Shmanners 167: Famous Rivalries

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[audience laughs]

Justin: [loudly] Sawbones is gonna go first!

Travis: [loudly] No, Shmanners is gonna go first!

Sydnee: [loudly] No, Sawbones is gonna go first!

Teresa: [loudly] It's Shmanners!

[theme music plays]

Travis: Oh, hi, everyone!

[audience cheers]

Teresa: [laughing] What a mass of humanity!

Travis: Hello, Internet, and Salt Lake City.

[audience cheers]

Travis: I'm your husband host, Travis McElroy.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Hi, hello!

Teresa: And I'm your wife host, Teresa McElroy.

[audience cheers louder]

Travis: Okay. And you're listening to and watching Shmanners!

[audience cheers]

Travis: This is gonna take forever!

Teresa: [quickly] It's extraordinary etiquette-

Travis: [quickly] —for ordinary occasions. Hello, my dove.

Teresa: Hello, dear.

Travis: How are you?

Teresa: [laughing] I'm so scared!

[audience laughs]

Travis: Yes, the people of Salt Lake City are very intimidating...

[audience laughs]

Travis: With their raucous enjoyment of things. I will say, it's rare that we perform in a theater with like, zero wing space, so it was really weird when the music started and we were waiting to enter, but also we were already on stage—

Teresa: [laughs]

Travis: So like, it was very like, performative, literally at that point, of just like, "And... Now."

[audience laughs]

Travis: And it—very arbitrary. Hi! We're so happy to be here.

[audience cheers]

Travis: This is our first time in Salt Lake City, outside of the airport.

[audience cheers loudly]

Teresa: We have been to your airport many, many times.

Travis: We've been to that airport... Ah, it's beautiful, that airport.

[audience laughs]

Travis: [sighs] It's the atmosphere, the culture of that airport. For some reason there's a sign that points to the jazz room, which I have to imagine is where you smoke marijuana in the airport?

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Those jazz cigarettes.

Travis: That's what it has to be, because otherwise, that's the—I don't know why a jazz room makes more sense if it's—anyway, it's not important. So, um, as you may have guessed from our funny intro...

Teresa: [fake laughter]

Travis: We're gonna talk about some famous rivalries in societies and culture throughout the ages, um, and we wanted to best demonstrate that through sibling rivalry. Um, that's how we intro'd, because, um, Justin and I...

Teresa: [laughs]

Travis: Full stop.

Teresa: [laughs]

Travis: We love each other very much. Now.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Maybe not so much when we were 13 and 10. I remember once... This is, uh, a sibling, Justin and I fight that is incredibly indicative of both who I am... Well, I guess about him too, but mostly me.

And it was one time—so this thing at Miller Elementary, where we both—I guess... So it would have been, what, like, 12 and 9? Maybe, something—whatever elementary school ages are. And they did a—a lip sync every year where you would lip sync for your life, and—

[audience laughs]

Travis: No. Um-

[audience laughs]

Travis: To win awards, and I took it very seriously.

[audience cheers]

Teresa: I'm not surprised.

Travis: Yeah. And I decided one year that I was going to do, uh, a song from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles "Out of Their Shells" Tour.

[audience cheers]

Teresa: Like you do.

Travis: And so I began practicing it months in advance.

Teresa: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

Travis: With my little Walkman and headphones, like-

Teresa: All of this tracks.

Travis: —practicing on vacation.

Teresa: All of this tracks.

Travis: And Justin I think was just like, talking to Mom and Dad, and I got so mad at him for interrupting my rehearsal.

Travis: But I love him now. I've forgiven him. It took years, but...

[audience laughs]

Travis: [laughing] Anyways, let's talk about rivalries!

Teresa: Um, these are in no particular order, but I do have several, you know, different types of rivalries. The first one I'd like to mention takes place in the 19th century, the second half of the 19th century during [dramatic voice] The Bone Wars.

Travis: You remember, when all those skeletons showed up?

[audience laughs]

Travis: We don't talk about it in [dismissively] mainstream history, but we all remember.

Teresa: So, at one point, people were like, really crazy about dinosaur bones.

