

MBMBaM 451: Spider-Man's Magic Potion

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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]

Griffin: So we come in with me playing a— I can go get Rachel's flute, and we can do a paying the piper thing.

Justin: If you know how to play it at all.

Travis: No, I think it's better if he doesn't.

Justin: I— yeah, this is a good idea, Griffin.

Travis: This is a great idea. This is the best idea.

Griffin: I don't wanna go find Rachel's flute. It's in the attic.

Justin: Oh, come on. That's such a good idea!

Griffin: I'll play it like this.

Travis: Okay. Do it. Go!

[playing the rugrats theme on the flute setting on a keyboard]

Travis: There it is.

[different flute sounds play]

Travis: What is going on?

Griffin: That's a— she's a shrill one, that flute. So it's the Maximum Fun Drive is now. Did you already say the thing about paying the piper?

Justin: No, I haven't done that [laughs] yet.

Griffin: So this is a show that you pay money for to make it better, like it is now...

Travis: If you could believe it.

Griffin: If you could even believe that. And um...

Travis: You're probably thinking, "How could this get any better?"

Griffin: And so I'm Griffin, and that's— and there's Justin and Travis. What are we— what the fuck are we doing? This is the one time of year where we say— we try to put on our good suits, and we stand in front of the church, and we ask for money for the, you know, the big operation or whatever.

[flute solo rises in background]

Justin: Do you hear that noise?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: In the back? That's the piper.

Griffin: There we go.

Justin: And they're playing for you. I mean, technically speaking, that's Elisabeth Wentland, and playing a flute solo in D major, but uh, really, the thing is that it's Max Fun Drive time again, folks, and that means that it's the piper, and it's time to pay for all those great hours of entertainment that you have enjoyed. I'm gonna begin potting Ms. Wentland a little bit.

Griffin: Yeah. Go ahead, and start doing that.

Travis: Thank you. Here's the deal, real quick. Let me lay it out. So MaximumFun.org is a donor-supported network. That means that once a year, we come to you, and we say, "Hey, do you love the shows that are on MaximumFun.org? Maybe consider uh, committing to a monthly donation by going to MaximumFun.org/donate, and when you do, you're gonna get some rewards.

And we'll talk more about this later, but the one thing I wanted to tell you about is in the rewards, starting at the \$5 and included in every level is the bonus content, and it's like 100 plus hours at this point, because it's not just this year's bonus content; it's every year's bonus content. And this year, we did commentary for episode three of the My Brother, My Brother and Me TV show, and our amazing and much funnier than us wives did another episode of My Sister-in-Law, My Sister-in-Law and Me. There's an episode of—

Justin: The worst title since My Brother, My Brother and Me.

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Travis: That's right! Um, and we on Adventure Zone played a game of Honey Heist, where I DMed and Griffin and Dad and Justin are bears trying to steal some honey.

Griffin: Yes. There's a lot of great content, and we're gonna dive more into what the drive is all about as we move on, but you know, start getting the—you know, start flexing that wallet. Get limber. Get limber and going.

Travis: Start getting wet for donating.

Griffin: All right. Justin, you wanna do a question?

Justin: I would love that, bud.

Griffin: Or do you wanna dig around for a bassoon solo on the internet for 45 minutes?

Travis: Maybe a sousaphone?

Justin: What's funny about bassoon solos, Griffin? I don't understand why I would go after a bassoon solo. That's not a piper thing.

Travis: Well, nothing was funny about a flute solo.

Justin: It would've been funny if you guys had fucking, like, leaned into it and done...

Griffin: Would it have been?

Travis: The problem is, is we started talking 20 minutes before you started playing it. There was no clear delineation of where this episode started.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Well, I was just trying to find the music, and you guys were like, "I guess this is show now. I guess we're doing show."

Griffin: We're all trying to find the music.

Travis: In our hearts.

Griffin: I'm trying to find the music right now.

[bassoon solo plays]

Justin: Now, this is bassoon.

Griffin: The absolute mad...

Justin: This one's bassoon.

Griffin: The absolute mad lad. The fucking mad lad.

Justin: [laughs] This is funnier.

Griffin: Yeah, that's a funny woodwind right there.

[Seinfeld bass]

Travis: [laughs] You got me. You got me.

Justin: Bassoons are weird. I didn't even know bassoons could do that.

"Last week, my coworker and I were discussing pets, and I mentioned that I was hoping to upgrade my betta fish to a bigger tank, once I had saved enough money to do so." Pointless! "She then told me not to get a tank, since she had once she could give to me. Obviously, I happily accepted this, since it would be free, as opposed to the alternative." [laughs] Thank you.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "Today, she showed up at my house with the tank, all its accessories, and the fish that were apparently still using it as a residence." Oh, no!

Griffin: Oh, boy.

Justin: "I was never told about these fish, and I can't just add my betta with them, as bettas are extremely territorial, and kill most other fish. Do I ask her to take the fish back if she doesn't have a tank to keep them in, or am I stuck with the responsibility of owning fish I never wanted in the first place?" That's from Aquatically Challenged in Albertville. This is a terrible situation you find yourself in, and I'm very sorry.

Travis: Also, hey, um, it was very nice of your coworker to give you a free tank or whatever, I guess, but it's hard for me to condone any pet owner that's like, "Oh, you want— okay, great."

That's like if I said, "Oh, you need, like, a new crate for your dog? Cool."

Griffin: "Cool."

Travis: "Here's my crate, with my dog in it! Byeeee!"

Griffin: Yeah, this is unprecedented. I don't think you need to feel bad about confronting this person, because this is a wild twist and turn that they've sent you spiraling down.

Justin: I— the reason I said pointless, I interjected that, is 'cause I already knew that bettas are very territorial. You have to have a betta by itself. You can't even have, I've heard, you can't even have a mirror next to a betta tank, 'cause it'll exhaust itself to death trying to beat its own ass. This is something that I've heard that I believe is true.

Travis: Hold on. That's true of me, too, if I'm in front of a mirror.

Justin: Right.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: He'll try to fight himself. So I said it was pointless. But I don't think fish care, right? Like, a fish— fish are in bags a lot of the time. One thing I don't think a fish is ever said is, "Ugh. This sucks." Like, I think fish are just like... it's fine.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: I— yeah...

Justin: A fish in a bag, they're like, "Well, I'm in a bag. That's the way it goes, I guess." It's Zen.

Travis: If you get a bigger tank, the fish isn't like, "Ah, more room for furniture." [laughs]

Justin: Right. He doesn't care.

Travis: The only reason to get a bigger tank is to put more fish in it, right? You can't do that.

Justin: He forgets— the fish forgets the other end of the tank by the time it gets to it. It gets the— it swims to the other end, and it's like, "Oh, hell yeah. Look back there. A whole other part of the tank I've yet to go to."

Griffin: "Awesome."

Travis: When we were growing up, we had a fish tank, and our dad put that like, a sticky—

Griffin: I still think this story is apocrypha.

Travis: Well, we'll get to that in a second. But he put this, like, thing on the back that was just like, just a picture of like, undersea kelp or whatever, I guess, that you like stuck to the back of the tank, as if the fish was like, "Oh, now I'm back in the ocean!"

Griffin: "Oh, kelp, sick!"

Travis: But also, we kept the fish tank in the back room of our house, which was, I guess, poorly insulated and not heated, and one very cold winter, it froze solid, so Dad took it to his office to thaw, so he could get new fish. And when it thawed, Dad claims all the fish were fine.

Griffin: Lies. Lies. Lies from our dad.

