

BAILEY'S COMICS 111 "Nightmare on Bailey's Comics"

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TEASER

MUSIC: THEME SONG

SOUND: PHONE RINGING

SOUND: PHONE BEING PICKED UP

MAX

Bailey's Comics, this is Max. Oh hey Bailey. The buy one get one posters? Kevin and I put them up as soon as we got in. I'll just have to tell him you said so, he's in the bathroom. I thought Popper was supposed to call the newspaper about the ad. Fine, I'll do it. No you're right, this promotion was my idea, I'll handle it. Bye Bailey.

SOUND: PHONE BEING HUNG UP

SOUND: FAR AWAY, TOILET FLUSHING

SOUND: DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING

KEVIN

My ass is on fire! It is now my personal mission to get that place closed down.

MAX

Why did you even eat there?

KEVIN

Last thursday I went there hoping to prove that Lo-Pop didn't really have a date with what's-her-name running chick.

MAX

Tabbitha.

KEVIN

That's not even a name. The food was really good last thursday...

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

MAX

Are you okay?

KEVIN

...I'm fine. Just fine. The important thing is that Jumping Bean's has to go. I wish I'd never eaten there. If I could go back and change just one thing

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KEVIN (cont'd)

about my life, I would go back twenty minutes and not eat that burrito.

MAX

Bailey wanted to thank you for putting up the bogo posters.

KEVIN

No problem. I hope it works out.

MAX

If my calculations are correct it will clear out some back issues and make room in the gondolas. You've seen the backroom.

KEVIN

It would be nice to be able to move back there.

MAX

I've got a good feeling about this. If next wednesday goes well, I could see Bailey giving me more control over the shop.

KEVIN

And then you will rule it with an Iron Fist.

MAX

In a velvet glove...

KEVIN

You will hire me, and I will get a paycheck for doing nothing!

MAX

Wasn't in my original plan...

KEVIN

Together, we will rule over the local nerd army!

MAX

Something like that, I guess.

KEVIN

And I'll get laid... again! (MANIACAL LAUGHTER)

CUSTOMER #1 - AMANDA

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

Oh my god, Amanda, what happened?

(CONTINUED)

AMANDA  
What?

MAX  
The weelchair! Why are you in a wheelchair?

AMANDA  
Oh, the wheelchair. I'm Oracle, it's part of my costume.

MAX AND KEVIN  
Ohhhh.../Redhead. Nice.

AMANDA  
I wanted to give you a copy of... here it is...

AMANDA AND KEVIN  
...this./She's got a gun!

MAX  
You can open your eyes. It's her comic.

AMANDA  
The first story in it, anyway. Twenty-six pages pencilled, inked, and lettered.

KEVIN  
What about coloring?

AMANDA  
My comic is black and white.

KEVIN  
What, like, the World War Two one is as a stylistic choice?

AMANDA  
No, the whole thing.

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

MAX  
You'll have to excuse Kevin. He only reads four color comics. This is amazing. Stu really brought your script to life.

AMANDA  
I can't thank you enough for introducing us. And encouraging me to make something of my ideas.

MAX  
It's been a pleasure. What are friends for?

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

AMANDA

Is he okay?

KEVIN

I'm fine. I'm good.

AMANDA

Anyway, it got me thinking. I used to do my own designs when I was a girl. Dresses and stuff. I realized that I make all these costumes but not one of them is original. I've decided that I'm not going to cosplay as much anymore. I want my work to be taken seriously.

KEVIN

What about Halloween?

AMANDA

That's different. But after Halloween.

MAX

Do you have any designs you can show us?

AMANDA

I'll do you one better. I've got my first original in this satchel.

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

You know if you got up out of the wheelchair you'd get to the bathroom a lot faster.

AMANDA

I'm in character, Kevin.

SOUND: SILENCE

SOUND: DOOR OPENING

AMANDA

Oh my god, what happened in here?