Travis: Not like now.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Now everyone's like, "I get it. Where's the new dinosaurs? Ugh." And then Bryce Dallas Howard just keeps makin' 'em bigger.

Teresa: [laughs] And it was these fossils that they were finding, were... I mean, you couldn't take a step in the desert without finding one. There was—

Travis: That's not true!

Teresa: There was a lot of 'em? It's hyperbole. Um, and so-

Travis: I've never heard of that dinosaur.

Teresa: [laughs loudly] That was a good one.

Travis: Thank you!

Teresa: Uh, Edward Drinker Cope and Othniel Charles Marsh-

Travis: Wait, what was his name?

Teresa: Othniel.

Travis: Othniel?

Teresa: Yeah?

Travis: Like he just forgot a letter?

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Yes.

Travis: [laughs] Okay.

Teresa: Um, March-

Travis: Are there any Othniels in the audience?

[whooping]

Travis: Oh no! [laughs] Okay.

[audience laughs loudly]

Travis: Ooh... Just kidding, it's a lovely name. My grandmother's name was Othniel.

Teresa: Anyway, um... So, Cope and Marsh were two brilliant paleontologists in this budding new field, and so a lot of the things that they were doing were being published almost immediately in scientific journals. Um, at one point though, these, uh—these friendly paleontologists turned rivals.

Travis: [gasps]

Teresa: Yes. [gasps]

Travis: When—when one had an affair with the other one's dinosaur...

[audience laughs]

Teresa: No, that's disgusting. Um-

Travis: Hey, whoa!

Teresa: When-

Travis: No shame!

Teresa: —when Cope showed a fossil that he had just put back together of... [stifled laughter] Please excuse me. [slowly] Uh, E—Elasmosaurus?

[audience cheers]

Travis: Got it in one!

Teresa: Which, uh—which was a large marine reptile from the late Cretaceous Period. Um, so Marsh pointed out that he thought that the vertebrae that Cope had stacked were placed upside down. So, they called in a third party, and his name was Leidy. He was an academy curator.

And he... He looked at it. He was like, "Hm..." and he took off the head and he took off the tail and he switched 'em. He's like, "Yeah, that's better."

Travis: [loudly] Wait, how did he know?! "Oh, I remember this." Okay.

Teresa: You know, all those... I don't know.

Travis: Maybe 'cause the butt was in the wrong place.

Teresa: Maybe. Maybe the butt.

Travis: [loudly] "But your butt's under your chin! That can't be right."

Teresa: Um, and so afterwards-

Travis: The butt bone. [laughs]

Teresa: This—this finding had already been published and photographed incorrectly.

Travis: Oh...

Teresa: And it had Cope's name on it.

Travis: Oh...

Teresa: Ugh... So, in a frenzy, he tried to collect all the copies of the publication that was coming out, um, but then Leidy, the guy who they brought in to, uh, to be kind of like the referee, he exposed the cover-up at the next meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Wait, but—hold on! Then why—wait. But then why is the rivalry between Cope and Marsh when Leidy sounds like a jerk?

Teresa: Okay. Well, so the reason that the rivalry got bad is because since Cope had this error published, Marsh took the opportunity to go back and try and find

new fossil discoveries, right? So they were like, "Ha-ha, I can do better than that. Look at that? He did it wrong, I'm gonna do it right!"

And they kept, like, jostling back and forth, using things like bribery and, um, and bullying, and dynamite?

Travis: Yeah, okay. I remember this now from Drunk History, where one, like, made a discovery and the other one came in, under the cover of night, blew up his discovery. Awesome.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Yeah.

Travis: Dino-mite!

[audience cheers]

Travis: Listen. Listen, I could have made a setup to that punchline, but why?

[audience laughs]

Travis: I—just look at where I got. We just teleported to the end of the joke.

Teresa: Um, they badmouthed each other in the press. Um, they extorted each other. They, uh—I know, I know.

Travis: [incredulously] What?!

Teresa: This was serious! They call it the Bone Wars.

Travis: "Hey, gimme back that \$150 I gave you."

Teresa: [laughs] Um, and at first really it was only contained in the scientific journals, but at some point, all of this craziness got to the newspapers. So like, it just exploded.