Justin: We've told that— we've done that before.

Travis: And then he said they started to run and play, just like they were young again.

Griffin: Yeah, sure. Uh, I have two solutions for this that I think are both equally amazing, and one is to um, arm the other fish...

Travis: [laughs] Uh-huh.

Griffin: Arm the other fish with knife and pipe and gun. Small ones, obviously.

Travis: And maybe, you know, let's see, a candlestick.

Griffin: Uh, yes.

Travis: A revolver.

Griffin: A poison, if you want, too. And then the betta will not have a weapon, but is a weapon, so there will be a little bit more equal grounds there, I feel like, and maybe it'll be like a mutually-assured destruction thing and they'll leave each other alone.

Um, and the other solution is you still have the other, original tank. The original small tank. So you scoop up the other fish, and you do a little, you know, prince and pauper 'swapperoo,' and you know, these fish that were swimming in this big-ass tank, living the high life, now have to trade places with your— with your betta, and then they'll learn a little bit about each other's, you know, shoes and the walks of life that they have to go on, and they will— they will just die of natural causes before they can do anything useful with that information.

Travis: Yeah. Might I recommend, maybe you put them in that smaller tank, and then you move that across the room. Still in the line of sight of the betta, but far enough away that the betta won't try to attack. And then every day, you move that tank one inch closer.

Griffin: Uh-huh.

Travis: And then maybe, in like six years, you dump 'em in.

Griffin: Oh!

Justin: If my experience with fish is any indicator, one thing you can try, is wait just a little bit. Like, a month or so. And the problem will just sort of like, sort itself out. You don't even need to starve 'em out. You can treat them, like, super good and really super, really, really, super duper hope they don't die, 'cause your daughter doesn't even understand what death is. You can really wish them to do— to live, and try your best to make 'em live. And they won't.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: They'll probably beef it.

Travis: You could also, um, following up on Griffin's thing, scoop those other fish into the smaller bowl, and then take it back to work, and hand it to your coworker, and say, "Hey, here's your fucking family members you gave me."

Griffin: "Here's your fish back, you weirdo!"

Travis: "Here's the animals that you are supposed to be responsible for." Ugh.

"Hey, I've got some baby clothes. I know you're having a baby. Do you want some of these old baby clothes? Okay, cool. My baby's in it." Fuck you.

Griffin: "For sale: baby shoes, never worn."

"Yeah, I'll take 'em. There's a fucking— what the fuck? There is a baby in this!"

"Rubble rubble!"

Travis: Oh! He got me again.

Griffin: Got me again.

Justin: "Hey, I got a butt plug."

Travis: [laughs] Wait, your butt's on it!

Griffin: Wait a second.

Justin: Hey... you got fooled.

Griffin: Can I do a Yahoo?

Travis: Yes.

Justin: I'd love that, Griff. I'd love that, bud.

Griffin: It was sent in by Brendan. Thanks, Brendan. It's from Yahoo Answers user— they're anonymous. I'll call 'em Murphy, asks, "Why are tricycles only designed for little kids?"

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: "Tricycles are a great invention, and they should be used by commuting adults and in sports, too. I don't understand why they are only designed for children, because the ones I saw in the store are all pink and two feet high."

Travis: Ooh, and for sports! I didn't even think about that.

Griffin: Didn't think about sports.

Justin: Fun.

Travis: Oh, boysey.

Justin: Can you imagine lacrosse with tricycles?

Griffin: Yep.

Travis: Or football with tricycles?

Griffin: Loving that. Loving it all.

Travis: Swimming with tricyc—

Justin: How would you do the kicks, Travis? How would you do the kicks?

Travis: [laughing] You would have a foot glued to the tricycle.

Justin: Hell, yeah! Now you're cooking. You fucking Rube Goldberg machine-brain-having motherfucker. I love it.

Travis: Yeah, I did.

Griffin: There's a Yoohoo Answer— Yarhoo Answers user named Mark...

Travis: [laughs] Sorry, what?

Griffin: [laughs] So tired. Yes, Yarhoo Answers user named Mark, who says...

Travis: [Southern accent] Yeah, this is uh, Bill, over at Yarhoo. Uh...

Griffin: [laughs] Mark says, "They're like scooters with training wheels, and safer."

[all laugh]

Travis: Woah!

Justin: I guess they are, huh?

Griffin: That's pretty dope. Um, I mean, there are those things that uh, you can kind of like prop your knee up on and kind of push yourself along. Those are— I think that is a three-wheeled means of conveyance. There are some three-wheeled means of conveyance, and I don't mean to say that there aren't, but the tricycle, the tricycle, the brand tri-cycle, I don't think we're using, as adults.

Travis: Especially, I would say, Power Wheels for adults. This is a thing that...

Griffin: Now... [sighs] That's a four-wheeled vehicle.

Travis: Now, what am I thinking of? Big Wheels.

Griffin and Travis: Big Wheels.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: For adults. That's what I want.

Griffin: Did they ever make Big Power Wheels? Did they ever—

Travis: You know, a vehicle you can get in and drive around, but for adults!

Justin: But no repercussions.

Griffin: A motorized, three-wheeled big boy tricycle for big adults like me. But I would do mine up, so it'd look like the motorcycle in Akira. Could you fucking imagine me just, like, doing a brake slide into the parking lot of the Target into my sick-ass Big Monster Wheel Power Boy?

Justin: Oof.

Travis: Now, they do have three-wheeled motorcycles, but I've always thought that if I tried to roll up to like, a super cool biker bar in one of those, they would uh, not accept me as one of their own.

Griffin: And that's so important. All we want is acceptance in this life.

Travis: Right? They would let— listen. They'd let me in, and I'd be allowed to hang out there, but I'd never really feel like I was actually part of the gang. Like, they'd let me in, but when they were planning events or whatever, they would forget to call me.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: But like if I was there, they'd let me in, you know what I mean? But like, I would always be on the outside, looking in.

Griffin: But you roll up with those Big Power Wheels, now you're a Son of Anarchy.

Travis: Oh, yeah. Oh, yes, I am! I might be the Dad of Anarchy.

Griffin: Is that a bad thing? Is that a good thing or bad thing? I did not see the show. I meant—

Travis: To be a Dad of Anarchy or a Son?

Griffin: Well, any Family Member of Anarchy. I imagine they got up to some pretty deep shit.

Travis: I would not want to be a Family Member of Anarchy, 'cause it would make planning events really hard.

Griffin: That's true.

Justin: Some of them were bad, but some of them were nice, is the sort of the short version.

Griffin: Woah-kay.

Travis: Woah. And I bet that's where a lot of the conflict came from.

Justin: Yeah. That is actually— thank you. Yes, Travis, yes.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Did they ever hurt each other with, like, weapons and stuff? Like, badass fights?

Travis: Like, was there a part where one was like—

Justin: Do you want me to summarize the events of the first seasons of Sons of Anarchy you never watched?

Travis: No. No. Of the whole show, please.

Griffin: Yeah. The whole show. And I want to know how many badass weapon fights they did.

Justin: So they definitely— there was definitely shooting.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Ahh.

Justin: I think they probably fought with fists a lot...

Travis: With guns, or like, arrows?

Justin: What?

Travis: Did they use bow and arrows, or guns?

Griffin: Important.

Justin: Guns. Yes, guns. Thank you, yes.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: And there was a lot of bad looks, you know what I mean? Like, dirty, mean looks.

Travis: And that can cut the deepest, you know?

Justin: Yeah. For sure.

Travis: There were some harsh words said.

