

MBMBaM 474: OutSTANDing Deals!

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

[theme music plays]

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

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

Griffin: Hey, this is Griiid Iron Fieeeld Goaaal McElroy.

Travis: Yeah, that was perfect, Griffin. That was seamless.

Griffin: [laughs] Thanks a lot. Thank you very much.

Justin: Yeah, you blended the football reference right in there.

Travis: Y'know what they don't tell you? A lot of the time, when the 'footballmen' are like, in that big circle, they're just saying, "Huddle huddle huddle huddle huddle." Because they don't... they don't know what to say. They don't know what to do most of the time.

Griffin: A lot of the time, they're not even comin' up with freakin' plans. They just wanted to shnug. They wanted a quick shnug. They wanted to get shnug as a bug, as they've just been hit so many times.

Justin: So many times.

Travis: Yeah, they're just trying to—they're trying to be—y'know what they should do? They should make that circle, but turn their backs inward and look out, so they can all be looking out at the same time, so no one sneaks up and tackles them.

Griffin: Ohh, or listens in on their big plans!

Travis: Yeahhh! Hey, it's fantasy football time!

Griffin: [sings some high-pitched gibberish for no discernable reason] Just anything, man! Football, don't really give a shit! But I'll look at it. I'll look right at it for a while, if that helps.

Travis: Listen. I don't want to jump back to this, but it's just occurred to me, I should be able to watch football in 4DX.

Griffin: Yep. You should.

Justin: That's a good point.

Travis: I want to feel—I want to *feel* what it's like to get just a human being thrown at me.

Griffin: [laughs] I would like the idea of a 4DX theater where there's a guy controlling all of it live like an old organist at silent movies from the '30s.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: We can't go back to talking about 4DX.

Griffin: We cannot do that.

Travis: No, but I want to!

Justin: Fantasy football season is here.

Travis: What if when they dumped... they dumped the Powerade over the football coach, and they dump Powerade on you?

Griffin: And they spray it on your face. Yes. Okay, Justin, yes. Take away. Go. This is your bit. I'm so sorry. This is Justin's bit and his idea. It's your time to shine, baby.

Justin: I didn't suggest it, but it's a football of a time here at My Brother, My Brother, and Me, and we're ready to run it to the red line, and uh, talk about our fantasy football strategies. This episode is gonna be exclusively fantasy football.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: So, picks.

Travis: Oh yeah.

Justin: Some hot picks for the best kickers. Mainly kicker focused, because that's where—that's the differentiator. Everybody knows you want to get QB in there.

Griffin: [sighs]

Justin: Um, you want a good RB. But what about the K? Y'know what I mean? I'm saying, a little Special K in there.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: My recommendation – and listen, this is a bit of a sleeper pick, right? But I'm saying Steve Bigfoot Jones, 'cause he's got that big ol' foot.

Griffin: Right, yeah. He cannot miss. He cannot miss the football.

Travis: Yes. His foot is 19 inches long, and he basically can just lift up the ball with his foot and just kind of drop it...

Griffin: Nudge it in.

Travis: In the end zone.

Justin: I want to share my fantasy football strategy for the year. I'm employing for Touch Downton Abbey the same strategy that I have been employing since that name was funny. And that is this.

Travis: Uh-huh?

Justin: I don't have... this is the league our dad runs. I don't have the login for my account.

Griffin: Same.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: I don't know how to update it. Now, is this negligent? No. Why? Well, I feel like the computer probably did a better job of drafting than I would. It is so presumptuous to me, this idea that I'm gonna get in there and do a better job than a football robot. That seems...

Travis: That's fair.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: Absolutely insane to me.

Griffin: Mine and Justin's approach is the same. I don't even think I have that account anymore, but somehow, I'm still robo-drafting all my guys. So we are—we've essentially ripped the Beyblades out of our Beyblade guns. And now, for a whole season, they're gonna spin and dance around each other, and we're gonna see who the last one spinnin' is. Probably mine.

Justin: When it comes to trades, our teams are gonna play hard ball. What does that mean?

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs] Okay, so I'm looking at last season's standings.

Justin: Yes, please. In the league.

Travis: In case anyone was wondering, it is a ten team league. Now, Griffin...

Griffin: Yeah, how'd I do?

Travis: You did finish ninth.

Griffin: That's bad.

Travis: Uh, with two and 12.

Griffin: That's not great. But there was somebody below me, which is great.

Travis: And that would be Justin, with one and 13. [laughs]

Justin: Aww, dang. I bet one of those Ws was Griffin, right?

Griffin: [laughing]

Travis: Most likely, yeah.

Justin: Most likely, we only beat each other. [laughing]

Griffin: Alright, well...

Justin: I should change my team name to Bye Week, 'cause that's basically what you have if you're playing me, is a week off.

Travis: [laughs] Now, I will say, back in 2017, uh, Justin finished seventh, and Griffin finished ninth, beating—Justin beat many people in 2017.

Griffin: Wow.

Justin: But that's like, a control group. [laughs] Y'know what I mean? This is baseline of football, and then, you can do better than this if—y'know, if you do better than this, you get a win. But this is like... that's just the baseline of football trends that year. The predictability of football is what that was sort of ranking. The problem that I have is deaths. If there are any deaths on my team, the computer cannot account for it.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: When players are, as they are frequently killed on the field of play—

Griffin: Exploded. Yeah.

Justin: Exploded.

Travis: From having full grown people thrown at them.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: A member of mutant league comes in and blows them up with a hand grenade. Whatever the cause. Uh, the computer does not redraft dead players. [laughing] And that's a problem that I had. 'Cause I would love it to fill the gaps, y'know what I mean? But no dice.

Griffin: And that's why I made a mistake when the last time I played, I drafted Brian Brittlebones...

[dog barking]

Griffin: Shut—the dog ruined it! The dog ruined my joke!

Justin: The dog ruined Griffin's joke.

Travis: [distant] Hey, you ruined Griffin's joke.

Griffin: Tell the dog it ruined my football joke!

Travis: Buttercup and Lily, you ruined Griffin's joke. Back to your corner.

Griffin: I made a good football joke, and the dog ruined it!

Travis: He made a good football joke, and you've ruined it, dogs!

Justin: Send it to the glue factory!

Travis: Okay. Back to their jobs at the glue factory. [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: My problem in fantasy football is, one of my players will—

Justin: It's your dogs.

Griffin: The dogs is still—

Justin: The dogs are ruining our podcast.

Griffin: Travis, no football jokes will be made while the dogs are going.

Travis: Okay, okay, hold on.

Griffin: Justin, real quick, while he's doing that, let's tell some good football jokes.

Justin: Okay. I...

Travis: [distantly] You're ruining my football jokes!

Justin: They could've changed the rules to make the points different—

Travis: Sorry about that, everyone.

Justin: And I will wouldn't affect my play. I'm so disconnected.

Travis: Now I unplugged my ding-dang headphones. Aww.