Travis: Uh-

Teresa: Oh.

[audience cheers]

Teresa: And although the rivalry was quite poisonous to their personal relationships, they did find so many new fossils because of this, and if they hadn't, you know, pitted themselves against each other, we probably wouldn't have the—you know, the variety of dinosaur specimens that we have today.

Travis: That's just like how Dad used to pit Justin and I against each other to see who could be funniest, as he sat upon his comedy throne.

[audience laughs]

Travis: But that's... a story for a different time.

Teresa: Um, and then I wanted to talk about... Here's a little rivalry you may have heard of. Hamilton and Burr?

[audience cheers]

Travis: Wait, the-kitchen appliances?

[audience laughs]

Teresa: No.

Travis: Okay.

Teresa: Um, so at this point-

Travis: That only works if you know there's a thing called a Burr grinder. It's not important.

Teresa: At this point in our culture, we're fairly familiar with the story that Lin Manuel Miranda has told.

Travis: Who?

[audience cheers]

Teresa: Although, it does contain, you know, certain dramatic exaggerations.

Travis: There was no such person as George Washington, for example.

Teresa: But the bare bones facts of it are that, um, their feud really started in the presidential election of 1800, where Hamilton advised his fellow Federalists to vote for Thomas Jefferson over Burr, even though, um, historically they had kind of teamed up against Jefferson.

Um, and four years later, when Burr tried to revive his political career, because it was a disastrous defeat for him, um, Republicans and Federalists, including Hamilton, uh—they delivered the most crushing defeat for him in the New York gubernatorial election. Um, and some of Hamilton's more disparaging comments made it to press...

Travis: "He's a stinkface! And a poop butt!"

Teresa: [laughs]

Travis: I'm sorry to use such strong language, Salt Lake City.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: And in the Spring of 1804, when Burr refused to ignore them any longer and Hamilton refused to apologize...

Travis: [loudly] He shot him! [quickly] Sorry, spoilers!

[audience laughs]

Teresa: [laughs] They had a fatal duel, yeah.

Travis: Yeah. A duel of the fates.

[sparse applause]

Travis: You're welcome.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Also by Lin Manuel Miranda.

Travis: Yes. Lin, are you here?!

Teresa: [laughs loudly] Wouldn't that be awesome? But no.

Travis: No, 'cause he would upstage me! I wanna be the most famous person in the room!

Teresa: Where it happens.

Travis: It reminds me of when my Dad-

Teresa: You stepped on my joke!

Travis: Sorry, what'd you say?

Teresa: You said, "In the room," and I said, "Where it happens."

Travis: Okay.

[audience cheers]

Teresa: Okay. Uh, moving on. Um, so I want to talk about a sibling rivalry, much like you were discussing earlier, between Jackie Kennedy and Lee Radziwill. Uh, they were sisters.

Travis: Oh, okay. You threw me with the different last names.

Teresa: Right. Well, they—they used to be Bouvier, before they got married.

Travis: Okay.

Teresa: Uh, no, they didn't marry each other—you know what I mean. When they got married to their respective husbands. Okay, anyway.

Um, so they were raised in upper New York society in the 1940s. Their mother, [emphasizes word] Janet, uh, was a—

Travis: [laughing] Why did you say it like that?

Teresa: Because! I want to make a vocal distinction between the three women.

Travis: I know, it just kind of sounded like you had personal beef with Janet.

Teresa: [laughs]

Travis: Their mother, [scornfully] Janet...

Teresa: Well.

Travis: She knows what she did.

Teresa: She ...

Travis: She was a real character.

Teresa: Yeah, actually.

Travis: Okay.

Teresa: She was not a very kind mother. Um...

Travis: She was a bad mother.

Teresa: Well...

Travis: And you're supposed to say, "Shut your mouth." And I say, "Just talk about Janet." And then you say, "We—" It's not important.

Teresa: I don't know that. Is that a song?

[audience laughs]

Travis: I failed you. Okay, go on.

