

MIDDLEMOST POST

#038 - "Ultimate Fighting Cloud"

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ANGUS, PARKER, and RUSSELL walk through Bluberg delivering mail.

Angus stops ROGER (BL6) as he passes.

12 ANGUS (CONT'D) 12
Hey Roger, have you ever heard of
something called a "Treetop
Tussle?"

13 ROGER 13
Do you mean the Greenwood wrestling
match that takes place every week
and is super exciting and I can't
get enough of it? Yes.

Roger strolls off.

14 ANGUS 14
Huh. A weekly wrestling match on
Mt. Middlemost? One that I don't
know about. Huh, Parker, we gotta
look into this--

Angus turns to Parker but only finds Russell.

15 ANGUS (CONT'D) 15
(to Russell)
Ehh, the kid's probably there
already, huh?

Russell NODS.

EXT. GREENWOOD - GIANT TREE - DAY

Angus climbs a tree ladder one rung at a time. Russell
follows.

16 ANGUS 16
<CLIMBING EFFORTS!> Who in their
right mind puts a wrestling ring
way up here?

Reveal the two are extremely high up on the enormous tree
(*Think Jack and the Beanstalk*). We hear the <ROAR> of a crowd
just above them.

17 ANGUS (CONT'D) 17
(to Russell)
Hear that, girl? Must be close.

Angus speeds up and reaches the end of the ladder.

18 ANGUS (CONT'D) 18
Huh?

He's shocked to find a full-blown WRESTLING RING on the crown
of the tree (which is flat, like a giant fern leaf). There's
a large CROWD cheering on a wrestling match in progress.

19 ANGUS (CONT'D) 19
Russell, did you know this was
here?

Russell tears off her "skin" like breakaway basketball pants
to reveal REFEREE ATTIRE. She nods, then heads for the ring,
passing the DRIZZ, who announces ringside...

20 THE DRIZZ 20
(re: Russell)
Here comes the Big R, ready to
referee our next match between
Granny Pain and Reggie "Call Me
Reggie" Reggie. It's gonna be a
real doozy!

Angus can't believe what he's watching as Russell (the ref)
brings GRANNY PAIN (YL4) and REGGIE together in the center of
the ring.

21 REGGIE 21
(to Granny Pain)
Hi, I'm Regg--Ow!

Granny Pain SMASHES Reggie over the head with a WALKER.
<POW!> The crowd <CHEERS!>

22 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 22
Ooh, that's gotta hurt! Oh, looks
like the tables have turned!

A vicious, no-holds-barred wrestling match takes place
between Reggie and Granny Pain in the b.g. as we focus on
Angus who is met by Parker, eating popcorn, in "Treetop
Tussle" swag already.

23 PARKER 23
<CHEWING EFFORTS!> Angus! Isn't
this the best!? I can't believe we
didn't know about this.

24 ANGUS 24
(annoyed)
Neither can I.

MS. PAM walks by, selling her toast like a vendor.

25 MS. PAM 25
Get your Poundtown Poundcake, fresh
from the toaster!
(under breath)
Yesterday.

26 PARKER 26
Ms. Pam says everyone has tried
their hand at winning "King of the
Mountain." That's what they call
the best wrestler on Mt.
Middlemost... "King of the
Mountain."

LILY pops her head into frame out of nowhere.

27 LILY 27
Or queen.

28 PARKER 28
Or queen. Thanks, Lily!
(to Angus)
Weird how no one told you about
this. You'd be great at it!

It suddenly all makes sense for Angus, who slyly smiles.

29 ANGUS 29
HMMMM. Kiddo, I think that's
exactly why your old pal Angus was
not informed about this Treetop
Tussle here.

30 PARKER 30
What do you mean?

31 ANGUS 31
Well, look at me. Shackletons only
come in two sizes.
(puffs up)
Robust and brawn. They didn't
invite me because they knew I'd
win.

32 PARKER 32
I am SO glad you said that because
I signed you up!

33 ANGUS 33
Wait, what?

34 THE DRIZZ 34
Wrestling next, Angus "Return to
Sender" Shackleton!

35 PARKER 35
That's you! Go get 'em, big guy!

Parker pushes Angus towards the ring.

