

## **MBMBaM 445: Pizzalicious Turbo-Moths**

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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:** Hello, everybody, and welcome to My Brother, My Brother and Me, an advice show for the modern era. I'm your oldest brother, Justin McElroy.

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy.

**Griffin:** Happy hump day, weirdos. I'm your sweet baby brother, Griffin McElroy.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** It's Wedn— it's Wednesday.

**Travis:** Oh, okay. But I mean, not when people are listening to this. So we got an email uh, to the My Brother, My Brother and Me email from Lydia, and Lydia shared with us a list of 200 questions...

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** ...for conversation starters from ConversationStartersWorld.com.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** And the list is titled, "Questions to Ask a Guy." And the beginning of the description says, "Here's a great set of questions to ask a guy to get him talking. They're designed to get an interesting conversation started, but

still keep it relatively casual." And folks, these questions [laughs] are fucking bonkers.

**Griffin:** Well, this is good, Travis, because we're— we're just three guys being dudes.

**Travis:** I know, right?

**Griffin:** In this vi— in this show, and so what a better way to get us going, get our sort of talk rocks off, than to just sort of get some convo starties?

**Justin:** Hey, you know what? This is— this represents the beginning of a conversation, doesn't it?

**Travis:** Right. And also, at this point, if we're looking to keep the conversation going, we've been going on almost 450 episodes. We're starting to run out of things to talk about.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** So let me ask you this, question number 3, you w— and remember, these are questions designed to keep the conversation going, but keep it relatively casual.

**Griffin:** For real— for big guys.

**Travis:** Yeah. Question number 3: you wake up suddenly in the middle of the night. What would be the scariest sound to hear after waking up?

**Griffin:** Oh, man, when I'm trying to get to know guys... when I'm trying to, like, you know, I've joined a football club, and I want to get to know the other guys, this is always a good one. We like to dandy this one about.

**Justin:** "Hey— hey, Theo. Hey, bud. What's the late-night terror for you?"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "What's the— what's the— what's the dark, beating heart of the yawning void..."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "...inside your soul, Theo? Hey, dude, pass me a Sprite! And tell me about your greatest fears!"

**Travis:** I enjoyed question 18: which historical figure wasn't as amazing as most people think they were?

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Justin:** "Hey, you wanna dunk on Ben Franklin with me, Doug?"

**Griffin:** "Come on, Buzz. Let's get Abe. It's time."

**Justin:** [laughs] "Hey, Buzz!"

**Travis:** This is the one that I would like us to actually spend some time answering, because uh, this is the one that I think if you asked a guy to keep the conversation going, this would go totally normal. Question 19: you are in charge of making insects a popular food item. You have one billion US dollars to achieve your goal. How do you do it?

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Justin:** Oh, my God, that's actually one of the best conversation starters I've ever heard in my entire life!

**Griffin:** Yeah, I walk up to a guy and say this.

**Travis:** So it's like, "Hey, uh, so glad you agreed to come on this blind date with me. Also, you are in charge of making insects a popular food item, and you have one US billion dollars to achieve your goal. How do you do it?"

**Griffin:** Well, I'll tell ya. A billion bucks buys a lot of marshmallows you could hide bugs inside.

**Travis:** Oh, that's good.

**Griffin:** So that's step one. And I could probably pay some people to get— get stuffin'.

**Travis:** And that's to hi— let me be clear. To make bugs a popular food item, you would hide them in marshmallows, and then after like a year of people eating marshmallows, be like, "Hey, did you like those marshmallows? There were bugs in 'em."

**Griffin:** Listen. If things as they are today in 2019 have taught me anything, it's that if you have a billion dollars, you cannot disperse it to people who need it much, much more than you. You have to spend it on space rockets.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** You have to spend it on bug marshmallows. So yeah, Trav, I think I'm leaning in the right direction on this one.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Uh, I'd rebrand everything. I would make it illegal to say "roach." I would make it illegal to say "moth." I would make it illegal to say "mosquito." They would be replaced with Fritos 2.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** New Nachos... 2.

**Travis:** Oh, all right.

**Griffin:** Guy Fieri— Guy Fieri presents, moths.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Guy Fie— Guy Fieri's Turbo-Moths.

**Justin:** This is a different... plan...

**Griffin:** [laughs] [clapping]

**Justin:** ...to bring on celebrities to endorse...

**Travis:** I enjoy that one, too, though. I would spend a billion dollars...

**Griffin:** Guy Fieri's Dangerously Cheesy Moths.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah! Pizzalicious Roaches. [laughs] Hugh Grant's Pizzalicious Roaches.

**Justin:** "Ey, it's me, Margot Robbie. Eat a cricket."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "I do! [eating noises]"

**Justin:** "I love 'em."

**Travis:** "Munch, munch, munch."

**Justin:** "Get some protein."

**Travis:** I would spend a billion dollars hiring crop dusters to fly over bugs and like, drop...

**Griffin:** Just get 'em.

**Travis:** Yeah, put some salt on 'em or something.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** Make 'em taste better. And then you can be like, "They're delicious now."

Maybe some kind of, like, viral challenge...

**Griffin:** Oh!

**Justin:** Oh, a challenge! I didn't even think about that.

**Travis:** Get 'em eating bugs for a challenge. The bug-eating—

**Griffin:** Gotta get a N—

**Travis:** The Snowpiercer challenge.

**Griffin:** Gotta get a Netflix sort of movie about it first. So we get Sandra Bullock back.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** For Bird Box 2. This one's called Bug Box.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** And instead of using the Bird Box to— as a cudgel to beat the monsters— didn't see it, but people loved it and started to meme it pretty hard. So in this one, it's a box full of bugs, but she opens it up, and she's like, "Oh, actually, these look delicious. Are these covered in pizza dust?"

And Guy Fieri pokes out, and he's like, "Yeah!" And then the monster gets him, but she eats 'em, and now Bob's your uncle. Teens gotta eat this for their Snapchat story.

**Justin:** I got a way to force everybody to eat bugs.

**Griffin:** All right.

**Justin:** Just wait. [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Just wait. We'll— it'll happen. We're gonna get there.

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Justin:** There's no need to rush. We're all gonna be eating bugs here before too long. Let's not rush it! Let's just enjoy bread while we got it.

**Griffin:** Justin with that extremely specific Alex Jones sort of stuff that he's dropping.

**Justin:** I'm just saying, and you know what? That's fine. It's dense protein, and fuck bugs!

**Griffin:** Yeah. That's good, bugs.

**Travis:** And also, people all over the world that just aren't right here are eating them already.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah! They're like— they're like, "Give me some— pass the bugs over here!"

**Travis:** They're afraid that we're gonna find out about bugs.

**Justin:** How good bugs are.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** And good for you! God. And if you watch Shark Tank, half of things are bugs now. If you watch Shark Tank, half of all food products do have bugs in them.

**Griffin:** Mm. Yeah, bugs is good. I feel like I've talked about this on the show more than once, but I see the Hakuna Matata scene where they eat the big, fat grubs...

