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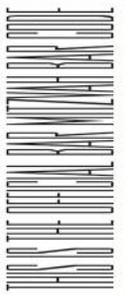
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THE
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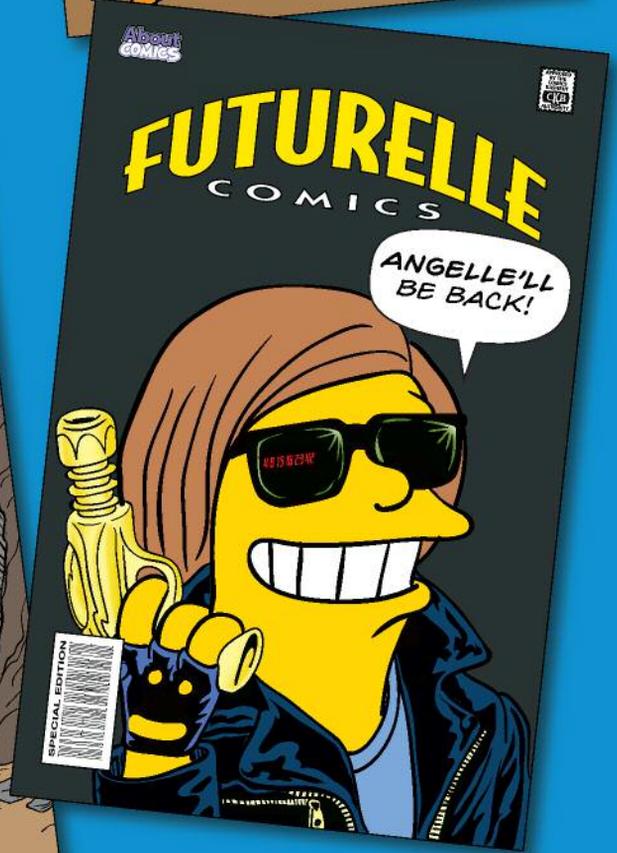
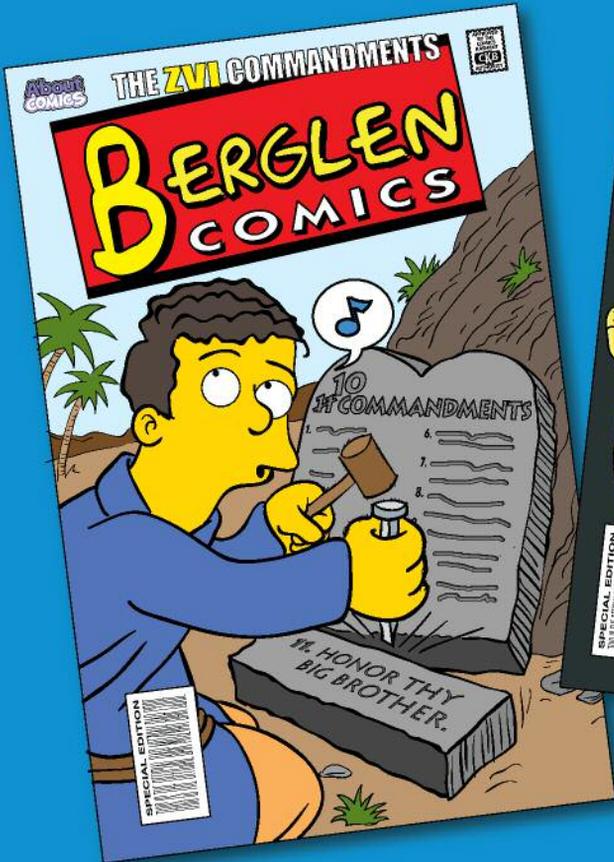
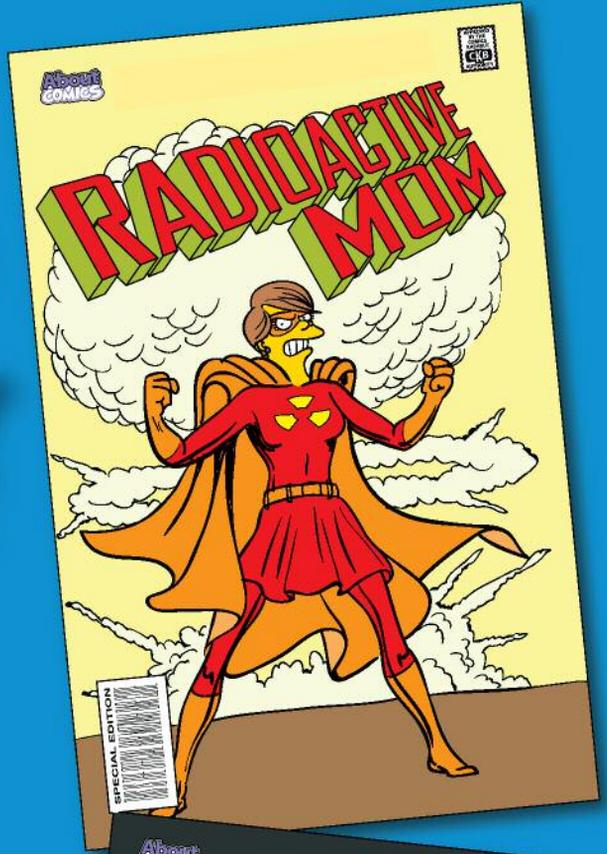


