

MBMBaM 471: Face 2 Face: The Fraternity of Bones

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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]

Travis: I never realized how much flossing looks like repeatedly stabbing yourself in the butt and crotch.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Oh my God!

Travis: Yeah, you're the one who chose to floss furiously! No one—I just said do “a dance!”

Griffin: [sighs]

Justin: You flossed so hard, though.

Griffin: I dislocated every bone in my body. Holy shit.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: It was worth it.

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

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: I am your middlest brother, Travis McElroy.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: I'm your sweet baby brother and 30 under 30 media luminary, Griffin McElroy.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: And what a thrill it is to be here in Cleveland.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Oh, you've heard of it? Uh, we are here, and we are so grateful to those of you that bought tickets to make the long journey out.

Griffin: [laughs] There's like two thousand of you. Justin's making it sound like—

Justin: All two thousand of you.

Griffin: This is our community theater production that just started. Dad's friends came to—

Travis: Thanks for giving us a chance.

Griffin: Yeah.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: This grassroots live show.

Justin: But there's that, and also, our families are still at Great Wolf Lodge in Cincinnati, so... it's gonna get nasty tonight.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: We talked about it, and we... this is gonna... we want it to be a vile show.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: What we want from this show is, y'know, a lot of your friends maybe didn't want to come, 'cause they don't like us. And—

Travis: They think we're like, smelly or whatever.

Justin: Or we're like, terrible, or not funny, or whatever. And um—

Travis: Wait, what?

Justin: We want you to go back to them and be like, "You missed... Well, I won't say missed. It was vile. You made the right choice in not coming, 'cause it was profane."

Travis: We've had to not publish a lot of live shows due to like, technical sound issues.

Griffin: Or Star Wars issues.

Travis: Or Star Wars issues.

Justin: Star Wars centric issues.

Travis: This one might just be too hot for TV.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: And if this one goes up, it'll be ten minutes long.

Justin: Not that they let us on TV anymore.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: No, not anymore.

Justin: We had—

Travis: I mean, technically, unless you had some way to connect your streaming device to a TV, we weren't allowed on TV in the first place.

Justin: That's fair. That's fair. But anyway, we are here. We do advice. We're brothers.

Travis: We're nasty.

Justin: We're nasty.

Griffin: No, we're not.

Justin: We're nasty.

Travis: We're three top-tier nasty boys.

Justin: We're nasty middle-aged men.

Travis: Okay, that's way worse.

Griffin: That's so much worse in every way.

Justin: We're three—no, listen.

Travis: That's so much worse.

Justin: We're three nasty middle-aged men that bring their dad with them everywhere. We're nasty.

Travis: We're three nasty dads who hang out with their nasty dad.

Justin: Three nasty dads who hang out with their nastier dad.

Griffin: With two musician nasty dads who open for us.

Travis: Listen, we're just a big group of nasty dads, traveling—

Griffin: Jesus, this sucks.

Travis: --the country in a van.

Griffin: I thought that me breaking both my arms before the show started was a bad energy. This is making it actually way worse.

Justin: I love this energy. Get comfortable here in the kingdom of the profane where we reign supreme.

Griffin: Y'all about to get slimed.

Travis: We're gonna say nasty words.

Griffin: Alright, let's fuckin' do the show. I'm tired of this.

Travis: Troubling concepts...

Justin: Confrontational ideas.

Travis: Mature situations.

Justin: Adult situations.

Griffin: Cartoon violence.

Justin: Cartoon violence!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Mild drug use!

Travis: [laughs] Strong language.

Justin: Anyway, it's an advice show. "I decided to apply for a part-time job. One job that came up was for a paranormal investigation group. I jokingly sent an application, and I received a phone call from the group because they want me on the team. Here lies the problem: I'm beyond terrified of the dark, even though I'm an adult."

Griffin: Holy shit! This question has now taken two turns. It is almost back where it started.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "I made up an excuse that I wasn't able to go to the interview, and they stated that they still really want me on the team. And I need to give them a call when I'm available to do the interview. How do I get out of this mess? I don't want to hurt anyone, and I don't want to be haunted." And that's from I Ain't Afraid of No Ghost – Wait, Yes I Am.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Are you here?

Griffin: Are you here? Are you present?

Audience Member: [screams] Yes!

Griffin: Alright, thank you.

Justin: I'm sorry.

Griffin: Let me just—

Justin: First off, let me say – I'm sorry about how dark it is out there.

Travis: Are you cool?

Griffin: Yeah, it's quite dark. Just look at us, it's bright up here. Imagine being us.

Travis: I would also say two things. Thank you so much for writing a question. But uh, thing one – you didn't jokingly submit a resume. That takes a lot of work. [laughs] That takes a lot of work. You were like, "Ha ha ha! Click." Like, you typed out a thing. And secondly, how good is that resume, and what do you have on it that these paranormal investigators were like, "This is everything we've been looking for!"

Griffin: Assistant manager at Toys R' Us before it shut down... um, uh, I was uh, a safety associate at Best Buy, and also, I'm an ESPer who can see...

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: I would be concerned about any job where the exchange is, "Hey, we want you to come for an interview."

"I'm not gonna fuckin' do that."

"No, pleeeaaase? We really need people. By which I mean, bodies. By which I mean, vessels. Did I say vessels? Damn."

Griffin: Oops.

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: Um, have you thought... okay, here's what you do.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: You go to the interview.

Justin: I'm on pins and needles.

Travis: And you say, "Okay, here's the only thing... I kind of focus on day ghosts."

Justin: Okay.

Travis: And then, if they're like, "What? Day ghosts?" Then you say, "What, you think ghosts only come out at night? That's ridiculous."

Griffin: And racist.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: I catch—when the Ghostbusters catch their nighttime ghosts and they bring them home, and then those ghosts escape from captivity while they're on the road, and have nowhere to haunt, sun comes up... what are they gonna do? Call a fuckin' Uber? No!

Travis: They're still just—ghosts are always there. Where do they go during the day, ghost hunters?

Justin: Thank you. Yes. Someone's saying it.

Travis: Yes. This isn't a joke, this is a real—this is my thesis.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: I think that there's a pretty easy solution. As you go in to do the interview, crush it. Of course. You're already halfway in the door.

Travis: You're in.

Justin: You're in.

Travis: Once someone says, "We really need you," they can't play hardball with you.

Justin: So you go, you do the interview, and as you're standing up and you're about to sign the huge novelty signing bonus they have for you, a huge novelty check, you say, "I just want one more thing... I am a ghost."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: And then see how they handle that. Because they can't prove you're not, right?

Travis: Can't prove a negative.

Justin: Can't prove a negative. Can't prove you're not a ghost.

Travis: And they can't say like, "There's no such thing as gho—aww!"

Griffin: Oh, no!

Justin: Damn it!

Griffin: You are going to need to phase through the door instead of opening it.

Travis: And I have a WikiHow article for you that's really gonna help you out with that.

Justin: He was paid \$17 to write it, and it was worth every penny.

Griffin: Uh, do you all want a Yahoo from the Yahoo Answers service?

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Uh, I have one here that was sent in by Emma Cont. Thank you, Emma. It's another anonymous Yahoo Answers user. I'm going to call them, uh, Phillip, which is like Phillip without the H.

Travis: Oh!

Justin: Fun.

Griffin: I've missed a button. I'm going to remedy that very quickly.

Travis: Oh, no, no, no.

Justin: What'd I tell you? Sexy!

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: No, no, no, no. Yikes.

Travis: We gotta get raunchy!

Griffin: No. Jesus. Okay, so—

Audience: [cheering wildly]

Griffin: That's a no. That's gonna be a no from me. Alright, uh, Phillip asks, "How to surprise someone with a horse?"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "What's the best way to surprise someone with a horse, and what's the best time to do it? After dinner, or early in the morning?"

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Why are those the only two options?

Griffin: Uh, "This doesn't seem relevant, but BTW, we don't have a barn and aren't going to keep our horse at our house."

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: This is just sort of a woods horse that comes back when...

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: ... It knows it's needed.

Travis: That is like if I surprised my child with a bike and said, "Now I'm gonna put this bike inconveniently away."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "This bike will actually be across town."

