINGS OF INADEQUACY AND SELF-LOATHING, TRY PUTTING ON A "PRETEND SELF" NOW YOU WON'T HAVE TO BECOME AN ALCOHOLIC OR DYSFUNCTIONAL DRUG ADDICT FOR YEARS AND YEARS.

#### THE BULLY



#### EL DISGUSTO



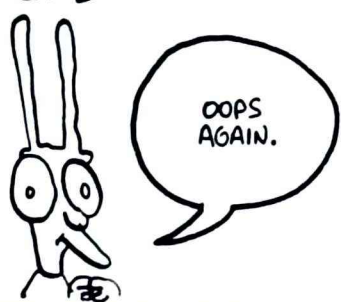
#### THE DESTROYER



#### THE GENIUS



#### L'I'L SCAPEGOAT



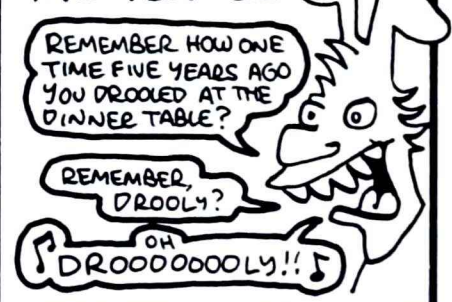
#### THE JOCK



#### OUR HERO



#### THE TEASER



#### THE CRY BABY



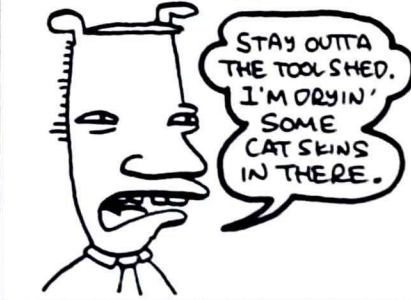
#### THE PEST



#### THE TRICKSTER



#### MR. SCARY



#### THE SLOW THINKER



#### THE MESS



#### THE CRIMINAL



#### THE SQUEALER



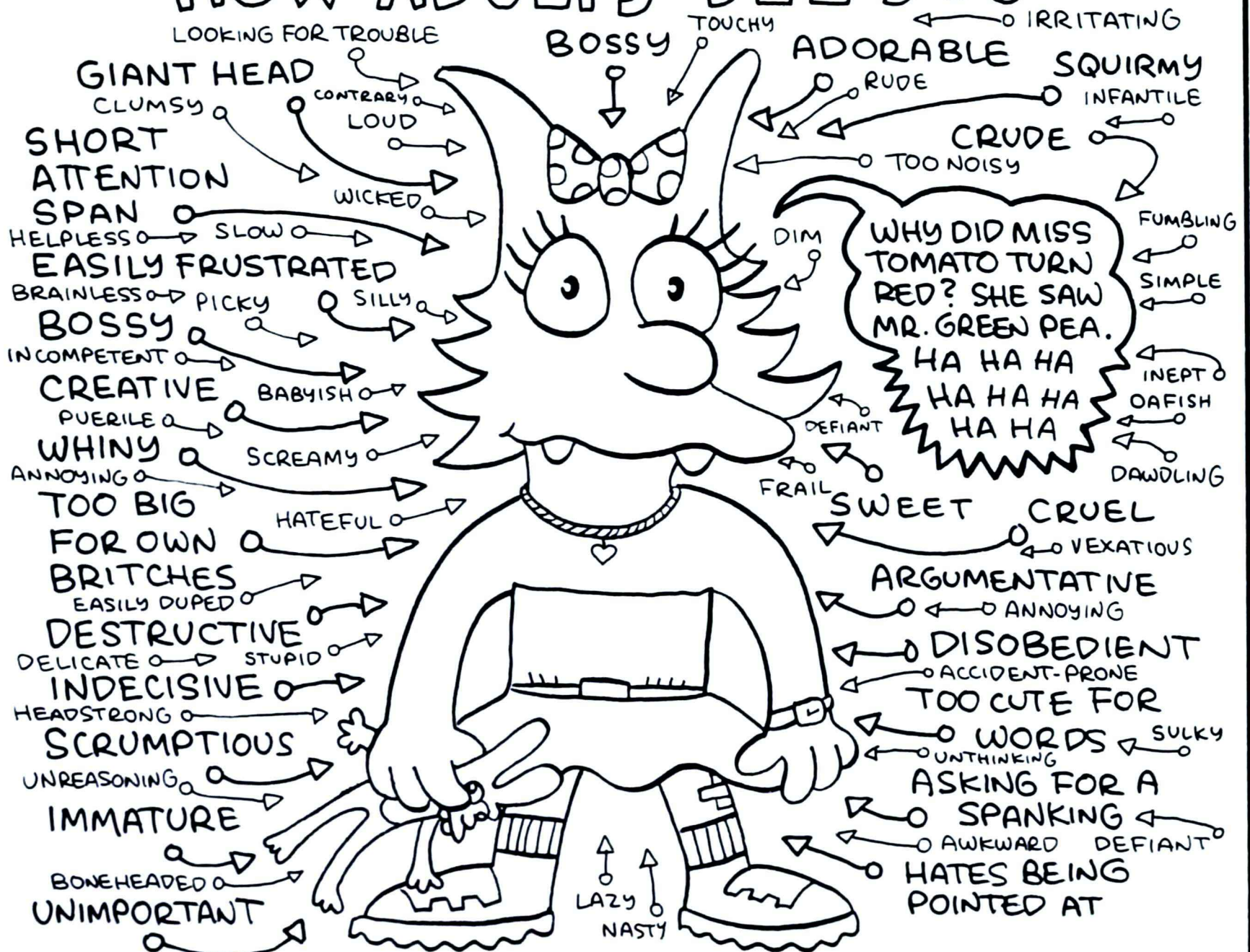
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## CHAPTER 12 HOW TO BE A SINFUL 6-YEAR-OLD



# HOW ADULTS SEE YOU



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## CHAPTER 13 HOW TO HANDLE PROBLEM PARENTS

WIPE THAT SMILE OFF  
YOUR FACE THIS INSTANT!

YOU HEARD ME!

ALL RIGHT-- YOU WANT A  
SPANKING, YOU'RE GETTING ONE!

### HOW TO TELL IF YOU HAVE PROBLEM PARENTS

- DO THEY MAKE UP INSANE RULES?
- DO THEY MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A BABY?
- DO THEY MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF LITTLE STUFF?
- DO THEY FREAK OUT A LOT?

STEADY THERE. HERE  
ARE SOME MORE "PROBLEM  
PARENTS" TIP-OFFS.

- THEY CALL YOU NAMES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL STUPID, CLUMSY, AND HELPLESS.
- YOUR FRIENDS ARE SCARED OF THEM.
- THEY SPANK YOU.
- YOU GET THE FEELING THEY'D BE MUCH HAPPIER IF ONLY THEY DIDN'T HAVE CHILDREN.
- THEY SAY:

NEVER TELL ANYONE  
WHAT GOES ON IN THIS  
FAMILY.

IF YOU FELT LIKE CHECKING  
ANY OF THE BOXES ABOVE,  
BUT DIDN'T, BECAUSE  
YOU WERE AFRAID YOUR  
MOM AND DAD MIGHT GET  
A HOLD OF THIS CARTOON,  
I'VE GOT SOME BAD NEWS  
FOR YOU, PAL.

YOU HAVE ---  
PROBLEM PARENTS.

### WHY ARE YOUR PARENTS SO SCREWED UP?

BECAUSE, SADLY ENOUGH,  
THEY COULD NEVER BRING  
THEMSELVES TO ASK THIS  
QUESTION ABOUT THEIR  
OWN PARENTS.

THAT'S RIGHT! YOUR PARENTS  
WENT THROUGH HELL WHEN  
THEY WERE GROWING UP --  
AND THEY THOUGHT THEY  
DESERVED IT!!

AND THEY PROBABLY EVEN  
FORGOT HOW CRUMMY THEIR  
CHILDHOODS WERE. IT  
WOULD BE TOO PAINFUL  
FOR THEM TO REMEMBER  
THE TRUTH.

WHICH SPELLS TROUBLE FOR YOU, MAN.

### IF THEY LOVE YOU SO MUCH, HOW COME THEY DO SUCH MEAN STUFF TO YOU?

BECAUSE MEAN STUFF  
IS CONSIDERED NORMAL.  
MOST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD  
WERE TREATED BADLY  
WHEN THEY WERE KIDS --  
BEATEN, SPANKED, BELITTLED,  
RIDICULED, AND CONTROLLED.  
IT'S LIKE A GIANT GAME OF  
"PASS IT ALONG."

ALL THIS PUNISHMENT AND DISCIPLINE  
AND RESPECT STUFF IS TOTAL  
JIVE-ASS BALONEY. INSULTS  
TEACH HOW TO INSULT, HUMILIATION  
TEACHES HOW TO HUMILIATE,  
PUNISHMENT TEACHES HOW  
TO PUNISH. DEPRESSING, AIN'T IT?

### HOW DO YOU COPE WITH PROBLEM PARENTS?

- ① LEARN TO READ THEIR MOODS. TRY NOT TO BUG THEM WHEN YOU CAN SENSE THEY MAY GO CRAZY.
- ② WHEN THEY DO GO CRAZY AND START MISTREATING YOU, TRY TO REMEMBER HOW THEY WERE MISTREATED WHEN THEY WERE POOR LITTLE KIDS. THIS MAY NOT HELP MUCH, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING.
- ③ WHEN THEY SAY:

YOU'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO  
ANYTHING, YOU KNOW.

HERE COMES LITTLE CLUMSY AGAIN.

HOW STUPID ARE YOU, ANYWAY?

TRY TO REMEMBER: IT'S THEIR  
PROBLEM, NOT YOURS. YOU'LL  
ESCAPE SOMEDAY.

### IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO STOP THEM FROM BEING PROBLEM PARENTS?

NOT REALLY. YOU CAN TRY TO  
GET THEM TO REMEMBER  
WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN  
THEY WERE ABUSED, PUNISHED  
AND FRIGHTENED.

BUT BE PREPARED TO RUN  
LIKE HELL.

NOTE TO GROWN-UPS: IF THIS  
CARTOON SEEMS DULL AND  
POINTLESS TO YOU, PLEASE  
SEEK HELP IMMEDIATELY.

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THE CARTOON SERIES FOR YOUNG PUPS

### CHAPTER 14 HOW TO BE A SLIPPERY 7-YEAR-OLD

#### WHEN YOUR PARENTS SAY

KNOCK THAT  
OFF OR I'LL  
KILL YOU!!!

THEY'RE ONLY JOKING.  
PARENTS HAVE LOUSY SENSES OF HUMOR.



#### DID YOU KNOW?



MOM AND DAD'S  
BED MAKES AN  
EXCELLENT  
TRAMPOLINE.

OLDER BROTHER  
OR SISTER  
HARASSING YOU?  
TRY THIS SIMPLE  
TACTIC FOR INSTANT  
RESULTS!



#### DEROGATORY NAMES

IF AN OLDER SIBLING  
CALLS YOU ANY OF  
THE FOLLOWING  
NAMES, YOU ARE  
JUSTIFIED IN  
THROWING A SMALL  
TOY AT HIS OR HER  
HEAD.

SQUIRT.

SHRIMPY.

JUNIOR.

MICROBE.

SHORTY.

RUNT.

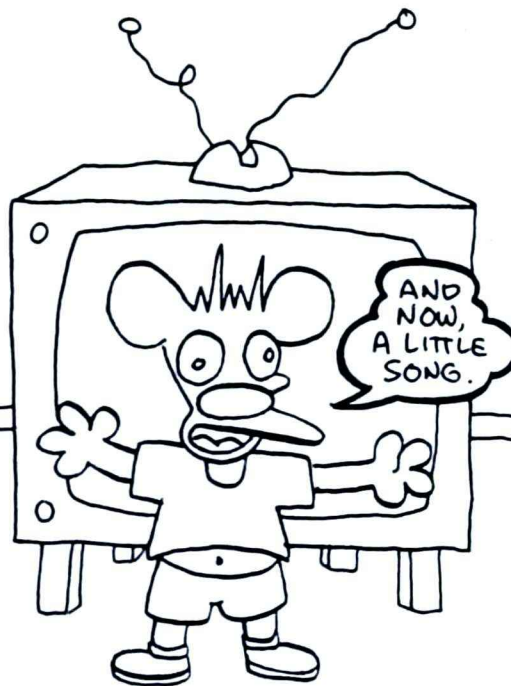
ANKLE-  
BITER.

HALF-  
PINT.

BREAD-  
CRUMB.

A HEALTH TIP:  
LOCK YOURSELF  
IN THE BATHROOM  
TILL MOM GETS HOME.

#### THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET ATTENTION



STAND IN FRONT OF THE TV.  
(BE PREPARED TO RUN LIKE THE WIND.)

#### A FUN LINGUISTIC TRICK TO TRY ON YOUR FRIENDS

SAY TEA.

TEA.

SAY POT.

POT.

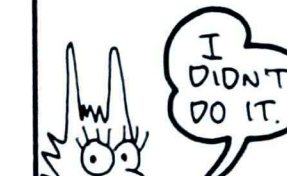
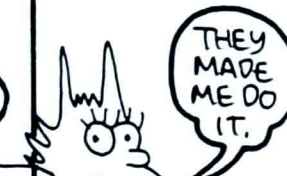
NOW SAY 'EM  
BACKWARDS.

POT. TEA.

YOU JUST  
SAID "POTTY."

REALLY EMBARRASSED

#### QUICK ALL-PURPOSE EXCUSES



DO NOT USE ALL  
THESE EXCUSES AT  
THE SAME TIME.

#### BEDTIME BULLETIN



ANYTHING BEFORE  
8 PM AND YOU'RE  
BEING ROOKED BAD.

#### BIG QUESTIONS TO ASK REPEATELY

DOES GOD  
MAKE  
BULLETS?

ARE  
CARS  
ALIVE?

HOW DO PEOPLE  
KEEP FROM  
FALLING OUT  
OF HEAVEN?

IF DOGS HAVE  
SUCH A GOOD  
SENSE OF SMELL,  
WHY DO THEY  
SNIFF EACH  
OTHER'S  
REAR ENDS?

HOW COME  
PEOPLE LAUGH  
ON TV WHEN  
IT'S NOT  
EVEN  
FUNNY?

BUT HOW  
EXACTLY  
DOES DADDY'S  
SEED GET  
INSIDE  
MOMMY?

