

## = Homer 's Night Out =

" Homer 's Night Out " is the tenth episode of The Simpsons ' first season . It originally aired on the Fox network in the United States on March 25 , 1990 . It was written by Jon Vitti and directed by Rich Moore . In the episode , Bart orders a mail @-@ order spy camera , which he uses to secretly take a photograph of Homer dancing with an exotic belly dancer . Marge makes Homer apologize to the exotic dancer to teach Bart that women are not objects . Sam McMurray guest stars in the episode as Gulliver Dark , the man that introduces Homer to the crowd at the burlesque show .

The episode was well received by critics and it was the second highest rated show on the Fox network the week it aired . This episode , along with three other episodes of the show , is featured on the The Simpsons Gone Wild DVD released in 2004 .

## = = Plot = =

Bart purchases a miniature spy camera from a mail @-@ order catalog and uses it to take candid photos around the house . Later , Homer tells Marge he is going to a bachelor party for a co @-@ worker , Eugene Fisk . While Homer is gone , Marge decides to take the children to the Rusty Barnacle , a seafood restaurant where ( unknown to her ) the bachelor party is well under way .

A sexy belly dancer named Princess Kashmir arrives at the party and invites Homer on stage to dance with her . On the way to the restaurant bathroom , Bart wanders into the bachelor party room and eagerly snaps a picture of Homer and Kashmir . Bart brings the picture to school and gives a copy of it to Milhouse , who promptly gets requests from other students for a copy of the picture . It is not long before everyone in Springfield has one . Marge sees a copy of the picture at her aerobics class and furiously rips it from the bulletin board . When Homer gets home that day , Marge immediately shoves the picture in his face and demands an explanation . At that point , Bart inadvertently reveals that it was his picture , and Homer gets angry at him for taking the picture . After sending Bart to his room , Marge shoves a hastily half @-@ packed suitcase in front of Homer and kicks him out of the house . Homer spends the night at Barney 's apartment .

The next day Homer goes home to apologize to Marge . To his surprise , he learns that what upset her was not what he did , but that Bart saw it and will one day misconstrue it as a sign that it is okay to treat women like sex objects . She insists that he take Bart to meet Princess Kashmir so that Bart can see for himself that she is more than just a stripper . Left with no alternative , Homer and Bart scour the strip clubs of Springfield to find Princess Kashmir . Eventually , they track her down at the Sapphire Lounge .

Homer introduces himself and Bart to Kashmir , who is preoccupied with getting on stage for her performance , though she understands what Homer is trying to get through for his son . Without knowing it , Homer accidentally finds himself on stage at the burlesque show . Homer is about to be thrown offstage when the audience recognize him as the guy from the picture . The audience applauds and Homer gets caught up in the fanfare and starts dancing with the showgirls , until he sees Bart and realizes what he was supposed to do . Homer stops the show and successfully manages to make a plea to the audience to treat women with respect . Marge , who is in the audience , accepts Homer 's apology and the two make up .

## = = Production = =

The episode was written by Jon Vitti and directed by Rich Moore . Barney 's apartment , which Homer spends the night in when he is kicked out by Marge , is partly based on an apartment Jim Reardon , Moore , and a few other animators of The Simpsons shared in college . One of the strip clubs Homer and Bart visit when they are trying to find Princess Kashmir is based on the Seventh Veil Strip Club in Los Angeles , California . The staff went around Hollywood taking pictures of strip clubs so that they could get inspiration for the interior design of the strip club buildings in Springfield . The character designer designed over fifty different international showgirl costumes for the showgirls in the burlesque show sequence . Carl Carlson made his first appearance on The

Simpsons in this episode .

= = Reception = =

In its original American broadcast , " Homer 's Night Out " finished fourteenth place in the weekly ratings for the week of March 19 ? 25 , 1990 , with a Nielsen rating of 16 @.@ 9 . It was the second highest rated show on the Fox network that week . " Homer 's Night Out " received generally positive reviews from critics . In a DVD review of the first season , David B. Grelck gave the episode a rating of 4 / 5 and named it one of his two favorite episodes of the season . He added that it " allows us to see that Homer really does love Marge a lot without having to blatantly stamp sentimentality all over it . The episode is strange , goofy and fun . " Colin Jacobson at DVD Movie Guide said that " the concept of Marge ? s anger at Homer got old , but this episode managed to offer a reasonably entertaining affair . It was fun to see Homer treated like a party god , and this offered a few nice moments . The overall level of quality remained good throughout the show , but it didn ? t rise to any great heights . " David Packard at DVD Verdict said in a review of the The Simpsons Gone Wild DVD that " this episode sports some of the awkward animation and voice work that is prevalent in episodes from the first season . That aspect isn 't an issue to me ; in fact , I quite enjoy season one as it shows the early efforts of the series getting its legs in making the transition from its origin on The Tracey Ullman Show . The problem I have with this episode is that it 's not particularly funny . I chuckled a few times , but the episode doesn 't have the rollicking gags and sly humor of the two episodes to follow . "