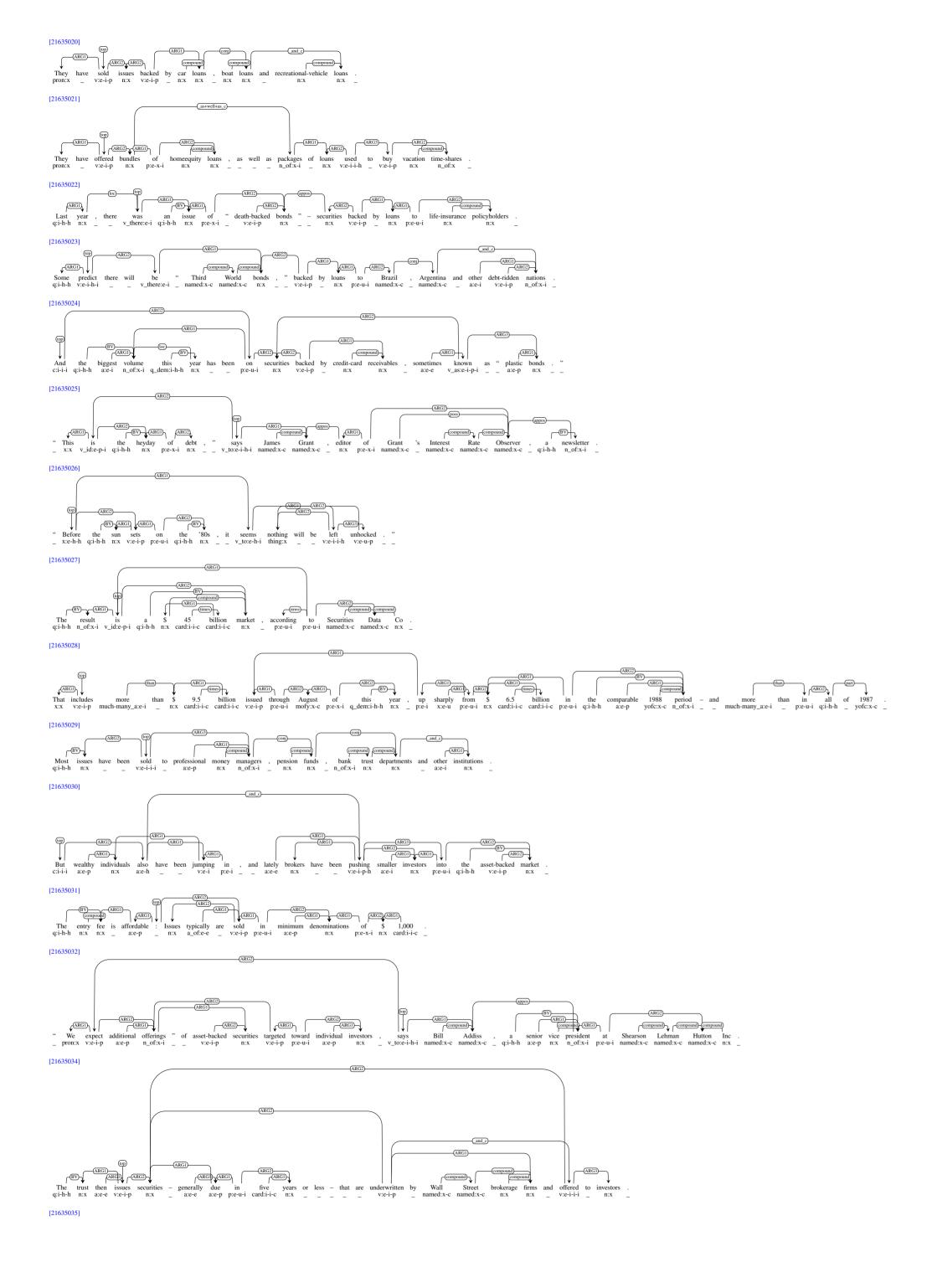
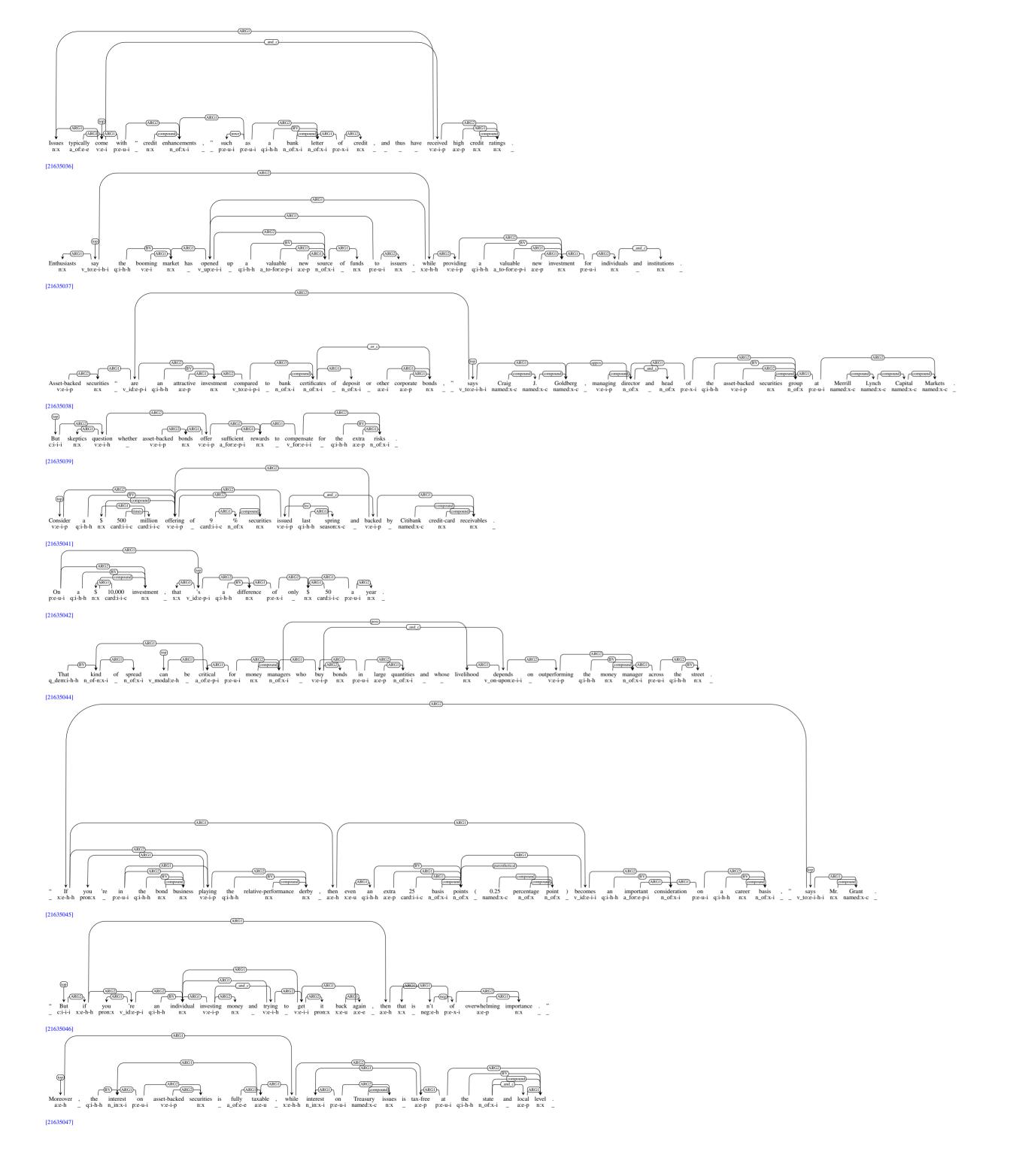
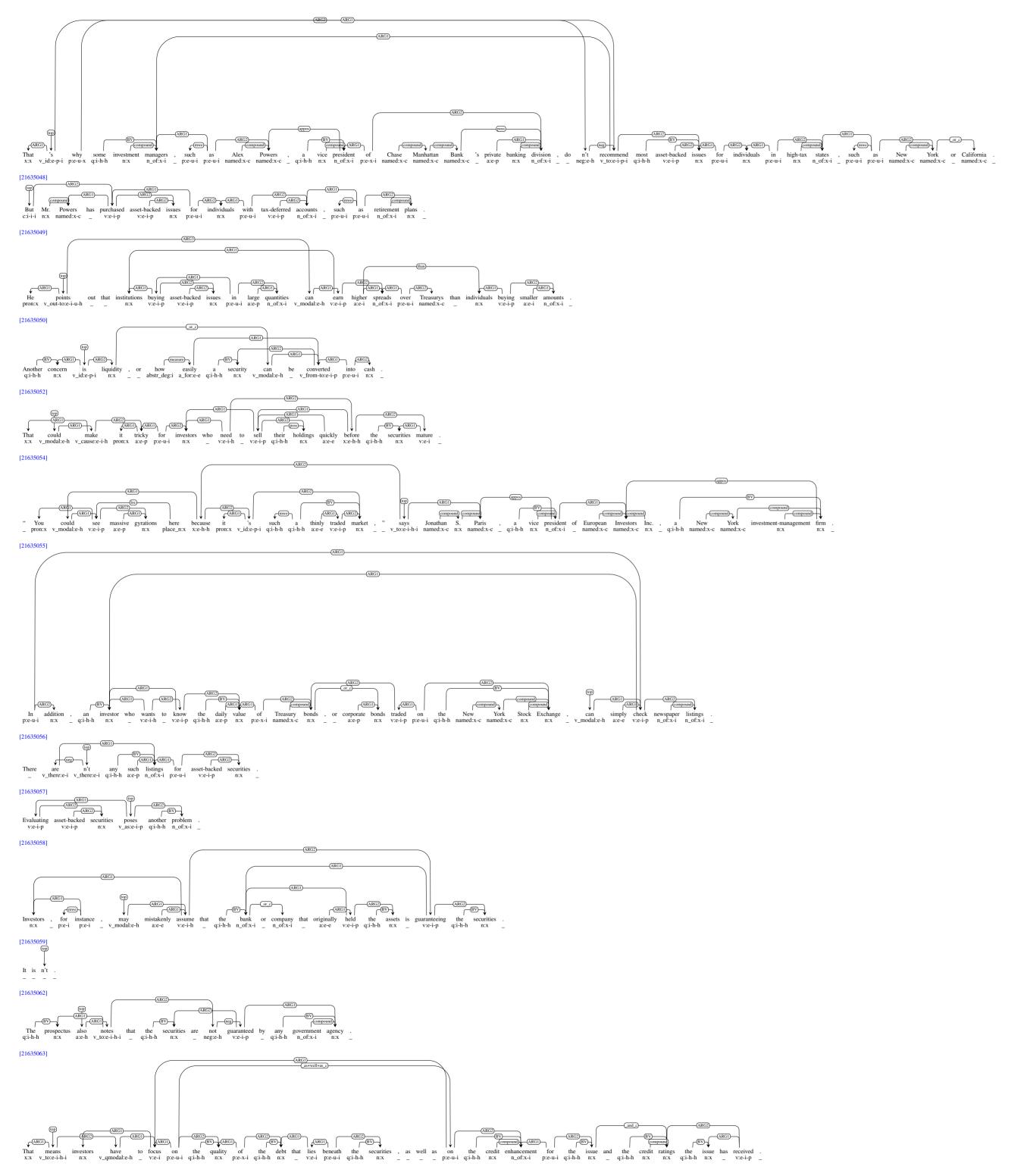
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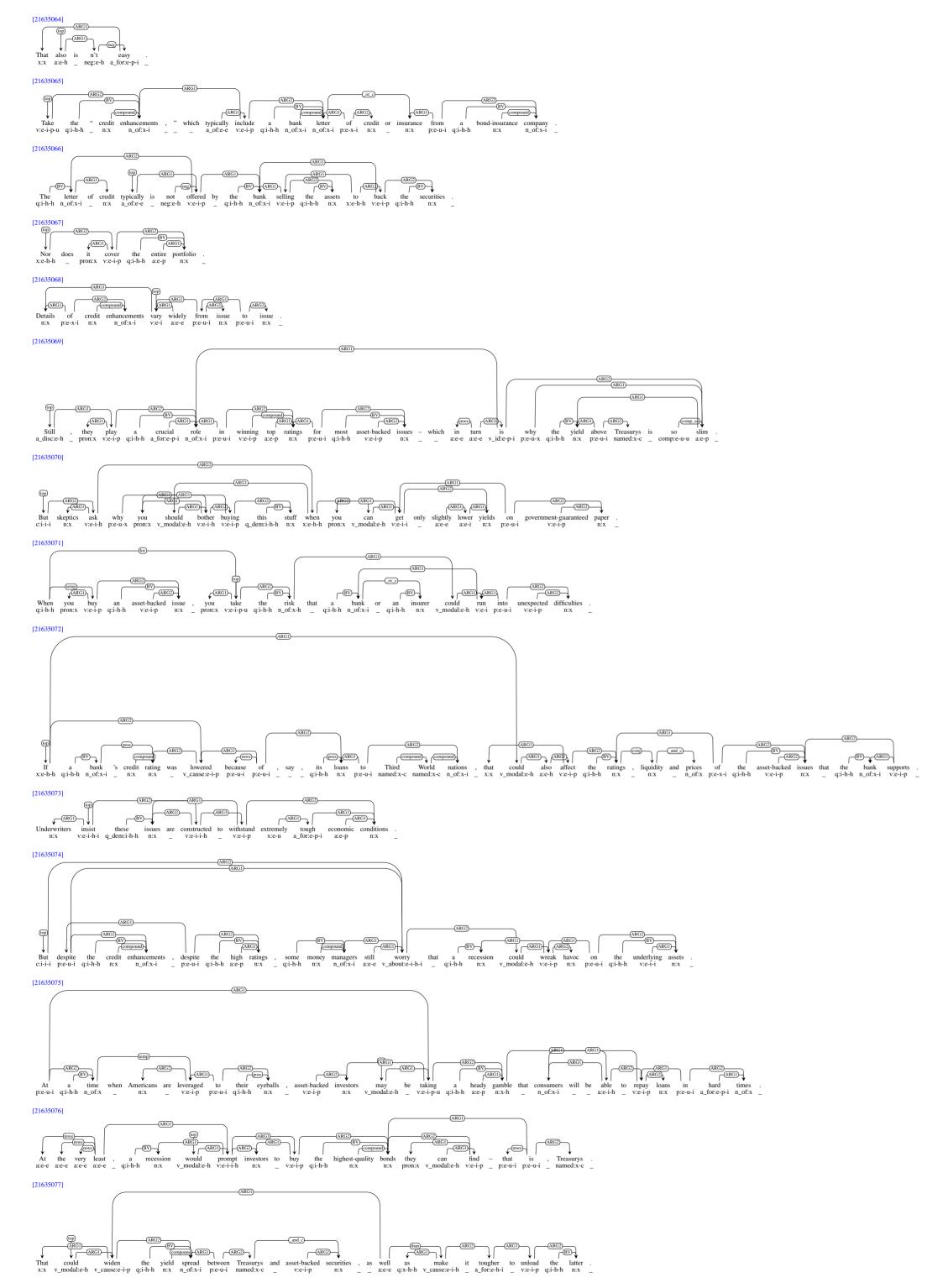
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THE SALES PITCH could n't sound better q:i-h-h n_of:x n:x neg:e-h neg:e-h v:e-i a:e-e
   First , there 's the name : "asset-backed securities . "ase-e _ v_there:e-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x n:x _ _
And there 's more c:i-i-i v_there:e-i much-many_a:e-i
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  The assets backing the securities come from some of the country 's biggest – and most secure – institutions . q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ a:e-i _ superl:e-u a:e-p _ n:x _ .