Griffin: "This one's gonna be in the basement at church."

Justin: It's kind of like speed. Once you get the horse, you can't stop with it anywhere. You have nowhere to stop with a horse. You have to keep moving.

Griffin: [laughs] It's like a Chocobo. It'll run away as soon as you get off of it.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: So before breakfast or after dinner, and no time in between.

Justin: Yeah. Do it after dinner. Here's what I would do. Invite the person to a fancy dinner. Make sure your table is near—

Travis: Wait, hold on. What did you think he was gonna say, people who groaned in the audience?

Justin: Sorry. Invite the person to a fancy dinner. Make sure your table is near a giant, plate glass window. After the desserts have been served, or maybe perhaps, uhh, it's an ice cream, or a—

Griffin: That's a kind of dessert, yeah. Sure.

Justin: Crème brûlée.

Griffin: Still a dessert, yeah.

Justin: Uh, all of a sudden, the plate glass window. [glass shattering sound] Fuckin' shatters! In you come, riding a horse! Woo, you shatter right through—[neighs] This is yours!

Travis: And it's bleeding to death!

Justin: It's bleeding to death.

Griffin: [laughing] It's so dead.

Justin: Make your peace.

Griffin: Enjoy it! Quick! Enjoy it! Quick!

Travis: Surprise!

Justin: Quick, get a picture! Fuck! Get a picture, quick! No, not there! Ugh, gross, too much blood!

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: Hey, that's a good one. Speaking of, put a horse head in their bed. And then when they wake up—

Travis: That's a great surprise!

Justin: When they wake up screaming, you'd like, "Nah, sike, the rest of it's right there." And then you just pick up the horse head and just... [plop sound] Right back onto the horse's body. It's like, this is fine. It's young. It's a young horse. It's gonna be fine. And then it regrows, and it's fine.

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: You could also, if you're still at the restaurant, you could have your server come by with like, I don't know, a big cupcake. And... you're like, "Here's a special cupcake for your birthday." And they're like, "It's not my birthday." And you're like, "Just please. Please start opening the... time is of the essence. You must start opening the cupcake right now." Horse is inside.

Travis: Oh! [laughs]

Justin: That's a big cupcake, eh?

Griffin: Oh yeah.

Travis: Maybe put a horse at the bottom of a glass of champagne.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: “What’s in—aww, Rodney!” And then it’s like, a very sweet moment.

Griffin: You put the horse in like a big, big jewelry clap trap box, and when they reach in to get the horse, you fuckin’ slam it down on their hand.

Travis: Also slamming it on the horse, killing it instantly.

Griffin: Again, there’s very few survivable options for the horse.

Justin: The horse isn’t making it, folks.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Don’t make your horse part of a surprise. I have another question.

Travis: [high-pitched] Riddle me piss, boys!

Justin: Fuck.

Audience: [cheers loudly]

Griffin: It’s still—I’m still—it still feels like we’re beta—

Travis: [high-pitched] Riddle me piss!

Griffin: We’re beta-testing Riddle Me Piss.

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: [high-pitched] Riddle me piss, boys!

Griffin: Alright.

Travis: [high-pitched] One of these riddles was submitted by Matthew. The other one, I lost the name! How mysterious.

Griffin: Oh, two riddles. Good. Double the length.

Travis: [high-pitched] I do have two riddles! The first one goes a little something like this.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: [high-pitched] What's clear to the eyes, made by your imagination, weary by hurt feelings, escapes only by death?

Justin: I literally... this frequency you're using.

Griffin: It makes it impossible to remember the last—

Justin: Is shutting—yes.

Travis: [in a deep voice] What's clear to the eyes...

Justin: It's shutting down my brain. My brain is like, "Don't hear this."

Travis: [in a normal voice] What's clear to the eyes...

Justin: Thank you.

Travis: Made by your imagination...

Griffin: Okay...

Travis: Weary by hurt feelings...

Justin: Wait, wait, stop. Weary by hurt feelings?

Travis: That's—that's the wording.

Griffin: That's not a coherent thought.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Escapes only by death.

Griffin: Can I... I want to... y'know what sucks about this segment? Is that I try to guess what the correct answer is that the Riddles.com user said. So I'll say some like, wild shit, thinking it's right, and it's even wronger. And what's that say about me?

Justin: Right.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm going to say... life?

Travis: Close. Very close.

Justin: Dreams?

Travis: Okay. Very close. I want... [laughs] I want to remind you of my favorite part of the riddle connected to the answer, and that is "made by your imagination." The answer is "your soul."

Griffin: [laughing]

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: [laughing] Damn.

Travis: Escapes only by death!

Justin: Finally!

Griffin: Bye, fucker!

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: This—okay, the second one, just... it's...

Justin: You're not even gonna let that one dink around a little bit in the noodle.

Travis: I love this one so much. It has the best beginning to a Riddle Me Piss ever.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: And I'm actually going to say it in the voice, because the... oh, I love it so much. It goes like this. [high-pitched] I am something...

Griffin: Oh, good. [laughing]

Travis: [high-pitched] I kiss my momma before I die...

Griffin: Jesus. [laughing]

Travis: [high-pitched] What am I?

Justin: Okay, wait.

Griffin: That's it?!

Audience: [laughing and cheering]

Travis: Once again, the clues you get are: I am something.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: I kiss my momma before I die. What am I? [laughs]

Justin: So it's just the two clues. I am something.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: I kiss my momma before I die.

Travis: Correct.

Griffin: [laughing] Don't kiss momma before you die from the train.

Justin: Um... a... I hate this. It is anti-joke. Like, it is the—if the other things that we do are like, comedy prompts, this is a comedy, uh, sandbag that you drop from the ceiling and poison our show.

Travis: [high-pitched] I know what it is!

Griffin: I know you know.

Justin: Of course you fuckin' do!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: I kiss my momma before I die... Uhh... a baby? I know. I don't—

Justin: Challenging.

Travis: Obviously, the answer is a match stick.

Griffin: Oh, yeah! This is actually good. 'Cause here's why.

Justin: Now this is a riddle!

Griffin: It scratches the box, which is like, it came out of its mommy and it touches it, and also, it is some *thing*.

Travis: And y'know how, whenever you take a match stick out of a box, you're like, "Time to leave your mommy!"

Griffin: Yeah. But first—

Justin: Yeah. [laughs] And you know how after you use a match, you say, "Oh, that match? It's dead now."

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: After it kissed its mommy, the box.

Justin: What a wild thing if you throw a match down, like, "What happened with that?"
"Well, it kissed its mommy, and now it's dead."
"Excuse me? The match?"

Griffin: I know sometimes when I'm setting up a candlelit, romantic dinner at home, I'll be like, "Mm, you like this? You want some music? Okay. [beeping] Yeah, uh... just give me one second. Kiss your mommy!"

Let's go. Let's get that question going, though.

Justin: Yeah, anything. Anything. I'd rather read my own obituary.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: I moved... [laughs] "I moved back in with my parents after graduating from college, and I'm finishing unpacking. Problem is, I have a bunch of anime posters, and I'm not sure if I should put them up on my walls."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: [long pause] No.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Oh, that one was so easy. No. No! Put up posters of other things! What about cool cars or babes or sports heroes? Put up posters of other stuff! Not this! "I enjoy these posters." Okay. "But I'm worried my family will view me as immature," yep, "if I put them up. It's bad enough I didn't have a job right out of school, and I had to move back in here. Should I go ahead and put these away, or follow my bliss?" That's from Poster Fiend in Philly.

You should not. Don't do it.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: I know this is risky to ask now, but are you here? [silence] Okay.

Justin: No, I get it.

Griffin: Stop, stop, wait, wait, wait. Okay, 'cause two thirds just dunked. I'm gonna say, you should stay on your bliss. This is beautiful. Now are you here? [silence] No. Okay. Fine.

Justin: Okay. What about a poster of Scarface? [laughs]

Griffin: Now that's a badass poster.

