

MBMBAM 436: Face 2 Face: I Had Charcuterie Today!

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Intro (Bob Ball): The McElroy brothers are not experts, and their advice should never be followed. Travis insists he's a sexpert, but if there's a degree on his wall, I haven't seen it. Also this show isn't for kids, which I mention only so the babies out there will know how cool they are for listening. What's up, you cool baby?

[Theme music plays]

Justin: Welcome to My Brother My Brother and Me, an advice show for the modern era. I'm your oldest brother Justin Tyler McElroy!

Audience: [Cheers]

Travis: I'm your middlest brother Travis Patrick McElroy!

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: You'll get 'em next time, champ!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm hometown boy made good and 30 under 30 media luminary Griffin McElroy!

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: I kinda thought I was gonna win!

Justin: We love coming to Texas. Also—

Griffin: And playing fucking Candy Crush while we're doing it!

Justin: Austin has— it almost feels like home to us now, cause we've played here so many times. It's like a home to us, like a second home. Austin's like a second home.

Travis: Yeah! It's like coming home for me.

Justin: It's like coming home for us.

Griffin: It's almost like we own property here...

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: And all of our shit is here. It's— that's what it feels like.

Travis: You know you come, you see old friends. Old family. Old lovers.
[laughs]

Griffin: I thought it would be better... Old lovers... I actually would love to explore.

Justin: That's tough. That's tough.

Travis: I've had a lot of old lovers!

Justin: We saw... We saw Willie backstage—

Griffin: Saw Willie.

Justin: So cool to see Willie.

Travis: We saw Willie, he welcomed us to his street.

Justin: He welcomes everybody here to Austin City Limits. When you come in, Willie greets you at the door. He walks you back to your room.

Griffin: And I know you're wondering, you're wondering do they smoke us out? He's actually, guys... No. He's very cool about like he's—

Travis: It's more of a character that he plays, really?

Griffin: He does, he plays a character. He's like "Please call me Bill." He was wearing a business suit.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: He was wearing kind of a like business jacket over a polo?

Justin: Yeah!

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Which was so wild! [laughs]

Griffin: He's also like 36 years old.

Justin: Yeah!

Travis: Yeah! That's the weirdest thing!

Justin: He's also wearing a wire, and that's hard too.

Travis: Yeah that was a whole thing—

Griffin: Yeah he leaned over to get me a Starburst off our Starburst table, and I saw it down his shirt and first of all I was like... I'm seeing down Willie Nelson's shirt. This is a once in a lifetime experience. Mental picture [camera shutter noise] But also I saw the fucking wire.

Justin: Yeah, I saw the wire, Willie.

Travis: He does this funny bit though [chuckles] where like every five minutes, apropos of nothing he'll just say "I'm not a cop!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah! It's cool.

Travis: It's really good.

Justin: And he said— one thing that was so cool backstage, he's like "I think you guys are gonna put on a great show tonight. Can I interest you in some marijuana, which is illegal within the state of Texas?"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "Just to clarify that, would you still like some marijuana?"

Travis: And he said "You! Travis McElroy Would you like some marijuana—"

Griffin: "You! Travis McElroy would you like some marijuana?" out loud.

Justin: "Would you like some marijuana?"

Griffin: "Travis McElroy is the one who said that. He's reaching into his pocket..."

Justin: He narrated a lot.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Everything we did, he said it. "Now you're walking across the room."

Travis: "Speak into the flower", he said a lot.

Justin: "Speak into my huge comical flower." And um, when I pulled out my gun he was like "Bumblebee! Bumblebee! Bumblebee! Bumblebee!"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Just waiting and watching the windows? I don't normally have a gun, but when you cross the bounds into Texas, they give you one.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: They throw it in the open window of your car as you drive past the—

Justin: It was in my luggage actually, which is so weird. It wasn't— I didn't pack it. It was just in there. With some nice honey [laughs] with some local honey.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: A brochure.

Travis: Now one of those is for your allergies! Keep it straight.

Justin: Keep it straight. It's not the gun.

Well we have returned to you Austin. Like the Chilean miners, we have reemerged—

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: From the ground up.

Travis: Are the Chilean miners known for returning to places? [laughs]

Griffin: "Guys can I be honest with you? I miss the fucking cave!"

[all laughing]

Travis: "Let's go!"

Justin: "Let's go check it out!"

Griffin: "Where's my wallet? Ah fuck!"

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: "I'm going back to the cave. Chilean miners two!"

Travis: I don't have to take this!

Justin: The "Squeak—ual". This time they have to get back in!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: "Oh they put up some kind of tape over the front! What are we gonna do?"

Justin: "We have to go back!"

Griffin: Hey gang, this table's real wet and I was the only other one to do a show out here tonight. That's a cool mystery.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Willie!

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Uh, so anyway this is an advice show. We are not used to playing theatres where there are people—

Griffin: In the round!

Justin: Here, so if you feel like you're not getting serviced—

Audience: [cheering]

Travis: Uh, this is actually a thrust.

Justin: Yeah it's a thrust. In the round would be behind us. It's a thrust.

Griffin: Okay, Jesus! Got it!

Travis: Three quarters would be on if there were two sides—

Griffin: We get it. I know you guys get frustrated because you have useless theater degrees—

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Fair enough! Weird flexing.

Travis: Uh, seems like they just came in pretty useful, Griffin!

Griffin: Yeah...

Justin: Yeah uh, what news story will you be writing about this evening's performance?

Griffin: [cackles]

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: Uh, anyway! [laughing]

Travis: [laughing]

Griffin: "Why is James crying?"

"Cause he just got dunked on!"

Justin: So anyway, hi. If you feel like you're not getting serviced, please let us know. Silently.

Travis: Oh. Ewww!

Justin: I don't know how y'all'd accomplish that. But here's a question.

"I get monthly massages as a way to de—stress and maintain sanity."

Griffin: Fuck yeah.

Justin: "I have seen the same person every month for a little more than a year. I notice about three months ago while massaging my left hand, she seemed to avoid my pointer finger."

Griffin: Your pointer finger?

Travis: What?

Justin: My pointer finger.

Travis: My punter finger! I'm gonna kick it there!

Justin: "I thought okay, that's weird. She moved to my right hand and massaged my hand and all five fingers. I thought maybe it was a fluke, and went on with my month until the next massage, it happened again. And again, the time after. It always is my left hand and always the pointer.

Is there something that could be wrong with my finger to cause such an aversion? I mean, it's a pretty normal finger... I think, and this is now causing what should be a relaxing time into an anxious nightmare. Should I say something? What should I say? Please help."

That's from Sore Pointer in DFW.

Are you here?

[Distant "Wooo!" from the audience]

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Hi!

Travis: What are you gonna say, like "Hey! You forgot my finger!"

Griffin: [cackles]

Justin: Yeah, if—

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: If you're ever wondering—

Travis: Aaaaaa! No skipsies!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: If you're ever wondering if you should ask your massage therapist for a specific part of your body to be deeply serviced, repeatedly, the answer is yes. [laughs] Obviously.

Audience: [laughter]

Travis: How else are they gonna know?!

Justin: How else will they know what you want?

Griffin: There's a zero percent chance that's a normal index finger here, right?

Travis: Yeah. I'm thinking, because I was thinking about it and if you get the other... Hand piggies, right?

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: And then you skip that one to go for thumb—

Griffin: Yeah...

Travis: It's harder to skip it than to just include it!

Griffin: Oh! Maybe the massage therapist... Is super excited to get to that fucking thumb!

[laughter]

Justin: Oh!

Travis: Yeah! Maybe it's not a bad pointer... Maybe it's an awesome thumb!

Justin: There you go, awesome thumb, yeah.

Griffin: There on the pinky like "Oh god, this is the hand! I'm almost there. Ring finger. Oh shit! Here— and the thumb is almost— middle finger. I can't take it anymore! I got to get to the fucking thumb!"

Travis and Justin: Aaaaaah!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: How cool is your thumb?

Griffin: It's a cool thumb, probably. Maybe they saw you do something with that finger!

Justin: Yeeeeeah!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Something evil!

Justin: That you legally have to tell us, this is a podcast. You have to tell us if you did something nasty.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: [In a strangely ominous voice] What did you do with your secret finger?

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: [In the same sort of voice] I see you met my finger.

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: What'd you do?

Travis: [laughs] Okay no, but really?

Griffin: sh—sh—sh—sh—sh... [whispers] What'd you do?

Audience: [laughs, then grows quiet]

Griffin: No answer, cool. No answer, the crime is unspeakable!

Justin: A terrible crime.

Travis: Or maybe it's just, um... Maybe your massage therapist is just making sure you're paying attention, and they're bummed out that you haven't mentioned the finger, like—

Griffin: Yeah, it's a test on you.

Travis: "I clearly skipped their finger!"

Justin: This is how these things start to erode, though. They skip the finger, you don't notice they skip two fingers, five fingers, the whole hand. The arm. The whole side of the body. Eventually you're paying \$60 and they slap you on the butt.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: And that's the whole massage.

Griffin: And they say "Good game, chief!"

Justin: "Good game, chief! Thanks for the 60 buckeroonies!"

Travis: "That's been an hour!"

"I don't think it has!"

"Do you know?"

"Fuck!"

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: It's, it's, it's... It could be accident though. You're body has so many parts! If you think about it.