Griffin: I thought that bike fights were only supposed to happen with chains. I guess I'm going off Road Rash, and that's not an accurate— I guess that's not a historical look at the, sort of, bike life, was Road Rash. Can we do another question, though?

Justin: "My boss keeps asking me if I wanna buy tickets to go see his amateur production of My Fair Lady. How do I decline politely? He has handed out the flyer to me twice already."

Griffin: Whew.

Justin: That's from Not So Fair A Lady in Newcastle, 'Uck.'

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: The UK. Maybe try, like, next time your boss does, say like, "Oh, I've already seen it."

Griffin: Yeah, thank you. That would be a great excuse if you could use it for any community or local theater production. Just be like, "Oh, you're doing Godspell? I've seen it already. Shoot.

Travis: I've already seen My Fair Lady. At the end, she does learn to talk good.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I wish I hadn't seen it already. That was so thoughtless of me, 'cause I read Pygmalion when I was fucking 12.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And I know all the different things in it, and all the jokes and stuff.

Travis: All she wants is a room somewhere, and then she gets it. Yeah.

Griffin: [throaty] "No, you see, our production is special 'cause it's—"

"Oh, did you change it, and now she doesn't learn to talk good?"

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: "Well, no, it's still very much a—"

"Oh, yeah. Shoot. Yeah, no, I know that version."

Travis: Henry Higgins, eh? Yeah, and he likes her face or whatever.

Griffin: "Shoot."

Justin: I think you could probably just tell 'em that Justin hates My Fair Lady. And that would be enough to sort of waive it off. Like, that tells them everything they need to know.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "I would love to, but I took a pledge to Justin McElroy that I wouldn't support My Fair Lady."

Griffin: Sorry.

Justin: Stinks on ice.

Travis: You hear that, Eliza Doolittle? Justin's coming for you.

Justin: Maybe if someone says, "Hey, do you wanna go see My Fair Lady?"

You can say, "I can't. I have a fucking cribbage game that day, 'cause I'm 80 years old, apparently. No, wait, that's right, I'm not 80 years old, so no, I will not see My Fair Lady."

Travis: Or just say, like, "I don't have to go to community theater, 'cause I'm not related to you."

Griffin: Oh!

Travis: 'Cause I think contractually, that's the only time you have to go to community theater.

Justin: So your boss comes to you, and they say, "Uh, Phillip, I would really appreciate it if you came to see my production of My Fair Lady."

And you look at your boss, and go, [stuttering] "Dad?"

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "What do you mean?"

"Are you my— are you my dad?"

"No. I don't know why you would think that."

"Well, why the fuck else would I go see that old-ass, whack shit?"

Travis: [laughs] Do something good! Do—

Griffin: Yeah, I was gonna say. "I'd love to, I'd love to get out and consume the arts and support your work. Can you guys do a different show, though? Can you do a different one?"

Justin: Learn a new one!

Griffin: Change the channel.

Travis: Do Seussical. Seussical's fun!

Griffin: Seussical. Everybody loves it. It's fun songs.

Justin: And also whimsical.

Griffin: Bright colors.

Travis: I'm not saying I don't support community theater. I just don't support My Fair Lady. It's all about a man trying to change a woman. Fuck My Fair Lady!

Justin: Hey, here's one for ya. Starlight Express. They're all on roller skates. Are you kidding me?

Travis: Oh, hell yeah, dude!

Justin: A musical about a bunch of people that are a train? If you wanna do a show, that's a show!

Travis: Fuck yeah.

Justin: Do it in the Round, are you kiddin' me with this?

Travis: Do Equus! I'll go see Equus.

Justin: What about Urinetown? That one's about piss!

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Love it. "Have you seen the piss show, boss?"

Travis: "Have you seen it? It's fun!"

Griffin: "It's fun!"

Travis: "And it hasn't been done a bajillion times."

Justin: "Do you know about Muppets? What if they said fuck? Avenue Q! Go see it!"

Travis: "You think you know the founding fathers, but guess what? These ones rap!"

Griffin: These ones do rap!

Justin: What if they rap? I'm just saying.

Travis: What if they rap, though?

Justin: They could do a good one that nobody hates, like me.

Travis: Go see a good theater. Go see—

Griffin: Well, make a good theater.

Travis: Make a good theater.

Griffin: Show up at the theater with your money, and they say, like, "It will cost you \$15 to see My Fair Lady."

And you just ask, like, "What else is showing tonight?"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "I'd like to see my boss in a different musical, please."

Griffin: "I'd love to— what's playing in the black box? Can you tell me, now?"

Travis: "What's your experimental show?"

Griffin: Mm.

Travis: "The Curious Case of the Dog in the Night-Time, perhaps?"

Justin: "I'll make you a deal. I wanna support you. I wanna support what you're doing. So here's what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna buy a ticket to go see your show, and then I'm gonna use that ticket to go see Captain Marvel."

Griffin: Mm.

Travis: Yes. Yes.

Justin: "And you will know that it is in your name, and that I have already supported you, but I will be going to see the latest from Mr. Marvel and his incredible inventions."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "I both agree to support you and Jim Marvel, and I've just known Jim longer, so..."

Justin: "I wanna see the latest confection from the Mighty Marvel Power Rangers, and all of their folks, and I will get the money—"

Travis: "I have to find out what happened with Thanos, or whatever."

Griffin: [laughing] Good Lord.

Justin: "Your dusty, rot-ridden steamer trunk of a production that sucks so hard and doesn't even have one fucking mutant in it at all."

Travis: "You don't say fuck at all." If you do a, like, R-rated, like, My Fair Lady, maybe I'm in.

Griffin: [with English accent] The fuckin' rain in Spain falls mainly in the fucking plains!

Travis: Innit?

Griffin: Innit, guv? Fuck.

Justin: Griffin, I didn't know you were into grime.

Griffin: Oh, man. Can you guys do Benjamin Button? Did they make a play of that yet?

Travis: Definitely.

Justin: Do a play of the Button man. Curious Jim, Button Man.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Love it, love it.

Justin: Uh, Griffin, I— how would you guys feel about a Yahoo? 'Cause that would go down pretty smooth for me. Or should we...

Griffin: I think we should do a Max Fun Drive seg.

Justin: Yeah, yeah, let's do it.

Griffin: Yeah, let's talk about our charge here, our cause, the reason we were put on this Earth was...

Justin: The reason for the season.

Griffin: The reason for the season. It's Max Fun Drive time. Um, we've been a part of the network now, this is our eighth Max Fun Drive, I believe? Which is...

Travis: Hoo, boy.

Griffin: Yeah, it's really, really wild. And every year, you all have come out to support us and your support has been immeasurable and remarkable and has changed our lives and allowed us to turn this into our full-time jobs, and so when you donate, you get to pick directly where your money goes to, which shows you wanna support directly. And so yeah, it is a very direct way to help out the people who make things that you like, whether it's us or whoever else at Max Fun.

We love being a part of the network, and get really excited to tell you about this thing they do every year. Also, you should get excited, 'cause you can get some dope shit, like... And then this is— you guys jump in. You, like, start talking about the cool gifts.

Travis: The number-one thing that you get, and listen, there's some material goods you get too, but I sincerely believe the bonus content is the best. Like, there's video stuff in there. There's us, like, riffing on old-school, like, educational films.

Griffin: God, we made that, like, six years ago now.

Justin: So long ago.

Griffin: We made that so long ago.

Travis: I know, and it's still there! You get bonus episodes of content you're not gonna hear anywhere else. We have last year, for The Adventure Zone, there's us playing four Sherlock Holmeses and a vampire, who is one of the aforementioned Sherlock Holmeses, I think is the—

Griffin: It's real good.

