

BAILEY'S COMICS 101 "Bailey's Comics"

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TEASER

MUSIC: THEME SONG

SOUND: PHONE RINGING

KEVIN

You gonna answer that?

MAX

I'm trying to finish this page.

SOUND: PHONE RINGING

KEVIN

Fine, I'll answer it.

MAX

Don't-

SOUND: PHONE BEING PICKED UP

KEVIN

Bailey's Comics, this is Max. Oh, hey Bailey. Yeah, he's right here. Max, it's for you.

MAX

Gimme that. Hi Bailey. Yeah, I helped unload them this morning. Not bad. Got some young dads in while their kids were in school. I expect it'll pick up any time now. Alright. I'll be here. Bye.

SOUND: PHONE BEING HUNG UP

MAX

Goddamnit, Kevin. Bailey's cool with you hanging out here while I work but I don't like to press my luck.

KEVIN

Triple H will put over a greenhorn before Bailey has an impact on the way you run his store.

MAX

Stranger things have happened.

KEVIN

Like Mae Young giving birth to that hand.

MAX

Pro-wrestling references, really?

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KEVIN

I have to listen to your Science-Fiction references all day.

MAX

Science Fantasy.

KEVIN

What?

MAX

Not Science Fiction, Science Fantasy. I fucking hate Science Fiction.

KEVIN

You would.

MAX

Surely you can appreciate the difference. Science Fiction is a thinking man's genre. Science fantasy, on the other hand, touches all the requisite archetypes outlined by Jung and Campbell.

KEVIN

You're losing me.

MAX

From Gilgamesh to Star Wars through Babylon 5 and beyond, certain tropes, if you will, were called forth from the collective human psyche and made manifest in narrative form. The Reluctant Hero, The Death of the Mentor, the Reconciliation with the Father, are all archetypes present in everything from superhero comics to your beloved pro-wrestling.

KEVIN

Wow.

MAX

I know.

KEVIN

You are a huge fucking nerd. Does your mom know how big of a nerd you are?

MAX

When I was six my parents watched Star Trek and tried to get me involved (Star Trek has always been on the edges of the mainstream, and it's a show that can, to a certain extent, bridge generation gaps.)

KEVIN

Like Sexual Chocolate and Mae Young.

MAX

That was so long ago, Kevin. When are you going to let it go?

KEVIN

Dude, she gave birth to a HAND! I can never let it go. You were saying.

MAX

The idea of space travel, of time travel, intrigued me. But, even though I was only about six, I grew tired of the stagnant, one-dimensional characters there to serve the needs of the technology.

KEVIN

Like Tasha Yar and Jenna D'Sora.

MAX

I don't...

KEVIN

Oh, Jesus. Natasha Yar and Jenna D'Sora both banged Data. You really don't like Science Fiction, do you?

MAX

I like Science Fantasy. Like the show I convinced my parents to watch with me even though according to my father it "was no Star Trek."

KEVIN

Sliders!

MAX

No, idiot, Babylon 5, the single greatest achievement in American television history. Of course, by the third season my parents were hooked as well.

KEVIN

What, that really cheesy space station show with the wooden captain?

MAX

He was a Commander. You just have to keep watching, it gets really good.

KEVIN

I'll take your word for it. Nerd.

MAX

You are just as big a nerd as me.

KEVIN

The thing you like is made up of the words "Science" and "Fantasy." Mine is "Professional", and "Wrestling." I think I know who the nerd is.

MAX

What about... Pokemon!

KEVIN

You wouldn't!

MAX

You had every card in binders!

KEVIN

How else would I keep them in near-mint condition!

MAX

You played with Japanese cards!

KEVIN

It's true! It's all true!

MAX

NERD! NERD!

CUSTOMER #1 - CHIP

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX AND CHIP

(CHIP IS FAR AWAY)

NERD! NERD!

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

NERD! WHY ARE WE CHANTING!?

MAX

We were just reminiscing on our nerdy childhoods. The usual?

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Yeah, but I'm also getting Green Lantern this week. It's a crossover with Flash, so...

MAX

I understand.

SOUND: RUSTLING THROUGH COMICS AND PLASTIC BAGS

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KEVIN

Hey Chip.

CHIP

(WALKING CLOSER)

Hey Kevin. How's it going?

KEVIN

Not bad.

MAX

He played Pokemon.

KEVIN

I did not!

CHIP

There's nothing wrong with Pokemon. Which color?

MAX

No, not the video games. the CCG.

CHIP

Ooh, ouch. Nevermind.