36 ANGUS 36
Parker, you really shouldn't have--

The crowd <CHANTS> for Angus.

37 CROWD WALLA 37
Angus! Angus! Angus! Angus! Angus!

Angus can't help but revel in the admiration.

38 ANGUS 38
Well, heh, I can't let the fans
down.

Angus crawls into the ring.

39 ANGUS (CONT'D) 39
<LAUGHS!> Hey, what poor sucker am
I tusslin' with anyway, Parker?

40 PARKER 40
The King of the Mountain.

41 ANGUS 41
Say who now?

42 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 42
Here he comes, folks. The one, the
only...

Angus sweats it out, suddenly concerned. Until...

43 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) (CONT'D) 43
Ryan the Rabid Raccoon!

MAYOR PEEVE walks out with RYAN (with raccoon hat and
eyeliner) on his shoulders. Ryan holds the "King of the
Mountain" BELT over his head.

44 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) (CONT'D) 44
The King of the Mountain himself!

Angus relaxes.

45 ANGUS 45
Ryan's King of the Mountain?
<SCOFFS> Okay. I hope he signed a
waiver or something. Don't worry,
Parker, I'll take it easy--

With no warning, Ryan <LEAPS> onto Angus's head and ATTACKS!

46 RYAN 46
<RACCOON ATTACK EFFORTS!>

47 ANGUS 47
AHHHHHH! Get him off! Get him off!

48 MAYOR PEEVE 48
PULVERIZE HIM, RYAN!

What goes down next is the most savage--but also the fastest--beat down you've ever seen. Ryan doesn't let up, wrestling like an actual raccoon. Uses his nails, bites, etc.

49 RYAN 49
<MORE RACCOON ATTACK EFFORTS!>

50 ANGUS 50
Knock it off! Ouch! Ah! OW! That hurts!

Ryan chomps down on Angus' head.

51 ANGUS (CONT'D) 51
AAAAHHHHHH!

In the midst of the ass-whooping, we cut to:

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - DINING AREA - NIGHT

Parker and Russell eat soup quietly. It's awkward.

52 PARKER 52
<SIPS><GULPS> Ahh, don't feel bad, Angus. Everyone has an "off" day.

Reveal Angus sitting across from them, battered and bruised, a broken man too ashamed to even sip soup.

53 ANGUS 53
<SAD SNIFF>

He faceplants right into his soup bowl.

54 ANGUS (CONT'D) 54
I'll never be able to show my face again.

55 PARKER 55
Sure you will! I mean, once it's all healed from getting beat up by Ryan.

Angus <SOBS> and runs out of the room.

56 ANGUS 56
I got beat up by Ryan! <SOBS!>

Parker and Russell go back to their soup.

57 PARKER 57
<SIPS>

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - SLEEPING QUARTERS - MORNING

Angus <MOANS> in despair under his covers. There's a KNOCK at the door.

58 ANGUS 58
 <MOANS!> Leave me alone! I'm trying
 to wallow in my misery!

59 LILY (O.S.) 59
 Hi, Angus.

Angus finds Lily at the foot of his bed.

60 ANGUS 60
 Lily?

61 LILY 61
 Wanna go to the Treetop Tussle with
 me?

62 ANGUS 62
 That's cold-blooded, Lily.

63 LILY 63
 I just figured you'd wanna watch
 Parker wrestle. Guess I figured
 wrong.

Lily turns to leave. Angus shoots up in bed.

64 ANGUS 64
 Parker's doing what!?

EXT. GREENWOOD - GIANT TREE - LATER

Angus follows Lily up the tree ladder.

65 ANGUS 65
 The little nimbus is gonna get
 squashed! Why would Parker ever
 wanna wrestle?

66 LILY 66
 Parker thinks becoming King of the
 Mountain and beating Ryan would
 make you feel better. You know,
 because you lost so badly to
 someone so much smaller than you.

