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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 older brother, Justin McElroy.

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

Griffin: [over-enunciating] I'm your sweet baby brother, and 30 under 30 media luminary, Griffin McElroy.

Travis: [sighs] I'm so... I can't... I can't contain myself anymore hearing that, um, um, uh, amazing enunciation.

Justin: Crisp.

Travis: And that diction.

Griffin: It's because—

Travis: Y'know, you got the lips at the tip of the tongue.

Griffin: There's no Cheetos residue in there blocking the sound waves.

Travis: The teeth. It's pick watch 2019.

Griffin: Had the Waterpik for a little over two weeks or so, sitting in the Amazon box. And I looked at it every day and said, "Not yet. Not yet. Not yet." But I had about ten minutes to kill just before recording, and I got in there, and I just super soaked the heck out of it.

Justin: I uh, I had a lot of trepidation the first time I used my Waterpik. 'Cause I was fairly sure that there was... there's definitely a pressure at which you know you're gonna rip it up in there. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And you're just sticking this tube in your mouth and going for it.

Travis: Yeah, I um, I'm just worried that if I ever used one, I would accidentally set it to 'sand blaster.'

Griffin: Yeahhh.

Travis: And I would just tear both the enamel, and then everything underneath the enamel, uh, just straight out of my mouth.

Griffin: But I gotta say – refreshing, other than the horrible pain of pressure washing my inside skin.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: I gotta say, the results, folks? I saw a little bit of Tasteration come out of there.

Travis: Whoa.

Griffin: Yeah, and those haven't even been around since like, 1999. So...

Justin: Do you think if we mention Tasterations enough, eventually, the company will just give us the IP?

Griffin: Please.

Travis: I don't think it exists at—wait, who owned it? Was that Nestle?

Griffin: That's Hershey's, if memory serves.

Travis: Hershey's.

Griffin: Yes. But anyway, I used the Waterpik today, and my congressional medal of honor has yet to appear, and I'm confused about that.

Justin: So strange.

Griffin: Or at least, a big boy sticker.

Travis: Griffin, I do need to know. When you said the pain in your mouth of blasting your inside skin—

Griffin: Blasting it.

Travis: Could you compare that... I've never used a Waterpik. Could you compare that level of pain to something for me?

Griffin: Uh, have you ever used one of those massage chairs at the airport that have like, the balls in it that go in?

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Imagine just putting your teeth right into one of those somehow. Like sort of sitting on it, teeth-first, and just sort of get over the hygiene issues associated with that. But y'know, physically, that's sort of the feel that we're talking about. Um, and—

Travis: Well, I don't care for that.

Griffin: And then the water, there's a sort of uh, y'know, manners issue of what you do with the water as it's being blasted in. You don't want anybody to see the unsightly sight of you, y'know, getting on in there and just dribbling water out of your mouth like some sort of sea monster. So do you swallow it all? The answer is yes, and it's bad.

Travis: Now, I just assumed that, as you did it, you would kind of keep your mouth open, and it would just be like, pouring from you like a character in a sci-fi show that was drowning on dry land.

Griffin: Sure, like a human water feature situation.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah. But folks...

Justin: If you close your mouth tight around it, it'll blast out your nose, and that'll do a number on the sinuses.

Travis: Oh, no.

Griffin: But... I have so much air moving between my... they're—the gaps between my teeth are so big, and I'd never appreciated it.

Justin: [singing] The space between...

Griffin: Yeah, there's a little—I—

Justin: [continues singing]

Travis: Let him keep going.

Justin: No, that's all the words I know.

Griffin: That's all the words he knows, 'cause it's the only words in the song. I used my Waterpik today.

Justin: [laughs] Let's not lose the point of this.

Griffin: We can make jokes, but I used my Waterpik today.

Travis: Where is that... we need a combo t-shirt, "I Used My Waterpik Today," and, "Hey, I Might Go Eat Some Charcuterie Later."

Griffin: What's up?

Travis: Like just—just a two—"And Then, Once the Charcuterie is Trapped in My Teeth, I'll Use the Waterpik Again in a Never-Ending Cycle Until One Day, I Die."

Griffin: My favorite part is that the sort of relationship I've built and how it's evolved with my dentist, who, at my first cleaning, was like, "Oh my God." Because it had been a while since my last confession. And then, every sort of, y'know, six months or so, he would be like, "Wow, you really need to floss."

And then he'd be like, "Uh, you should really be flossing, or at the very least, go get a Waterpik." And then like, on my last appointment, he was like, "I know you're not going to floss. I give up. Go buy a Waterpik." And then I used it two weeks later.

Justin: [laughs] Um, are you sort of hesitant to use the teeth again? You kind of hate to, because it's like...

Griffin: I'll be honest, yeah, a little bit. And I'm trying—

Justin: Yeah. They're perfect.

Griffin: Yeah, so I'm trying to figure out if there's other holes I can get the food in, if there's other sort of stuff I can do...

Justin: Yeah, is there other places to put the food?

Travis: Hmm.

Griffin: There's gotta be other places I can get the food in. And I know the first thing you're gonna laugh and joke about, for this scuzzy podcast, is my ass.

Travis: I would never. I was going to say you could freeze dry it, crush it up, snort it right up your nose.

Griffin: That's... now we're going somewhere with that.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Let me—

Travis: I'm trying to—I'm trying to think outside the bun, Griffin. I'm not just gonna say 'ass.'

Griffin: I'm gonna—yeah.

Travis: Ohh, you can put it up your... oh, put the food up your ass!

Griffin: Just put it—

Travis: Get like a pickle up your butt. I would never say that.

Griffin: Never say that. But—

Travis: That's disgusting.

Griffin: If you wanted to nose boof some frozen charc... uterie, then I don't think there's a law against that.

Justin: Uh, I have an exciting uh, uh, uh... an exciting new feature.

Travis: Oh?

Justin: For the podcast, that I'd like to pivot seamlessly into before... because Griffin mentioned Tastetations, and—

Travis: A half an hour ago.

Justin: Half an hour ago. My mind has been on Tastetations. And this feature, I think I'm gonna call it, "Where is it Now?" And... [laughs] This is a feature where people on the internet talk about a thing that they miss very dearly, and we could all share in that with them and be there and bond with them. And this is a thread from the Straight Dope. Are you guys down with this? Are you feeling this right now?

Griffin: Are you asking—

Justin: Are you down with me?

Griffin: Are you asking us, or is this part of the comment?

Justin: Yes. Yes, I'm asking you.

Griffin: Okay. Yes, let's go.

Justin: Are you down? Are we go? Are we good? Yes. Good. Yes. Travis, verbal confirmation.

Travis: Yes. I—yes, Justin.