KEVIN

Like you never did anything nerdy when you were a kid. I bet you put a towel on like a cape and tried to jump off your roof like Superman.

CHIP

Do I detect a bit of disgust in that voice?

KEVIN

Marvel for life, bitch.

MAX

Kevin!

CHIP

Actually, I was inspired by my hero the Flash to join Cross-Country. We made it to State my junior year. In actuality you are looking not at a nerd, but at a seasoned athlete.

KEVIN

So you're an athlete.

CHIP

Yes.

KEVIN

Not a nerd.

CHIP

Well, I suppose I am also a nerd. But a sort of hybrid nerdathlete superior to the average nerd.

KEVIN

You want to know about athleticism? Ask Max here about Rock Hard Rick Dallas.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

Go on. Ask him.

CHIP

(RELUCTANTLY)

Who... was Rock Hard Rick Dallas?

MAX

(BY ROTE)

Rock Hard Rick Dallas was Kevin's backyarding gimmick.

KEVIN

We were not backyarders. We were "outdoor wrestlers."

CHIP

Did you have a ring?

KEVIN

Yeah! It was made out of

KEVIN AND CHIP AND MAX

mattresses and tarps.

KEVIN

How'd you know?

MAX

There must have been some reason you latched onto DC instead of Marvel during your formative years.

CHIP

Well, my first brush with comics was in Costco. They sold cheap packs of comics, and I convinced my mom to buy me one that had a lot of the Death of Superman storyline in it.

KEVIN

Superman blows.

(CONTINUED)

CHIP

Around the same time, Batman was getting his back broken.

KEVIN

Batman is awesome.

CHIP

I devoured every Batman comic I could get my hands on. Arkham Asylum. Dark Knight Returns. Batman vs. Predator.

KEVIN

Sweet.

CHIP

Eventually I ran out of Batman collections. It was then I discovered he belonged to a Supergroup known as the Justice League of America.

MAX

Of which Flash is a member.

CHIP

Precisely! And a true nerd was born. What about you, Max?

MAX

Babylon 5.

CHIP

An underrated show. You mind if I read this here?

MAX

Go right ahead.

SOUND: SILENCE

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)
I'll just be over here.

MAX

That's fine, Chip.

KEVIN

The Flash. Suckiest Man Alive.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)
Hey Max?

MAX

Yes, Chip?

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Do you know which of these I'm supposed to read first?

MAX

I don't know. The main storyline is in The Flash, right?

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Yeah.

MAX

Is it the conclusion?

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Yes.

MAX

Then I'd read Green Lantern first.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Thanks.

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

Nothing to say about Green Lantern?

KEVIN

He's a womanizer that likes to punch things. He's alright in my book.

CUSTOMER #2 - AMANDA

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

Amanda!

AMANDA

(WALKING CLOSER)

Max!

MAX

Robin, right? Which one?

(CONTINUED)

AMANDA

Carrie Kelley.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

From DKR. Very nice, Amanda.

AMANDA

Thanks, Chip.

KEVIN

Hey Amanda. Nice booties.

AMANDA

Shut up, Kevin.

MAX

What can I do for you today?

AMANDA

I called in earlier and Logan said he'd put the X-Comics on hold for me?

KEVIN

Lo-Pop. What a douche.

MAX

Let me take a look around.

SOUND: RUSTLING THROUGH COMICS AND PLASTIC BAGS

KEVIN

You know... you're buying Marvel comics, but those green eighties shades say DC. Which is it?

AMANDA

I'm sorry?

KEVIN

What do you claim?

AMANDA

You mean, like, choose between Marvel and DC?

KEVIN

Like it's even a choice!

MAX

I couldn't find them, so I'm gonna call Popper.

AMANDA

Thanks.

SOUND: PHONE BEING PICKED UP

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SOUND: PHONE BEING DIALED

KEVIN

Aw, man, don't call Lo-Pop.

AMANDA

You could learn a thing or two about manners from Logan.

KEVIN

Those aren't real manners. Just cause I don't want to fuck you-

AMANDA

(INTERRUPTING)
Of course you want to fuck me.

KEVIN

Well I don't let it get in the way of me despising you!

MAX

(ON THE PHONE)
Hey, Popper. It's Max. I was wondering-

AMANDA

Fortunately I am not so encumbered.

MAX

(ON THE PHONE)
Yes, I took care of it an hour ago, before the rush.

KEVIN

You still haven't answered my question.

AMANDA

What question?

MAX

(ON THE PHONE)
The reason I'm calling is that Amanda just walked in, and she's looking for the-

KEVIN

Marvel or DC?

