

MIDDLEMOST POST

#043 - "Hammy Time"

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EXT. S.S. STEADFAST - ESTABLISHING

1 ANGUS (O.S.) 1
All righty, Russell.

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - LIVING ROOM - DAY

ANGUS talks to RUSSELL.

2 ANGUS 2
Say hello to the "Knitting Wheel
3000!"

There's a mess of parts and pieces that don't match the
"Knitting Wheel 3000" INSTRUCTION booklet at all. Angus
slumps.

3 ANGUS (CONT'D) 3
Why doesn't mine look like the
picture? I followed the
instructions to a tee! Ahhh, what a
waste of twelve hours. <GROANS>

Russell consoles a sad Angus.

4 PARKER 4
(pressed up against glass)
Hey, Angus!

PARKER squeezes through a porthole window.

5 PARKER (CONT'D) 5
<SQUEEZING EFFORT>

He lands on the ground like a solid brick.

6 PARKER (CONT'D) 6
Guess what I just found!

7 ANGUS 7
Okay, let me think--

8 PARKER 8
A HAMSTER!

Parker whips out the cutest little HAMSTER.

9 ANGUS 9
Parker, I was gonna guess.

10 PARKER 10
Were you gonna guess a super
adorable hamster? <GIGGLES!>

11 ANGUS 11
 (defeated)
 No.

12 PARKER 12
 Isn't Kevin the cutest thing you've
 ever seen!?

Parker squeezes KEVIN (Hamster) so tight, the little guy
disappears into Parker's cheek! Moments later, Kevin pops out
of Parker's head and gives a cute little grin.

13 PARKER (CONT'D) 13
 I named him Kevin!

14 ANGUS 14
 Yeah. I, I suppose he's cute.

Russell wags her tail, looking up at Kevin.

15 PARKER 15
 Russell thinks so too!

Kevin hops down and romps around the ship with Russell. The
two chase each other playfully.

16 ANGUS 16
 Parker, buddy, what do you plan on
 doing with this hamster?

17 PARKER 17
 You mean Kevin.

18 ANGUS 18
 Right, Kevin.

19 PARKER 19
 I was thinking Kevin could stay
 with us. Here, on the Steadfast.
 You... me... Russell... and Kevin!
 The new Dream Team!

20 ANGUS 20
 Kiddo, we got a good thing going
 already with just you, me, and
 Russell. I don't think adding a
 hamster to the mix is a good idea--

Angus turns around and is shocked to find his Knitting Wheel
3000 totally built!

21 ANGUS (CONT'D) 21
 <SHOCKED GASP!> The Knitting Wheel
 3000?

Russell stands next to it.

22 ANGUS (CONT'D) 22
 (re: knitting wheel)
 Well I'll be. Russell, did you do
 this?

Russell gestures to Kevin, who wears a hard hat and holds a tiny drill.

23 ANGUS (CONT'D) 23
 Kevin?

Russell nods. Angus can't help but be impressed.

24 ANGUS (CONT'D) 24
 Eh, I suppose the little furball
 can stick around for awhile.

25 PARKER 25
 Woo-hoo! You hear that, Kevin? You
 can stay!

26 ANGUS 26
 I didn't say forever.

But Parker's head has already transformed into numerous, colorful HAMSTER TUBES for Kevin to dart around in.

27 PARKER 27
 Uh-huh. Yep. Sure. Whatever.

Parker floats out of the room with Kevin. Angus and Russell admire the Knitting Wheel 3000.

28 ANGUS 28
 Hmm. Well, you know what this
 means, Russell.
 (serious)
 Let's spin some yarn.

YARN BALL WIPE:

EXT. CITY OF SOMEWHERE - DAY

Parker carries Kevin through the City of Somewhere.

29 PARKER 29
 <HAPPY GIGGLES!> I've never had a
 friend as small and nimble as you,
 Kevin. <GASPS!> You know what we
 should do? Explore every tiny crack
 and hole on the entire mountain!

Parker points to a small HOLE in the side of a building.

30 PARKER (CONT'D) 30
(re: hole)
There's a hole, what's in there? I
don't know. But now I have a best
friend I can find out with!

Parker <POOFS> into a HAMSTER.