Justin: From the world of football. It's gonna be another—what I can't leave is the text chain about football. So I'm getting a lot of updates about the draft, about people's unawareness of the draft, about people missing the draft, a lot of guilt trips from my dad about people not giving it their all. I have—it should be known. Griffin and I are not negligent here. We have begged. [laughs] We have begged to be free from this football league that we cannot keep up with.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Begged.

Travis: Our father, our papa, will not let Touch Downton Abbey and Grid Iron and Wine die.

Griffin: Just—and I've told him, like, I haven't watched a football game, save the Superbowl, for like two and a half years. Like, recreationally. I'm not up on it. I'm not up on it. I tried to draft... I tried to draft the old QB for the Dolphins, and I ended up drafting Ken Marino from Party Down and Burning Love!

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: He did a good job, though.

Griffin: And Veronica Mars! He did a good job, considering he didn't play any games, but shit, man! Let me go! Let me free!

Justin: I—this is not, by the way, the sort of like... uh, sportsball, blah blah blah. The idea that I would be able to predict... [laughing] With literally *any* accuracy, on my own, predict how a football team would perform in a given outing, is just beyond comprehension at this point in my life. I have two kids. I have a lot of kids!

Travis: You can lose one—I was just thinking about this. You can lose points in fantasy if you're a player for like, fumbles and like, stuff like that. So I'm willing to bet, somewhere out there, is an NFL, a professional football player who ended a season with negative points, meaning I did better in fantasy football than they did.

Griffin: Interesting.

Travis: Yeah. My stats, my fantasy football stats, are better than theirs.

Griffin: You gotta get Travis. You gotta get Travis.

Travis: Gotta get Travis on there.

Griffin: Listen, he's not gonna bring you down.

Travis: Nope. That's my promise to you. You'll end it with exactly the same amount of points you had if you'd left the slot open. That's the Travis McElroy promise. Just write me in. [laughs] That's—they'll recognize it.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: I'm gonna be a write-in candidate for your fantasy football game.

Griffin: Please, let's do some show.

Justin: I'd love to do—this has been show. This is all part of the program.

Griffin: Let's do more show, then.

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: "My father will not stop making his own..." oh, I don't want to do this. Hold on. How do people say you should pronounce this word now?

Griffin: 'Jiffs.'

Justin: 'Jiffs.'

Travis: Ooh, okay.

Justin: "My father will not stop making his own GIFs. After discovering how the app store works, he downloaded some GIF making apps and used them in incredibly inappropriate areas, such as work group chats and emails. If they are not good or funny GIFs, and they are never good quality videos. He keeps trying to get me to download and use these apps, and he's even thinking about getting one that costs actual money. Brothers, how do I stop my father?" That's from GIF Gulag'd in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Travis: I gotta stop my dad from using these GIFs!

Griffin: Yeah, this is—you've made me worried that our dad is gonna figure this out. You've like, spread some sort of viral curse.

Travis: This is what I love about... can I tell you what I love about your dad, question asker?

Justin: I'd love—tell me what you love about this person's dad.

Travis: Let me tell you.

Justin: Hey, Travis, will you tell me what you love about their dad?

Travis: [rhythmically, like a rap] Let me tell you what I love about your dad.

Griffin: He thick. Dummy thick.

Travis: [laughs] I love his dumps like a truck(?). Is that your dad could just use GIFs. But instead, your dad said, "I'm going to learn how to make my own." And it's that kind of can-do attitude that's missing from the world today. Are they good? No. But Bill Gates, his first GIFs were bad, too. When Steve Apple started making his GIFs, they were bad. Right? But you practice. You practice your GIFs, and now you're making a PlayStation.

Justin: Now, while Travis was talking, 'Driffin' has been sending us some of his own GIFs. Um, three of the Minions so far, one of which of those little bastards is holding a banana and saying "banana."

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Justin: One in a maid costume.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: One is photo copying his buttcheeks. Thank you. And now, two of Crash Bandicoot doing different things. Uh, I don't want to receive any more if I could... [laughs] Oh, Yoda. Okay.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: We got Yoda. Now there's a Yoda.

Travis: That one's pretty good. That Yoda one's pretty good. Oh, okay. [laughs] Now, here we have Samwise Gamgee saying "po-tay-toes." Good.

Justin: Good. [laughing] Another good GIF. Another good GIF from 'Driffin.'

Griffin: Uh, you gotta take the phone away. You gotta throw it in some hot water. Boiling water. Because if it's regular water, he might dive his hand in

there to try and grab it out. The boiling water's really gonna be a nice scare tactic.

Travis: Now, Griffin, you have sent us one here of a Minion's ass. [laughs]

Griffin: Can you guys just please focus on the fucking show for once?

Travis: Yeah, but like, I can see his whole asshole.

Justin: Yeah, I'm closing this app. I don't need any more updates. I got my hair cut today. My barber said he um... he just announced apropos of nothing, "Well... looks like I'm finally gonna get me one of those smart phones."

Travis: Ooh!

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughing] I was like... go on? Do tell? And apparently, his son got it for him, and after spending, uh, a long time teaching him how to use it, he asked a week later, um... he said, "I don't think this thing's working. I haven't got any calls for it." And he was informed that he had to charge it to keep it working.

Griffin: Ah, beans!

Travis: Oh, wow.

Justin: Ah, beans! I said, "So you're not a big technology fan?" He said, "No, I don't... I tell people I don't like to have anything smarter in my house than I am. And I'm down to just the toaster, and even that's borderline."

Travis: [laughs] That's pretty good. That's a good line.

Justin: [laughs] That's a good line, man. That's a good haircut, good—well, okay haircut, but a good line. An affordable haircut. Um, you—GIFs are

tough. 'Cause once you learn how to use them, plain text just doesn't cut it anymore.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Well, and that's the thing, right? And then you start—like, you're like, I want to find one of somebody like, giving a thumbs up. And you're like, "Oh no, there's a bajillion of them, and what if I pick the wrong one and all the other kids laugh at me?" The answer, in case you were wondering, is there's one where Fred Savage in, I believe, *Wonder Years*, gives a really slow, dramatic thumbs up. It's one of my favorite GIFs.

Griffin: Yeah, that's a good one. Okay, with this—we've been—we've spent a while now talking about GIFs, which is maybe the most base, low form of comedy that exists.

Justin: Oh, there he goes.

Griffin: Yeah. So like, we gotta step it up.

Travis: [Borat impression] My wife!

Griffin: Yep. Never mind. Anyway, the kids are gonna figure out something else next, and then we're gonna be doing GIFs, and they're gonna be off doing the next thing. We need to skip forward a few generations here, and we need to start texting each other full, feature-length films.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Whenever we have something that we want to say to another person...

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And I'm talking, and it's like, "Hey, what do you think about, uh, we go out, and we get some, y'know, we get some burgers down at Shake Shack today? And then maybe we go, uh, go to the arcade? How does that sound?" And then, I send them Driving Miss Daisy. The entire movie.

