

BAILEY'S COMICS 104 "Son of Bailey's Comics"

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TEASER

MUSIC: THEME MUSIC

SOUND: PHONE RINGING

SOUND: PHONE BEING PICKED UP

MAX

Bailey's Comics, this is Max. Oh, hey Bailey. Yeah, I was calling about Popper. He said he'd be here by two to take over and he's still not here. I tried calling him, Bailey, but he didn't answer.

KEVIN

Lo-Pop.

MAX

Well I was hoping you could-... No I did not know you were in Maine. I'm sorry I disturbed you. Have a good time. Bye Bailey.

SOUND: PHONE BEING HUNG UP

MAX

Goddamnit Popper. I took the morning shift as a favor to him.

KEVIN

Lo-Pop. He's inconsiderate. You got somewhere to be?

MAX

Well, no. But a promise is a promise.

KEVIN

They're just words.

MAX

That's where you're wrong, Kevin. Promises are sacred. It really pisses me off when people break them.

KEVIN

You're exaggerating.

MAX

I think it's my biggest pet peeve. And it's not the first time he's done it. Do you remember when Bailey made him promise to stop kicking customers out of the store all the time?

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KEVIN

After the Glen incident.

MAX

Exactly. Yesterday he kicked out Josh. From the way Amanda tells it there was almost a duel.

KEVIN

Amanda already came in today?

MAX

No, she found me on facebook a few days ago.

KEVIN

So he kicked out Josh, who cares?

MAX

I care.

KEVIN

Since when do we like Josh?

MAX

I don't. But it was a broken promise, and that I can't abide.

CUSTOMER #1 - CHIP

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)

Hey guys. What're you talking about?

MAX

Hey Chip.

KEVIN

Broken promises.

CHIP

No way, dude. Word is bond. You never break a promise.

MAX

I haven't seen you in a couple weeks. Where've you been?

CHIP

It's been a real busy time at school. I should've picked an easier major.

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MAX

You're doing business and communications, right?

CHIP

Yeah.

MAX

Is that to help with your rapping?

CHIP

Oh man, who told you I rapped?

KEVIN

I did.

CHIP

Oh yeah, I gotta stop getting drunk at parties.

MAX

What's the big deal?

CHIP

It's just... I get really annoyed at the whole white rapper stigma. People don't judge me as an emcee, they judge me a caucasian one.

MAX

It can't be as bad as you're making it seem.

CHIP

I get compared to either Eminem or Vanilla Ice every single time.

KEVIN

Or Snow.

MAX

The Informer guy?

KEVIN

Yeah, Josh said he sounded like Snow.

MAX

Doesn't Snow sing?

CHIP

Little do they realize Chuck D and Rakim are my true heroes. I sound more like them than stupid B. Rabbit. It's, like, my biggest pet peeve.

MAX

Perform some rhymes. I want to hear.

(CONTINUED)

CHIP

I'm not prepared, really. And there's no beat.

KEVIN

No beat you say?

SOUND: KEVIN BEATBOXING

MAX

Now you have to.

CHIP

That's the worst beatboxing I've ever heard.

SOUND: KEVIN SLIPS THE WORDS "FUCK" AND "YOU" INTO HIS BEATBOX

CHIP

Alright- Connected by a tenuous thread to the rhyme
force // A dimension where my kvetchin' travels from my
mind to yours // Take it back to the Silver Age with my
cosmic treadmill // Off the China, feet still hit this
pavement sooner than your head will // I'm about to say
the Johnny Quick equation and go double-time // No man
alive is quicker do the handjive in a flicker // I can
tan a guy much bigger and I ran lie light, go figure

KEVIN

Wikka! Wikka-Fastest Man Alive!

MAX

Nice!

KEVIN

I told you he was good for a white guy.

CHIP

(WALKING AWAY)
I'm going to go grab the new Flash.

KEVIN

Flash. The Scarlet Geekster.

MAX

Be nice.

KEVIN

Hey Chip.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)
Yeah?

KEVIN

You know what the best thing about the Flash is?

CHIP

(WALKING CLOSER, EXCITED)
What's that?

KEVIN

He hangs out with Green Lantern, and Green Lantern's awesome.

CHIP

Oh.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

CHIP

One second... here you go.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

CHIP

(WALKING AWAY)
Hey Logan.