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## Childhood As Hell

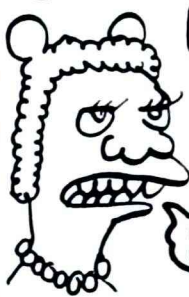
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## CHAPTER 15 THE 16 TYPES OF SISTERS

DON'T WORRY.  
SHE HAS NO IDEA  
WHAT WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT.



### BOSSY



YOU HAVE TO  
DO WHAT I  
SAY BECAUSE  
I AM THE OLDEST,  
THE WISEST,  
AND THE MOST  
MATURE.

NOW GET ON ALL FOURS  
AND BARK LIKE A DOG.

### THE BRAT



GEE, YOUR  
DIARY WAS  
A REAL  
HOWLER!!!  
I DON'T  
THINK I'LL  
EVER  
STOP  
LAUGHING!!

### LITTLE MS. DISGUSTED



OH,  
BARF.



### THE TOMBOY



SAY  
UNCLE.

NEVER!

OWW!!  
UNCLE!  
UNCLE!!  
UNCLE!!!

### THE MANNERS MONITOR



GETTER ELBOWS  
OFF THE TABLE,  
SIT UP STRAIGHT,  
SHUT YER TRAP,  
WHEN YER CHEWIN',  
AND QUIT GRABBIN'  
THE FISHSTICKS  
WITH YER  
FINGERS, YOU  
LITTLE S'BS.

### SCREECHY



I JUST  
KNEW YOU  
WOULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND!

(SLAMS DOOR)

### THE LITTLE MOM



TSK TSK --  
I JUST  
WASHED  
YOUR FACE.  
HOW'D YOU  
GET IT ALL  
SMUDGY SO  
FAST?

### THE TATTLETALE

MOMMY!! AMBER AND BRANDON  
ARE IN THE POOLHOUSE PLAYING  
DOCTOR AND SMOKING CIGARETTES  
AND TELLING DIRTY JOKES  
AND LOOKING AT NUDIST  
MAGAZINES AND  
THEY WON'T  
SHARE!!!



### THE SPOOKY POET



ALL AROUND ME MINDLESS  
LAUGHTER WHILE  
I WEEP WITHIN --  
FOR LO, I AM  
A 10,000-YEAR-OLD  
GODDESS, TRAPPED  
IN A TEENAGE  
BODY.  
O, THE MORTIFICATION.

### MISS ANNOYED



HOLD ON, HEATHER.  
THERE'S A LITTLE  
MARTIAN HERE  
TRYING TO GET  
MY ATTENTION.

I'M NOT  
A MARTIAN!  
I'M NOT  
A MARTIAN!!



### MISS POPULARITY



I FEEL  
PRETTY  
OH SO  
PRETTY

### THE BAD GIRL



YOU TELL  
MOM 'N' DAD  
YOU SAW ANYTHING  
AND YOU'RE  
DEAD MEAT  
ON A STICK.  
WANNA CIG?

### THE BOOKWORM



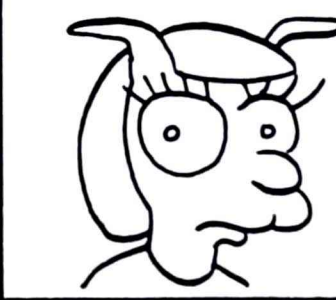
SHUT THE  
DOOR QUIETLY  
ON YOUR WAY  
OUT, PLEASE.  
THANK YOU.  
GOODBYE NOW.

### MS. PERFECT



THANK YOU,  
MOTHER.  
I ONLY HOPE  
MY EXAMPLE  
WILL BE  
HEEDED  
BY THE  
OTHERS.

### THE STARER



### SULKY



JUST  
LEAVE.  
ME.  
ALONE.

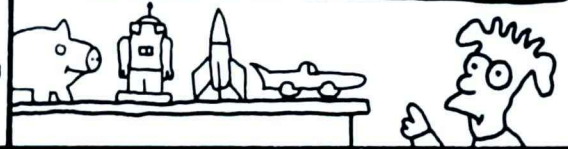


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## CHAPTER 16 HOW TO BE AN EXASPERATING 8-YEAR-OLD

MUST YOU ALWAYS TOUCH THINGS THAT DON'T BELONG TO YOU?



### A DANGEROUS GAME

PICK UP THE EXTENSION PHONE AND LISTEN IN ON YOUR OLDER SISTER'S CONVERSATION.



AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, BELCH.

### THINGS NOT GOING YOUR WAY?

JUST SAY:

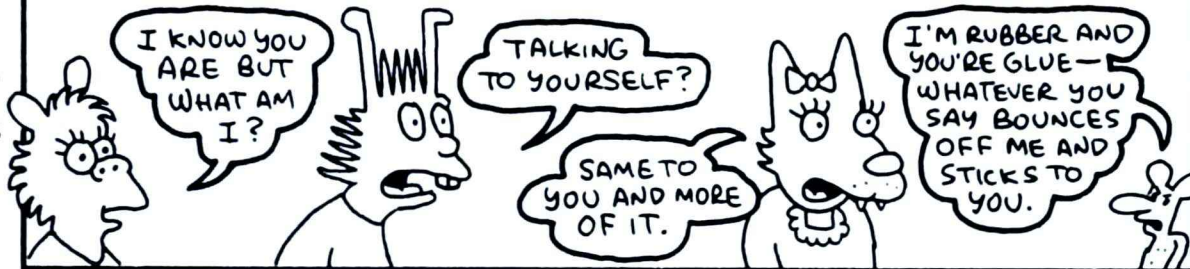
GET OFF MY CASE!!



### TIME LESS LITERATURE



### SNAPPY COMEBACKS TO RUDE, VICIOUS INSULTS

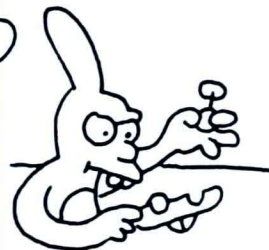


### A BRILLIANT YET FILTHY TRICK YOU CAN TRY ON YOUR FRIENDS

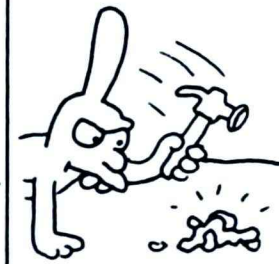


### 4 THINGS TO DO WITH TOYS BESIDES PLAY WITH THEM

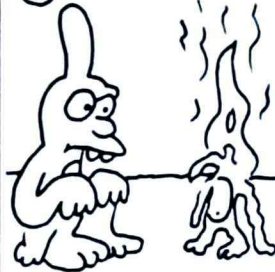
① TAKE 'EM APART.



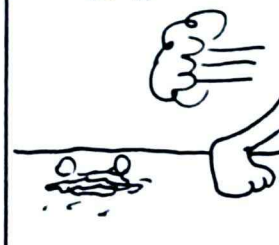
② BREAK 'EM.



③ MELT 'EM.



④ DISCARD 'EM.



### CAR TRIP BORING YOU?

JUST SAY:

ARE WE THERE YET?



### A CLASSIC TAUNT AND A MODERN VARIANT

TEACHER, TEACHER, I DECLARE: I SEE BRANDI'S UNDERWEAR.



THE CLASSIC

THE MODERN VARIANT

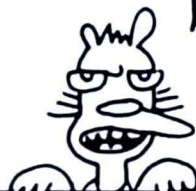
### A CLEVER TAUNT



### GAME NOT GOING YOUR WAY?

JUST SAY:

I'M QUITTING.



### SQUELCH CORNER

TELL US NEWS, NOT HISTORY.

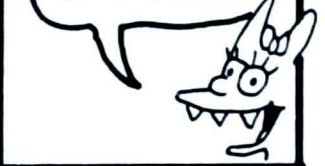


### BEDTIME BULLETIN



GIVE ME 9 PM OR GIVE ME DEATH.

TEACHER, TEACHER, I DECLARE: I SEE BONGO'S BOTTOM BARE.



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CHAPTER 17

# D-I-V-O-R-C-E

YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER.

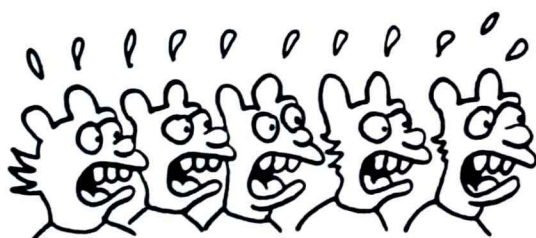


## HOW TO TELL WHEN THERE'S A DIVORCE ON THE WAY



DADDY SCREECHING AT MOMMY

MOMMY SCREECHING AT DADDY



KIDS SCREECHING IN TERROR



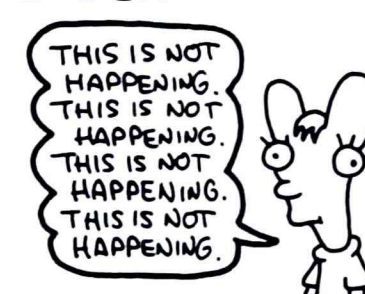
TIRES SCREECHING AS DADDY TAKES OFF AND NEVER COMES BACK

## THE 12 STAGES OF DIVORCE FOR KIDS

### 1. DISBELIEF



### 2. DENIAL



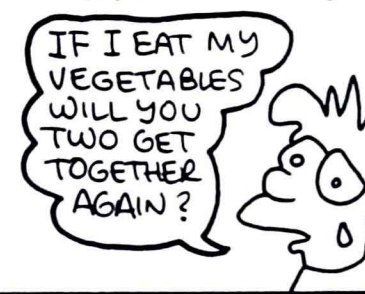
### 3. FEAR



### 4. ANGER



### 5. BARGAINING



### 6. SHAME



### 7. DEPRESSION



### 8. SELF-PITY



### 9. OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE



### 10. EMPTY FEELING



### 11. LOOKING AHEAD



### 12. SECRET HOPE



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## CHAPTER 18 HOW TO BE A NAUGHTY 9-YEAR-OLD

### SECRET DIARY TIPS



- HIDE YOUR SECRET DIARY WELL. NO MOM IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE HAS REFRAINED FROM READING HER KID'S DIARY IF SHE GOT HER HANDS ON IT.
- LEAVE A DECOY SECRET DIARY IN AN OBVIOUS HIDING PLACE TO THROW INTRUDERS OFF THE TRACK.

### DEVASTATING REPLIES TO THE QUESTION "WHAT TIME IS IT?"



### 1001 WAYS TO SAY "I DON'T LIKE IT"

MIX 'N' MATCH!  
COMBINE 'N' SWITCH!  
STRING A WHOLE BUNCH TOGETHER!



### WHAT TO SAY TO REDHEADS

I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN RED IN THE HEAD.



### CLEVER VARIATIONS ON NAMES OF FRIENDS

GIVEN NAME BECOMES NEW NAME

Adam	Madam
Deborah	Debris
Andre	Undress
Eddie	Spaghetti
Millie	Silly Millie
Polly	Polly Wanna Cracker
Matt	Matt the Rat
Kelly	Smelly
Duncan	Dunkin' Donuts
Robert	Robot
Meg	Megaton
Mary	Mary the Fairy
Amber	Spamber
Corey	Snorey
Patty	Fatty
Bart	Fart
Jim	Gymnasium
Marcus	Mucous

### A MASTERPIECE IN RHYME

FATTY FATTY TWO BY FOUR COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE BATHROOM DOOR SO HE DID IT ON THE FLOOR LICKED IT UP AND ASKED FOR MORE.



SUCH EXQUISITE IMAGERY.



### A FUN TRICK



THROW BALL BEARINGS ON THE FLOOR AT SCHOOL.

### CHUCKLES GALORE



WHAT FOR?

5.



### HILARITY HI-JINX



BUT WHY?

BUT Z.



### BIG LAFF

WHAT'S ON TV?  
THE ANTENNA.



### BEDTIME BULLETIN



10 PM WILL BE ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED I GET TO PLAY THE RADIO AND READ BOOKS IN BED FOR ANOTHER HOUR.

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THE KARTOON KARNIVAL

## CHAPTER 19 CRIME 'N' PUNISHMENT

### 3 PUNISHMENT LIES

THIS HURTS ME MORE THAN IT DOES YOU.

SOMEDAY YOU'LL THANK ME FOR BEING SO STRICT.

I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

OK—WHAT IS CRIME?

CRIME IS WHEN YOU BREAK THE RULES.

WHAT ARE RULES?

RULES ARE GENERAL GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW SO NOBODY HAS TO THINK.

PARENTS DIG RULES 'CAUSE THEY GET TO ENFORCE 'EM ON YOU.

THAT'S THE ONE RULE PARENTS OBEY: MAKIN' THE KIDS OBEY ALL THE OTHER RULES.

AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING? MOST KIDS ACTUALLY LIKE TO FOLLOW THE RULES.

THAT'S 'CAUSE, FOR BETTER OR WORSER, IT'S EASIER TO OBEY A RULE THAN TO THINK FOR YOURSELF.

PLUS RULES GIVE YOU THIS SAFE TARGET FOR WHEN YOU GET MAD. YOU GET MAD AT THE RULE INSTEAD OF AT THE PARENTS WHO MADE UP THE RULE.

BUT EVENTUALLY YOU WISE UP AND BEGIN TO NOTICE THAT SOME RULES ARE STUPID, POINTLESS, AND CRAZY.

SO THEN YOU GOTTA ASK YOURSELF: WHY AM I FOLLOWING THIS RULE?

DOES OBEYING THIS RULE MAKE SENSE, OR AM I JUST BEING A LITTLE WIMP? WHAT HAPPENS IF I BREAK THIS RULE? WILL ANYONE GET HURT?

IF I BREAK THIS RULE, WILL I BE HAPPIER?

OR AM I JUST BEING A LITTLE WISEGUY, TRYING TO GET EVEN FOR SOME PAST INJUSTICE?

HOW MUCH PUNISHMENT WILL RESULT FROM THIS CRIME? CAN I HANDLE IT? YES!! I CAN! I CAN!! I AM FREE!! FREE, I TELL YOU!!!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GO TO BED!!

YOU'RE SO BAD.

NOW WHERE WAS I? I KNOW IT WAS IMPORTANT.

DANG. I LOST IT.

I'M SO BAD.