Teresa: Go on. Okay. Um, and so, she was grooming them to marry wealthy men and take a similar role in society as she had. Um, but their first marriages were not approved by her. I mean, John F. Kennedy was really great, as far as like, his political aspirations and family wealth, but he had kind of—she thought that he was distrustful, for his reputation for philandering.

Travis: Hmm. And as we know now, she was wrong!

[audience laughs]

Teresa: She also didn't enjoy Lee's first husband, Michael Canfield. He was a publishing executive, so he was definitely rich enough, but his role in society wasn't high enough for her. Um—

Travis: Just books. Who needs 'em? That's what I say. Anyways, Book Two of The Adventure Zone, you can preorder it now!

[audience cheers]

Teresa: So Janet convinced Lee to divorce him after six years. Just kind of ate away at their marriage to get them to end things.

Travis: Wow...

Teresa: Um, and then... So, the thing that really solidified the rivalry between the two sisters was, um, when Lee and Canfield split, um, Canfield let everybody know that Lee would brag about sleeping with her sister's husband.

Travis: [loudly] What?!

Teresa: Apparently, they would often vacation together. You know, like a couples thing. Um, and—

Travis: [whispering] What?!

Teresa: —and one of the times that it was proposed that they, uh, got together behind Jackie's back was right after the birth of their daughter Caroline.

[audience groans]

Travis: You know what? I'm glad he's dead.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Okay.

[audience laughs louder]

Teresa: Uh—so, this was really kind of the first, uh—the first of many affairs that Lee had.

Travis: I'm not. That was a jo—I just realized I was doing a whole bit, but you couldn't hear it, people listening at home.

Teresa: Yeah... Yeah.

Travis: But also, if you are also glad he's dead, then I was serious, so like, take it—

[audience laughs]

Travis: Whatever makes you happy.

Teresa: Um, she had lots—

Travis: Whatever makes you like me more than Justin.

[audience cheers and applauds]

Teresa: Are you done?

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: She had lots of affairs, um, but she continued having extramarital affairs after she married a member of the Polish Aristocracy, Stanislaw Albrecht Radziwill.

Travis: Okay.

Teresa: Who-

Travis: Do you need a tissue? [fake laughter] Just a joke.

Teresa: —who renounced his title when he became a British citizen and lived in London, but she still, uh, referred to herself as a princess.

Travis: [sarcastically] Hm. Cool. That's probably a fun person to be around.

Teresa: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Uh, in 19–

Travis: You know who's allowed to do that? Charlie, my four-year-old niece.

Teresa: Yeah.

Travis: That's it.

Teresa: Here comes the kicker: in 1962, she started an affair with Aristotle Onassis.

Travis: Wait, Lee did?

Teresa: Yes.

Travis: Wait, but didn't—wait. What? Huh?

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Uh, and then she introduced him to her sister.

[audience groans]

Teresa: Now. Um, only a month after meeting Mr. Onassis, uh, JFK was assassinated, um, and Mr.—

Travis: Probably not connected, those two events, though.

Teresa: No, not—not connected.

Travis: Wink!

Teresa: Um, and so, while the former first lady was in no position to be starting a new relationship, they did actually hang out a lot. Um, and in—

Travis: They went to see movies. Had phosphates.

Teresa: In 1967, he invited her to his private Greek island.

[shouting from audience]

Teresa: I know, right? And swept her off her feet, um, where they got married. And Jackie—no, Janet, sorry. Mother, Janet. She was kind of upset, because she knew that Lee actually still really liked Mr. Onassis, but Jackie got married to him in 1968, so it was kind of like, you know, a tug of war between the two women.

Travis: Mmm. I don't know why, but I root for Jackie. Maybe 'cause she's the only one I know of the two. It's like when you watch the Superbowl and you're like, "I pretty sure I know where the Broncos play."

Teresa: Maybe. Um, on Janet's deathbed, uh, she was cared for mostly by Jackie, but once Janet died—

Travis: She was cared for by Lee.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Jackie found out that, um, her mother had paid her sister a quarter of a million dollars to make up for, uh, the mother favoring Jackie when the girls were young.

Travis: That's fair.