LOGAN

(FAR AWAY)
Hey.

CHIP

(FAR AWAY)
Bye guys.

MAX

Bye Chip.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

Took you long enough. I'm going to go punch out.

LOGAN

Actually Max, I kind of need you to cover my whole shift today.

KEVIN

Lo-Pop.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

What? Why can't you work?

LOGAN

I forgot it's my cousin's baby shower today. I'm going to be late as it is.

MAX

Why did you even come here, then?

LOGAN

Has Amanda been in?

MAX

What?

KEVIN

No.

LOGAN

(WALKING AWAY)

Good, I forgot to bundle up her X-Comics.

MAX

I could have done that.

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

She could have done that!

CUSTOMER #2 - AMANDA

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

AMANDA

(FAR AWAY)

Hey Max.

LOGAN

(FAR AWAY)

Amanda! I bundled your- Why are you bald?

AMANDA

(ANNOYED)

I'm not really bald, it's a bald cap.

MAX

No way. Adira Tyree.

AMANDA

None other

(CONTINUED)

MAX

I didn't know you watched Babylon 5.

AMANDA

I saw how high you rated it on your facebook so I thought I'd give it a try. As soon as I saw Adira's stripper costume I knew I had to cosplay as her.

MAX

That's pretty cool.

LOGAN

I bundled your X-Comics.

AMANDA

Thanks. Anyway, Max, I was kind of enjoying it, but I just watched the one with Lord Kiro and the Eye...

MAX

Signs and Portents?

AMANDA

Yeah. It really showed me this show is bigger than it first appears. I wonder if JMS has some sort of bald chick fetish, between the Minbari and the Centauri-

KEVIN

(INTERRUPTING)

Are we really going to talk about Babylon 5 this whole time?

MAX AND AMANDA AND LOGAN

Shut up Kevin.

LOGAN

I think you've got pretty good taste, Amanda.

AMANDA

Tell that to Max, he's the one who got me into Babylon 5.

LOGAN

No, I mean the X-Comics. Marvel is definitely superior to DC.

KEVIN

Lo-Pop?

AMANDA

Actually I really like DC.

MAX

Half her costumes this month have been DC characters.

AMANDA

You remembered.

KEVIN

And the other half have been science fantasy characters...

LOGAN

I mean... Batman's okay.

MAX

They were both Batman Family costumes.

LOGAN

You know my biggest pet peeve about DC? That they don't let their rich history continue on through new iterations. Marvel's continuity has been going since before World War II, and they just keep it going.

AMANDA

I suppose. But it got so convoluted that they had to start the Ultimate line just so new readers would know what was going on.

KEVIN

Is a sliding time-scale of infinite continuity your pet peeve?

AMANDA

No, my pet peeve is when someone totally can't tell that someone else is into them.

LOGAN

(WISTFULLY)
Yeah.

SOUND: SILENCE

AMANDA

Oh, before I forget, some guy named Stuart Cobblepot sent me a friend request on Facebook?

MAX

Yeah! He's an old friend of mine from high school. He used to run an RPG I was in.

AMANDA

What system?

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Third Edition DnD.

AMANDA

Cool.

MAX

Anyway, I sent him your way because he is an amazing illustrator, and he's open to pencilling your romance comic.

AMANDA

Really? Now that it's a possibility I'm a little nervous. Do you have a sample of his work?

MAX

Yeah. He drew me this last week.

SOUND: PAPER SLIDING AGAINST PAPER

LOGAN

You're making a romance comic?

AMANDA

I might be.

LOGAN

That's pretty cool.

KEVIN

Lo-Pop. Bad at lying.

AMANDA

This is really good. Is he a nice guy? Some of the gamers I've known have been pretty inept socially.

LOGAN

If anything he's a little too social.

AMANDA

I can handle that. Alright, Mr. Cobblepot can consider his friend request accepted. What about you Logan? Did you play 3e with Max and Stuart?

LOGAN

I used to play a little Exalted, but I didn't really know Max back in highschool.

AMANDA

Why's that?

(CONTINUED)

LOGAN

Well... we were... you know it just...

MAX

(INTERRUPTING)

Cross Country and Chess were mortal enemies. Every year it was a toss up which of us was at the bottom of the funding pile.