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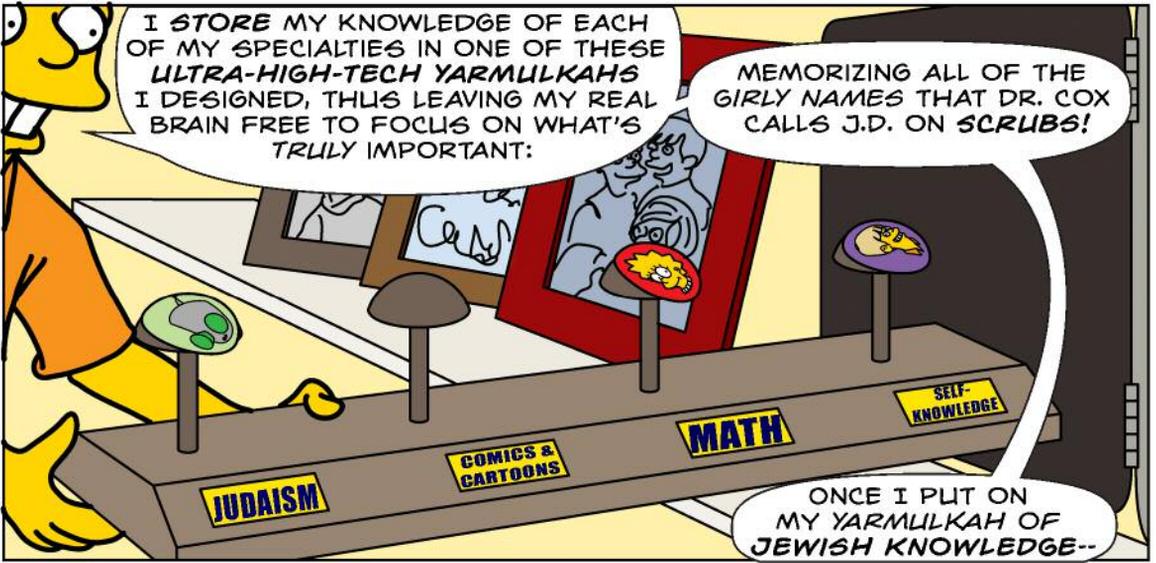
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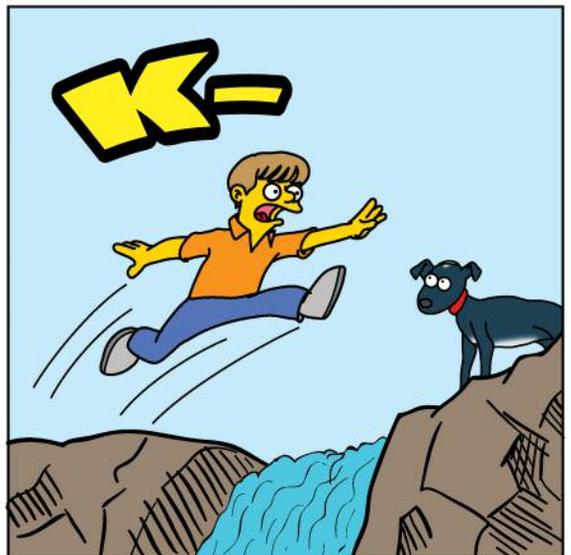