67 ANGUS 67
 <ANNOYED GROAN!>

AT THE TREETOP TUSSLE - CONT.

Angus pushes through the crowd towards the ring to find Parker mid match against Rock Bro ROD.

68 ANGUS 68
Parker!

69 PARKER 69
Hi, Angus!

70 ANGUS 70
Look out!

Rod charges Parker full steam.

71 ROD 71

Broooooo!

Parker <POOFS> and disappears just in time, turns into a giant BOA CONSTRICTOR, and wraps around Rod with a death grip.

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72                                ROD (CONT'D)                                72
                                <"BRO" SCREAM!>

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Angus can't help but be impressed.

73	ANGUS	73
	Wow! Sweet move!	

Right then, ROB jumps into the ring to aid his brother.

74 Broooooo! ROB 74

75 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 75
Will you look at that. "Hot Rod's"
brother "Hot Rob" wants in on the
hot action!

76 Broooooo! ROB 76

77 ANGUS 77
Behind you, Parker!

78 PARKER 78
 <GASPS!>

Parker <POOFS> and disappears as Rob runs right into his brother Rod. <SMACK!>

79	Bro.	ROD/ROB	79
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The two fall to the mat, out cold. Parker PINS both. Russell slides in and counts them out.

80 THE DRIZZ 80
It's Parker J. Cloud with another
impressive win! Looks like we got
ourselves a real contender for
"King of the Mountain!"

The crowd <CHEERS> as Parker joins Angus.

81 PARKER 81
How'd I do, Angus?

82 ANGUS 82
You did great, kiddo! But that's
it, NO more wrestling for you.

83 PARKER 83
But don't you wanna see me beat
Ryan for beating you? In front of
everyone. Like everyone.

84 ANGUS 84
You don't need to avenge my honor,
Parker. This is my problem, and I'm
the one that has to be adult enough
to move past this.

85 MAYOR PEEVE 85
Well if it isn't Angus "Ow that
Hurts" Shackleton.

Mayor Peeve approaches with Ryan on his shoulders again.

86 ANGUS 86
Mayor.

As they pass, Ryan fakes PUNCHING Angus, who flinches.

87 RYAN 87
Boo!

88 ANGUS 88
<FLINCH EFFORT!>

89 RYAN 89
Flinch!

90 MAYOR PEEVE 90
He totally flinched. I saw it.

Peeve and Ryan strut off.

91 RYAN 91
Ah, you liking me feels good, sir.

Angus boils with anger. He turns to Parker with newfound resolve.

92 ANGUS 92
Remember fifteen seconds ago when I
said there was no need to avenge my
honor?

93 Sure do! PARKER **93**

94 ANGUS 94
Forget I ever said it. What do you
say we serve up some knuckle
sandwiches and win this thing?

Parker <POOFS> into a FIST SANDWICH.

95 PARKER 95
Order's up!

PARKER VS. VARIOUS COMPETITORS - BOARD DRIVEN MONTAGE!

Parker and Angus--acting as Parker's manager--take down opponent after opponent in a classic sports movie montage, complete with newspaper wipes. (***See Rocky IV for reference***)

- First up, Parker takes on DEWAYNE. They circle each other until Dewayne leaps into the air.

96 DEWAYNE 96
<LEAPING YELL!>

Angus yells from the sidelines into a MEGAPHONE.

97 ANGUS 97
Hit 'em with the ol' duperoo,
Parker!

Parker, as an elephant, plants himself on Dewayne. Russell calls it. The crowd <CHEERS>!

- Two GRINCIDENTAL4's stack on top of each other to take on Parker.

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98                                GRINCIDENTAL4S                                98
                                <GROWLS!>

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Parker suddenly transforms into a NUTCRACKER.

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99                                GRINCIDENTAL4S (CONT'D)                                99
                                <PANICKED YELPS!>

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The acorns immediately bail.

- Mayor Peeve looks on from the sidelines, grimacing.

100 MAYOR PEEVE 100
<DISAPPOINTED GROWL!>

- BLINCIDENTAL9's in the ring when he's suddenly sucked right up into VACUUM PARKER.