LOGAN

Yeah! That's why Chip's stupid school made it to State and we didn't.

AMANDA

Didn't you take home some very small Chess trophy, Max?

MAX

Well, it was first place in the county, but they don't really splurge on the Chess trophies.

AMANDA

You won County? So you must have gone to state.

KEVIN

Chess only goes up to the County level.

AMANDA

That can't be true.

MAX

That year it was. The football team made it to State and our funding got cut.

AMANDA

That's awful!

LOGAN

They made up for it by never being that good again.

AMANDA

Logan, I wanted to thank you for standing up to Josh. Not that I can't handle myself of course, but it was nice.

LOGAN

My pleasure.

AMANDA

I'd love to stay and hang out with my two favorite guys-

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KEVIN

(INTERRUPTING)
Thank you.

AMANDA

-But I have to get to the fabric store before Mrs. Quintania's shift ends. I have elaborate plans for next week.

MAX

Alrighty...

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

MAX

There you go. Keep me updated on your comic. I want to see character designs soon.

AMANDA

(FAR AWAY)
Check your facebook then. Bye Max. Bye Logan.

MAX AND LOGAN

Bye Amanda.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

(YELLING)
Bye Amanda!

AMANDA

(YELLING FROM OUTSIDE)
Bye Kevin!

LOGAN

Thanks for covering for me with that sports rival story.

KEVIN

Chess is a sport?

MAX

Sport of Kings

LOGAN

I think that's horse racing.

KEVIN

You wouldn't want Amanda knowing what a huge dick the King of the Nerds was, eh Lo-Pop?

MAX

You made fun of the few people lower than you on the totem pole. It's why she hates Kevin.

KEVIN AND LOGAN

I am nothing like him.

CUSTOMER #3 - JOSH

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

JOSH

(WALKING CLOSER)

What's up jackwagons? Fuckface?

LOGAN

(WALKING AWAY)

Anyway, Max, I really got to get to that Baby Shower. Have a good time.

MAX

...thanks.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

JOSH

Yeah. He's scared of me.

MAX

Hey Josh.

KEVIN

Where's Britney?

JOSH

She's at some make-up selling seminar. That's my girl, always on the hustle. Tell me the Blob came in already.

MAX

Actually I checked this morning and it should be here tomorrow.

JOSH

Goddamnit man. I hate waiting. Waiting for a response, waiting in line, waiting in between sets. Waiting is the least cool thing ever.

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KEVIN

You might call it your pet peeve.

JOSH

If that weren't gibberish, then yeah. Like, right now, I'm waiting for Britney to get off her period. That's missed boning time right there.

KEVIN

I'm waiting for the outdoor wrestling season to start,

MAX

I'm waiting for the right time to tell Bailey about my vision for the store.

JOSH

I'm waiting for Amanda to finally bump uglies with me.

KEVIN

It would solve your moonblood problem.

JOSH

She's not a werewolf, Herman.

KEVIN

Kevin.

JOSH

I'm not a furry, okay? You're just asking for a ride on airforce one and two.

KEVIN

Is two the left one?

JOSH

I'm right handed.

KEVIN

Makes sense.

JOSH

I don't need an air traffic controller to land these babies all over the runway on your face.

KEVIN

Are you saying I've got a five-head?

JOSH

There are little Kamikaze pilots in my fists and your dome is pearl harbor. What did you do again?

KEVIN

I accidentally implied you might be a furry.

JOSH

Oh yeah. Well watch out, 'cause these choppers punch.

KEVIN

They'll be dirigibles next.

JOSH

Careful homie. You don't want to get your Hindenburg caught in these powerlines.

MAX

Alright, alright, break it up. How about we call it in for a landing. No fighting in the store.

JOSH

You gonna kick me out too?

MAX

You and Kevin. But only if you guys don't find some common ground and move on together.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

I guess I hate Lo-Pop more than I hate you.

JOSH

I guess we have that in common.

MAX

Excellent, Josh, what can I get you?

JOSH

I dunno. I might just dip. I'm good off tanks for a while.

MAX

The bins have been refilled.

JOSH

Oh yeah, I didn't notice.

SOUND: RUSTLING THROUGH FIGURINES IN BAGS

JOSH

There's no expensive or rare figurines in the bins, so I'm stuck with what I actually like, and since I don't read comics, your bins suck.