**Travis:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** ...and I have always found that scene incredibly, inexplicably appetizing. I wanna eat the grubby bug that has the juice that comes out of it, because I wanna know. Like, I wanna know!

**Travis:** They eat 'em there like it's a Whitman's sampler! And I enjoy that.

**Griffin:** And it looks so good. When he sucks the big— the big one down, and it looks...

**Travis:** When he sucks that big one... I love it.

**Griffin:** He sucks that big one down, and it looks so just like, plump and writhing, it's just like, "I wanna know, maybe."

**Justin:** We often struggle with how to pitch our podcast to people.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** I think in— from now on, it would be easiest to say, "It's the sort of show where my brother Griffin has had more than one opportunity to talk about how delicious he thinks the bugs in Lion King look."

**Griffin:** Yep.

**Justin:** So it's that kind of uh, program.

**Griffin:** Well, in my defense.

**Justin:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** They give you, I believe, yelling energy in the Lion King video game.



**Travis:** Correct.

**Griffin:** So I feel a sort of attachment— or health. It's either health or yelling energy. Um, and second at all, if they start to get on my case about that, good thing that scene has a little message that will help me get through the strife that that will cause.

**Justin:** [laughs] And what is that message, Griffin?

**Griffin:** Well, that— you know what it is. It's trademarked, but it uh— uh, it's trademarked, but it rhymes with Hakuda Mabada.

**Travis:** [laughs] It doesn't, actually.

**Griffin:** It kinda does.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Um...

**Griffin:** Raccoona...

**Travis:** [laughs] Jabata!

**Griffin:** ...Chabata.

**Travis:** [singing] Raccoona Jabata.

**Justin:** Dragoona Chewbacca.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Setsuna [laughs] Frittata.

**Griffin:** Dragoon Chewbacca is my favorite character in Kingdom Hearts 3.

**Justin:** Uh, Kingdom Hearts 3 is out, and I'd love to talk [laughs] about it.

**Griffin:** We can't dip in. I can't keep dipping in.

**Justin:** I've been told I'm not allowed to, but boy. Siri wants to get in—  
[laughs] Siri just thinks I said to it, "Kingdom Hearts 3 is out, and I love it."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Oh, man, I hope Google and Siri and all that shit aren't listening, 'cause I just fucked my whole thing.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** My whole internet ad thing is ruined.

**Griffin:** Tim— Tim Cook, while sitting on his uh, Sora, Riku, Kairi bedspread, just got a notification on his computer, and he's like, "Ah, good."

**Travis:** "We got him!"

**Griffin:** "We got him."

**Justin:** Hey, don't fucking e— give me a link to that great Reply All episode about how those things aren't listening to us. Please. Please. I heard it; it's great. I get it. It was just a joke.

**Griffin:** Damn.

**Justin:** God, it was just a joke!

**Griffin:** Yeah. You're really went beastmode there. Hey, let's do show.

**Justin:** Let's do show. It's an advice show.

"Recently, my best friend's parents, who I am not that close to..."

**Griffin:** "Fuck you, Margery! Boom! Boom, Margery!"

**Travis:** [laughs] "You thought we were friends, but we ain't!"

**Griffin:** "Doug, Margery, eat my ass! What's up?"

**Travis:** "No, I will not give you a ride to the airport. Fuck off!"

**Justin:** Let me finish, please.

**Griffin:** Sorry.

**Justin:** "...invited me over for a dinner of pizza and chicken wings..."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "...before I would be housesitting for them." Please, everybody, it's hard enough for me to read. Stop wording things in the weirdest possible way.

**Griffin:** [laughs] "I will have a dinner of pizza and chicken wings."

**Justin:** "Present to me, Krog-Gon, a dinner of pizza!"

"...before I would be house—" okay. "...a dinner of pizza and chicken wings before I would be housesitting for them. Partway through the meal, my friend's mom said, 'Oh, hang on,' fished a fork out of the drawer, and handed it to me, and said, 'For the wings.'"

**Griffin:** This is fake. Fake. Fake question. Duped again. Duped— you almost got one by the McElroy boys, but we weren't born— I was born during the day, but not during— but not yesterday, so next question.

**Justin:** This is a fake?

**Griffin:** Next question.

**Justin:** [laughs] This is a fake?

**Griffin:** Scoop this one in the garbage can, yeah.

**Justin:** [laughs] Wait, why are you so sure?

**Griffin:** Scoop it right in the garbage can. This person doesn't exist; no way. Fork-winger. No way.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Out the window with that.

**Travis:** [laughs] "Deborah Fork-winger, get out of here."

**Griffin:** Yeah, dump this one in the front yard. Let it fertilize the roses. No way. A wing-forker. Stop it.

**Justin:** [laughs] "Not wanting to be rude, I took it, but not understanding how she wanted me to use it. And seeing as no one else was using one, I sort of awkwardly— awkwardly placed it on my napkin. For the rest of the meal, I became increasingly paranoid she was noticing me not using the fork."

**Travis:** [laughs] "Mm! Mm."

**Justin:** "...and that I was being very rude by not doing so, despite my being completely bewildered as to how to use a fork for a chicken wing. Brothers, why did she give me the fork? Is there some new fork technique..."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "...I have not been taught about?"

**Travis:** They've done it! They've cracked it!

**Justin:** "What should I have done in this situation to avoid offending my host?" That's from Fork Faux Pas [laughs] in California. There's a few possibilities here, and I'm gonna give you one...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...from my files. From the J files, we call 'em. When I am eating the... flats.

**Griffin:** Yeah, the flatties.

**Justin:** Not the drums, but the flatties.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** When I'm eating the flatties, sometimes I'll get a little [laughs] bit— there'll be a little bit of that succulent chicken in between the two bones that make up the flap.

**Griffin:** Which is rude of the chicken, to hide its meat in there.

**Travis:** Correct.

**Justin:** That's just meat for yourself. So sometimes I stick my tongue in there, [licking noises] like that, to jam it out.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Uh-huh?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** So the reason I am saying this is that if you— I'm just realizing in the moment that the visual palette that I would be presenting there would be [laughs] challenging at best.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Especially since you are not that close to them, so they have not seen this display before.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** No, but it's possible that it's just an inbuilt genetic thing that some rowdy folks do, [laughs] and I'm thinkin', if you maybe pulled this stunt...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...I think that maybe they observed it, maybe if they observed the stunt, they might say like, "Actually, we're gonna go ahead [laughs] and get you a fork, 'cause we can't—"

**Griffin:** [laughs] "'Cause you're do— it's Sunday, we just got back from church, and you're doing wingilingus over here."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Cunniwingus." Yowza.

**Travis:** Was it a special, like, tiny, like a shrimp fork...

**Griffin:** No, man.

**Travis:** ...but for wings?

**Justin:** That could— now, that could be useful. I would love that.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I would hope they would mention it's a shrimp fork if it was a fucking shrimp fork. Wowzers. Yeah, I mean, you probably had some ragged action on your eating, and the fact that the— she didn't offer it to anybody else means that you did the worst job at eating the wings at the table. And you can't take that personally, but there's lots of YouTube tutorials about how to do it good. And don't be ashamed to ask for help.

