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The
SIMPSONS

HOLIDAY

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BEST INTRO EVER!

Salutations from the Captain's chair of the Android's Dungeon, Springfield's world-renowned comic book shop and the finest purveyor of sport cards and sci-fi/fantasy collectibles in the tri-city area. (Nerts to you, Frodo's of Shelbyville!)

While recently engaged in a spirited discourse with my online role-playing group, the subject of the impending holidays reared its head. The question put before The Continuum was, in a wintertime scenario, which frost-bound character would you be? Predictably many opted for the heroic demeanor of Iceman, or the cold-hearted villainy of Mr. Freeze or even the innocuous jaspery of Chilly Willy. While Frink 8.5 (the fool) remained unshakable in his position that Captain Cold is a far superior evil-doer than Mr. Freeze (oh please) and The Internet King staunchly defended some nobody named Mr. Plow, I remained steadfast in my conviction that the greatest of all winter characters is the one and only Santa Claus.

Yes, I truly envy that jolly old soul. Why, his ready access to eggnog and gingerbread alone secures him the top spot in my price guide. And let us not forget his happy little helpers. Imagine, if your Muggle brain will let you, commanding legions of elf-lackeys to fashion the rarest of treasures for your personal collection. If I were blessed with the power of the Clausinator, crates of banned missile-launching Boba Fett action figures would line my workshop. I'd use Fantasia animation cels as place mats and wipe doughnut sprinkles from my mouth with Joe DiMaggio baseball cards.

Most wondrous of all, I would have my sprightly drones faithfully re-create classics of graphic storytelling long out of print. Classics like the merry tales contained herein. You hold in your unworthy hands **The Simpsons Holiday Humdinger**, a compilation of seasonal glee from our favorite family's Christmases past. Any one of these now priceless books would cost you a fortune on the back issue market, if you could find them (and rest assured you can't), but thanks to the magic of the Yuletide season, they are yours merely for the wishing, and of course, the \$14.95, marked on the back cover.

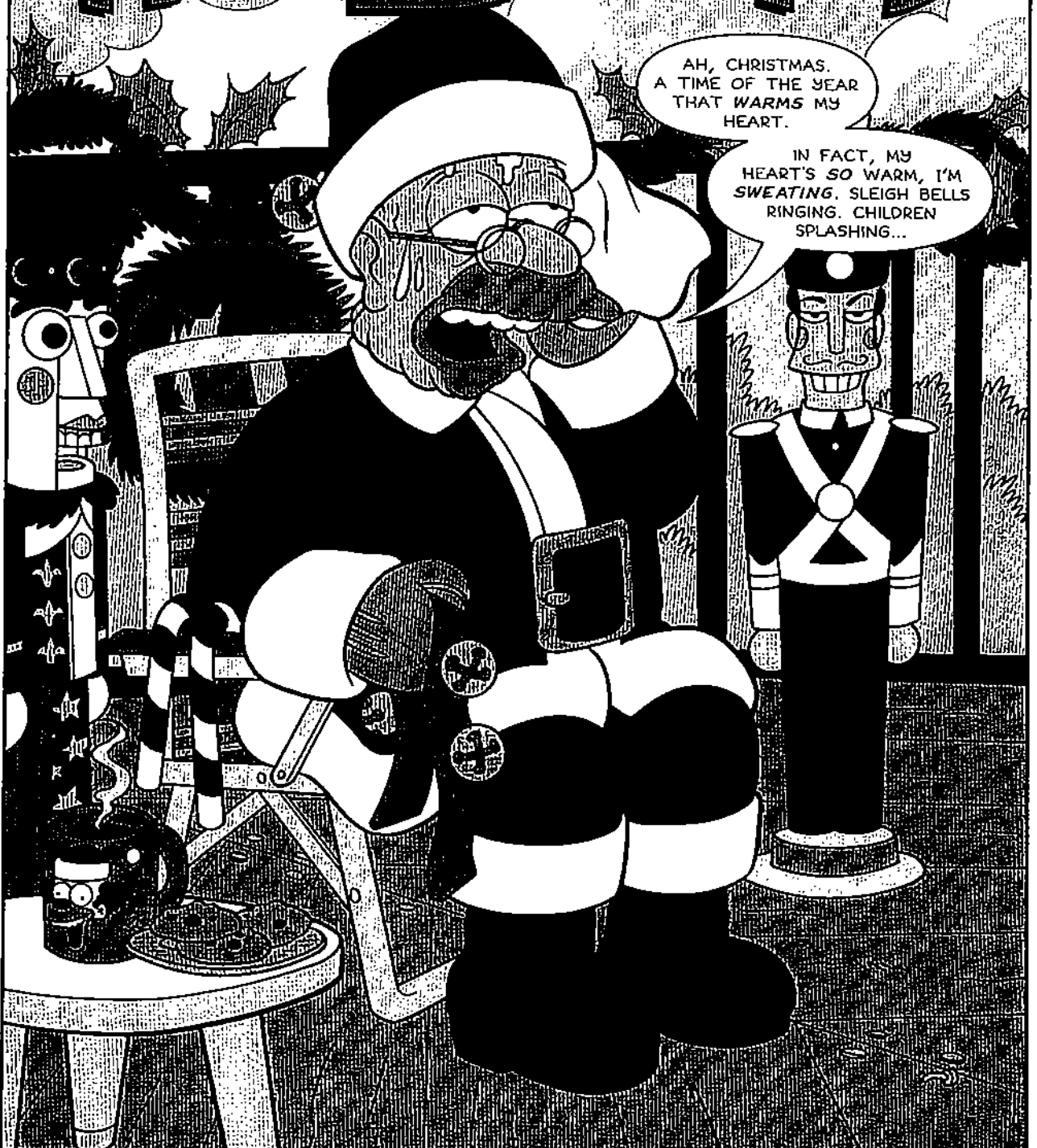
Now heat up the cocoa, break out the cookies, assemble your friends (super or otherwise), and enjoy this diverting selection of holiday frippery.