SOUND: DOOR CLOSING

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

KEVIN

(WHISPERING)

Are you going to tell her?

MAX

(WHISPERING)  
Tell her what?

KEVIN

(WHISPERING, GRUNTING)  
That... I don't know, isn't there something you want to tell her?

MAX

(WHISPERING)  
Are you okay?

KEVIN

(WHISPERING)  
Don't change the subject.

MAX

You really don't seem okay.

KEVIN

(WHISPERING)  
Keep your voice down!

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

KEVIN

(WHISPERING, GRUNTING)  
You haven't been able to...

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

KEVIN

(WHISPERING, GRUNTING)  
You haven't been able to shut up about her, and now that she's in your shop, you're quiet as a church...

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

MAX

Quiet as a church?

KEVIN

Mou-... Mouse.

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

SOUND: DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING

AMANDA

(FAR AWAY)  
What do you think?

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

(RUNNING AWAY)  
It's happening!

SOUND: DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING

MAX

You're... stunning.

AMANDA

(EBULLIENT)  
Thank you. I decided that I'd shown a lot of cleavage lately so I thought I'd go for something alluring but dignified. Oh! You haven't even seen the best part. It's backless.

MAX

(AS IF HE'S GOING TO TELL HER SOMETHING IMPORTANT)  
Amanda?

AMANDA

Yes?

KEVIN

(FROM BATHROOM)  
Oh god! Oh sweet Jesus, my ass!

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

Did you hear about Kevin and Britney?

AMANDA

What about Kevin and Britney?

MAX

You still haven't friended Kevin on facebook yet?

AMANDA

I did. And then immediately blocked him.

MAX

Ah. Well Britney came in last wednesday. Long story short, she rather aggressively ordered him to take her out on a date.

AMANDA

Did he?

MAX

How could he refuse? She explicitly stated that sex was on the table.

(CONTINUED)

AMANDA

They didn't.

MAX

How could he refuse?

AMANDA

He has been pretty hard up. I guess I can't blame him. How long has it been?

MAX

For me or for him?

AMANDA

For him, I guess.

MAX

About three years.

AMANDA

I know how he feels. I just hit two years a few weeks ago.

MAX

How is that possible?

AMANDA

What?

MAX

Oh, I mean, uh... I figure it would be pretty easy for you to get laid. Hell, Josh has been trying to get into your pants all year, I just figured-

AMANDA

(INTERRUPTING)  
Not this again! You have got to be the umpteenth person I've talked to about this. I felt sorry for him, that's all.

MAX

So...

AMANDA

Not that sorry! Man, I never should have gone on that date. I... did not... have sex... with Josh.

KEVIN

(FROM BATHROOM)  
Don't take me Lord! I'm not ready!

CUSTOMER #2 - JOSH

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

JOSH

(ANGRY)

Where is that little dickhole?!

MAX

Who?

JOSH

Justin!

MAX AND AMANDA

(CONFUSED)

Who?

JOSH

Don't play dumb with me faggot! (SUDDENLY NICE) Hey Amanda.

AMANDA

...hey?

JOSH

Little... you know, little... Ruxpin.

AMANDA

The teddy bear?

MAX

Oh, Kevin! He's not here.

JOSH

Yeah right. That little shirt is always here. Where's he hiding?

MAX

He was having stomach troubles so he left.

JOSH

(SUDDENLY CALMER)

Okay, Max. Okay. You're a straight shooter. But when you see him, tell him his ass is mine.

AMANDA

I'm not sure you'd want it right now.

JOSH

Boils my blood thinking about my chick with another guy. Man! I should have fucked you when I had the chance.

(CONTINUED)

AMANDA

What chance?

JOSH

Our date. You were giving me all sorts of signals.

AMANDA

(OUTRAGED)

I was not- (TO MAX) I was not giving him signals.

JOSH

Yeah right. You with your toothy smile.