Justin: This is from the Straight Dope. Wolf_meister, February 27th. Holy fuckin' shit, today, the day we're recording this, exactly the day... 15 years ago.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: 2004. "Granted, this is not the most pressing matter of the day, but I'm sure it's important to some people. I visited the Hershey's™ website," [whispers] In 2004. "And they don't even list it as one of their products. On message boards, it is rumored to have been discontinued. Of course, the only message board that matters is the Straight Dope message board.

So, are Hershey's Tastetations discontinued? I find it hard to believe these things weren't popular. IMHO, these are far better than Werther's, which are incredibly overrated."

Travis: Whoa!

Griffin: Get 'im. Fuck 'em up.

Travis: Shots fired.

Justin: "If Tastetations have been discontinued, is there anything similar out there? And you know what I think of Werther's." They say it right here! You know what I think of Werther's!

Travis: Okay. Alright.

Justin: And then a day later, they say... [laughs] Well... there's no responses, okay? A day later. "Well, I see my posting has come from relative obscurity to total oblivion. Some of the "Dopers" here must have a sweet tooth? Isn't anyone else a fan of these candies?"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: FreeRange_Maniac follows up. "I'm sure I've seen them up here. I work at a large chain drug store, so I'll have a look and see if I'm right. Maybe they just discontinued them in the states? I know you have candy and chocolate we'd never see in Canada."

Paul_in_Qatar says, "What were they?"

Wolf_meister, the original, "Paul, Tastetations are, perhaps were, a great-tasting hard candy sold in bags of about one pound. They came in a lot of flavors - butterscotch, caramel, and so on. To me—"

Griffin: No, stop. That was it. Those were the only two. There's butterscotch, chocolate, and caramel. So there's not a so on. There's three, total.

Justin: "To me, and a lot of other people, they were the greatest-tasting candy ever made."

Travis: Wait, they weren't... I'm sorry. There wasn't like a strawberry and cream one? What am I thinking of? There was like a hard candy that was like a swirl design.

Justin: Ooh, yeah. I know what you're talking about, but I don't know. Um, here—okay, so, FreeRange_Maniac says, "Yeah, I checked today. They're being discontinued. Maybe they're more popular in Canada?" That was February 28th, 2004.

October 24th, 2012, anno domini 2012, chuckles14901 is coughing. [coughs] The dust! What's this old post? [blows] Look, I can just make it out. Some of the inscriptions here. It's about Tastetations. Hm, I gotta get my two cents on these. Hold on a second. Tap tap tap. "There are few candies as delicious as the Tastetations. The mint was smooth and refreshing, the caramel is tasty, but there is only one candy that ever made chocolate - Tastetations." [laughs]

Travis: [whispering] Wow.

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: "No one has made such a delicious candy as the chocolate, which tastes like dark chocolate or fudge. It is wondrous. My heart is breaking. I would love it if I could find a place that still sells them for shipment to the states. I would pay \$10 a bag of mint and chocolate Tastetations."

Travis: Whoa!

Justin: "Shipping and handling not included." [laughing] So if you could reach through time and find Tastetations, this cat will pay you ten dollars for a bag. Just not gonna cover the uh, the shipping and handling.

Travis: Justin. What—you have—this is see a need, fill a need kind of deal. I'm saying, maybe the next McElroy, like, endeavor isn't a podcast, isn't a TV show, isn't a graphic novel—

Griffin: Bootleg Tastetations!

Travis: It's bootleg Tastetations!

Griffin: If we're making ten bucks a pound on these things... nah, this is Breaking Bad 2. We got that cronchy brown.

Travis: We get some people to build some compartments into their fenders on their old jalopies, have them drive them down, y'know, maybe we make them up in Canada, and then they drive them down to the states. We sell them there, and then we fly the money down to, I don't know, Cuba maybe? And we buy more ingredients there, and the cycle continues. That Tastetations money, baby.

Griffin: That was a lot of Tastetations talk. Bring it back. Uh, but I think in the meantime, we should do a question.

Justin: I'd love that, Griffin. You read my mind, basically.

"I was on a three hour drive this morning when I got hungry. I spotted a sign on the highway for a hotel chain that I knew had free breakfast."

Travis: I like... whatever you're doing here, Justin, this is a very like, noir kind of reading you're doing. I was on a three hour drive...

Justin: I think it's appropriate. I think it's appropriate for the question. I didn't know that going in, but I feel good about it.

Travis: It really works.

Justin: "Wanting to save a few dollars, I stopped at the hotel and walked into the lobby, pretending I was a guest. I went straight to the breakfast bar and helped myself to biscuits and gravy."

Griffin: Oh my God. Y'all...

Justin: "I don't know if it was paranoia, or if it was legitimate, but as I was eating, I got the feeling the hotel staff knew I wasn't supposed to be there." [coughs] Unlikely. "I was the only person in the breakfast area. After seeing three of the hotel staff talk quietly to each other and look my way, I gobbled down what was left of my orange juice and made a run for it. I went out the hotel side of the door, as to avoid walking by the lobby, and thus the staff. Turns out, the side door led directly to the outdoor pool." [laughs]

Griffin: Keep reading.

Justin: "There is a fence surrounding the pool that is too high to jump. And because I'm not a guest at the hotel, I don't have a key to get back in and look for another exit. I'm stuck. Help. What do I do?" That's from *Being Caught Stealing in Baton Rouge*, and you deserve whatever you have received.

Griffin: Yeah. I actually... I've got a great suggestion. Go... to... jail. Go to jail. Go to jail for the crime you did. Go to... you... you fucked up this whole thing! You couldn't at least, like, go to the bathroom for like an hour, and then walk in from the bathroom and go eat?

The reason they know that you're there, that you're not a guest of the hotel, is because you walked in from out—they saw you park your car, come into the hotel, [laughing] and eat their pancakes and then drink your juice really fast as you looked around at them nervously, and then sprinted out the side door to just like, go take a fevered dip. You fucked up every step of this heist, and you need to go to jail for it. And while you're there, you can reflect on how to do better heists.

Justin: You know where they got a lot of free breakfasts?

Travis: Jail.

Griffin: Jail. At it, yeah.

Travis: Y'know...

Justin: All the free meals.

Travis: One time, uh, when Mom and Dad were visiting Norman, Oklahoma, where I went to college – boomer sooner – uh, they were like, "Yeah, you and your friends come over." I think Brent went with me, and

they said, "And we'll get breakfast." And when we got to the hotel to meet them, they just took us over to the continental breakfast there at the hotel. And I'm pretty sure that isn't how it works. I did eat it. I was very hungry, I was in college. But I still feel tricked by Dad, and by extension, Mom, like, saying like, "We'll get you breakfast, by which I mean, Best Western will get you breakfast. Eat up."

Griffin: Yeah. They did. They got it to you.

Travis: I love that.

Griffin: You had it.