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: Everybody, everybody close your eyes and try to list out all of the parts of your wonderful body.

Justin: At the top of your lungs. Just as loud as you possibly can!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Just as loud as you can.

Griffin: No no, good— Christ. We can't say stuff like that.

Justin: It's happened by my mouth four times.

Griffin: What?

Justin: That's not an accident. You don't miss the exact same part of the body over and over and over again.

Travis: That's true. If it was an accident they would miss different things, like "Oh didn't get my right foot that time!"

Griffin: Is your left index finger maybe—

Justin: Bad?

Griffin: Somehow... Bad? Or the same exact color of the fabric of the massage table that you're on?

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Do you have camo—finger?

Justin: Camo—finger?

Griffin: Do you have one camoflauge finger cause that would... Fucking do it... I just—

Travis: Do you have like a real shifty finger where they go for it and the finger just dodges out of the way.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, maybe they're trying to rub the finger but you instinctively pull it away because it's your weakest finger.

Justin: Did you lose your finger in a lawn mowing accident and now you have phantom finger?

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: Shit, oh.

Travis: Do you got phantom finger?

Justin: Ooh do you have phantom finger?

Travis: If so you have to tell us!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: You legally have to tell us, it's a podcast!

Griffin: How about a Yahoo?

Justin: Okay. I feel like we helped enough.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: This one was sent in my Graham Robuck. Thank you Graham. It's an anonymous Yahoo answers user. I'm gonna call them sk—sk—skal. Skalver. Skalver asks "Why are we don't see knights in this day in age? "

Justin: Hmm...

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: I assume you mean like... "K", knights.

Griffin: Yes Travis.

Travis: Not like "Why are don't we see beautiful starry nights?"

Griffin: Homophones. Good. Every time, they show up as a joke. The homophone tree is a giver. Ripe fruits on the homophone tree!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "Why are we don't we see knights in this day in age?"

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Mm—hmm. Maybe we do.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Okay.

"Griffin? Griffin it's me, the cops! You legally can't interrupt your brother for the next two minutes!"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah? Tsk, explain!

Justin: So Travis, maybe we do, go on.

Travis: I— okay. I am saying...

Justin: Hold on I'm looking at the timer! No bullshit.

Go!

Travis: I'm saying, that maybe when you see on like, a BuzzFeed like "Man Climbs down side of bridge to save puppy on the leg of the bridge" or whatever it's called. The bridge holder. The man saved it, and you're like Oh! What a good person and it's like no... This person's a knight. And the person who put that dog there is an evil knight.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Okay time in, I'm sorry. I made it a good 20 seconds, to my great credit. So...

Griffin: There were a lot of things in there that you kind of showed that you didn't know about.

Justin: [laughing]

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: Okay! The bridge one is a gimmie.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah the bridge is a gimme.

Travis: I know that that there's— bridge pillar? That's not right.

Griffin: Yup yup, that's it.

Travis: It doesn't feel right.

Justin: Hmm... So the... Were they a knight? Did they knight them? As a result of their actions? Or were they knights before—

Travis: No! They were knights before!

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: That's why they had to save the dog! They were walking home from the store. They see the dog down there and they're like "Aw, damn it."

Griffin: So then you—

Travis: And then they had to save the god damn dog!

Griffin: So the evil knight on his Google calendar...

Justin: [laughing]

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: Had a thing that said "Get dog" and another appointment right after that, that said "place dog gotten in previous G-cal entry, on top of bridge leg" ?

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: And so then—

Travis: [laughs] "Hope other knight doesn't come along and ruin this".

Griffin: That's it. Evil knight just walks under bridge and just like lifts a dog, puts it on top of the bridge leg and says "Oh, that's...That's good stuff."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "That's good evil, there!"

Justin: "I hope you're happy, evil Jesus! I've done your bidding!"

Travis: [laughs]

Travis: [In "Evil Jesus" voice] "I am, Justin!"

Griffin: [Also in "Evil Jesus" voice] "Good job, Justin!"

Travis: "I'm proud of you again!"

[both erupt into caricatures of evil laughter]

Griffin: So—

Travis: How else does the dog get there?

Griffin: Alright. We've had a lot of fun here—

Justin: "I'm up here turning wine into Clamato! Aaaaa!"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Walk on water? No! I walked on your mom's rug!" [Evil laughter]

Griffin: Why?!

Travis: "The one that's just for guests!"

Justin: "Just for guests and I wore my shoes!" [Evil laughter]

Travis: "I do petty evil teases!"

Justin: "I found Lazarus— and I killed him! Ha haaa!" Some of the miracles, of Evil Jesus.

Griffin: Sure.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs] To be fair: Killing somebody really isn't a miracle!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: That's easy!

Griffin: "They gave me five fish and three loaves of bread, and I scrummied down on that shit!"

Travis: "Deeelicious!"

Griffin: " Yum yum yum yum yum!"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Okay. Listen. We all went to a Southern Baptist church for a long time, we can list out all the miracles.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Don't mean to brag.

Why the fuck aren't there knights in this day and age? Travis's shit was not real. Was not in the realm of realness.

Travis: Well...

Justin: There are... Doesn't the... Elton John's a knight, right? Aren't there modern—

Travis: I don't think he's the same kind of knight?

Griffin: No he is! If they—[laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: No he is.

Justin: He is, he is, he is.

Griffin: If they go to war, the queen calls him up, is like "Alright. Strap up!"

Travis: Alright.

Griffin: "It's go time!"

Justin: "Saturday nights are right for fighting! Let's fucking do this!"

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: "You made a fucking promise. It's go time, Elton!"

Justin: "You're going to space to claim Mars, Rocketman."

Griffin: "Prove it!"

Griffin: What other songs—

Justin: "You're so tough..."

Griffin: He did a lot of fun songs. You can use your father's gun, so he'd a... He had another song called "My Father's—" [laughs]

Travis: "Take a Crocodile with you!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "Sorry, Sir Elton, this is the circle of life! This is the way these things go."

From Lion King?

Travis: Uh—huh.

Griffin: Yeah.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Alright here's another question. "Whenever I'm invited to someone's house to hang out, I always bring some kind of food. This feels like the polite thing to do in exchange for hospitality. The problem is, no one ever seems to eat what I bring. My chips and queso go ignored, and I'm left picking at it by myself."

Oh man, I didn't read that part! [laughs] That's so sad! Okay.

"So my question is: How can I enjoy these snacks without looking like I just brought them for myself? Or what can I do to get my friends to enjoy these snackums with me?"

That's from Eating Alone in Austin.

Griffin: This seems like a win—win to me. Either your friends enjoy your tasty meal or you get to eat like a pound of queso.

Travis: Yeah. And are you do— Okay. If we're all being honest with ourselves...

Justin: And let's. And let's.

Travis: When you present the queso, are you really selling it or you're like "Anybody want this— oh great this is for me!" [Eating noises]

Griffin: That's it! "Anybody want this—"

Travis: "You know what I think I will—"
[Eating noises continue]

Griffin: "Who wants this stinky, shitty queso? Nobody?" [more eating noises]

Justin: Yeah we didn't— I didn't, like I said, didn't see the part where you picked at it. If you're holding it in your arms the entire time—

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: "Come get some queso! Anybody want some of this?"

Griffin: "Who wants to fucking wrestle me for queso?!"

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: "Come in for a chip hug!"

Justin: There's some parties that you bring food to, there's some parties that you don't. You can't just decide as a guest, that it's a party everybody's bringing food to.

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: The host won't know. If I was a— okay. There's a lot of foods that you can eat without knowing the contents of. Queso is at the very bottom of the list.

Griffin: Yes!

Justin: You start with queso, then you work up from there. If I'm the host of this party, I'm gonna see that and walk over to my friends like "Hey I didn't... That's not my queso."

[laughter]

Justin: "I don't know umm... I don't know when that queso showed up. I wouldn't... I wouldn't eat that queso. I don't know where it—"

Travis: And in fact, I wouldn't even say that I'm 100% sure it's queso.

Justin: It may not be queso.

Griffin: They don't make transparent cheese.

Travis: What if it's— What if they brought queso and no chips?

Audience: [laughter]

Justin: "It's just! Surely, you have chips somewhere! There's a whole bowl right there in front of you! Look at it! The gelatinous sauce. Enjoy this cheese flavor!"

Travis: Maybe it's just pre-queso. Like it has to be microwaved.

Justin: Gross.

Griffin: Yuck.

Justin: Um. Why is it gross? It is gross though.

Travis: No, you don't like cheese!

Justin: It's raw queso, is what you're saying. Um, did... Where'd you put it?

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Because there's tables where food can go, that it is communal, but if you open— if you put it under the sink and close it, no one's gonna eat that queso.

Travis: This, okay— this is an excellent point, cause if you walk in and you put it by like, the table by the front door where you keep your keys and mail, if I walked in and saw queso there I'd be like "Well that's for trick—or—treaters!"

Griffin: Yeah!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: They are going to a queso party, after this party.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Right!

Travis: No, no. It's for later if I saw it on someone's bedside table I'd be like "Oh, that's their night time queso."

Griffin: Yes. Similar point, what are you serving it out of? Because if you're using it on like a, you know something from the Martha Stewart collection, like a nice oak tray with polished metal handles. Now hopefully a bowl also, and not just sort of loose queso slip—sliding around there.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Now we're talking! If you serve it out of a big toilet that you just got from the Lowes, and you wheel in on a wheelbarrow or something...