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KEVIN

There's a whole Transformers bin.

JOSH

What, like I'm Oriental or something? Get real. "Oh look, he's an eight track tape!" lame!

SOUND: RUSTLING THROUGH FIGURINES IN BAGS

JOSH

On the other hand... Thundercats Ho!

MAX

Which thundercat?

JOSH

The thundercat ho.

KEVIN

Cheetara.

MAX

I think there's a Panthro in that bin too.

JOSH

Like I want a hot guy cat. I told you I'm not a furry. Plus what good is Panthro with no ThunderTank?

MAX

Just the Cheetara?

JOSH

Give me that Imperial Fists conversion pack too.

KEVIN

I thought you were... Bleeding Angels or something.

JOSH

Blood Angels, yeah. But I need something to paint. When I started painting my own figurines my Call of Duty KTD ratio shot through the roof. Steadies the hands. Plus, once they're painted, I can turn around and make a profit online. Hustle, little Herman.

KEVIN

Kevin.

JOSH

How much?

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Twenty-three, ninety-eight.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

JOSH

You make it so hard for me to spend money at this store.

MAX

You are a man of discerning tastes.

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)

You trying to say something about my girl?

MAX

No... I-

JOSH

(FAR AWAY, INTERRUPTING)

I'm just kidding, broseph. Later.

MAX

Later.

KEVIN

Later Josh.

JOSH

(FAR AWAY)

Later jackwagon.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

I don't get it. Is it a wagon that you jack-off in?

MAX

It's obviously a cart pulled by a donkey.

KEVIN

I think my theory actually makes more sense. I'd rather be a cart pulled by a donkey than a communal wagon people jack-off in. Wagons don't flush, Max. It all just accumulates.

MAX

I think you're giving Josh too much credit.

KEVIN

You make a fair point.

SOUND: SILENCE

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KEVIN

Speaking of cum-dumpsters, I wonder why Amanda didn't frienderize me.

MAX

You're still thinking about Amanda?

KEVIN

If I say no will you believe me?

MAX

She doesn't like you. Why would she friend you?

KEVIN

Because we've known eachother for almost a decade. She didn't even know who Stu was and she's going to friend him.

MAX

She's probably turned off by how into her you are.

KEVIN

Just because I'm emo now doesn't mean Rock Hard Rick Dallas can't make one final appearance and give you a righteous Rick-Roll.

MAX

I forgot that was the name of your finish.

KEVIN

I came up with it first.

CUSTOMER #4 - GUNTHER

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)
Hey guys.

MAX

Hey Gunther.

KEVIN

Hey Gunther.

GUNTHER

Man, this place is always deserted. How do you guys stay open?

MAX

We have a steady flow of customers. Though they do seem to come in one a time.

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GUNTHER

You look like shit, Max.

MAX

I stayed up last night because I didn't think I'd be working today. Popper convinced me to trade shifts.

GUNTHER

Popper's shift would have been over at two, though, right?

MAX

Yeah. Now I'm doing my shift too.

GUNTHER

That really gets my goat. A promise is sacred.

KEVIN

Don't encourage him.

MAX

You in for the Whedon stuff?

GUNTHER

Actually, I have my whole collection in my car outside. I was hoping I could sell them back to you.

MAX

I suppose I can do that. Why don't you want them anymore?

GUNTHER

Whedon is a hack. I don't know why I didn't see it before. He's just lucky.

KEVIN

Explain.

GUNTHER

He never plans anything. Like when he put Michelle Trachtenberg in Buffy all of a sudden, and then years later decided it might need some explaining. Admittedly he pulled a decent explanation out of his ass, but I find it hard to swallow things that have been in another man's ass.

KEVIN

I feel that.

GUNTHER

Too many shows nowadays pay lip service to continuity and story arc, but just make it up as they go and end when they're canceled and no sooner. Like J.J.

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

GUNTHER (cont'd)

Abrams's Lost and it's stupid ending. How are you even supposed to know if-

MAX

(INTERRUPTING)

Ahh! Ahh! I haven't seen it yet.

GUNTHER

That show has been off the air for years. Anyway it's not worth watching, so don't bother.

MAX

So you're looking for a contained, pre-planned story?

KEVIN

Oh no.

GUNTHER

Yes.

