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CW BONE DADDY

Some people have to learn the hard way!



During testing, Chad Johnston trained the CW to do backward decades. Too bad he couldn't teach it to write the test about itself.



Picture this. That's right, it's Bob Lettwich and the Bone Daddy discovering the invert mode.

another. Basically, Bucky was hatin' it as usual. No biggie, though. He just kept his chin up and tried to play the part of the chillin' fellow he wanted to be. He was walking on a quest to meet his latest goal in life (he hadn't met one yet). He was on his way to a freestyle clubhouse that three freestylers, Simon, Rodney and Willy, built in a vacant lot. They hung out in it every day to talk about the latest on the stylin' scene over a *BMX Plus!* mag. The three called themselves "The No Flub Freestyle Club." Bucky had tried to join the club for the past two weeks. But no luck. Today he was on his way to try again.

On his way to the "No Flub Club," Bucky got lost due to making a wrong turn with his feet. He finally managed to get with it, though, and he arrived at the clubhouse. After some hesitation he proceeded to knock on the door.

A small peephole immediately opened up and Simon's lone eyeball entered the space and focused in on Bucky. The whole thing was starting to become routine, but Simon just played along with it as usual.

"Oh hey! So what do ya know? Ol' Never Say Die is back. What's on your mind, pal?"

"Hi, Simon. I just wanted to . . . well, hang out with you and Rodney and Willy. You know, just for fun. What do ya say?"

"I say, what's the secret password?"
"Oh, Simon, you've asked me that for the last two weeks and I keep telling you that I don't know what it is."

"Okay, pal, I think you deserve a break. I'll give you a bunch of clues as to what the password is and if you figure it out, I'll let you in. Fair enough?"

"Yeah! That sounds really super cool to me. Let them rip."

"Okay, now don't interrupt me. The secret password is the name of a free-

□ School was out and Bucky Blunderbrain was free to walk home. Nothing out of the ordinary had happened to Bucky since the tardy bell announced his late arrival to school at 8:10 that morning. It was just another day. Brenda Bodyfull told him to get rid of himself

in Biology, after he asked her out again. The guys snapped him with towels and teased him about what they called his sketchitis disease during gym class. And most all of his teachers gave him small lectures about one deficiency or

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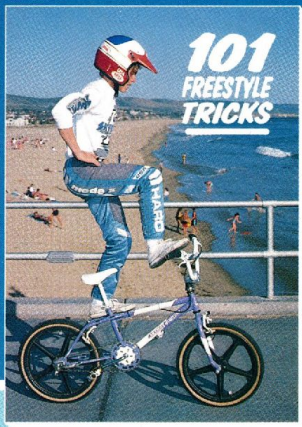
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style bike that was just tested by the Test Force and staff of *BMX Plus!* As a matter of fact, they're probably writing the test up right about now. First off, it has cool new graphics plastered all over its baked red tri-moly frame and high-tensile steel forks. Flatland man Chad Johnston thought that its frame standing platform's small size was just right, and that the welded-on peg mountings and screw-in pegs on its rear dropouts were fully cool, too. That means no more bent axles from stylin' too hard. Bolt-on fork pegs that flip up were supposed to be included with the bike, but somehow they didn't wind up in the original bike box. So the Test Force simply made do with some regular ol' axle pegs. Some staff dude named Karl Rothe did eventually check out a pair of the fold-up pegs. They passed his bolt-on test, his flip-up and flip-down test, and his personal riding abuse test with no sweat. Ramp victim Bob Leftwich pointed out the awkwardness of the severely steep 75-degree head tube angle. But since the bike he was riding wasn't an actual production model, which comes with a more relaxed 73-degree angle, he didn't worry too much about the maneuvering problems he was having. Basically, since the front wheel was so kicked back, it handled much too quick on both ramps and ground. Oh, and I can't forget the nifty frame pad it comes with either.