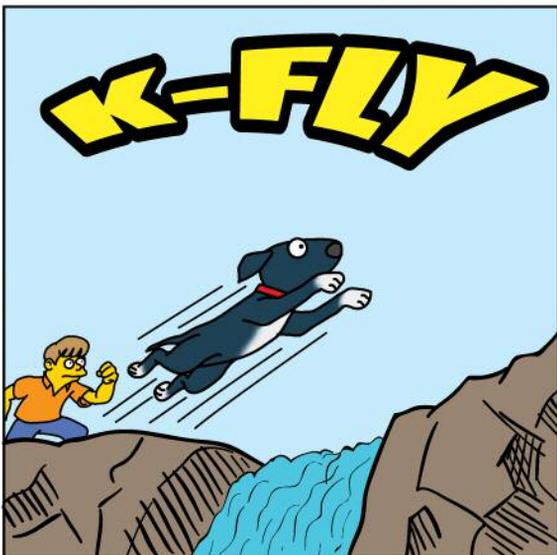
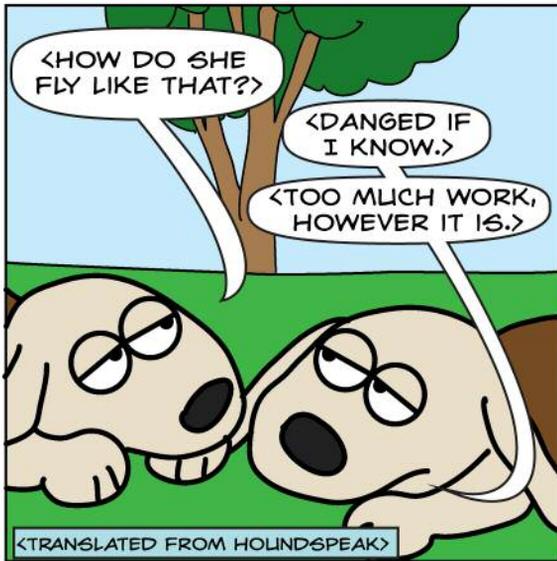
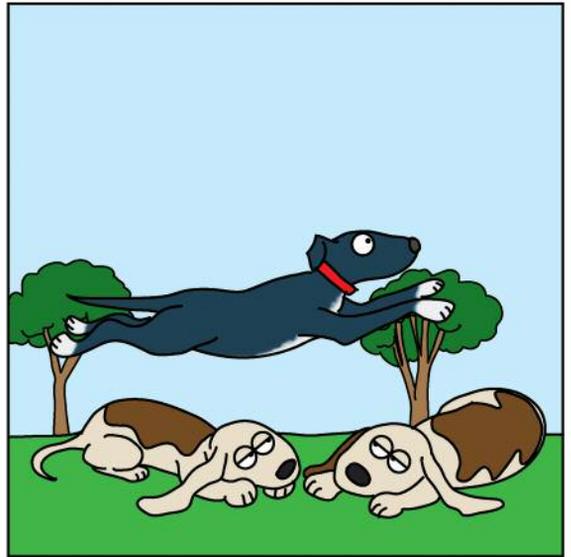
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comics are sold!