31 PARKER (CONT'D) 31
Shall we, Kev?

He and Kevin dart into the hole.

IN THE HOLE - CONT.

It's dark, tight, and a little gross.

32 PARKER 32
<TOOT EFFORT>

Hamster Parker lets out a lil rainbow <TOOT> that lights up
the area to discover... the face of a giant RAT.

33 PARKER (CONT'D) 33
AHHHHHH!!!!

EXT. CITY OF SOMEWHERE - CONT.

Hamster Parker and Kevin escape the hole and catch their
breaths.

34 PARKER 34
That... was... awesome! Let's
explore more holes!

INT./EXT. VARIOUS LOCATIONS - HOLE MONTAGE

- **Purpleton.** Hamster Parker and Kevin hop on the head of
REGGIE 4, who mutters while he sleeps.

35 REGGIE 4 35
Reggie. <SNORES> Reggie.

36 PARKER 36
<GIGGLES!>

They pull off the diamond and jump inside the hole.

37 PARKER (CONT'D) 37
<IMPACT!>

INSIDE: It's a fully functioning PRINTING PRESS. Tiny Reggies
work feverishly, writing the same thing over and over on
their typewriters.

38 REGGIES 38
Hi, I'm Reggie. Hi, I'm Reggie. Hi,
I'm Reggie.

39 PARKER 39
<CREEPED OUT GROAN>

- **Yellow Springs.** Hamster Parker and Kevin look at OLD STINKHOLE. Neither impressed.

40 PARKER (CONT'D) 40
Ugh... been there, done that.

But they are impressed by LITTLE STANKHOLE, which is the tiny hole right next to Old Stinkhole! The two dive in...

41 PARKER (CONT'D) 41
<GIGGLES!> Woo-hoo-hoo! Hey-oooo!
<IMPACT!>

INSIDE: Parker and Kevin encounter FABULOUS WORM SOLDIER leading a CHOIR of WORM SOLDIERS (from EP35).

42 WORM SOLDIERS 42
(singing)
"The Worm King takes... alllllll."

43 FABULOUS WORM SOLDIER 43
No, no, nooooo! It goes like
this...
(sings, very theatrical)
"The Worm King takes... ALLLLLL!"

Parker and Kevin share a look.

- **Greenwood.** Hamster Parker and Kevin swing through the trees.

44 PARKER 44
Woo-hoo!

They spot a hole in a TREE and squeeze inside.

45 PARKER (CONT'D) 45
<GASPS!><GIGGLES!> This is so fun!

INSIDE: The two find themselves watching Parker marrying Ranch at the Yellow Springs casino (from EP45). STEWART officiates.

46 STEWART 46
(from EP45)
Ok, man. Nice! I now pronounce you
cloud and ranch, man. Yeah! N-now
go ahead and kiss, man.

Parker eats from a small bag of popcorn.

47 PARKER 47
(to Kevin)
<SIGHS> Sadly, the relationship
soured. <CHEWS>

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Angus uses his Knitting Wheel 3000, pumping away on a foot pedal that spins the wheel. He looks exhausted, sweat pouring down his face.

48 ANGUS 48
Not gonna lie, heh heh. I thought
the Knitting Wheel 3000 would be a
lot less exhausting.

Angus sticks out his pedal foot.

49 ANGUS (CONT'D) 49
My calves are burning!

His calf is ENORMOUS and beats like a heart.

50 ANGUS (CONT'D) 50
Alright, Russell, what's our haul?

Russell holds out her flipper where one small, pathetic piece of yarn lies flat on top.

51 ANGUS (CONT'D) 51
<ANNOYED GRUMBLING>

Parker suddenly <POOFS> in with Kevin on his head.

52 PARKER 52
Angus! Kevin and I had soooooo much
fun today. Ask me about any hole on
Mt. Middlemost, any hole at all,
and I can tell you a story.

Kevin jumps on the spinning wheel.

53 ANGUS 53
(to Kevin)
Hey! Get off that!

Kevin starts running on the wheel, making it spin. You know, like a hamster on a wheel. He turns wool to yarn in seconds.

54 PARKER 54
Okay, Kevin, time to get off.

55 ANGUS 55
Wait a second. He's doing it...
He's got the gift of spin!

Angus' eyes dart over to Russell.