KEVIN

Get out while you still can.

MAX

Perhaps characters that change over time?

KEVIN

Now you've got him started.

GUNTHER

That would be great, yes.

MAX

Then may I suggest Babylon 5?

GUNTHER

I've never been into Star Trek.

MAX

It's not Star Trek!

GUNTHER

It's on a space station with a captain and warring aliens, right?

MAX

Yeah.

GUNTHER

Are you sure it's not a Star Trek show?

MAX

Find me on Facebook and I'll send you some links to get you started.

GUNTHER

If you link me to some reviews I'll consider it. You're on the store facebook page?

MAX

Yeah.

GUNTHER

(WALKING AWAY)

Alright. Let me go get those Whedon comics and I'll be right back.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

You are worse than the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons combined.

MAX

It's a good show. He likes television.

KEVIN

All I'm saying is when a string of Babylon 5 themed murders happen I'm going to the cops and giving them your name.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

Then again no one will figure out the connection because noone's seen the show except you. I guess it's the perfect crime.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

SOUND: BOXES BEING SET DOWN FAR AWAY

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

There's another couple boxes, I'll be right back.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

Babylon 5 was ahead of it's time, that's all. Ongoing stories are all the rage now, but back then people weren't ready for continuity.

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KEVIN

I wasn't ready for a Star Trek rip-off with way worse props, sets, special effects, and acting. I don't think I ever will be.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

The Babylon 5 curse. An underfunded, slow-building first season.

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

I like that. Though I might call it the Farscape curse.

MAX

Farscape never got good.

GUNTHER

Can't argue with you there. Sci Fi is just inferior.

SOUND: BOXES BEING SET DOWN

MAX

Science Fantasy.

GUNTHER

(WALKING AWAY)

Of course, sorry. Science Fantasy is inferior.

MAX

How many issues do you have here?

GUNTHER

A little over two-hundred, but you can round down. There's some X-Men in there.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

SOUND: REGISTER DING

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

MAX

You are the proud new owner of a shiny hundred dollar bill.

GUNTHER

Good riddance to a fly-by-the-seat-of-his-pants chauvenist. Thanks Max.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Just doing my job.

GUNTHER

This may be the last time I'm in here. Without Whedon comics I have no reason to come in. Unless you start selling bootleg tapes.

MAX

Bailey's considered it in the past but he doesn't want to get the store into trouble.

GUNTHER

(WALKING AWAY)

Well, at least we'll keep in touch on facebook. But if I see one app invite you will be defriended without hesitation.

MAX

I understand.

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

Bye Max. Kevin.

MAX AND KEVIN

Bye Gunther.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

TAG

MAX

It's been a complainy day.

KEVIN

That it has.

MAX

Yet for once, you've been relatively positive. What's the deal with that?

KEVIN

I guess outdoor practice this week just got me in a good mood. Me and Red Menace are working out some great angles for you.

MAX

You. In a good mood. You're telling me there isn't one pet peeve weighing on your mind?

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

Well, today I was reminded about how people can be dishonest.

MAX

Everyone lies? That's very House.

KEVIN

No, I mean, lies of omission, white lies, tact.

MAX

Tact is a bad thing now?

KEVIN

I just feel like if I can be brutally honest to everyone else, why can't everyone else be brutally honest to me. And eachother.

MAX

Alright. Marvel Super Heroes is a terrible system, Pokemon is for children, and you are not an outdoor wrestler, you are a backyarder.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

(VOICE WAVERING)
There! Was that so hard?

MAX

Are you crying?

KEVIN

(VOICE WAVERING)
No?

MUSIC: END THEME

ANNOUNCER

Next time, on Bailey's Comics.

SOUND: LEAVES CRUNCHING

AMANDA

This isn't funny Kevin.

SOUND: OWL HOOTING

AMANDA

You're really starting to freak me out now.

SOUND: WIND HOWLING

SOUND: TREES CREAKING

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SOUND: LEAVES CRUNCHING

AMANDA
Ooph!

SOUND: AMANDA SCREAMING

AMANDA
Oh! Oh! Thank god it's you. We have to get back to
the camp.

SOUND: KNIFE UNSHEATHED

AMANDA
What are you you doing? No! Nooooo!

SOUND: AMANDA SCREAMING

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MUSIC: HIT