Justin: A lot of people have that. It's like a cool... [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's like, the world is yours, and it says it on there, and people come over and be like, "This is Tony Montana. I haven't seen the movie."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "This poster is a reminder for me to see the movie, Scarface."
[laughs]

Travis: I wrote on the wall above it, "To do," and then I put a colon, and then I put the poster for Scarface.

Justin: Scarface on there.

Travis: And I didn't frame it or anything, I just kind of duct taped it up there.

Griffin: I know two things: it's big gun, and this dude loves confectioner's sugar, I think.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Yeah. He eats piles of it.

Travis: I say you put the anime posters up, and then when your parents come in the room, you're wearing like, a really cool smoking jacket, and maybe you have like, a cool mustache and a pipe, and you explain to them the artistic value.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: And then if they're like, "That seems immature," then you say, "You don't get it." And then blow smoke directly in their face.

Griffin: Right in their face.

Justin: Yes. It's time for you to elevate anime. Maybe a nice frame is so important, and some down lighting.

Travis: Oh, yes.

Justin: Some museum quality frame. Museum—

Travis: Maybe like a stage with a velvet rope.

Justin: Museum quality framing is huge.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Because that is art. That elevates anime to art, and I think that that would be—

Griffin: Jesus, we're saying some stuff up here.

Travis: Put a little plate next to it that says like, y'know, printing on paper with the artist's name, and maybe the piece title, and the year that it came out, and then just stand in front of it going, "Hmm."

Griffin: Can you two not name any anime? Other than Dragonball Z.

Travis: Yuri on Ice.

Griffin: That doesn't count.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: I know it because you've talked about it.

Griffin: Can you name any anime I've not joked about on a stage with you before?

Travis: Gun... Gundam.

Griffin: Alright.

Justin: Attack... on... Titan?

Griffin: Okay, Paul was talking about that back stage. Also doesn't count.

Justin: Wait, hold on... [long pause] Battle Angel Alita? [laughs]

Travis: There's one where a little kid's a detective.

Justin: That's The Adventure Zone!

Travis: [laughs]

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: That doesn't count!

Griffin: Okay. Let me say this. Let me say this. I'm all for this, right? But, that's a lot of posters. And you can put up too many posters. You can do poster overkill. But you can repurpose them. I know sometimes on Queer Eye, they're like, "I don't want to throw out my dad's old clothes," and then they come back, and Bobby's like, "I made it into a quilt." And then they have to be like, "Oh, good." [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "Cause I for sure didn't like them in clothes form, Bobby. That's not overstepping at all, pal." Anyway, make a quilt out of your anime posters. [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Make a quilt out of your dad's anime posters.

Justin: I want to say, I love anime, I think it's a beautiful art form. I'm just trying to give myself an excuse to quit Twitter, and I feel like I'm nudging my way there.

Griffin: You're getting closer, man.

Justin: Make it toxic enough.

Griffin: Hey, let's just swing right onto this good vine. Emma Cont also sent this one in. It's from Yahoo Answers user Wii, who asks... "How do I buy an anime body pillow without my parents knowing?"

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Griffin: This is great. This is almost the inverse of the last question. "I want one, but I don't know how to get one without my parents knowing. And how can I get it without my parents knowing?"

Travis: Mmm, okay. Here's my pitch.

Justin: That is the hardest thing to pretend it's something other than what it is. It's so... it's so of itself, that if you were seen carrying it, and then would say, "What is it?" And you had to say what it was...

Griffin: Luggage.

Justin: It's a... dead... friend. Like, there's nothing.

Travis: Aw, it's a memorial.

Justin: It's a memorial.

Travis: Here's what you do. You go to your parents and you say, "Listen. I've been doing some research. I went on ConsumerReports.com or whatever. And I was looking for the best pillowcase. And it turns out, it's this one, having nothing to do with the anime babe art."

Griffin: "I do not care about—"

Travis: "That has nothing to do with it. It is just hypoallergenic and top quality material."

Griffin: "The thread count is wild."

Travis: "Oh, off the charts. It's just one big thread, and apparently, that's what we've been looking for."

Justin: "It hides stains like you wouldn't believe. And that's..."

Audience: [sounds of horror]

Griffin: Boo!

Travis: [laughs] Oh, we're getting the light. That's our time. Thanks, folks!

Justin: Thanks, folks! No, I love anime.

Griffin: Okay, how can we get an anime body pillow in this fucking house without their parents knowing?

Justin: Sarcophagus.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Now we're talking.

Justin: Now we're cooking with gas! Sarcophagus!

Travis: How—what? Like a shot of turn kind of thing? What are you talking about?

Justin: No, you idiot! That's a rap! I'm talking about a beautiful, museum-quality sarcophagus. If you can find an anime body pillow on Amazon, you should be able to find a sarcophagus to fit it. That's what I'm saying, Jeff. Bezos.

Griffin: Yes, of course.

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: You could always say it was a shipping mistake from the Amazon factory. I was trying to get one of a cool car. Maybe the car from Cars that the Wilson brother plays, I can't remember which one, does it, and Dad, it was supposed to be the Car car, and believe me, I've been on the phone with Amazon every freakin' day, trying to take care of this. And as soon as I can get it corrected, they are gonna ship me out a beautiful... Owen Wilson? What was the Car car called?

Travis: Can you get an Owen Wilson pillow?

Justin: Lightning McQueen.

Griffin: They're gonna replace it with an Owen—I'm pissed off too, Dad! It's supposed to be Owen Wilson!

Travis: I'm the one who has to sleep with it!

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Oofa doof.

Justin: Hey. If you had to get an Owen Wilson body pillow...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: Yup.

Justin: Would you get Owen Wilson from Royal Tenenbaums...

Travis: No.

Justin: Or Owen Wilson from, um, the...

Griffin: Holy shit.

Travis: Wedding Crashers?

Griffin: No, let him bomb, let him bomb.

Justin: Hold on. Hold on. Owen Wilson from Royal Tenenbaums...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Thank you. Drill Bit Taylor.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: That's the one and only time I will accept audience participation, when it's trying to help me remember the name of the film, Drill Bit Taylor. Thank you, my friend.

Griffin: But, let it be law from now on, because I don't want this to be a bad habit established in this or any other audience. If we ever ask for a question, if we ever ask for advice, if we don't know a rule for Dungeons & Dragons, we can't remember some arcane name of something... just yell Drill Bit Taylor. Every time.

Justin: Right. That'll always spice things up.

Travis: I think I would take the Drill Bit Taylor pillow.

Justin: Yes.

Travis: Because it would be far more inexplicable.

Justin: Yes.

Travis: If anybody saw it, there is no justification. I could just be like, "I don't know either."

Justin: Griffin, what Owen Wilson pillow would you take?

Griffin: Oh yeah, mine would be Dupree, and I could act pissed off every time I came in my bedroom. Like, "This fucking guy's still here?"

Travis: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Justin?

Justin: Marmaduke.

Travis: Fuck! That wasn't an option!

Justin: Gotta think outside the box. Uh, "I decided to apply for a part time job. One job that came—" Oh, got that one.

Travis: Nope.

Justin: "I work children's birthday parties—"

Griffin: No, let's take another pass. I think we could...

Justin: One mo' again. "I work children's birthday parties at a local family fun center, as it is known. A big part of my job is doing magic tricks for the kids. Here's my issue – I absolutely suck at doing magic tricks. I have been working this job for almost two years, and my boss thinks I'm great at it. I managed to convince her I'm really good by pure luck. Every time I do a party, though, the kids are unimpressed and often see right through my tricks. They'll literally shout out how I'm doing the trick. It's frustrating and embarrassing. What do I do?" And that's from *Mediocre Magician* in Cleveland.

Griffin: Are you here?

Audience Member: Fuck yeah I am!

Griffin: Alright.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Whoa, a thousand doves just flew onto the stage!

Travis: Whoa!

Griffin: Whoa! They're all on fire, oh shit!

Travis: I cannot think of anything more demoralizing than having an eight year old just yell out, like, "The ball's under your armpit, dumbass!" I mean... okay.

Justin: Maybe try theming it for something that kids like. Like Fortnite.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Just like... instead of a bunny rabbit, just rename it their favorite Fortnite stars.

