

Sputnik pages 17-44

During this chapter we learn about Homer Jr.'s obsession with everything dealing with space and sci-fi. He is a little bit of a nerd. The difference between him and his older brother is night and day. His older brother Jim is a football star thus, making him one of the most popular kids at school. He spends an hour in the morning getting ready for school. He gets his hair done and etc.

Then during the beginning of that school year the space race began and the Russians launched a rocket. Homer knew everything about it, and at some point Sputnik was going to fly over their small town. So on that night when he saw it he knew he wanted to make rockets. So his friends and Homer decided to make a rocket.

They pulled apart cherry bomb fireworks to get the powder. They then took that powder and put them in a soda bottle, with a hole in the bottom. They then decided they would try to launch their makeshift rocket. When the rocket was supposed to take off it exploded. When it exploded it set the fence on fire, and launched pieces of it into the air.