[audience laughs]

Travis: I'm just sayin'—listen, I've made a lot of jokes about Justin, but Griffin's the favorite. I could stand for Dad to pay me 250.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Well, Jackie got the last laugh, 'cause when she died, she left Lee completely out of her will.

Travis: Nice.

[some of the audience cheers, some boos]

Teresa: The quote-

Travis: Why do-why am I celebrating that? I don't know, but like- "Yeah! Get 'er!"

Teresa: The quote that we are left with in Jackie's will as to why she didn't leave Lee any of her vast fortune, is—

Travis: It's just [fart noises]

Teresa: "I have already provided for my sister during my lifetime."

[audience oohs]

Teresa: Dang, right?

Travis: Got 'er.

Teresa: Got 'er.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Hm... Okay. Um, I have two more, but I think I'm gonna cut the second one. So—

Travis: Yeah!

Teresa: Okay.

Travis: I don't even know what it is!

Teresa: [laughs] Uh, so the last one I'm gonna talk about is Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and the American socialite Wallis Simpson. Do you—

Travis: I can guess who won. The one with "Queen" in her name.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Yeah...

Travis: Okay. [loudly] "I'm Wallis Simpson."

"I'm the queen of a country."

"Aw!"

Teresa: She was the Duchess of Windsor. Wallis Simpson.

Travis: Okay, still.

Teresa: Anyway, anyway. Okay, so the backstory is, um... So Edward, the son of Queen Mary, so the first son... So there's Edward, and then there's George, right? So, Edward abdicated the throne in 1936, because...

Travis: He wanted to marry a commoner?

Teresa: He wanted to marry an American, who had-

Travis: Same thing.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Wait—oh, self-zing.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: And it—it wasn't that she was American, because a lot of, um, of British royal family marry Americans, especially at this time period. Um, but it was because she had been divorced twice, and when they got together she wasn't officially divorced the second time...

[audience groans]

Teresa: Yeah...

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Um, and so his family, uh, was ashamed.

Travis: Of just that?

Teresa: No. Not—not just that. Um, he decided to abdicate over her, because like, he petitioned the government, he petitioned the Church and the government was like, "Hm, can't save you here."

Um, because at that time, all marriages had to be approved by the reigning sovereign. They don't really anymore, even though you still ask for it, because,

you know, it's nice. But, um, it was in the law at that point, and it isn't in the law anymore.

Um, and so there was just this kind of like, fog around the two wherever they went. And before they got to—

Travis: Literally?

Teresa: [exasperated] No.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Before they got together, everyone was really excited for Edward to be King. Um, but it was seen as a large disappointment for the royal family. [clears throat] Excuse me.

Travis: Get to the Queen's rivalry with Wallis Shawn!

Teresa: What?

[audience laughs]

Travis: Oh, Wallis Simpson, sorry.

Teresa: [clears throat] Can I—can I—

Travis: Yeah!

Teresa: I'm sorry, my throat's a little dry. Excuse me.

Travis: [loudly] Everybody stop talking. [normally] Continue.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Okay. Um, so in 1935 was when, like, the... crap hit the fan, because-

Travis: You can't say that in Salt Lake City!

Teresa: I can't say crap?!

Travis: I know! Even that's too much. Sorry, everyone.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Because the family refused—the family at Buckingham Palace refused, uh, to receive her formally. So she was allowed in the door, they weren't like, kicking her out, but she didn't get all of, like, the pomp and circumstance that everyone does—

Travis: They didn't do, like, the big state event kind of thing.

Teresa: Right, right. Um, and so... [sighs] Here is the way that the rivalry began. Because Edward abdicated the throne and then George was given the throne, and Elizabeth was George's wife, the Queen Elizabeth, the f—se—second.

Travis: Uh-huh, yeah.

Teresa: Yeah.

Travis: There was that other Queen Elizabeth. A little bit of a big deal. And then the boat.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Uh... Right, the—the boat.

Travis: The boat. QE2.

Teresa: Ohh, okay. It's a little-

Travis: Not a joke! It was real—it was joke. It could be a joke and the truth at the same time. Hi, welcome to my masterclass on jokes.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Um, so—but the thing is, George was quite a quiet man, very nervous. If you've seen the movie The King's Speech, he had a terrible stutter. Um, and while Elizabeth was a very supportive wife, she was also very kind of shy and reserved. Um, and they preferred to more like, live out in the country and do the thing that the, you know, the spare does instead of the heir.