AMANDA

You're still on that?

MAX

Yeah, I see them. Thanks, Popper. Bye.

SOUND: PHONE BEING HUNG UP

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Here you go.

AMANDA

Thank you so much.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

You're not gonna ask her?

AMANDA

Ask me what?

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

About her nerdy childhood.

KEVIN

Do we have to?

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Well, I thought we were doing a thing, like, everyone was gonna share their reminiscences.

AMANDA

I can do that. How do I start?

MAX

I guess talk about when you first realized you were a nerd.

AMANDA

My daddy is in Civil War reenactments.

KEVIN

Nice.

AMANDA

But I wasn't really into the war stuff so he took me to a Renn Fairre.

KEVIN

Lame.

AMANDA

The meat, the music, the men...

KEVIN

How old were you?

AMANDA

And the costumes! I joined immediately and began apprenticing under a seamstress.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

You trained in the dark arts of the needle and thread? That's total superhero stuff.

AMANDA

All the kids there were playing Vampire The Masquerade-

KEVIN

Oh come on!

MAX

You played Marvel Super Heroes.

KEVIN

Marvel Super Heroes is a good system!

AMANDA

At the first session I made sure I was in the same Clan as Jimmy Sanders.

KEVIN

(SARCASTIC)

He sounds dreamy.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

AMANDA

He was. He was really tall but his voice hadn't broken yet, so he played a Eunuch.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

KEVIN

You would think that after the Enlightenment young men's balls would be safe.

SOUND: REGISTER DING

AMANDA

Long story short, Jimmy read comic books and here I am, dressed as a Robin from a possible future. How much, Max?

MAX

Twenty-Five-Sixty.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

I'll see you next week.

AMANDA

(WALKING AWAY)

I hope so. Any requests?

KEVIN

Vampirella!

AMANDA

(FAR AWAY)

Shut up Kevin.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

She's into me.

MAX

Yeah right. And even if she was, Popper's trying to get with her.

KEVIN

Fuck Lo-Pop!

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Yeah, he kicked out Glen just because he was crying.

KEVIN

And we like Glen!

MAX

Since when do you like Glen?

KEVIN

The enemy of my enemy is my friend.

CUSTOMER #3 - GLEN

(GLEN SPEAKS MOROSELY, ALMOST ABSURDLY SO)

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

GLEN

(WALKING CLOSER)

Hey guys.

MAX AND KEVIN

Glen!

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Here for some boosters?

GLEN

Yes. I'm feeling lucky today.

KEVIN

Did you see Amanda on her way out?

GLEN

Thankfully I managed to avert my eyes.

MAX

Not your type?

GLEN

There's just... some much skin showing...

KEVIN

What're you gay?

MAX

Kevin!

KEVIN

Not that... there's... well are you?

GLEN

No, I like girls. But they have no sense of decorum or modesty nowadays.

KEVIN

Nowadays? I thought you were, like, 30.

GLEN

Thirty-four, thanks for reminding me.

MAX

How many boosters?

GLEN

Just two, please.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

MAX

Seven-Eighty-Three.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING.

GLEN

Thank you, Max.

SOUND: BOOSTER PACK OPENING

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN

(A DESPONDENT, DISAPPOINTED SOUND)

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN

(A DESPONDENT, DISAPPOINTED SOUND)

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN

(A DESPONDENT, DISAPPOINTED SOUND)

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN

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SOUND: A CARD

GLEN

(A DESPONDENT, DISAPPOINTED SOUND)

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN

(A DESPONDENT, DISAPPOINTED SOUND)

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

Not what you were looking for?

GLEN

Not at all. You realize what this means.

KEVIN

No.

GLEN

I'm going to have to go to the card store. I'm going to have to... trade.

MAX

That sounds like fun, you could trade and then play a game with the guy.

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GLEN

I don't know, Max, I don't know.

MAX

How could you get into CCGs if you never play anyone?

GLEN

Well, my old friend Holland Himler introduced me to it. He and I would take our sack lunches to the science department where Mrs. Pensky would read while we held duels of the Planeswalkers.

KEVIN

Kind of like Pokemon.

GLEN

Not really.

MAX

What were you building back then?

GLEN

Blue/White healing and counters, same as now. Holland played burn decks. He's married now, though. He doesn't have time for... distractions.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)
I'll play you, Glen.

GLEN

I don't know, Chip... I don't know.

MAX

You're free to stay here for a while if you want to play.