Griffin: Or you literally reach in, "What's inside the hat?" And then it's your phone, and you're like, "Your favorite guy is streaming. Just watch this for 20 minutes."

Justin: Just watch this. I'm gonna sit in silence and smoke cigarettes while you kids enjoy this Fortnite video.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Maybe work on your patter. Make it less about...

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Y'know, there are a lot of like, uh, comedian magicians out there, where the tricks are either like, really basic, or sometimes even really bad. But then it's actually about like, the comedy they do.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You could do that, and just like, full on dunk on the birthday kid.

Griffin: Just roast on the birthday boy. Yeah.

Travis: Be like, "Here's two rings! Whoops! Anyways, fuck you, Josh."

Griffin: Yeah. [laughing]

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: I mean, probably more subtle than that.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: But I'm not you.

Griffin: What's in the hat? Let's see. It's for you, Josh. Huff my shorts.

Justin: If you're listening to this later, Griffin just did a flip off. It was rad.

Griffin: Oh, look at this, I got two hats, Josh. These are yours.

Justin: That's two flip offs. Um, are you... hold on. I'm running some mental calculations. Okay. Are you prepared, currently, to do any visual magic right now?

Griffin: Oh my god.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Be quiet. I can't hear them. I can't hear them agonizing over this question. Are you prepared to let us judge your magical prowess right now?

Griffin: Okay, this is not acceptable. [laughs]

Travis: Are you prepared to let us support your magical prowess right now?

Justin: Your magical prowess right now? If not, just say no real loud. Does anyone have a deck of cards?

Travis: If anyone says yes, they're a plant!

Justin: No, shh, everyone be quiet. Do you have a deck of cards? Listen. We've never had magic in a show before!

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: One magic trick is not gonna kill us! We've never had magic.

Griffin: Come on down, I guess? [laughing]

Justin: Come on down, let's get that deck of cards up here!

Travis: Come on down, and let's pass that deck of cards forward!

Justin: Let's get that deck of cards up here! You'll neverrr get it back!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: I don't know how you get up to the stage. Paul, do you know?

Travis: I don't either. Can we get—

Justin: Oh, hello, hello, hello! Welcome! Hello! Come to this microphone!

Travis: Hello!

Justin: Adonis. God, we've never had magic. I'm so excited.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: At this point in the show, Adonis does a badass magic trick, but their microphone wasn't working, so it's just like, three minutes of us going, "Whoa, no way!" So now, we take you to the end of Adonis' magic trick.

Justin: Alright, bye Adonis! Thank you, you're great!

Travis: Thank you!

Justin: You're a great magician!

Travis: That was incredible.

Justin: That was amazing. See, that's much—that's what I keep telling you guys. That's much better than jokes!

Griffin: Um, I mean...

Travis: I just want to know how they cheated.

Griffin: Yeah. I mean, uh... I know how they did it. [laughs]

Justin: You're the worst.

Griffin: Hey, I got a Yahoo.

Justin: Okay, perfect.

Griffin: Cool. Uh, this one is from Adrian Cowells. Thank you, Adrian. It's, uh... it's an anonymous Yahoo Answers user I'm gonna call, uh, Adonis, asks, "Should... scientists... give... octopi... bones?"

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Griffin: And a lot of other podcasts—

Travis: To play with?

Griffin: A lot of other podcasts would turn and just run away from a question like that. Five words, each one so vitally essential. Should. Scientists. Give. Octopi. Bones?

Travis: I will say that the word that most troubles me in there, if I have to pick one, is 'give.' 'Cause that makes it sound like you would hand the octopi bones, and they would just absorb them in. Aw, thank you, finally, someone gave us bones.

Griffin: Travis... it's up to the scientists to figure out how to *give* the bones to the octopi.

Travis: I think the problem would be...

Griffin: That's why they're scientists.

Travis: If you did this, I think that the... it would be really hard for the octopus to walk, because its legs would now just be locked in a straight position, and it'd be like, tick tick tick... Like a tripod.

Justin: It's probably more... it doesn't have to be one bone per leg, Travis.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Your imagination has failed us again.

Griffin: You make me so fuckin' mad sometimes.

Travis: I mean...

Justin: Again with this shit!

Travis: Even if it's two bones—

Justin: Every fuckin' show!

Travis: If you give it like a human, and it's two bones with knees...

Justin: Two bones in every human.

Travis: That's still gonna be hard to walk.

Justin: I think that it would be a lot of bones in each one.

Travis: How many?

Justin: Eight.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: So it would have seven knees?

Justin: No. Not every joint's a knee, you dullard.

Travis: So it would have knuck—wait. Hold on.

Justin: Knuckles.

Travis: Are the legs the fingers?

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: There's 50 bones and one big skull. And think about that last one for a second, 'cause that's the most fucked up bone of all.

Travis: The last thing... what if they give him the skull of a—no, that's just attractive Squidward. Nevermind.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Listen. My fear is this: we give the octopi bones. We're loving it. They're loving it.

Griffin: We don't. I don't know how to. The scientists are gonna do this one.

Travis: The scientists give them bones.

Justin: At first, they're not crazy about it, right? They don't love it. Their pants don't fit. They hate it.

Griffin: They can't squish through little holes anymore.

Justin: They can't squish through little holes anymore.

Travis: Aw, no, my door's only this big! Can't get in my ding dang house!

Justin: Now they're mad at us, but they do have bones.

Travis: Oh no!

Justin: My fear is this. You give an octopi bones.

Travis: And they want a glass of milk.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Eventually, they're gonna look up from the beautiful, briny, shimmery, shiny sea. They're gonna look up on land, and they're gonna say, "Jerald... I'm going up to take what's theirs." That's the big mistake you make with octopi, is you give them bones, and they're gonna come on land and want our shit.

Travis: Yeah. That's what happened in Finding Dory.

Justin: And I know what you're saying. They can't breathe. Well, we gave them bones.

Travis: Like lung bones.

Justin: No, why stop there?

Travis: Oh, I see.

Justin: Let's give them gills and get them up here!

Griffin: Let's give them gills, and then let's give them skin, and then let's give them emotions, and then let's—

Travis: Let's give them a car. A loan.

Griffin: Let them have sex. And then it'll be Bicentennial Octopus.

Justin: Yes. Let's give them bones, let's give them gills, let's give them training in coding.

Griffin: My Bicentennial Man joke didn't go very good...

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Griffin: Nobody liked it...

Travis: Octotennial man.

Justin: No. Nothing.

Travis: Let me ask you. I think that this—listen, science has come a long way. We know that. We've maybe been to the moon. Mmm, y'know what I mean? Wink.

Justin: Don't do this.

Travis: We've done a lot of stuff. Where's the pelvis go in an octopus?

Justin: They don't have to have all the bones.

Travis: Wait, where would you stop? You give them a spine, you give them a skull, you give them some legs, you give them a pelvis. Maybe some ribs. Now they're a person.

Griffin: Now, let me... let me ask you this. Does the octopus wear pants with four legs, or eight, or is it four legs in a shirt with four sleeves?

Travis: I would actually think... uh, two sleeves. Two pants legs. And then just, when they lift their shirt up, just four arms. [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Oh, nice.

Travis: [yells]

Griffin: Yeah, nice.

Justin: That's fun at parties. Why would they wear clothes? They're an octopus.

Griffin: Oh, well... 'cause they've joined the fraternity of bones. You've gotta wear clothes if you got bones.

Justin: Everybody with bones...

Travis: Everybody with bones wears clothes.

Griffin: At least that's my platform for 2020. If everybody else can run, I can fuckin' run with, "If you got bones, you need clothes!"

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: [laughing]

Griffin: I'm polling at two percent!

Travis: [laughs] Wait, Griffin has the biggest donations of all time?!

Griffin: Ahh!

Justin: I've never used this in self-defense before, but... dun di di di dun di dun. [sings Munch Squad theme] Here I am!

Griffin: Whoa!

Justin: [singing Munch Squad theme] Rock you like the Munch Squad! I wanna munch!

Audience: Squad!

Justin: This is the Munch Squad. It's a podcast within a podcast. In its waning years...

