

BAILEY'S COMICS 103 "Bride of Bailey's Comics"

By

Kevin Garrity & Paul Logan

BAILEY'S COMICS 103 "BRIDE OF BAILEY'S COMICS"

TEASER

MUSIC: THEME SONG

SOUND: PHONE RINGING

SOUND: PHONE BEING PICKED UP

MAX

Bailey's Comics, this is Max. Oh hey Bailey. Yes, The Young and the Restless recorded. I saw the little red light, Bailey. Bailey, it records every day, why would today be different? You're welcome. Yeah? He's right here.

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

Kevin, he wants to talk to you.

KEVIN

Hello, sir.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

Yes, I specifically saw the little red light. Alright. Goodbye sir.

SOUND: PHONE BEING HUNG UP

KEVIN

I don't know why he's so concerned. Nothing really happens on Soap Operas until friday anyway.

MAX

You need a job.

KEVIN

Ooh! Speaking of jobbing, I was thinking of changing my gimmick.

MAX

I thought you were retired.

KEVIN

So's Terry Funk.

MAX

True, true. What's wrong with Rock Hard Rick Dallas?

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

It's just been done you know?

MAX

I know exactly what you mean.

KEVIN

I had that gimmick for eight years. It's played out.

MAX

(INCREDULOUSLY)

Yeah... that's what I thought you meant. So what's the new gimmick? The Stone? Andrew the Reasonably Sized?

KEVIN

Think about it. Who's the biggest heel in real life?

MAX

What, like... Hitler?

KEVIN

No, I mean, in your life, who, generally, are the biggest heels?

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

Emo kids!

KEVIN

Exactly!

MAX

An Emo Kid heel...

KEVIN

He will be called the Ocean of Emotion. He will wear thick black glasses frames into the match which can then be knocked off him or broken. His finishers will be called the Heartbreaker and The Great Depression.

MAX

This is actually really good.

KEVIN

Best of all, his entrance theme: The Yellowcard cover of the Michelle Branch song "Everywhere."

MAX

It's despicable!

KEVIN

I know. Most hated man in outdoor wrestling for sure.

MAX

If you come out of retirement.

KEVIN

If I do.

MAX

If you're seriously considering continuing to wrestle, why not go to the nearest academy?

KEVIN

Well, first of all, that costs money and to have money you have to have a job, which defeats the entire point of being a superstar-

CUSTOMER #1 - JOSH

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

And second of all, the big leagues are fine, I guess. If you want to sign your creative control away.

JOSH

You jackwagons talking about baseball?

MAX

Wrestling gimmicks.

KEVIN

Think about it. Who are the biggest heels in real life?

JOSH

Ugly chicks?

KEVIN

Think sadder.

JOSH

Sadder than ugly chicks? Jeez.

SOUND: SILENCE

JOSH

Emo kids!

KEVIN

Exactly. I want be an emo wrestler.

(CONTINUED)

JOSH

Way to combine the two fakest things in the universe, Devin.

KEVIN

Kevin.

JOSH

Kevin? Yeah, that's a total emo name, that'll work. But why go into Pro Wrestling if you can beat people up for real in Mixed Martial Arts?

KEVIN

You seem to be missing the entire point.

JOSH

The point of fighting is to hurt someone right? Seems pretty clear cut to me.

KEVIN

The point is to entertain, to tell a story. To elicit a reaction.

JOSH

When I see wrestling, this is my reaction:

SOUND: JOSH PRETENDING TO PUKE

JOSH

You see all that puke?

KEVIN

No you were just faking.

JOSH

Yeah, just like wrestlers.

MAX

Hey Josh.

JOSH

Hey Max. If I were a wrestler, I'd have my gimmick be that I was an MMA fighter, and I would be, and if I was ever booked to lose, I'd just beat up my opponent and win anyway. I'd have the belt in no time.

KEVIN

Brilliant.

MAX

Where's Britney?

JOSH
She's at some family barbeque.

MAX
Decided to skip it?

JOSH
Wasn't invited. Her 'rents don't much care for me.

KEVIN
How unimaginable.

MAX
How can I help you?

JOSH
I'm looking to get my hands on The Blob.

MAX
From the same set as Fin Fang Foom?

JOSH
That's the one.

MAX
It'll be cheaper, but I've got to warn you, I'll be getting from the same people as last time.