Travis: Ehh... but that's like saying, "Hey, do you want to go get lunch? Cool, let's break into my neighbor's house and I'll see if they have any sandwiches."

Justin: It's not at all like that. That's breaking and entering. [laughs] The other one is a bending, but not a breaking, of policy.

Travis: It's a bending and entering.

Griffin: If you were gonna kick in the doors of this hotel... if you were gonna plant a C4 charge on the front door of this hotel and smash and grab some pancakes, I'm not against... you know me. If you're trying to save a buck with a little harmless steal, I'm all for it.

Justin: Love it.

Griffin: I love it. But like, you would've been better served planting a demolition charge on the front door of the hotel, throwing in a smoke grenade, running in, grabbing, y'know, four muffins, and running out. You did a bad, bad, bad job.

Travis: Especially once you introduce that the food you ate was biscuits and gravy. If you ate some like... you grabbed an individual, like, container of Lucky Charms, or you grabbed like—

Justin: That's what you—

Travis: A frozen Danish that had been thawed out. That's fine.

Justin: Absolutely.

Travis: Someone made those biscuits and gravy.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Absolutely. But it's also the... y'know what's wild about it, Travis? Thank you. There's something about it that had been bothering, and it has only now occurred to me. I... the fact that you sat down. You... you motherfucker. You didn't just want to steal. You wanted to sit there and fucking relish in it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: There's never... I've never been to a continental breakfast where you could not have swooped a banana, some yogurt, a Danish, some uh, uh, I don't know, even a mouthful of bacon? I mean, whatever. Whatever it is, you could've been in and out before they even registered your presence. But no, you wanted to sit down and really enjoy the ambiance of the uh, the Holiday Inn Express.

Griffin: And as long as we're just doubling down on being angry at you, our listener, the last sentence here about how it turns out the side door led—

Justin: Who I'm assuming is now a skeleton.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: In the back yard of the Holiday Inn.

Griffin: "The side door leads to the outdoor pool. There's a fence too high to jump, and I do not have the key to look for another exit." I feel like I'm playing fucking Zork. I don't know what else is there. I can't send in my answer by mail.

Justin: Right. Do you have a holocaust cloak? Do you have a wheelbarrow? Something. [laughs]

Travis: Or a deck chair. [laughs]

Justin: Something that could build an escape plan, here.

Griffin: Uh, let's do a Yahoo. I'm so mad.

Justin: No, I'm not done!

Travis: Oh no, hold on. Can you—we don't often ask for follow ups, but I would like a follow up, a detailed, beat-by-beat, how the conversation of you offering to reimburse them for the biscuits and gravy went. Like, "Excuse me, what are you doing out here?"

"Uh, yes, I stole your breakfast."

"Okay, cool. You're gonna have to rent a room now to justify eating our breakfast."

Justin: Alright, how about I... okay, let's play a game. I... and I don't want... let's send jokes out of the room. This is a skill testing puzzle for you. You are gonna steal the breakfast. You're not a guest at the hotel. But you have to talk to the staff first to... before you can um, steal breakfast. What is the lie you're gonna make up? You can't say you're a guest there.

Travis: Are you ready? This is what I would do.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: I'm going to be checking in later, but I know that check-in isn't until three o'clock. Would it be alright if I went ahead and grabbed something from the breakfast bar?

Griffin: If I smash and grab some... uh, I mean, just grab. I didn't mean to say smash and grab. Can I break and enter into your breakfast place and have the food? I promise, I will get you back later at three when I definitely stay here. Here's my ID.

"This is a Pokémon card."

Rubble rubble!

Justin: [laughing] My pockets are full of yogurt. You missed it.

Travis: You'll never catch me now!

Justin: My dad was robbing you fucking blind of Danish while you were talking to me.

Griffin: So—

Justin: Oldest trick in the book.

Griffin: Yeah, it's rough. So uh, how about that Yahoo now?

Justin: Yeah, I guess. [laughs]

Griffin: Uh, here's now that was sent in my Emma Cont. Thank you, Emma. It's Yahoo answers user RoundSquare who asks...

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Come on.

Griffin: [clears throat] "How do I make other dogs respect my dog?"

Travis: Hmm.

Griffin: "My dog lacks confidence, and is clearly not an alpha male. He acts submissive towards other dogs. I'm tired of defending him all the time. How do I teach him to defend himself so he won't be bullied anymore?"

Travis: Oh, okay. You probably... the question asked probably means physically defending him, not like, when your dog walks away, saying like, "Hey guys, he's doing his best."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Hey, can we all just be cool with Ralph?"

Griffin: How do I make other dogs respect my dog, who I have to defend with my human abilities?

Travis: The obvious answer is, you're gonna dress up like a dog. And then when your dog comes around, you're gonna act all scared of that dog, and be like, "Ooh, I wouldn't mess with that dog!"

Griffin: Ohh.

Justin: "You guys see this guy over here?"

Travis: "Oh, he's rough."

Griffin: And then the other dogs will be like, "Are you the actual Scooby Doo?" And you're like, "Umm, yes?" And then you let your dog kick your own ass.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: "He's my cousin. Scooby Doo is my cousin, and I got a dad that works at Nintendo."

Travis: "That dog just beat up Scooby Doo's cousin and Jim Tendo's son!"

Justin: "This new dog is cool as hell, guys! His cousin is Scooby Doo and his dad works at Nintendo!"

Travis: "Why is that other dog picking on him? Hey, jerk! Leave Scooby Doo's cousin alone!"

Justin: [laughing] "Back off of our new best friend, Scooby Doo's cousin! We respect him!"

Griffin: "Oh, I was just about to show you guys my four skateboards, but it looks like I'm getting my ass kicked by this big cool dog."

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: [laughing] So that's backfired.

Travis: Oh, my plan... oh, that's the one. I didn't see it.

Griffin: No, that's working as intended, 'cause the big cool dog is your dog. How did you guys lose the plot that fast?

Travis: No, but I'm just saying—

Justin: No, we didn't lose the plot. They like—

Travis: Everybody loves Scooby Doo's cousin. They don't want to see him get beat up.

Justin: Yeah, that was the fiction that developed. Everybody liked the new dogs—the new giant dog. The new man-sized dog so much.

Griffin: I see. Well, then, you show up the next day, and you're horribly injured. And cool dog, your dog, has taken care of you and is nursing you back to health. You know what? I like that cool dog. He brings Scooby Doo's Nintendo cousin around.

Travis: That's nice.

Justin: We humped out our differences.

Griffin: Yeah, we figured it out together.

Travis: Maybe we go the other way, then, and uh, opposite of my plan, and you dress your dog up like a human, and then teach them to walk on two legs, and then you bring him around. And like, all dogs, I think, instantly have some form of respect for a human. I think that's a good part.