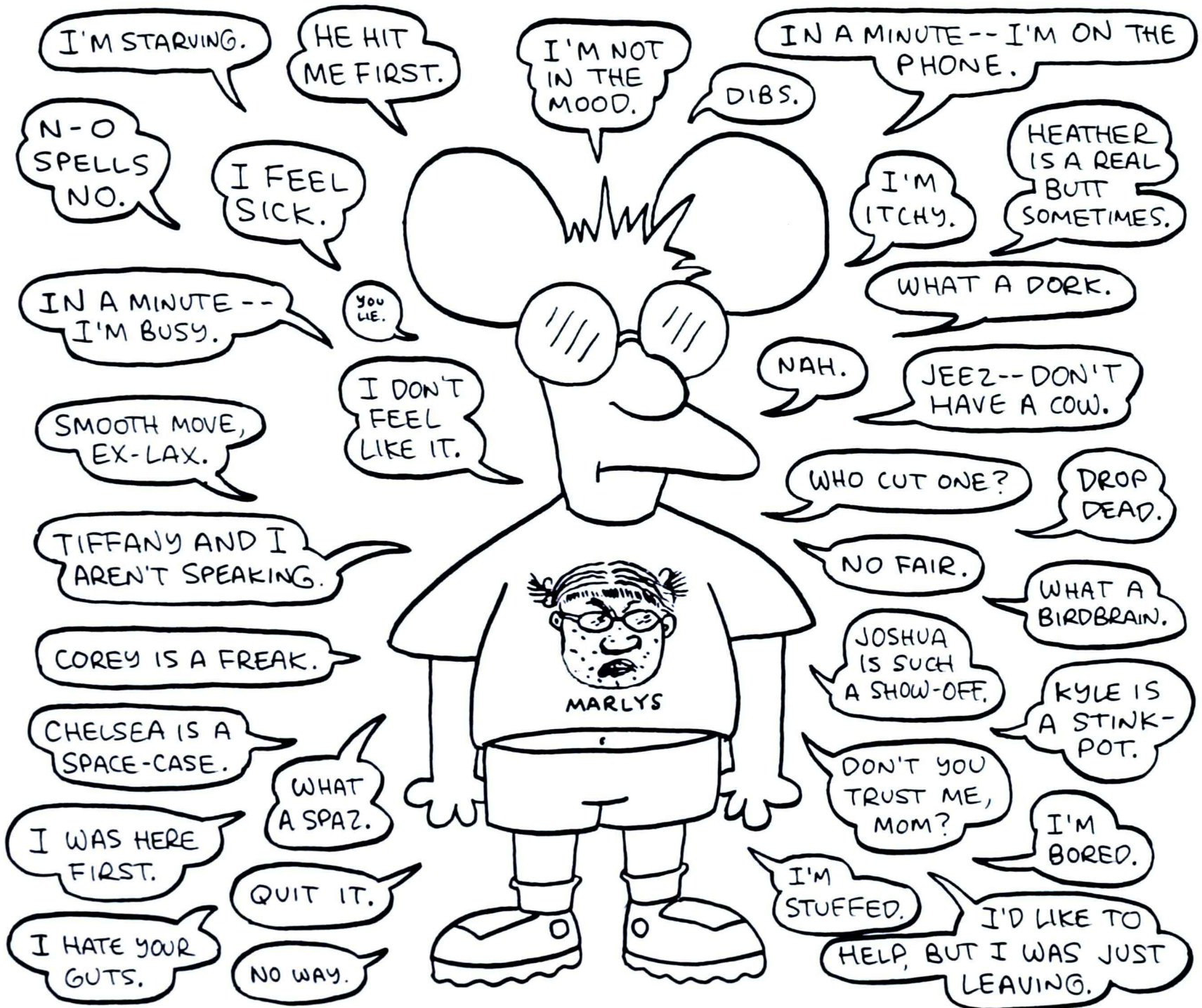
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## CHAPTER 20 HOW TO BE A TWISTED 10-YEAR-OLD


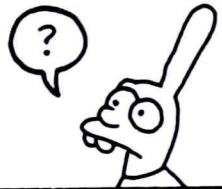



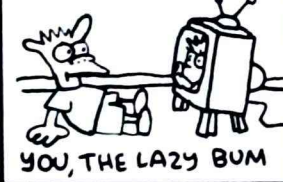



CONFRONTED WITH FOOD YOU FIND DISTASTEFUL?

- ① BULGE EYES OUT.
- ② MAKE LITTLE CHOKE NOISES.
- ③ STICK OUT TONGUE.
- ④ MAKE FAKE VOMITING NOISES.



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CHILDHOOD IS HELL OR "NO, YOU CAN'T GO"		CHAPTER 21 FIGHTIN' WITH THE FOLKS		 	
TYPE OF FIGHT	THEIR TACTICS	YOUR TACTICS	THEIR COUNTERTACTICS	YOUR COUNTERTACTICS	FINAL OUTCOME
 <p>YOUR CHORES</p>	<p>YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE TILL YOU WASH THE DISHES.</p>	<p>PRETEND YOU DIDN'T HEAR.</p>	<p>HEY!! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?</p>	<p>BUT IT'S NOT MY TURN! I WASHED 'EM YESTERDAY!</p>	<p>YOU WASH THE DISHES, BUT DON'T GET ALL THE CRUSTY STUFF OFF THE COOKING POT.</p>
 <p>YOU'RE LATE AGAIN</p>	<p>THAT DOES IT! YOU'RE GROUNDED!</p>	<p>BUT I MISSED THE BUS AND HAD TO WALK HOME! [OR SOME SUCH EXCUSE]</p>	<p>YOU'RE LYING!! WE CAN'T TRUST A WORD YOU SAY!!!</p>	<p>STOMP INTO YOUR BEDROOM AND SLAM THE DOOR.</p>	<p>LIE ON YOUR BED, SEETHING. LATER, SNEAK OUT.</p>
 <p>YOUR MESSY BEDROOM</p>	<p>HOW CAN YOU STAND TO LIVE LIKE THIS?</p>	<p>I LIKE IT THIS WAY.</p>	<p>WELL, AS LONG AS YOU LIVE IN MY HOUSE, YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE LIKE A DECENT HUMAN BEING!</p>	<p>THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.</p>	<p>THROW CLOTHES INTO THE CLOSET, KICK TOYS UNDER THE BED, SHOO AWAY FRUIT FLIES FROM THE TRASH CAN, SWEARING THE WHOLE TIME.</p>
 <p>YOU, THE LAZY BUM</p>	<p>WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE --</p>	<p>TUNE OUT IMMEDIATELY.</p>	<p>LOOK AT ME WHEN I TALK TO YOU!</p>	<p>TRY TO LOOK AS IMPATIENT AND PERTURBED AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING ANYTHING.</p>	<p>WAIT TILL THE FIGHT IS OVER, THEN GO WATCH TV.</p>
 <p>YOUR LOUSY GRADES</p>	<p>THIS REPORT CARD IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE.</p>	<p>SHRUG YOUR SHOULDERS, START SLINKING AWAY.</p>	<p>WE'LL TRY NO TV FOR THREE MONTHS AND SEE IF THAT IMPROVES THINGS.</p>	<p>PLEAD, WHINE, ARGUE, MOAN, PESTER, YELL, CRY, WHIMPER, SULK.</p>	<p>LISTEN TO MUSIC ON HEADPHONES WHILE DOING YOUR HOMEWORK. BRING GRADES UP A NOTCH BY ACTUALLY TURNING IN WORK.</p>
 <p>YOUR DISRESPECT</p>	<p>YOU WATCH YOUR TONGUE, YOUNG LADY [OR MAN]!</p>	<p>SAY SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR A CHANGE!</p>	<p>DON'T YOU DARE SASS ME!!</p>	<p>MAKE A HIDEOUS FACE.</p>	<p>GO DOWN TO THE MALL AND HANG OUT. ACT AS BORED AS POSSIBLE.</p>
 <p>YOUR CRUMMY APPEARANCE</p>	<p>YOU LOOK LIKE A MESS, YOU KNOW THAT?</p>	<p>THIS IS THE WAY ALL MY FRIENDS LOOK.</p>	<p>IF YOUR FRIENDS ALL JUMPED OFF A CLIFF, WOULD YOU JUMP, TOO?</p>	<p>MAYBE.</p>	<p>VAGUELY RESENT YOUR PARENTS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.</p>

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## CHAPTER 22 HOW TO BE AN EVIL 11-YEAR-OLD

### THE MOST HORRIBLE THING IN THE WORLD



### FUN THINGS TO DO



WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT YER FLAP?



TWO 11-YEAR-OLDS  
RELATING

### YUCKY FOOD

A CONDENSED LIST



### THE EXCITING WORLD OF PLOTTING REVENGE

→ TARGETS ←

- MOM  DAD
- STEPMOTHER
- STEPFATHER
- BROTHER  TEACHER
- SISTER  BULLY
- WHOLE WORLD

→ WHAT TO DO ←

- PICTURE THEM DEAD
- PICTURE THEM AT YOUR MERCY
- PICTURE THEM IN A BUS GOING OFF A CLIFF
- PICTURE THEM SINKING IN QUICKSAND
- PICTURE YOURSELF DEAD AND THEM ALL FEELING REAL SORRY

### THE CRUELEST GROUP IN THE UNIVERSE

Y! CRY, DEBBIE, CRY! CRY, DEBBIE, CRY!



A ROVING PACK OF MALICIOUS  
11-YEAR-OLD GIRLS

### ONE OF THE CRUMMIEST THINGS ABOUT BEING AN 11-YEAR-OLD

ALL THE  
GOOD  
MOVIES  
ARE RATED  
R.



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## CHAPTER 23 PARENTS OUT OF CONTROL

Q: HOW COME YOUR PARENTS BELITTLE YOU?

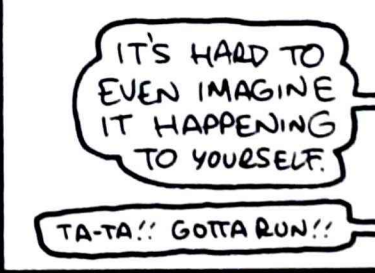
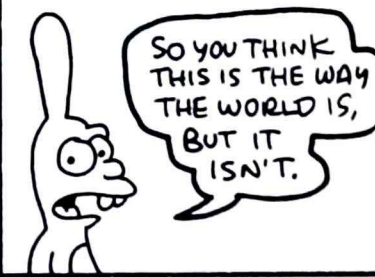
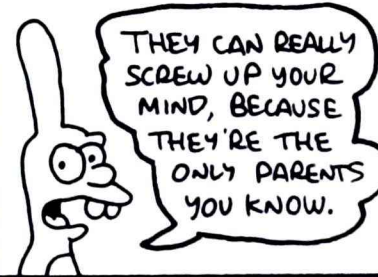
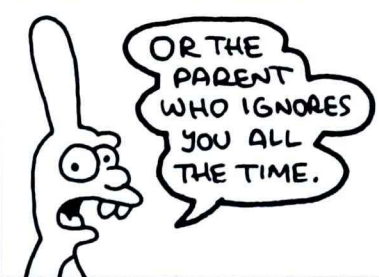
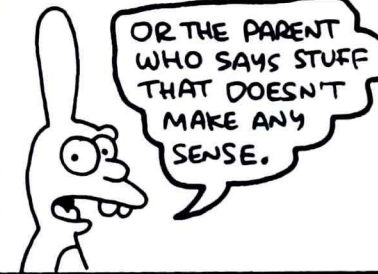
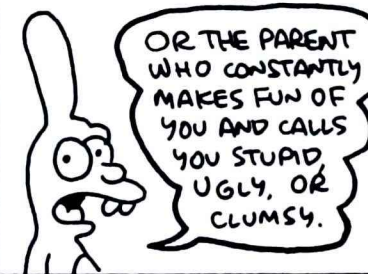
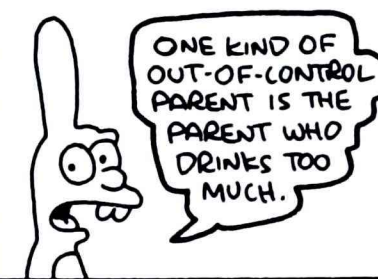
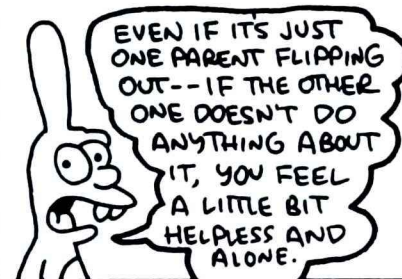
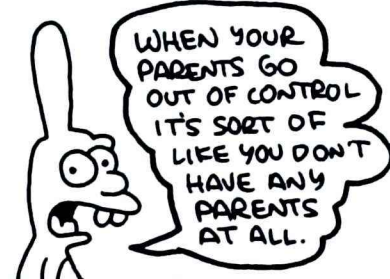
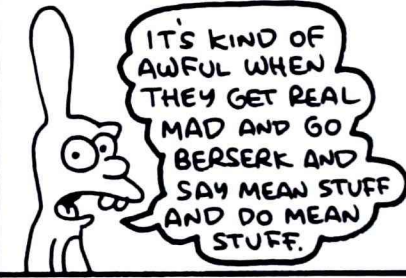
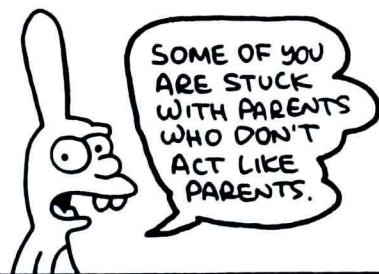


FOR SOMEONE WITH YOUR INTELLIGENCE, YOU SURE ACT STUPID.

THANK YOU. I TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.



A: BECAUSE THEY WANT YOU TO BE LITTLE.



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## CHILDHOOD IS HELL

OR "I AM NOT A CHILD ANYMORE"

## CHAPTER 24 HOW TO BE A TEENAGE 12-YEAR-OLD

### THE TOPSY-TURVY WORLD OF GROWING UP

LITTLE KID GOALS



WIN LOVE.  
AVOID DISPLEASURE.

MATURE ADOLESCENT  
GOALS



AVOID LOVE.  
WIN DISPLEASURE.



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CHAPTER 25  
(FINAL CHAPTER)  
WHAT HAVE WE  
LEARNED?