Justin: That's extremely good.

Travis: Okay, I guess I'm... I would—I thought you were going to go more like, and you send them the entire movie of like, Yes Man to symbolize that you were saying... yes, man. But you, instead, are saying, how about instead, you watch all of Driving Miss Daisy?

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah! And then, y'know, the next day I'll be like, "What the fuck, man? You didn't pick me up. We were supposed to go out for burgers. You didn't watch the entire movie? 'Cause then you'd understand the point of what I was trying to get across to you."

Travis: You have to pick me up and drive me to burgers! [laughs]

Griffin: You need to pick me up and drive me to go get burgers. Jesus.

Travis: I was trying to tell you, my car is in the shop, and I need a ride.

Justin: Obviously. Don't tell me you don't understand full length, feature films.

Travis: Hey, you sent me the full length, feature film of Clueless. Yeah, man, I want to go do an escape room! I thought that was obvious!

Griffin: Hey, um... I know this is cowardly to do over text, but I just feel like we've been drifting apart lately, and I know that you feel the same way, too, and I think pride is stopping us from realizing what we actually need to do here. So, um... I think it would probably be good if we... if we split up. [pause] Here's the animated movie Megamind, and...

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I feel like when you watch Megamind, it's gonna be like, the closure that you need.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Justin's just answered back all of my great texts with the entire movie, Three Ninjas, that he found on YouTube.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: That's also kind of a PSA to you that like, you can watch all of Three Ninjas on YouTube if you want.

Griffin: Man, every movie released before the year 2004 looks like such dog shit.

Justin: Are you just watching the film Three Ninjas right now? Is that what you're—how you're spending our podcast time?

Griffin: Uh, you sent me Three Ninjas, Justin.

Travis: Yeah, what are we supposed to do, not respond? Okay, it's loading. It's playing now. Okay. Some tree—alright. Uh-huh. Still having to—wait, Justin. Are we the Three Ninjas?

Justin: Poison. This is poison. This is poison. This is poison. I sent Three Ninjas 'cause we're the three ninjas that are beating our careers to death.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: With this audio poison you're making right now.

Travis: Alright, I guess I'll respond later...

Griffin: How about a Yahoo?

Justin: Yes. Thank you.

Griffin: [sighs] This is a very good Yahoo. I'm very excited. Lots of people sent it in. Thank you all so much. It's from Yahoo Answers user... sorry, something's gone wrong, let me get a refresh in here. Oh, it worked. Tina asks, "What should I wear to a cave?"

Travis: Ooh, good question.

Griffin: "I'm going to a cave, and am wondering if there is proper attire? Like, should I wear sports clothes, or just normal?"

Travis: Whoa. What kind of cave? Are we talking about a cool cave? Are we talking about scary cave? Big cave? Small cave? Dirty cave? Clean cave? Maybe a cave that has like, a pop up store in it? Maybe a cave rave? Um...

Griffin: I've never been inside a cave where I wasn't like, "Hey, this is pretty scary. Hey, being in this sepulcher is uh, is a little bit scary."

Travis: Um, I've watched a lot of Planet Earth, so I would also say, look out for things that have, like, they've lost their eyes and have turned into tiny demons that live in the cave and will consume the flesh off your bones.

Griffin: You need—they need the flesh. They need that flesh.

Travis: Yeah, they need it.

Griffin: You are bringing something that they really, really like into their house. So like, think about that. Um, so armor, I guess, to cover all that good skin you have.

Travis: Yeah, cover the flesh.

Griffin: Cover the flesh.

Justin: We should have—there should be a thing on Planet Earth that is like, at the bottom of the screen, text that's like, "You'll never fuck with one of these."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Don't even worry." Like, there should be a thing at the bottom where it's like, I'm watching it, I'm loving it, I'm starting to get freaked out...

Travis: Yes.

Justin: And then the text pops up and is like, "Don't even trip on this. You'll never fuck with one of these things."

Travis: "There's like eight of these. Don't worry about it." [laughs]

Justin: "There's like eight of these things. We can't believe we saw one. You'll never fuck with this. Do not even worry about it."

Travis: "I know we filmed it real close, and it looked real big. In real life? Real tiny. Don't even sweat."

Griffin: What we need is like a... before the deep, deep, deep sea monster episode, we need like, Julia Roberts to come out for like, five minutes, and be like, "Hi, Justin. Listen. I need you—"

Justin: "Hey. It's me."

Griffin: "I know. Some of these guys are pretty spooky. They have weird lanterns on their head, and sharp, sharp needle teeth. And you can see through their bodies, and there's electricity in there for some reason. And also, they don't have any organs. That's some scary shit. I know. But... you're not gonna have to mess with one of these. You're not even gonna see one of these in an aquarium, Justin. So... it's fine."

Justin: Is it? [laughing]

Travis: "Listen, Justin – if they come for you, I'll be there."

Justin: These are basically pretend.

Griffin: "And y'know what, Justin? You can just skip this episode. Spend the time that you were gonna spend watching this episode, and go watch something else on Amazon. Go give Full Metal Alchemist a try. That's right, I'm a big anime nut."

Travis: [laughs] Julia Roberts.

Justin: So Julia Roberts is gonna have me watch... I'm on Amazon, and Julia Roberts is not steering me towards Homecoming?

Travis: Well, she knows you've already watched it. She watched you watch it through the TV.

Griffin: [laughing]

Travis: Instead, she's gonna say, "Skip this Planet Earth. Skip the deep ocean. Go watch that one about lemurs."

Griffin: "Go watch the lemur ones again, Justin. Remember?"

Travis: "They like to move it, move it. Eh? Y'know? Y'know?"

Griffin: "Remember?" If I was going to a cave, today, at four o'clock, and it's 2:38 right now, and as soon as we hang up, I gotta go get dressed real quick, hop in the whip, and get to the cave... I don't know what the fuck I'm gonna put on my body. Jeans?

Travis: Your oldest jeans. Oldest jeans. Don't put on some new jeans.

Justin: Ooold jeans.

Travis: Ooold jeaaans.

Griffin: Okay. I have old jeans. Do I want to—is it hot in there? Is it cold in there?

Travis: Well, it's gonna fluctuate, Griffin!

Griffin: Is it wet?

Travis: The deeper you go, you're gonna hit a period of cold, but then you're gonna get close to the middle of the earth, where it's all lava down there.

Griffin: So I need something that goes to day to night.

Travis: Yees, and then back.

Griffin: Something that goes crust to mantle.

Travis: Exactly. And then, you're gonna say, "Oh, who's that? It's Brendan Fraser! He's headin' to the center, too!"

Griffin: Brendan's down there. He's uh, he's always down there, and that's a great hang, and...

Travis: Oh, and what's he got on? A neckerchief!

Griffin: Okay...

Travis: Have you thought about a neckerchief, Griffin, to collect all your neck sweat?

Griffin: He gives me one of his enchanted spears, just in case the demons come back.