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Still... still the—hold on, I need a little sip of my cab before we move on. Wet the comedy whistle.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Thanks, Paul.

Justin: This...

Travis: And thank you, Bookhouse Brewing.

Justin: Um, this... okay, Paul's just gonna keep... okay. Uh, I'll just keep doing my jokes.

Griffin: Thanks, Paul.

Justin: This outrageous—

Griffin: Oh, you don't have to do that.

Travis: Hey, you guys did really good.

Griffin: Yeah, y'all crushed it. Paul and Storm did so good.

Travis: Yeah.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Do you guys wanna come back out and finish the show?

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Alright.

Justin: This outrageously kinky ice cream store is coming to Victoria in July!

Travis: Wow, I don't like any of that!

Justin: None of it's good. None of it's good. This is from Kat. Thank you, Kat, for sending in this outrageously kinky ice cream store coming to Victoria in July.

Travis: Oh, stop!

Griffin: I've been on the internet a while... it's gonna take something pretty wild for me to qualify it as *outrageously*. We used to advertise for a sex toy company for many years.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: This is the... the extreme—

Travis: Side note – this is a fun life hack. I still follow them on Twitter, so sometimes I'll be scrolling, like, oh, bad news, bad news... oh, cage for a boner!

Griffin: Oh!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm just saying, if this ice cream's not going inside me... not mouth-wise...

Justin: [laughs] Warning – this store is not suitable for children. And adults who aren't down to get dirty.

Travis: It says that!

Justin: Stop looking at my jokes! Victorians will finally... that's what they call themselves in Victoria. Okay. Victorians will finally be able to get a taste of provocative, Vancouver based ice cream store, Perverted Ice Cream by July, 2019. Store owner Suzanne Serwatak confirmed to Victoria Buzz, they will be opening up a new location at 604... it doesn't matter. All the flavors featured in the Vancouver shop, ranging from classic and "premium perverted," to "royally perverted"... sure... will be—

Travis: What could that mean?!

Justin: Very, very perverted. Delivering on the—

Griffin: This ice cream will go down on you in a theater!

Travis: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Delivering—

Travis: [laughing hysterically]

Justin: [laughs] Delivering on the owner's promise to serve delicious ice cream with a twist. And that twist... it's jizz. It's not. It's not jizz. I told you this would be a dirty one.

Travis: I just think maybe that was a family miscommunication, where like, the grandpa was like, "Let's open an ice cream store with a twist!" And he meant like, two flavors twisted together. And his pervert son was like, "Oh, I know exactly what you mean!"

Justin: Twistin' dicks, right? I love it!

Travis: Whoa, no!

Justin: We just wanted something that was unlike any other ice cream shop out there.

Griffin: Mission accomplished.

Justin: Perverted is a beautiful word that can mean so much. A sexual meaning is just a tiny bit of that. Huh. So your ice cream is the different kind of perverted. Got it.

Griffin: Yeah. Hey, everybody – I'm a pervert. That means I like, uh, listening to music. [laughs] 'Cause it has lots of meanings.

Travis: We're not here to kink shame at all... but also, you can't say that the sexual meaning of 'perverted' is just a tiny bit of it, when I would argue, it's a good 85%.

Justin: Yeah, this one ice cream that they have a picture of, um, actually is a big ice cream with chocolate on it, and it's got a condom shoved into it. Not a joke.

Travis: Oh, yep. Uh-huh.

Griffin: Wow.

Justin: So that... you were definitely going for the sex one on that. The perverted is definitely the sex one.

Griffin: Y'all, y'all, y'all, y'all. News update. The condom's in a wrapper.

Justin: Yes, thank you.

Travis: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: `Cause I...

Justin: Explore the seductive side of some of your favorite sweet treats, some of which are served with a condom as one of the toppings. No glove no love, right? Wrong.

Travis: I mean, yeah, but...

Justin: Incorrect. You've used it incorrectly. It's not supposed to refer to a condom shoved into an ice cream treat.

Travis: No condom, no ice cream is nothing.

Justin: That's nothing. Besides being finger-licking delicious—

Travis: Nope!

Justin: Pass. Hard pass.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Hard pass.

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: I... I have never had a press release make me want to wash my hands before.

Justin: Besides being finger-licking delicious, this ice cream shop works with a local company that supplies the sugar and other simple base

ingredients that staff makes in the store every day, with fresh, local, high-fat milk.

Travis: Oh, sorry, that was for a different place. [laughing]

Justin: No, this is this place. It's perverted, but like, don't get it twisted. It's still... [kiss] Grade A.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Shop local. Think super horny all the time.

Justin: They're also known for avoiding fillers. [pause]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: For... for what?

Justin: And chemicals as much as possible to create the closest possible natural soft serve. Is that sexy? I literally don't know anymore.

Travis: I'm... I'm afraid of the caveat "as much as possible." We avoid chemicals – oh no, some got in! Welp... we do our best.

Justin: Their cool, quirky ice cream flavors aren't the only thing that'll make you scream this summer. Pop some of their, um...

Travis: No!!

Audience: [sounds of horror]

Justin: Pop some of their signature salty balls in your mouth for a delicious surprise.

Audience: [screaming]

Justin: Don't gratify that. No. Don't worry, we're only talking about their soft, caramel-covered chocolate balls with Maldon Sea Salt. Good job, you made it half a fuckin' paragraph being cool, and then you had to be boring again.

Travis: No, don't get it twisted – we're not gonna put testicles in your mouth! Well, no fucking duh, ice cream company!

Justin: No duh!

Travis: Oh, I thought you meant you were gonna place some real, human testicles in my mouth.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Oh, thank you for clarifying! I was aghast. I'd made it this far in the advertisement, but I was confused by that, because I didn't want strangers' human testicles in my mouth. But now you've clarified to me that perhaps you made a confectionary treat! Oh, thank you so much, ice cream store! Fuck you.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Perverted Ice Cream also sells t-shirts, sweatpants, candles, lip balms, baseball hats, and of course, Perverted condoms, so you can rep this new favorite in style. Imagine that scenario. "Hey, cool condom. What's it from?"

Travis: [laughs] Oh, thank you for noticing.

Justin: "It's my uhh... it's from my favorite ice cream that I like. And they..."

"And you got the... condom... to keep us from having a child. Or an STD. At the ice cream store. So let me get it fuckin' straight. You pulled the condom, to protect us sexually, from the ice cream that you ate earlier. Good. I'm going home. Goodbye."

Griffin: Wait, wait, don't leave, don't leave – it's a Perverted condom!

Justin: I'm actually done.

Travis: Oh no!

Justin: I'm actually done.

Griffin: Who would say... who wants to say that? "Let me put on my Perverted condom! Euuuhh!"

Justin: Anyway, that's Perverted Ice Cream. Come to Victoria in July. If you're in the area, check it out.

Travis: Or don't!

Griffin: Don't.

Justin: Don't. Or do.

Griffin: Or do. I do want to know what the flavors are.

[theme music plays]

Griffin: Hey everybody, this is Griffin. Flying solo. Got my pilot's license, so you're on board my plane of advertising Money Zone stuff, and I'm gonna take good care of you. If you look out to the right, you'll see the Blue Ridge Mountains.

I want to tell you first of all about Casper. Casper is not a scary ghost, and not, uh... a scary monster of any kind. It's not a Frankenstein. It's a bed. Uh, specifically, the mattress part of the bread. The bread. [laughs] Hey, cut that. Make sure you cut that one, Terry. They make beds. But mattresses.

They've got these new hybrid mattresses that combine the pressure relief of their award-winning foam with durable, yet gentle springs. We all have Casper mattresses. Some of us, I think, more than one. I've got one up in my guest bedroom. Whenever we have folks over to take a slumber or take it to slumber town and snooze the day away, uh, then we always get compliments. They said, "Wow, that must be a million dollar mattress." And then we say, uh, "We're not supposed to say the price of the mattress in this advertisement, but it's super affordable."

And uh, it's got luxurious comfort and resilience... we say all of this to them. Uh, they've got the hybrid collection with lift support, increased airflow for cooling, durability for all body types, and enhanced edge support. And they also have that 100 night risk-free sleep on it trial.