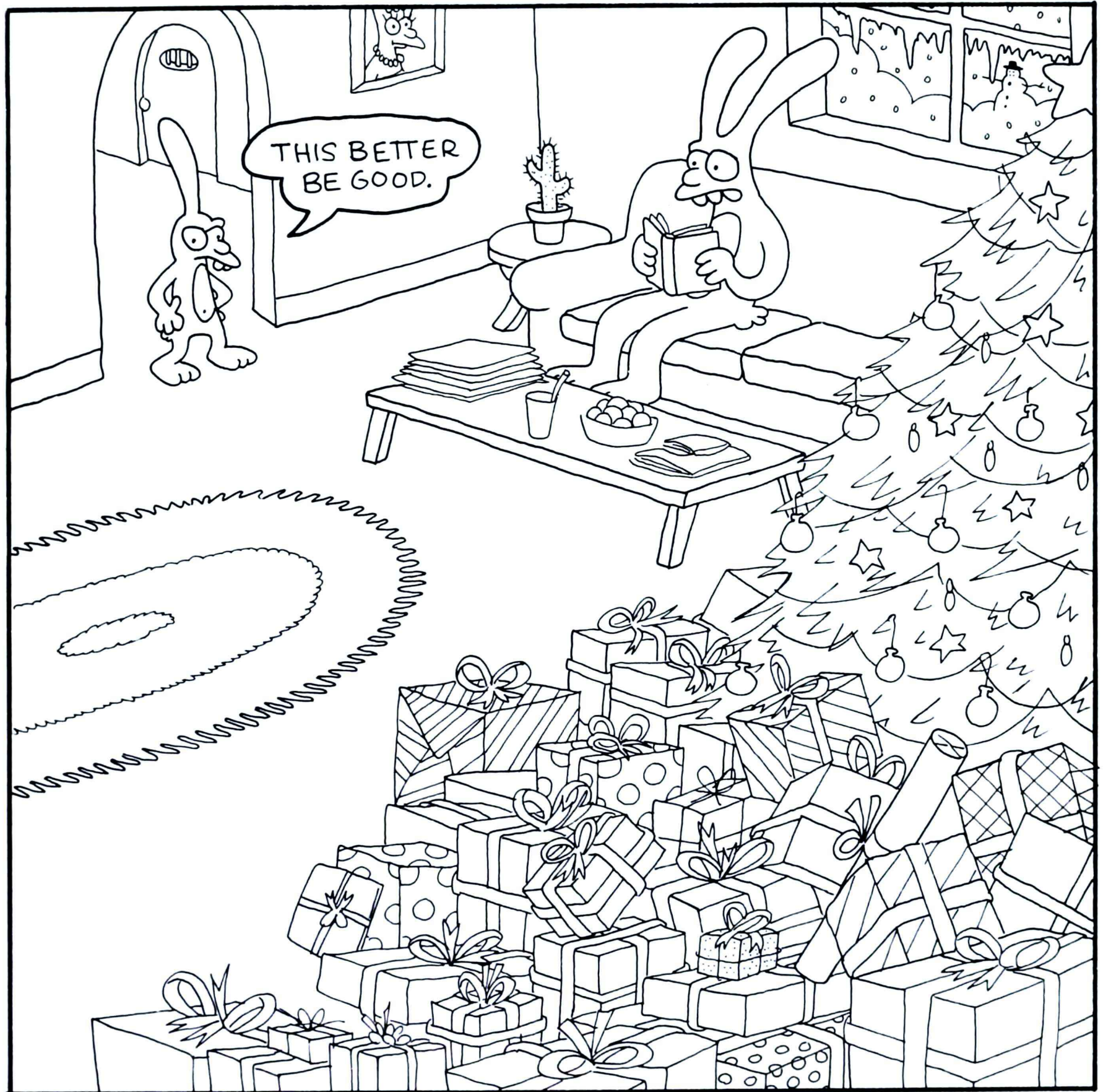


DID I SAY CHILDHOOD  
WAS HELL? GEE, I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT I COULD  
POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN  
THINKING.

HEH  
HEH.

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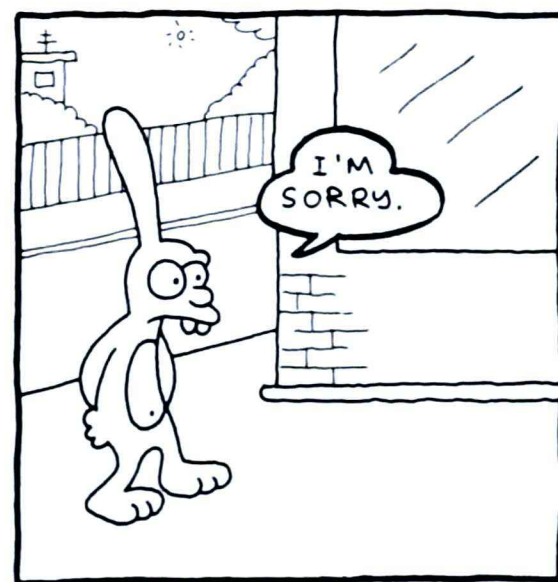
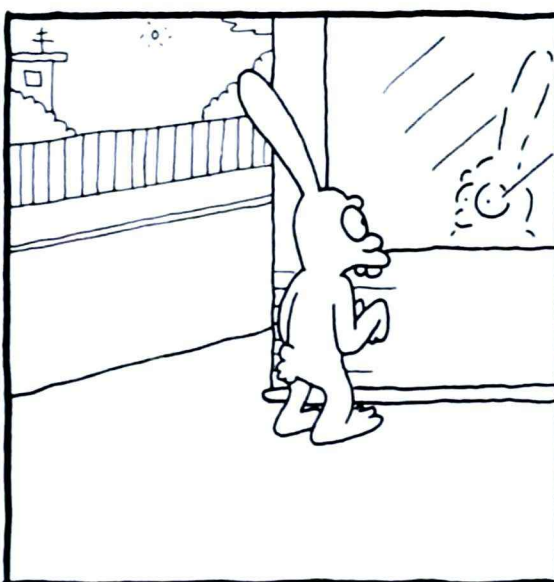
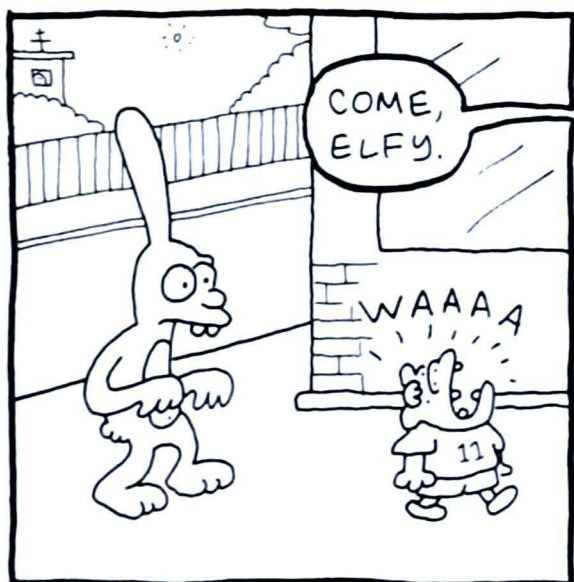
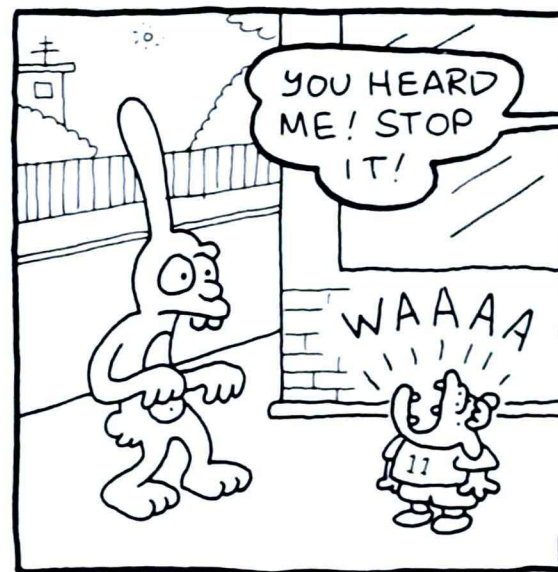
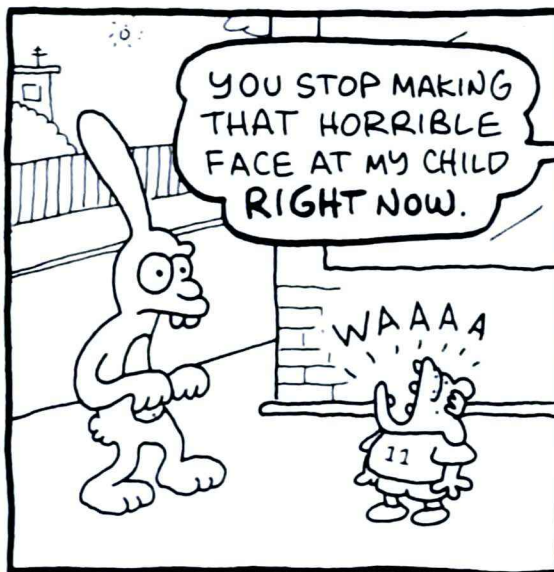
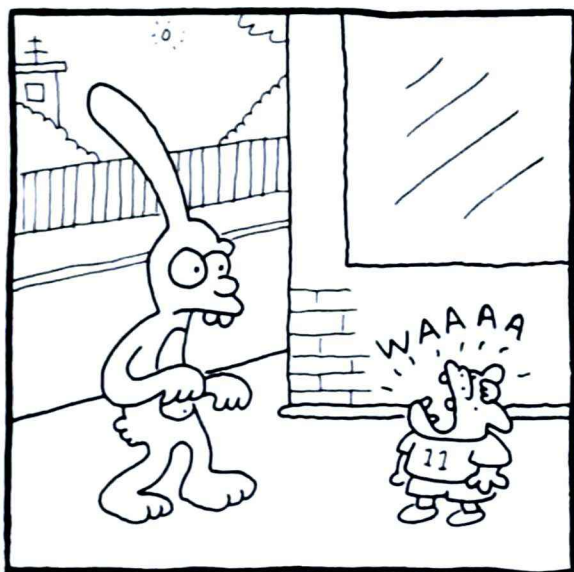
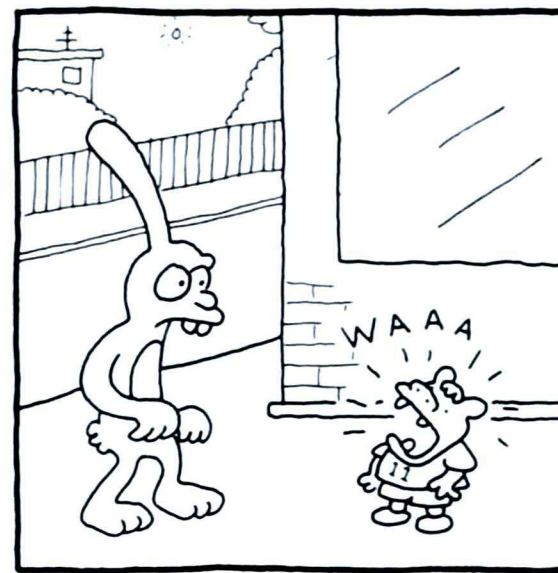
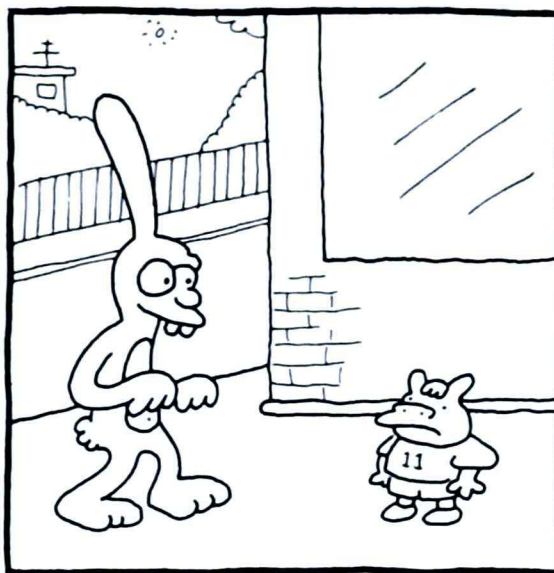
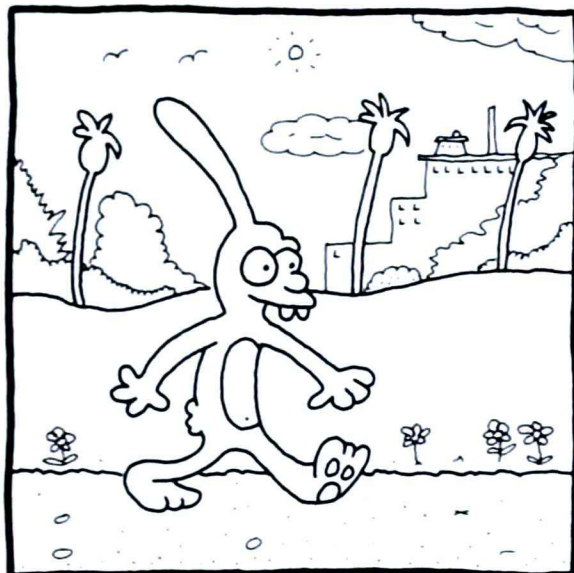
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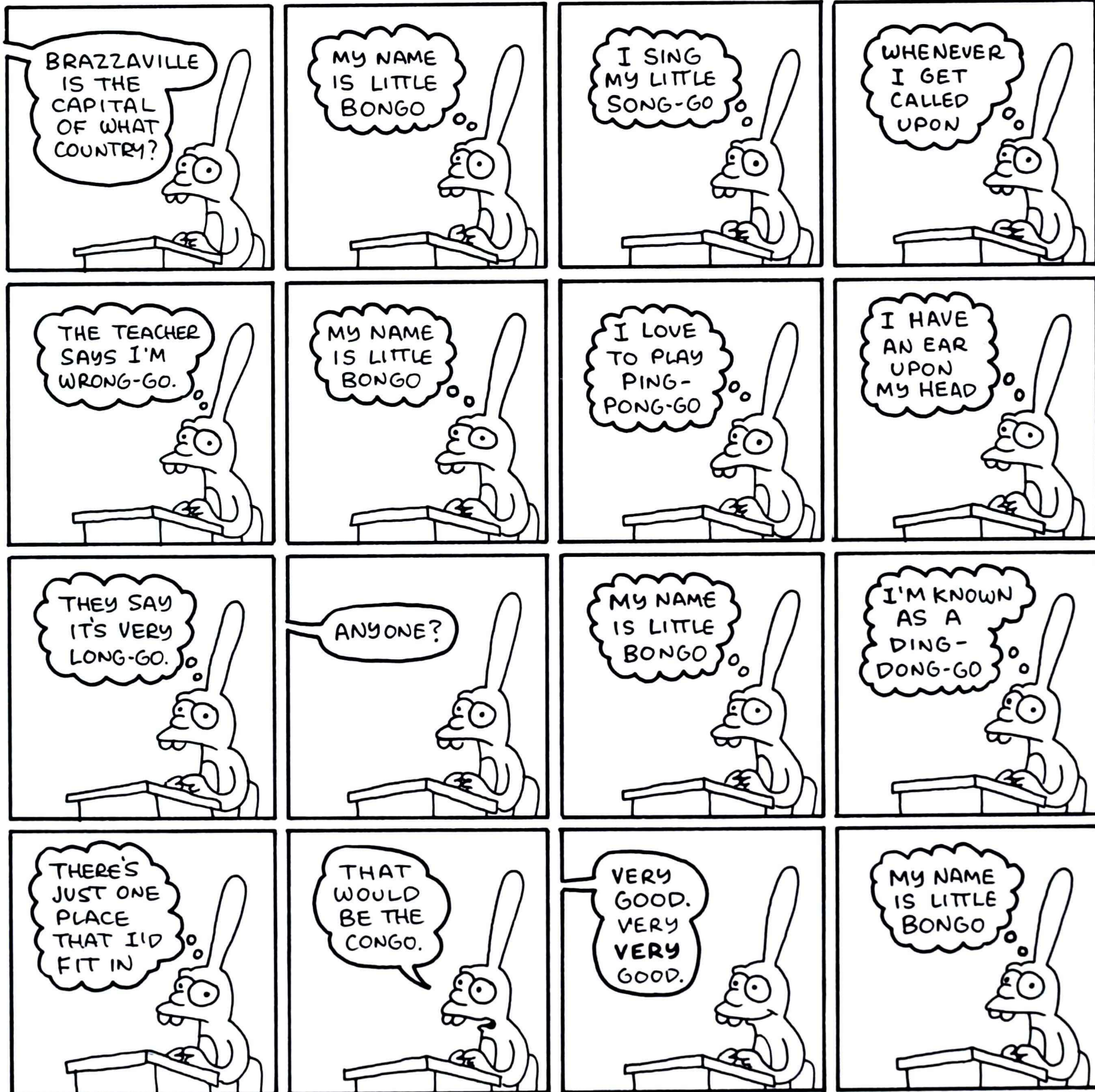
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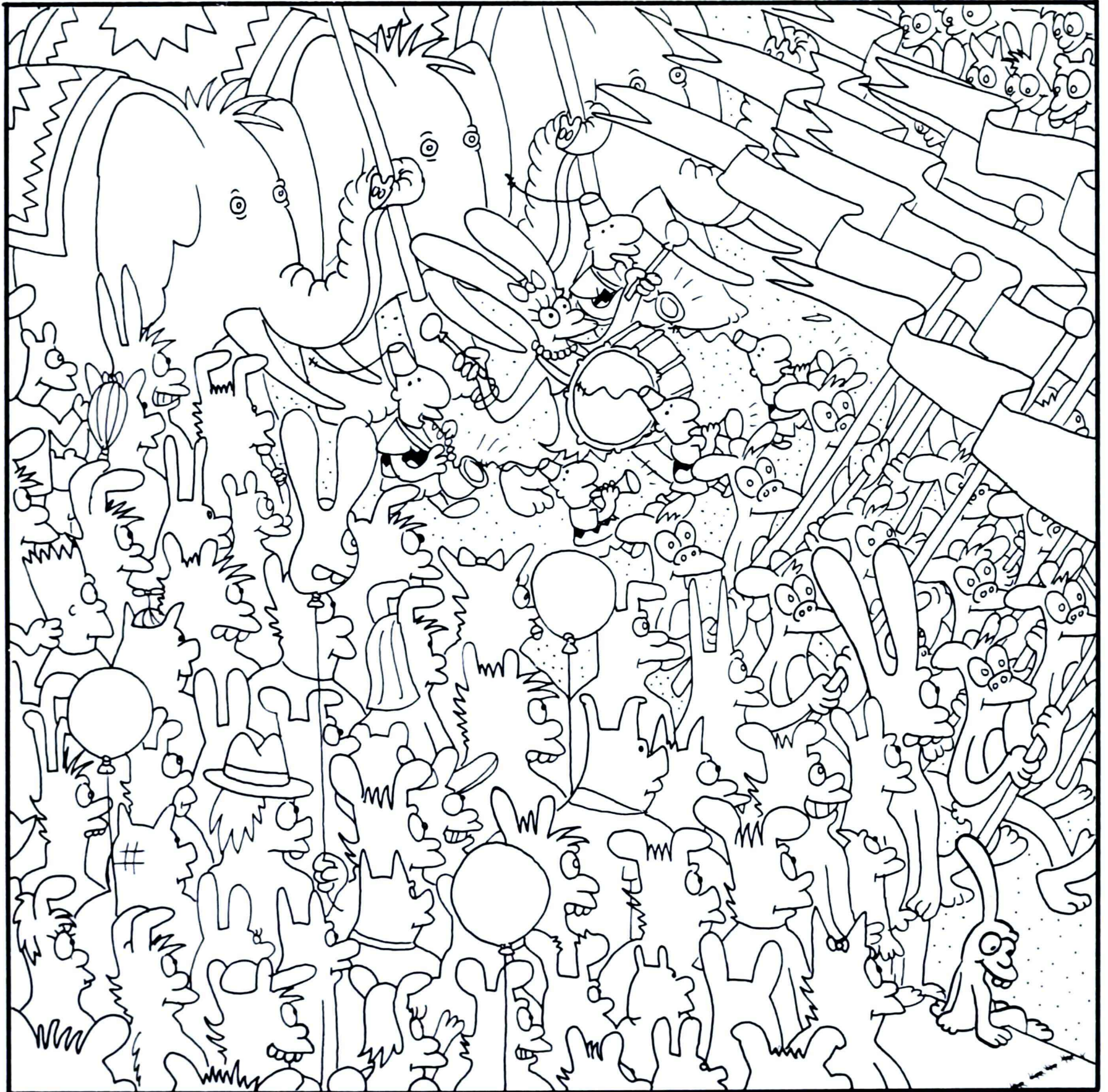
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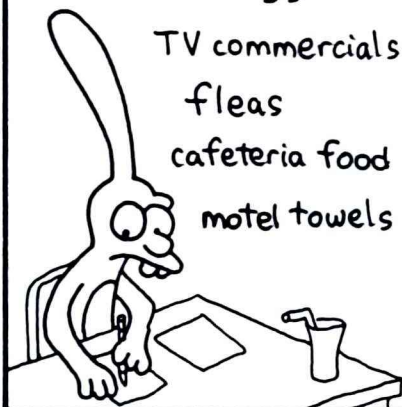
## THE CASE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

