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What's more fun than a barrel full of monkeys? Why, Barry Ween, of course! For the uninitiated, Barry Ween is the smartest boy the world has ever seen. There's just one problem. No one can know. If word got out about his big brain it could land Barry, his family, and his best friend Jeremy (his sole confidant) in a heap of trouble. But when you're a boy genius, keeping the 'rents, the government, and the public at large in the dark is easier said than done! Mutated baby-sitters, talking gorillas, and a strangely familiar warrior woman from another dimension all put Barry's massive intellect to the test and make his big secret that much harder to keep! Gorilla Warfare collects issues #4-6 of the recent Monkey Tales mini-series, and faces the foul-mouthed ten-year-old off against his biggest challenge yet, with hilarious results!

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Tippy Jackson says

Part 1: Barry tells the story of how he and Jeremy first met and became friends. Jeremy inadvertently turns baby sitter into an ape. Sara gets sent to another dimension and when Barry and Jeremy follow, she is 10 years older and a warrior. "considering his attention span now, imagine him at five. He was like a hummingbird on crack."

Part 2: Barry finds out Bezeruul brought him to this dimension. He gets the eye of Tenak. Barry agrees to fight so that Bezeruul won't turn evil. "-You guys aren't tough enough to be prison bitches! You're not even the pussies that prison bitches beat up and rape! You phlegmbags are the sissies who get reamed by the guys you get reamed by the prison bitches! You are bitches thrice removed! Fuckos!"

Part 3: Barry rescues Bezeruul. Goes back in time to saves Sara and then breaks my heart. "We're releasing a highly powerful corrosive I made. Seawater and eight kinds of fungus. Who needs electricity when you're got chemistry." My inner nerd is gleeful!

Every last bit of Barry Ween is amazing. And so I wait for more...

Nancy says

Unlike previous volumes which are mostly made up of fun and amusing one-shots, this one is fully serial as Barry's relationship with Sara comes fully to the fore. It's still just as fun and amusing (and NSFW) as you have come to expect from Barry Ween, but I feel it's stronger for being a continuous story.

It troubles me that Barry thinks he has the power to make Sara's decisions for her. Barry makes it all about him. He devolves into a "my life is so much harder" one-upmanship game and it's awful. But what it does is give us the best glimpse into Barry we've ever had and how terrifying it is to live with his genius. I love that moment, but I don't love that we rode roughshod over Sara's choice to get there. Sara ultimately changes her mind, and I'm glad that she does it for very good and valid reasons (which are just as valid as her earlier decision), and that she strikes a bargain with Barry. He made it all about him so to me it's fitting that he help her with something she wants.

The (view spoiler) feels too easy at first. Very deus ex machina just so Barry can solve his problems and have his way. But wow, those last pages really hit home. Four volumes worth of fluffy, fun, foul-mouthed mad science hijinks and then wham! All the feels. The series ends on a very sad, bittersweet note but it's beautiful and completely earned.

A fifth volume - Barry Ween in Space - has been rumored for the last five years, possibly more. I really hope it happens eventually. I'd love to see Barry Ween flavored space adventures, and see where this tale goes next.

Korynn says

This volume is amazing. It starts with the basic concept of crossing Barry Ween with monkeys. We have an romp in which we see how our two buddies met. Then it works up to interdimensional travel/time travel epic with large fight scenes and possessed gods. But it is the final scene, with Barry alone in his kitchen that just breaks my heart everytime I read it. It's more tremendous because of the fact that in every story up to that point, Barry Ween was just profanity filled fluff. It was a series of cute gags with two kids and a lot of trouble. Instead we get a dose of reality and it results in one moment of absolutely horrible clarity. Amazing.

Patrick says

When I think of Barry Ween, this is the story I remember. When I wish for more Barry Ween, this story is the reason why.

The three comics leading up to this are wonderful, and well-worth reading in their own right.

That said, what really makes them worthwhile is the stage they set for this book. This heartbreaking story. It's twice as good as everything that comes before it.

I do dearly hope that Winick someday comes back to the series and does more work in it. I would really love to see more of the characters and get some closure on the world...