Justin: Do you remember for a period in the 80's when everybody brought everything in Shedd Spread Country crock Containers?

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Is that just our family? I guess.

Griffin: I have a Yahoo here. It's from Merit Palmer, thank you Merit.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: It's a— woo! Yahoo answers user "AlvPal", who asks: "Why isn't my fruits and vegetable blog getting views?"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Yup.

Griffin: I made it—aw dang.

Justin: Aw beans!

Griffin: Aw beans! It's aw beans on this. Aw beans.

"I made a blog to talk about how I love fruits and veggies. Spent \$150 to get it started."

Sorry. Spent \$150...

Justin: Dollars?!

Griffin: Somethings, to get it started.

Justin: Beans!

[laughter]

Travis: "I made a deal with a guy for a cow!"

Griffin: "Spent \$150 to get it started. I even made a recipe involving putting cheese on broccoli."

Travis: [laughs] The ultimate sacrifice!

Griffin: You poor cheese!

Justin: "Ugh I hate to do this to these good veggies, but... It'll get the clicks!"

Audience: [laughter]

Justin: "I can't believe I ruined the broccoli for this!"

Griffin: "Sleep now, my sweet green prince!"

Justin: "My grandma's broccoli! Don't look! It's been in my family for years."

Travis: "I'll do whatever you want!"

Justin: "It's an heirloom! Broccoli."

Travis: And heirloom tomatoes.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

"I am not getting supporters. How to get 'poppuler'?"

[grumbles]

They spelled it super wrong.

Justin: Alert! I'd like to say something.

Griffin: Yes?

Justin: And. It's this: S. E. Okra.

Griffin: Okay!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Justin didn't know how he was gonna get that one in—

Justin: I just wanted to say "S. E. Okra"!

Griffin: Thank yooou.

Justin: Because S.E.O is search engine optimization. These people got it already, so you all don't listen, okay?

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Y'all go to the lobby and get yourselves a snack and come back in ten.

Justin: Okra! [laughs] Take it back.

Griffin: Hey. How the fuck did you spend \$150 dollars on your vegetables website? My friend?

Travis: Maybe it was in buying the vegetables.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: What are you supposed to do? Have a vegetables website without any vegetables on it? Come on!

Griffin: [laughs] I'm imagining somebody with a... Van of potatoes. Just—

Travis: "How many potatoes can I get for this many?"

Griffin: Just taking them and placing them around the modem, like...

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Do something!"

Griffin: Go! Go! Go guys! Go! Go!

Justin: Maybe they like vegetables too much.

Griffin: Screaming at the modem "I like these!"

Justin: "These are good!"

Travis: No I guarantee this person paid like, I don't know, the cool neighborhood kid like \$150 to start them a blog, like they said they would—

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And they're like "How's the website doing?"

And they're like "Mmm, not a lot of clicks."

Justin: "How many clicks?"

Travis: "I think I need another \$20!"

Justin: "If you give me another \$20, I can—"

Maybe they like vegetables too much on the blog. Have y'all noticed when you read a recipe for vegetables—

Travis: Do you want to do this at the stand mic?

Justin: No they love vegetables already. Do you ever notice, when you read an online recipe for vegetables, after they write 3000 words about how supportive their husband is, you get to—

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: You get to the part where they talk about vegetables and it's always like "These taste exactly like hot buttered popcorn." And it's like umm... I don't think so! Actually, I don't actually think that but it does make me feel guilty for not enjoying vegetables as much as they do. So maybe this blog is like making people feel bit put on the spot.

Travis: I would pay \$150 for a vegetable website where like the headline of the recipe is like "Do you want to make vegetables palatable? This is fun, this is as close to good as like— it doesn't taste like hot butted popcorn, but it doesn't not taste like hot buttered popcorn."

Griffin: Right, right. You are all missing the fucking point of this artist's website!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: They're not making a blog about how to make tasty vegetables. I made a blog to talk about how I love fruits and veggies!

Justin: [laughs] That is a little narrow, narrowly targeted.

Griffin: "Hail! Weary internet traveller! Greg again. This time: Asparagus!"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "Love to eat it, but my pee: what?! Hahaha— little joke!"

Justin: "Like and subscribe!"

Griffin: "Like... This post as much as I like asparagus. Next week, kiwi fruits!"

Justin: "Spoiler alert: Like them!"

Griffin: "Like them!"

Travis: "How much? A lot!"

Griffin: "A lot."

Travis: "Tee—hee, emoji."

Justin: Tee—hee. That's the whole post.

"Damn it! I used all my content for next week!"

Travis: "I've burned it already! Anyways, support me on Patreon!"

Griffin: "Thanks!"

Travis: "I need to recoup some expenses. Necessary expenses, alright?"

Justin: "Necessary expenses!"

Travis: "Necessary expenses. Kiwis don't buy themselves."

Justin: That's right.

Travis: "Not yet! Read on!"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "I'm Jeff Bezos and these are my new self—buying kiwi fruits!"

Travis: "Why isn't anyone liking this blog? This is what I started to compete with Amazon."

Griffin: Alright.

Justin: Alright.

Griffin: I don't know why I said alright, it's your turn to read a question.

Justin: "I am a first time plant dad. My hanging ivy has lived for about a year and a half, so far. I'm not sure how, because I've not changed it's soil since buying it."

Alright I was waiting to see what the reaction to that was, cause I don't actually know if that's—

Griffin: I heard no gasps, yeah.

Justin: I actually don't know if that's something, or not.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Can I get a quick... Actually, before we move on can get a quick round of applause if that's something?

Audience: [small applause]

Justin: Thank you.

Travis: Okay! That wasn't enough for it to be a thing.

Justin: Okay wait, now stop! Can I get a quick round of applause if you have no fucking idea?

Audience: [loud, enthusiastic applause]

Justin: Okay, perfect. So... It sounds like it's something. [laughs] If I add those two together, I think that's literally everybody in here. Okay...

"I have not changed it's soil since buying it, and I often forget to water it. Potting soil is expensive and difficult to move when you walk everywhere."

They put that in parentheses. Does not address the watering issue, but okay. Fine. That's fine.

Griffin: And also water is... Expensive? I have nothing.

Justin: Nope.

"However, on my route home, they are building a bowling alley. A bowling alley with a few trees and planters. My question is, how do I steal some of that sweet brown stuff for my struggling plant son?" Dirt Bandit in DFW.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Are you worried that someday your plant will find out?

Griffin: [laughs] "I'll feel dirty!"

[laughter]

Justin: Well.

Griffin: Well.

Justin: Well—

Griffin: Hey are you here?

[distant woo in the audience]

Griffin: This is the best fucking short story I've ever read in my entire life.

Audience: [cheers and laughs]

Griffin: When the bowling alley showed up, who here was like "Okay?"

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: Twist!

Griffin: Are you taking the plant... Bowling? Fuck yeah!

Travis: There's a— Isn't there a Denzel Washington movie where his kid is sick and so he robs a hospital? This is like that but the stakes are like down here!

Griffin: Way lower.

Justin: I mean, here's an option. I mean steal the dirt, don't steal the dirt. You only go around once. But one option would be to bring your plant son back to the bowling alley and plant them there. If you love something, you gotta let it go and maybe this is... You clearly are, if you'll excuse me... A delinquent plant parent—

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: I understand the soil expense issue fair enough. The watering thing is hard to get past.

Griffin: But maybe there's a bowling alley employee out there with a heart of gold and a thumb of green!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Who can step in where you've so clearly fucked up.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: I would also say if I was a landscaper who was putting stuff in, and I saw someone doing this, like "Hey what are you doing?"

And they're like "I'm planting a plant here."

I'd be like well that's 10% less work for me to do! "Perfect! Sounds great!"

Justin: "Excellent, thanks for the help. I appreciate it."

I mean... Don't steal the dirt. If you—

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: That'd be the worst thing to go to prison for, by the way!

Griffin: No it's not! You wouldn't fucking go to prison cause it's dirt and you can't own that. God owns it, but also—

Travis: We all watched Pocahontas!

Justin: It is weird how if it's dirt, it's on the floor it's like "Ugh god, clean it up!" If you put the dirt in bag, that'll be \$8. Like why?

Travis: Yeah, good point guys.

Griffin: You wouldn't go to jail for it. What would happen would be way worse! The stigma associated with somebody seeing you rob dirt... Is some next level shit!

Travis: "Hey what're you doing?"

"Uhhh..."

"And why?!"

Justin: "Taking uhhh, a sample."

Griffin: There it is.

Justin: "We've had reports in the area of ash beetles."

Travis: "You're doing a really good job at this!"

Justin: "I'm testing this at home."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "No wait! My lab! My lab! My lab!"

Travis: "My home lab!"

Griffin: "Do you really need that much dirt for your test? You're taking a good wheelbarrow full there."

Justin: "Hey listen. If you are an expert on ash beetles, like me, Dr... Ash..."

[laughter]

Justin: "Beetle... Steen... Then you can do the rigorous tests."

Travis: "Well, that all tracks!"

Griffin: "Yup! Anyway!"

Travis: "Nothing suspish here!"

Justin: "Sounds good, sounds good."