Travis: ...I think one of the sillies things we've ever done. Uh, there's My Brother, My Brother and Me episodes you're not gonna hear anywhere else. There's an episode we did where we ask each other for advice.

Griffin: Oh, shit.

Travis: There's an episode with Dad. Um...

Justin: Oh, my God. I forgot about the one where we ask each other for advice.

Travis: Yeah. It's all in there. It's— and not just us. You get to hear every show on the network.

Griffin: Yep.

Travis: It's incredible.

Justin: I care about material goods, though, unlike my brother. So if you go to MaximumFun.org/donate, and you can pledge \$10 a month, you are going to get the aforementioned bonus content, and a pin— you can choose whatever pin you want, but if you do the smart thing and choose the Megan Lynn Kott-designed pin that uh, is for our show. It looks like a pizza that, I think, has a face in it, but it's ghoulish, and it says "Munch Squad" on it...

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: ...and I think you're really gonna appreciate that.

At \$20 a month, there's a beautiful 550 piece Maximum Fun puzzle uh, that you can put together, or not.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: There's a \$35 monthly membership level, and at that level, you're gonna get the poster. You're gonna get the pin. You're gonna get the puzzle. There's no poster. And um...

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And let's list some stuff you're not gonna get. You're not gonna get a poster. You're not gonna get a new pair of shoes. You're not gonna get, I don't know, I was gonna say a hug, but if you see me in a convention, and you say, "I'm a donor," I'll give you a hug.

Griffin: Yeah. You'll get something that rhymes with "hug," and it's "mug."

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: A mug. A monthly membership mug with the Max Fun rocket on it. And uh, we just— that's a good chunk of Money, but if you get a lot of entertainment out of it, we don't force you to donate anything like Netflix does. I guess that's not really donating.

Travis: It's not a donation at that point.

Griffin: No, that's just money. Just cost.

Justin: Just paying for a service. But if our shows mean something to ya, and you wanna help us make them, then go to MaximumFun.org/donate, and you can help us do just that.

Travis: And I will say, your donations go a long way. Even if you're like, "I can only do \$5 a month, like really, is that such a big deal?" But here's the point. At this point, all of us and uh, our— well, so all of us are full-time podcasters and our wives do shows with us, our dad does shows with us.

Justin: I prefer entertainer, but...

Travis: Okay. Uh, Dad was able to retire. Um, and now, like, podcasting is pretty much the main focus of our family, and that is because of the years of support from listeners and donors like you. And we have a lot more projects and a lot of things coming up that we're very excited about, and we're only able to focus on them because of support from you.

And the network has grown, I feel like, just in the last like six months...

Griffin: It's blowing up.

Travis: ...the number of shows has doubled.

Griffin: It's blowing up right now.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Uh, thank you all so much for your support. If you're already a member, if you can, you know, try to signal boost it on social media with the hashtag #MaxFunDrive or link to MaximumFun.org/donate. We'd appreciate that.

Travis: Or maybe consider bumping up your donation? If you've been a...

Griffin: Yeah. If you're listening to more shows on the network than you did last year. Also, I mean, make sure that— it would be a great thing to do to make sure that, like, your card is still working, and that is just sort of a natural thing of being a pledge-supported network, is we just lose a lot of donors just from cards expiring, and stuff like that. Um, so there's ways to get involved, no matter where you're at in life.

Justin: We should mention, by the way, those gifts, aside from the bonus material, those gifts are for new and upgrading donors. So if you're already at, say, the \$10 level, you're not gonna get the pin, but if you update to the \$20 level, you'll get all the— the \$20 and the \$10 and the \$5 stuff, all that good stuff.

Griffin: Yeah, all that stuff. Um, let's get back to the show. MaximumFun.org/donate. Think about it. And now, did you want to have me start reading a Yahoo, and then you interrupt it, or what's up?

Justin: I wasn't...

Griffin: You've gotta understand, man, you've established a pattern of...

Justin: It's hurtful. I know that.

Griffin: ...trickery.

Justin: I hurt...

Travis: The thing is, Justin, you doth protest too much when you ask Griffin for a Yahoo, 'cause you'll say, like, "Oh, you know what, I would just love a Yahoo."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Oh, Griffin, if only if you would do a Yahoo. That would be the balm of— on my soul."

Griffin: Yeah. "I'm so wet for Yahoos. I'm so wet."

And then here's one that was sent in by Brendan. Thank you, Brendan.

Justin: Okay. I did— I do have one, but I just didn't want it to be this big, hostile thing.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: All right. Well, go ahead. I'll do Brendan's shit later.

Justin: Okay. I mean, I do have one.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: I just didn't want it to be a... [sighs] [sadly sings Munch Squad theme]

Travis: What?

Justin: See, you've really taken a lot of the steam out of it from me.

Griffin: No, that's good! No, it's good. No, no, no. Because now it doesn't feel like a trick. Now, it feels like a natural flow. It feels like we're in a flow.

Justin: Yeah, but if the music doesn't interrupt you, then it doesn't—

Griffin: Okay. So I'll start over.

Travis: You know what? I'll take this one from Griffin. Would you like to interrupt me?

Justin: Yeah. That would be good, actually. Talk about some dumb shit.

Travis: Okay. I want to take a chance here to just tell you guys how much I love—

Justin: [sings Munch Squad theme]

Travis: Well, I was just gonna say how much I love you.

Justin: [sings Munch Squad theme]

Travis: It just means a lot to me, to be able to make this show.

Justin: [sings] I wanna munch!

Griffin: Squad!

Travis: It does hurt.

Justin: [sings] I want to munch!

Griffin and Travis: Squad.

Justin: [finishes song] Are you all down with Guy Fieri yet, or what?

Travis: [laughs] I think so.

Griffin: Down with, or down on Guy Fieri?

Travis: Down around?

Justin: Are you all— down by Guy Fieri. 'Cause he is...

Travis: Now, that time it sounded like you said down by him.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I did. Down by Guy Fieri.

Travis: "Yeah, I'm uh... Just take a left on 2nd, and I'm down by Guy Fieri. You can't miss me."

Justin: So good news for everybody on Earth, especially those in Miami. Chicken Guy!, and that's— let me say it again, 'cause there is an exclamation point at the end. [enthusiastically] "Chicken Guy! is a fast, cas—"

Griffin: Chicken Guy!

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] "It's a fast, casual chain dedicated to serving delicious, succulent chicken tenders."

Travis: [snorts].

Justin: "Paired with 22 signature sauces meant to please all palates."

[clapping]

Justin: Hey, Guy? That's so many sauces. "We have— okay. Here's two different sauces. One is ranch, one is ranch we threw down some stairs and then went and got it and gave it to you."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "That's two different ones."

Travis: You can't have 22 of something, and call them all signature sauces, right?

Griffin: Yep. Yeah. Yeah.

Justin: You can't put your signature on all of these!

Travis: Like, if I sign my name 22 different ways, that's not my signature!

Justin: Leave a little meat on the bone for the rest of us, Guy! Literally. "The menu at Chicken Guy! features, you guessed it," fucking "chicken."

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Fucking chicken, idiot.

Justin: All-natural, fresh chick—

Griffin: How can you even read this?

Justin: "All-natural, fresh chicken tenders hand-pounded—"

Travis: [laughs] Nice.

Justin: Perfect, hand-pounded...

Griffin: Ass-slammed, just fucking primo meat.