Justin: Yeah, and then you get him a fake ID that's old enough to buy beer.

Travis: [laughs] Yeah!

Justin: And then the other dogs are gonna be so fuckin' stoked.

Travis: Yeah, 'cause dogs... I don't know of a dog old enough to buy beer. I don't think there's ever been a 21 year old dog.

Justin: [laughing] That's the dog dream. Every dog is like, "If one of us could just make it to 21..."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "We are gonna fucking party!"

Travis: "I told you to quit smoking, Jerry!"

Griffin: No, I mean, for a dog, that is three. So a three year old dog could stumble into a Super America and say, "Let me get that High Life, please."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Um, yeah. I mean, Jack, you gotta get your dog jacked.

Travis: Huh?

Griffin: You gotta get your dog fuckin' diesel. Yolked. Huge. And I don't know how you do that. I don't know how you do that. I don't know if there's dog gyms. I know you can take them somewhere to train them for, y'know, Westminster and all that. Um, but I don't know how you... I don't know how you get them... there's no Ninja Warrior gyms for dogs, I don't think.

Travis: Can dogs build... I was a dog trainer for a while, and I don't know the answer to this question. Can dogs develop new muscle? And I'm terrified of this.

Griffin: I mean, if you crank them full of pure whey and get them pullin' tires, doing some cross fit five... seven hours, five days a week, then they'll die. [laughs] So don't do that.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: But there's gotta be another way. Oh, I know!

Justin: Oh, here it goes.

Griffin: I freaking got it. Oh. You put The Mask on them.

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: And from The Mask...

Travis: Okay. Capital T, capital M, The Mask.

Griffin: Or the Son of Mask, when the dog gets it on and gets really, really big.

Travis: I think the dogs puts it on in both of them, Griffin. So either one, you are correct.

Justin: Somebody stop him.

Travis: Somebody stop him, indeed. He's peeing all over everyone. And his pee is so hard, it's like a fire hose.

Griffin: It is so powerful, it has killed Jamie Kennedy. We are down one lead actor.

Travis: Please, somebody save Jamie Kennedy from that dog.

Griffin: Did that dog just piss so hard that Jamie Kennedy died? That's a cool dog.

Travis: Not another Kennedy.

Griffin: That there is an alpha. [laughs]

Travis: Did you know that Jamie Kennedy is Robert Kennedy and... [laughs] And John F. Kennedy's little brother? Did you know that?

Griffin: I did not know that, Travis.

Travis: He's the last one.

Justin: "I started a new job about five months ago, and one of my co-workers and I started bonding over mediocre romance novels." Hot. "The problem is, I haven't read any since middle school, because they're so heteronormative." Not hot.

"But I remember a lot about them, because my mom still loves to read them all. My coworker is in her 60s, and she's just happy to have something to talk about, so I didn't mention this. Two months ago, she recommended this series of 20-ish books that she has all of, and offered to lend me the first one. I accepted with no intention of reading it, and returned it after a week, saying it was really good." Oh, no! God damn it! You have to come to us before you fuck up!

Griffin: [laughing] This is the breaking into the hotel breakfast of human social interchanges. This is rough.

Justin: "She came in the next day with the next three books. Now I'm on book eight. I have not read any of them. How do I make her stop?" Oh my

God. And that's from Oh God, There's Actually 26 Books. Folks, you have to tell us the names of these franchises. And you have to... you have to reach out to us before you fuck up.

Travis: But I will say, at this point, it seems like you've already got a fine trajectory going. You made it through eight. You've got 18 more to go. If you can just keep up this like, take it away for a week, bring it back, like, "Yeah, super hot. I loved all the caressing." And then like, maybe you could make it through all 26 and then come out the other side. Half a year gone, yes. But you're free now. You're free from this genie's cave.

Griffin: Sorry guys, I gotta go sign for a package.

Justin: Yep.

Travis: Oh, gotta sign for a package.

Justin: [laughs] Nice. This is how all great romance novels start, right?

Travis: Yeah. Somebody shows up at your door with probably alcohol, if you have to sign for it and be over 21. Griffin took out the stylus and whipped his stylus around, signing on the tiny electronic pad.

Justin: [laughing] The letters spilled out of his hand like so much black jizz.

Travis: Like so much black ink jizz.

Justin: Ink jizz. First a G, and an R, and then an I, and an F.

Travis: "Could you spell your last name for me?" said the delivery person.

Justin: I'm about to climax. [wheezes]

Travis: I'm totally gonna finish, and I don't mean the delivery.

Justin: I'm going to finish...

Travis: Although, I am going to deliver an orgasm to you.

Justin: I'm delivering a plentiful orgasm.

Griffin: Aw, I sat on my headphones.

Travis: Do you need another orgasm? I could be back tomorrow with another delivery.

Justin: Or go back and add your middle name, and I'll climax again.

Travis: Yeahhh.

Griffin: What did I come back to?

Travis: What did you *come* back to indeed, Griffin?

Justin: Nice. Aww, yeahhh.

Travis: How was the *delivery*?

Griffin: So have you guys... I was signing for a package. Did you guys already come up with like, funny fake names for the thing? 'Cause I usually do those. But if you already did them, I don't want to double up.

Travis: Wait, sign—what? Sign for a package?

Griffin: Wait, what?

Travis: We were making it like you were in a romance novel where you were being romanced by the delivery person.

Griffin: Ohh, and I was gonna make love to the mail carrier.

Travis: Yeah, you said you had to sign for a *package*.

Justin: *Package*.

Griffin: Okay, so yeah, I can tell you what happened down there if you want.

Travis: Yeahhh. Make it saucy.

Griffin: His name was... Garbanzo.

Travis: [gasps] Yeah, the sexiest name.

Justin: Whoa, sexy.

Griffin: He was eight feet... long.

Travis: Whoa!

Justin: Whoa.

Griffin: He handed me my package. I said, "This looks like the special shoes I ordered for the boat." And then he said, "Yes. Yes it is."

Justin: [laughing] You ordered special orthopedic boat shoes?

Griffin: I ordered boat shoes. But not boat shoes, but shoes for a boat. Do you know what I'm saying? Anyway, Garbanzo—

Travis: Did you and Garbanzo kiss?

Griffin: No.

Justin: Go into extreme detail. I'm done with the pornography. Go into extreme detail about your boat shoes.

Travis: Are they shaped like boats?

Justin: [sings] Boat shoes...

Griffin: They breathe really well. Anyway, Garbanzo said, "Have fun on the boat." This is just chapter one. You don't bork in chapter one.

Travis: Ooh.

Justin: Of course.

Travis: I wish they would. Just get that out of the way. Chapter one of the romance novel is where all the sex happens, and then the next 27 chapters is just like, a character doing their taxes.