**Travis:** Yeah. Yeah, especially with the—

**Griffin:** Maybe with the big game coming— oh, shit, this is gonna be after the big game.

**Travis:** [gasps]

**Griffin:** Well, you'll catch it 2020, probably.

**Travis:** Yeah. Or maybe you'll watch a rewatch— maybe you, like, videotaped the big game.

**Griffin:** Hopefully, by then, football will have been outlawed.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Hopefully; fingers crossed.

**Travis:** It's possible that maybe this is just a matter of like, the parents, they love each other.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** And they love your friend. But they're not sure on you yet. So if parents are friends, if family members got wing stains on the table, they can forgive that.

**Griffin:** Hmm.

**Travis:** But if you wingstain the table cloth, they might, like, then not trust you to then housesit, and then they have to cancel their vacation. So my— this might just be like a defense mechanism, so that you don't ruin their trip to like, I don't know, to Barbados or wherever they're going. Where are they going? Why didn't you include that in the question? This is important data that I need to know.

**Griffin:** No, it's not. Are you to the only one who potentially did not get bone-full wings, and in fact would find your wings to be bone-less?

**Travis:** Ooh.

**Justin:** Mm.

**Griffin:** And so by eating those with your hands, you're a wild animal.

**Travis:** Wait, why is that, Griffin? That seems like a double standard. I have made it easier to eat, and therefore now I have to introduce utensils?

**Griffin:** Yeah. Yeah. Hey, folks? Folks aren't out there eating— wow, huh, this is a double standard, though. I will eat a wing-wing with my hands.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** And you know, using Justin's technique sometimes, with my tongue and my heart.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** But— and a chicken tender, you know I'm gonna hand that one.

**Travis:** Yeah. Oh, yeah.

**Griffin:** That one's getting handed and dipp-ed and mouthed. But a buffalo— a boneless guy, a buffalo wing, if you eat that with your hands, you're a dog in the street.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** It's just a small tender, or uh, you know, the bone-full wing's floppier cousin. Why can't I eat that with my hands?

**Travis:** Mm. What about, like, popcorn chicken? Even smaller.

**Griffin:** Popcorn chicken's hand, of course. If you eat that with a fork, you're out of your— you're out of your gourd, man.

**Travis:** Right? So why is it just...



**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ...the boneless wing...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ...when the whole game done changed?

**Griffin:** Yeah. Well, we helped them enough. How about a Yahoo?

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Yeah, I'd love that, Griffin, thank you.

**Griffin:** This one was sent in by Sid Ross. Sid sent a bunch of great ones in; thank you, Sid. It's an anonymous Yahoo Answers user who I'm gonna call the Quaker Oats guy, looking at him, he looks regal. Regal beagle. Uh, Quaker Oats guy asks...

**Travis:** Is he— is there an ad for Quaker Oats on your desktop right now, like on the screen, or—

**Griffin:** No, it's my desktop background, is an ad for Quaker Oats. I just love 'em. I love these guys.

Uh, so Quaker Oats guy asks, and this is like, this is almost a Riddle Me Piss. "It's 12:46 AM."

**Travis:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** "Is it too early/late in the day to make tortellini? I gotta know."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Huh.

**Travis:** Huh.

**Griffin:** "It's 12:46 AM." And to answer this one, we really have to look at the whole sort of, like, the whole sort of clock. Using 12:46 as like the fulcrum of it, and try to figure out, is it— it's almost certainly too early for pasta time.

**Travis:** But— yeah...

**Griffin:** No one's making pasta, at least, you know, you wake up at 6:30 at the earliest to maybe start chowing down on pasta. That seems weird, but you've— you know, you've made it now. Six hours in advance, it's gonna be— that's gonna be not great. I think it's definitely too early in the day to have tortellini. But I guess it's— again, a question of perspective.

**Justin:** Tortellini... what kind of um, what kind of stuffing are we talking about in this tortellini? 'Cause it seems like if you got maybe uh, egg.

**Griffin:** Mm!

**Justin:** Or maybe bacon, uh, you might have yourself um, a kind of a breakfast tortellini.

**Travis:** Now, Justin, I would argue that the stuffing does not change the fact that this would still be about six hours before you could justifiably have breakfast.

**Griffin:** Yep. I mean, Saturday Night Live just ended.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I'm real horny.

**Justin:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** Gotta work this off by making my own tortellini and stuffing it with brack-fast.

**Travis:** Wait, are you making it from scra— I assumed this was like a frozen scenario perhaps, or a refrigerated scenario!

**Griffin:** Nah.

**Travis:** You're like, cranking out the dough and everything?

**Griffin:** I think so.

**Justin:** What time? What time was it?

**Griffin:** 12:46 AM. I'm horny as hell.

**Justin:** Nobody's makin' dough...

**Griffin:** SNL just ended. Had me a good belly laugh at that one, and I need a way to work out these jimmies.

**Travis:** Well, now I don't know how long it takes to make tortellini from scratch. 12:46 might be the right time to start if you want to have it for lunch the next day.

**Justin:** It doesn't take long— any pa— pastas are very quick. Come together quick, you put 'em in the machine.

**Travis:** No, you're making it from scratch, my man.

**Justin:** From scratch, you [stammering] come together quick. You put it in the machine—

**Travis:** You don't know.

**Griffin:** It's the—

**Justin:** You throw together the ingredients, you put it in the machine, you fold it into shapes, you wrap it around stuffing, you crimp...

**Travis:** And now it's 6:30 AM.

**Justin:** ...and you're off. And you're on the way. Get the deep fat fryer going.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Justin:** Then throw it all [laughs] in the trash, and go to Olive Garden, 'cause you don't know how to make it.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Tortellini certainly seems like maybe one of the more challenging pastas to try to make from scratch yourself.

**Justin:** Definitely. Anything scra— anything full is gonna be tough.

**Griffin:** But it's fun, because if you get bored of eating it, you can pick 'em up, and use 'em as like little rings. I used to do that when I was a kid, and make— I'd have little tortellini rings, and everyone thought it was really cute.

**Travis:** Oh, shit, this is a trick question.

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** This person works a shift when they go into work like 4:00 AM to noon. And so 12:00 for them is like their break— their breakfa— they're having— that's brunch.

**Griffin:** Yeah. And the other possibility here—

**Travis:** Pastability, please.

**Griffin:** The other pastability here, thank you Travis, my brilliant brother, is that once you reach a certain age, you can do whatever the fuck you want, whenever the fuck you want to.

**Travis:** Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** So you can do this, but you need some sort of in— all you have to do to justify— the only person you have to justify this to is you, yourself and the holy spirit that dwells within you.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Because that's— at the end of the day, you just gotta be able to fall asleep after this at 2:15 AM, after you've made and consumed the tortellini. If you just treat it like— okay, so I had dinner, and then I did— SNL started up, but during commercial break I jetted on down to Taco Bell for fourth meal.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** And as everybody knows, the traditional fifth meal is a homemade pasta that you've made yourself.