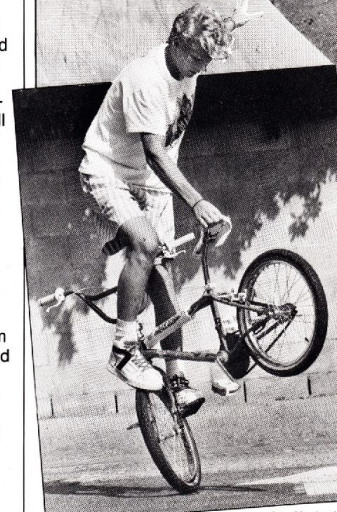
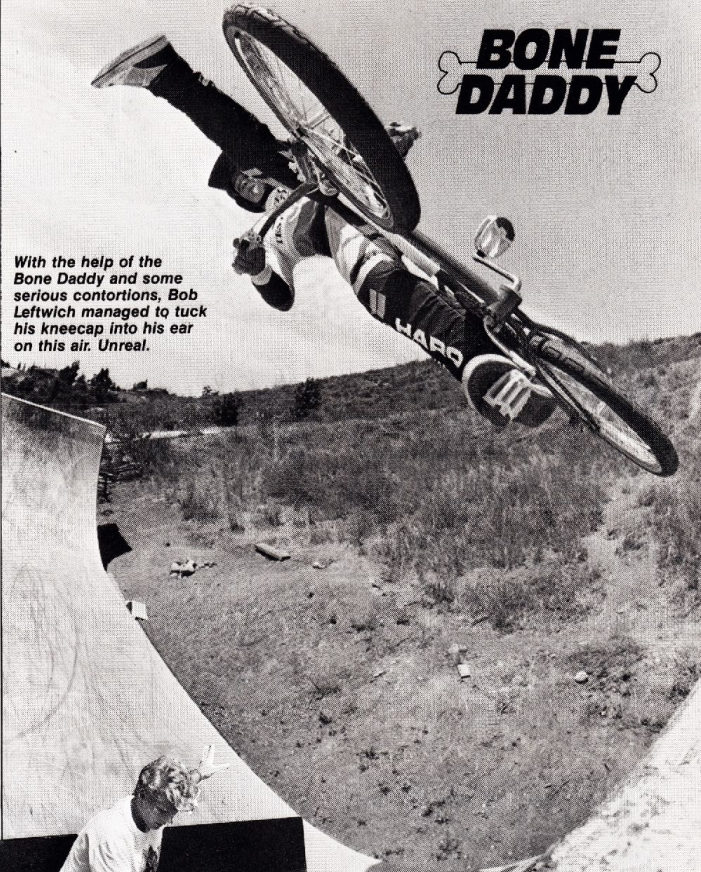
"So pal, did that head of yours compute any answers?"

"Umm, it sounds really familiar, but I can't pin it down. Can you give my head . . . ahh, I mean can you give me more clues?"

"Yeah, let me fill you in on its components. If you give it a quick glance you'll notice authentic A'ME grips, Lee Chi Tech 4-type levers with locking buttons connected to Lee Chi 901-type calipers and an ACS Rotor, 36-spoke chrome-plated steel rims, and 20x1.90 black tires with a killer full tread design for long-lasting enjoyment. If you take a closer look you'll see a full freestyle stem that has an alloy clamp and a chromoly shaft clamped onto a pair of bars with angled crossbar ends, 175mm one-piece chromoly cranks, alloy-bodied pedals with money-saving replaceable plastic ends, a chromoly laidback seatpost, and a stylin' plastic velo seat. All but a few parts handled everything that Chad and Bob dished out during the testing. The stem slipped into eternity even after *Plus!* staffers scraped and filed paint off the bars. The seatpost turned into a "Big Daddy" laidback post after it gave in to bending pressure. And the seat munched it hard from some hard rolling trick landings from Chad, and even some harder aerial landings from Bob. Other than that, the bike did its job. The Rotor rotored, the brakes braked, the pedals pedaled, cranks cranked, the wheels wheeled and so on.

BONE DADDY

With the help of the Bone Daddy and some serious contortions, Bob Leftwich managed to tuck his kneecap into his ear on this air. Unreal.



Staff victim Karl Rothe tests every freestyle bike that comes our way.

"Are you starting to get the bigger picture now, pal?"

"I sure am. The secret password is on the tip of my nose, but I just can't quite reach it. How about giving me a few more clues?"

"Hmmp, that figures. All right, pal, this is it, so listen close. The bike is designed more for the type of person who's just getting into freestyle. The Test Force was made up of two hardcore experts that rode the bike as if it were their own. And for a mellow-type bike that went through a really tough test, coming out with a few bruises wasn't too shabby. A new stem, seat and seatpost would cure its weaknesses and make it suitable for roguish riders. Chad did manage to pull some of the latest flatland moves on it, like hang nothings, forward side squeak rolls, and some combo creativeness. And after Bob got used to it he could snred some modern moves, too—rampstyle. Rocket airs, no-footed cancons and top-side one-footed helicopters were all within his and the bike's reach. The thing got the stamp of approval from the Test Force and the *Plus!* staffers at the scene of the testing. That's no surprise, though, when you think about everything that comes with the \$239 price tag. It's definitely a mean steal for a first-time stycler. Now, do you know what it is?"

"No, Simon. I keep digging for an an-

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