Justin: Fucking Shadrach chicken.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Hand-pounded to max..."

Griffin: Finger-blasted just fucking...

Travis: Just reached around all of us. Oh, God.

Justin: Okay. "Fresh chicken tenders hand-pounded to maximize crunch."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Oh, golly.

Justin: Hey, uh, "...hand-pounded to maximize crunch, and paired with a wide selection of delicious sauces."

Hey, PR writer? You just said you got 22. Like, we know. It's a wide selection. Stop fucking bragging, and tell us about hand-pounding chicken.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "These are brined in fresh lemon juice, pickle brine." [whispering] Why is it called pickle brine? You know what brining is— it's brining. It's brining in fresh lemon juice, pickle brine, and buttermilk, and infused with— I don't think you brine in buttermilk.

Travis: Yeah, I'm pretty sure you don't combine lemon juice and buttermilk. I'm no scientist.

Justin: I'm pretty sure that's not part of the process for your brining "...and buttermilk infused with fresh herbs. And these tenders deliver on flavor and texture." We already know they're crunchy! "The menu features the tenders, grilled or fried."

Uh, I love these chicken tenders, but I wanna strip away a lot of the excess, and really just enjoy the flavor of them.

Griffin: Yeah, I wanna see the knuckle marks from where Guy Fieri unleashed his rage with his bare hands on these fucking things.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: I mean, when you say "hand-pounded," you're insinuating that Guy pounded them all, right? Like, that's what the insinuation is.

"You can have 'em in sandwiches, straight up on skewers, or in meal-sized salad bowls. Your choice of signature sauces to enjoy with the chicken as well." [laughs] We know, okay?

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: [laughing] You have sauce and a lot of it we can have whenever we want. Please!

Griffin: So just to double-check, you can get it on a sandwich, on skewers, or on salad. But there is no just— can I just have it?

Justin: We can't just give 'em to you.

Travis: Can you just hand me a tendo?

Griffin: There's gonna be a lot of skewers eaten in Miami. There's gonna be a great deal of skewers just getting accidentally chomped down the gullet.

Justin: They're so delicious, they're worried that you'll try to eat your fingers off.

Griffin: Oh.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: If it's touching the chicken.

Um, "There are sides like Chicken Guy! Fries."

Travis: Huh?

Justin: "With Guy's special fry seasoning. There's crowd-pleasing..."

Travis: It's salt!

Griffin: "It's salt. It's salt and red stuff."

Travis: "It's some red stuff I found."

Griffin: "I don't know what the red stuff is, but it hurts everyone's mouth."

Justin: I want to retroactively enjoy that they're called "meal-sized salad bowls."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Guy Fieri looked at a salad, and he was like, "What the fuck is this supposed to be? It's not a meal." "What are you having for lunch?"

"This salad."

"The fuck you are!"

Griffin: "Fuck that!"

Justin: "Where's your lunch?"

Griffin: "I'm gonna punch a hole in this beach ball. Let's just fill this motherfucker up with salad. Now, that's a meal!"

Justin: "Chicken Guy! of—"

Travis: "Now, give me a minute. You might hear me slapping my chicken in the back room."

Griffin: "Yeah, I gotta punish it."

Travis: [laughs] "It's been a bad chicken."

Justin: "Chicken Guy! offers two delicious Flavortown frozen treats, as well."

Travis: [gasps]

Justin: "Guests can satisfy their sweet tooth with the triple, double... triple, double ice cream treat."

Travis: That's just six.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "With triple chocolate and double mint. Or the cinnamon apple."

Travis: [laughs] "Listen, we couldn't..."

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: Which isn't as uh, utilitarian as I was hoping, from the name. "Anyway, I don't know much about fruit, so I found this weird, juicy red, sweet chicken in the back, and I rubbed this spicy dust all over it, and I guess this worked."

Travis: "Is this anything?"

Griffin: Yes. "We have cinnamon apple, we have sugar disc. You're gonna love these."

Justin: "Hey. Hey, Valerie, bad news! All our onions went bad!"

"Um, those are apples, Guy."

"Are you kidding me?"

Travis: "What?"

Justin: "These sweet apples are delicious."

"Fieri..."

Griffin: "I'm gonna put my special fry stuff on 'em, and see what happens!"

Justin: "Fieri, a chef, TV personality, entrepreneur, and New York Times bestselling author," you know, it's fun to imagine a person that doesn't know who Guy Fieri is, but did read those first three paragraphs. Like, who is this?

Travis: "I am hooked!"

Justin: "I love it."

"Once again creating blends of spices and seasoning—" oh, my God. "He's brought his signature blend of authentic-meets-surprising flavors to Chicken Guy!, once again creating blends of spices and seasonings that keep his fans coming back for more." I do appreciate that they are honest to admit that it is people that enjoy Guy Fieri, and not necessarily his cuisine...

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: ...that are coming back to lap these things up. "In this new concept, Fieri has taken the chicken tender, endowed it with a proprietary blend of flavors..."

Griffin: Endowed it?

Travis: Endowed it?

Griffin: He is not the Lord.

Justin: And then...

Travis: "And Fieri has looked down and blessed the chicken with some pepper, I guess, probably?"

Justin: Then, with God as my witness, the next line of this is, "And provided guests with a myriad of delicious sauce options."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Fucking. If you doubt— if you look at me, Guy, if you tell me about how many fucking sauces you have one more time, I'm gonna peel open your tear ducts, and I'm gonna pour your spicy, double, triple pickle habanero ranch right down 'em.

[imitating Guy Fieri] "'I knew the good people of Miami love the real deal, 'cause some of my favorite Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives joints are in the area,' says Fieri."

Travis: That's a pretty good Guy Fieri!

Justin: Thanks. I do wish he had said— I like that he felt the need to append "joints." "My Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives joints." You could have just said— anyway, Guy.

"So I couldn't be more stoked to bring in the Chicken Guy! at Aventura Mall." Yeah. Did I mention it's in a mall? This venue's at a mall.

Travis: Aw, sick!

Griffin: Nice!

Travis: Cool, bro!

Justin: "Real-deal chicken tenders, 20 plus killer sauces—" you motherfucker! I told you! I warned you, Guy!

Griffin: Get him! Get those ducks over here, Guy!

Justin: "...20 plus killer sauces and a whole lot of fun. Welcome to Flavortown, Miami!"

Griffin: All right.

Travis: I love uh, two things. Well, I love many things in my life, but two things about this, which is that he believes that these folks in Miami, who love the real deal, like someone might come visit, perhaps, and they'll go, "Oh, yeah, there's this tiny joint over there, and you can go to this amazing sandwich over here, but if you want the real deal..."

Justin: The real shit.

Travis: "...you're gonna... Keep this down. This is kind of a local secret. You're gonna head to Chicken Guys! in a mall."

Justin: "You know, surprising meets authentic."

Travis: "And we're so glad that Guy came here, 'cause finally, finally, someone brought some flavor to Miami."

Griffin: Yeah. It's about time.

Travis: Justin, does it mention anywhere in that press release if they offer any kind of sauces or anything?

Justin: In this one, we don't know about sauce count, really.

Travis: Damn it.

Justin: It's not specific to that.

Travis: That's a glaring omission.

Justin: It's a huge problem. Uh...

Griffin: Can we just round robin ranch, barbecue, honey mustard... that's only three. And that's pretty much the standard options, I feel like.

Travis: What about liquefied chicken?

Griffin: Yeah. It's possible. It's possible.

Travis: "I like this chicken. I just wanted it to taste more like chicken."

