

INT. LIVING ROOM - APARTMENT - NIGHTB

The family is sitting and watching a movie called "Paper Boys" on the tv. It is in the vein of "Newsies". There's a sequence where all the news boys are dancing through the streets while they sing about starting a union involving workplace structure, adopting an issues program, building an organization committee, etc.

BOB

What is this movie?

TINA

It's called "Paper Boys". News boys go on strike and dance their way to the picket line.

BOB

They're gyrating a lot. Like, an uncomfortably large amount. Why are we watching this?

LINDA

It was Tina's Christmas purchase from the video store that went out of business. Leave her alone.

TINA

What's wrong with their shirts? Or should I say what's right with them?

LINDA

They're wearing henleys, it's what they wore in the olden days. I guess they couldn't afford shirts that buttoned all the way down. Poor little dirty paper boys.

GENE

The 90s were tough on everybody. I blame Clinton!

Tina is shook. She stares at all the teens in henleys and has a dream sequence where she is in the scene dressed as a girl at the turn of the century. She holds a pencil and notepad.

TINA

Excuse me boys, I'm with the newspaper, but don't worry, it's a, um, different newspaper than the, uh, one you're striking. Can I please get a quote from your leader?

NEWSBOY 1

Hey Jimmy!

Jimmy Pesto walks out wearing the newsboys outfit, henley and all.

JIMMY

I got nothing to say except this.

He grabs her and kisses her deeply. All the newsboys cheer and continue to dance around them. The dream sequence ends and we're back in the living room.

TINA

(to herself.)

Wow. Stop the presses.

BOB

What'd you say, Tina?

TINA

I, uh, I said stop the presses.

BOB

Oh. Why?

TINA

No reason.

LOUISE

So wait, they're kids, but they don't have to go to school? And they get paid to scream at people on the street? What kind of fantasy movie is this?

BOB

This is based on a true story. It really happened. Back in the turn of the century. I mean, you know, the important one.

GENE

Hear that, millennium? Dad says you sucked!

LINDA

Life was a lot harder for kids back then, Louise. They had to work just to afford food and a place to sleep, a lot of their parents were out of jobs.

LOUISE
As opposed to being forced to work
WITH your parents?

LINDA
Oh hush your sass, sassafrass. You
kids should consider yourselves
lucky.

TINA
(to herself, but everyone
can hear.)
So lucky.

BOB
What's that, Tina?

TINA
I said "so lucky".

BOB
Oh. Okay.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - MORNING

The restaurant is casually decorated for Christmas. It's a
slow day and there are no customers. Mr. Fischoeder enters.

MR. FISCHOEDER
Merry Christmas, Belchers! Er, that
is, you're not Jewish, are you?

BOB
No, Mr. Fischoeder.

MR. FISCHOEDER
Okay. Because I've got a "Happy
Chanukah" right up my sleeve if
needed.

BOB
That's okay.

MR. FISCHOEDER
I bet you can't guess why I'm here?