JOSH
Oh, you mean the flannel wearing jackwagons that can't ship packages before I sprout a freaking grey hair?

KEVIN
You sprouted a grey hair?

JOSH
I don't wanna talk about it.

MAX
They're the one place I know that carries the pieces all as one figurine.

JOSH
Yeah well I'm figurine I should break those Seattle nerds into pieces.

MAX
Should I order it?

JOSH
Yeah, go ahead. I guess I'll be back in a couple weeks.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Oh, before you go. I haven't gotten a lot of bin figures, but a young dad recently came in with this and I saved it for you.

JOSH

ShadowHawk! Oh sick! And he articulates a lot!

MAX

I remembered you said you liked him.

KEVIN

I didn't think you read comics.

JOSH

Normally I don't, but this friend of mine was like "You have to check this out, he's a superhero, but he breaks criminals' backs!" Brutal!

KEVIN

Indeed.

JOSH

Even when I found out he was black it didn't matter, 'cause he was so awesome.

KEVIN

An enlightened attitude.

JOSH

Then they gave him AIDS and I was like, he's gay? lame. And stopped reading.

KEVIN

Black guys in Image always getting AIDS.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

KEVIN

Like... always.

MAX

Is that it?

JOSH

Nah, I'm also gonna get four Rhinos.

MAX

We only have three.

JOSH

Then gimme those three and a Vindicator.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

(CONTINUED)

SOUND: REGISTER DING

MAX

A-hundred-and-forty-eight, and 24 cents.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

KEVIN

Damn. What is it you do again?

JOSH

I'm a personal trainer. You just gotta hustle, little Devin.

KEVIN

I will... keep that in mind.

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)
Later jackwagons.

CUSTOMER #2 - AMANDA

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)
Oh, hey! Amara, what's up?

AMANDA

(FAR AWAY)
John. Where's Britney?

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)
She's at a-

AMANDA

(FAR AWAY, INTERRUPTING)
Shut up, John.

KEVIN

Ooh! Rocky! Rocky! Rocky!

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)
I'm outta here.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

AMANDA

Asshat.

MAX

You look really good Amanda.

AMANDA

Thank you! Can you guess?

KEVIN

What're you, the female Hawkeye?

MAX

She's Huntress.

KEVIN

Who's Huntress?

AMANDA

She's a DC character-

KEVIN

(INTERRUPTING)
Lame.

AMANDA

And one of the Batman Family.

KEVIN

Now I'm conflicted.

AMANDA

A man should never be conflicted about a woman
strutting around half naked.

KEVIN

But... DC!

AMANDA

Do try not to hurt yourself thinking about it.

KEVIN

I'm going to think about something else.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

You know, you'd make a pretty good valet for my emo
wrestler.

AMANDA

I'm sorry, what?

MAX

He's thinking of changing his gimmick.

KEVIN

I'm thinking of changing my gimmick. And I'd need someone to look good and help me cheat. I'd cut the promos of course.

AMANDA

What are promos?

MAX

Soliloquies.

AMANDA

I'll deliver my own promos, thank you.

KEVIN

You wanna do some women's wrestling on the side, that's cool.

AMANDA

I don't think so. And that emo gimmick sounds horrible.

KEVIN

Alright, little miss booker. What would your gimmick be, if you had your druthers.

AMANDA

I don't really know anything about wrestling...

KEVIN

Oh no. You said the emo gimmick was as bad as Twilight.

AMANDA

I like Twilight!

KEVIN

A likely story. Regardless, I'm going to need to hear a gimmick that outdoes an emo heel.

AMANDA

I guess... I guess I'd be a superheroine. And because I was a superheroine, I could believably face off against the men, and win.

KEVIN

No woman ever has or ever will win the OWA Heavyweight Championship.

(CONTINUED)

AMANDA

What's the OWA?

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

Max?

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

I've gotta handle this one myself, huh?

MAX

I refuse to say it.

KEVIN

It's the Outdoor Wrestling Association.

AMANDA

This is for backyarding?

KEVIN

We are not backyarders-

AMANDA

Shut up, Kevin.

MAX

Anything besides your X-Comics?

AMANDA

That's it. I wish I could keep up on DC, but I just don't have the funds.

MAX

Oh look. Logan put a smiley face on the sticky note.

KEVIN

Lo-Pop. Handwriting like a girl.

AMANDA

As if anyone could read your chicken-scratch.