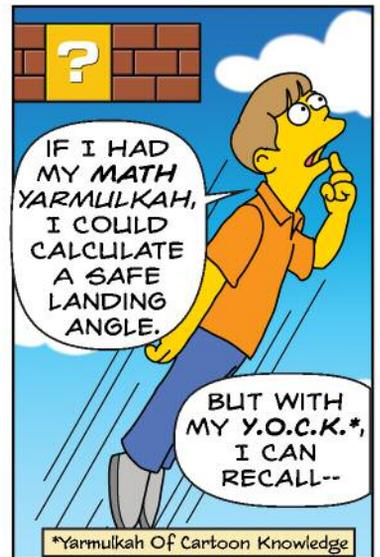




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--THAT IN AN EMERGENCY, ANYTHING WORKS AS A PARACHUTE!

EVEN A Y.O.C.K.!



KEITH'S!

THIS MIGHT SOLVE MY TORAH PORTION PROBLEMS!



KEITH, I'VE GOT A COMICS EMERGENCY.

OH NO!



I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME!

IN CASE OF COMIC BOOK EMERGENCY



WHAT'S THE EMERGENCY?

WHAT?!

WHAT?!?

WHAT?!?



RESET



WHAT BIBLE COMICS DO YOU HAVE?

CHESTER BROWN'S GOSPEL OF MARK, ALLRED'S GOLDEN PLATES...

I NEED STRICTLY OLD TESTAMENT, NO SEQUELS!



SOON:

WE'RE LATE FOR THE PLANE AND I FIND YOU AT THE COMIC SHOP? I SHOULD'VE KNOWN!

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DON'T LET THE BAR MITZVAH GO TO YOUR HEAD!

BUT...

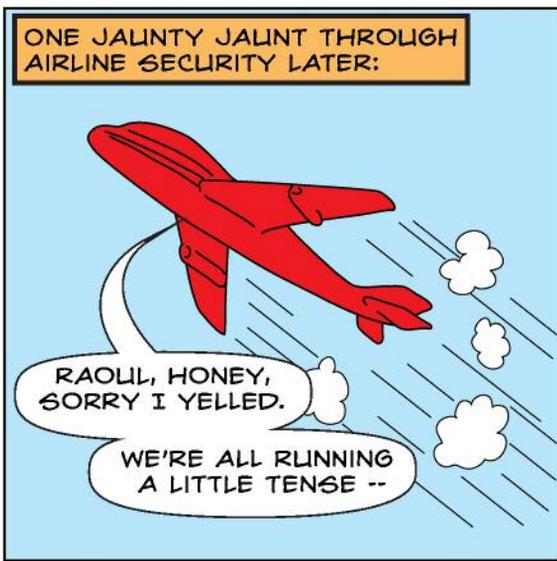
JUST BECAUSE YOU'LL BE A MAN, DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T GROUND YOU!



HEY, ANGELLE, TELL RAOUL TO LEND ME A COMIC TO READ ON THE PLANE!

I'M TOO BUSY TRYING TO BORROW ONE FOR MYSELF, ZVI!

HEY, I CAN'T LEND COMICS TO EVERYONE FROM A TO Z!



ONE JAUNTY JAUNT THROUGH AIRLINE SECURITY LATER:

RAOUL, HONEY, SORRY I YELLED.

WE'RE ALL RUNNING A LITTLE TENSE --



--JUST SIT BACK AND READ YOUR COMIC, INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT YOUR BAR MITZVAH.

I'M TRYING TO DO BOTH!



THE NEXT DAY, AT A SHUL IN SALT LAKE CITY:

YES, THAT SALT LAKE CITY.

YES, A JEWISH SHUL. WHO ELSE DO YOU THINK HAS SHULS?

...AND ON THE HILLSIDE HE FINDS THIS LION, ALL ORANGE AND SCOWLY-LOOKING.

MOSHE TAKES HIS SLING AND THWACKS HIM A GOOD ONE--

--RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES!



THERE'S JUST LINES OF PAIN EMANATING FROM THE LION'S SKULL.

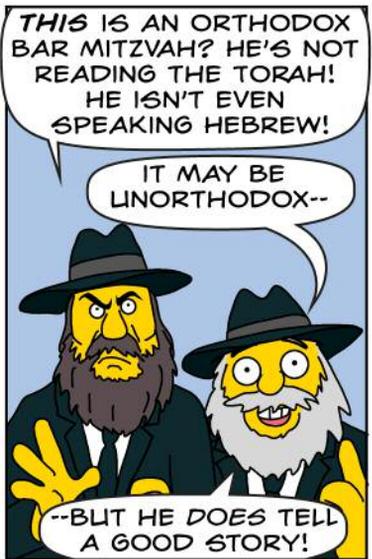
AND THEN IN THE NEXT PANEL...