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ANGUS (CONT'D)
Russell, what's the output?

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Kevin spins the wheel, spitting out yarn that piles onto Russell. She gives a hearty thumbs up.

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ANGUS (CONT'D)
Go, Kevin! Go, go, go, go!

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YARN PILE WIPE:

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - MAIN QUARTERS - DAY

Russell relaxes while reading a SARDINE MAN comic. Kevin skitters over, appears to read over Russell's shoulder. Both <LAUGH> at the exact same time then share a look.

Russell points at the comic, <ARFING> a question. Kevin puffs out his chest and responds in cute <HAMSTER CHIRPS>. Both <GASP>!

They've discovered their common love, that love being SARDINE MAN COMICS.

SARDINE MAN
COMIC WIPE:

INT./EXT. RUSSELL & KEVIN BOND - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - MONTAGE

- Kevin "flies" in a Sardine Man themed tin can on Russell's head. PULL OUT to reveal a FAN blowing Kevin's cape back in the wind.

- The two nerds lay inside a giant blanket fort reading comics together. It's adorable.

- Kevin draws Sardine Man fanart and shows Russell. The walrus <COOS>, getting an idea. She pulls out both of her tusks and replaces them with crayons, coloring in Kevin's drawing... but making it WAY better. Both <CHEER>!

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - KITCHEN - DAY

Angus and Kevin happily knit at the table when Parker suddenly pops in.

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PARKER
Well, well, well. I seem to recall
someone saying...
(turns into Angus/mimics)
"I don't think adding a hamster to
the mix is a good idea."

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59 ANGUS 59
Well, I'm man enough to admit I was
wrong. Butch was a great addition
to the crew.

60 PARKER 60
Butch? Who's Butch?

61 ANGUS 61
It's my nickname for Kevin. He
looks more like a Butch to me.
Butch loves it. Don't you, Butch?

Angus puts a small beanie on Kevin's head.

62 ANGUS (CONT'D) 62
We even got matching beanies.

Parker's not too pleased. Russell shows up carrying plates of
STEAK.

63 ANGUS (CONT'D) 63
Lunch is on! Oooh, those steaks
look delicious, Russell.

Russell plates Kevin first.

64 PARKER 64
Hmm, looks awfully big for my best
pal Kevin. Don't worry. I'll cut it
up for you, buddy.

Parker turns into a STEAK KNIFE and goes to cut the steak.

65 ANGUS 65
Uh-bup-bup. I got it, Parker. No
one has cut more steak than your
old pal Angus. Well, how big do you
want your pieces, Butch?

66 PARKER 66
Uhh, I think Kevin wants me to do
it.

67 ANGUS 67
I'm pretty sure Butch would prefer
me.

Angus and Parker fight over Kevin's steak, tugging it back
and forth.

68 ANGUS/PARKER 68
<STRAINED PULLING EFFORTS!>

Russell speaks to Kevin using HAMSTER NOISES. It annoys both
Parker and Angus.

69 ANGUS 69
What was all that about, Russell?
You talking about us?

Angus lets go of the steak. It slaps Parker right in the face.

70 PARKER 70
Kinda felt like you were talking
about us. Not cool, girl. Not cool.

Russell poorly pretends she was not.

71 ANGUS 71
You know what, Parker? You can cut
Butch's steak.
(to Russell)
Some of us still have manners.

Parker peels the steak off his face, dusts it off.

72 PARKER 72
Thank you, Angus. I'd be obliged to
cut Kevin's steak.

Parker's hand turns into a SPINNING BLADE that easily cuts up the steak into chewable chunks. Angus picks up a piece and <CHEWS>.

73 ANGUS 73
(while chewing)
Then I'll <CHEWS> chew it up <CHEWS
MORE> and "baby bird" it into his
mouth.

Parker yanks the chewed up piece of steak right out of Angus' mouth and shoves it into his own!

74 PARKER 74
(while chewing)
What!? No. <BIG BITE!> If anybody's
gonna "baby bird" Kevin, <CHEWS>
it's gonna be ME! <SPITS!>

Parker spits the chewed up mess onto Kevin's plate.