MAX

He can never even sign his name the same way twice.

KEVIN

They're like snowflakes.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

(CONTINUED)

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

AMANDA

I read that book you recommended.

MAX

Great! Given any thought to making your comic?

AMANDA

I've been defining a couple of the ideas I had, little by little. It's all theoretical until I can get a pencil. Anyway, I gotta roll.

KEVIN

How do you drive in those heels? And where are your keys?

AMANDA

I'll answer the first question first and the second not at all. I am a master at driving in heels. Heels, combat boots, tabi... you name it. I'm the Michael Jordan of footwear.

KEVIN

Isn't Michael Jordan the Michael Jordan of footwear?

MAX

You're exaggerating.

AMANDA

I ran from the cops one time when I was 16, three inch stilleto heels through backyards and over fences.

MAX

No! You got away?

AMANDA

Well... no. But I made a go of it.

SOUND: SILENCE

AMANDA

I... really have to go. Bye Max.

MAX

Bye Amanda.

KEVIN

Bye Amanda.

AMANDA

(FAR AWAY)
Bye Kevin.

(CONTINUED)

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

I need to hook her up with a penciller. This is a comic-book shop. Surely someone we know can draw.

KEVIN

What about Lo-Pop?

MAX

Popper isn't really the creative type.

KEVIN

No, but I bet he'd like to get hooked up with Amanda.

MAX

He's been asking me to do surveillance, but she's so hard to read.

KEVIN

Lo-Pop doesn't deserve a chick that hot.

MAX

You think Amanda's hot?

KEVIN

That's not what I said.

MAX

You really don't like her, do you?

KEVIN

I don't like her? She doesn't like me, man. I'm just returning the favor. What did I ever do to her?

MAX

You made fun of her in highschool.

KEVIN

No I didn't.

MAX

Yeah you did. You were playing pokemon in the quad and she walked by in her period dress and you said you'd pay her ha'penny for a jolly rogering.

KEVIN

I wasn't making fun of her. That was a genuine proposition.

MAX

You actually had a ha'penny on you?

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

I was going to tip her a ha'penny.

CUSTOMER #3 - STU

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

STU

(FAR AWAY)
Salutations sirs!

MAX

Hey Stu. I really enjoyed that gaming session. It was very nostalgic for me.

STU

Perhaps you would deign to join our merry band as we commence the first session of my new campaign, which is of course taking place in the system I have already outlined for you, by the name of Bards and Barbarians.

MAX

I want to, Stu, but I could barely get away for one session.

STU

Perhaps this will sway you toward my position.

SOUND: PAPER SLIDING AGAINST PAPER

MAX

It's Oltherin! My god it looks just like I described him.

STU

I'm glad you approve.

MAX

Who drew this?

KEVIN

A nerd.

STU

You are correct, sir. And that nerd was none other than myself.

MAX

I remember you drawing when we were kids, but... nothing like this.

(CONTINUED)

STU

Much like the crafty blacksmith (SMALL CHUCKLE) who has put in his weeks and days and hours, so too have I mastered the use of pencil and pen.

MAX

Would you be interested in making a romantic graphic novel with a good-looking girl I know?

STU

That she is fair and of the fairer sex matters not to me.

KEVIN

Knew it.

STU

However, I am open to commissioned work. She shall be my muse and my patron. Or (SMALL CHUCKLE), my matron, as it were.

KEVIN

I would like to commission a character design.

STU

What for?

KEVIN

I'm changing my outdoor wrestling gimmick to a whiny emo kid. I want a really badass costume this time.

MAX

Rock Hard Rick Dallas wore black jeans and a wife-beater.

STU

Outdoor wrestling, you say? As in amateur professional wrestling? If such a thing is not an inherent contradiction.

KEVIN

I've been doing it since highschool. I thought you knew.

STU

It's a bit like a LARP, isn't it?

KEVIN

No. It's nothing like a LARP Stu.

STU

Are you in need of another performer?

KEVIN

We aren't performers. We're workers.

STU

You get paid?

KEVIN

No... we... what is it you want to do for us?

STU

I was just pondering the possibility of becoming a wrestler myself. I'm not the most agile of athletes, but my enormous girth could be used to my advantage.

KEVIN

If you were going to wrestle for us, and I'm not saying you will, you'd need a gimmick.