GLEN

I'd better get home. I think I'm going to drop my deck off at my apartment before I go to the card store. And it's almost time to feed Tim.

MAX

Alright. Later, Glen.

GLEN

(FAR AWAY)
I'll see you again.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

Later, Glen! We like Glen.

MAX

He's a good guy.

KEVIN

He needs to get laid. Maybe we could hook him up with Britney.

MAX

If you want to get on Josh's bad side, be my guest.

KEVIN

I'm already on Josh's bad side.

MAX

I'm just saying I think he could beat your ass.

KEVIN

Josh? Beat the ass of Rock Hard Rick Dallas? I think not.

CUSTOMER #4 - JOSH

(JOSH IS A CALIFORNIA DOUCHE)

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)
What's up, jackwagons?

MAX

Hi Josh.

KEVIN

Where's Britney?

JOSH

She's getting her hair done. I'm taking her out to dinner tonight and she's gotta look nice.

MAX

I'm sure she will.

JOSH

You trying to say something about my girl?

MAX

It's... just that she's a lovely young lady.

(CONTINUED)

JOSH

Yeah, well don't get any ideas, okay? In this store you might think you're hot shit, but I got some monster pythons and they're ready to strike, alright bro? Anyway, did that costume chick come in yet?

MAX

Amanda? Yeah, you just missed her.

JOSH

Too bad, bro. She's a little mousy, but in those costumes... you know what I'm saying?

MAX

I have a reasonable idea.

JOSH

You hit that?!

MAX

No... I... why would you think that?

JOSH

You said you had an idea.

MAX

It's just a figure of speech.

JOSH

My bad, I thought maybe you were more than meets the eye. Is my Fin Fang Foom in yet?

MAX

I checked today and it's still in route.

JOSH

I'm telling you, Max, those collectibles shipping companies are a bunch of freaking jackwagons. What're they shipping it piece by piece?

MAX

I wish someone else had it, but this is your only option.

KEVIN

Unless you were to go on ebay or something.

JOSH

Are you kidding? I gotta keep you boys in business, don't I?

MAX

He doesn't work here.

JOSH

You don't work here, Calvin?

KEVIN

It's Kevin. And no, but I help out.

MAX

He doesn't help out.

KEVIN

I answered the phone.

JOSH

Hey, good for you. You got anything new in the bins?

MAX

I got some Transformers recently, some movie-based stuff.

JOSH

Any Nolan Batman?

MAX

I think so, yeah.

SOUND: RUSTLING THROUGH FIGURINES AND PLASTIC BAGS

JOSH

You know, it was Michael Keaton as Batman that got me into collecting figurines. That Batmobile was so badass.

KEVIN

You ever see the sixties Batman with Adam West and Burt Ward?

JOSH

Burt Ward's a jackwagon.

MAX

What about Adam West?

JOSH

He's the mayor of Quahog now, so he's cool. But that show sucked. And if you like it: BIFF! BAM!

KEVIN

(PLAYING IT OFF)
Yeah... that show... sucked...

(CONTINUED)

MAX

How'd you make the leap to tabletop games?

JOSH

I was in the games and hobbies shop that used to be down on Denton?

MAX

I remember that place.

JOSH

I was looking for a Vicki Vale figurine. None of the toy shops had one. Anyway, these total geeks are painting these little figurines, and I'm thinking "Okay figurines, that's cool," and then I hear one of them say the name of the game, "Warhammer," and I think to myself "Figurines are cool, and war is cooler, what awesomeness will happen when you combine them?" I switched to 40K as quick as I could, of course.

KEVIN

Yeah, cause it's like: "Elves are cool, space is cooler," isn't that right, Max?

MAX

That's not what Science Fantasy means. You see, Josh, Science Fantasy is a sub-genre of Science Fiction-

JOSH

(INTERRUPTING)

Yeah, I could give a crap.

KEVIN

Yeah! Up top! No? No? Okay.

JOSH

Listen, Max, Calvin, I gotta go pick up an energy drink before Britney's done at the salon. I'm gonna get this Scarecrow, and, uh... gimme that Vindicator, too.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

MAX

Sixty-five, forty-one.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)

Later, jackwagons.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

(CONTINUED)

MAX

What an asshat.

KEVIN

Is that really much better than jackwagon?

MAX

Of course it is, it makes sense.

KEVIN

Does it really? I can never figure it out, is it a hat made out of ass?

MAX

What? No! It's a hat you wear on your ass.

KEVIN

Are you sure?

MAX

Of course I'm sure.

KEVIN

So he's a hat you wear on your ass. What does that even mean?