**Travis:** It's half a serving of por— it's tortellini.

**Griffin:** Correct.

**Travis:** But you don't need a full serving; come on. We're not being silly here.

This is— can I say, Griffin, to your point, you reach a certain age where you can eat and do whatever you want, whenever you want, but your body begins to reject it in a way that I feel is like, inverse and unfair.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Like, when I'm a child, I could have eaten ice cream every meal...

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ...three to four meals in a day, but I was not allowed to. But now at 35, if I do that, at— in one day, I'll die.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I would— when I was a kid, I would pack three packs of Gushers for my lunch, and Dad would see that, and say, "No, you don't." And now that I'm an adult, it's like my body is my dad.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** That's my favorite John Mayer song.

**Griffin:** Is that what "dad bod" means?

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "As long as you live under my skin, you'll obey my rules."

**Griffin:** "Hey, young man."

**Justin:** It's kinda like— it's kinda like Krang, Griffin. The brain that lives in your belly pilots the— pilots the entire operation. That's kind of what you were feeling.

**Travis:** Yes, but it would be like if the rest of Krang was like, "I think I like pizza tonight."

And Krang was like, "We'll be up all night with heartburn!"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You don't think that shell that Krang rode around in didn't want pizza?

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** That thing looked— nothing has ever looked like it wanted pizza more than Krang's body.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** That whole— that shell suit is maybe the saddest character in all of television ever. He didn't get to do anything he wanted! He went to hang out with— maybe he liked the turtles. He was a v— he liked their flips and their pizza, and he had to fight against 'em. That's sad.

**Justin:** Did those cowards ever put Krang in a movie?

**Griffin:** It wouldn't be—

**Travis:** I'm gonna say no, 'cause he would've looked— if you're talking live action, he would've looked like a shaved scrotum, and I think I'd remember that.

**Justin:** Um...

**Griffin:** Yeah, like tummy nuts.

**Justin:** Here's a quick update. Quick update. He's— he appears in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2, and he is voiced by, [sings a tune] da-da bah ba-da bah, Brad Garrett.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Wait.

**Justin:** [laughs] The per— the person— the one person I hoped would play Krang.

**Travis:** And [laughs] Ray Romano does the body's voice.

**Justin:** [laughs] [unintelligible grunting]

**Griffin:** [grunting] Shredder. Shredder!

**Justin:** "I have had this problem for a long time, and I can't get it to end. People ask me for directions constantly. I'm not over exaggerating; no

matter where I am or what I'm doing, some stranger will do their best to flag me and ask for directions. I've had a mother pull over to the side of the road, children in the car, window rolled down to ask me for help. I—" what? Okay. "I've had people basically run me down in the pouring rain for directions.

"I've tried wearing noise-cancelling headphones. I even tried walking with less confidence. None of it helps. I've been told by my friends that my resting face looks pissed off, so why does every person in the world want to ask me where the bathroom is? How do I make this stop? Is it impossible? Help." Sincerely, The Minotaur.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** No. Sorry, I misread it. It's For Eva in Lake Forest.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I used to think— so I kind of get where this person's coming from, 'cause I used to think that I had some sort of weird power that, in public, people would just want me to take their— take their phone or camera, and take their picture. Like, we would be— I remember one time, we were walking around in Central Park, and like, I got stopped like, five different times, so that some couple, they would like, hand me their phone, and be like, "Can you take a picture of us?" and it happened to me so much, I started to think that I— there was some sort of weird um, like, uh— um, Truman Show shit going on.

**Justin:** Mm-hmm. Normally—

**Travis:** And then? And then what happened, Griffin?

**Griffin:** Well, and then my boat smashed through the wall.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And who was back there? My real wife.

**Justin:** Brad Garrett.



**Travis:** [laughs] Brad Garrett!

**Griffin:** Brad Garrett, my real wife.

**Justin:** Now, normally, I would chastise this person, because I feel like people coming up to you— espe— I don't know. Where I'm at in my life, this isn't for everybody, but like, it feels like a mitzvah, right? It feels like you have this opportunity to help people, and that's like a sort of blessing. You'd be happy that you could help somebody.

The one— one of like the only areas in which I cannot accept, it is in fact giving directions. I couldn't give anyone dire— people ask me directions to my home for coming to, like, deliver something, and I can't help them. I don't know what to tell them. Like, just— the phone took that from me. I don't have that anymore, okay?

**Travis:** Yes. This is true.

**Justin:** The phone took that. I don't know what anything is.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** And you should have a phone too. And I know you do.

**Griffin:** Um, this is a fun test. I don't know what the street that feeds into my street is called. I don't know what the street...

**Travis:** Oh, shit.

**Griffin:** ...that goes into my street is called. I don't know what that is— I don't know what its name is. Which isn't great.

**Travis:** I don't think I do, either.

**Griffin:** That's not great, boys.

**Travis:** If someone asks me for directions, I— like, if they're not starting from my house...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ...I don't know what to tell them. Like, "Okay, first come to my house, and now I can tell you how to get to the store from there." I get this a lot, I think be— maybe it's because I have worked so many retail jobs, but I give off a vibe whenever I'm in a store, I think, that I know where stuff is in the store. I get asked that, like, if I'm at Home Depot or Kroger or whatever. People will stop me and ask me specifically if I know where things are.

**Griffin:** Well, you look like a shop boy.

**Travis:** I do! I do look like— and you know, I wear a lot of polos, so I get it. I get polos and khakis. Everyone knows its my go-to look.

**Griffin:** This is why I wear tank tops, guys.

**Justin:** [laughs] People are only gonna ask you directions to one thing, and that's the bar!

**Griffin:** Or a gun show.

**Justin:** Or a gun show.

**Travis:** Or a party.

**Justin:** A gun show would be— yeah.

**Griffin:** No, it's not a real gun show, Juice. I'm talking about big arms.

**Justin:** Oh, yeah, 'cause your big arms. Okay. Yeah, it was good.  
[laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Hold on, I'm writing a note to myself about the good joke you did.

**Travis:** He did a good joke.

**Griffin:** Who needs guns? I have these big arms. And my— and— then I would cock my bicep like it was a gun.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** You would like, break your arm?

**Griffin:** Yeah, I'd bend it— bend it 90 degrees.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** But then I'd bend it right back.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And then what happens— what comes out of my elbow? A little cannon.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Alita: Battle Angel 2. Griffin is him.

**Justin:** Hey, what's going on with that fucking flick?

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yeah, Ro-bert?

**Justin:** Hey, Robert? [laughs] Hey, I've been seeing commercials, and um, it kind of looks like those uh, you know those like, "We turned the Simpsons into real people, and this is what it looks like"? Um, it's kinda like that, I don't think that movie should be allowed to come out. No one asked me about it, and I just am not sure that it should come out. 'Cause I've been seeing a lot of pictures from it, Rob, and I'm just not sure, bud. [laughs] I don't know.