Travis: Exac—and they will, Griffin.

Griffin: And we fight them together.

Justin: Why can't you guys just answer one question without a tie in to...

Travis: What do you wear in a cave? A cave suit.

Justin: Just what—just what do you wear—a cave suit. Thank you. A ghost—a Green Bay Packers jersey, if you like them.

Travis: Yes. Uh, maybe something... something that glow—a glowing shirt. A glow in the dark shirt!

Justin: A glowing shirt! Obviously! Except, now you're messing up the cave experience for everyone else.

Travis: No, that is true. That did happen. I one time went on a youth group trip to a cave, to Carter Caves in West Virginia, and they had—

Justin: Kentucky.

Travis: —a moment where they were taking you on a tour, where there was a tour guide, and they said, "We're gonna turn off all of these man-made lights so you can see how dark it really is in here." And they turned it off, and like, three different people had on glow in the dark shirts, and the effect was ruined. [laughs] 'Cause like, suddenly, there's a cool Skeletor over there!

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: Cave's an interesting thing for anxiety, if you're somebody that lives with anxiety. I mean, I've done a little spelunking in my day from time to time. And what I have found is that... I remember the first time I got fairly deep into a cave, I had a thought like, "Man, my anxiety's really good in here. 'Cause like, the number of things that could kill me has been drastically reduced."

Griffin: To one big, big one, which is the cave.

Justin: Well, that's the thing, right?

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: The probability wheel has been thinned to a razor's edge. But that razor's edge is *terribly* real.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I have escalated the chance that I *will* die by something, but I have like, very much narrowed...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: The number of things that that could be.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: You don't have to worry about car accidents in the cave. Right? That's gone.

Griffin: You just have to—yeah. The problem with—I'm always saying this. The problem with the cave is when you're in the cave, you're extremely inside the cave. And there's just no way around it. Can you wear a big shirt that has a cool... logo on the front of it... and maybe we can like, y'know, tinker this up in the old lab. But a big shirt that says 'bear poison' on it?

Travis: Ooh! [laughs]

Justin: Mmm!

Travis: I like that!

Justin: That's good! That's good.

Travis: What about, um... I've just picked up this from Griffin, you saying you're extremely in a cave. What about some kind of harness, right, that is very bungee-esque. But the bungee is very loose until I hit a button, and then it just, whoop!

Griffin: Rips ya right out.

Travis: Gets me right out of the cave as quickly—[laughs] Like, I'm walking through the cave. Maybe I'm like, 200 yards into the cave. I've gone through a lot of narrow passages. There's been a lot of low head—ooh, and what's that? A bear! Hit the button! Rrrroop! And I'm out of the cave in like, three seconds.

Griffin: Or a bear-like noise, which could be anything.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: If our dad takes too deep a sigh.

Travis: Or it could be the Balrog, y'know?

Griffin: Could be the Balrog.

Justin: What about a very fuckin' funny Big Johnson hoodie?

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: Because then, if somebody—if you die in the cave, and somebody—

Travis: Then you die in real life?

Justin: —finds your skeleton... [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: If you die in the cave, you do die in real life. If somebody finds your skeleton, they're gonna see that hoodie and be like, "Aw, nice."

Griffin: Really bust up.

Justin: "That's hilarious."

Travis: And then when Golem sees your shirt, he's just really—he loves it. [laughing]

Griffin: Okay, Travis, how many fuckin' fantasy creatures live in the cave, Trav?!

Travis: The Balrog and the Golem. I think they're in that same cave. And the ghosts.

Griffin: Is Godzilla down there?

Justin: Do you guys want to hear some slogans from Big Johnson t-shirts?

Travis: [laughs] Do I! Only cave related ones, please.

Griffin: Yeah, make `em cavey.

Justin: Okay, let me see if there's any Big Johnson cave t-shirts. [laughing]

Travis: Big Johnson spelunk deeeeeeep!

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: [laughs] You always go deep in the hole when you got a Big Johnson!

Travis: [laughing] I just liked when the Big Johnson shirts got less and less entendre, and more and more blatant, like, "With Big Johnson, you've got a biiig penis!"

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah.

Justin: This is like... this is—yeah, the arc is like, the Big Johnson fishing shirt is, “It’s easy to reel ‘em in when you’ve got a Big Johnson!” Okay. The beer pong one, “You’ll always get your balls wet when you whip out a Big Johnson!” [laughing]

Griffin: Oh boy.

Travis: Why would I want that?!

Griffin: Who’s like... for who—maybe that happens during whatever you do in the lovemaking act, but for whom is that the fulcrum upon which your sexual desire rests?

Justin: [laughing]

Griffin: Oh man. I just gotta get these balls wet.

Travis: There’s also nothing... there is no correlation in beer pong that relates to any kind of big anything element. Like, what is the Johnson supposed to represent there?

Griffin: Whoaaa.

Travis: Except unless you’re saying, “While playing beer pong, get your genitals out and put them on the table.” [laughs]

Griffin: Y’know what I like is... Big Johnson, and it’ll have you in a cave, and it’ll be very hardy boys, and underneath it’ll say, “I stalagmite have a Big Johnson.”

Travis: [laughs] That’s pretty good!

Griffin: And that one leaves some room for—

Justin: [laughing] Now this is a question!

Griffin: `Cause now it's a—

Justin: A little mystery and some suspense!

Griffin: And they say that that's good. Like, if you're trying to meet people, you—now you've got a conversation starter. They come up to you, and they say, "What the fuck's wrong with your shirt?"

Travis: [laughs] But—

Griffin: "Why the fuck are you wearing that?"

Justin: You want a mysterious, confusing shirt.

Travis: Did they ever have like an ouroboros Big Johnson shirt that was like, a giant penis wearing a Big Johnson shirt that said, "You might..." Like, "You'll always have a Big Johnson when you have a Big Johnson." And then it just kind of was a snake eating its own tail. It was just Johnson eating its own Johnson.

Justin: I want—I want them to be more—I want them to be more confusing and challenging. I want one of the giant from Twin Peaks that says, "That Big Johnson you like is going to come back into style."

Travis: [laughing]

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: That's what I want. I want `em to be real thinkers, y'know what I mean?

Griffin: Here's one I'm lookin' at—

Travis: Maybe a shot of like, people getting—boarding a plane, and it says like, “Now boarding zone Big Johnson.” And you're like, wait, why isn't that first? Wait, what zone is Big Johnson? And Big Johnson is the last zone.

Griffin: I'm reading one right now that says, “Big Johnson Landscaping: Call us when it's time to trim a little bush.” Now, let's dive in.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Let's dive into what you mean, there. Are you like... I would love to edge up, shape, and manage, uh, some pubic hairs.

Travis: With my genitals. [laughs]

Griffin: I guess.

Justin: They're still available on Amazon, by the way. Fully, you could just... just get 'em. Just buy them, legally for sale, Big Johnson t-shirts. For legal sale on Amazon.