Most earn high ratings from credit agencies . q:i-h-h v:e-i-p a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i n:x n:x _
Their yields are higher than those of U.S. Treasury issues q:i-h-h n:x _ a:e-i _ part_of:x-i _ named_n:x-c _ named:x-c _ n:x
   And the booming market has already attracted many of the nation 's biggest institutional investors . c:i-i-i q:i-h-h v:e-i n:x _ a:e-e v:e-i-p much-many_a:e-p _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ a:e-i a:e-p _ n:x _ _
Ready to jump a:e-i-h v:e-i
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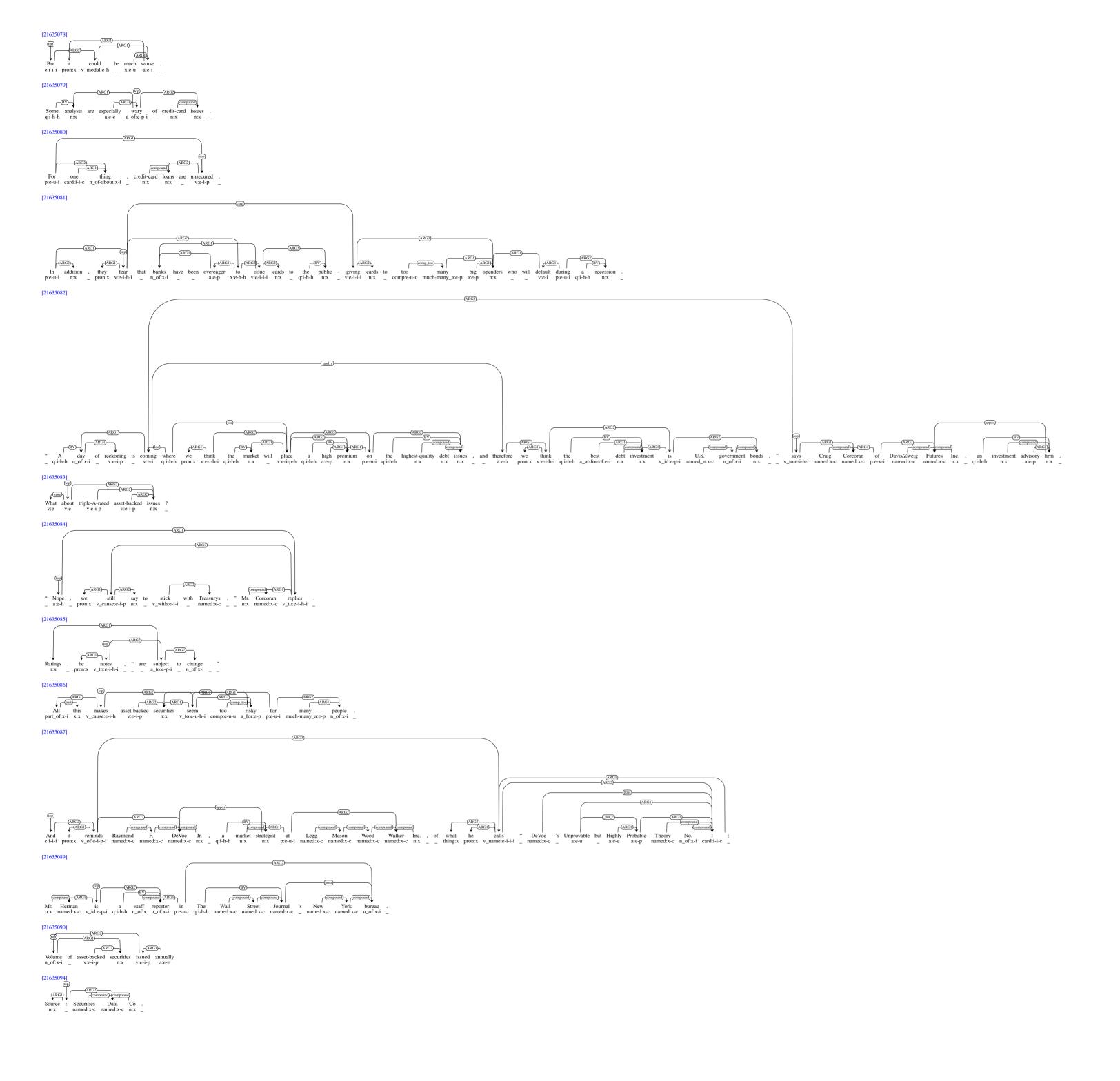
Well , think twice a:e-h _ v:e-i-i a:e-e