Travis: "Anything I can do to help? Do you need any money?"

Justin: "I just... Want to walk away."

Travis: "Are you peeing your pants?"

Justin: "It's a different test."

Griffin: "It's part of the test."

Travis: "It keeps the beetles away!"

Griffin: "It's a base level for the PH balance. I have to... It's the control."

Hey. Why are they building a bowling alley?

Justin: Hey yeah! Wait, huh?

Griffin: It's 2018!

Alright. I guess people here want more bowling alleys! I'm not saying it's bad to have more bowling alleys, I'm saying aren't there enough bowling alleys?

Travis: To be fair, we do come from a city in West Virginia where there's at least two empty, waiting for someone, bowling alleys.

Justin: Nah nah nah, they closed own Colonial Lanes. Didn't you hear?

Travis: But it's still there, right?

Justin: I mean yeah, you can fucking bust in the windows and go bowling...

Travis: No but that's what I saying is you don't need to build a new bowling alley if you want to own a bowling alley.

Justin: You can clear away some of the ivy and bowl in there I guess, if you want.

Travis: You can have last of us bowling, but if I say like "This is my bowling alley now", I feel like it is.

Griffin: Do you would like... Do you would like a Yahoo? I'm becoming a yahoo answer!

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: Umm... Yes. Unless you want me to just—

Griffin: The fucking audience even knows you're not going to let me get through it.

Audience: [cheering and shouting]

Justin: [Singing] Throw your clothes under the bed...

Audience: [cheering louder]

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Justin: [singing] And wait for me by the tree.

I'm gonna swing, sing "Jingle Bells" to your head!

That's a Christmas to me! That's a Christmas to me!

That's a Christmas to me.

Making love in the light of a tree!

Travis: Okay, I was gonna ask!

Justin: That's a Christmas to me!

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Pass me a glass of that mulled wine.

Been twenty years, since we've been like this!

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: And yet it feels oh so fine!

We're under the mistletoe, let's kiss!

That's a Christmas to me!

That's a Christmas to me!

You and me and a little bit of holly,

That's a Christmas to me.

So this is a segment—

Audience: [cheering and applause]

Justin: This is a holiday special—

Travis: That was a fucking journey!

Griffin: Yeah I wanna explore it before we get into this great segment "That's a Christmas to Me". Let's explore what happened in that song!
[laughs]

Travis: Cause I was... I was a little thrown at the beginning when you said "Throw your clothes under the bed."

Griffin: Yeah, so you first take off your—

Travis: And "I'll see you by the tree."

Justin: Paul. Paul I need another drink. Paul if you can hear me, Paul I need another drink, I need—

Griffin: "Let's throw our clothes... Let's throw our clothes not just on the floor as we prepare to make love, but do scoop them right under the bed. By the way, we haven't done this in twenty years."

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: Thanks Paul.

Travis: "It's been twenty years since we've been like this."

Justin: You don't have to "Tom Cruise and Cocktail" it for me, I'll just blend it myself. Thanks old friend.

[sound of beverage being opened]

Justin: Okay. Just gonna ride it out.

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: So in the segment "That's a Christmas to Me"—

Griffin: Travis don't look at the ipad!

Justin: Don't look at the ipad.

Travis: Oh okay.

Justin: It doesn't matter, you wouldn't be able to tell. In the segment "That's a Christmas to Me",—

Travis: How you doing Griffin?

Griffin: Great.

Justin: I read the description of two Hallmark Christmas films that are real, and one that I created in my mind's eye.

Griffin: Now, if you are a listener of My Brother My Brother and Me and are not familiar with this segment, it's because it's one episode old so don't worry that you've missed a lot.

Justin: Technically speaking, it's one day old. But it's only a holiday segment so I gotta get a lot in.

Travis: Yeah, he can't do this in say, I don't know, any other month of the year.

Justin: Right. Okay, so. Here we go,

And by the way, we're gonna take a poll. If you actually know the answer, please don't vote because it will spoil. Okay.

Travis: Unlike a lot of elections, if you know the right thing, don't vote.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: First film is "Switched for Christmas".

Travis: Switched?

Justin: "Switched for Christmas."

Travis: Not "A Switch for Christmas?"

Justin: "Just because they are identical does not mean these twins even like each other. Estranged twin sisters played by Candace Cameron-Bure, get together—", that's right—

Griffin: Say that last name one more?

Justin: Candace Cameron-Bure.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: That's Candace Cameron's new name, Candace Cameron-Bure.

“Estranged twin sisters get together for an obligatory pre—christmas lunch a year after their mother’s death. Sorry, both women are unhappy and frustrated with their own lives. Though not close, each is envious of the other’s life.”

Griffin: It’s a nasty Christmas movie!

Justin: “What’s a twin to do but to take advantage of this? And who would be the wiser? They do what any identical twins in need of new outlooks would do; they swap lives until Christmas day.”

Griffin: That’s a fucked up thing to say about identical twins.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: “And by doing so, each woman discovers the true meaning of her life, and gains a deeper perspective and appreciation for what she already had.” That’s... “Switched for Christmas.”

Griffin: That sucks so bad! The plot of it sucked and the way it was written was quite bad, so I hope that one wasn’t yours.

Travis: Also I would say... If that movie is real—

Justin: Yeah. Yup.

Travis: 100% chance is there’s a scene with a husband involved, of like “Hey honey. Let’s make love tonight.”

“Oh no! it’s my twin sister’s husband!” And that’s in there, right?

Griffin: Oh and also no disrespect! But nobody has ever said “We’re making a movie, I would love to get Candace Cameron in it. Twice!”

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: How is that supposed to be “No disrespect”? Ah, “no disrespect?”

Justin: Fairly disrespectful. Can I move on?

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: The next film is called "A Shoe Addict's Christmas".

[all laughing]

Justin: "As Christmas approaches, Noel, played by Candace Cameron-Bure—"

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: "Is at a crossroads in her life when it seems like love, a connection with her father, and her dream career are out of reach. When she stays late at her job in a department store on a snowy Christmas Eve she accidentally gets locked in after closing. She isn't too concerned at the prospect of spending the night in the store, until a quirky women appears out of nowhere in the shoe department, and tells Noel that she's her guardian angel.

Soon, Noel finds herself revisiting Christmas's past, present, and future. She must work with her new neighbor, a handsome Christmas loving firefighter—"

[all laughing]

Justin: "To plan the annual..."

Griffin: [hysterically laughing]

Travis: How would you describe yourself in three descriptive terms?

Justin: If they work together—

Griffin: "There's a fucking Christmas tree in that apartment, no!"

Justin: "Not like this, Jesus!"

Griffin: "Not like this! Jesus, god who I love for Christmas!"

Justin: "The annual Christmas Charity Gala. Will visiting the holidays of yesterday and tomorrow help Noel take new chances and discover the true spirit of Christmas?"

Griffin: [laughing still]

Justin: "And realizing the only thing standing in her way of leading a fulfilling life is herself? Will the love she has longed for all her life be the best surprise gift of all?"

And that is "A Shoe Addict's Christmas" starring Candace Cameron-Bure and as her guardian angel, Jean Smart.

Travis: Hmm.

Griffin: Hmm.

Justin: Last film. "A Tailor Made Christmas" .

"New York fashion designer Grace Preston, played by Candace Cameron-Bure."

Audience: [applause and laughs]

Justin: "Isn't thrilled about spending the holidays in her tiny hometown of Charity Falls, Wisconsin. But when the dress for her stepsister Ana's Christmas Eve wedding is lost in shipping, Grace is guilted into crafting a last minute replacement by their overbearing mother played by Mary Margret Humes." Who ya'll remember of course from "Dawson's Creek."

Travis: Ah.

Justin: "Grace is making the best of a bad situation, until she meets the best man at a pre—wedding luncheon and learns it's none other than her high school boyfriend Brad Phillips.

After a college football injury ended his dreams of going pro, Brad turned his attention to Tailor Made: a charity that provides hand crafted business attire to homeless men and women heading to job interviews. Brad is kind, caring and intelligent but he's also put down roots in Charity Falls. As Christmas Eve approaches, Grace must choose between a life with Brad and following her dreams in the fashion industry."

Griffin: Fuck!

Justin: These are three films.

Griffin: I can't fucking believe one is not real!

Justin: One...

Travis: Those are all so good!

Justin: They're all Christmas to me.

Griffin: They're really good.

Travis: I mean not "good".

Griffin: No, they're quite bad. Okay listen.

Justin: They're all a Christmas to me—

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: But I wanna know which is the one that is a Christmas to ME.

Griffin: Should we take audience poll first? Or should we—

Justin: No. I wanna hear you two—

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Before they bias you.

Griffin: The first one, Switched at Christmas, has to be real because I know there's more than one of that exact movie that exists out there. So if there's more than one, this is probably among the crew.

Travis: [sighs]

Griffin: I have my guess, Travis.

Justin: But if I found two Candace Cameron-Bure movies... Boy, a good punch line would be a movie with two of her in the same film. That would be a good punch line.

Travis: Hmmm, no no no! No, I'm... Okay I've got mine.

Griffin: I got mine.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: I'm gonna "Shoe Addict's Christmas" .

Griffin: Mine is also "Shoe Addict's Christmas" is fake.