Travis: I'm always so happy to be reminded of Big Johnson t-shirts, just so I can think about Big Dog t-shirts as being the tasteful option.

Justin: Tasteful. Yes. Those are just for big people. It's fine.

Travis: How... how well do you think Big Johnson t-shirts are selling these days?

Justin: I mean, they're still on Amazon, so not great, because I can't imagine they're also manufacturing them, right? They can't still be making them.

Griffin: I mean, here's another beer pong one that says, “Whip out your balls and let's get foamy.” What could you possibly—

Justin: Ewww!!

Griffin: What could you possibly mean?! What could you possibly mean?!

Travis: No, that's for when you go to the doctor after getting your balls wet at the first game, and now you're at the doctor like, "It's foamy."

Griffin: "Now it's foaming. I don't know."

Travis: [laughs] "It's all kinds of confusing, doc, you have to help me."

Justin: So the Big Johnson boat one... there's a Big Johnson boat one. I just want to—this'll be the last Big Johnson t-shirt we talk about.

Travis: I doubt that that is factually true for the rest of time.

Justin: That's probably not true.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Okay, it says, "Big Johnson party on my deck." But there's a man standing in front of—this is—the E, with a little beach ball above his head, who is sort of manufacturing... an I.

Travis: [softly] Party on my dick?

Justin: [laughs] Now it is—[wheezing laughter] One, that is a real stretch. You've abandoned word play at this point, to like, rebuses.

Griffin: [laughing] It's really wild!

Justin: So that's not great.

Griffin: It's really wild. [laughing]

Justin: There's someone on the t-shirt that also has a huge confederate flag.

Travis: Ooh...

Justin: Which like, why do we have to bring racism into it?

Travis: Ooh, no, Big Johnson!

Griffin: [losing it]

Justin: Why can't I just enjoy my huge Johnson? Why can't I just brag about the size of my genitalia? I don't understand why it has to be a racist thing as well.

Travis: Oh no...

Justin: Um, Big Johnson shirts are still out there...

Griffin: This could be a whole fucking show, man. I just found one where it's like a guy—it's *the* guy, and he's carrying an umbrella on a beach, and it says—and there's a woman right beneath him, and it says, "Big Johnson's beach service: we bury that pole where the sun don't shine."

Travis: Oh no!!

Griffin: Do you mean you're gonna put that umbrella in that poor woman's butt? What are you talking about?!

Justin: [laughing]

Travis: Oh no!

Justin: Alright, last one. Listen, it's 2019, folks. 2019, the year of our lord, 2019, you can spend \$21.95 of your own good money and get a Big Johnson Bait Shack t-shirt off of Amazon. It says, "Big Johnson Bait Shack: You'll catch a beauty when wiggling a Big Johnson." I'm not sure.

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: I'm not sure that I'm gonna... I'm gonna lure in the love of my life by wiggling my Big Johnson around? [laughing] That is a specific kind of person.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Easy. [laughs] It's easy.

Travis: This is all so upsetting.

Justin: Oh man. I'm not gonna talk about Big Johnson stuff anymore. But it is...

Travis: [laughs] Okay, I just found the most specific one I've ever seen.

Justin: Okay, good, 'cause I got another one when you're done. [bursts into laughter]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: You fucking liars!!

Travis: This is for Johnson deep socket wrenches.

Justin: Okay, this is the same one I was looking at. Thank you.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [losing his shit]

Travis: "You always get a big nut off when you've got a Big Johnson!"

Griffin: That's a—

Justin: Okay, now, I want to twist it for you with this same one. I have Big Johnson extra deep socket wrenches, and it says, "You'll get your nuts off faster when you're cranking with a Big Johnson." What are you bragging about?!

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: I don't understand! [laughing] I don't—it doesn't make any sense! The pun is flimsy at best, but like... [laughing until coughing] I don't even know what we're insinuating at this point!

Griffin: Oh my god. Well, hold on, 'cause that contradicts the one I just found that says, "Big Johnson pizza delivery, guaranteed to come in 30 minutes or more!" So which one is it? Are you taking over a half an hour to come? Or do you get your nuts off faster with a Big Johnson?

Justin: Mine—mine specifically says, "When you're *cranking it* with a Big Johnson." [laughs]

Travis: Mmm, okay.

Justin: Which says to me, the nice thing about this one is, you can masturbate very quickly, and then get on with your day. You've got other great things to do.

Travis: Now, I have found one here, it's Johnson Bungee Cords, where it appears that the man in question has tied his Big Johnson to the bridge. And then it says, "Well, there are certain things you shouldn't do, even with a Big Johnson." Which I like as like, hey, let's—hey. Let's draw the line. Don't use your penis as a bungee cord.

Griffin: Or do. If you're thinking about buying this shirt, just go ahead and do that.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Can we go to the fucking money zone?

Justin: Yeah, let's go. [still losing it]

[theme music plays]

Justin: Our first sponsor this week is Big Johnson t-shirts.

Griffin: Nope!

Justin: This is a sponsored ad. A sponsored episode.

Griffin: Big Johnson sponsored this sponsorship from Squarespace. I don't know how that worked, but—

Justin: No, they did not. Big Johnson is not involved with this. This is, uh, Squarespace, though. Is... y'know, rather than tell you about Squarespace, you know Squarespace. It's a place where you can build a website to showcase your work, blog or publish content, sell products and services of all kinds, and more.

Instead of that, just telling you how great Squarespace is, I want to encourage you to go after the website of your dreams. Don't you want to be the next, um... what's a good... The Onion. Y'know what I mean? Or the next Google. Uhh, the next, um... what are some other...

Griffin: Websites?

Travis: You need one more big one.

Justin: You could be the next Surfer Girl Reviews Star Wars, if you remember that one.

Travis: There you go.

Justin: That's a blog. Uh, you can make your own website is what I'm saying to you, and you really should think about it. Uh, there's a lot of

websites out there, but none like exactly like yours. And Squarespace is gonna help you make your own website. Just a site to keep all your stuff, maybe. To keep it in line. To have a site where people can go to to just learn about you. Y'know, it doesn't always have to be Facebook, blah blah blah.

They got a lot of beautiful, customizable templates created by world-class designers that are optimized for mobile, which is basically the only way anybody's lookin' at the internet anymore anyway. Built in SEO? They got it. 24/7 award-winning customer support? You know it. And uh, it's just the best way to build a website, if you want to get one up and running quickly. It's really easy. They got great customer support.

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Griffin: Glasses. Love 'em or hate 'em, they're here to stay. I want to talk about Warby Parker. Warby Parker is sponsoring us this time. They have glasses that look really good. They look really stylish. Uh, when you put them on, sometimes they help you see better, if you get a good prescription in there. Uh, and they have those. They do have prescription lenses.

Their glasses start at just \$95, and those are gonna have the good lenses inside of them. You can also get, uh, anti-glare, anti-scratch coatings. They got blue light filtering lenses, which is, uh, important, 'cause blue light is... it stinks. And every time you buy a pair, Warby Parker distributes a pair of glasses to someone in need also!