ice cream  
tide pools  
helium  
baby ducks  
boomerangs



## THE CASE AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

rotten eggs  
TV commercials  
fleas  
cafeteria food  
motel towels



## THE CASE FOR cool old locomotives ice cubes

blimps  
Bigfoot  
monorails  
yo-yos



## THE CASE AGAINST

poison ivy  
leeches  
traffic jams  
TV game-show  
hosts  
maggots  
the French



## THE CASE FOR

bear cubs  
corn on the cob  
back rubs  
Dolly Parton  
dogs that  
fetch



## THE CASE AGAINST

splinters  
creamed corn  
hornets  
mosquitoes  
dead batteries  
dogs that  
don't fetch



## THE CASE FOR

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your best friend  
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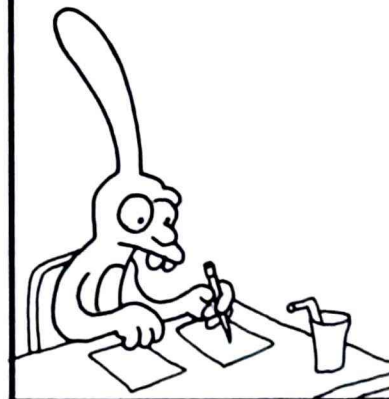
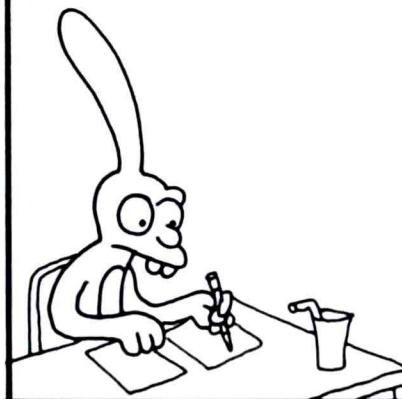
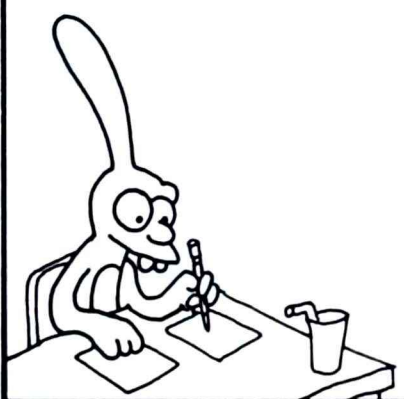


## THE CASE AGAINST

termites earaches  
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the road  
Saturday-morning  
TV cartoons  
Republicans  
raw sewage