AMANDA

I always smile!

MAX

She does.

JOSH

You were batting your eyelashes at me.

AMANDA

I think that's called blinking.

JOSH

See, you're doing it again!

MAX

...yeah, that's blinking.

JOSH

We played footsie!

AMANDA

When did we... wait... that time you stepped on my foot?

JOSH

I heard you like it rough.

AMANDA

Do you?

JOSH

Do I what?

AMANDA

Do you like it rough?

JOSH

What? No.

(CONTINUED)

AMANDA

Then if I were to do THIS!

JOSH

(HIGH PITCHED SQUEAL)

AMANDA

... then you wouldn't enjoy it?

JOSH

(OUT OF BREATH, HIGH PITCHED)  
Bitch!

AMANDA

See you later Max.

MAX

Later Amanda.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

Hey, you forgot your... nevermind.

JOSH

(STILL RECOVERING)  
Did you see how close to my junk her hand was?

MAX

You mean her fist?

JOSH

(STILL RECOVERING)  
Well, yeah, but-

MAX

And I don't know if striking them could be considered  
"close." That's a little closer than close.

JOSH

(STILL RECOVERING)  
You're splitting hairs.

MAX

Sounded like she might've split a couple.

JOSH

(SARCASTIC)  
Ha ha. Where else does Ruben hang out?

MAX

Can't really say.

(CONTINUED)

JOSH  
I'll find him. And he'll regret eating out my girl.

MAX  
You're friends with Kevin on facebook?

JOSH  
His profile isn't private. Nobody eats out my girl!

MAX  
Nobody but you?

JOSH  
(WALKING AWAY)  
What? Gross. After Simon and Garfunkle here make his consciousness slip slide away he'll be eating out... of a straw! Later Max.

MAX  
Later Josh.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX  
(LOUDLY)  
You can come out now.

KEVIN  
(FROM BATHROOM)  
No I can't!

MAX  
(LOUDLY)  
Man, you made a big mistake.

KEVIN  
(FROM BATHROOM)  
I know. I never should have eaten there!

MAX  
(LOUDLY)  
No, you having sex with Britney.

KEVIN  
(FROM BATHROOM)  
How could me getting laid possibly be a mistake?

MAX  
(LOUDLY)  
Because Josh has two ways to make you leave his lover.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

(FROM BATHROOM)

What? Is that... is that a... Simon and Garfunkle reference?

MAX

(LOUDLY)

It's a long story. The point is it looks like you're not going to escape a beating on this one.

KEVIN

(FROM BATHROOM)

Worth it.

SOUND: FAR AWAY, TOILET FLUSHING

SOUND: DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING

KEVIN

(WALKING CLOSER)

So did you talk to Amanda?

MAX

The moment didn't seem right.

CUSTOMER #3 - DERRYL

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

MAX

Hey Derryl.

KEVIN

Hey Derryl.

DERRYL

(WALKING CLOSER)

Hey guys. Just thought I'd come in and browse the imports.

MAX

Be my guest.

DERRYL

Hey Kevin.

KEVIN

Yeah?

DERRYL

I wanted to congratulate you on getting laid.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

Thank you.

MAX

Even if it ends up costing him some teeth.

KEVIN

What was I supposed to do, say no?

DERRYL

You could have not bragged about it all over the internet.

MAX

The man speaks truth.

DERRYL

Oh my god! Spice and Wolf: The Wind that Spans the Sea developed and published by ASC2 Media Works and released in Japan in September of two-thousand-nine!

MAX

Spice and Wolf? Isn't that an anime?

DERRYL

I don't know. Maybe. Just this.

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

DERRYL

I was planning on picking this up during my inevitable trip to Japan, but now I don't have to.

SOUND: REGISTER DING

MAX

Thirty-two, fifty-five.

DERRYL

Worth every penny.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

SOUND: SILENCE

DERRYL

You guys are white, right?