Griffin: Yeah. But the problem is, Garbanzo turned into a swarm of bats and flew away.

Justin: Classic. So classic.

Travis: Sexy.

Griffin: Yeah. Now, how could I resist?

Travis: The bats?

Griffin: Yeah. Let me get up in that cloud of bats. Nothing makes me hornier than Garbanzo, the cloud swarm of bats.

Justin: That's my favorite Night Vale character, in case anybody... everybody's been asking. My favorite Night Vale character is Garbanzo, the swarm of bats.

Travis: It's also my favorite Magic Tavern character. It's a crossover.

Justin: Yeah. Crossover.

Travis: Crossover event, and Griffin has sex with them.

Griffin: Not yet!

Travis: Not yet, sorry.

Justin: God, Magic Tavern already does have a living swarm of bats as a character. Jesus Christ.

Griffin: That's such a better show than ours. Should we go to the Money Zone at least?

Justin: Yeah. They don't have a money zone.

[theme music plays]

Justin: Go ahead and start, I gotta feed the cats. They're scratching at my door.

Travis: Ooh. Gotta feed the cats.

Griffin: Uh oh. So I wasn't here for the last time you did this, but like, are we gonna be like um... [really terrible Austin Powers impression] Does that make you horny, baby?

Travis: No. Griffin.

Griffin: Here's one about Casper. So Casper makes mattresses, and uh, when you get on them and you fall asleep, then... it's the best.

Travis: The best dreams.

Griffin: You definitely get the best dreams. Your bones feel better, and get longer while you sleep on them, because of how it's sort of... it cradles your natural geometry, creates an environment that is really, really compatible with bone elongation.

Travis: Yeah. There is one thing, and it's while you're asleep, you're actually absorbed within the mattress.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: As soon as you wake up, you're popped right back on top. So you're absolutely fine. You'll never know it.

Griffin: You won't know it unless the goblin king comes up.

Travis: Yes. Now you've got an issue. But, Casper guarantees 99.99999% chance the goblin king will not attack.

Griffin: No way. So, we have not done any of the things that they want us to say yet, so here's a lot of that.

Travis: Correct.

Griffin: They got free shipping and returns to the US and Canada. It's no hassle if you're not satisfied. You get to try it for 100 nights, and then if you don't like it, you just send it right back, and you banish the goblin king right back to whence he came. And uh, we have... I think we all have Caspers at this point. You've heard us talk about how comfortable they are, but I'll say it again – it's pretty freaking comfortable.

You can get \$50 towards select mattresses by visiting Casper.com/Brother, and using the promo code 'Brother' at check out. That's Casper.com/Brother, and promo code 'Brother' for \$50 towards select mattresses. Terms and conditions apply. I'm starting to think that these businesses listen to our show, because they've stopped including the phrase, "enter my brother" in here.

Travis: Yes. They've wised up.

Griffin: Phenomenal.

Travis: I would like to tell you about MeUndies. Now, we've talked about MeUndies before. I can tell you about their like, underpants and shirts, which are like, three times softer than cotton. There are different prints. You can get solid colors, adventurous prints, you can match with your partner, whatever. I want to talk about the sleep pants, which is uh, I think, maybe the greatest invention ever given to humankind.

Griffin: Real good.

Travis: They are the comfiest things I've ever worn, ever, and I would like to be buried in them. And you can get your 15% off your first pair of MeUndies, free shipping, and 100% satisfaction guarantee if you go to MeUndies.com/MyBrother. That's MeUndies.com/MyBrother.

Justin: Do you have teeth? Griffin does.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: But if he wants the space between clean, he's got that covered. But what about the nasty fronts and backs? Well, that is the purview of Quip. Designed to make brushing your teeth—

Travis: The backs and fronts are ours!

Justin: They're ours! Back away, Waterpik! Uh, they're affordable. Um, teeth. Sorry. [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Are you doing something else right now while talking about this?

Justin: No, I just sat back down, I'm trying to get my fuckin' bearings. Quip was designed to make brushing your teeth more simple, affordable, and even, dare we say it... enjoyable. They've got sensitive sonic vibrations, and a built in, two minute timer that pulses every 30 seconds to remind you to switch sides.

Brush heads are automatically delivered on a dentist recommended schedule, every three months, for just five dollars. Y'know, it's always exciting to get a package, and sometimes, it's toothbrush heads. Quip is backed by over 20 thousand dental professionals. Quip starts at just \$25, and if you go to GetQuip.com/MyBrother right now, you get your first refill pack for free with a Quip electric toothbrush. That's a refill pack for free at [sings] GetQuip.com/MyBrother.

Wow. That jingle was free. So they didn't even have to pay for that extra.

Griffin: Unless Griffin's Space Jam, which had to pay 500 thousand dollars. I'm so rich.

Elliott: Have you ever watched a movie so bad you just needed to talk to somebody about it?

Dan: Well, here at The Flop House, we watch a bad movie, and then talk about it.

Stuart: Yeah, you don't have to do anything. We'll watch it, and we'll talk it. We do the hard work.

Dan: Featuring the beautiful vocal talents of Dan McCoy...

Stuart: Stuart Wellington...

Elliott: And me, America's rascal, Elliott Kalan.

Stuart: New episodes every other Saturday at MaximumFun.org, or wherever you get your podcasts, dude. Bye bye.

Elliott: Bye bye.

[music plays]

Griffin: I have a Yahoo here that was sent in my Level 9000 Ya-Drew Druid, Drew Davenport. Thank you, Drew. It's uh, from an anonymous Yahoo answers user, who I'm gonna call Baby Boy, asks...

Justin: Alright. [laughs]

Griffin: "Jim Carrey tribute party, smiley face emoticon? His best movies he's made. Top six? Things I should decorate with? Food? Activities? Contest? Music? Ect." Which I believe is supposed to mean et cetera. Uh, "Anything to make this party off! The! Roof! Ultimate!"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: The thought, again. "Anything to make this party off the roof ultimate! Ha ha, smiley face emoticon. Pleeaaase and thanks."

Travis: I would say, just off the top of my head, if you want to make it like... a real ultimate Jim Carrey tribute party, you're going to need to reference Copper Mountain, the film he did in 1983 that was a made for TV movie, co-starring Alan Thicke that was basically an hour-long, um, commercial for a Club Med location.

Justin: That sounds great.

Travis: It's a great... listen. A great film. You could also maybe do All in Good Taste, another 19—

Griffin: Listen, Travis, we know. We know. We know. Hey, did you guys know that Travis knows a lot of Jim Carrey stuff? Yeah. We get it.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Hey, let's talk about snacks. Number one: he's Eggman in the new Sonic movie. So I would say eggs. That's first.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And that one's taken care of.

Justin: And that one's taken care of.

Travis: Maybe just pieces of rubber.