So, get one—I'm still saying all of this to my friends. Get \$100 towards select mattresses by visiting Casper.com/Brother, and using 'Brother' at checkout. That's Casper.com/Brother and using 'Brother' at checkout. Terms

and conditions apply. And then, uh, that's all I say to my friends, and they leave.

We're also sponsored in part this week by MeUndies. MeUndies is a really slick place that is here to change your underwear, but not actually, like, even if you have made a mess down there, that's not what they do. They supply you with new underwear. They believe that undies should be soft, fit every booty, and offer fun patterns that give you the freedom to express yourself.

I have replaced my entire underwear collection at this point with MeUndies. It uh, has changed my life. I'm wearing them right now. Everything feels so nice. Uh, makes my butt look like a fun fiesta, because of all the fun prints that they have on it. And they also just introduced the Feel Free collection for women. MeUndies size-tested these five new silhouettes on every body type with an ultra-soft, feather-light waistband that provides zero restriction.

These undies are dedicated to being the best thing that has ever been on your body, in sizes extra small up to 4XL. And as always, they have new prints that drop every Tuesday. Uh, I love them. Love them. Love the underwear. Love the lounge pants. Love the onesie comfort suits. It's all so good.

And right now, they have an offer for our listeners. For any first time purchasers, you can get 15% off and free shipping and a 100% satisfaction guarantee by going to uh, MeUndies.com/MyBrother. That's 15% off your first pair, free shipping, and a 100% satisfaction guarantee by going to MeUndies.com/MyBrother. That's MeUndies.com/MyBrother.

Uh, that is it for the jumbotrons. Thank you all so much for everybody that came out to Cleveland. I feel like we were kind of bratty about ticket sales for Cleveland, but y'all showed up in a big way, and it was a real fun show. That what you're hearing right now. We are super, super slammed this week, and last week, all the rest of the fam was out on a beach vacation, so uh, this is... this is us filling in. But we should be back next week with a new installment in the McElroy adventures. In the McElroy trials. And you're gonna hear that, and you're gonna be razzed and dazzled.

Go check out all our new merch. We got backpacks, we got fanny packs now, covered in sort of McElroy brand iconography. We got new pins. We got new kinds of everything, all at McElroy.family. We still got some live shows coming up. I think they may all be sold out, but you can also check on that

at McElroy.family. And uh, yeah, I think everything else, we do at the end of the show. So I'm gonna let you get back to it. Bye!

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 mad 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: Hello, what's your name?

Morgan: Hi, my name is Morgan.

Griffin: Hi, Morgan.

Justin: Oh, that's quite an instrument you got there, Morgan. I love it.

Morgan: Why, thank you. I appreciate it. So um, my seeking for advice comes from a recent promotion that I got at work, which requires me to talk to a lot of executives at a corporate office, and kind of make relationships with them.

Griffin: Oh.

Travis: Ooh.

Morgan: They encourage you to share some of your like, hobbies and everything like that.

Travis: We get it. Wink.

Morgan: My biggest hobby is—

Griffin: Is yucky ice cream from a sexual...

Morgan: No, I don't want to go there ever. No thank you.

Travis: Coward. Put our ice cream in you!

Morgan: [laughs] My biggest hobby is Magic: The Gathering.

Justin: Yes.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Very cool.

Morgan: Among my friends and family, clearly, but uh... I don't know if I want to tell a 50 year old man that I play a card game for 13 and up.

Justin: Sure.

Travis: Most games are for 13 and up. Don't worry about that.

Morgan: True. True.

Travis: I don't know of a board game that says like, "For 50 years old and older."

Morgan: Not a board game, but golf?

Griffin: Golf, yeah.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: I'm pretty sure they let kids play golf.

Justin: So you love Magic: The Gathering, and you came up to drag golf? Is that what we're doing? Okay, good.

Morgan: Oh, 100%.

Justin: Okay, good, good, good.

Travis: It might not be Magic: The Gathering that's the only thing keeping you separate from 50 year olds. It might also be your dunking.

Morgan: This is true. But my question is, uh, how do I make that sound cool?

Justin: My passion is cards.

Travis: Ooh.

Griffin: Do you play?

Justin: Do you play cards?

Griffin: "I've been known to get down to Vegas from time to time."

"... Okay."

Justin: "Would you say that this is the end of our conversation?"

"Yeah, I would."

"Excellent. This has gone very well."

Travis: Here's a great option – lie.

Justin: You could lie.

Travis: "What are you into?"

"I love football."

"I also love football!"

“Excellent.”

Justin: Nooo, no, no, no.

Griffin: “Who’s your team?”

“Theee... plain... the plainwalkers? Is that a...”

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: No, here’s the thing. The thing is like, a lot of people have, um, hobbies that, when they first started out like, hundreds of years ago or whatever, were also weird. And the key is, now when you say it, like, “I play Magic: The Gathering.” Don’t explain it. If they said like, “I love to play golf,” they wouldn’t sit there being like, “But uh, golf’s fun! It’s cool!” Y’know? Like, they wouldn’t explain it.

Justin: That’s a dumb thing to say though, because everybody knows what golf is.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: That’s a—that would be ridiculous. Imagine that fuckin’ thing you just said with your own mouth here on stage. Like, “I play golf. It’s, um... have you ever seen a very small, white ball?”

Travis: Yeah, but that’s what I’m saying. If you say like, “I play Magic: The Gathering for fun,” and they’re like, “What’s that?” Be like, “Oh, you don’t know? Um...” And then with that tiny phrase, ‘oh, you don’t know,’ you’ve just gained dominance in this situation, my friend.

Griffin: Oh, yeah.

Travis: Oh, you don’t know? Okay... [laughs] And then you explain it to them.

Griffin: Well, I got a starter deck for you to borrow. Let’s just, uh... let’s just throw down right now. Bam!

Travis: Now you got them.

Griffin: Whoa!

Travis: And then if they beat you, they're a natural, and you take them on tour, and you milk them for every penny they're worth.

Griffin: Yeah. That's your Bobby Fisher right there.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Uhh, you could say... "Oh, well uh, I play Yu-Gi-Oh." And they're like, "What?!" And you're like, "Just kidding. I play Magic." And they're like, "Oh, thank God."

Justin: [laughs] I thought we had a nerd on our hands!

Griffin: Whoa, shit. Whew! Scared me.

Justin: Uh, could you tra—

Griffin: And then you play your trap card and a dragon eats them or something.

Justin: Could you travel around with a starter deck, and say, "I play Magic: The Gathering... and now, so do you." And hand them the deck, and say like, "If you really care about getting to know me, you'll learn to play this card game."

Travis: Anyways, I don't know what you do, but do you want to buy a card or whatever? I don't know what your job is.

Griffin: Do you have any expensive cards? Any of those fancy ones?

Morgan: Uh, I have a few. Nothing like, in the, y'know, thousand dollar range or anything like that.

Travis: Get some of those.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Step one.

Griffin: Step one is, you need to get a lot of those, until you're very wealthy with card money, I guess. And then you just show—"Oh, I play Magic: The Gathering."

"Oh, that's the nerd shit, right?"

"I guess. You tell me." And you fan yourself with a bunch of cards. And then your boss is gonna be like... "I don't know what that means."

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "These are very valuable."

Travis: And they always will be.

Justin: I have a printout of how these are good. Hold on.

Griffin: "These are worth \$560."

"Oh, coo—good. That's good for you."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Does that help?

Morgan: Uh, yeah. My wife usually just tells people I'm a magician though, so...

Travis: There you go.

Griffin: Not wrong. Yeah. Thank you.

Justin: I love it. Hello.

Griffin: Hello.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Hi. What is your name?

Billy: My name is Billy.

Griffin: Hi, Billy.

Justin: Hi, Billy.

Billy: Hi, how are you?

Travis: I'm good! Thank you!

Griffin: You can adjust that mic if you want. Just point it right up at the...

Billy: Yeah. So I was running a little late. I had to run a conference call, telling people a lot of boring things. So I got to my house, uh, had maybe five minutes to get ready. So as I am peeing... y'know how you occasionally have an itch on your head?