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

...yeah.

DERRYL

Do you think I'm black?

SOUND: SILENCE

KEVIN

... you're pretty obviously black...

DERRYL

No I mean, like, am I black on the inside?

KEVIN

Well...

MAX

You see...

KEVIN

"Blackness" is such...

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

I don't really feel comfortable answering that question.

DERRYL

I've never really felt close to my community. Other than my parents and my sister I don't really hang out with any other black people.

KEVIN

You should have Chip introduce you to his girlfriend.

DERRYL

The older I get the more I regret it.

SOUND: SILENCE

DERRYL

You guys want to go to my grandma's church with me?

KEVIN

Oh hell no.

MAX

I thought you were an atheist.

(CONTINUED)

DERRYL

I am, but... I think I could really connect with my people there.

KEVIN

There's nothing to be found at church but hate and lies.

MAX

I would love to go to church with you, Derryl.

KEVIN

What? I thought you were an atheist!

MAX

I am. But first of all, I'm assuming there's going to be gospel music. Is there going to be gospel music?

DERRYL

Yes.

MAX

Awesome. And second of all, Derryl's right. Churches and other places of worship act as nexus for communities. Globally they may falter under their own weight, but locally? They are incalculably invaluable institutions.

KEVIN

Incredible. Have fun genuflecting.

DERRYL

My grandma is Baptist.

KEVIN

And the difference is...?

DERRYL

I'm not sure. (WALKING AWAY) Max, I'll call you saturday night, we'll work out transportation and stuff.

MAX

Sounds good.

DERRYL

Later guys.

MAX AND KEVIN

Later Derryl.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

SOUND: SILENCE

(CONTINUED)

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

KEVIN

Shit just got real.

MAX

Religion is a volatile subject.

KEVIN

I wonder if I could get marks to boo a christian.

MAX

A Christian heel? What, like Jake "The Snake" Roberts versus Stonecold?

KEVIN

That was an accident. I mean by design.

MAX

Menace will never go for it.

KEVIN

Hm. I guess the Russkies are fair game but christians aren't.

CUSTOMER #4 - GUNTHER

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

Yeah, have fun haggling, I guess. Later Derryl.

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS, CONTINUOUS

GUNTHER

(WALKING CLOSER)

That fucking anime. Who likes economics that much? Hey guys.

MAX

Hey Gunther.

KEVIN

Hey Gunther.

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS STOP

MAX

Are you really giving back your Whedon comics again?

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

There's more of them.

SOUND: FASTER SQUEAKY WHEELS, CONTINUOUS

GUNTHER

(WALKING AWAY)

What? Oh no. These are my old VHS's. One second.

SOUND: FASTER SQUEAKY WHEELS STOP

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

He's got a dolly.

MAX

That can't be a good sign.

KEVIN

I didn't know you sold VHS's.

MAX

We don't.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS, CONTINUOUS

GUNTHER

Just three more loads, and then-

MAX

Gunther. Stop. We can't buy your VHS's. We don't even sell VHS's.

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS STOP

GUNTHER

I'm not selling them to the shop, I'm donating them.

MAX

Why do we want them?

GUNTHER

You see that TV there?

MAX

What about it?

GUNTHER

It has a VHS player.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

Shows what you know. That's called a V-C-R. Isn't that right, Max?

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

You see, Kevin-

KEVIN

(INTERRUPTING)  
Nevermind. Nevermind.

GUNTHER

I figured you never use the thing unless you're recording Bailey's soaps, why not play some family friendly movies?

KEVIN

Let's see here. Ooh, nice. Seven.

MAX

Seven what?

KEVIN

No it's the movie, Seven. By David Fincher.

MAX

Oh hell no, Gunther, there's little kids that come in here.

GUNTHER

I see. You can just forget that whole box then.

MAX

Do you have any classic cartoons? Felix the Cat? Silly Symphonies?