Justin: His... in that TV show he's on, I think he's got a puppet or something named Mr. Pickles. Um, so pickles. [laughs] How about some incredible burnt wonder toast? And it would be burnt toast.

Griffin: Oh, like Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Guacamole.

Travis: That's very good. Earth Girls are Cheesy.

Justin: That's good. What's that one?

Travis: Earth Girls are Easy.

Justin: Yeah no, but like, what is—

Travis: Oh, it's just cheese, but you get cookie cutters, and it's like, y'know, like shaped like a woman.

Griffin: There's also The Cable Pie. And this is a—

Travis: That's very good.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: This one, you're gonna take all those spare HDMI cables, or those red, white and yellow cables that we don't use anymore, and you're gonna put those in a short crust.

Travis: Mm-hmm. Plum and Plummer.

Justin: Ooh, delicious.

Travis: It's a bunch of plums, and you put a picture of Christopher Plummer on them.

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: We're gonna start off the evening with some aperitifs. We got a sampling of different beers to enjoy. It's called the All Flighty Then.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Okay!

Travis: That's pretty good! I like that.

Justin: That's a good place to start.

Travis: The man on the moon pie.

Griffin: Okay, that's snacks. We got snacks fuckin' nailed down six ways to Sunday.

Travis: Friar Fryer.

Griffin: Uh, things I should decorate with. I think a big sign over the front door of the party that says "do go in there" is a good start.

Travis: I like that.

Justin: Yeah, that's good. [laughs] Um...

Griffin: End of that one, though. That's the only decoration.

Justin: Decorations are harder than snacks. You blew right past snacks.

Griffin: I didn't blow right past snacks. We spent a long time in snacks, but we have lots of things to figure... oh.

Justin: Hey, listen to this. Me, Myself, and Pie-rene. It's just like your pie, but that's another one.

Griffin: I can't believe this dude's playing fucking Dr. Robotnik.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I need to take a minute away from the bit and just close my eyes and visualize that good Grinch heat he's gonna bring to this honored role of Dr. Ivo Robotnik.

Travis: Hey, don't forget the Series of Unfortunate Events heat, too, Griffin. He's been so great in character roles in the last, mm, five to ten years.

Griffin: God, I can't wait. Um...

Justin: Why don't—hey, I've got an idea for the party. [laughs] Why don't you have, um, Ed Harris show up. And just, every once in a while, like, peek at people from behind a corner or something like that with his camera.

Travis: Wait, so it Ed Harris a decoration in your mind?

Griffin: [laughing] Yeah, he's a decoration.

Justin: Ed Harris is sort of a performer... [laughing] A performance piece.

Travis: I do like that. Just have Ed Harris move from closet to closet and whisper like... "Zoom in."

Griffin: That's good.

Justin: Oh, uh, Daryl's double dipping. He's double dipping in the guacamole. Everybody zoom in on Daryl's gross dip.

Griffin: Uh, so, I think activities. Mr. Popper's Penguins. That one speaks for itself.

Travis: Mm-hmm. Every time a new guest comes in, you say, "I love you, Phillip Morris." And they say, "Yes, man."

Griffin: Yeah, that's a good sort of call and response. Also, you could all just be... just have free cigarettes out, and that could also be the smoking movie.

Travis: And then also, you could um, like, confront some of your friends who have been lying to you for a while.

Griffin: Ohh.

Travis: Like, if you know you have like an untrustworthy friend, this could be your chance to be like, "Liar, liar!" Right? And then see who's lying. Or, you could make it a fun party game, but I like mine better where it's like, the culmination of like, maybe some deep-seeded distrust.

Griffin: If we wanted to do a contest, we could just do Jim Carrey impressions.

Travis: Well...

Justin: Okay.

Travis: The problem is, everyone is super good at them. So it'd just end up being a tie. Like, Justin, do yours.

Justin: Okay. Um... Hello, I am Latka.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: That's my impression of Jim.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Doing an impression of Andy, doing an impression of Latka from Taxi.

Griffin: Here, can I do one?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Looks like they got murdered with a knife made out of their own bones. And that's from Dark Crimes, his 2016 movie he did.

Travis: Oh, cool, cool, cool.

Griffin: Yeah, sort of a darker... here, can I try again? This gawrsh dang number keeps showing... [interrupts himself laughing]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] I love this character. I remember this film. Just finish the impression!

Griffin: This gawrsh dang number keeps showing up all over the dang place. Did you figure it out yet? Farts.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And that's, I believe...

Justin: Number... [losing his shit]

Griffin: [also absolutely losing it]

Travis: Oh no, Griffin broke himself!

Griffin: Oh, it's just nice to laugh.

Justin: It's just nice to laugh.

Griffin: Oh, it really is. Uh, did we do all of them? What didn't we do? Oh, music. Yeah.

Justin: Um, just play that fuckin' Cuban Pete from The Mask, just on fuckin' loop.

Travis: Until everyone leaves.

Griffin: Until everyone leaves. I think I could make it through three. It depends on how good the Spotless Mind guacamole is, because that might get me to stay for a couple more. Uh, yeah, I think that's it. Oh, the et cetera. I think that's between...

Travis: I think the et cetera is just, invite Jim Carrey to be there.

Griffin: He would have a great time.

Travis: He's the only guest.

Griffin: He's the only guest. This party's almost certainly going to go off the roof.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Someday, you guys promise me, someday, we can record a commentary track for Ace Venture: Pet Detective Junior? I think about... do you guys have things that you think about a lot, that you—

Travis: Yeah, my wife and kids.

Justin: That you haven't seen—

Travis: Oh, okay.

Justin: That you're kind of like, you're obsessed with theoretically, but you can't really bring yourself to actually ingest?

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Oh, so it'd be a coming in fresh commentary track.

Justin: Yeah, it would be like a first time watch. Because Ace Venture: Pet Detective Junior is like that for me. Came out in fuckin' 2009, never seen it. I watched the trailer for it probably 500 times, and I've never watched the movie, because I know it wouldn't be pleasurable, but I am like, obsessed with the idea that it exists, I guess, is the best way of putting it. Do you guys have stuff like that?

Travis: Yeah, Justin, I still have not seen... oh, what's the fuckin' Johnny Depp... Mordecai. I still have not seen... I've seen a lot of Mordecai, but I couldn't finish it. I watched, I think, the first 25 minutes of it.

Griffin: Yeah, I was about to say, Mordecai didn't age well. But Mordecai didn't birth well.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: That's a shame. How about another question?

Justin: Yeah, I'd love that. [sings] Faaarm wisdom!

Travis: Whoa.

Justin: [singing] Farm wisdoom. Don't make a blunder down under, farm wisdom. That's not farm wisdom, this is a farm wisdom.

Griffin: What...