ER... **PASSAGE!**

THE TORAH DOESN'T HAVE PANELS, IT HAS **PASSAGES!**

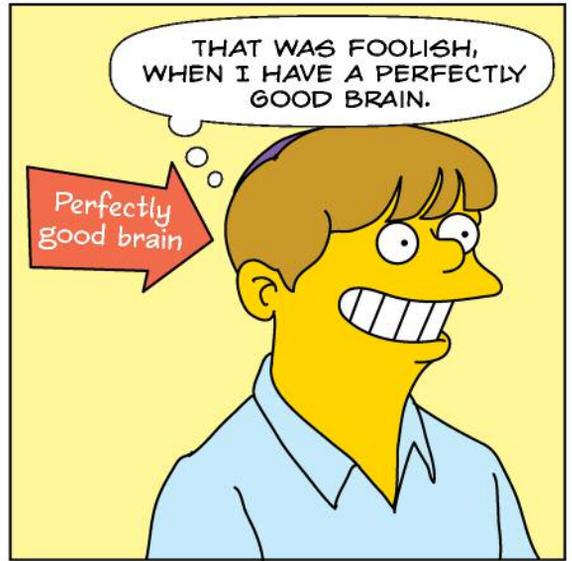
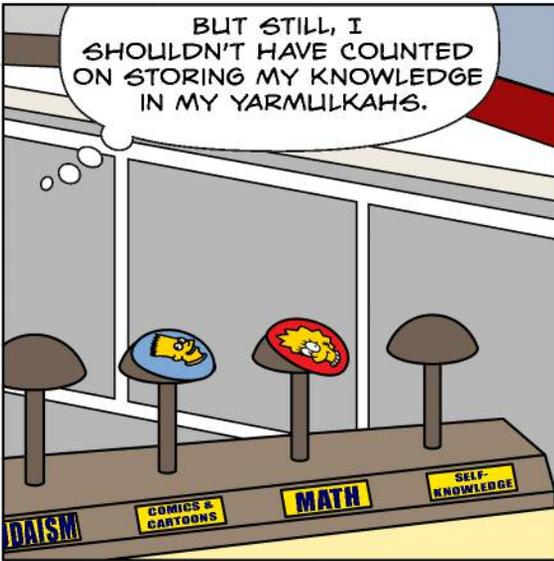
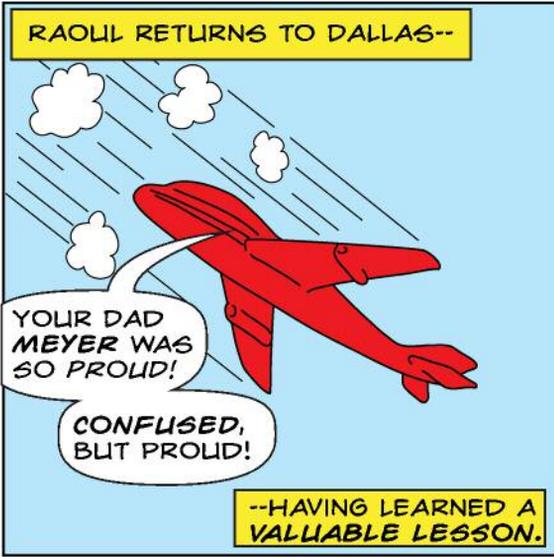
IN THE NEXT **PASSAGE**, MOSHE USES A CLUB TO WALLOP THAT LION WITH A BIG OL' "BANG," AND...