Justin: "Shoe Addict's Christmas" is fake? Uh, let's take a quick—

Griffin: I think there was a lot of diversion in there, like you say "Oh and it's got Jean Smart."

Justin: Okay, we're gonna take a quick poll from the audience. The first, we're just gonna do just by cheers. First film was "Switched at Christmas". Round of applause if you think that's fake.

Audience: [medium applause]

Justin: Okay. Second film was “A Shoe Addict’s Christmas”. Round of applause if you think that’s fake.

Audience: [louder applause]

Justin: Okay, thank you. Our third film was “A Tailor Made Christmas”. A round of applause if you think that’s fake.

Audience: [Similar, quite loud applause]

Justin: Hmm. The film that I made up—well Sydney made up mainly, but I helped—is “A Tailor Made Christmas”! It was a fake.

Audience: [cheering]

Griffin: God!

Travis: Argh! Fuck! “Switched for Christmas” is real?!

Justin: “Switched for Christmas” is so fucked, because one of the women has two children.

“I can’t deal with these idiots. I can’t deal with these idiots at Christmas. Bye! Bye!”

Griffin: [laughs hysterically]

Justin: “I’m living at my sister’s Deborah’s apartment and loving it!”

“Hey idiots. Mom’s gone. Bye! Enjoy my kids for Christmas!”

Travis: Have you and Sydney thought about pitching movies to the Hallmark channel?

Justin: She’s got a gift, honestly. A lot of this is like [laughs]
You know that scene where Sally Aerie is like, throwing the music around like “How does he do it?” That’s me typing these down.

Sydney's like "And then! Candace Cameron—Bure is like—". Like this women, the mother of my children was dictating scenes to me that would be in the movie, if she filled it out to a spec script.

Audience: [laughter]

Justin: She was like there would fully be a scene where her company is like "Good news! Bloomingdale's loves your new collection, but they want to see more by New Year's Eve so we need you back here immediately." And she would then have to choose—

Travis: The name of the city was Charity Falls, right?

Justin: Charity Falls, Wisconsin yeah.

Griffin: That should've been the giveaway, right there.

Travis: No actually I thought that was so Hallmark! That it was about a charity, by—

Justin: But it's not a giveaway! The woman in the last film was called Noel! Like it's not a giveaway, they're all like this! Half the towns in these fucking movies are Christmas! Christmas town, Christmas city. Christmasburg!

Travis: [laughing] I live in Christmas Eve town!

[money zone theme plays]

Travis: Hello party people, and welcome, Thank you for listening to this episode—

Griffin: Ugh Travis, ugh Travis—

Travis: You've heard so much of it already.

Griffin: Aw help me Travis.

Travis: Oh no, Griffin what's wrong?

Griffin: I busted my gut. Laughing at this great episode, and all the great jokes that we had at Austin, Texas.

Travis: I've heard of it, yes.

Griffin: And my favorite, and so now we are... Going to tell you about our sponsors. The tragic thing is, I've clicked away from where the list of the sponsors is.

Travis: Well, can I say Griffin, if you have injured yourself, might I recommend laying down on this Casper mattress?

Griffin: No, no. Gotta go to the hospital. Did you not hear me? My tummy busted open, Trav. I've got, I've got sepsis.

Travis: Because I have found that when I am injured and want to rest and recuperate, well, there's no place better to do that than my Casper mattress.

This is true, the other day, and listen I'm not a doctor. The other day, my hand hurt really bad. I think I'd injured it signing posters and books and stuff at the Awesome show.

Griffin: God, so fucking bougie.

Travis: And I laid down, I took a nap. Half hour. When I woke up my hand was completely healed. So I attribute that to—

Griffin: Christ-like, these mattresses are!

Travis: That's what I'm saying. They're the holy ghost of mattresses.

Griffin: Oh that's great.

Travis: Thank you. And you can check them out now. They offer affordable prices because Casper cuts out the middleman and sells directly to the consumer. Casper brand mattresses combined multiple supportive memory

foams for quality sleep service, with the right amounts of both sink and bounce

Griffin: It's eight sink and fourteen bounce. That's the correct ratio.

Travis: That's it! Oh well. Griffin you gave away, ugh.

Griffin: Oh shit. Secret family recipe...

Travis: And you can be sure of your purchase with Casper's 100 night risk-free sleep on it trial, so get \$50 towards select mattresses by visiting Casper.com/brother and using the promo code "brother" at checkout. Terms and conditions apply.

Griffin: Can I tell you about some 'shtamps'?

Travis: Yes please.

Griffin: Could I tell you about a little bit about 'shtamps'?

Travis: Please, tell me about shtamps.

Griffin: Listen, it's the holidays and around the holiday's times, is when you must use shtamps the most. On your boxes and your letters.

Travis: To Santa!

Griffin: To Santer-Clause. He loves receiving your letters. And—

Travis: If you don't put stamps on them though, he shreds them.

Griffin: He shreds them, you get put on the naughty list, which is just a short walk to the hell list.

Travis: Yeah. And also the no-fly list.

Griffin: And the no-fly list. But if you put it on, if you put the shtamps on the letters to Santa, you get TSA pre-check. Just like that.

Travis: That's right!

Griffin: So stamps.com is great, it's very convenient. I hate leaving the house for virtually any reason and shtamps.com is there for me cause they have, the you know technology that they give to you so that your house technically becomes a post office. You gotta be careful, those people are going to come to you wanting to buy stamps.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: And I think that's illegal for you to open up a secret stamps resale market? So maybe I shouldn't even mention that possibility in this, an advertisement for stamps.

Travis: It is convenient though cause your bread box will become a P.O box, so that's nice.

Griffin: It is nice. Anyway, stamps.com can help save you a bunch of time during the holiday season. You can buy and print official U.S postage for any letter, any package, any class of mail using computer and printer. Then the mail carrier picks it up and you don't have to go to the post office! You're gonna save a bunch of time, you're gonna save a bunch of money.

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Travis: This message is for Michael, and it's from Rebecca.

"Michael! Felix says "Er? Dedy,Hiii!" Which, in Bubba speak means that we both love you and your poopy butt bones a whole lot—"

Griffin: Don't hey, come on.

Travis: It's what it says!

Griffin: Hey some of us suffer from poopy butt bones, and you don't gotta make it sound jovial. That was a sad sentence, Travis.

Travis: [in a more solemn tone of voice] "Love you and your poopy butt bones a whole lot."

Griffin: Thank you.

Travis: "Thanks for letting me harass you all the time you sweet birdie. Now please remember to Febreeze the bathroom when you come out."

Griffin: I mean...

Travis: There's a lot in there.

Griffin: Yeah a lot about his poopy butt bones and sort of the issues that Rebecca has with them, but I guess now Michaels gonna take that stuff a little bit more seriously.

Travis: But who's Felix? Who is Bubba? Who are these characters?

Griffin: Don't matter.

Here's one for Lewen, and it's from Taylor and Ginger who say:

"Happy 22nd birth from your—"

Woah! 22? That's it. You beat the Duggars, right? That's a lot of births!

"From your two best buds. We've spent 16 of your birthdays together but I'm still sorry I missed the first five, and Ginger, the first 16. You are a strong, beautiful, bespectacled bear and one smart cookie. Thanks for sticking with us in life and DnD, even though you forced Ginger to flirt with you as a southern fantasy sheriff. We love you!"

Griffin: Uh, been there done that, huh?

Travis: Wait, was Ginger the fantasy sheriff, or was Lewen?

Griffin: I think all of them were. I think they were doing a Deadwood, but they were all playing the handsome man. You know?

Travis: Oh yeah. I just think I would like to see this game where a fantasy sheriff was like "Flirt with me! Come on!"

Griffin: Deadwood was just sort of a bunch of nasty men looking very, sort of bedraggled. But then the one handsome man does come to town, and just goes around being all handsome. I haven't seen all of the show but that's what I remember of it.

Travis: In Deadwood, are you talking about Timothy Omudson is the handsome man?

Griffin: I'm talking about Timothy Olyphant, as the handsome man.

Travis: Ooh.

Griffin: So anyway, this is for nobody—

Travis: We can debate that later.

Griffin: Sure, and Travis is gonna read the last one.

Travis: This is for Gabriel and it's from Kelly.

"Happy all events and holidays that fall on the first half of 2018!"

Well we missed that.

Griffin: Yup. That would be right.

Travis: "There's no one else I would want to share this crazy life with, whether it's going to Taiwan, a train trip to Texas for the Cotton Bowl, or yelling at the Lions every Sunday. I love you more than anything."

Oh no they got lions outside their house, Griffin.

Griffin: I know, but they got, they read the right books, cause yelling at them's the best way to fight the lions.

Travis: You gotta yell and you gotta make yourself look big.

Griffin: Yeah, and you gotta yell stuff like "I hate lions! I hate them!"

Travis: "Oh lions smell like poopy butt bones!"

Griffin: Can we not!

Travis: I'm so sorry Griffin. Um, so I hope you all enjoyed these jumbotrons, because they are the last.

Griffin: Oh, yeah! [laughs]

Travis: They are the last of the jumbotrons!

Griffin: Uh yes, we are changing shit up, and it's weird that we're doing this without Justin here. But yes, we are going to stop doing jumbotrons both on My Brother My Brother and Me, and Adventure Zone. We are going to continue doing them on our other shows, because the reality of the situation is that selling them on our shows has become a very, very, um,—

Travis: Competitive?