Justin: There's one more quote that I wanted to share with you, and it's one of the most American quotes we've ever had on the show. "I absolutely love working with Guy on Chicken Guy!, and I can't wait to open at Aventura Mall," says Planet Hollywood founder and chairman, Robert Earl. "We've found the perfect venture with Chicken Guy!, a proven crowd-pleaser based on our first location at Disney Springs." I can't believe you would do this at Mickey's house.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: You would do this...

Travis: You would do this in Mickey's home?

Justin: ...at Mickey's house?

Griffin: He lives there, dog.

Travis: Just inches away from his bed?

Justin: That's where Mickey lives, and you do it at Mickey's house?

Travis: That's where his dog stays!

Griffin: I think we had a listener at a live show say he had Guy Fieri feed him a chicken tender at this grand opening at Disney Springs. I didn't hear any complaints about the meat or the bevy of the nearly two dozen sauces available, so maybe this is good chicken! Maybe it's good chicken.

Travis: Listen, I love a tendo. Given the chance, I'll eat it!

Griffin: I know his nasty track record. I'll still eat his tendos!

I have a Yahoo here. This one was uh, sent in by Brendan. Thanks, Brendan. You did a good job. It's by Yahoo Answers user— woah, that's weird.

Justin: What's that?

Griffin: The, like, box that usually has their name in it loads, but it doesn't have their name in it. It has nothing in it. It says 15 percent best answers, so that's actually maybe one of the highest I've seen. They have 52,365 Yahoo points, which has earned them the level of seven. And they've done 11,934 answers. This person is the chosen one, but I can't see their name.

Travis: Mm.

Justin: That's Yahoo for you.

Travis: The user has no name.

Griffin: It might be Neo, so Neo asks, "If you could create a potion, what type of potion would it be?"

Travis: Hmm.

Justin: Hmm.

Griffin: "Basically, what would you name it, and what effect would it have?"

Travis: That is, perhaps, and we've had a lot on here...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: ...the most wide-open question I've ever heard on Yahoo Answers.

Justin: It's— you know what, it's almost so general that it makes you worried you won't be able to do good jokes about it. It almost gets to you, to that point.

Griffin: Huh.

Travis: I would like to make a potion that makes me think of funny potion jokes to make.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: 'Kay, Griffin. You picked it. You start us off with your best potion zinger.

Griffin: I wish there was a potion I could drink when I walk onto an airplane that would guarantee that I wouldn't have to use the bathroom at all until the plane ends.

Travis: That's pretty good.

Griffin: Actually, no, sorry. 'Cause then the genie's gonna catch me in a trick if I say it like that. Because the plane's gonna land, and then I'm gonna release myself while we're on the tarmac.

Justin: Is it a potion or a genie?

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Is it a genie potion? If you pour water in a genie bottle and you drink it, what happens?

Griffin: No, it's a potion, but the potion bottle also just happens to have a genie in it.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: So the plane lands, and then once we taxi to the gate, and then get off, and I make it to the toilet, I sit down on it, and then I can go. But not before that. I chug it as I'm crossing the threshold of the plane... and I say "chug;" I wouldn't want it to be a lot of fluid. I would want it to be a pretty small—

Travis: Like a shot.

Griffin: Yeah. Even smaller than that, a little vial, and I just drink that, and then all pee goes away, all poo goes away, and then it doesn't come back until I make it to Tallahassee, which is my turn of phrase that I use...

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: That's rude. I just went to Tallahassee, it was lovely, but that's my potion, and it's relevant 'cause I just flew today, and there was stuff. There was stuff that happened.

Justin: Things happen.

Griffin: Things happen.

Travis: That's not a long flight, Griffin!

Griffin: Things happen. I know I've talked about this on the show before, and for some reason, I was just like, on fire today up in the air, and I swear to God, I swear to God, this is not a joke, diagonal from me, an older gentleman was watching the fucking second Eddie Redman movie, the second— The Crimes of Grindleball, and— what? What are the freaking odds, man?

Anyway, no people ain't pushing.

Travis: Justin?

Justin: I would do... Hold on to your funny bones.

Travis: Okay. Well, give me a second. Hold on.

Justin: Flight... Flight.

Travis: Flight. Now, I do feel like that is maybe a little derivative of Griffin's, 'cause he talked about flying in his.

Griffin: I talked about flying in mine. Should we—

Justin: Okay. Wait. Wait, wait, wait. Start over. Start the uh...

Travis: Okay. Let me restart the clock. Okay.

Justin: Strong.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: I see. Strong.

Justin: Very... Very strong.

Travis: Oh, very strong.

Justin: With... let me choose.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Very strong with the potion.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Thanks to the potion. Uh, so strong.

Travis: So wait, the potion makes you strong?

Griffin: Yeah, that's what—

Justin: Potion... Potion make Justin strong.

Travis: Potion make Justin strong.

Griffin: What do you do with that strength, once you get it? Like, what do you need the strong for?

Justin: Lifting.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Potion give Justin strong lifting?

Griffin: Yeah. Good.

Justin: Good at lifting, best at punch.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Okay. Potion make Justin good lifter, best puncher.

Griffin: Yeah. And if there's a heavy push that needs—

Travis: Yeah, like a big door.

Justin: If to push. For sure.

Travis: Mm.

Griffin: Yeah. That's good.

Justin: Champion of push.

Travis: And how long does it last?

Justin: Hour.

Travis: Hour.

Griffin: Yeah. You don't want it to be too long.

Travis: Big push.

Justin: Push champion, best at punching...

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: ...to lift for hour.

Travis: For hour.

Justin: Strong of pushing.

Travis: Good job, Justin. That's a good one. I would just like a potion that's cherry-flavored.

Griffin: No. No. No. No. I'm not gonna let you turn this into a fucking gag, Trav.

Justin: Not this time. Not this time.

Griffin: It's gonna give you cool powers.

Travis: I would like a potion...

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: ...that when I drink it, um, it kind of impairs my judgment a little bit...

Griffin: No.

Travis: ...maybe it makes me a little bit relaxed...

Griffin: You're gonna do another freaking gag. I don't want the gag, Travis! I want a big, powerful brother that drink a big potion.

Justin: Not powerful, powerful as mine.

Travis: Powerful is Justin's.

Griffin: Justin gets strong. Yeah.

Travis: I'd like a potion, make me fast.

Griffin: All right!

Justin: Now you're cooking.

Griffin: Now we're fucking talking about it, baby!

Travis: And I— oh, how fast? I would run, and people would be like, "Damn!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Fast.

Travis: But I wouldn't like to be so fast that it's, like, a big deal.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: I would just like to be faster. Like—

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I feel like this is how it was in the Marvel writer's room back in the '60s, and then Stan Lee was like, "Okay. Start over."

Griffin: "Hold on. Let's try this again."

Justin: What about spiders? [laughing] Is there anything there that we could do?

Griffin: Oh, that's a good point, Justin! Spider-Man potion is what I want.

Travis: I didn't even fucking think about fucking Spider-Man potion.

Justin: Sorry, yeah, guys.

Griffin: Yeah. So like he did in the comics, where he drank the potion that the magic man made in the forest...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: ...and then he was able to turn into a spider, I would like that potion as well. I would actually— you know what? I'd like 10 of that potion, so that I can uh, you know, do it 10 times.

Travis: I would like a potion...

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: ...that gives me money.

Griffin: Now, Trav, there's actually a Yahoo Answers user here who um... well, they said they wanted a potion that would "take me places wherever I go, without worrying of needing an airplane, driving a vehicle, taking a bus, or heck, even riding a bicycle," or tricycle, "to reach certain destination." Uh, and then also "A potion that would make me a millionaire." A potion that would make you a millionaire, huh?