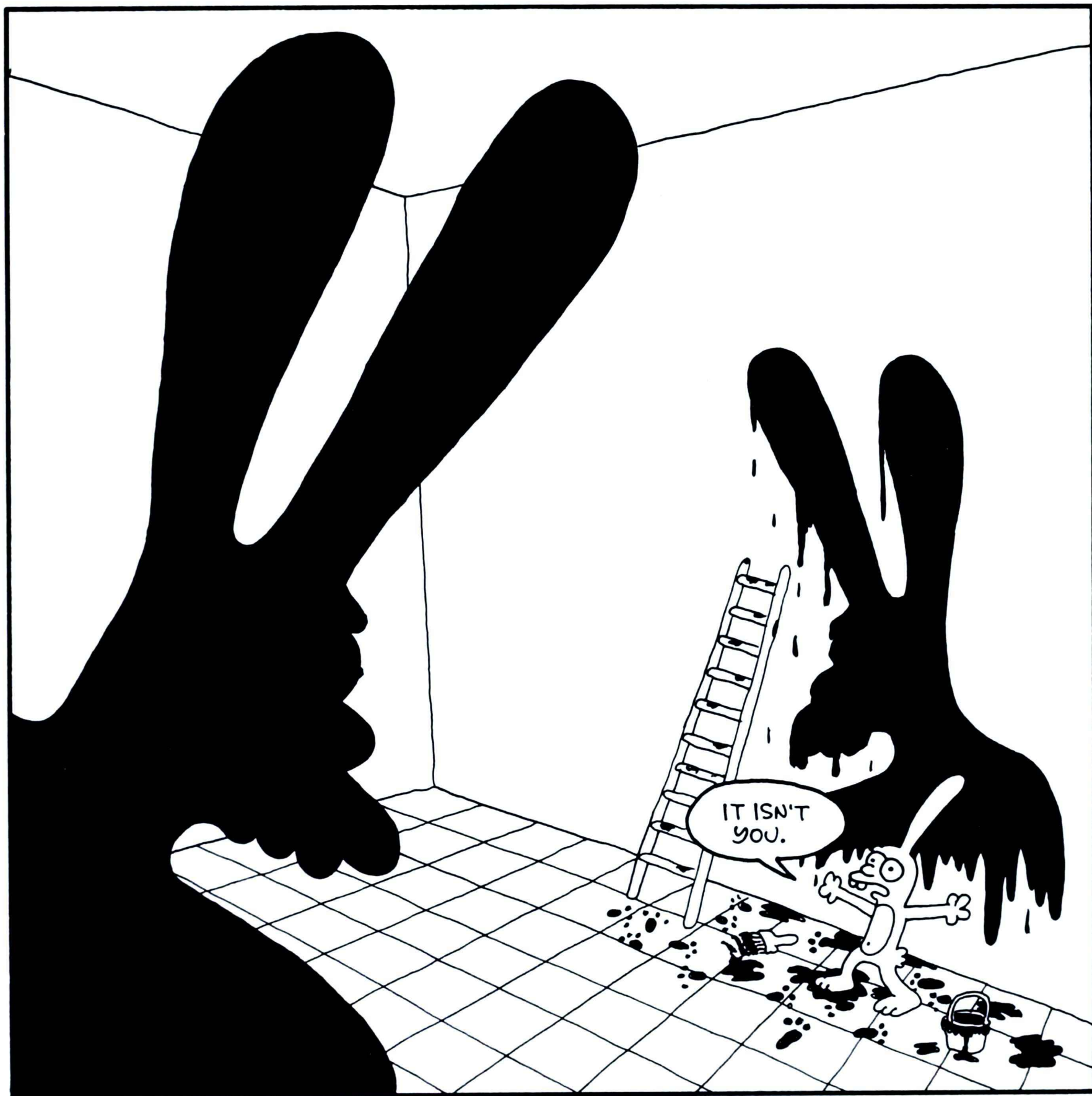


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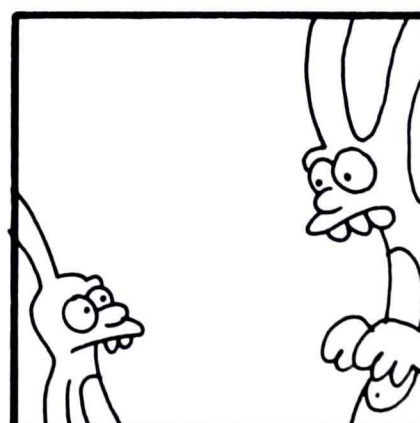
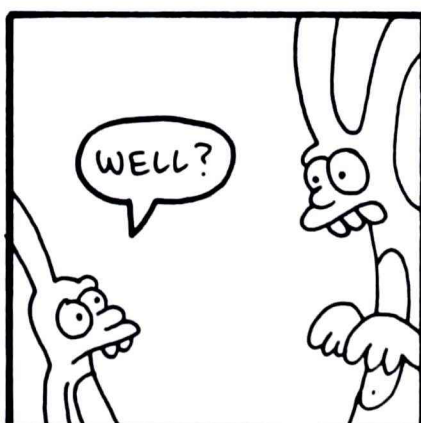
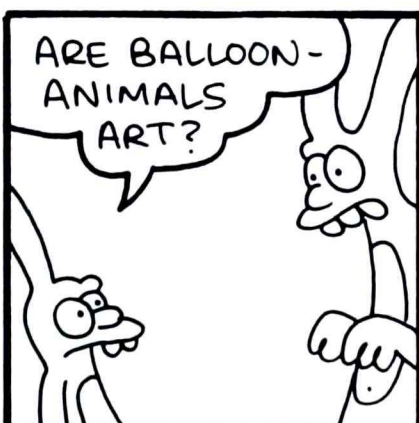
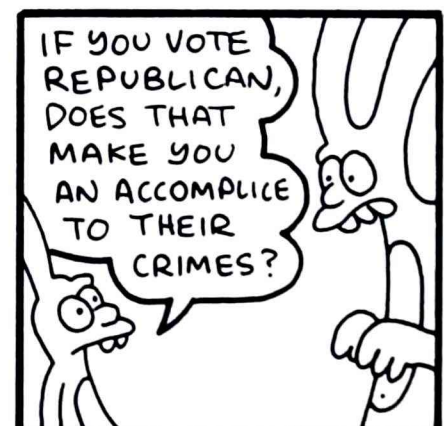
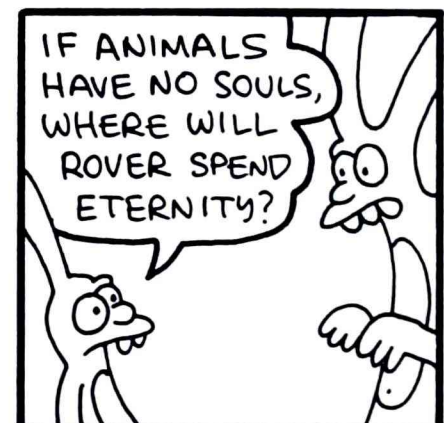
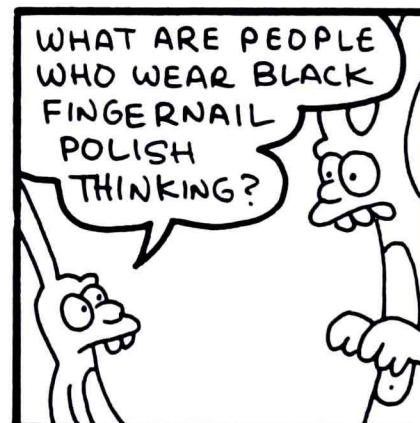
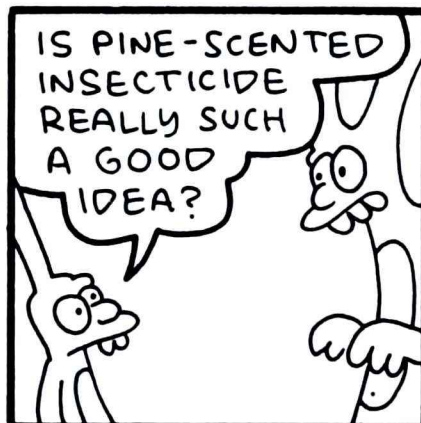
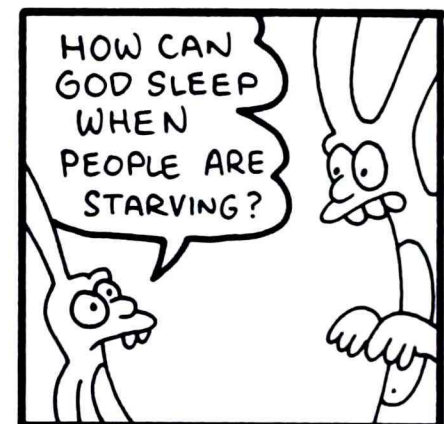
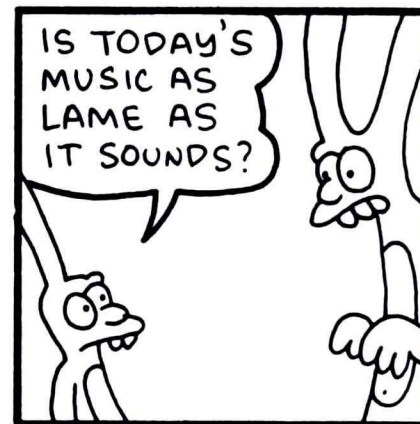
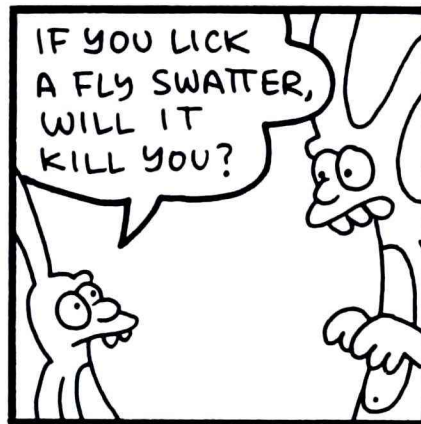
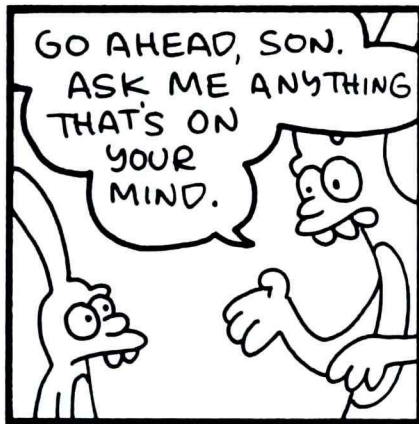
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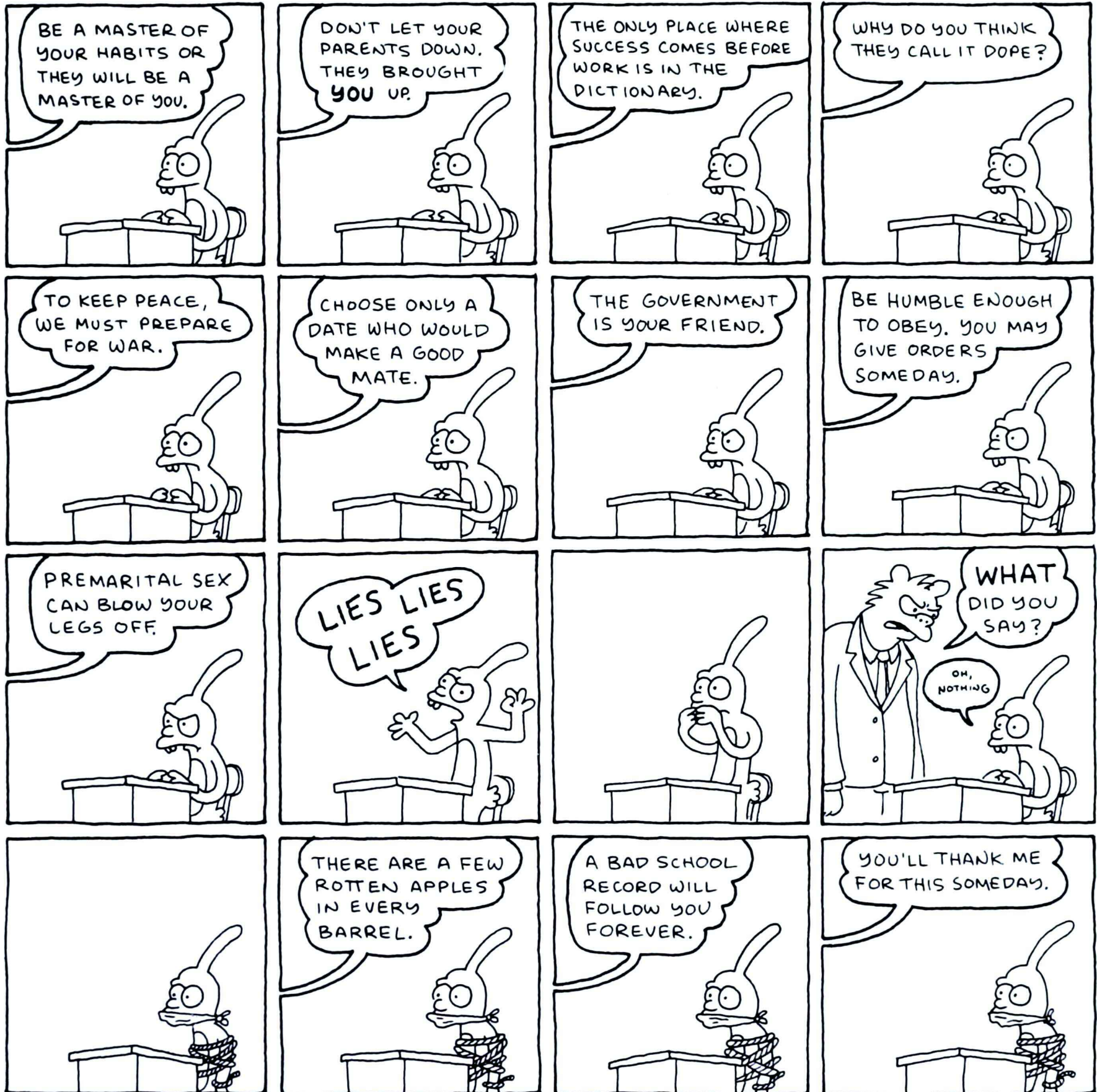
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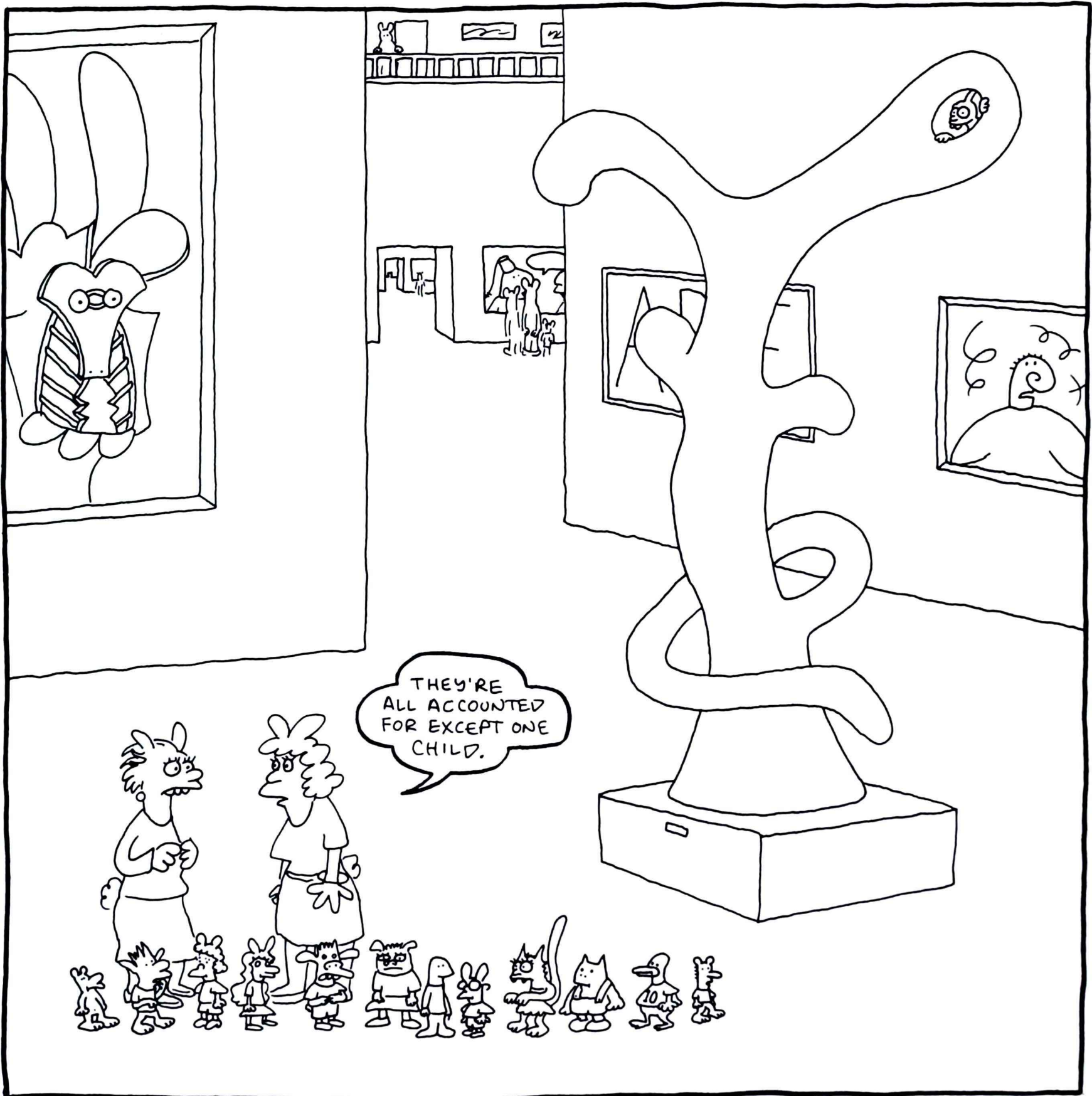
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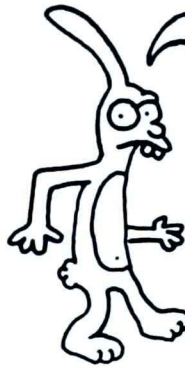


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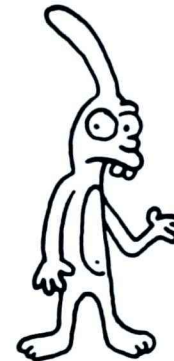


DON'T  
BOTHER  
ASKING  
ADULTS.

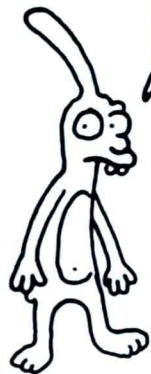
THEY LIE  
LIKE PIGS.



HOWEVER,  
DILIGENT  
INDEPENDENT  
RESEARCH AND  
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HAVE YIELDED  
FRUITFUL, IF  
TENTATIVE,  
RESULTS.



THERE  
ARE SEVERAL  
THEORIES.



NEAR AS WE  
CAN FIGURE  
THINGS OUT,  
IT HAS SOME-  
THING TO DO  
WITH ACTING  
RIDICULOUS  
IN THE DARK.