STU

I needn't think about it now, as a younger Stuart thought about it years ago. I would be (RUSSIAN ACCENT) Vlokistovinok Milsky, evil dictator from an unnamed Eastern European country. (BACK TO REGULAR ACCENT) I could engage in anti-american sentiment without alienating any particular nationality.

KEVIN

Kind of like Dr. Doom.

STU

I would be carried out on a litter by sickly peasants. Before the match, and during any downtime, they would serve me grapes. I would accuse my opponents of starting international incidents and attempting to assassinate me. My finish would be called the Iron Fist.

KEVIN

You actually watch wrestling don't you?

STU

My dear Kevin, it is the very height of melodrama. I never miss a Monday Night Raw.

KEVIN

What kind of TV do you have?

STU

I do not have a television. I use a projector.

KEVIN

Stu, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship. And I'll talk to the Red Menace about training you for next season.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

So what can I get for you?

STU

Actually, I merely came in to deliver my etching and invite you to further games. Now however, I am siezed with the irresistable urge to work on some "outdoor wrestling" designs. May I sit at your table?

MAX

Absolutely, comrade.

STU

(WALKING AWAY)
What is the name of your whiny emo heel, Kevin?

KEVIN

The Ocean of Emotion.

STU

(FOR AWAY)
Evocative. I shall begin immediately.

KEVIN

You know I've been trying to get Max here to wrestle with us for years.

STU

(FAR AWAY)
You should Maxwell! It will sharpen your improvisational skills for the gaming table.

MAX

I'm not much of a risk taker.

CUSTOMER #4 - GLEN

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

STU

(FAR AWAY)
Good morrow, fair patron!

MAX

Hey Glen.

GLEN

Hey Max. Kevin. Why... why are there people here?

MAX

Oh, Stu? He's a gaming buddy of mine. I'm letting him doodle here.

(CONTINUED)

GLEN

(WALKING AWAY)
I see. Alright. I'll be back later.

MAX

Wait, Glen! Come back! What are you here for, some boosters?

GLEN

Am I that transparent?

MAX

I got in a couple theme decks, if you're interested.

GLEN

No thank you. I'll just stick to my boosters. I really ought to come back in a little bit-

KEVIN

Nonsense! Nothing would make you more uncomfortable and therefore me happier than for you to stay and purchase those boosters.

GLEN

I don't know, Kevin... I don't know.

KEVIN

It'll only take a second.

SOUND: SILENCE

GLEN

Six of the newest please.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

MAX

Nice doing business with you.

GLEN

Alright, guys. I'm going to-

KEVIN

Wait, before you go, what would your wrestling gimmick be?

GLEN

I really, I don't, I just want to-

(CONTINUED)

STU

(FAR AWAY)

Another for our brutish pantomimes?

GLEN

I don't even watch wrestling. So many half-naked men,
it's just-

STU

(WALKING CLOSER)

I think you'll find nothing boosts the confidence like
a little performance.

KEVIN

And nothing gets the adrenalin pumping like literally
putting your neck on the line.

STU

Your hand, Kevin.

KEVIN

Uhh... okay...

SOUND: PAPER SLIDING AGAINST PAPER

KEVIN

Oh, nice! I'm going to need to work out more.

STU

Not too much! Those of the emotional persuasion are
not the type to beef up. I have left your arms bare
specifically to highlight their pale flabiness.SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

Awesome...

STU

And a thought has occurred to me. I don't believe we
have been formally introduced. I am Stuart H.
Cobblepot, and you are?

GLEN

Glen, Glen Hinkley.

STU

You look the fastidious sort. Would you call that a
fair description?

GLEN

I... I suppose.

(CONTINUED)

STU

Perhaps this gimmick will work for you in our amateur league. Oswald Cunningham Denton, better known as OCD. You shall have an aversion to touching opponents, and shall endeavour at all times to stall and bail out of the ring.

KEVIN

Lotta heels in this room...

STU

You will carry a small spray bottle of disinfectant, and shall spray it on your oppoennt before grappling (when it does come to that), and even, say, on the turnbuckle before ramming your opponent's head into it. A sneeze could start a feud. A cough could lose you a championship match. I fear it is a bit insensitive to the mentally burdened, but it is wrestling after all.

GLEN

I don't know, Stuart... I don't know.

KEVIN

You can sit around playing CCGs all day-

GLEN

Playing?