Griffin: Unbelievably difficult and competitive and disappointing process for virtually everybody involved, and... Yeah. We've enjoyed doing them and it's been a fun way to interact with y'all as we keep going on, but now we have lots of fun ways to interact with y'all, and so we are putting them to bed. Now the money zone's going to be a little bit tighter, which I'm sure a

lot of people are gonna be also excited about, and um yes. Big programming update.

Travis: Also thank you all for listening to this show. You won't hear us again. We have some big things coming up this week, so make sure you pay attention to the—

Griffin: Oh shit, yeah.

Travis: Yeah dude, to the My Brother My Brother and Me twitter account so you don't miss it.

Griffin: For real, we say shit like that all the time. It's going to be a pretty big week. Again, I can't believe Justin's not here.

Travis: Yeah, so make sure you keep an eye on that cause there's some stuff coming up, and you can preorder The Adventure Zone graphic novel at theadventurezonecomic.com.

Griffin: We did a lot of this shit at the end of the live show—

Travis: I know, but I just thought we—

Griffin: Let's just get back to it, yeah yeah yeah. Alright well, Yeah keep your eye locked on the tweetos and we'll... We'll catch ya later.

[Upbeat Music Plays]

Rachel: Hi, this is Rachel McElroy.

Griffin: Hello, this is Griffin McElroy.

Rachel: And this is wonderful!

Griffin: It's a podcast we do as uh, we are married and—how's the ad going, so far? Cause I think it's going very good.

Rachel: [laughs]

We talk about things we like, every week on Wednesdays.

Griffin: One time Rachel talked about pumpernickel bread, it was so tight! You cannot afford to miss her talking about this sweet brown bread.

Rachel: We also talk about music, and poems, and you know, weather!

Griffin: There was one—the weather?

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: One time Rachel talked about “Baby Beluga” the song for like 14 minutes and it just really blew my hair back.

Rachel: [laughs] So check us out on maximumfun.org.

Griffin: It’s a cool podcast with chill vibes. Amber is the color of our energy, is what all the iTunes reviews say.

Rachel: They will now!

[Upbeat Music Fades]

Griffin: How bout a Yahoo answer?

Justin: Yeah.

Audience: [cheering]

Griffin: This one was sent in by a lot of people. Thank you everybody, who got a hand on this ball. It’s from Yahoo answer’s user “NoSummerTime” who asks... I’ll wait for Justin.

[yelling] “Why the hell don’t I like potato salad?”

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "I love potatoes. Baked, French fries, mashed, hashed browns, grilled, side-dish things. But the potato salad tastes like ass to me. Wtf is wrong with me? It angers me and makes me wanna punch someone in the face."

Justin: [chirping noise] It's the mayonnaise!

Travis: Justin says mayonnaise!

Justin: I buzzed in first [chirping noise] It's the mayonnaise, mayonnaise tastes bad. In things like that, it's the mayonnaise. [chirping noise] The reason you don't like it, is mayonnaise is a weird thing to bind something with, and the reason you don't like it is the mayonnaise.

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: Come at me.

Griffin: You didn't leave... You didn't leave us much air to breath in the bit zone.

Travis: Maybe it's not mayonnaise!

Griffin: Yay!

Travis: Waka waka waka! [laughs]

Griffin: I mean I do wanna pitch this from Yahoo answers user... [keyboard smash—like sputtering], who says "There are lots of ways to make potato salad. The one you have tasted probably wasn't very good. No big deal. Punching someone because you don't like potato salad is a bit over the top. The only one at fault here is you for not liking it. Punch yourself if you must!"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Anyway, that's my new SNL character, the guy who takes Yahoo answers literally.

Griffin: Well, the question asker really liked it because they decided this was the best answer. There's a—

Travis: I love the idea of tasting some food and being like oh I don't like this. Don't blame that on anyone but yourself.

Griffin: Yeah, I will say that Yahoo answers user "NoSummerTime" does not like potato salad. They do like a slice of humble pie. Cause that's what they were served up. They gobbled it down and said "You're right."

Travis: "You know, you're right. That was over the top. I should have not—"

Griffin: "I'm the asshole."

Travis: "I'm the one who tastes like ass now."

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: It could be the coldness of the potato. You don't eat a cold potato most of the time, huh?

Travis: [laughing]

Griffin: It's probably the mayonnaise. There's nothing else, it's just that it's definitely the mayonnaise.

Travis: It's gotta be the mayonnaise.

Justin: Mayonnaise is like a Phish song. Now hold on. Listen really carefully, cause this part won't be in the show.

Because it won't be funny, but it's true. Mayonnaise is like a Phish song. If you listen to "Kill Devil Falls" right? Or "Free" or any other great Phish track, on the album and its three minutes and thirty seconds long you're like that was great! Great song construction, great recording, fantastic. You see them live, it's 30 minutes long. That's enough, thank you. If you have a little bit of mayonnaise on a thing, ooooh!

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: Ooooh! Yeah!

Griffin: I don't remember sandwiches being this wet! That's fun!

Justin: Ooooh! Welcome to the—

Travis: It's not like sloppy-sloppy, but ooooh!

Justin: Oooh!

Griffin: It's a little bit wetter than I remember!

Justin: It's a little bit, it's a little bit indulgent?

[all three, continue to "Ooooh!"]

Justin: And then there's like, a line. And it's the seven minute mark of the "Kill Devil Falls" you know, Sioux City Falls, Iowa version of the song. They've got them all on Spotify, and you listen to it for 17 minutes and—

Griffin: Hey real quick, so real quick—yeah.

Justin: And you're like that's enough mayonnaise!

Griffin: Hey Juice? Are you real into Phish? Cause what the fuck, bud?

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: You gotta tell us this shit!

Justin: It was improvisational comedy.

Griffin: It wasn't! You knew a lot about Phish, friend!

Travis: You knew a lot about Phish!

Justin: Alright, here's the tip-off that I pulled out of my ass. I was talking about "Kill Devil Falls" and I said "Sioux City Falls, Iowa"!

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Okay, so that was made up. Anyway, too much mayonnaise—

Griffin: After the whole Jimmy Buffet thing, I don't know who to trust anymore!

Justin: Okay.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "I work at a local coffee shop, and over the last couple months we've had a regular customer who comes in, sets up his personal home office in the shop and very loudly takes phone calls for his dental practice. I recently noticed that he has four cellphones on him at all times, and uses all of them to take these business calls. Should I be concerned? Is he involved with some sort of black market dental operation? "

That's from Leave My Teeth Alone.

Travis: Being a dentist isn't like writing a screenplay, right? That's always something— you can't just like post up at a Starbucks and do it!

Griffin: [laughing] Yeah I'm pretty sure—

Travis: [laughs] You know what? What do I know! It's 2018

Griffin: Yeah I don't fucking know. Maybe they are an at home... Dentist.

Justin: Thank you, yes.

Griffin: They do house calls, they'll come—"Do you have a chair that reclines? And a good bright flashlight? And... Teeth hooks? I don't really have anything. "

Travis: "I don't have any— Do you have a toothbrush?"

Griffin: "Do you have a toothbrush?"

Justin: This is how I know you guys aren't dentists, because you can't just buy a dentist store and then go in there—

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: And go in there with your chair, and the light, and the metal thing, and open the door and say "I'm ready for teeth!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And then expect people to go. You have to build your client base through networking and entrepreneurial—

Travis: And Patreon.

Justin: And Patreon and entrepreneurial-ship, and you have to build your client base before. You have to say "Would you be interested in a value priced dentist who's just learning and cutting his teeth, if you will."

Griffin: But I won't— Hey hey hey! But I won't cut your teeth cause I've only been a dentist for a week but I'm pretty sure you're supposed to do that!

Justin: No, you don't got to do that.

Travis: "I don't know much yet!"

Griffin: Yet.

Justin: Yet.

Travis: "But I mean I don't think I'm supposed to cut your teeth!"

Griffin: "I do know this: Teeth are mad—hard! I don't think you can cut them if you try!"

Travis: "I've heard a lot about drilling? And I plan on Youtubing that later to see if I can find some tutorials!"

Griffin: "I went to Home Depot... The drills seem pretty big, so... "

Travis: "If I'm being honest, I wouldn't want that."

Griffin: "If you know of a... This is gonna sound silly but like a "Dentist Depot... "

Travis: [laughs] That would be funny to have the dentist come to your house for the fourth time and say "Good news! Got my own place! You can come visit me there from now on. I've got lots of old Highlights magazines!"

Justin: That would be the day I stop going to that dentist. Like what would be better than a dentist that comes to your house?

Travis: A dentist who doesn't come to your house!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Fair. I'll grant you that.

Travis: So we have some audience questions.

Griffin: I wanna keep talking about this fucking dentist!

Justin: Are you serious? Yeah, we can't leave this guy alone.

Travis: Okay. Okay! For a lot of it, mostly cause what he's doing is illegal, so we should keep an eye on him.

Justin: What, um... Okay. The four cell phones, let's talk about that for a second. One's for his mistress, probably—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And then the other three we can talk about. I feel like he's probably calling other people and saying like "Hey, this is your dentist. I've got arrested for getting drunk at the job, and um... I don't think I'm going to be able to do—" [laughs] "I'm not going to be able to take your—"

Griffin: "Drilled right clean through someone's whole head, so..."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "You should probably find a new dentist. Anyway, gotta go!"