**Griffin:** Well, there goes that sponsorship.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Let's try with the other ones, I guess.

[Money Zone theme plays]

**Griffin:** I just hopped on Rotten Tomatoes to see if Alita was getting scores yet. There's a movie coming out called What Men Want.

**Travis:** With Taraji P. Henson?

**Griffin:** Yeah. That looks cool. I wonder how many of these great questions it's gonna have in it.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** How many of these great icebreakers.

**Travis:** Probably a lot.

**Griffin:** Some of them.

**Travis:** "If you could design a treehouse, what would it look like?" That kind of thing.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Travis:** You know what would be in my treehouse?

**Justin:** Go for it.

**Griffin:** What's that?

**Travis:** A Casper mattress!

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** And listen, I know what you're saying. "Travis, how would you get a mattress up a tree?" It would be easy, 'cause k— one, I'd have a really cool pulley system. It would be very Swiss Family Robinson. But also they come in boxes, and then you cut 'em open, and it goes "fwump," and becomes a full-sized mattress like the raft in Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. So that's cool.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Justin:** Very cool.

**Travis:** Also, they're incredibly comfortable. I notice, whenever we tour or travel or whatever, and I sleep on a mattress that isn't my Casper mattress, like, I legitimately notice a decrease in the quality of my sleep.

And they have free shipping and returns in the US and Canada, and no-hassle returns. So you can be sure of your purchase with Casper's 100-night risk-free sleep-on-it trial. So you sleep on it for 100 nights, and then on night 100, be like, "No, you know what? Forget this." And then you can send it back, no hassle.

**Griffin:** But don't do it. That's messed up.

**Travis:** No, don't do it. No, don't do it.

**Justin:** Don't do this.

**Travis:** But you can also get \$50 towards select mattresses by visiting [Casper.com/Brother](https://Casper.com/Brother), and using promo code "brother" at checkout. That's [Casper.com/Brother](https://Casper.com/Brother), with the promo code "brother" for \$50 towards select mattresses. Terms and conditions apply.

**Griffin:** And you can get our personal guarantee, you're gonna have way more wet dreams in one of these bad boys.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah. Wet, lucid dreams.

**Griffin:** We're talking about a 400 percent increase at least, or our money back.

**Travis:** Yes. And I can give you a Travis McElroy guarantee that one of the Hemsworths has slept on this mattress before it got to you.

**Griffin:** Federal— hey, Federal Communications Commission.

**Travis:** That's a Travis McElroy guarantee. It's not legally binding.

**Griffin:** Federal Communications Commission, you're listening to this one now. What's up? It's goofs.

**Justin:** Uh, you know what?

**Travis:** If the FCC fined us for you guaranteeing 400 percent increase in wet dreams, I would wear that fine like a badge of honor.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Uh, I— Stitch Fix, I'm not gonna lie about Stitch Fix. I'm only gonna say true things. But every single article of clothing I've ever received from them has a retail price of \$15,000.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] And I don't know how they're selling it to me for— they all cost \$.07, and it seems to me...

**Griffin:** Oh, Justin. Oh, Justin. This one feels bad.

**Justin:** No, it's not true. Hold on.

Uh, if you would like to start filling out your wardrobe, but you're bad at picking out clothes, I get it. I've known a lot of [laughs] people like that. But... [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** But you don't have to live like a shloppy boy or girl or non-gender-binary-adhering-individual any longer. No! You can turn to Stitch Fix.

You're gonna give them your measurements. You can tell them a little bit about some of the environments you find yourself in in your day-to-day, and then they're gonna get you some looks. And uh, you're gonna tell 'em what you think about those looks. Keep only the ones that you like, and those are the only ones that you are going to be paying for. And then your stylist, your personal stylist, is gonna get feedback about what you like and don't like. And that next box? It's gonna be even better, and so on and so forth.

The ones you don't like, by the way? You can uh, exchange and return those. It's always free. There's no uh, shipping fee. And uh, there's a— the styling fee, the fee for your personal stylist, it's only 20 bucks, and that gets applied towards anything you keep from your shipment. So like, no worries.

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**Griffin:** Can we just do a quick Stitch check? My pants, Stitch. My shirt, Stitch.

**Travis:** My pants. My pants are Stitch, and my over sweater is— is Stitch.

**Justin:** My jeans are Stitch, and my shirt says "hills is where the toys are." Didn't get it from Stitch.

**Travis:** Okay. Oh, wait, can we go back? My pants are Stitch, and my tiny blue alien is Stitch.

**Justin:** Great, Trav.

**Griffin:** That's good.

**Justin:** That's just good. Okay.

**Travis:** I'm glad we went back to pick that up. I would have felt terrible for days.

**Justin:** Moving on.

**Ben:** Not all heroes wear capes. Some heroes watch war movies, and then review them.

**Adam:** [laughs]

**Ben:** [laughs]

**John:** Friendly Fire is a war movie podcast for people who don't necessarily like war movies, although it does not exclude people who love war movies.

**Adam:** I'll have you know that I am wearing a cape. My cape is just made of sound-deadening material from an audio recording studio.

**Ben:** [laughs] It's a really great show. John's daughter doesn't like it because we sometimes say swear words on it, but almost everybody else that has ever listened to it has enjoyed the program.

**Adam:** Download and subscribe to Friendly Fire, wherever you get your podcasts.

**Ben:** To the victor go the spoiler alerts.

[music outro plays]

**Griffin:** Y'all wanna Yahoo?

**Justin:** No. [sings Munch Squad theme song]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]



**Justin:** [sings, imitating guitar solo] I wanna munch!

**Travis:** Squad!

**Griffin:** Squad!

**Justin:** [imitates guitar solo] I want to munch!

**Travis:** Squad!

**Griffin:** [laughs] Squad.

**Justin:** Take it into a minor key.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Uh, the big game's coming up, folks, and I am...

**Griffin:** It was yesterday.

**Justin:** Coming up next [laughs] year. Super Bowl 34. Just 364 days away. Um...

**Griffin:** Almost certainly it's— we're not at 34, are we?

**Justin:** 54. Super Bowl 54 coming up real quick. Um...

**Travis:** I can't wait to watch it, to see who's in it.

**Justin:** Bojangles' is cashing in on— we can't say super— have you all ever known anyone uh— uh, so terrified to say anything as people are to say the Super Bowl? I know I'm just saying it, but um, what happens? It must be real bad, huh? They must be really aggressive about it, because people work really hard not to say it.

**Travis:** I think probably not us, though. I think we're probably fine.

**Justin:** I think the Super Bowl, yeah, I said it, should also—

**Griffin:** What about Shuper Bowl?

**Justin:** [laughs] Should send out an email that says, "Hey, also 'the big game' now. You can't [laughs] say that one anymore."