KEVIN

-or you can go out, do something with yourself, meet people.

GLEN

People?

KEVIN

Yeah, people.

SOUND: SILENCE

GLEN

I don't know, Kevin-

KEVIN

(INTERRUPTING)
Nevermind. We need faces anyway.

GLEN

I'll tell you what. I'll put in a good word for your wrestling thingie on my blog.

(CONTINUED)

MAX
You have a blog?

GLEN
Yeah.

MAX
What's it called?

GLEN
Oh, I wouldn't want anyone reading it.

STU
I must depart, companions. I must prepare for next week's session. You will come won't you, Oltherin?

MAX
I'll think about it.

STU
(WALKING AWAY)
Fairwell, Kevin. Glen Hinkley.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

SOUND: SILENCE

GLEN
Thank god. Now I can relax and open my cards.

KEVIN
Does he have to do that here?

SOUND: BOOSTER PACK OPENING

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN
(SIGH)

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN
(SIGH)

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN
(SIGH)

KEVIN
Glen, maybe you could-

SOUND: A CARD

GLEN
(SIGH)

MAX
Glen. You could use the table over there.

GLEN
Okay.

TAG

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN
You actually watch and like wrestling.

MAX
Watched.

GLEN
(FAR AWAY, SIGH)

KEVIN
Alright you used to watch it, but it you still like it, I can tell. Yet you've been silent on this gimmick thing. Every kid had a wrestling name when he played WWF. What was yours?

MAX
It's embarrassing.

KEVIN
It's wrestling, of course it's embarrassing.

GLEN
(FAR AWAY, SIGH)

MAX
Alright. I was Dynamite Rod Chocolate, righteous black man from the streets.

KEVIN
Yeah... that might cause some problems. Blackface is kind of frowned upon. And it'll come off as you wrestle.

GLEN
(FAR AWAY SIGH)

MAX
Well as a kid, I didn't realize the implications. I mean, Sting wore makeup.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

Surely all this creativity today has gotten you thinking about it. If you were to join the OWA, what would your gimmick be?

GLEN

(FAR AWAY, SIGH)

MAX

Actually. I'm not interested in bumping full time, but another option just occurred to me. Red Menace is still doing double duty as a worker and as the general manager, right?

KEVIN

Ever since Beautiful Bret Bilt quit. It's always been a little awkward.

MAX

What if I were to take on the General Manager role from him to free him up for more matches? I'd be willing to take a finisher here or there, to keep the audience happy, so long as I didn't have to wrestle full matches every week.

KEVIN

That's brilliant! Heel or face?

MAX

You said that you have a lot of heels, and Red Menace is a heel GM, so I think I should come in and face it up. But be fair, too. Not arbitrarily on the side of the faces every time.

GLEN

(FAR AWAY SIGH)

KEVIN

You'd be willing to actually do this?

MAX

Between the store and Stu's B&B game and the backyarding-

KEVIN

(INTERRUPTING)
Outdoor wrestling.

MAX

-I'll be stretched pretty thin. But I think I can do it. Everyone talking about their creative ideas last week made me really think about what I spend my time doing. Plus, if I need to miss a week, you can still go on without me. Throw in some extra shenanigans.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

A worker and a performer. Red Menace will be pleased.

GLEN

(FAR AWAY, SIGH)

Alright. I've got to go to the card shop now.

KEVIN

Didn't find what you were looking for?

GLEN

(FAR AWAY)

Did you expect me to?

MAX

Later Glen.

GLEN

(FAR AWAY)

Bye guys.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

You'd already decided to come out of retirement, hadn't you?

KEVIN

Yup.

MUSIC: END THEME

ANNOUNCER

Next time, on Bailey's Comics.

KEVIN

(BAD BRITISH ACCENT)

We shall pass through the caves of Imlichai. They are infested with goblins, so tread carefully.

MAX

(BAD BRITISH ACCENT)

I fear no Goblin trap!

KEVIN

(BAD BRITISH ACCENT)

You will learn differently, if your arm is taken, as mine was, by such a trap.

MAX

(BAD BRITISH ACCENT)

I... I did not know.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

(BAD BRITISH ACCENT)

It is of no consequence, companion. Onward!

SOUND: HORSES NEIGHING

ANNOUNCER

Bailey's Comics and all characters therein are the
Intellectual Property of Kevin Garrity and Paul Logan.

MUSIC: HIT