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Yeah, I'm aware.

Billy: Yeah. Well, so, as I was itching my head, my glasses, mid-stream, fell off.

Audience: [groans]

Travis: Yeah. And you caught them?

Billy: Oh yeah. I caught them... with the toilet.

Justin: And you never...

Billy: Yeah.

Justin: And you never once peed on your glasses?

Billy: Oh, this is the first time I've peed on my glasses. I don't know about you guys, but the pee brakes did not stop. They just kept going.

Griffin: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Billy: I just kept peeing.

Justin: You just kept peeing on your glasses. Sorry, what was your name again?

Billy: Uh, that... my name is Billy.

Travis: So, Billy, the speed at which you accepted the scenario was zero seconds.

Billy: Yes. Um, well, I mean, I don't know how far we want to get into this, but not only did I—

Travis: We're pretty far in, William.

Justin: We're pretty deep, William.

Billy: This is pretty standard fare so far.

Griffin: Can I say... [laughing]

Travis: Is it?

Billy: Lay it on me.

Griffin: I just... [laughing] I didn't understand what that press release meant when it said that pervert doesn't have to be a sexual word, until literally...

Audience: [laughs]

Billy: You're welcome?

Griffin: Just now.

Billy: Yeah.

Griffin: I see the light. Thank you, Billy.

Justin: I am curious... we don't kink shame on this show, but we are allowed to kink question to find out more information.

Billy: This is not mine.

Justin: How much of a part of you telling a bunch of strangers that you pissed on your glasses is part of the kink?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Is this part of it for you, or is this just...

Griffin: Alright, alright. Billy... I would just throw them in the dishwasher. Ah, but then the dishes, huh? Yeah.

Billy: What about the plastic?

Travis: You could boil them. And I know what you're saying – that would ruin my glasses – but bad news, Billy, we're past that. We passed that station about 25 miles ago.

Griffin: We passed that when you looked down at your piss-covered glasses and said, "That's not a reason to stop."

Billy: How do you stop mid-stream?!

Travis: Some piss is the same as all piss, really.

Billy: How do you stop mid-stream?

Justin: I mean, it's a fair question in that you...

Griffin: You can do it. [laughs]

Billy: I'm gonna burst a kidney or something!

Travis: You want me to go step by step, muscularly?

Justin: Okay, I want to leap to Billy's defense for a second.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: No one ever says, "I just pissed on my glasses *a little bit.*" Right? I mean, you pissed on them or you didn't.

Griffin: Are you wearing them right now?

Billy: [pained] ... Yeah.

Griffin: Okay. Okay.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Now, listen. No, listen...

Justin: You knew he was.

Griffin: You rinsed them off, you used some sort of cleaning product on them? Right?

Billy: Yeah. Yeah.

Griffin: Okay. And then you felt okay, and you put them on?

Billy: Well, I need them.

Griffin: Okay, right. You need them to see. Uh, I actually think you're in the clear, as long as you don't tell anyo—oh, no!

Justin: Oh no! Does that help, Billy?

Billy: It helps.

Travis: Thank you.

Billy: But can I ask one last question?

Travis: So I shit on my watch...

Billy: No, no, this is nothing that.

Audience: [laughs]

Billy: Can I give you guys pens?

Travis: No!

Justin: No!

Griffin: No!

Billy: They have not been pissed on.

Justin: Don't get anywhere near us, Billy! Billy. No.

Billy: They have not been pissed on.

Justin: Billy, no.

Travis: No.

Griffin: It's a hard no.

Justin: Billy, think about this for a second... if anyone, for the rest of our life, ever tries to hand us anything, and we're like, "No thanks." And they're like, "You took pens from the piss glass guy!"

Billy: They're pretty amazing.

Travis: Listen. I believe you, and normally, we say don't follow our advice, but I'm gonna give you one piece of actionable advice. Next time, lead with the pens.

Justin: [laughs] Just put them right there on the edge of the stage, Billy, if that's okay. Thanks, Billy. Thank you, Billy.

Travis: Thank you.

Justin: [laughing] Hello.

Griffin: Hello.

Heather: Hello!

Griffin: What's your name?

Heather: My name's Heather.

Justin: Hello, Heather.

Travis: Hi, Heather.

Heather: Um, my question is... well, there's a little bit of lead up. My husband loves tourist traps, and I am a vegetarian, so we...

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: How do you make it work?!

Griffin: That's a real Dharma and Greg situation!

Heather: They're related, strangely.

Travis: Okay.

Heather: So we honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Travis: Yeah you did.

Heather: Where there are...

Travis: You loved Gatlinburg.

Justin: Nice.

Heather: A lot of beef jerky stores.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: And airsoft pellet gun stores.

Griffin: Airsoft guns, beef jerky stores, fudge, and laser tag.

Justin: A pancake restaurant... yeah. It's lit down there.

Heather: So we went into no less than three beef jerky stores, and my husband is incapable of not telling the employees that I'm a vegetarian.

Justin: Okay.

Heather: Unprompted.

Justin: Have we not gotten vegetarian jerky yet? It seems like we would've gotten there by now.

Heather: They make one out of like—

Travis: Yeah, it's called kale chips.

Heather: Portobello mushrooms that's not bad?

Travis: Oh, really?

Heather: They do not sell it at the beef jerky stores in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Justin: Okay.

Heather: They do sell shirts that say, "People Eating Tasty Animals."

Justin: Okay, PETA. I love it.

Griffin: That's fuckin' funny.

Travis: Oh, I get it!

Heather: Yeah. So inevitably, the employees will then, like, unload on me. So I've had to stop going into beef jerky stores with him, because he goes into this fugue state...

Justin: Right. He can't help himself.

Heather: Like, and I've asked him, why did you... nobody asked. Nobody even offered me jerky. And he's like, [whispers] "I don't know."

Travis: When you say unload, do you mean like, they give you shit?

Heather: Lots of shit.

Travis: Wow.

Heather: I don't understand—

Griffin: You don't—[laughs]

Heather: How it's hurting them, but...

Griffin: You don't like my dry animal?!

Travis: What?!

Griffin: It's dry animal!

Travis: But this is unchewable beef!! You don't like my hard, crispy, tooth-breakin' beef?!

Griffin: But you... you can eat jerky, right?

Justin: Yeah, except jerky though, right?

Travis: Jerky's not even like meat!

Heather: [laughs]

Griffin: It's old!

Travis: It's just like... beef paper!

Heather: How do I get him to stop?

Travis: Okay. Is your husband here?

Heather: He is.

Griffin: Okay. Hey, cut it out!

Justin: Yeah. Stop it!

Travis: Fuckin'... [wheezes] You can get your jerky on Amazon! Stop going into these stores! They yell at your wife!

Griffin: Now, listen. Now, if you want the better question that we can have more fun with...

Heather: Yeah?

Griffin: Cover your ears. Cover—I'm watching you. Cover your ears.

Travis: Cover them for real.

Griffin: The real question is... how do you get back at him? And the answer is, you take him to Whole Foods. And you're like...

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "This one has tasted the flesh of the cow!" And then...

Travis: [laughing]

Griffin: Someone's gonna fuckin' kill him.

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: So you're gonna have to find a new path for yourself.

Travis: Yeah. Now, listen... it's gonna get real messy after that. You're gonna have to change your name. Probably move. Get a new job, new identity.

Justin: It's just part of your journey, though. Respect the journey. It's part of your journey.

Travis: And your new identity might eat meat.

Justin: Yes. As a cover.

Travis: Yes. And it's gonna be a whole thing.

Heather: That's fine.

Travis: Yeah. They'll never suspect.

Griffin: If you're gonna start, don't start with jerky. Holy shit.

Travis: No.

Griffin: It makes a bad first meat impression. Some meat is wet, and that's okay. That's a Griffin McElroy guarantee.

Justin: [laughing] Does that help?

Heather: Extremely. It does.

Justin: Excellent. Thank you.

Griffin: Thank you.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Hello.

Justin: Hello.

Griffin: How's it going?

Steven: I'm good, how are you?

Griffin: Good, good, good.

Travis: Great, thank you for asking.

