

Wonderful! 92: SUMMER 'VIEW 2019 EDITION

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Rachel: Hi. This is Rachel McElroy.

Griffin: Hello. This is Griffin McElroy.

Rachel: And this is Wonderful!

Griffin: Sorry about my irascible tone, but I wanna take this one real serious.

Rachel: Oh, okay.

Griffin: I think this is gonna be a pretty somber one at the end of the day, when you think about it. Mellow tones and real serious, business-like stuff here. Um...

Rachel: Hey, Griffin.

Griffin: Oh, um, hmm?

Rachel: Is it opposite day?

Griffin: [laughs] I'll tell you what it freaking is.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: It's the kickoff to summer, imagine. Use— please use your imagination.

Rachel: It's middle of July.

Griffin: Shh. Let it kick off.

Rachel: Okay. [laughs]

Griffin: Everybody knows that summer gets here late, like a cool teen at a cool party. That's never been true for me, by the way. If you show up late to my party, you're a stinker. That's how I feel about it.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: You earn no cool points. Here's the damn situation, folks. And again, sorry for all the cursing.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm on book tour right now, I'm off peddling my bullshit all across this great nation of ours, by which I mean in three cities, one of which is the one where I'm currently recording from, so it's not like I'm, you know, Gulliver or whatever. Anyway, I'm not here right now, and we had to do an episode, though, didn't we? 'Cause the...

Rachel: Yeah. Sunday night.

Griffin: 'Cause y'all are just...

Rachel: Not our usual time.

Griffin: Not our usual time. Didn't give ourselves the usual amount of prep time for it, so we're doing a 2018— 2019 Summer Spectacular Summer Preview. We did this last year. We got a lot of feedback on it of many kinds, and so we're gonna take another just freaking swing on it, and get people excited about the hot months.

Rachel: You know, I was looking last time.

Griffin: Yeah?

Rachel: Did that episode in June.

Griffin: Did we?

Rachel: [laughs] Yeah.

Griffin: So what's the— I know what a preview is, and I know what a review is. Is this just a 'view?

Rachel: Yes.

Griffin: 'Cause we're not after the f— okay.

Rachel: It's just a summer 'view.

Griffin: Summer 'views. 2019 Summer 'Views.

Rachel: Uh-huh.

Griffin: Uh, yeah, so we're gonna talk about some hot summer shit, because we did not have a lot of time to prep, because I am on book tour. TheAdventureZoneComic.com. Please buy it. Please buy it. It's really good.

Uh, you got any small wonders, though?

Rachel: I didn't even think about small wonders.

Griffin: I guess it's all kind of small wonders, if you think about it.

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: I got one.

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: 'Cause it's not summer. It could be, if you wanna get really inventive with how you celebrate summer, but I'm gonna say gnocchi.

Rachel: Oh, delicious stuff.

Griffin: This is the pasta pillow that you can take a nap on, or freaking eat it.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I love this shit.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Any kind of sauce. Mushroom sauce, red sauce, white sauce, uh, cream— cream sauce, a puttanesca, whatever you feel like putting on these pillows...

Rachel: Yeah. No, it's always good.

Griffin: You're gonna have yourself a primo time.

Rachel: It's always good. That also reminds me that my small wonder should be that dessert that we had when we went out to dinner.

Griffin: Rachel and I went to L'Oca d'Oro here in Austin, it's a premier pasta establishment, and also we— we also got a big cannoli mess.

Rachel: Yeah. It was like cannoli shells, and ice cream, and whipped cream, and chocolate chips, and...

Griffin: And cherries, and also they did put gold leaf on it.

Rachel: It was a...

Griffin: It was a little— it was a little much for me.

Rachel: It was a generous portion, too.

Griffin: It was a generous portion, but did we join the Clean Bowl Club? You know that we freaking did.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Neither of that is summer, so it sucks. What are we talking about this Summer 2019 'View?

Rachel: Okay. I wanna start out.

Griffin: Yeah?

Rachel: Summer songs.

Griffin: Summer songs. Where are we at? Did this bit on MBMBaM, but it was mostly goofs. Can we get real about it? Can we be real for a fucking second?

Rachel: So I— I like listening to the radio. I may be one of the...

Griffin: Brag much?

Rachel: ...one of the last people...

Griffin: Yeah.

Rachel: ...still listening to that radio. But windows down, summer songs.

Griffin: That's the way we like to p— [laughs]

Rachel: [laughs] Geez, Griffin.

Griffin: Sorry, sorry.

Rachel: Um, so I've gotta take you on a little tour of the summer songs from 2011.

Griffin: Okay, why?

Rachel: Because that's when we met!

Griffin: Oh, yeah! What was on the radio, spurring on our just— our desires?

Rachel: Number 1, Party Rock Anthem. [laughs]

Griffin: That was it for me, yeah.

Rachel: Um, I'm just gonna jump down to number 3, because I don't remember number 2. Number 2 was Give Me Everything, Pitbull?

Griffin: Yeah, I wasn't a big follower of Pitbull stuff.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Like I am today.