75 ANGUS 75
Butch clearly likes me best!
Knitting is in his blood!

76 PARKER 76
Well, Kevin wouldn't even be here
if it wasn't for me!

Russell talks to Kevin again, which only agitates Angus and Parker more.

77 PARKER (CONT'D) 77
(to Russell)
Yeah, we get it! You and Kevin have
a secret animal language! Quit
rubbing it in!

All three start <YELLING> at each. It's chaos.

78 ANGUS/PARKER 78
<SHOUTING WALLA!>

Kevin sniffs at the regurgitated steak, about to take a bite
when--

79 ANGUS 79
THAT'S IT! Crew meeting!

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - MAIL ROOM - LATER

Angus paces in front of Parker and Russell, who sit at desks.

80 ANGUS 80
It has become painfully clear that
our newest crew member is the best
thing that's ever happened to us.
Agreed?

81 PARKER 81
Uh-huh. One hundo.

Russell nods. Def yes.

82 ANGUS 82
<SIGHS> The way I see it, we can
ALL be best buds, if we agree to
share. The little furball can be
Kevin when he's with Parker, Butch
when he's with me, and <DOLPHIN
SOUNDS> when he's with Russell.
Once we have that, everything will
be in perfect order.

83 PARKER 83
I like what you're throwing down,
Angus. We can make a super
detailed, highly complex
spreadsheet that accounts for every
second of Kevin's day. We can call
it...

Parker and Angus share a knowing look.

84 ANGUS/PARKER 84
A Master Hamster Schedule!

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - MAIL ROOM - LATER

Set up like a "War Room," we see WHITEBOARDS full of nonsensical adjectives and scrapped plans. One looks like a detective's wall with red yarns leading to a photo of Kevin.

Angus, Parker, and Russell hover over the "Master Hamster Schedule" spread out on the table. Empty drink cups, several pizza boxes, and Chinese takeout cartons litter the room.

85 ANGUS 85
 <EXHAUSTED SIGH> Okay... Draft two
 hundred and forty two of the Master
 Hamster Schedule. This is the one,
 I feel it.

Kevin watches from a box, nodding off, super sleepy. Angus snaps his fingers to keep the little guy awake.

86 ANGUS (CONT'D) 86
Come on, Butch, this involves you
too.

Angus walks through the schedule for everyone.

87 ANGUS (CONT'D) 87
Parker, you get every Tuesday,
Thursday, every other Saturday, and
once in a Blue Moon.

88 PARKER 88
You hear that, Kevin? That's a
whole lotta holes to explore!

89 ANGUS 89
Russell, you get every Monday,
Friday, and June 35th.

Angus gives Parker a knowing <WINK>.

90 ANGUS (CONT'D) 90
That leaves me with Sunday,
Thursday, and all the sewing
holidays.

Parker checks the giant CALENDAR on the wall. There's a ton of made-up "sewing holidays" scattered across each month that Angus has clearly penciled in.

91 PARKER 91
(growing suspicious)
Hmm. Seems like an awful lot of
sewing holidays...

92 ANGUS 92
So what do you say, you two? Have
we mastered the Master Hamster
Schedule?

Parker and Russell share a look. Then...

93 PARKER 93
I think we have!

Kevin <YAWNS>, then nearly falls off the box asleep.

94 ANGUS 94
Awww, looks like the little fella's
all tuckered out. What do you say
we hit the sack?

EXT. S.S. STEADFAST - NIGHT

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - BEDROOM - NIGHT

A sleepy Kevin sits in the middle of the floor, staring up at
a confused Angus, Parker, and Russell.

95 ANGUS 95
Huh. Well it seems we forgot to
figure out where our best bud is
gonna sleep.

96 PARKER 96
Heh. Yeah. Although I think it's
pretty obvious.

97 ANGUS 97
You're right, Parker.

Angus pulls off his beanie.

98 ANGUS (CONT'D) 98
A Shackleton's beanie is as soft as
they come.

99 PARKER 99
<STIFLED LAUGHTER> Angus, Angus,
Angus. I doubt your beanie is
softer than the most softiest thing
in the world. A cloud.

Russell <WARBLES> under her breath, pointing at her TONGUE.