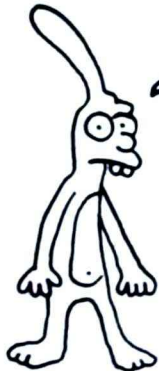


WE BELIEVE IT  
IS SIMILAR TO  
DOGS WHEN  
THEY ACT  
PECULIAR  
AND RIDE  
EACH OTHER.

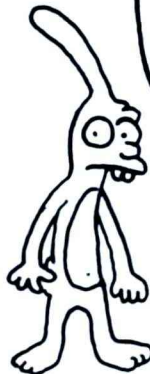
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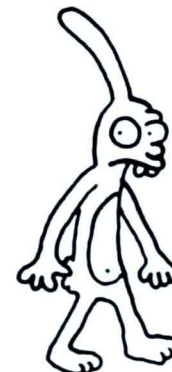
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OF POPULAR SONG  
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SITCOMS, MOVIES,  
AND T-SHIRT  
INSCRIPTIONS  
OFFERS US  
SIGNIFICANT  
CLUES AS TO  
ITS NATURE.



APPARENTLY  
IT MAKES  
GROWN-UPS  
INSIPID  
AND INSANE.



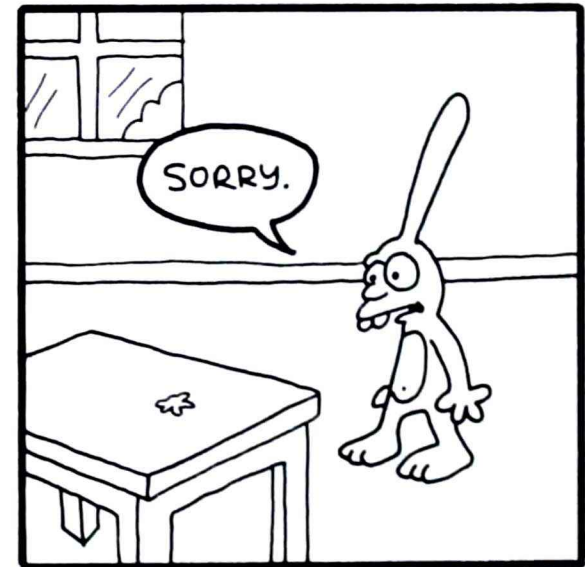
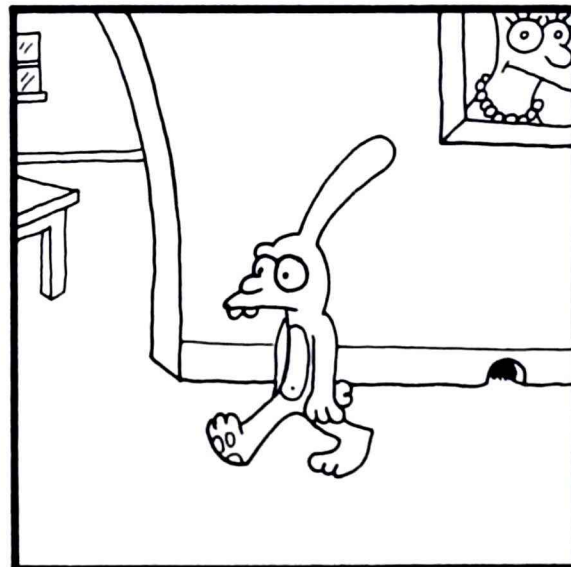
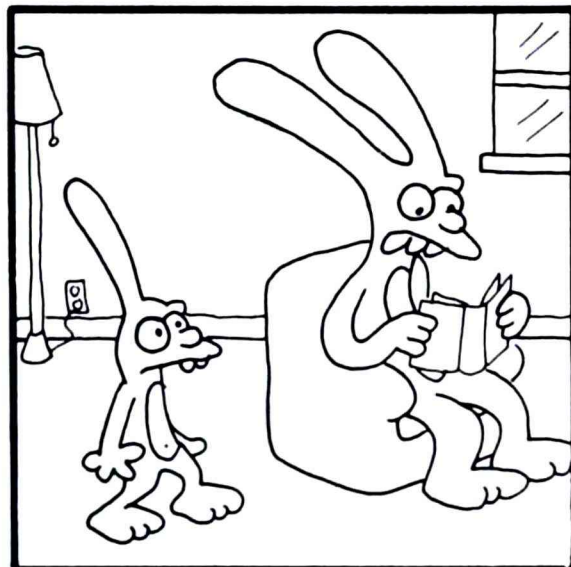
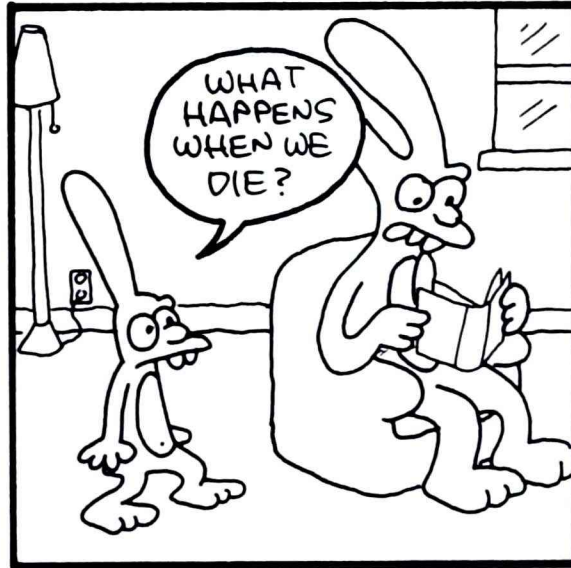
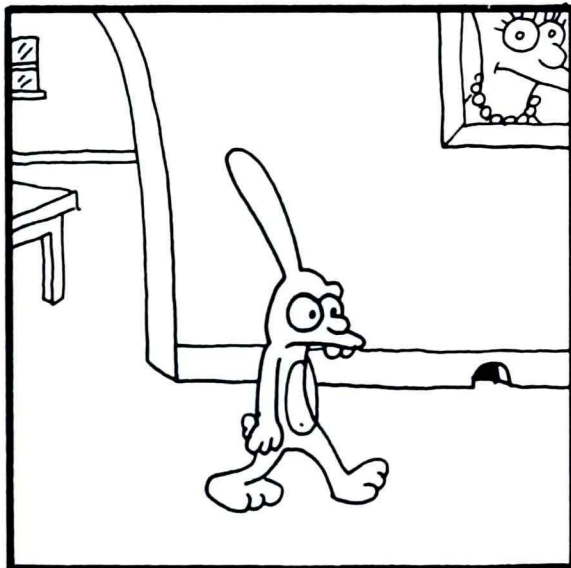
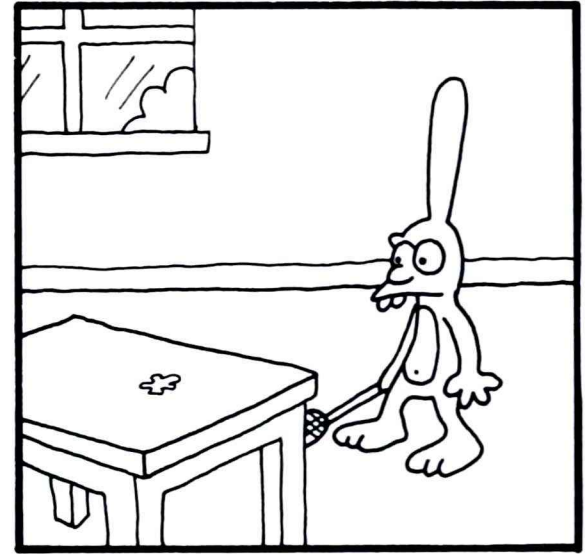
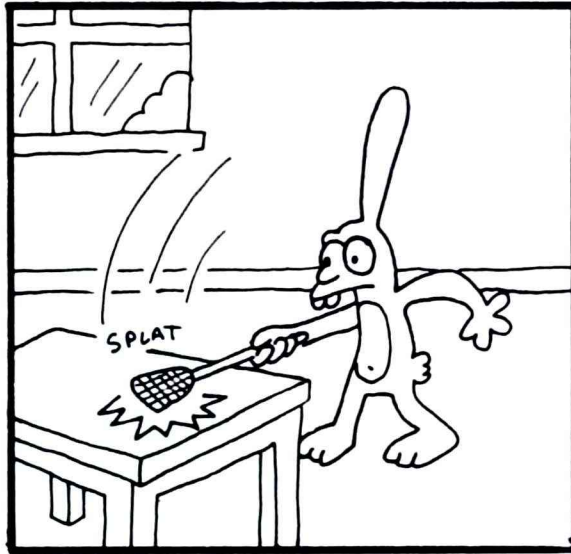
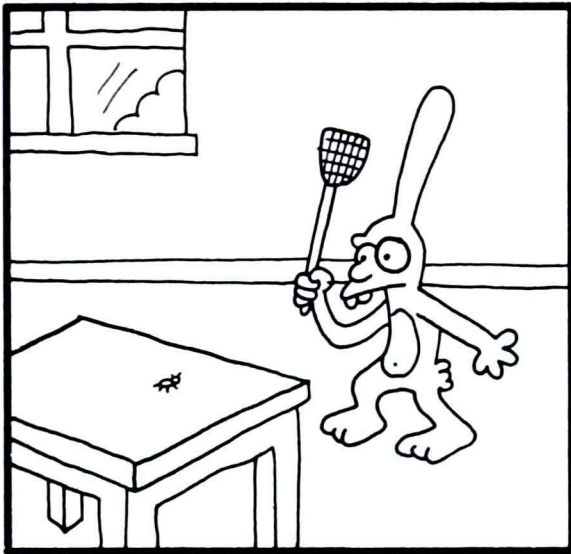
SOME GRAFFITI  
WAS ONCE  
OBSERVED  
THAT SAID  
"SEX IS  
GOOD."



ALL  
AVAILABLE  
EVIDENCE,  
HOWEVER,  
POINTS TO  
THE CONTRARY.

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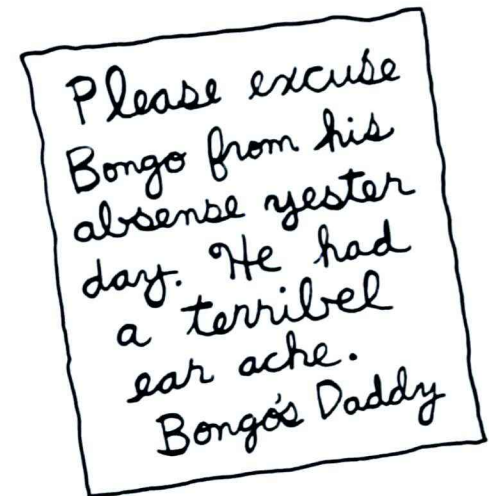
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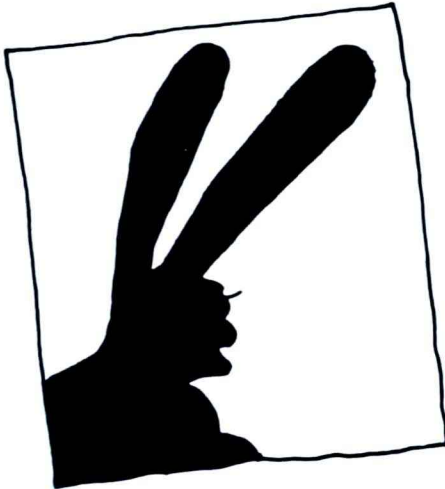
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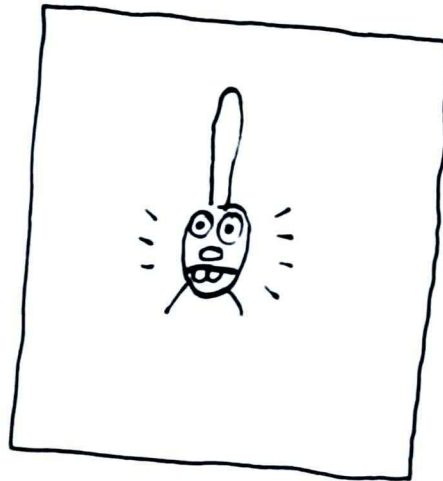
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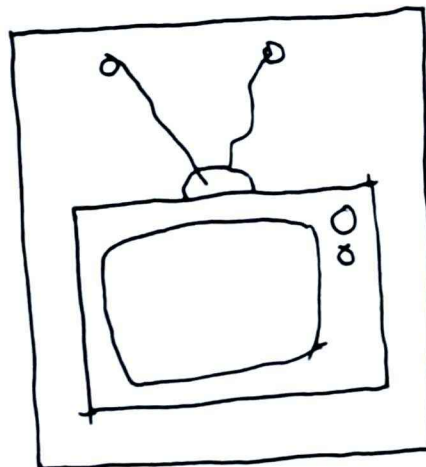
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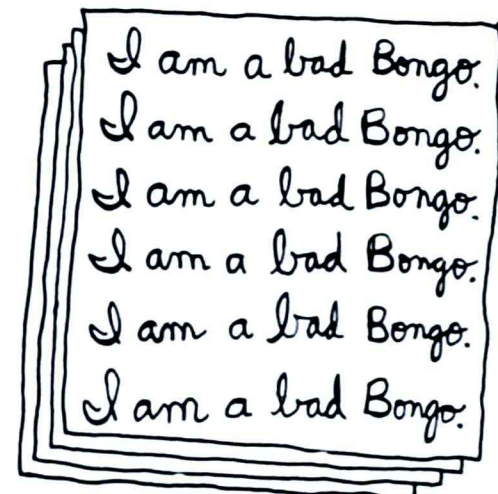
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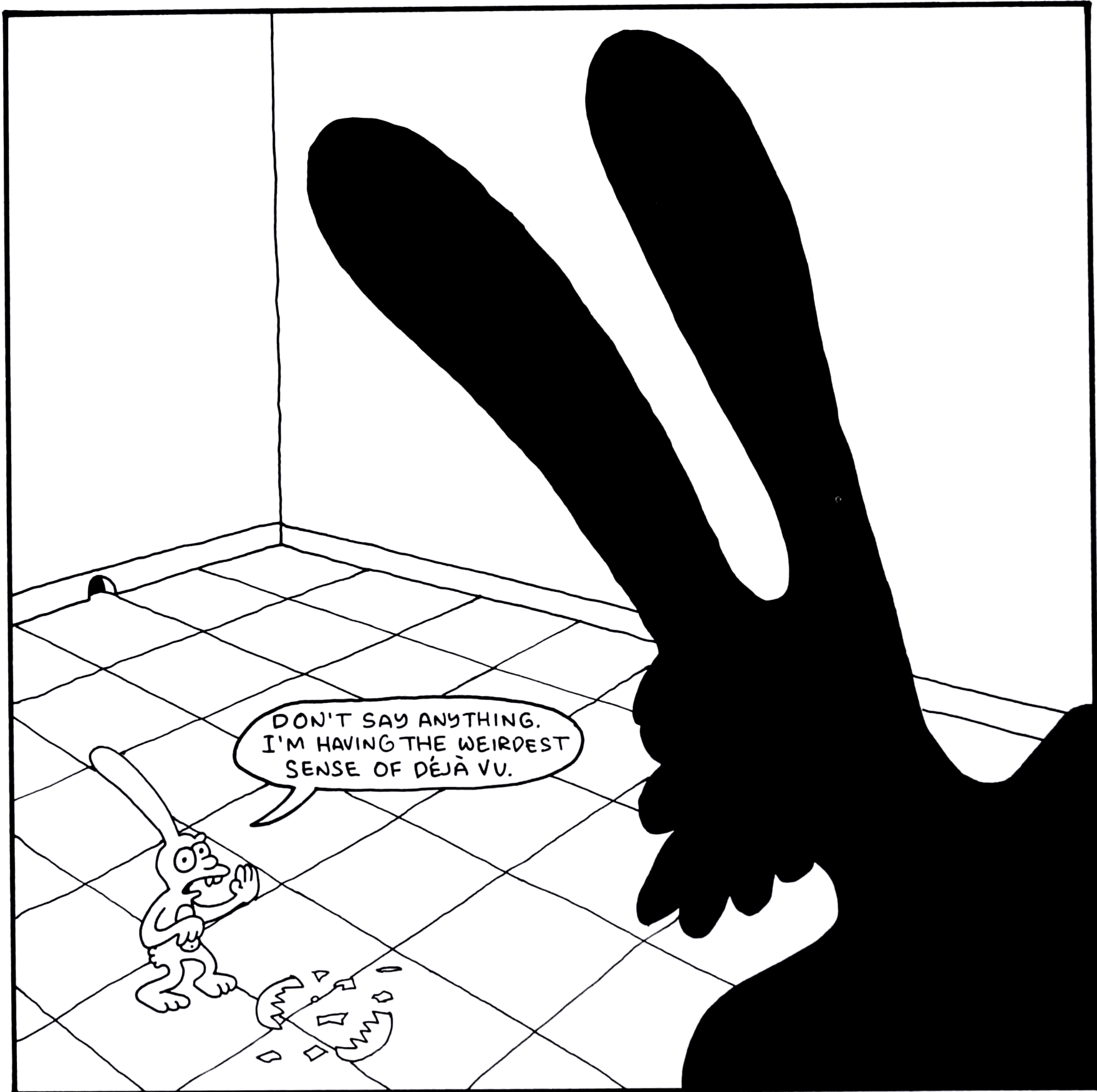