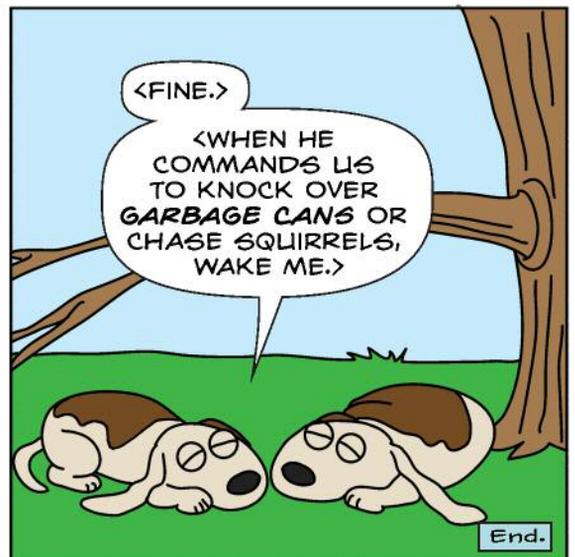
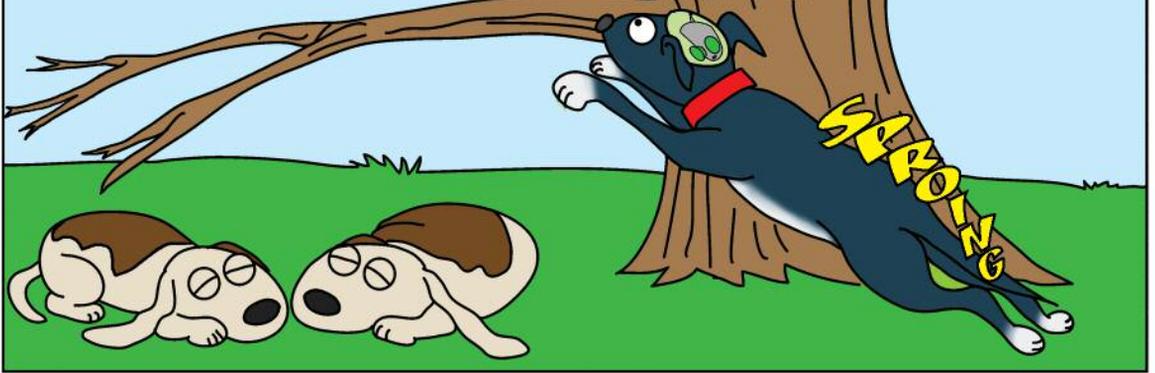
THIS IS AN ORTHODOX BAR MITZVAH? HE'S NOT READING THE TORAH! HE ISN'T EVEN SPEAKING HEBREW!

IT MAY BE LINORTHODOX--

--BUT HE DOES TELL A GOOD STORY!



Cyan IN BARK MITZVAH



HOW THIS COMIC BOOK CAME TO BE

About Comics was contacted by Raoul's* mother, looking for something to make her son's bar mitzvah (the Jewish right of passage into manhood) all the more special. She wanted a custom comic book, and About worked with her to meet her needs.

- ▶ When we found out Raoul was a particular fan of the fine Bongo Comics line, we sought out an artist who could parody their style and some of their covers.
- ▶ We worked extensively with Raoul's mother, learning about Raoul and his world - his home, his family, and the things he loves - to create a story that would both reflect who he is and meet his tastes. This would not be some generic story that just had his family's names grafted on; the plot was built from such elements as how his beloved dog moves, how he wears cartoon character yarmulkas, and that his bar mitzvah would be held in another state.
- ▶ We found a format that would provide substantial material and still work within the client's limited budget.
- ▶ We had the client review the work at the plot, script, pencil art, and finished artwork levels to make sure that the final product met her goals and would not be in any way troubling to Raoul or to their faith community. Faced with a fairly short turn-around time, we worked closely with the printer to make certain that the finished comics would arrive far enough in advance of the event so that nobody had to worry.

The end result - the comic you see here - was a success. The client was very pleased, and Raoul was quite pleasantly surprised.

WHAT CUSTOM COMICS DO YOU WANT?

Whether it be for **personal** use or **corporate** use, whether you need a single page or an entire graphic novel, whether you want just one copy or a hundred thousand, About Comics can handle it. We can provide complete creation of a finished, printed product, or provide any portions of the creative and production effort that you need.

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** Note: Raoul's real name and names of his family members have been replaced in this electronic edition for privacy reasons.*