Justin: That's right, we're going to Farm Wisdom, Australia, an edition from Ben Hethington—

Griffin: Nope, wrong. Incorrect. No way was that right.

Justin: [laughs] Ben Hetherington.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Yes, you have fully skipped at least one syllable.

Griffin: Fully, yeah.

Justin: I was coming in hot. There's a lot of letters all jumbled together, and I was just trying to churn through it. Ben Hetherington missed Farm Wisdom, and rather than complain like some people do when they miss bits, Ben made it happen, bringing us some Australian farm wisdom.

If you have farm wisdom to submit, please do. This is one of my favorite segments to do, and it's just hard to find the exact right flavor. But I think Ben has done an admirable job, here.

Kangaroos and emus cannot walk backwards. The structure of a kangaroo's pelvis and tail won't allow it; however, nobody knows why emus can't.

Travis: [gasps] So it might just be 'won't.'

Justin: But that's why they're both featured on the Australian government's coat of arms and out, uh, and the 50 cent coin. They're supposed to signify that our country is always moving forward. I would maybe hazard that there are other reasons kangaroos are on the Australian currency, but I do like Ben's, uh, suggestion here.

Griffin: Yeah, Ad Astra and all that. I... I... mmm. Ben, you got these things running around on a farm, bud? Maybe an emu. I'll give you that, 'cause they have the big eggs. But I've never had kanga milk, I don't think.

Travis: People eat kanga meat.

Justin: I mean, kangaroo meat is pretty popular. I mean, they have kangaroo farming. There's a commercial kangaroo industry.

Travis: Yeah, so read a book, Griffin.

Justin: Yeah, read a book.

Travis: I would like to pause it, Ben, and I don't want to put you on blast. But I say this only because it's exactly what I would do. Is it possible that some people might know why emus don't walk backward, and you don't?

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Nobody knooows. Okay. I bet somebody knows.

Griffin: There's apparently, according to the Wikipedia article called 'kangaroo meat', that my day has taken a strange, twisty turn. I didn't expect to be here when I woke up. There's a thing called kangatarianism, and that's where you only eat kangaroo meat. [laughs] You're so wild for it. And it's apparently based on environmental and ethical grounds.

Justin: Uh, unsurprising – goats smell really bad. Surprising – it's a common occurrence here to catch wild goats. And the best way to do so is to track them by smell. Wild goats are common in areas in northern New South Wales, and southern Queensland in Australia, and can fetch a tidy profit when sold to a goat farm, even with our especially blunt sense of smell.

A person can tell the size and distance of a goat herd at distances of up to a mile.

Griffin: That's, uh... yeah, I mean, goats don't smell very good.

Justin: Damn, that was funny.

Griffin: I'm just—it's just—

Justin: Damn.

Travis: [laughing]

Griffin: Now I'm on the—I'm just on the Wikipedia page called 'kangaroo industry,' and I'm trying to turn my fuckin' ignorance ship right around. You can't get me... if I'm reading about the kangaroo meat industry, and you come at me, and you're like, "Goats don't smell good." There's two pieces of information presented to me. I'm going to go with the savoriest nug.

Justin: Dingoes eating lamb has been a big problem for stock farmers in Australia, and the easiest solution is to buy alpacas. Alpacas hate the living shit out of dogs, wild or domestic, and will often bond with sheep and act as their guardians. Alpacas can deliver a devastating kick.

Travis: And a devastating insult.

Justin: Yeah, they're so mean. Their insult comedy is beyond reproach.

Travis: Oh, it'll cut you deep.

Justin: Alpacas can deliver a kick as their hooves will grow into splayed claws if not trimmed, and can hit anything within two yards in any direction. The lamb birth rate can be significantly improved by having alpacas in the herd, because they make sheep feel safe, and the reduced stress allows the ewes to carry a lamb to term.

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: This is fucking soup to nuts bananas. This has said... what this has said is, like, let's just take it one thing at a time. Okay, the dingoes eat lambs. Yes. That all tracks for me. Alpacas hate dogs. Okay, we'll have to take your word for it on that. Alpacas can deliver a devastating kick, as their hooves will grow into splayed claws if not trimmed. So you basically have to choose an alpaca that you are making battle ready.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Justin: You are letting grow into a battling alpaca. And can hit anything within two yards in... that's six feet! What?!

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: What are these alpacas fucking doing!?

Griffin: Yeah, they look—

Justin: In what sense, Ben?!

Griffin: They look so goofy, but they're actually da predator.

Justin: Apparently!

Travis: They can kick up to six feet? Am I understanding that correctly?

Justin: If I'm understanding it correctly, up to six feet. I don't see how that's possible, Ben!

Travis: In any direction?!

Griffin: I think two feet of that is just claws.

Travis: I also—I think my favorite part of this, though, is like, a sheep looks around, sees what it has to assume is a giant version of itself, and says, "That makes me feel comfortable fucking."

Griffin: I like that. [laughing]

Justin: That's chill as hell. I'm gonna totally carry this baby to term, now. Look at that giant ass sheep here.

Travis: Like, if I looked over and there was like, a twelve foot Travis, and I was just like, "Yeah."

Griffin: And his legs were guns. [laughs]

Travis: [laughs] I feel comfortable now.

Griffin: You'd be like, "I'm horny as hell!"

Justin: Let's go.

Griffin: How about a question, or is there more farm wisdom?

Justin: No, that's all the farm wisdom I have.

Griffin: I like that. I mean, I asked for more as if I need more. I am sated.

Justin: That's good. That's good stuff. Thank you, Ben. Folks, keep that farm wisdom coming in. Would love to have a little bit more of it. Uh, how about another question, here?

"Every so often, some co-workers and I will go out for a night of karaoke. We all have fun, but I'm easily the worst singer, kind of screechy." God, I love that fuckin' awareness. Inspirational. "I'm the worst singer in the group, and this draws a lot of teasing from the whole office floor.

I have a good sense of humor, and I'm happy that everyone can laugh at my mangled '80s hits. But I thought taking an actual singing lesson would help me get out of the comically bad range. To my surprise, a number of my coworkers were very against the idea of lessons, saying that I was taking it too seriously and being a killjoy."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Should I continue with the lessons, or is it wrong for me to deprive everyone of my unique voice?" And that's from Music Hal in Mobile, Alabama.

Griffin: I'm gonna so Super Saiyan over here. I've never been... I've never been confronted by our questions as much as I have been this one episode.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Because hey... hey. Hey. Why did you tell your coworkers about the singing lessons? Why did you tell your coworkers about the singing lessons?! You didn't want to have that She's All That moment, where you get up there and you're like, "Oh yeah? You made fun of me in high school when I had this job and sang weird. Well, look at me now! [singings] I am like a bird!" And you sound that good.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Like that. Like an angel, like I just sounded. 'Cause I took singing lessons, and I didn't tell anybody about it.