Travis: [laughs quietly]

Teresa: That's what it was called, a sp—an heir and a spare?

Travis: That's not what it's called! That's what we call our toilet paper at home, honey.

Teresa: No-

[audience laughs]

Teresa: —that's what they call it! You should alway—

Travis: I don't think that's—

Teresa: You should always deliver two rolls of toilet paper to a bathroom that runs out of toilet paper, 'cause you need an—

Together: —heir and then a spare.

[audience laughs and applauds]

Teresa: So, she felt very—Queen Elizabeth felt very thrust upon the throne and the royal life, and she blamed Wallis Simpson. Um, whereas Wallis Simpson wanted to be Queen, duh! So, she blamed Queen Elizabeth.

Um, and this feud that was largely just, you know, snubs, started, and lasted for 50 years. That's a long time to hold a grudge, I think.

Travis: [pauses] Yeah!

Teresa: Too-too long. Too long, if you ask me. Um-

Travis: How long is long enough?

[pauses]

[audience laughs]

Teresa: One calendar year.

Travis: Okay. That's it. How many of you sitting out there just went, "One, two, three four... Aw!"

Teresa: That's—that would be long enough for me. It would not be long enough for you. Everyone's an individual and they deserve to do what they want. Okay, um... So, one of the outward signs of this feud... Because it really wasn't communicated between the two women. Um, it was more communicated around the two women.

Travis: Wait, they knew they were in a rivalry-

Teresa: Oh, no, they definitely did.

Travis: Okay.

Teresa: But they didn't like, yell at scream at each other, 'cause they're royals.

Travis: They just, like, subtweeted each other.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: So, at Buckingham Palace in November 1934, she was introduced to George and Elizabeth. And, um, it is reported that "Elizabeth coolly regarded the American and gave her a regal nod."

Travis: Like this: "Hm."

Teresa: Others-

Teresa: Others in the room, Wallis not included, knew that this was a sign of Elizabeth's [dramatic voice] deep disapproval.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Um- [laughs] So then Wallis really tried to stick it to her, and, um-

Travis: Gave her a nod back that was deeper. [grunts]

Teresa: And at one formal event, Elizabeth walked in on Wallis actually mocking her openly, like, [exaggerated British accent] putting on her British accent.

Travis: Oh, snap!

Teresa: And that didn't go over well. Um, and so-

Travis: She was not amused.

Teresa: And so later, after Edward had become king but before he hadn't abdicated, um, they had a—a dinner party, like you do. And, um, Wallis was acting as hostess, you know, greeting people at the door, shaking hands. Elizabeth reportedly sailed right past her, didn't look her in the eye, and said, "I have come to dine with the King."

Travis: [gasps]
[audience groans]
Travis: Snapple!
Teresa: Snap, crackle, pop!
Travis: Yep. Rice Krispies.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Um, and so, here's the thing. Um, after Edward abdicated the throne, he and Wallis visited Germany a lot... in the—

Travis: Okay?

Teresa: —in the 1940's?

Travis: Ohh...

Teresa: And...

Travis: That's an important factor!

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Actually, like, went to parties with Hitler...

Travis: Oh—oh, you hate to hear that, don't ya?

Teresa: You hate to—you really hate to hear that.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Aw, no!

Teresa: Yeah.

Travis: Well! That's gonna do it for us!

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Um, so, obviously he was labeled a Nazi sympathizer, and the British royal family—

Travis: Just because he played charades with Hitler. They were on opposite teams!

Teresa: The British royal family had to take care of that, so they, um, along with the title of Duke and Duchess of Windsor, they were given a governorship in the Bahamas!

Travis: That's called retirement.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Uh, and it really didn't help in the press that they constantly talked about how they were [snobby voice] marooned in the Bahamas. And then—

Travis: [exaggerated fake sobbing]

Teresa: -war-torn-war-torn Britain was like, "Uh-huh. Nuh-uh."