Rachel: Number 3, though, Rolling in the Deep, Adele.

Griffin: Oh, okay! Yeah. So she was just getting starting on the scene, then.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Wow. Well, hey, guess what? We've been together for a while, huh?

Rachel: Yeah, right? Nicki Minaj, Super Bass.

Griffin: Oh, fuck, yes! That song kicks ass.

Rachel: I know.

Griffin: That is such a good song.

Rachel: So you know, like, beginning of our relationship, hot summer.

Griffin: Hot summer. Hot summer jams.

Rachel: Hot tunes.

Griffin: Uh, Super Bass is such a beautiful love song, too.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. [laughs]

Griffin: I love that shit. What's going on this summer? What's the— legitimately, what is the summer song here?

Rachel: It's that Old Town Road song. [laughs]

Griffin: Oh, yeah!

Rachel: Isn't that what it's called?

Griffin: I adore that song. And I adore the creator of it, only I don't really like the song very much, but I am so happy it exists. When I hear it come on the radio, and I listen to it, I'm like, "I'm so glad that this song is where it is..."

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: "...and I'm so glad that it exists, even though I don't enjoy it musically even a little bit."

Rachel: I was— like, I am not very familiar with the phenomenon, so I just went to YouTube, and checked out one of the versions, and I was like, "All right."

Griffin: From what I understand, one of the versions has Billy Ray Cyrus...

Rachel: That's the one I listened to.

Griffin: ...and one of them does not have Billy Ray Cyrus.

Rachel: And I think there's more versions, too.

Griffin: I don't know which one is like the Donnie Darko director's cut...

Rachel: [laughs] Uh-huh.

Griffin: ...that's, like, the intended version of the song, but any opportunity to excise Mr. Cyrus and his dark works. Uh, I—

Rachel: What you got?

Griffin: Well, I got how freaking long the day lasts in summertime. We're recording this— what is it, it is like 8:49? It is just now starting to get a little bit dark. It is just—

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: It's still kinda bright outside. I can still make out some shapes out there. Sun hasn't even fully set yet, and it's 8:49 PM.

Rachel: I love that.

Griffin: I love that! It makes it feel like just your life is long. Just everything's longer.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Everything's stretched out and just so casual. It makes it harder to convince a two-and-a-half-year-old...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: ...that it is time for him to go to sleep, even though it is fully, fully, just fully bright outside.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: It is fully— you could go outside and definitely read a book, no issue. You could go out and play and old Game Boy, no issue. Don't worry about it. So— but I like it. I like it for me.

Rachel: Me too. Yeah. There's just too much a swing, you know? During this— during the regular— the fall months?

Griffin: Mm.

Rachel: The winter months?

Griffin: Hmm.

Rachel: It gets dark at, like, 5:30.

Griffin: Yeah.

Rachel: And now it gets dark 9 o'clock? Like, that's a huge swing!

Griffin: I guess that has something to do with the planet, and the way it does its stuff.

Rachel: Yeah, where we are with the sun and all that?

Griffin: Where are we with the sun? Where are we at?

Rachel: Nobody knows. [laughs]

Griffin: No one's quite sure what's the deal with that big, hot guy up in the sky.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: No one quite knows. A lot of people saying chariots pulling it. I see, hear that, I say, "The horses'll burn up, maybe, but who knows?" What's yours— [stammers] huh?

Rachel: I don't know— what was that that you just said? About the chariots?

Griffin: It was like, Hermes, wasn't it? He pulled the sun with the chariots?

Rachel: Oh, wow. See, I don't know.

Griffin: Yeah. I only know from God of War. It was video game.

Rachel: Oh, there we go.

Griffin: Yeah. Pretty sure, like, you tear his feet off so you get double-jump, or something. Like, those games were so horrifically violent.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Two, what's number two?

Rachel: Uh, fruit. Just summer fruit. Just watermelon, cherries, blueberries, strawberries, peaches.

Griffin: Pineapple!

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: I can't believe you left out my spiky friend, pineapple.

Rachel: I'm sorry. I don't know that that's specifically a summertime fruit. I mean, yeah, I guess— I guess so. I— I guess so. The face you're making at me would suggest that that was a silly thing.

Griffin: I mean, here's the thing, though. Easter ham. But like, that's such an outside— that is such an outside use case.

Rachel: And ham's not fruit. I'm talking about fruit, Griff! [laughs]

Griffin: Easter ham you put pineapple on, traditionally.

Rachel: Oh, okay. [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah. Hey, babe?

Rachel: Yeah?

Griffin: Did you think I thought ham was a fruit?

Rachel: [laughs] I thought you were trying to make an argument for food at different times of the year.

Griffin: Okay, okay.

Rachel: Like, "I understand fruit, but ham on Easter?"

Griffin: Oh, we have fun, we have fun on this show. Sometimes, we say that the sun is a hot guy up in the sky that we don't understand how it works, but I think "Is ham a fruit?" is maybe a little too low, even for us.

Rachel: Mm.