**Travis:** Now you have to call it the Sipper Bowl. From now on.

**Justin:** [laughs] The football party. Call it that or nothin'.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** So Ban— Bojangles' just ad—

**Travis:** Competitive hugging.

**Justin:** Bojangles' adds an MVP to its lineup just in time for the Super Bowl. I added it, not Bojangles'. Come after me, lawyers. The caption on this photo, which is the biggest pile of chicken I have ever seen in my entire life...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** ...says, "Bojangles' encourage you [laughs]—"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** The name is plural. The entity is singular.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And so it says, "Bojangles' encourage you to call ahead to preorder your 50-piece Chicken Supremes or Homestyle Tender Platter or Call of Duty: Black Ops 5. Preorder anything you want when you call Bojangles'; we don't give a shit."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "All great teams update their playbook before the big game."  
[laughs] All the teams!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] ...update their playbook before the big game.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's why Bojangles' is adding a new play, just in time for this Sunday's showdown: a 50-piece Chicken Supremes platter, available for \$49.99, do that math, it's a buck a tender. This—

**Travis:** A buck a cluck.

**Justin:** A buck a cluck. This Sunday at participating—

**Griffin:** Holy fuck, a buck a cluck.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It's this Sunday at participating Bojangles'.

**Travis:** [laughs] Check your luck...

**Griffin:** [laughs] Fuck a buck.

**Travis:** Fuck a cluck.

**Justin:** [laughs] "Packed with your choice of our popular, perfectly-seasoned Chicken Supreme or our mild, flavorful Homestyle Tenders." Hey, y'all, I don't know if you have Bojangles' around you. One of those is spicy, and fuck me if I can ever remember which one it is. Uh, it's a 50-piece platter. It also comes with 12 delectable sauces.

**Travis:** Mm.

**Justin:** Get your dip on. Woof. [laughs] Oh, man. "Get your dip on with our classic Ranch, tangy BBQ, zesty Bo's Special Sauce," gross, "and of course that irresistible Bojangles' Honey Mustard. Any good coach—" [laughs] man, Bojangles' is making a lot of [laughs] assumptions about its knowledge of sports.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Any good coach knows it's important to get your play in early, and you can do the same..."

**Griffin:** [laughs] Wait, what?

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** Hey, you heard me.

**Travis:** Start! Go! Go, go, go! All right!

**Griffin:** All right, guys. First down. Let's go for that field goal.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** First down, better punt it. Get that play in early, though. Don't twist it. Never expect it.

**Justin:** "You can call your local Bojangles' today to preorder your platter for Sunday."

You may be mad at me for telling you this after the Super Bowl, but I'm doing it for your own good. I always assume with these, there's some small percentage of the audience that will say, "Mm! Buck a cluck, huh? Don't mind if I do." So I can just say for that, you're welcome.

"Packed with—" uh, let's see. Quote: "A Bojangles' 50-piece platter will always win your game day gathering's most valuable platter award," says Randy Poindexter... [laughs]

**Griffin:** Shit.

**Justin:** ...senior vice president of marketing for Bojangles'.

**Travis:** No. No.

**Justin:** Um, hey, uh, I went over all the platters and um, Bojangles', you win most valuable platter.

"But wait, I made brownies! Myself!"

It doesn't matter. Bojangles'.

**Griffin:** I spent 50— I spent 50 bucks on this. It's a buck a cluck.

**Justin:** Buck a cluck. Most valuable. This is a \$50 retail price. I can take this out on the street and wholesale it for \$75 easy, no problem.

"Our Supremes and Homestyle Tenders are so delicious, you might even need to bring uh, along a second platter for your group of [laughs] monsters."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It doesn't say "of monsters," but hey, I don't care how many people are gathered in the Lord's name, and by the Lord I mean the Super Bowl. They— they shouldn't eat more than 50 chicken tenders [laughs].

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yeah. "This is my uh— this is my best friend. I hope you don't mind; I brought him to the game. He's a kiddie pool full of uh, hydrochloric acid."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs] "I— I brought this chipper shredder. I don't know uh..."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "So if you don't mind, I'm just gonna karate kick the leg of this table up, and just let everything slope down into him."

**Justin:** "This is my uncle. He's a hole."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "So just check— you did buy two of these platters, right? 'Cause Hole Uncle wants to— yeah, okay."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "He's gotta grub down too, so..."

**Justin:** [laughs] Um— uh, "Get creative with your Chicken Supremes or Homestyle Tenders. Check out Bojangles' Tailgate Hacks to learn how to— you can use Bojangles' menu items as a base for creating your own craveable game day recipes."

So here is what Bojangles' is presumed to tell you. "You can take the things that we made, and make them [laughs] good for game day time."

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** What— what are they suggesting?

**Justin:** Um, they're suggesting tailgate hacks, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Justin, that doesn't mean anything to me. That sounds— that sounds like some sort of cybermancer is trying to gain access to my station wagon through the rear.

**Justin:** So here's the thing that's troubling. The press release says that you can check out the Bojangles' Tailgate Hacks, but that information is not available anywhere on the [laughs] internet.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I am currently very challenged by this um, this Bojangles' Tailgate Hack thing, because they do say that it is— okay. Okay. I found it.

**Griffin:** Okay. There's a Facebook page. Did you find the Facebook page?

**Justin:** Yes, I found the Facebook page. I got some um— I got some YouTubes here from the Bo channel. Um, let's see. In this...

**Griffin:** Work with some guacamole. Looks like we got some...

**Justin:** I'm gonna tell you this one. It's Buffalo Chicken Crescent Ring. Okay. So the person's made a huge sort of sunburst out of croissant wedges, okay? it's like a flower shape. And then they have— they take a bunch of chicken off of three chicken breasts, okay? And then they dump in a bunch of hot sauce into 'em. I bet they're gonna stir 'em. Yep, yep, they're stirrin 'em, folks.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** They're stirring it up. Uh, oh, an entire brick of cream cheese. Two— one container of Bojangles' Ranch. No, sorry, two containers of Bojangles' Ranch sauce. They combined those and— no, don't mix them to— no, they're mixing them together!

**Griffin:** [laughs] Oh, Christ!

**Justin:** Oh, Christ! Now they've made a ring of it, and it's inside the croissants, and now they've— they've topped it with cheese; how could you?! And now they're folding up the edges to make a ring—

**Travis:** Wait. Slow down. I'm writing this down.

**Justin:** ...a big, stinky ring of chicken, and they've got more Ranch for dipping, because fuck you.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** This video came out November 17th, 2018, on the Bojangles' official channel, and I am the 88th person to ever see it.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Oh, no.

**Justin:** How is this possible?

**Travis:** Oh, no!

**Justin:** How is it possible that there are only 88 views of this video? More than 88 people made it!

**Griffin:** I'm looking at a different one, where they've made a sort of bruschetta out of Bojangles' Botato Rounds.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Uh, and uh, this one's got— came out same date, 78 views on this one. "#Saturday #FoodHack. These are so good! #Football, #TailGate with #Bojangles #BotatoRounds. Yes, please, #TheFirstEmptyDishAtTheTailGate, we are your TailGate HQ. #LongLiveTheTailGate. Go get you some!"

**Justin:** Fuck.

**Travis:** Do they really need the #BotatoRounds there, as though if I wanted to find something about Botatoes, I couldn't simply search the word "Botatoes."