GUNTHER

I've got some Fliescher Superman.

MAX

And that wasn't the first thing you mentioned? I'll take it.

KEVIN

F.F. Is this that old Fantastic Four movie from the eighties?

GUNTHER

Oh man, I forgot I had those. No, those are the original Firefly episodes as they aired. They even have some great vintage commercials. You remember the Wassup guys?

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

(ENTHUSIASTICALLY)  
Wassu-

MAX

(INTERRUPTING)  
Don't.

KEVIN

I'll take them.

GUNTHER

Not if I can burn them first. They are a physical manifestation of my only real regret.

MAX

Oh yeah, weren't you going out with Claire in oh-two?

GUNTHER

What? Oh yeah, I guess. I mean I watched Firefly when it aired so I saw it out of order. They played the pilot last for god's sake.

MAX

That's your biggest regret?

GUNTHER

Far and away. When I finally saw it in the DVD order, I'd already been tainted. I would never get that unbiased perspective back. Entropy had taken it. I've never forgiven Gail Berman.

MAX

Wasn't she also president during Arrested Development?

GUNTHER

And look how she handled that!

MAX

Anyway, we really can't store all these tapes at the shop.

GUNTHER

What about the back room?

KEVIN

Don't ask.

MAX

Have you tried a thrift store?

GUNTHER

Looks like I'm going to have to. I'll be back in a sec.

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS, CONTINUOUS

MAX

I'll come by your place tomorrow and pick through them.

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

Just give me a call before you come over.

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS STOP

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

See if you can snag those Fireflys for me.

MAX

You don't even have a VCR.

KEVIN

Oh yeah.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

SOUND: FASTER SQUEAKY WHEELS, CONTINUOUS

SOUND: FASTER SQUEAKY WHEELS STOP

GUNTHER

Help me with this box?

KEVIN

For sure.

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

GUNTHER

You okay?

KEVIN

(STRAINING)

I'm fine.

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

GUNTHER

I'll just lift this last box on my own.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

No. I can help.

SOUND: STOMACH GURGLING

KEVIN

(MOANING)

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS, CONTINUOUS

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS STOP

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

Oh, Kevin. I meant to ask. Is there a backyarding show this weekend?

KEVIN

No. There's an Outdoor Wrestling show.

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

I thought it might be canceled for Halloween.

KEVIN

We're doing... we're doing... doing... (RUNNING AWAY)  
Not like this!

SOUND: DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING

SOUND: SILENCE

MAX

We're doing a Halloween themed show. There's a body-bag match between Constitution Kid and Milsky.

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

What's a body-bag match?

MAX

It's like a Casket Match on a budget.

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

I'll definitely come then.

MAX

You should dress up. We're having a costume contest. Winner picks the gimmick of next week's main event.

(CONTINUED)

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

That's tempting. But Amanda's going to win.

MAX

(WISTFULLY)

Yeah, she probably will.

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

Anyway, later Max. I'll see you tomorrow.

MAX

Later Gunther.

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

CUSTOMER #5 - CAITLYNN

GUNTHER

(FAR AWAY)

Hello miss. Gunther, nice to meet you.

CAITLYNN

(FAR AWAY)

Caitlynn. Likewise.

SOUND: SQUEAKY WHEELS DISAPPEAR INTO DISTANCE

MAX

Hi Caitlynn. Welcome to Bailey's Comics. I'm Max.

CAITLYNN

You know he's been the only person to introduce himself to me in this whole damn town.

MAX

I just introduced myself.

CAITLYNN

You work here, that doesn't count.

MAX

Looking for anything in particular?

CAITLYNN

Wrestling figurines.

MAX

Mint condition?

(CONTINUED)

CAITLYNN

I don't care.

MAX

Try the lower left bin there. We also got in almost the whole Kingdom Come set recently. Pretty oddball stuff if you're interested.

CAITLYNN

What is that, DC?