And if you don't know what kind of glasses you like, you take a quiz. And don't worry, 'cause it's not like a school quiz. You can't fail this one. Unless you put in a lot of the wrong answers on purpose, and you get glasses that aren't right for you, so don't do that. Just answer a few que—you can fail this—okay, actually, this is... this is a toughie. If you don't answer correctly, it's not like one of those BuzzFeed 'which Harry Potter are you.' This is... really do your best.

Just answer a few quick questions. They'll suggest some great looking glasses that are personalized to fit your face and your style. Uh, I had some Warby Parker glasses in the past, and glasses shopping in a store is a fucking living nightmare, because you—it's a very important fashion decision, and people are going to look at you do it. And that's not great.

Warby Parker, you get `em, you try `em on, and you get five pairs of glasses, you try them on for five days. There's no obligation to buy `em. You can just ship them right back if you don't like them, or keep the ones you like. It's awesome. So, head to [WarbyParker.com/MyBrother](https://www.warbyparker.com/MyBrother). Order your free home try-on kit.

Again, get five pairs of glasses, try them on for five days. There's no obligation to buy. They ship free and include a prepaid return shipping label. And take the quiz to find out the pair that is perfect for you today!

Speaker 1: Listen, I'm a hotshot Hollywood movie producer. You have until I finish my glass of kombucha to pitch me your idea. Go. [slurping]

Ify: Alright. It's called Who Shot Ya? A movie podcast that isn't just a bunch of straight white dudes. I'm Ify Nwadiwe, the new host of the show, and a certified BBN.

Speaker 1: BBN?

Ify: Buff black nerd.

Alonso: I'm Alonso Duralde, an elderly gay and legit film critic who wrote a book on Christmas movies.

Drea: I'm Drea Clark, a loud, white lady from Minnesota.

Ify: Each week, we talk about a new movie in theaters, and all the important issues going on in the film industry.

Alonso: It's like Guess Who's Coming to Dinner meets cruising!

Ify: And if it helps seal the deal, I can flex my muscles while we record each episode.

Speaker 1: I'm sorry, this is a podcast? I'm a movie producer. How did you get in here?

Drea: Ify, quick! Start flexing!

Ify: Bicep! Lats! Chest! Who Shot Ya? Dropping every Friday on MaximumFun.org, or wherever you listen to podcasts.

[music plays]

Justin: "I recently moved to a new apartment. The other day, when I checked my mailbox, I was met with an accordion of coupons for the fancy grocery store in town that I normally don't shop at. Coupons were addressed to a person who I presume to have been a previous tenant. On a closer look, I found these are special coupons that contain outstanding deals, and are awarded to shoppers who spend a lot of money at the store.

I try to live an honest life, but brothers, I want to use these coupons. Is it wrong for me to reap the locally grown fruits that have been sown by this stranger, or is this a victimless crime? Should I try to contact this person about their missed savings, or have I stumbled upon a gift from the cosmos?" That's from Grocery Gifts in Seattle.

Griffin: [laughing] Uh, it...

Justin: I'm... ehh.

Griffin: It's not a gift from the cosmos. It is...

Justin: It's definitely not that. It is stealing.

Griffin: It's stealing. [laughing] It's a victim-ful crime. But here's the thing you have to weigh, and it has nothing to do with the great deals. The

outstanding deals from these special coupons that you've got that you're really excited about. That—don't weigh that as part of the thing at all.

The question you need to answer is, do you or do you not want to call the old tenant of your apartment and say, [nasally] "Hey, you forgot your coupons!"

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [nasally] "Hey, come on back, though! You forgot your coupons!"
"I moved to North Dakota."

[nasally] "Aw, that's gonna be a long way to drive to come get these outstanding coupons!"

Justin: [laughing] "Hey, I just went through all of your coupons."

Griffin: [nasally] "These coupons seem—"

Justin: "They've been pre-touched."

Griffin: [nasally] "They seem far more outstanding than your average coupon! You gotta get back here, man!"

Travis: I will say though, Griffin, I must disagree in that, it is somewhere between a victim-ful and a victim-less crime. It is like, victim-neutral, I would say, maybe.

Justin: Incorrect.

Travis: Because I would say, unless there's a mechanic here that I'm missing, when you use said coupon... I don't think there's any way that this previous tenant is gonna be like, "Aw, man, I was gonna use that coupon!"

Justin: So you're saying... you're saying like, Travis, you're saying some really wild shit, but I want to figure out exactly what flavor.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Um, are you saying that the... the victim... [laughing] I don't know a better word for it, which doesn't bode well.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: The victim will not get a text message when you artificially use their coupons against the law. Is that what you're saying?

Travis: Yes. And I'm also saying, if that person still goes to the store, I doubt very much that they're gonna be like, "Hey, was I supposed to get any cool coupons?"

Justin: [laughs] Okay. The sort of person... you don't watch TV much, but the sort of person who is going to get a huge accordion of super great coupons is the *exact* person that will go to the grocery store and say, "Hey, I was supposed to get a bunch of super good coupons in the mail." 100%, guaranteed.

Travis: But I can like, bullshit coupons all the time that are just trying to sucker me into—

Justin: [through gritted teeth] These are special coupons!!

Griffin: These are outstanding deals!

Justin: Outstanding value, Travis!

Travis: Well...

Justin: So, just so I'm clear... For you, "victimless crime" means the victim will never catch you.

Griffin: [laughing]

Travis: Well...

Justin: Is that what you're saying?

Travis: I'm saying... listen. Here's why it's a victimless crime. They don't get their super cool coupons? They call the store, and they say, "Hey, I was supposed to get some super cool coupons and they never came." And now, they got coupons, you got coupons.

Griffin: Okay. Zodiac murders? Victimless crime. Never cracked that one.

Travis: Nope. Zodiac murders, very, very victimful.

Griffin: Didn't put that one together.

Justin: [laughs] Victimful.

Travis: No, I would say—

Griffin: No victims!

Travis: You can't call the store to get a new Zodiac killer victim. So I would say that that qualifies as a victimful crime. You rob a bank, you take someone's money, they're insured. They get the money back. Victimless.

Griffin: Oh shit.

Justin: You are assuming a world where this person's been like... I mean, watching the calen—like, checking the mail every day for the coupons they think they might—are supposed to get.

Travis: Well, I'm saying, if someone sent me a surprise, like a surprise envelope I was not expecting with a hundred dollar bill in it, right? But before it ever gets to me, someone confiscates it, takes it, steals it. But I didn't even know I was gonna get the hundred dollars... did they really steal it from me? I'm at the exact same place I was before, and I didn't even know that there was a hundred dollars coming.

I'm just saying, it's not the worst—as opposed to walking up to someone who is holding a hundred dollar bill, dreaming of the things they will buy with it, and how it's gonna change their life, and then you pull it out of their hands, and you run away with it. I think that's worse.