     The concept may be simple : Take a bunch of loans , tie them up in one neat package q:i-h-h n:x v_modal:e-h a force-p v:e-i-p-u q:i-h-h n_of:x-i n:x v:e-i-p pron:x p:e-i p:e-u-i card:i-i-c a:e-p n_of:x-i
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Sell pieces of the package to investors . v:e-i-i-i n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x _ .
But the simplicity may be misleading c:i-i-i q:i-h-h n:x v_modal:e-h v:e-i-p
    Skeptics say the slightly higher returns are n't enough to compensate for the extra risk n:x v_to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h a:e-e a:e-i n_of:x-i v_id:e-p-i v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h v_for:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x
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They warn that asset-backed securities are only as good as the assets and credit backing that support them – and those are hard to evaluate pron:x v:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p _ n:x _ a:e-h _ a_at-for-of:e-p-i _ q:i-h-h _ n:x _ n:x _ v:e-i-p _ v:e-i-p _ pron:x _ x:x _ a_for:e-h-i _ v:e-i-p _ ...
  "A lot of this stuff really is in untested waters _ " says Owen Carney , director of the investment securities division of the U.S. comptroller of the currency _ q:i-h-h _ n.jcf.x-i _ q.dem:i-h-h _ n.ix _ a:e-h _ p:e-u-i _ v:e-i-p _ n:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i _ named:x-c _ n.jcf.x-i _ q:i-h-h _ n:x _ n:x _ n.jcf.x-i _ q:i-h-h _ named_n:x-c _ n:x _ p:e-x-i _ q:i-h-h _ n:x _ n:x _ n.jcf.x-i _ q:i-h-h _ named_n:x-c _ n:x _ p:e-x-i _ q:i-h-h _ n:x _ n:x _ n.jcf.x-i _ q:i-h-h _ n:x 
 "We do n't know how this whole market will work in a serious economic downtu pron:x _ neg:e-h v:e-i-h unspec_manner:e-u-x q_dem:i-h-h a:e-p n:x _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     ARG3
                                                                                                                         re n't stopped asset-backed securities from becoming one of Wall Street 's hottest new products neg:e-h v_from:e-i-i-h v:e-i-p n:x _ v_id:e-i-i n:x p:e-x-i named:x-c 
  Such concerns , however , have n't neg:e-h
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