Travis: Hmm.

Griffin: Mm, this is—

Travis: You would have to shit money!

Griffin: Yeah. It would have to turn into money in your guys, and you don't want that.

Travis: Like, that's the only thing that— maybe piss money, but who wants to piss money?

Griffin: Oh, what if I drank that potion and the no-pee potion?

Travis: Oh, no, you'd...

Griffin: Oh.

Travis: ...have a bunch of money in your tummy.

Griffin: Full up.

Travis: I would like to have a potion that helps me understand the gastrointestinal process.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I think, a potion for many potions.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: Oh!

Justin: You drink a potion, and it gives you a thousand potions. But each one of those does the same thing. [laughs]

Griffin: Oh, shit.

Travis: Well, now you're gonna have so many potions, Justin! You're gonna have to drink a potion to have a whole house to keep your potions in.

Justin: Enough potion for all.

Travis: Oh, Justin, that's lovely.

Justin: I'd like to buy the world a potion.

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Why didn't they ever— why didn't— they named it Coca-Cola, they could've just called it "brown potion."

Travis: Man, fuck, that'd be awesome.

Griffin: It's so good. "Can I have diet brown potion?"

Travis: "Can I have a drink where you just kind of mix all the potions together?"

Griffin: Oh, that's fun. I can kind of not pee on an airplane. And also I'm a little strong!

Justin: Folks, we come to you once every year, and ask you to pay for all the great entertainment that you've given us, uh, and...

Griffin: What?

Justin: [laughs] Yes. Dance for us. No, I mean, we give you entertainment.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: God damn.

Travis: No, keep going.

Justin: Damn. We do our best over here at the studio, and we just wanted to let you know that if you wanted to leave a few coins in the hat, as it were, as we finish our juggling show or magic or street magic or whatever we're doing.

Travis: I was doing a living statue.

Justin: Travis is doing a living statue. We've all got our different talents that we're showing off here. Uh...

Griffin: I'm doing back— I do backflips.

Travis: I can stand very still.

Justin: It has allowed us to uh, go all over the country and visit all of y'all and uh...

Travis: [laughs] One-by-one.

Justin: ...one-by-one and come to your house, and eat your minestrone...

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: ...out your cupboard when you're not looking. And—

Travis: Where did that minestrone go? We ate it, thanks to your donations!

Justin: Thank you. Um, and we have always been so moved by your support, and it means so much to us. And it really does help us to keep doing the show and to make the kind of... the thing we hear from people a lot of the time is, "I wish that there was more of this kind of stuff in the world," because we try really hard to be nice and make nice stuff that will make people happy and feel good, and not hurt people.

And I think that when you donate to our show, and I think all the Max Fun shows share that ethos, I feel like when you donate to the network, it's your way of voting that like, that is the kind of thing you would like to see more of.

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And I feel like when you donate to us and the network, then that is your way of voting for that entertainment. The gifts are great. And we know that they're beautiful and cool to get, and the promo material's great, but I think that maybe the best reward, I think, as a Max Fun donor, is knowing that like, I am voting for the kind of entertainment I want to see more of uh, in the world.

And this is the time of year that you can do exactly that, over at MaximumFun.org/donate!

Travis: I will also say, something that has impressed me over and over again, and without fail, is the Maximum Fun community as a whole is amazing. Um, like, both our listeners and also the other hosts and the Max Fun staff and everybody that works— we have a lot of fun, all hang out, we do meet-ups and Max Fun Con and all of this kind of stuff, and it's a blast. Like, everybody is very nice and fun, and it's great.

And speaking of, coming up on the Tuesday of the second week of Max Fun Drives, there's gonna be meet-ups, maybe, everywhere in the world, depending on if you wanna set those up. But go to MaximumFun.org/meetup, I believe— or it's MaximumFun.org/meetups2019...

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: ...to see if there's one near you. We're putting together one here in Cincinnati that I will be visiting, if you want to come and check that out.

Griffin: So we're gonna finish talking about Max Fun Drive now, but go to MaximumFun.org/donate, you pick the shows you wanna support, and you get some cool gifts, get the bonus content, get the pin, get the mug, get whatever you feel comfortable with.

If you can share the drive with your friends on social media, that means a lot. If you can think about upgrading if you're already a donor, and you've been tuning in to more stuff, just think about it, but do it now, before you forget! It's MaximumFun.org/donate.

Travis: And let us know! If you want to tweet at us, or...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Tweet at @McElroyFamily or just, you know, whatever, and tweet that you donated, so we can say thank you.

And now, it's time for farm wisdom.

Justin: [singing] Farm wisdom!

Griffin: Oh, shit.

Justin: [singing] Farm wisdom. Ain't no harm around this farm, farm wisdom.

Travis: Pretty good!

Griffin: Yeah, I guess— I guess it's a very ethical farm you're leading there.

Travis: [laughs] Yeah.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Here is some alpaca facts here.

Justin: It's a no-kill farm.

Travis: From Adrian. Thank you, Adrian. "One: When male alpacas get randy, they make a sound called 'orgling,' which sounds exactly like how you think it does."

Griffin: I don't think it— I don't know— I can't generate in my mind the sound that I think that means.

Travis: "They also don't ejaculate so much as dribble throughout the whole thing, so alpaca sex can take up to 45 minutes to finish." That's 43 minutes longer than anyone's ever had sex.

Griffin: Yeah, dribble— the ol' dribbling, huh. That's— we all know that feel, right? Right?

Justin: Here is the sound of orgling. I have prepared it for you.

Griffin: Oh, good.

[sound clip of orgling plays]

Travis: [laughs] Oh, yeah, nothing says "let's have sex" like that sound.

Justin: It only goes on for another minute and 20 seconds.

[orgling continues]

Griffin: God. Hey, toss that on the soundboard.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: MaximumFun.org/donate.

[orgling stops]

Travis: I also really like this fact, because Adrian has written, "Alpacas have the cutest terms for the things they do," and I would argue, Adrian, that they are not the alpacas' terms.

[orgling continues]

Justin: Probably not.

Griffin: [laughing] Justin, quit putting on your fucking— your horny alpaca SoundCloud. Turn it off.

[orgling stops]

Justin: I can't hear it anymore. Can you guys still hear it?

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Very— I will always hear it, forever.

Justin: Oh, that's fun, I turned off my monitor, so I can't hear it. [laughs]

Travis: But Adrian writes, "When an alpaca sits down and tucks its leg underneath it, it's called 'cushing.' When they bounce up and down in the field like Pepe Le Pew, it's called 'pronking.' And when alpacas do decide to talk, they hum."

Justin: Pronking!

Travis: Pronking.

Griffin: That sounds like they should— all of those also sound like sex stuff that they could be doing.

Travis: See, I was gonna say, pronking sounds like a new show from Jamie Kennedy.

Griffin: Maybe.

Travis: Like, "Oh, man, I got pronked!"

Griffin: I got pronked by JK. Dang.

Travis: I got pronked by that orgler. Um...

Griffin: Stop. Hold on. Is there still alpaca sex noises happening? 'Cause I keep hearing stuff in the background.

Justin: That doesn't seem possible. It's not on my end, I will say.

Travis: [laughs] That might just be a ghost in the machine.

Justin: Oh, shit. Okay.