Travis: "I'm scared of teeth now!"

Griffin: "I'm really scared of teeth!"

Justin: "I got a fear and I gotta go, bye!"

Griffin: They have one phone where they call other dentists with, and they're like "Hi, this is Timothy... Dentist and I was asking— I'm doing a book report about dentistry. Can you tell me where you get your tools and also how you do every part of your job?"

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: No! Maybe they're a dental practice, they're a dental middle man. When someone calls them like "You got it!" And then they call a dentist and they just hold the phones together.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "Are you guys done yet? Okay, sorry!"

Griffin: For ten minutes he sits in the corner and makes his phone "69" and I don't know why!

Audience: [laughs while Justin wheezes]

Travis: "What's that? Oh you need an orthodontist? I got a third phone!"

Justin: "Hold on, let me put you on the party line."

Okay well, so let's do audience questions—

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Cause we have—

Griffin: We have some picked out. We're doing a new way, probably since the last time we were here in Austin.

Justin: Yup.

Griffin: We're gonna call some names and some seat numbers, you're gonna come on down to the microphones.

Can we get the spotlights? Down on the microphones? In three, two—okay.

Hey what's up?

Brooks: Hello! Hello.

Griffin: Hey! Who are you?

Brooks: I'm Brooks!

All brothers: Hi Brooks!

Brooks: So, uh my question is: My boyfriend keeps on going into the pantry and grabbing handfuls of fettuccine.

Audience: [laughs]

Brooks: Uncooked!

Griffin: I would hope he's not grabbing handfuls of cooked fettuccine, Brooks!

Travis: In your pantry!

Brooks: No, and eating them raw and he keeps calling them chips?

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Okay.

Brooks: How do I make him stop?

Travis: Is your boyfriend here?

Brooks: Yeah.

Travis: You're a monster!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Words mean things!

Griffin: Does anybody remember— [clears throat] I haven't been to Olive Garden in many moons, but they do have like a little like fettuccine... Bottle that you can just grab them out of and chew— hold on!

[yelling] Was this a prank you guys pulled on me when we went to Olive Garden as kids?

No stop! Everybody shut up!

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: Do they give you raw fettuccine to chew on in the lobby of the Olive garden?!

Audience: No!

Griffin: You—[sputters] Fucking! Bastards!

Travis: Yaaay!

Audience: [cheering and applause]

Justin: The prestige!

[Justin and Travis have a victory laugh]

Travis: Now you have IBS!

Griffin: I did—

Travis: We got him!

Griffin: What I need you— Brooks, we'll get back to you. What I need you two to understand is—

Justin: [continues laughing]

Griffin: That was not... The only time I went to Olive Garden.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: There were...

Travis: Were there never employees around? Like...

Justin: [laughing very hard]

Griffin: I, wanting to seem like an authentic metropolitan diner, would always grab the fettuccine and walk over to my friends like "Mmmm yeah, I'm a little, a little peckish."

Travis: Griffin, I just—

Griffin: I fucking can't believe, I can't believe you did that and I can't believe that literally I'm finding out in the worst imaginable venue.

Justin: Speaking as a former Olive Garden employee, if I saw a little kid eating raw fettuccine, the odds of me stopping them are negative 1000%.

Griffin: Okay, Brooks.

Justin: Brooks.

Griffin: Yeah, so I'm gonna—

Justin: Wait—

Griffin: Sit this one out, Brooks.

Justin: Brooks, is it possible that your boyfriend has been laboring under the same delusion as my brother for all these years?

“Oh but wait they sell this for you to take home? Okay! Little fancy for myself, then!”

Travis: Brooks is it possible your boyfriend does not believe these are chips, but instead, likes to annoy you by calling them chips? A thing I— not exactly that, but similar— do to my wife all the time.

Griffin: Is it possible your boyfriend loves chips and you never have chips and this is his way of passive aggressively, sort of guiltig you into go— “Mmmm, these are tasty chips!”

And as a raw fettuccine eater myself, I can tell you it's not a good chew.

Griffin: You do it, and you put it in your mouth and your six year old brain thinks it'll turn to fettuccine in the heat of your mouth. It doesn't work like that! It doesn't work like that. It just doesn't work like that.

Justin: Brooks.

Brooks: Yes?

Justin: Did you eat all your boyfriend's chips?

Audience: [laughs]

Brooks: No, but he does bring that up, every time he loudly crunches on them next to me.

Travis: Wait, brings what up?

Justin: Brings what up?

Brooks: That I don't have any chips.

Griffin: That's it then, Brooks! That's the answer!

Travis: Brooks!

Justin: Brooks! Alright. Alright Brooks, we've got to the bottom of this.

Travis: Mon dieu! We solved this!

Justin: You've got to buy some chips, Brooks!

Travis: Somewhere in this audience, Brook's boyfriend is going "Yessss! And now, and now I shall have chips."

Griffin: Follow up question. Follow up question

Travis: "I don't know where to get chips from!"

Griffin: Have you ever seen your boyfriend with a pot of boiling water... Cutting the bristles off a broom into it, saying "We're out of fettuccine"?

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Oh Brooks, you—

Brooks: Hopefully not!

Travis: Here's what you do. Brook's boyfriend, plug your ears.

Okay, go buy a bag of chips. Dump them all out in the garbage. Put some raw fettuccine in there.

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: Put a chip clip back on it. Put it back in the pantry, and wait!

Griffin: And he's gonna think he's in like a weird Twilight Zone episode, where there have never been chips!

Travis: There's never been chips!

Justin: Wait until your—

Travis: And then what's that you're boiling? Doritos.

Griffin: Yes.

Brooks: Yeah!

Justin: Wait until your boyfriend starts making fettuccine for real, and walk over and smell the pot and say "Mmmm, chip soup!"

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: "My favorite! Delicious."

Does that help?

Brooks: Yes!

Justin: Okay good.

Griffin: Excellent.

Brooks: Thank you!

Travis: Thank you!

Audience: [applause]

Griffin: Please, go ahead. Luke what's up?

Justin: Luke!

Luke: Hey!

Griffin: Hell yeah! Get casual with that mic.

Travis: Luke, I really enjoy your question.

Luke: [laughs] Thank you.

First of all, Luke Baker. Sophomore in school in Mass Communication and Journalism at Texas State University. Yeah.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Is this your LinkedIn? [laughs]

Luke: Actually—

Griffin: Yeah buddy. I gotta tell you, that shit's broken bad for us in the past. I thought you were gonna be like "My Soundcloud is: [random noise]."

Travis: Just ask the question, Luke, alright.

Griffin: I will warn you if you are about to do that, the last time it happened, the person was booed to hard they sunk into the mantle of the earth.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Let that be a lesson to all of you, it was fucking brutal and I loved every second of it!

Luke: Alright.

Justin: We will do nothing to stop it, I don't—[laughs]

Griffin: We will do nothing to stop it.

Luke: Thank you for warning me.

Griffin: Yes,

Luke: Um, so... My question is: What is charcuterie?

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Okay.

Luke: Because...

Travis: You don't need to clarify beyond that, dude.

Justin: I would be interested to see why.

Luke: Um. That word's been kind of haunting me for the past month. I've just heard it so many times.

Travis: Where?

Luke: Just, like, in passing.

Travis: Mostly menus though, right?

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Not just like on park benches and stuff?

Luke: Dude, just like in casual conversation.

Griffin: Yeah.

Luke: I never really had the heart to be like "Okay, what is that?" So I figured you guys would be the perfect—

Travis: Do you have any, any clue?

Griffin: Don't you fucking lie to me, Luke! How much do you actually know about charcuterie?

Luke: Literally nothing at all. [laughs]

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Luke, I'll help. Let me take a crack at it. It's cheese and meat.

Travis: Well—

Griffin: Uh—

Travis: But also sometimes it can be almonds, it can be olives—

Griffin: Wait. It can be olives, and it can be a pickle and it can be jam.

Travis: Honeycomb. Honeycomb is sometimes on there.

Griffin: It can be crusty bread. I think it's... Whatever the fuck they got laying around.

Travis: Yeah. It's a fancy word for leftovers.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: That are easy to make.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: If it took work to make little ones, that's an appetizer. Or an hors d'oeuvre.

If they just cut up something from Pepperidge Farm, that you got charcuterie going, my friend.

Travis: What's the one with the little vegetables? What's that called? A Plate of little vegetables is called...

Audience: Crudites!

Justin: Crudites.

Travis: Crudites. Crudites is vegetables. Charcuterie is cheese and meat.

Griffin: Charcuterie has vegetables on it too, sometimes. Listen. Let's dial in.

Travis: Let's start with what isn't.

Griffin: What isn't charcuterie? A car. A truck.

Justin: A husband—

Travis: A child's laughter!

Griffin: A child's laughter.

Justin: A child's laughter.

Griffin: The air we breathe, the stage I'm sitting on—

Justin: A dream of your grandparents.

Travis: Yes. A memory of summers passed. These things— well, wait.

Griffin: Hold on—

Travis: Maybe summers passed could be charcuterie!

Griffin: Yeah, my grandma made the dopest charcuterie. Listen—

Justin: Also your grandparents might've dreamed of charcuterie, I don't—

Travis: And a child might be laughing at charcuterie, okay.