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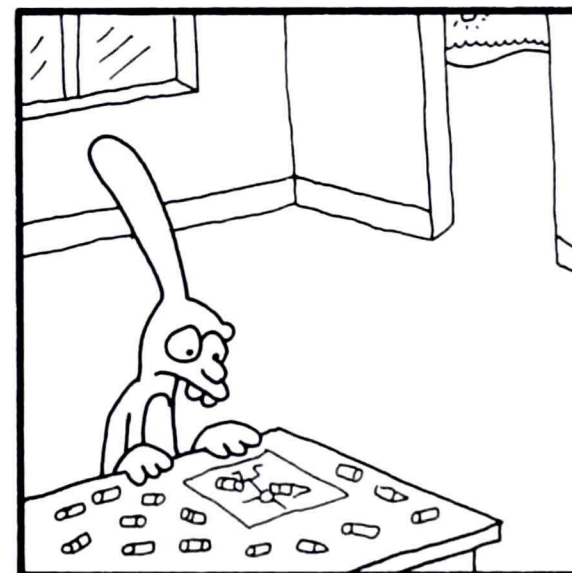
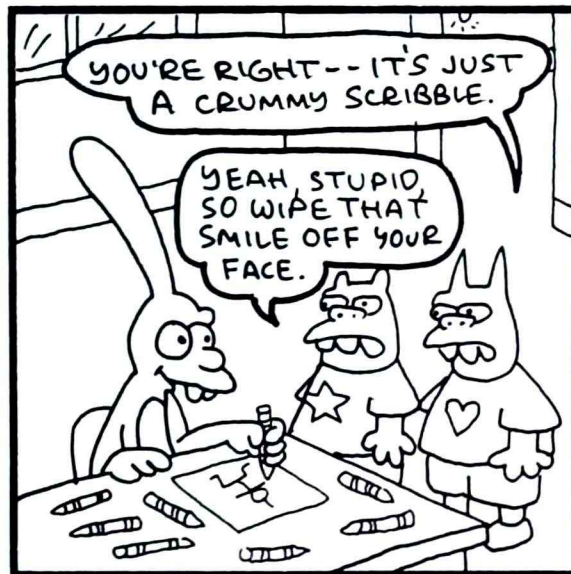
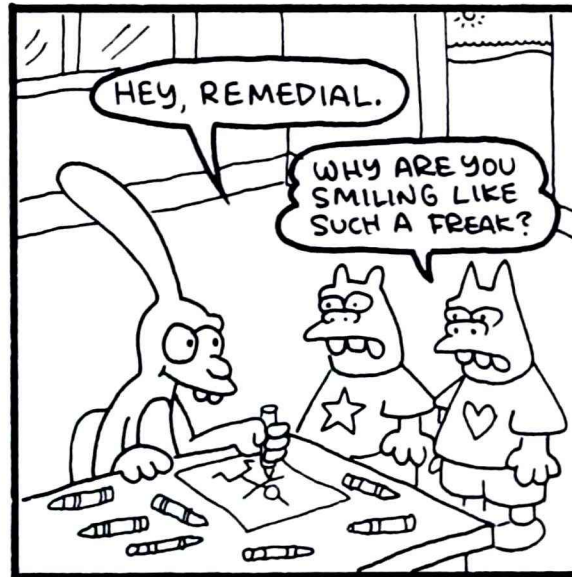
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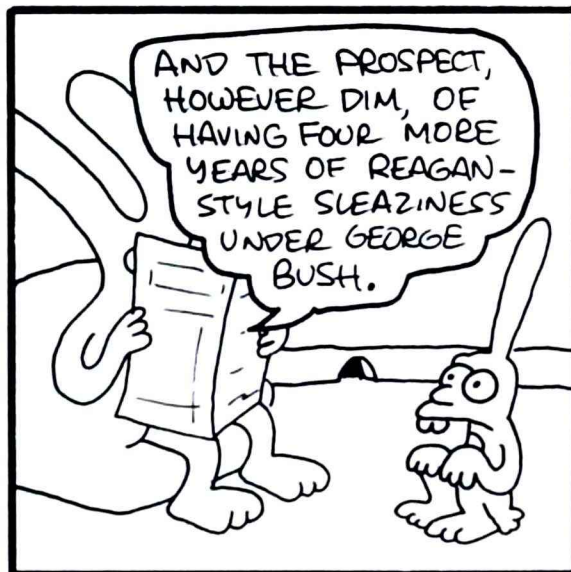
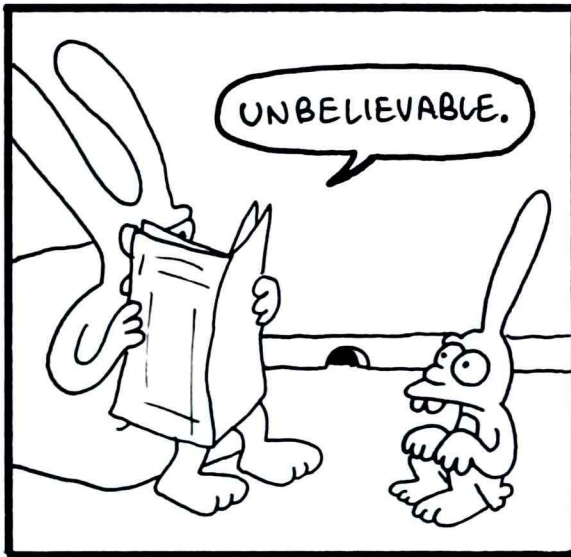
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# THOSE CHILDHOOD FAVORITES WE READ AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN

GOLDILOCKS  
AND THE  
THREE  
BEARS

JACK  
AND THE  
BEAN-  
STALK

SLEEPING  
BEAUTY

THE BOY  
WHO CRIED  
WOLF  
AND THE  
PARENTS  
WHO LAUGHED  
AT HIM

THE LITTLE  
GIRL WHO  
DID WHAT  
SHE WAS  
TOLD BUT  
WHO STILL  
GOT NO  
APPROVAL

THE  
CHILDREN  
WHO WATCHED  
TV ALL THE  
TIME BECAUSE  
THEIR PARENTS  
IGNORED  
THEM

THE LITTLE  
CHILD WHO  
WAS ALWAYS  
CALLED  
"CLUMSY"

THE PARENTS  
WHO WOULD  
NOT LET  
THEIR CHILD  
CRY BECAUSE  
IT MADE  
THEM  
ANXIOUS

THE MOTHER  
WHO WAS  
ALWAYS  
SICK AND  
MADE HER  
DAUGHTER  
FEEL GUILTY

THE  
CHILDREN  
WHO WERE  
BEATEN  
BECAUSE  
THE BIBLE SAYS  
"SPARE THE  
ROD AND SPOIL  
THE CHILD"

THE LITTLE  
BOY WHOSE  
PARENTS  
PREDICTED  
WOULD  
COME TO  
NO GOOD

THE  
FATHER  
WHO NEVER  
SAID  
"I LOVE  
YOU"

THE  
MOTHER  
WHO  
RESENTED  
HER  
CHILDREN'S  
EXISTENCE

THE PET  
THAT WAS  
GIVEN  
AWAY  
DESPITE  
THE  
CHILDREN'S  
PLEAS

THE  
FATHER  
WHOM THE  
WHOLE  
FAMILY  
WAS  
AFRAID OF

THE LITTLE  
GIRL WHO  
WAS THE  
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CINDER-  
ELLA  
—  
WHAT  
REALLY  
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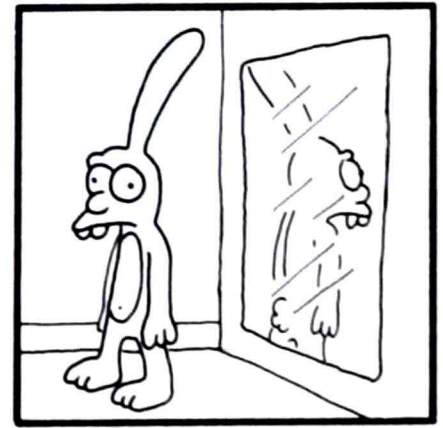
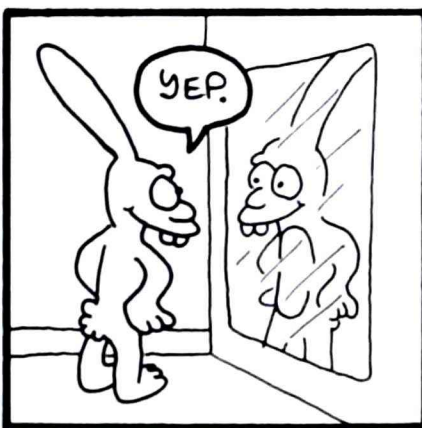
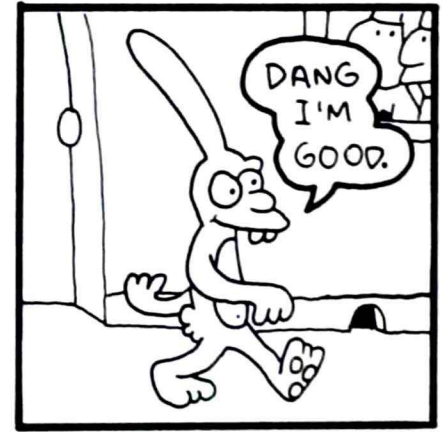
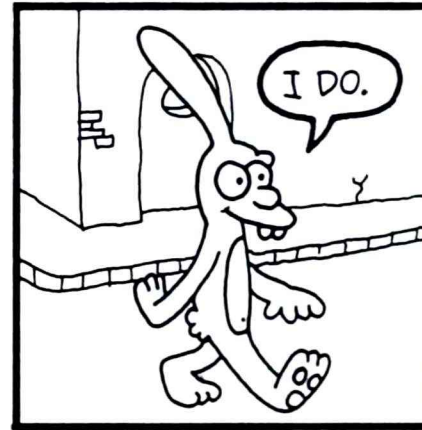
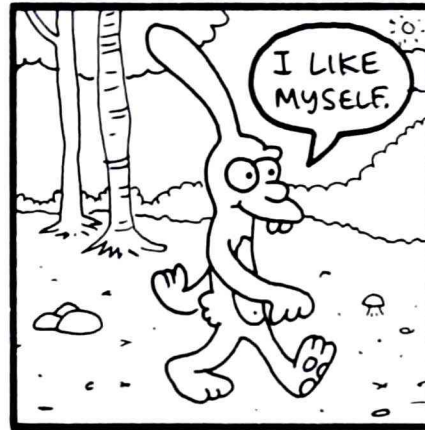
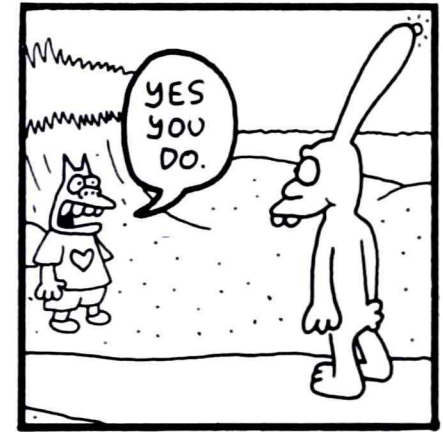
THE THREE  
LITTLE  
PIGS  
—  
WHAT  
REALLY  
HAPPENED

THE  
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—  
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HAPPENED

THE  
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ENGINE  
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