Steven: So uh, some kids moved in next door, which is fine I guess.

Travis: It's not.

Griffin: What's your name?

Steven: Steven, by the way.

Griffin: Steven. Hey.

Steven: So uh, I have like, a pretty tall fence, and you can't really see through it for my dog. Uh, and I can't normally see the kids, which is a good thing. But then, they got a trampoline, and now they keep jumping on it, and they keep staring at me when they jump.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah.

Steven: And it looks like Michael Myers is in the George Lopez theme song.

Griffin: Okay. [laughs] That's a beautiful mental image you've painted for me, Steven.

Travis: Are you asking us to help you sell your house?

Audience: [laughs]

Steven: How do I feel peace of mind in my own home?

Justin: Um, see, I want to take it... was it Steven?

Steven: Yes.

Justin: I want to take it back to the first thing Steven said, which was, "Some kids moved in next door." Which is amazing. This idea that a bunch of blank checks...

Travis: [laughs] We got a Camp Nowhere situation.

Justin: Yeah, we got a real Camp Nowhere situation on our hands. A bunch of kids just move in. [laughing] And bought a house together.

Travis: I also really liked when you said that you had a fence you couldn't see through, for your dog, which I imagine, your dog is just really private. Likes his space.

Griffin: It's uh... it's the Taco Bell dog. We don't want paparazzi.

Justin: Uh, could you, next time they go out to trampoline, you're already on their trampoline?

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Wait your turn, idiots. I'm having fun up here. This is how adults do it. And you're smoking.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: They'll never see that coming.

Griffin: And you always put it out on the trampoline.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Maybe lower your backyard. So no matter how high they get, they still can't see.

Justin: Yes. Cavernous. Cavernous.

Griffin: That's very good.

Justin: Raise your fences. Build an extension on the trampoline side.

Travis: Just right in front of the trampoline, it goes up another eight feet. Nothing, and whoa!

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: Maybe steal their trampoline and burn it.

Justin: No, come on, Travis.

Griffin: That's no good.

Justin: That's not even a joke.

Griffin: Can you somehow... and I'm not a scientist, so I'd be putting bones in fish and stuff, but...

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: If I was a scientist, I could tell you some way to weaken the springs. Just to affect the height of the—

Travis: Not enough to hurt the kids.

Justin: Not enough to hurt the kids, lawyers.

Travis: But just when they jump on it, it just goes lower, and then doesn't raise back up.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Whoa.

Justin: That's a net. So you're talking about a huge, round hammock. Kids would love that. They'll appreciate it when they're in their 30s, and they need a license to chill.

Travis: That's true!

Justin: They'll appreciate that giant, round hammock that Steven made for them.

Griffin: Steven, I have one very good piece of advice, but it depends on if you have one particular item. And it may be uncomfortable for you to tell me whether or not you own this item. Is that okay?

Steven: Yes.

Griffin: Okay. Do you own a Babadook costume?

Audience: [laughs]

Steven: Not yet.

Travis: Not yet!

Justin: Not yet. eBay's open late. eBay's open late.

Griffin: Kids... kids hate this guy. [laughs] Okay?

Travis: I think the problem there is, if I jumped and I saw my neighbor... like, my neighbor was Babadook, I'd want to like... I gotta double check this. Maybe try... they jump over, they see you, you're just in your backyard doing your taxes, really frustrated. And they're like, "Ooh, I feel weird."

Griffin: They go down below the fence, and they come back up... you're Babadook. They come back down, they come back up, you're doing your taxes again.

Travis: Oh, yeah, I like that!

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: It's like muscle confusion, but for kids. It's just kid confusion.

Justin: Just regular kid confusion.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Steven, does that help?

Steven: Yes, very much.

Justin: Excellent.

Griffin: Excellent. Buy a Babadook costume.

Travis: Thank you.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: We can lower the house lights now. It's getting a little scary, honestly, to see all those people out there. Uh, thank you so much, Cleveland, for coming to our program. I want to say a huge thank you to Paul and Storm.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: You can go to their website. I'm assuming it's PaulandStorm.com? That's right. PaulandStorm.com.

Griffin: That's the first time you've ever said it correctly.

Justin: I know.

Travis: Well, it's the first time they've opened for us.

Griffin: That's fair. Uh, we still have some merch out there. I think the pen sets might be gone. There may be like, one left.

Justin: Buy it before Cincinnati can get their grubby mitts on it.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: The poster is, no joke, one of the most amazing posters we've ever had.

Griffin: It's super gorgeous.

Justin: We didn't make it.

Griffin: There's also Paul and Storm merch out there. Please go buy that. Thank you again for doing that. That was very special.

Travis: Also, listen – I know we made a lot of jokes about people not buying tickets or whatever, but you all coming out...

Griffin: Yeah, it was all goofs. Y'all are fuckin' amazing.

Travis: This is an amazing—

Justin: Yeah, you're all incredible.

Travis: You're a great crowd.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Thank you so much.

Justin: And we'll obviously, despite my jokes, we'll obviously come back to Cleveland. We'll just...

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Do it in a building that is 30% smaller than this building.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: No, but actually, the people at this building have been amazing. So kind.

Griffin: Yeah, the KeyBank State Theater. Thank y'all so much. This place is wild.

Justin: Yes. You're so sweet. Thank you. There's literal—there's one single piece of confetti falling from the ceiling. Which, considering the ticket sales, does seem apropos.

Travis: This is all you get.

Justin: This is all you get.

Griffin: Thanks also 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.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Thank you to Amanda. Thank you to our Daddy. Thank you to Maximum Fun.

Travis: Thank you, Sam.

Griffin: Thank you, Sam. Let's have—

Travis: Uh, thank you to our families for hanging around Great Wolf Lodge.

Griffin: They're back at Great Wolf Lodge. You don't have to thank them.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Uh, here's the final Yahoo. It was sent in my Emma Cont. Wow, a hat trick.

Travis: Oh, oh, oh. Sorry.

Griffin: Oh, oh, oh, shit!

Travis: We have to travel very early in the morning to get back to Cincinnati tomorrow, so we won't be able to hang out after the show.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Uh, so right now, we're gonna take a second to say, thank you all of you. Oh, no, you're great.

Griffin: Yeah, you're fine.

Travis: I'm signing. And uh—

Justin: He's not.

Travis: So we won't be able to see you after the show.

Griffin: Yes. But hopefully, you got a signed poster. We did a bunch of those before. And if not, uh, maybe next time. So also, there's voter registration outside. Paul has just texted me. Go do that.

Justin: Yes! Vote!

Travis: Yes.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Okay, final Yahoo. This one was sent in my Emma Cont. Thank you, Emma. It's Emma Cant. Thank you.

Travis: Wait, are you here?

Griffin: Are you here? No, I've just fucked it up.

Audience Member: No, I know her!

Griffin: Oh, you know her. Oh, cool. Tell her thanks.

Justin: Say hi.

Travis: How is Emma?

Griffin: Okay, stop. Emma Cant.

Justin: Cont.

Travis: No, it's Cant.

Justin: Cant.

Griffin: Emma Cant sent—

Travis: It can't, because—

Griffin: [yells] Shush!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: It's from Yahoo Answers user Sean, who asks...

Justin: [laughing] That's good.

Griffin: Sean asks, "Can you milk Gushers to make fruit juice?"

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin: My Brother, My Brother, and Me. Kiss your dad square on the lips!

Audience: [cheers]

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Justin: Hi, everybody. My name is Justin McElroy.

Sydnee: I'm Sydnee McElroy.

Justin: We're both doctors, and—

Sydnee: No, just me.

Justin: Okay, well, Sydnee's a doctor, and I'm a medical enthusiast. And we create Sawbones, a marital tour of misguided medicine.

Sydnee: Every week, I dig through the annals of medical history to bring you the wildest, grossest, sometimes dumbest tales of ways we've tried to treat people throughout history.

Justin: Lately, we do a lot of modern fake medicine, because everything's a disaster. But it's slightly less of a disaster every Friday, right here on MaximumFun.org, as we bring you Sawbones, a marital tour of misguided medicine. And remember...

Sydnee: Don't drill a hole in your head.