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

It means he's uncomfortable and unnecessary.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

Alright.

CUSTOMER #5 - DERRYL

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

Could it be a hat made out of ass that you wear on your ass?

DERRYL

No, it's a hat you wear on your ass.

MAX

Hey Derryl. How was the release yesterday?

DERRYL

Awful. No human being should have to work eight hours in a row.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

I'm pulling double shifts.

DERRYL

The worst thing is they make you act like you enjoy the game that's coming out. That you're excited about it.

KEVIN

So you didn't get one?

DERRYL

Oh I got one, but I'm not going to enjoy it. Fucking Madden.

KEVIN

I wish I just took one big golden shit every year like EA.

DERRYL

On the bright side though, I will have a small surplus in next week's paycheck, so I've come for an import.

MAX

Got anything in mind?

DERRYL

I think I'm just going to browse a little.

MAX

We've got comics.

DERRYL

Ha!

KEVIN

What, do you not like comics?

DERRYL

It's not that I don't like them, I just don't have the time. Do have any idea how many games came out last month? I'm still playing through the new Dora and Barbie games!

SOUND: RUSTLING THROUGH VIDEO GAMES

DERRYL

You got in some Gameboy cartridges!

MAX

We can't always have everything in stock, but Bailey does what he can.

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DERRYL

The import might have to wait.

SOUND: RUSTLING THROUGH VIDEO GAMES

MAX

Playing any classics right now?

DERRYL

I've been on a real N64 binge lately. Super Mario 64 (released in June of 1996 and developed by Nintendo Entertainment Analysis and Development), Donkey Kong 64 (developed by Rare Interactive and released November of 1999), 1080 Snowboarding (Developed by Nintendo EAD and released April Fool's Day, 1998), and the original San Francisco Rush: Extreme Racing (released in the arcades in 1996 and ported to the 64 a year later.)

KEVIN

Aren't you sorry you asked?

DERRYL

Holy shit! It's Battletoads in Ragnarok's World, released by Tradewest in 1993!

KEVIN

I thought you had every original gameboy game?

DERRYL

I'm getting close. One Battletoads game, please.

MAX

This one's pricey, Derryl.

DERRYL

Just tell me.

MAX

Twenty bucks.

DERRYL

I'll take it. Mind if I test it out first?

KEVIN

You've got a Gameboy on you?

DERRYL

Gameboy Color, actually. And a Gamegear, released in 1991. And... others.

SOUND: GAMEBOY COLOR STARTING UP

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DERRYL

Oh, nice. Here you go.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

DERRYL

The Gameboy was my first system, actually. My grandma gave it to me for Christmas. I even had this game, at one point, but I got a C and my parents gave my games to the Salvation Army.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Who knows. Maybe this could be your old copy.

DERRYL

The chances are astronomical. Plus, I wrote my name on mine in sharpie. Another one of my 64 controllers crapped out on me. You getting those in anytime soon?

MAX

I'll ask around and you can call the store tomorrow before five.

DERRYL

Sounds good. Later guys.

MAX AND KEVIN

Later Derryl.

DERRYL

(FAR AWAY)

Later Chip.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Later Derryl.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

TAG

MAX

You know, Kevin. You never told the story of how you got into wrestling.

KEVIN

Wrestling isn't nerdy.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Nonetheless I'm interested.

KEVIN

I'd been watching wrestling for a couple years, but I suppose I really got into it after the McMahon/StoneCold fued.

MAX

Classic Attitude Era wrestling.

KEVIN

It wasn't StoneCold that did it, though. It was Shane McMahon.

MAX

Shane McMahon, really?

KEVIN

He was just a regular dude putting his heart and soul into matches. I figured, if Shane-O can do it, so can I.

MAX

And thus was born...

KEVIN

Say it.

MAX

And thus was born... Rock Hard Rick Dallas.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Alright, guys, I have to go make dinner for my mom. I'm out of here.

MAX AND KEVIN

Later, Chip.

CHIP

Later guys.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

He didn't take his comics.

MAX

Well he didn't pay for them either.

MUSIC: END THEME

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ANNOUNCER

Next time, on Bailey's Comics:

SOUND: HEART MONITOR BEEPING

KEVIN

Scalpel.

AMANDA

Scalpel.

SOUND: DOORS FLINGING OPEN

MAX

Stop the surgery!

AMANDA

You can't be in here!

MAX

That man is not a doctor.

SOUND: SUSPENSE ORGAN

ANNOUNCER

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MUSIC: HIT