101 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 101
Another cheap shot by Parker J.
Cloud!

- FRANK stomps into the ring... and right onto Parker as a rug. Parker literally pulls himself out from under Frank, toppling the rock dude over.

- GARY's entranced by Parker's melodious guitar playing, until he's bashed right on the head with it.

102 PARKER 102
<CHUCKLES!>

- The crowd is buying into Parker, the cloud's face plastered all over their shirts. Peeve steams and kicks a nearby trash can filled with unwanted Ryan merch.

103 MAYOR PEEVE 103
<UPSET GROWL!>

- BLINCIDENTAL7 has Parker pinned. Russell starts the countdown, but an alluring smell pulls her away. Fish nuggets!

104 ANGUS 104
<NAUGHTY CACKLE!>

When Russell turns back, Parker's pinned BLIncidental7 instead.

105 ANGUS (CONT'D) 105
<MISCHIEVOUS CHUCKLE!>

- ORINCIDENTAL7 tries to take on Parker, but with powerful kangaroo legs, Parker yeets his opponent right off her feet. Angus removes the turnbuckles before ORIncidental7 crashes into them.

106 ANGUS (CONT'D) 106
<INNOCENT WHISTLING!>

- Parker moves up the leaderboard!

EXT. GREENWOOD - TREETOP TUSSLE - THE BIG EVENT

The crowd is bigger and louder than we've ever seen it. That's because it's the big event!

107 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 107
This is it, Mt. Middlemost, our
main event.

The lights dim, and spotlights circle around the ring and
audience.

108 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) (CONT'D) 108
First to the ring, the most evil,
the most diabolical, the most hated
and berated wrestler this mountain
has ever seen...

109 PARKER 109
Kinda sounds like the Drizz doesn't
like Ryan either.

110 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 110
Parker J. Cloud!

111 CROWD WALLA 111
BOOOOO!

112 PARKER 112
Me?

113 ANGUS 113
Y-You? Heh, well, the Drizz must be
confused. It happens.

Angus and Parker exit and are immediately overcome with...

114 CROWD WALLA 114
BOOOOO!

Parker starts to worry.

115 PARKER 115
Why are they booing me, Angus?

116 ANGUS 116
Ah, they're, they're not booing
you. They can't be booing you. How
can anyone boo you?

117 BRAD 117
BOOO, Parker J. Cloud. Boo!

118 PARKER 118
Kinda seems like Brad was booing
me.

119 ANGUS 119
Brad's just a hater. Shake it off.

Parker enters the ring as the flood of "boos" continues,
getting to the kid. Lily approaches.

120 LILY 120
Hey, Parker.

Parker's relieved to see a friendly face.

121 PARKER 121
Oh hi, Lily!

122 LILY 122
Boo.

She walks away. Parker gets sad, holds back tears.

123 CROWD WALLA 123
BOOOOO!

124 PARKER 124
<TEARY SNIFFLES!> Am I the bad guy?

125 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 125
Here he comes, folks! The good
guy... Ryan the Rabid Raccoon!

Mayor Peeve, with Ryan on his shoulders, RISES from the center
of the ring (like J Lo would at a concert). The crowd
<CHEERS!>

126 PARKER 126
Oh. My. Cloud. I AM the bad guy!

127 ANGUS 127
Huh?

Angus finally sees it too and feels horrible.

128 ANGUS (CONT'D) 128
Angus, you big doof. You're the
jerkface!

129 MAYOR PEEVE 129
Look, Ryan! Everyone hates Angus
and the cloud! This is perfect.
It'll make beating them that much
sweeter.

Ryan sees how distraught Parker looks as the crowd <JEERS>
and throws items at him.

130 PARKER 130
Ow!

131 RYAN 131
Parker looks pretty sad, sir.

132 MAYOR PEEVE 132
I know. Isn't it great? Now slap
those colors off that annoying
little powder puff.

Peeve <DINGS> the fighting bell and pushes Ryan into the
center of the ring.

133 THE DRIZZ 133
And we're off to the races, folks!
The match of the year!

Ryan and Parker slowly circle each other.