And don't forget the Dungeon's Post-Xmas Clearance Sale 11 A.M. to 9 P.M. on Dec. 26th. All seasonal merchandise 40% off! (No refunds or exchanges.)

Comic Book Guy



HOMER FOR THE HOLIDAYS



AH, CHRISTMAS.
A TIME OF THE YEAR
THAT WARMS MY
HEART.

IN FACT, MY
HEART'S SO WARM, I'M
SWEATING. SLEIGH BELLS
RINGING. CHILDREN
SPLASHING...

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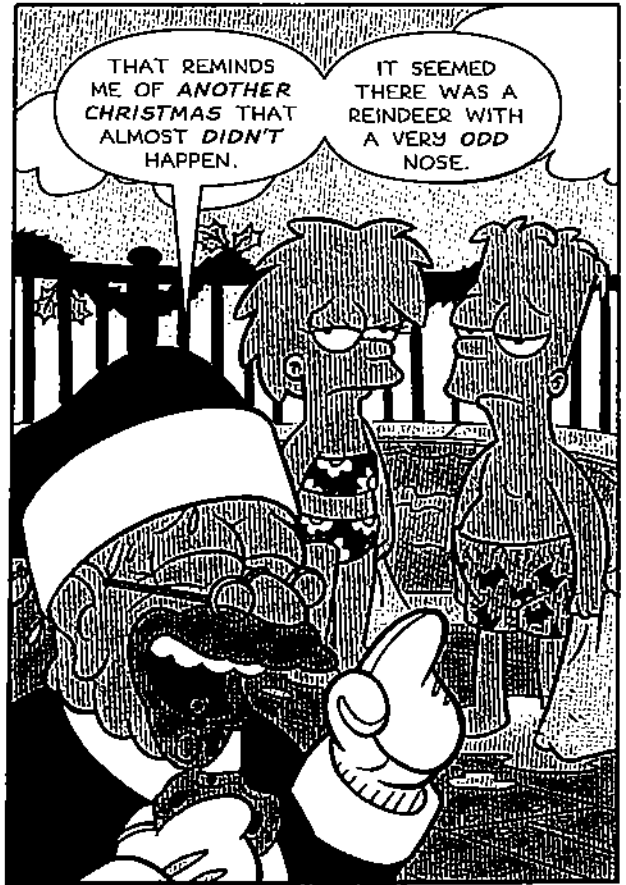


SPLASHING?!
GET OUT OF THAT
POND OR YOU'LL BE
TRAPPED UNDER
THE ICE!



IT'S JULY,
GRAMPA.

YEAH, LOOK
AROUND. IT'S NOT
CHRISTMAS! IT'S NOT
EVEN WINTER! IT'S NOT
IN AUSTRALIA, AND THEY
GET EVERYTHING
BACKWARDS.



THAT REMINDS
ME OF ANOTHER
CHRISTMAS THAT
ALMOST DIDN'T
HAPPEN.

IT SEEMED
THERE WAS A
REINDEER WITH
A VERY ODD
NOSE.

