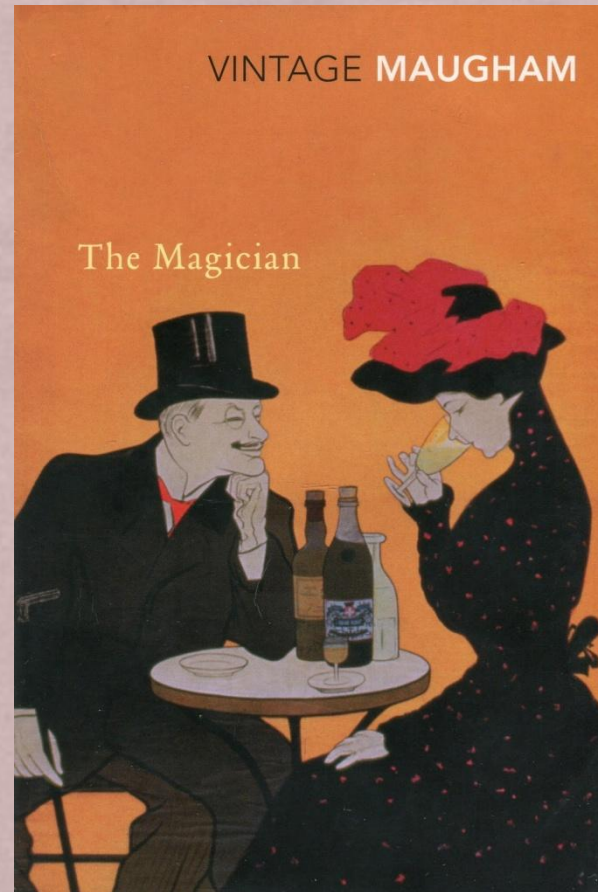


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EXPRESSIONS

to catch somebody on the raw

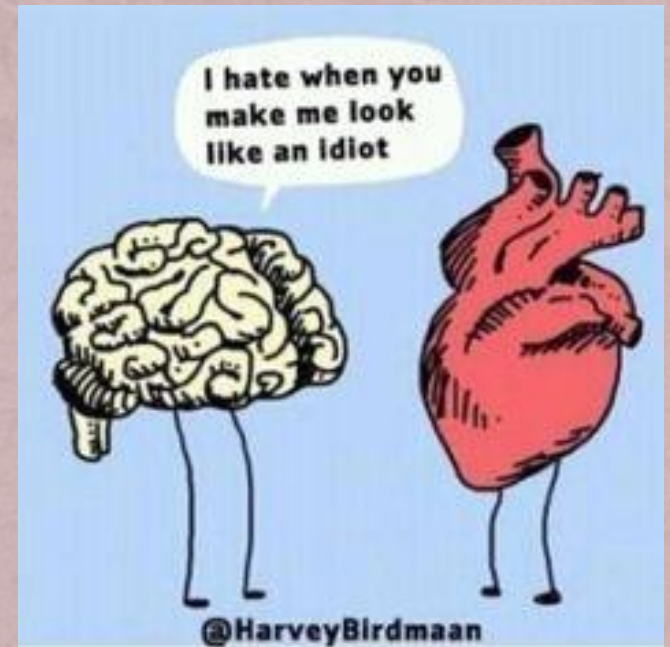
“The gibe at his obesity had caught him on the raw.”



EXPRESSIONS

to draw somebody out of his character

“Love of her drew him out of his character, and, though he could not resist, he resented the effect it had on him.”



EXPRESSIONS

with lagging feet

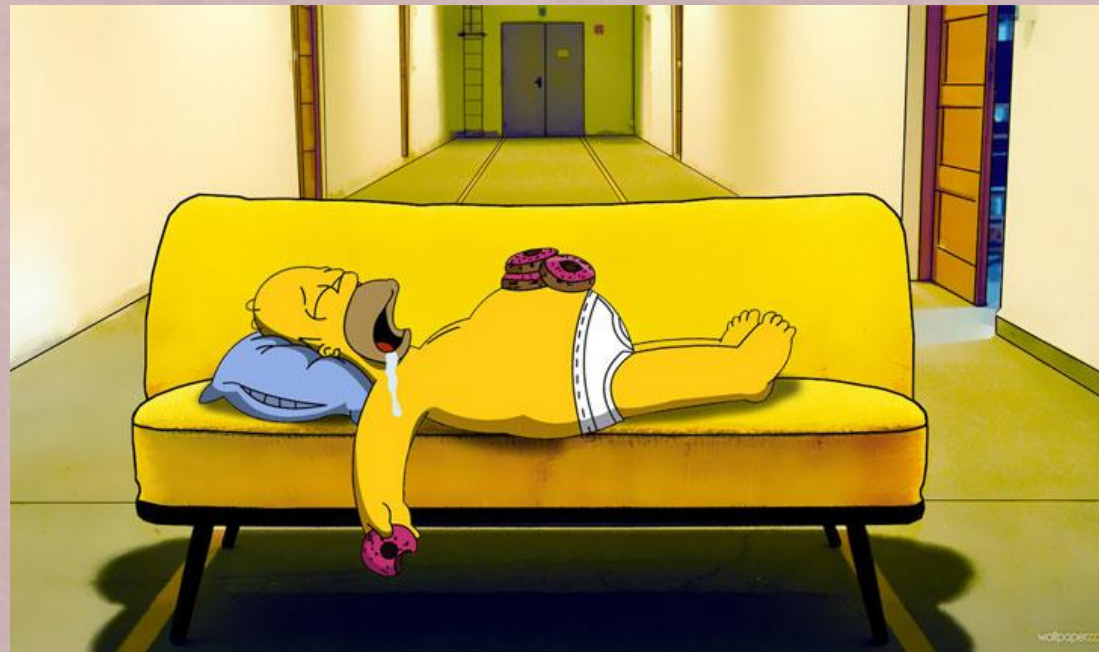
“The hours passed with lagging feet.”



EXPRESSIONS

to drag oneself out of something

“He dragged himself with difficulty back to the chair, and she, conscience – stricken, stood over him helplessly.”



EXPRESSIONS

to trifle with credibility

“Personally, he had no doubt about the matter. He would have no trifling with credibility.”



EXPRESSIONS

to ward off suspicion

“She did not think of the future, and she spoke of it only to ward off suspicion.”



EXPRESSIONS

for good and for all

“When I have corrected the proofs of a book, I have finished it
for good and for all.”



EXPRESSIONS

something trips off the tongue

“ The lies which at first seemed intolerable now tripped glibly off her tongue.”



EXPRESSIONS

for iron nerve

“To follow a wounded lion ... calls for iron nerve”



EXPRESSIONS

to be out of one's depth

“When you begin to talk of magic and mysticism I confess I am out of my depth.”



EXPRESSIONS

to put one's back up

“He put our backs up and we were probably unjust.”



EXPRESSIONS

chalk and cheese

“ but you characters are more different than chalk and cheese.”



EXPRESSIONS

a feather in one's cap

“It was a feather in my cap.”



EXPRESSIONS

to be in a rut

“I was thirty. I was in a rut. I felt I must get out of it.”



EXPRESSIONS

to go in floods

“She went in floods,” interrupted a youth with neatly brushed hair and fat nose. “She wept all over our food, and we ate it salt with tears...”



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