Justin: The morality of it isn't determined by how sad it makes someone!

Travis: Ehh...

Justin: Right? I mean...

Travis: I don't know, Justin. Is it?

Griffin: If there's a trolley heading towards five people on a trolley track, but you can flip a switch to make it go just hit one person...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: I feel like Travis would just like... not be around that situation. And then it's a victimless crime.

Travis: Someone would say, "Get on this trolley," and I'd say, "No. I'm gonna take an Uber."

Griffin: Yeah. No thanks. Flip this switch to—hey, I want to do the trolley problem to you. And Travis is like, "No."

Justin: No.

Travis: Kobayashi Maru that shit.

Justin: How about you flip the switch? I don't want to flip it. That's a huge decision that I can't possibly make, so I won't be deciding. But feel free to flip it however you like.

Travis: I'm just saying, if you take that trolley problem, and you say, "Here's five people." Right? And they all suck, and here's one awesome person who does like, really cool shit every day... that seems easy to me.

Justin: I'm not literally gonna discuss the trolley problem.

Griffin: Literally not gonna do the trolley problem.

Travis: Okay. I'm saying, someone should use these 'coupons'.

Justin: Someone should use these 'coupons'. If—here is the fucking silver bullet for this question. It is a single sentence that goes like this. "Should I try to contact this person about their missed savings?" Yes. [laughs] Like, yeah. That part's yes. Right? Like, yes you should definitely do that.

Travis: But how hard should you try then, Justin? Let's put it that way.

Griffin: Once. One and done.

Travis: But what if you don't have the person's contact info? So you contact your landlord or whatever, and you're like, "Hey, I need their information." And the landlord's like, "I'm not giving you their information." Are you done at that point?

Griffin: Well, you could call the store, if they're really that close to the person.

Travis: Ooh, now you've blown it. Now you've blown it.

Griffin: Just call 'em and be like, [tearfully] "Dylan's missing!" They'll probably know, y'know, a family member or somebody who you can get a hold of.

Travis: If you call and you blow the whistle on yourself... like, "I have these coupons that aren't for me," they're just gonna deactivate those coupons. You're gonna come in, and there's gonna be a picture of you on every

register that's like, "Coupon thief. Don't let this fucking coupon thief use these coupons to get two cents off of each grape."

Justin: [sighs] I want to salt this... salt this stew a little bit, and point out that by opening these coupons, you have already committed a felony.

Travis: Ooh.

Griffin: Well, okay. [laughs] Does—at what point are coupons opened?

Justin: They're—I mean, they're open that this person has investigated the outstandingness of the deals!

Travis: Unless...

Griffin: But it probably wasn't wrapped up in an envelope is what I'm saying. So like—

Travis: Unless...

Griffin: Unless what?

Justin: Unless what?

Travis: It's—

Justin: So you're saying that they just got mailed a loose pile of coupons?!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: It's an accordion of—

Justin: You lunatic?!

Griffin: It's an accordion of coupons!

Justin: An unsealed accordion of loose coupons?!

Travis: Here's what I'm saying. It was not—

Griffin: Justin, Travis set up an 'unless'!

Travis: It did not travel through the US postal system. This person is such an important customer, it was hand delivered by a courier from the grocery store, delivering them to important customer by hand, like, transferred it from a velvet pillow to the mailbox. And there's like a coupon for like, 125% percent off your entire order. That's how important this customer is. They will make money by shopping at this store.

Griffin: One organ from any employee.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Take your pick.

Travis: And just... [laughs] Just letting you know, Dylan has the best organs.

Griffin: Dylan's got great, succulent—

Travis: Everyone agrees, Dylan is the Big Johnson of organs.

Justin: By the way, throwing them away is a federal crime.

Griffin: Oh my god, he's right!

Justin: Pretty sure that using the coupons is a big... a big one.

Griffin: Okay. So you just got—

Travis: If you went to federal prison for illegal use of coupons, just a heads up from me, Travis McElroy – don't tell anyone what you're in for.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Or... if you really feel like you can sell the outstandingness of the deals...

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: You may be able to win them over. Just how great—

Travis: [in a gruff voice] “You did what? Oh...”

Justin: No, you don’t understand. I’m talking about 70 cents off Velveeta. I’m talking about two for one Lucky Charms, all varieties. Like, these were outstanding deals.

Travis: [in a gruff voice] “Oh shit.”

Griffin: When I get out of here, man... I’ve got a looot of ketchup waiting for me.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs] Me and Andy Dufresne are gonna have all the ketchup.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Every week, I’ve been stealing a little bit of the warden’s Velveeta and shipping it to myself.

Justin: [laughing] I’ve been chipping away at a hole in the prison that I keep behind a giant coupon that I had blown up and hung on my wall.

Griffin: That day on the roof tarring... tarring it up... I’ll never forget listening to music and drinking a big bottle of Old El Paso salsa.

Justin: [wheezing laughter]

Travis: That was 10% off.

Griffin: That was 10% off. It was so delicious.

Travis: But 20% sweeter.

Justin: "I need a six pack of beer for my men."

"Okay, fine, I'll go get it."

"Well, not so fast, hold on, let me look at my book real quick. Hold on."

Travis: How do you guys feel about Corona? You guys okay with—

Justin: "Do you guys like Corona? Do you guys... ooh. You guys like La Croix? You like La Croix? I know it's not alcoholic, but—okay, no La Croix. Okay."

Travis: "Okay, cool cool cool."

Justin: "Okay. It's fine fine fine."

Griffin: Uh, I have a Yahoo here. Teresa sent it in. Thanks, Teresa.

Travis: My wife?

Justin: Don't. Don't. Don't. You've got this, Griffin. Don't.

Griffin: No. Uh, it's asked by Yahoo Answers user Alexis who asks, "What happens if you don't do your summer work?"

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: "I'm going into eighth grade, and it's already threeish weeks until school, and I really don't want to do my summer work. And I don't think I

can finish it before school, anyway. So I just wanted to know what would happen if anyone else experienced this?"

It's a great question, and it's also a harrowing sort of look into the past of like, what my life would've been like if I had internet access all the way up through primary education. Um, because this would've been me. I don't want—I don't want to read the things they carried. So what happens if I don't do that?

Travis: It is unfair, by the way. Here I am, Travis McElroy, full grown adult, looking back on summer reading and thinking, that is mean. That is like if I, like, had a day off of work, and the boss was like, "But also, you have to work at home." Like, no. It's my day off. It's my summer. Don't make me do homework during summer!

Griffin: So what happens if I just say... nah, fuck it. No. Naw. I'm gonna play Fortnite instead. That's my summer work, is grinding it out and getting some boxes with my buds.

Travis: Ooh. If you do that, you just have to write a really, really cool report on Fortnite. And the teacher's like, "Listen, I know this wasn't the assignment, but... you really blew me away with this Fortnite report you wrote, that you titled 'Reportnite,' and I feel like you really poured your heart and soul into it, and you're getting an A+. And, from now on, all day during class, you can play Fortnite."