Travis: Also, we have uh, more farm wisdom, 'cause it's uh— uh, extra farm wisdom, 'cause it's Max Fun Drive. This is from AJ, and AJ says that they worked with cows as a teenager, and the most effective way to milk

several hundred cows is by using a giant, rotating cow carousel called the rotolactor.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: "The cows lined themselves up and stepped up one-by-one on a giant rotating platform and then slowly spin around as they get milked, and when they they're done, they're back at the gate, and they can walk off, so the next cow can get on. But sometimes, the cows don't want to get off because it's super fun, and the farmer has to give them a little push to remind them to let another cow have their turn."

Griffin: Hmm.

Justin: That's so great.

Griffin: That's good. I like that. I wish that's maybe how public restrooms worked, or something.

Travis: Oh, shit, yeah! That'd be amazing!

Griffin: That'd be so cool! Uh, well, I feel smarter and more rural. Do we have another question?

Travis: I feel like a cow on a rotolactor!

Griffin: Freak, yeah.

Travis: That's a thing I'm gonna start saying when I'm, like, having a really great time.

Justin: Here's a question. "I recently purchased my first home." Congratulations. "However, it is an antique house with older 'torlets' and thin walls. This all adds up to a very, very loud echo whenever anyone pees. I'm considering putting up a sign that says, 'Pee however you like!'"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "But if you pee standing up, straight into the bowl, you will be heard.' Thoughts?" That's from A Little Too Loud in Alabama.

Griffin: Who is still doing this?

Travis: I think that "You will be heard" is oddly threatening.

Justin: You will be heard.

Travis: "You will be heard."

Justin: Yep. We will know that the peeing is happening.

Griffin: Um, who still pees straight into the bowl? Who's still doing this? Who's blasting off into the water, and not aiming for the, you know, the side of the porcelain? It's— no one wants to hear that shit.

Travis: I will also say, uh, so we have potty trained Bebe, but part of the process was like, bring your kid in so you could potty, and make it see, I guess, how rad it is. So I would sit down to pee, and man, I'm never going back. Like, I love sitting down to pee!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: It's so comfortable! Why wouldn't I give myself— hey, you've been working hard. You work hard, you play hard.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Sit down to pee. Travis McElroy.

Griffin: Take a load off, brother.

Travis: Take a load off, Annie! Sit down to pee!

Justin: I feel like sitting down to pee, I'd lose myself in a book.

Travis: Oh, yeah. Sometimes, I just fall asleep on there.

Griffin: Is that so bad, though?

Justin: No, but I got a lot of things to do.

Travis: You could do them on the 'terlet'.

Griffin: No, that's just your mind talking, baby. You gotta sit down on that toilet, and let it go, and then dive on into a— I have a little portable DVD player I keep in every bathroom of my house, and sometimes I'll sit down to do a number one, and put a film on in the, you know, DVD collections I keep in every bathroom in my house.

Travis: Yeah. I've hidden DVD players in bathrooms all over this country, as we've toured.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: It's good to have those dead drops. I remember we did a show in Phoenix, I believe, and I left a dead drop there with A Bug's Life in it.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: So I took a pee, and I watched most of A Bug's Life.

Travis: That's why I keep going back to Boston. I've just been trying to finish the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: I gotta find out what happens to them hobbits and that ring!

Griffin: Yep.

Justin: It all works out in the end.

Travis: Spoilies!

Justin: Don't worry about it.

Travis: Spoilies!

Justin: Sorry, bud. Um...

Travis: Do they get to Mordor?

Justin: I— uh, yeah. But it turns out to be a let-down.

Travis: Ah.

Justin: And it turns out that the real Mordor was the friends they [mumbling]...

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I would just tell people, "So what?" Like, "Yeah, we all pee. So what? It doesn't matter. What's embarrassing about that? I'm peeing! I'm loving it. I'm living life. I'm— got a thick, ropey braid of urine."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Like, just let me do my thing.

Griffin: Yeah. Well, it's very, very loud. So...

Justin: It's just so loud. I get that. But also, like, I very, very don't care. I'm almost forty years old. Like, I'm glad I'm peeing. I'm glad I'm here to pee.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: That makes me so happy, that I'm functioning, and all is well, and— I'm just peeing. Hey, you know what? Why don't you do something more fun? Why are you so bored, that you're listening to people pee? Maybe get an audiobook or something.

Travis: Watch an episode of Frasier.

Justin: Go watch— revisit Fringe. It holds up.

Travis: Does it? I never made it past the first season.

Justin: Yeah, Trav!

Travis: Okay.

Justin: It's real good! Sydnee's been rewatching it, and I've been rewatching the end of episodes sometimes when I come in the room. And it holds up, was the easy answer.

Travis: How about you tell your friend, but you say it in a way of like when they come back, you're like, "Hey, that sounded really healthy."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Good for you. I'm proud of you."

And then when all your friends come over, they're like, "Oh, I love peeing at their house. Like, I get told what a good job I'm doing."

Sometimes, when I would take Bebe— when Bebe would— I would potty, and then Bebe would clap for me. And I never knew how much I wanted that.

Justin: You needed that affirmation for sure.

Travis: It's fucking amazing. I kind of wish my friends would do that for me.

Justin: If you put up a sign, you are going to make the person very paranoid about how loud that they piss. That's not great. If you don't put up a sign, the person will pee very loud. It will make a loud noise, and other people will hear it.

But speaking from my experiences of 38 years as a human being, when that person returns downstairs, none of the gathered humans will take it upon themselves to say, "Haha, heard you piss!"

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: True.

Justin: Not gonna happen.

Travis: "I heard you evacuate some of your weight—"

Griffin: Unless, unless, unless.

Travis: Unless.

Griffin: What if you go out of your way to turn your house into a sort of piss venue, where the natural acoustics have— it's like your house becomes the Red Rocks Amphitheatre for piss.

Travis: Yes! This is what I'm saying! Make it a celebration.

Griffin: A friend comes in, and you're like, "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the stage Brian! Let's see what kind of thick, ropey braids he's..."

Travis: We can't anymore!

Griffin: "...bringing to the porcelain stage. Let it rip, Bri-Bri!"

Travis: And then at the end of the year, maybe do like an awards ceremony.

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Justin: Love that.

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: For sure. I love that.

Travis: Call your house Urinetown.

Justin: No, that's a musical.

Travis: Oh, fuck, you're right.

Justin: Folks, thank you so much for listening to our program. We hope you have enjoyed yourself. We— again, I'm not gonna give you the hard press, but if you can find a few minutes to go to MaximumFun.org/donate, and uh, commit to a few bucks every month, that would really help us out a lot.

And um, it really means a lot that you all have done that for us throughout the years, and uh, if you would make this year the same thing again, that would just be the tops.

Griffin: That would be cool. Uh, 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, it's a fantastic album, and we are honored to have it as our theme song.

Uh, and yeah, we've talked about MaximumFun.org a lot already. Our website's McElroy.family. Got new stuff on there. We got uh, well, I was gonna say a new Monster Factory, but by the time this episode comes out, it will actually be quite old. Um...

Travis: We do have merch up there, which you can find, and also you can still get tickets to our San Jose and Salt Lake City shows, and we should be announcing more dates soon, so keep an eye on that and on our Twitter account, [@McElroyFamily](https://twitter.com/McElroyFamily), and we'll announce it there as well!

Griffin: Uh, y'all want the final Yahoo?

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: A bunch of people sent this one in. Thanks, everybody. It's from Yahoo Answer user— they're anonymous, so I'm gonna call them um, Beppo, asks, "How many calories are there in soap?"

Travis: Huh.

Justin: [laughs] 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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