**Griffin:** [laughs] That's—

**Travis:** And that'll probably bring up everything about Botatoes.

**Griffin:** Let's all silently find this Facebook video. I have not posted on Facebook since the birth of my son. I'm gonna go ahead and share this



now. I have just shared it now, and I will let you all know in real time how much social media traction I get with this video on my timeline.

**Justin:** I want— can I push this a little further, Griffin?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I want everyone to share it.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] I want everyone to go to the Bojangles' page, and I want them to make—

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yeah, you can find it easy. Just search #Botato.

**Travis:** [laughs] Botatoes.

**Justin:** Everybody, I made— I shared it uh, on my timeline. Everybody should go find this fucking vid and share it.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** And just start commenting on it.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** We'll be responding to questions throughout the week [laughs] on this.

**Travis:** We'll be doing an AMA.

**Justin:** [laughs] We own the comments on this bitch now. These are ours!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Loving this.

**Griffin:** Oh, Bojangles'.

**Justin:** [laughs] They— I commen— I just commented, "Loving this one." So that's— that comment's from me. Griffin, if you wanna comment...

**Griffin:** Yeah, let me get on yours.

**Justin:** [laughs] You can just reply to my comment that we did on the um— on the uh, Botato post. Uh, people are gonna— I don't know— okay. My [laughs] football guys love this one. Oh, that's great. Uh, this video's gonna be viral all of a sudden, and I feel pretty good that if you're the person that made it, you're gonna have a kickass week because of it. You're gonna think that you finally had an impact. Um...

**Griffin:** I mean, you did!

**Justin:** You did!

**Griffin:** You did. This ain't artificial. You did it.

**Justin:** No. I—

**Griffin:** Okay. Can you— is there— should I do a Yahoo?

**Justin:** Yeah. Go for it.

**Griffin:** Or is there more?

**Justin:** Eh, there's one— I mean, I had— there's other things, but I feel like we've spent too much time on the Munch Squad already. I— um, so we'll just move on.

**Griffin:** Uh, I got one here that was sent in by Adrian Cowles. Thank you so much, Adrian. It's uh, Yahoo Answers user Window, who asks, "Is it rude to look at other people shopping at the supermarket?" Wait, have we talked about this before?

**Travis:** Sorry. I was distracted 'cause I'm sharing the link to the Botatoes thing on my uh, Twitter.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay.

**Travis:** But with no comments whatsoever.

**Griffin:** It's gotta be Facebook.

**Justin:** Gotta be Facebook.

**Griffin:** I want it to be— it's gotta be Facebook.

**Travis:** Well, I'm sharing the link to the Facebook page.

**Griffin:** Okay. It'll be fully five days before this episode comes out.

**Justin:** Yeah. That's a long time to wait for context [laughs]. But hey, it's your [laughs] Twitter.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** So is it rude to look at other people shopping in the supermarket? I love looking at other people shopping in the supermarket, but I hate when they look at mine. But everybody's looking, all day, all the time, right?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** When I roll pa— my favorite thing to do is to try to like, Sherlock a thing, and be like, "Oh, they're gonna make, I don't know, barbecue, or whate—" or "They have diarrhea," or whatever, as you walk past and you look in their cart...

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** ...and you're like, "Oh, they're, I don't know, planning a big weekend with a college friend that they haven't seen in a decade."

**Griffin:** Yeah, the Mario Party minigame version of this is at CVS. When you see me and I've got um, a special order, sort of these big boxes of Imodium, and so you see me walk up...

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** ...and you know sort of what my whole story is. But at the grocery store, I mostly try— just try to play a game of just like, "Are you being a healthy boy?" 'Cause that's really all I can get. I don't like to snoop in there a lot, but I can tell, like— I can tell. I can tell. If I see a lot of stuff from the produce section, I'm like, "You're just bragging now."

**Justin:** My worry is always that when I buy something with toilet paper, the people who see it are gonna assume that it ma— [laughs] whatever it is makes me poop. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Like, if I buy— if I buy a Symphony bar and toilet paper...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...I always assume that they were getting the Symphony bar...

**Griffin:** You know what's heartbreaking?

**Justin:** What?

**Griffin:** We've definitely talked about this.

**Travis:** That's what I was gonna say. This is the— I don't wanna have another Hakuna Matata bugs moment, but Justin is definitely talking about his fear of buying stuff with toilet paper for the fear that it would make people think [laughs] that whatever he was buying...

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** ...would make him shit.

**Justin:** That's gonna be it for me.

**Griffin:** Well, that's why— I like to buy all that stuff, the sort of unspeakable stuff, in one lump sum, so I'll get toilet paper and, you know, jimmy caps, and imodium. And then you don't know what kind of fucking day I'm having.

**Justin:** Um, I hate the feeling of buying 18 rolls of toilet paper, like, when I'm at the store, but there's not a quicker emotional flip I go through than buying 18 rolls of toilet paper at the store and feeling like a bad person to seeing 18 rolls of toilet paper in my hall closet and I feel bulletproof. Nothing can touch me then.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Look at all this fucking toilet paper I have! I'm good for whatever happens. I'm so loaded— I'll never have to think about toilet paper again. Ever, ever, ever. Never again.

**Travis:** That explains why, like, you keep calling your closet the panic room, and it's just full top-to-bottom...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ...of toilet paper.

**Griffin:** So I tell you what I like seeing, is just a lot of one thing...

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** ...in somebody's cart. Just like, chock full of Activia.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And it's like, "Good for you."

**Travis:** Whenever I see something like that, where something's like, they got the ingredients to like, say, make pancakes, but times 50...

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** ...where I'm like, "You are doing a charity fundraiser for something, and I support you!" And what never crosses my mind is, "That person fucking loves [laughs] pancakes."

**Griffin:** Loves 'em. Has to have Activia.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I noticed a thing that— I think the thing I've seen the most in this situation is Party Pizzas. You see college kids, and they've got like 50 Party Pizzas in there, and they got a look on their face like they're about to pull the heist of the century.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Nobody can tell me how to live anymore, Dad."

**Travis:** "99 cents for— for a whole pizza? Aha! I'm a savvy shopper now!"

**Griffin:** Their dad bod hasn't fully sort of formed yet.

**Justin:** [laughs] Sure.

**Griffin:** Hasn't really gestated.

**Justin:** There's a perfect three years where you have the money to buy Party Pizza and the physical ability [laughs] to do so.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** This is why they make carts so big and so fucking see-through, is so that everybody can scope out each other— everybody can clock each other's sort of needs without being like, super, super obvious about it. It's really good people watchin'.

**Travis:** Let me give you a number one Travis shopping hack. This is why every so often you just grab, like, you're gonna grab some like, pickled onions. You're just gonna grab something, right? Three or four of 'em. But you're gonna hand it back to the cashier when you get up there and say, "Oh, I changed my mind, I don't want these pickled onions." And that's gonna keep the lookie-loos...