MAX

Yeah.

CAITLYNN

Talk to me when you have Age of Apocalypse characters.

MAX

Marvel girl, huh?

CAITLYNN

For life, motherfucker.

MAX

So are you just passing through?

CAITLYNN

I wish. I had to follow my parents down here because the cost of living in California is fucking stupid.

MAX

Where are you from originally?

CAITLYNN

Bay Area. Berkley.

MAX

So you're into wrestling, huh?

CAITLYNN

Do you grill all your customers like this?

MAX

Sorry. It's just that I'm in this outdoor league-

CAITLYNN

Wait, what do you mean, "outdoor league?" Like backyarding?

MAX

Kindof yeah. I mean, we do it in a backyard.

(CONTINUED)

CAITLYNN

Yeah, well I hope you greenhorns break your necks. Talk to me when you've trained under a veteran.

MAX

I've tried to tell Kevin he should train for years now. (WISTFULLY) One day he's going to be too old to train, and he's going to look back and regret missing his chance...

SOUND: SILENCE

CAITLYNN

I'll take this Tyson Tomko, and this Dude Love.

MAX

You're a girl, right?

CAITLYNN

...yeah.

MAX

Can I ask you a question?

CAITLYNN

Why stop now?

SOUND: KEYBOARD TYPING

MAX

There's this girl that comes into the shop, I've known her since high school.

CAITLYNN

Ask her out, dumbfuck.

MAX

That simple?

CAITLYNN

Simpler. We always regret the things we don't do more than the things we do. As far as I'm concerned it's standard math.

MAX

Should I text her?

CAITLYNN

Fuck, you're hopeless. No, you wait until the next time you see her. You can even cook up some excuse, like to give her back something you've borrowed.

(CONTINUED)

MAX

She left her Comics here.

CAITLYNN

See? That's perfect. Go see her tonight.

SOUND: REGISTER DING

MAX

Yes, tonight. Or... you know... soon.

SOUND: REGISTER OPENING AND CLOSING

CAITLYNN

(WALKING AWAY)

Don't take all year. Good luck Timmy.

MAX

My name's Max.

CAITLYNN

(FAR AWAY)

Yeah well you look like the kid from Lassie so I'm gonna call you Timmy. Later Timmy.

MAX

Later Caitlynn.

TAG

SOUND: FAR AWAY, TOILET FLUSHING

SOUND: DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING

KEVIN

(WALKING CLOSER)

Did I miss anything?

MAX

What? No. Just some pudgy girl in here looking for wrestling figurines and talking shit about DC.

KEVIN

Yeah right, Max.

MAX

No really. She said we were greenhorns and she hopes we break our necks.

KEVIN

Are you serious?

(CONTINUED)

MAX

Yeah. Pretty harsh, right?

KEVIN

She specifically used the word greenhorns?

MAX

Yeah.

KEVIN

When did she leave?

MAX

Just a second ago, I- Hey!

SOUND: DOOR CHIME

KEVIN

Noone.

MAX

Please don't beat up a new customer.

KEVIN

Beat her up? She sounds marvelous!

MAX

Yeah, well you missed her.

KEVIN

Then I'm coming in here every day from here on out,  
just in case she comes back.

MAX

So... the usual then.

KEVIN

Yup.

MUSIC: END THEME

ANNOUNCER

Next time on Bailey's Comics.

KEVIN

Wait a minute. I recognize these  
tracks. Sinosauropterix.

MAX

That's impossible, they died out millions of years ago.

(CONTINUED)

KEVIN

Think about it. The enormous droppings we found a metre back, those eggs we ate for breakfast. You said yourself they weren't normal eggs.

MAX

What are you saying, proffesor, that we ate some sort of dinosaur?

KEVIN

That is precisely what I'm saying Skipper. I suggest we get back to the boat and leave this island, before-

SOUND: DINOSAUR ROAR

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MUSIC: HIT