Travis: I hate to break it to you, but I'm afraid... I'm afraid. Period. But I'm also afraid that your coworkers like that you're not good at karaoke, 'cause it makes them feel better at it. And they're gonna say, "Oh, you're taking it too seriously." But they're afraid that you are going to become a dominant karaokeer, and that they... 'cause here's the thing. If you stop being the bad one, someone else is gonna become the bad one.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And they're all afraid it's them.

Justin: Hmm, too true.

Griffin: You need another reason to be getting good at singing. I think maybe you're trying to get up on The Voice. I think you're trying to meet Gwen. I think you're trying to meet Gwen and the fam.

Justin: Can I proffer this? Stop going to karaoke. Keep taking singing lessons. Six months from now, the friends are all at karaoke. And then, a new singer enters. They're wearing a tiger mask and a tiger costume.

Travis: Ooh. Uh-huh.

Justin: They're an amazing singer. No one can guess why this tiger has entered the karaoke room that they have rented.

Travis: They're scared for their lives.

Justin: Hours pass.

Travis: Oh, sorry, is it a believable tiger costume?

Justin: It's a... no, it's very colorful and powerful.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: And hours pass. Your friends drink with the tiger. They bond with the tiger. They learn the tiger's likes and dislikes. The end of the night comes. You exchange numbers with a guy that you met there. You go home. You lie down. You realize that you forgot to dramatically reveal that you had been the tiger all along.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You remind yourself that next time, for sure, when you show up at karaoke, you will definitely, definitely, definitely pull off your mask dramatically to reveal that you were, in fact, the tiger all along, and that beautiful voice was attached to you, the former not-so-great singer that they knew.

Travis: Time goes by. You realize it's been three years. You married that guy. You're still the tiger.

Griffin: You're still... he loves the tiger.

Travis: You look back. You wonder, "What have I become?" And the answer is, you've become the tiger. You're more comfortable now as the tiger than you've ever been before. And then, one day, he pulls off your mask, and your head falls off.

Justin: Aaahhh!

Griffin: You go back to karaoke. They don't remember the tiger. So we're basically starting from scratch again.

Justin: [laughs] You can just be a great singer. You don't have to be a great singer to excel at karaoke. There are two songs, um, our former boss, Christopher Grant, sings... does karaoke with a passion and a gusto that I find profoundly moving. And the gusto and passion are on point, and I'm gonna stop there. But, Chris has also, through his karaoke artistry, introduced me to Haim's The Wire and Telephone Line by uh, ELO that I had never heard either of those songs before. Two songs that I adore, brought to me by the artistry of one Christopher Grant and his karaoke skills. It doesn't matter how talented you are.

Griffin: Now, let me say this, though. Don't do Cake. You're gonna be tempted to do Cake. But then one minute into Cake, you're gonna realize... this is pretty fuckin' boring. People liked Cake when it was Cake, but they don't like me faux-Caking out here, 'cause this is just mostly talking about cars.

Justin: I'm basically talking about driving fast, and I don't think that uh, this is a great karaoke song.

Travis: You don't have to sing great to do karaoke. You do have to love the song you're doing.

Griffin: Gotta love the song.

Travis: I've seen so many people make the mistake of like, "I'm gonna do a funny song!" And then they most likely don't know the song well enough to do it, but two, halfway through, everyone's like, "Okay, I get it, and now we have another like, five minutes of Meatloaf left."

Justin: Yeah, practice your songs at home, folks, 'cause you never know. Um, it's so important to be great at karaoke. It's the most important thing. Uh, that is gonna do it for us on My Brother, My Brother, and Me this week. Thank you so much for indulging us and letting us uh, sort of just jab your ear off, here. I feel like we barely let you get a word in edgewise. But we very much do appreciate it.

Travis: Hey, can I—real quick, before I forget like I forgot last week, we're gonna be going on the JoCo Cruise soon.

Griffin: Yep.

Travis: Which is very exciting. But out there on that there open ocean, we won't have much internet. So if you're gonna be on the cruise, and you have a question that you would like us to answer, please send it in now and include like, 'JoCo Cruise' in the subject line so we can go ahead and put together a question list for our live shows on the boat.

Griffin: Speaking of, next week's episode on March 11th is gonna be our live show from New Orleans. I just edited it, and dang, that was a fun one. And then, the week after that, we're gonna kick off the Max Fun Drive. So, we will uh, we'll have more on the Max Fun Drive. If you're a new listener of MBMBaM, or part of Maximum Fun, uh, which is a pledge supported network, and you can help us out and all the other shows that you like and get some cool stuff in exchange.

So uh, that'll kick off the week of March, uh, 18th, and we'll tell you more about it then.

Travis: Also, when you're listening to this, it'll be March 1st, which means that there will have been new—

Griffin: It will not. It will not be March 1st.

Travis: It will be March 4th, which means that there will have been new McElroy merch up for sale for three days. And there is some really cool new stuff, and we're gonna try to keep putting more and more new stuff up there all the time, um, so if you want to check that out, go to McElroy.family and click on 'merch,' or you can go to McElroyMerch.com.

And while you're at McElroy.family, go ahead and click on 'tours' there and get your tickets to see The Adventure Zone in San Jose, My Brother, My Brother, and Me in San Jose, and My Brother, My Brother, and Me in Salt Lake City. That's April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Get those tickets. McElroy.family, click on 'tours.'

Griffin: Uh, is that it? 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. Go listen to Dr. Gameshow on MaximumFun.org. We just picked them up. Excited about that one. And y'all want that final?

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: This final Yahoo was sent in by Level 9000 Ya-Drew Druid Drew Davenport. Thank you, Drew. It's Ya-Drew answers user, Juric, who asks, "Ants with wings: Who are they?"

Travis: [laughs]

[theme music plays]

Justin: [laughing] 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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Speaker 1: Welcome back, and thank you, Dan, for that scathing report. As you know, Max Fun Drive is coming up, March 18th to March 29th, which has some folks pretty excited. But as families around the world get ready to celebrate this season of giving, community, and quality podcasts, some are wondering if it's just too much.

Speaker 2: Are they, though?

Speaker 1: They are. Some people are all for comedy and culture, but with 45 shows offering hundreds of hours of bonus content, plus all the Max Fun meet ups taking place around the world, some people think it's too much.

Speaker 2: While other people think it sounds totally awesome.

Speaker 1: I took my granddaughter to the mall to get her picture taken, and the mall pod fairy was short. And I, y'know, I'm just gonna say it – I'm sorry, but everyone knows the pod fairy is tall!

Speaker 2: Well, I think we should just leave it there. [laughs] Until next time, here's the news you need to know. Max Fun Drive runs from March 18th through 29th. Be sure to listen to all of your favorite podcasts. I know I will.

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