100 ANGUS 100
Butch is not sleeping on your
tongue, Russell.

101 PARKER 101
Yeah, Russell. Get a grip.

Russell's tongue lashes out like a frog, but Angus blocks it.

102 ANGUS 102
<BLOCK EFFORT> Nice try, girl!
Butch is sleeping in my beanie!

Parker wisps in, stealing Kevin from Angus.

103 PARKER 103
Kevin will sleep...
(cutesy voice)
on a cloud!

Parker floats right into Russell's open mouth. <CHOMP!>

104 ANGUS 104
Russell... drop Butch!

Parker wrenches open Russell's mouth, crazed.

105 PARKER 105
His name is Kevin, and he's
sleeping with me!

Kevin <SQUEAKS>, and the three possessively leap at the hamster.

106 ANGUS/PARKER 106
<AGGRESSIVE LEAP EFFORTS!>

They <STRUGGLE> over Kevin, each one not letting go.

EXT. S.S. STEADFAST - NIGHT/DAY

We hear the trio continue to fight as night turns to day.

107 ANGUS (O.S.) 107
Let him go, you two!

108 PARKER (O.S.) 108
You let him go!

109 ANGUS (O.S.) 109
No, you!

110 PARKER (O.S.) 110
You first!

111 ANGUS (O.S.) 111
You first!

112 PARKER (O.S.) 112
My friend!

INT. S.S. STEADFAST - BEDROOM - DAY

Kevin is fast asleep on the floor, <SNORING>. It's the cutest thing ever.

113 ANGUS/PARKER 113
<TIRED FIGHTING EFFORTS>

Exhausted, the trio collapses to the floor--a giant, tangled ball of limbs.

114 ANGUS 114

Okay. Enough is enough. What we need is someone else, someone unbiased, to decide which one of us should be this adorable little furball's best bud.

INT. SOMEWHERE STORE - DAY

Tight on LILY.

115	LILY	115
	None of you.	

REVEAL the MMP Crew who have been anxiously waiting for Lily's decision.

116 ANGUS 116
What!?

117 PARKER 117
Lily, what's the dilly? You were
supposed to say me.

118	LILY	118
	Sorry, Parker. I call it like I see	
	it. And what I see are three	
	friends being torn apart by a	
	hamster.	

Lily gives Kevin a little scratch.

119	LILY (CONT'D)	119
	Coochie coochie coo.	
	(beat)	
	Not literally. Of course.	

[illegible]

121 PARKER 121
She can be hit or miss.

122 LILY 122
Did you ever think to ask your new
best bud what he wanted?

This gives them all pause. They turn to where they last saw Kevin, but he's GONE!

123	ANGUS/PARKER	123
	BUTCH?! / KEVIN?!	

124 ANGUS 124
He can't be far!

125 PARKER 125
I don't see him!

126 ANGUS 126
 <WORRIED PANTING> BUTCH?! BUTCH!

127 KEVIN?! PARKER 127

Angus <THROWS> Lily's store counter to search for Kevin.

128	ANGUS	128
	<THROW EFFORT!>	

Parker and Russell join in the search, tearing the store apart!

129 KEVIN! PARKER 129

130 ANGUS 130
 <NERVOUS SEARCH EFFORTS> Oh no,
 where'd he go?

131 LILY 131
I don't know. You're his best bud,
am I right?

132 ANGUS **132**
Well played, Lily. Well played.

Suddenly, they hear the shop bell <RING> and see Kevin go out the door. They rush after the hamster!

EXT. SOMEWHERE STORE - CONT.

Parker and Russell burst out of the store, slapping each other.

133 PARKER 133
<FIGHTING EFFORTS!>

145 TERRY (O.S.) 145
 <GLEEFUL GIGGLES!>

They watch as Hammy parts Terry's mustache like a curtain and
ducks inside.

146 TERRY (CONT'D) 146
 <LAUGHS!>

147 ANGUS 147
 What?! I could've had Butch in my
 beard this whole time?!

148 PARKER 148
 Eh, let it go, big guy. Just let it
 go.

Lily appears behind them, assessing the damage to her door.
It falls off its broken hinges, <COLLAPSING> to the ground!

149 LILY 149
 Sigh.

END OF EPISODE.