Travis: "Don't. Don't."

Teresa: "You guys do not get to complain about being on a tropical island while we're getting bombed, okay? Thanks."

Travis: "You're getting bombed over there, and we're getting bombed over here, but it's not funny. Because people died, you jerks!"

[audience laughs]

Travis: Is that gonna do it for us?

Teresa: No. I—I have—sorry, we're over time, but I do need to unfortunately end with... deaths.

Travis: What?!

Teresa: Well, because it's part of the healing process of the feud. Um-

Travis: I guess?

Teresa: Well, we have-

Travis: That is one way to end a feud!

Teresa: —one more slight. Last slight being when King George died, which was shortly after the war, because that can be a lot of stress on anybody, um...

Travis: Yeah.

Teresa: Elizabeth actually blamed Wallis for it, because she was like, "My husband would never have been king if your husband hadn't married you, so like, you killed me husband."

Travis: All right. That's a weird kind of logic.

Teresa: Yeah...

Travis: "If it weren't for you, there wouldn't have been World War II?"

Teresa: No, no, no. She didn't blame the war on Wallis.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Teresa: But if George hadn't-

Travis: "If you hadn't helped [laughing] Hitler win charades..."

[audience laughs]

Teresa: If George hadn't been king, he wouldn't have been so stressed, and he was king because Edward wanted to marry Wallis instead of be king.

Travis: I mean, I guess. But really, I guess you could blame, I don't know, Hitler?

Teresa: It's a long trail. Anyway, okay. So, this was about 50 years later, and when the Duke of Windsor, so, Edward, died, Elizabeth attended his funeral at

Windsor, which—you know, which is good, because considering he was practically politically exiled, they still had his funeral at Windsor. Um—

Travis: Where I hope to have my funeral.

Teresa: [pauses] Sure.

Travis: I'll be dead! I won't know any different.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: Um, it was—it has been said that others in attendance were astonished to see her, Elizabeth, gently steer the sedated widow to a sofa and start to chat with her. So finally, [laughing] when both of their husbands were dead...

[audience laughs]

Travis: The healing process began.

[audience laughs]

Teresa: [laughs] And when Wallis died in 1986, it is also reported that Elizabeth was amongst the chief mourners of her death.

[audiences aww's]

Travis: And that's going to do it for us. Thank you all so very much for coming.

Teresa: Yes, thank you!

Travis: Thank you.

[audience cheers and applauds]

Travis: Thank you, Salt Lake City! Um, thank you Max Fun, thank you Brent for our opening and closing theme, thank you Kayla M. Wasil for our, uh—

Teresa: Twitter thumbnail art!

Travis: And...

Teresa: Keely Weiss Photography for our fan-run Facebook group, Shmanners Fanners. You should join it!

Travis: And Maximumfun.org, and that's gonna do it for us! Join us again next time!

Teresa: No RSVP required!

Travis: You've been listening to Shmanners!

Teresa: Manners, Shmanners. Get it?

[audience cheers and applauds]

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[dramatic music plays]

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Travis: So start combing through the episodes. Uh, let's say, starting at episode 101 on.

Griffin: Yeah, the early episodes are pretty problematic, so there's no clues [laughing] in those episodes.

Travis: No. No, not at all.

Griffin: The better ones, the good ones? Clues, ahoy.

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Renee: Well, Alexis, we got big news.

Alexis: Uh-oh.

Renee: Season 1, done.

Alexis: It's over.

Renee: Season 2, comin' at you hot!

Alexis: Three years after [laughs] our season 1.

Renee: Three and a half. Three and a half. Technically almost four years.

Alexis: All right. All right.

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Alexis: Hi, I'm Alexis. [laughs]

Renee: [laughs] And we also have, uh, future of dog tech.

Alexis: Yeah.

Renee: Dog news.

Alexis: Dog news.

Renee: Celebrity guests.

Alexis: Oh, big shots.

Renee: We'll not let them talk about their resume.

Alexis: Nope, only the dogs.

Renee: Only the dogs. I mean, if ever you were gonna get into Can I Pet Your Dog?...

Alexis: Now's the time.

Renee: Get in here!

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