Griffin: You could also... and I've seen this, and it gets big hits on social, is... you're like, "Go read Red Badge of Courage. Write a report about it." You don't have to do that. And your report can just be one line on a piece of paper, and say, "I'm doing a protest against... war. In this... in the book. So I'm protesting the war from this book."

Travis: Also—

Griffin: And you hand that in.

Travis: Also, I'll write your report for you for ten bucks.

Griffin: Travis will just fuckin' do it, man.

Travis: Yeah, I'll write it for you. I've read most books that eighth graders had to read.

Griffin: Lots of books. Yeah.

Travis: Not lots of books. But I'm saying, most eighth grade level books.

Griffin: Travis, slice me off a piece of that, uh, Brave New World.

Travis: Well, they were at this old world, and it sucked. And then they were like, "Y'know what? Let's go check out... I heard about a new world that sounds—"

Griffin: Is that—stop. Stop. Stop. Is that really the opening fucking paragraph of your report, you dunce?

Travis: Yeah. No, I'm going to start with like, some kind of hypothe—

Griffin: Alright, try again.

Travis: Okay. Hello. My name is... fill in your name. I'm not gonna write my own name.

Justin: That's very good.

Travis: And I would like to tell you today about a very important work that really... and I'm gonna go on and on like that for a long time, and that's gonna kill like, two paragraphs about the impact it had on me.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Where like, it really made me think about life and how things can be different, but also, the things that stay the same. A lot of that. That's

gonna kill a lot of it. And then I'm going to give you, uh, basically, like a two paragraph synopsis that's based off of what I read on Wikipedia.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: And then I'm gonna come back at you with another paragraph about, like, maybe things that, y'know, it's made me see that I could do differently in my life.

Griffin: Oh, that's good.

Travis: How it strengthened my walk with Christ.

Griffin: Give me that paragraph?

Travis: Uh, yeah. Reading Brave New World really made me think about how I could strengthen my walk with Christ.

Griffin: Because of what in the book?

Travis: Because I want to be brave in this new world that we call the 21st century.

Griffin: [laughs] Anyway, here's a full page picture of Aldous Huxley. Aand... the end!

Justin: [laughing]

Travis: There you go. That's basically it.

Griffin: Bridge to Terabithia.

Travis: Okay. Um, so there was, uh, this girl, right? And I remember, when I met some cool kids that made me think about fantasy worlds, uh, a little thing called Fortnite. And Fortnite was like a bridge to a fantasy world for me, where I could be myself.

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: [laughing]

Travis: And scream obscenities at adults.

Justin: A living vacuum cleaner with a rifle for an ass.

Travis: Really made me think a lot about, I don't know, I think she was sick in the book or something? Uh, but anyways...

Griffin: She beefs it. Like, she definitely—I remember. She definitely beefs it.

Travis: And she didn't come back, unlike my character in Fortnite.

Griffin: She beefed it, not unlike the 99 competitors I had in that one very special game of Fortnite that I won this summer.

Justin: [laughing]

Travis: That finally made my older brother proud of me.

Griffin: Ironically, one of them did fall off a big bridge. Take it to the bank!

Justin: George Orwell's Animal Farm has the courage to ask us, "What if animals could play Fortnite?"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: It's a metaphor, but nobody knows what for.

Travis: Hello, welcome to my book report for 1980-Fortnite.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Oh, god. Okay, well, we're done. This is a podcast.
[laughs] This is a podcast that you willingly listen to, week in, week out.

Griffin: Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. There's 36 of these dang things!

Travis: [laughs loudly]

Griffin: That's what she found in her study of the stars, called Number the Stars. For Griffin McElroy... I'm Griffin McElroy. [laughing]

Travis: [laughing] With the McElroy news.

Justin: The Giver? More like the taker. Of points from kills in Fortnite. Each word is on a different page. That meets the minimum requirements. I will take my A... over the phone.

Travis: "Hey. Hey, Eric, can I talk to you, uh, in my office for a second?"
"Uhh, yeah, teach."

Justin: You may.

Travis: "Is this about how I wrote all my papers about Fortnite? I guess I—"

"Hey, Eric, can you be honest with me? Have you ever played Fortnite?"

"What? Yeah! I love Fortnite! I love... "

"Hey, Eric? It's just you and me here, buddy. You can be honest."

"[cries] I read the books!"

Griffin: "Yeah man, you um, you collect all the diamonds? And you, um...
[grunting] You get to go into, uh, you turn into Super Sonic? [cries] I love books!"

Travis: [crying] "I love books so much!"

Griffin: [crying] "I love books so much! I read ones I shouldn't even have read!"

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: [laughing]

Griffin: "I read Little Women twice!"

Justin: This has been our podcast. Um, we're Justin, Travis, and Griffin McElroy, but we have a lot of podcasts that we do. You can find them all at McElroy.family. Uh, and there's lots of other stuff we make. Merchandise, and tours, and all that good stuff. So if you like what you hear here, go check that website out. Bookmark it. Check it out frequently.

Travis: Uh, real quick. Also at McElroy.family, you can check out our upcoming tours. Uh, now, listen. Folks... this isn't me blowing smoke or braggin'.

Justin: Here he goes. Here he goes.

Travis: Most of them dang things is sold out. Uh, I believe the, uh, Adventure Zone show in Atlanta is now sold out. But I believe there are also limited seats available for the My Brother, My Brother, and Me show in Atlanta on the 31st, and the MBMBaM show in Orlando on September 1st. Uh, and then, we have some tickets left for the September 25th Washington D.C. Adventure Zone. And then I believe the rest of the dang things are sold out!

So, get your tickets for those shows I mentioned if you haven't already. Uh, also, speaking of Atlanta, uh, this weekend when you hear this. Dad and I are going to be doing some events at DragonCon. We're gonna post links to that, and uh, schedules for that both at TravisMcElroy.com, and at McElroy.family. Uh, but we'll be there Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, so come to those if you want to, and I'll see you there.

Griffin: 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.'

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Travis: Oh, I just did—I just did, uh—last week, I did an episode of Tights and Fights, where we talked about the new season of Glow.

Griffin: Oh, that's fun.

Travis: So if you want to hear me talk about Glow for like 45 minutes, go check it out.

Griffin: Uh, how about that final Yahoo?

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Yes. Every week on MBMBaM, we have a final Yahoo. We talk about it when we come back, and we... y'know. Solve it.

Griffin: Goof on it. Uh, several people sent this in. It's anonymous Yahoo—nope, their name is Graham. Graham asks... "Who invented paper? It's great!"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Ohh, 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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Which is why my friend Chris Gersbeck and I decided to make So, You're Canadian.

[record scratch]

Dave: Brand new podcast from the Maximum Fun network, on which I attempt to get to know our neighbors to the north, one Canadian at a time. Coming to Maximum Fun, August 27th. And I'm not... 'sore-ry.'