134 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) (CONT'D) 134
Parker J. Cloud vs. Ryan the Rabid
Raccoon! Who will win? The tension
is killing me!

It's clear Parker is struggling with his sudden turn to
"heel." Ryan can't help but feel bad.

135 MAYOR PEEVE 135
Attack, Ryan! Attack!

Angus has seen enough and climbs into the ring.

136 ANGUS 136
That's it! I'm getting you out of
here, Parker.

Russell the Ref stops Angus and won't let him pass. She's
just doing her job, you know.

137 ANGUS (CONT'D) 137
Russell, what are you doing? Out of
the way, girl!

138 THE DRIZZ (O.S.) 138
Hey, looks like Angus is up to his
old dirty tricks again.

139 ANGUS 139
No, I'm not!

140 MAYOR PEEVE 140
Today, Ryan!

Ryan and Parker softly grapple, arms locked, heads together.

141 PARKER/RYAN 141
<WEAK GRAPPLE EFFORTS!>

142 PARKER 142
<CRIES!>

143 RYAN 143
Are, are you crying, Parker?

144 PARKER 144
No. <SNIFFS>. Ok, maybe a little.

145 RYAN 145
Parker, I want you to pin me.

146 PARKER 146
No, no, you should pin me. I'm the
bad guy after all.

147 RYAN 147
But you don't deserve to be the bad
guy, Parker. Nobody does. Pin me.

148 PARKER 148
I don't wanna. You pin me. Come on,
I'm ready.

149 RYAN 149
I-I-I can't!

The crowd starts <BOOING> both of them. This has turned out
to be the lamest wrestling match ever. It's more two little
guys slow dancing than fighting.

150 BRAD 150
LAAAAMME! Worst wrestling match
EVER!

151 MAYOR PEEVE 151
Ryan, what are you doing!?

Angus suddenly realizes what's happening.

152 ANGUS 152
Look, Russell. They're throwing the
match. They're both "too good" to
be bad. Aww.

Angus and Russell wipe tears. It's sweet. But the crowd
thinks otherwise. They file out, leaving the tree.

153 CROWD WALLA 153
<COMPLAINING ABOUT THE FIGHT WALLA>

BACK ON PARKER AND RYAN

Still "slow dancing," both weepy.

154 PARKER 154
No, you should win.

155 RYAN 155
Parker, you should. You. You!

156 PARKER 156
<SNIFFS!> Nah-ah. You deserve it.

157 RYAN 157
No, you deserve it. Not me.

158 ANGUS 158
<CLEARS THROAT!>

Parker and Ryan look up to find Angus right next to them.

159 ANGUS (CONT'D) 159
It's over. You can stop now.

The two look around. Everyone is gone.

160 RYAN 160
Where'd everybody go?

161 ANGUS 161
I guess no one wants to see two
"good guys" wrestle.

Parker and Ryan share a "good guy" grin.

162 PARKER 162
Sorry I let you down, Angus.

163 ANGUS 163
Let me down? Parker, I'm the one
that let you down. Me and my stupid
bruised ego. I don't know what came
over me.

164 PARKER 164
I do! Ryan beat you real bad, like
so bad, you came back to the ship.

165 ANGUS 165
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

166 PARKER 166
You didn't even want to eat soup.
Oh, you were such a bummer!

167 RYAN 167
Oh yeah, I-I sort of remember it!

168 ANGUS 168
Yes. Right, Parker. Huh, it's all
in the past.

169 PARKER 169
Angus, I've never seen you like
that. And you know what? It was no
fun at all for the rest of us. Just
having a good--

170 ANGUS 170
Aaaaall in the past.

Angus throws an arm around Parker as the two buds walk off.
Ryan turns to find Mayor Peeve trying on the "King of the
Mountain" belt.

171 MAYOR PEEVE 171
Technically, this makes me "King of
the Mountain" now, right? I mean,
makes sense, right?

172 THE DRIZZ 172
Sorry, my dude.

Drizz walks by and plucks the belt from a dejected Peeve.

THE END.