**Griffin:** I see.

**Justin:** Oh!

**Travis:** ...from guessing about what's going on in there. Like, "Woah, pickled onions? What's he doing— oho, those weren't my pickled onions. That was a decoy."

**Griffin:** See, I like— I like to go and get some—

**Travis:** Also, it makes more work for the people who work at the grocery store, I'm sure they appreciate it.

**Griffin:** I like to swing by the butcher, get some of that good sort of parchment, and line my cart with it.

**Travis:** that's fun.

**Griffin:** 'Cause what I do— that's for— and now you can't see inside. This is my stuff. Also—

**Travis:** And you can also draw on it.

**Griffin:** You can draw on it.

**Justin:** For the kids.

**Griffin:** Which is fun for— well, and for me.

**Justin:** I like to put a hole in the bottom of my shopping cart for trash and claws and bones.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** So as I'm— [laughs] as I'm eating my way through the bird, yeah.

**Griffin:** Oh, Justin.

**Justin:** What's up?

**Griffin:** They don't— there's no way— man, we've talked about shoplifting, or lifting, as the lifting community calls it, but we've never really talked about foodlifting before.

**Travis:** Mm.

**Griffin:** There's— I've already used it up! You can't get this out of me! That's good stuff.

**Justin:** That's—

**Griffin:** You can pull the watch out—

**Travis:** Well, they can.

**Griffin:** You can pull the watch out of my pocket, [laughs] but you can't pull the Activia out of my GI tract. 'Cause it's already doing its great work in there

**Travis:** Hey, I'm gonna give, I don't know, Kroger or Meyer or whoever's listening a million billion dollar idea.

**Griffin:** Mm.



**Travis:** Put little, like, self-checkout throughout the store.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** So then as I'm walking, I'm like, "I want to tear into these Cheez-Its right now," I can just scan it and pop the fiver in and then just start eating 'em.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Boom, my receipt, look out.

**Griffin:** It's— or, to just— you know, let's add it back into the economy, Travis. We can have, like, a patient's associate who goes around and if they see you sort of, you know, slathering over your own cart, they see you like, "Can't wait to crack into that dry tortellini, huh? I feel ya. You want me to beep that out for ya?"

**Travis:** Right?

**Griffin:** And then beep it out, and then you can have yourself a time. And we'll have private booths for you to do this work in.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Your dark— your dark work.

**Travis:** I like that. Oh, and you set me up with like, a little camp stove and a pot of water, and I can have that tortellini right now.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm. You get me a Bic lighter and a can of Coke, I'll tortellini those up for you.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** My uh, my local Kroger has a um, has a program where you can uh, and they have old cookies uh, sitting out on the deli counter. Just a container of yesterday's cookies. The— it's free, you know, for the kids.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Justin:** And I talked to this uh, this outreach program up to my four-year-old daughter, Charlie, a lot, and uh, 'cause it was the first time we had uh, gone to Kroger, I think. And I said, they got this thing that you—they used to have this thing when I was a kid where they would have, like, free cookies.

So I rolled back to the counter and— of the deli, and there— there's no container of cookies.

**Travis:** [gasps]

**Justin:** And [laughs] everyone working at the counter is, like, 20 feet away from the counter. So I started standing there with, like, a casual, kind of talking to my daughter, like, "Huh, I guess there's no cookies, sweetheart. Uh, I thought—" but I realized this wasn't loud enough to get the attention of anybody.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** So then I started talking [laughs] louder. [laughs] To j— [shouting] "Well, sweetie, I guess they don't have any free cookies. I'm sorry. I guess they don't have any this time." And uh, the person— um, [laughs] the person working the counter 20 feet away looks up at me, takes off their gloves and starts walking up, and I'm like, "Oh, no! Oh, no! Oh, no! I don't want— this is too involved! Oh, no!"

And they said, "What do you need?"

And I said, "Free cookies!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] And they looked at me completely blank, like, "Of course you'd like some free [laughs] cookies. Sir, this is a store!"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Everything is purchased here!"

**Griffin:** "I cut— I cut pigs! What are you talking about? I'm the pig cutter. I have no jurisdiction over cookie presents."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** So okay, for future reference, if you do go to Kroger, the free cookies are at the bakery counter. That's where you're gonna wanna [laughs] get the free—

**Griffin:** Oh, God.

**Travis:** Oh, no, Justin!

**Justin:** That's where you're gonna wanna go for that.

**Travis:** You—

**Justin:** [laughs] You don't wanna go to the place where they cut the meat and ask for free cookies...

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** ...because you will be an embarrassment to your child. And...

**Griffin:** And your brothers.

**Travis:** [laughs] Your brothers.

**Justin:** And my brothers. And the audience of people, I'm assuming, at this point. So I'm uh— I guess this is my roundabout way of saying I'm super sorry to Kroger and everybody and... I'm deeply sorry.

**Travis:** I've just realized that "Oh, no, this has become too involved," could also be, like, the McElroy motto on our crest of arms.

**Justin:** Yeah. Uh, folks, thanks for hanging out with us. Uh, we sure appreciated our time with you, and we hope you've enjoyed yourself. Uh, we are— yes, we have one last chance to you to pitch our uh, our shows in Birmingham, Alabama, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

These are going to be uh, happening this week, as you listen to this, on February the— February the 7th, we're gonna be in Birmingham, Alabama uh, at the Alabama Theatre, and on the 9th we are going to be doing The Adventure Zone at The Orpheum in New Orleans. On the 10th, we're gonna be doing um, My Brother, My Brother and Me in New Orleans. Both of those My Brother, My Brother and Me shows will have Sawbones and Shmammers opening up for them, so it's a huge value.

**Griffin:** Come see 'em. Come see us.

**Travis:** Also, go ahead and start sending in your questions for those, if you haven't already. Make sure to put New Orleans or Birmingham in the subject line, and I'm just gonna go ahead and tell you to send in those Yahoos too, am I right, Griffin?

**Griffin:** Yes. Please, please, please.

**Justin:** If you go to [McElroy.family](http://McElroy.family) and click tours, you can get tickets for those shows. Uh, I think they are going to be very fun, and uh, we would love to see you there, so please come out for those.

**Travis:** Um, and while you're at it, just poke around [McElroy.family](http://McElroy.family). you can also find links to our merch and to our other projects, including video stuff for like episodes of Monster Factory and...

**Griffin:** There should be a new one up uh, by the time you hear this.

**Travis:** So go check that out!

**Griffin:** Thanks to John Roderick and The Long Winters for the use of our theme song, (It's a) Departure off the album Putting the Days to Bed, uh, which is a bop, and also thank you to Maximum Fun for having us on the network. You can go to Maximum Fun, check out all the great shows there. Uh, new— lots of new additions to the network. Very exciting. All at MaximumFun.org. And do you all want that final?

**Justin:** You know I do.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** This final Yahoo was sent in by Sid Ross. Thank you, Sid. It is an anonymous Yahoo Answers user who I'm gonna call Preston, asks, [pause] "Can 38-year-olds listen to Slipknot?"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**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 plays]

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