Justin: That's true, yeah.

Travis: "Haha, that's some funny charcuterie!" They'd say.

Griffin: When a bread becomes too hard to safely consume, it is now charcuterie. When a thin meat is deemed too flavorless, it has become charcuterie, which—

Travis: And room temperature!

Griffin: When a cheese has been deemed to be too flavorful, now it's charcuterie. Are you following me?

Luke: I get it!

Griffin: Imagine... When you go and you have to work at a restaurant, you go get your food handler's license. You learn about the safe range of temperature.

Travis: Yes, the danger zone.

Griffin: There's a secret... Gauge they don't tell you about and it is "When does bread become so hard, now it's charcuterie baby?"

Travis: And also it should be clear: These can't be loose things. One piece of bread is not charcuterie. One piece of cheese is not charcuterie. One piece

of meat? No. Put it all on the same area? Maybe it's like a hunk of wood? Maybe it's a stone slab? Maybe it's someone's face. I don't know.

Griffin: Now—

Travis: Now it's charcuterie.

Griffin: Another big determining factor: If it costs \$30, that's a charcuterie.

Travis: That's a charcuterie!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: If it's complimentary...

Griffin: The \$6 offering at Applebee's is a "Ham Party".

Luke: That explains so much!

Travis: Or, as it's called on the menu, a Ham Slam.

Luke: That explains so much because, the reason I was pitching myself earlier was cause I'm not worth \$30 yet, so—

[collective "awww"]

Travis: Someday.

Griffin: No that's— no don't aw that! That's a fucking goal! That's an aspiration. I remember the first time I ate charcuterie, I went " ... Oh. That cheese is... Wow."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: I went "Taste that. Taste that. It's really pungent, huh? But I've made it!" Cause it was \$30 that I had!

Travis: That's the thing. Charcuterie is like the noted excess of food. Cause it's literally like "Hey do you want a delicious appetizer, or like a plate of actual food you're gonna eat?"

"No, no! Give me a big hunk of wood with some leavins on it!"

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: "For \$30!"

Griffin: For \$30. If you run, if you own— I know there's a food scene Austin. I know it cause I live here.

If you're a restaurateur, restaurant owner: Please, Christ, do this, because it's the best idea I've ever had in my life.

If your restaurant sells charcuterie and it costs \$30, it's got flavorless ham and stinky cheese on it, it should also come with a sticker that said "I had charcuterie today."

Travis: [absolutely loses it]

Audience: [applause]

Griffin: They put that on you, you go to any job interview in the fucking city....

"What are your qualifications?"

"I have. I have \$30 to throw around. And my teeth are hard enough to chew through the firmest breads."

Justin: Luke, does that help?

Luke: That helps me immensely, thank you so much.

Audience: [applause and cheering]

Justin: Excellent, excellent. Thank you Luke!

Griffin: Thank you. Alright, the last one.

Justin: And thank you!

Travis: Yeah, we got one more. Yes, hello.

Camille: Hi.

Griffin: Hey, what's your name?

Camille: Camille.

All brothers: Hi Camille!

Camille: Hi! So, my question I guess was: At work a while ago, we were all kind of like reminiscing about how fun college was and fun stuff we did with our friends, and I told my coworkers about the inside joke me and my best friend, who we lived together for three years, had. Where, when one person would come home, whoever was already at home, would pretend they had died.

All brothers: Mm—hmm?

Camille: And when you find your best friend's dead body, you have to react like you, excuse me, found them murdered.

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: `Kay, I got worked up for a second.

Camille: It's [laughs] Hilarious.

Griffin: Yeah, sure!

Justin: Uh, now—

Camille: And my coworkers did get really weird though.

Travis: Well because, here's—

Griffin: No, what's— What's your question?

Camille: I just, I know they think it's weird but they tried to laugh it off like "Oh, hahaha, yeah..." I don't know how to fix it.

Travis: Well that also might be just because human beings are awkward.

Justin: Oh! Hahaha, yeah.

Travis: Camille, let me say this: I don't think the game itself is weird, but the thing that struck me about it, is the chance that you would get halfway through doing a very dramatic like "Oh, oh no— oh god wait. Oh, ah. Fuck."

Griffin: Yeah that's a game you win... Until you lose.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: And then you ain't gonna win it again.

Justin: But you will get A's for the rest of the semester, which is nice.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Is that— I've heard that! I don't know! I just heard it in a movie.

Camille: I mean, it's like a fun game between us. We both know we're playing it. It's happened more than once.

Griffin: In your defense, everybody here. When you heard about the rules of this game, you may say out loud "Oh! Ghoulish!" I want everybody to just round of applause if your mind didn't immediately start racing of the scenarios you would concoct.

Audience: [applause and cheering]

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Right!

Camille: Yes!

Travis: So maybe, Camille, the reason your coworkers reacted like that is cause they were distracted thinking about how they would fake being dead later.

Justin: Yeah, how they wished they'd done it cause it sounds fun! [laughs]

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Woo! I would just wrap myself up in mummy stuff.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: That would get a good scare, wouldn't it?

Justin: I would put a whole pile of me underneath a magician's trick. Like the prestige!

Griffin: [laughing]

Travis: [also laughing] You've got me again, Justin!

Justin: It's a lot of expense, and it's worth every penny.

Travis: I'm gonna have to talk to Nikola Tesla!

Griffin: I would get one of my bones out of my body, and just sorta... Put it on the kitchen counter. And then stay at a hotel for a month.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: I would slowly, over many months, collect pints of my own blood. Until I have enough to fill the whole house.

Justin: I would. I would stab myself with a knife. But a bad stab.

Griffin: Wait, bad in—?

Justin: That looked good, that looked like “Oh, he dead!” But I wouldn’t be dead. I would miss the liver by like an inch.

Griffin: [yelling] I would kill my twin!

Justin: Androids. That’s the end. Camille, does that help?

Griffin: Your game kicks ass, congratulations!

Travis: Yeah congratulations, your game is awesome.

Justin: Yeah congratulations!

Camille: Thank you.

Travis: And you, Austin, are awesome! Thank you so much for being so kind to us. We really appreciate— you can turn the lights off because it’s terrifying.

Justin: Yeah, just shut them off, great.

Travis: Couple things real quick. First, if you haven’t already, there’s posters out in the lobby that— Uh, listen. We have a lot of really amazing designers that we work with, for the live shows. This is one of the like best designs ever—

Griffin: It’s fucking great—

Justin: So they did a great job, and you should support her.

Travis: Similarly, there's some copies if you haven't got one already of both The Adventure Zone graphic novel book one, and the Sawbones book, out in the lobby. They are signed, so if you want to check those out, you can do that.

Griffin: Thank you to, see— I was commenting on this backstage. I do not know that I have ever performed on a stage where I have seen so many shows beforehand. This theater and ACL in general, fucking rules. This city is so lucky to have it.

Audience: [cheering and applause]

Griffin: I'm lucky to live in Austin because of this place. I have seen more concerts here than like any other place in my life, so the fact that we are performing on this stage is buckwild! This is a beautiful theater. Thank you all so much for having us.

Justin: Thank you to American hero Paul Sabourin!

Griffin: Thank you to Paul!

Travis: Paul.

Audience: [cheering and applause]

Justin: Please enjoy the music of Paul and Storm.

Travis: Thank you rock on tour, Clint McElroy.

Justin: Yeah, for your great work. Thanks to "Wonderful", a fantastic podcast that you should enjoy, if you do not already.

Travis: And thank you to our various family members who weren't included in the two previous things we just said, for being here to support us, and travel with us, and do the shows and everything.

Justin: I have one last one. Every year, our listeners get together and there's this list called "Empty Stockings" that Huntington West Virginia

newspaper Herald-Dispatch puts out and it is all the people who have things that they, uh-wishes for Christmas.

For kids that aren't going to have anything, And every year our listeners look at that list and burn it to the ground.

Griffin: They fucking destroy it.

Justin: With generosity. [laughs] That was a weird way of putting it, but if you can help with that—

Travis: "I'm gonna fuck that list up!"

Justin: If you could help with that, mbmbamangels.com is the place to go. You can claim a gift you can donate money, whatever you can do, it means a lot.

Travis: And when we say wish list, we mean stuff like they need socks.

Griffin: Yeah socks or a mattress, or—

Justin: I wasn't gonna get into it cause it's kind of like a live show, and I wanted everybody to have a great time, but yeah I mean it is very sad. Thank you Travis, poverty is sad.

Griffin: [yelling] Hey who wants a final Yahoo? It's a real ripper!

Justin: Yeah, fart it out bud!

Travis: Well— [sputters, then sighs]

Griffin: We thanked everyone already.

Travis: John Roderick and Maxfun—

Griffin: John Roderick and MaxFun, y'all got it. Good work y'all! Let's rip it up with a funny fucking final Yahoo, baby!

Audience: [cheering and applause]

Griffin: James Cockwell sent this in. Thank you, James. It's a Yahoo anonymous, you Yahoo. Imma call him, Bill. Asks "Is buying calcium enriched milk like bone insurance?"

Travis: [laughs]

[Theme music starts]

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy!

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy!

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy!

Justin: This has been My Brother My Brother and Me. Kiss your dad square on the lips!

[Theme music ends]

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