



can't Shout out. Besides, could they be bothered to do as menial a task as laundry?

Enter the specialized services of David and Bob in **Atomic Laundrymat** (www.atomiclaundrymat.com) by Armando Valenzuela. *Atomic Laundrymat* is described as being like *The Hall of Justice* from the animated *Super Friends* series, except with smelly underwear.

The Harry Potter-resembling David is the owner and manager of the laundrymat. Bob is a 9-foot robot who transforms into a washing machine. He likes kittens and late-night snacks of detergent. Another major character is Angela, a hotshot defense lawyer whom super-beings hire to protect them from property-damage lawsuits.

The premise of a laundrymat catering to super-powered people naturally provides the opportunity for a host of heroes and villains to drop by. One of the appealing aspects of the series is the opportunity to meet such characters as Captain Amish, Discozilla, and The Mighty Cowman (who has an udder). There's opportunity for all kinds of mishaps, as well, such as putting too much starch in a hero's cape and experiencing accidental shrinkage.

The comic also expands beyond the walls of the laundrymat to such locales as The Lair of Evil Diner, where a former evil psychic overlord telekinetically prepares the food. Just don't ask him for a veggie burger.

Valenzuela takes full advantage of his creative premise and has created a fun world with likable characters and cheeky humor. I just hope we eventually find out whether Batman wears boxers or briefs. (I would like to know, at least.)

The comic started in July and updates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Rival Angels (www.rivalangels.com)

She wears spandex, has a name that sounds like a super-hero's, and vanquishes foes, but Sabrina "Ultragirl" Mancini doesn't care about saving the world so much as she does pile-driving her way up the professional wrestling ranks.

In *Rival Angels* (www.rivalangels.com), created by the Wisconsin-based Alan Evans, Sabrina is a wrestler who is one day bumped up from the developmental league to the women's pro-division Rival Angels after management realizes her money-making potential. She joins three

fellow rookie teammate-roommates: Sun "Lil Dragon" Wong, Krystin "Definition of Technician" Moline, and bombshell Brooke Lennox.

The strong-willed, brassy Sabrina not only has to prove her athletic prowess and maneuver her way around members of the premier heel stable, the Hell's Belles, but also Brooke, who takes an immediate disliking to her and schemes to sabotage her career.

Scenes of life outside the ring can sometimes be a little awkward and some of the dialogue is stilted (given the subject, it still works), but inside the ring is where Evans is in his element. He's knowledgeable about wrestling, the commentary is spot-on, and the matches are engaging and full of such moves as Sabrina's ultrasplash split-legged moonsault and vertebreaker. Matches aren't choreographed, winners aren't predetermined, and getting slammed in the head with a chair is really going to hurt. Wrestling here is *real* (not to imply real-life wrestling is fake or anything).

Evans' art is also energetic and done in a way that indicates high-flying movement. As a whole, his art continues to improve, as the comic develops.

Part sports action, part melodrama, there are entertaining matches, catfights, backstabbing, double crosses, boozy escapades, cleavage ahoj, and secrets that threaten to tear romance and friendships apart — all wrapped up in a giant ball of cheesy goodness.

Rival Angels, around since December 2007, updates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. ☐



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