Griffin: How about this? You know what's really hot this summer? ...Okay, it's not. But I— I am conceptually into the idea of parasols.

Rachel: Oh!

Griffin: Like, conceptually speaking, I am into the idea of parasols. I go outside, and it is rain, rain, rain, rain, rain. What do I get out? My big umbrella.

Rachel: Yes.

Griffin: My big umbrella friend, unless I'm wearing a, you know, weather-proofed jacket, which I will actually go for most of the time, because then both of my hands are free in case I have to fend off an attacker. But the umbrella is there for me when the rain comes, right?

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: If it's really sunny outside...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: ...I don't love that. Unsafe for my skin, like, I need something there, right?

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: But it is so socially unacceptable to have parasols, I feel like.

Rachel: A lot of people would just put a hat on.

Griffin: A lot of people would do a hat, but a lot of people want their hair, when it's like, looking very good today...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...want people to see it and comment on it. And not only that, a parasol is just, like, another accessory that you can have a design or whatever on. I don't understand why these things aren't, like, super cool.

Rachel: Yeah, you know? And I think men have been left out of that for a long time.

Griffin: Men would be left out of that.

Rachel: Because the women typically were the ones, back in the day, who used to carry the parasols.

Griffin: Yeah, and it's just one of many, many ways in which you guys had it easier than us.

Rachel: I know. I know. [laughs]

Griffin: No, I— yeah, I think even regardless of gender identity or whatever, parasols are just fucking out, man. But that bums me out, 'cause I feel like they could be something special.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I feel like they could be something, like, really popping. I say this, but if I'm at, like, a music festival or something, the last thing I wanna be carrying around is a small umbrella.

Rachel: I know.

Griffin: I take it back. Strike this one from the record.

Rachel: Ooh, all those people that just went on Amazon and bought parasols, just try and call that back.

Griffin: [sighs] If you can just fold it up really tiny.

Rachel: What about those hats that have the umbrellas on them?

Griffin: Now we're talking.

Rachel: [laughs] Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Now that's a statement that says, "I'm here to make love to everybody."

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: What if you could eat the parasol when you're done with it?

Rachel: Mm, then how would you keep it from going bad in the hot sun?

Griffin: It's made out of...

Rachel: Meat?

Griffin: No. Well, then it would cook as you carried it. Hold on.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: We're onto something.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. Or bread, maybe, and become matzo.

Griffin: Meat parasols seems like a really, really, really grof— gross euphemism for something.

Rachel: Yes, it does. [laughs]

Griffin: It sounds really, really bad.

Rachel: [laughs] Oh, God, yes, it does.

Griffin: What do you got for number 3? What do you— what do you got?

Rachel: Fla-Vor-Ice.

Griffin: Fla-Vor-Ice?

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I could swear to God we've done this.

Rachel: I know. I thought so too.

Griffin: I thought so, too.

Rachel: But I searched any number of terms, and it didn't come up.

Griffin: Okay. Well, these are the popsicles that you got when— some popsicles you got as a special occasion. Fla-Vor-Ice was just always there at my family.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I feel like there was always a big one in the storage freezer.

Rachel: What's your favorite flav?

Griffin: Jesus. Blue. Blue or grape. Oh, my God. The grape. Oh, my God, I take it back. It's grape, for sure. That grape, ooh, I could— I can...

Rachel: Not green?

Griffin: No, green was fine.

Rachel: Oh, love that green.

Griffin: The grape, I could make— I can stretch that out like Sting. I could make that grape last for hour—

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: I could eat a— I could eat a grape for hours.

Rachel: Um, did you know Fla-Vor-Ice and its West coast companion, Otter Pops, owned by the same company?

Griffin: I did not know that, because I don't know what Otter Pops are.

Rachel: Otter Pops are basically Fla-Vor-Ice. They just have cuter names.

Griffin: Okay. I'm into that.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: There's a Shawn Wasabi song called Otter Pops. I was weirdly going to— I was thinking about bringing it.

Rachel: Oh, interesting.

Griffin: So just Otter Pops in general are very— very hot right now.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Just kidding, they're cold! [laughs] Why don't we see that more in advertising, for popsicles and ice creams, using like, the word "cold" in clever, funny ways?

Rachel: Explain?

Griffin: Yeah.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Garages.

Rachel: Ooh.

Griffin: Garages. This is the bedroom for your car.

Rachel: I mean, they are hot right now. [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, ours is hot, and it's sticky, and I'm pretty sure there's some sort of bug nest happening in it.

Rachel: Mm.

Griffin: But my car goes to sleep in there, and he doesn't get all, you know, dirty...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: ...and pooped on, and hot, and that's no good.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And a handful of times, since I've lived in Texas, I've gone over to a buddy's house, and they have just had the garage door open, and we've like, sat in there, and just kicked it. We had one very specific hang...

Rachel: I was going to say, I think there's maybe one time that's happened.

Griffin: No, there've been a couple— I can think of literally two.

Rachel: Okay. [laughs]

Griffin: But both times, I felt very, very Texas.

Rachel: Yeah. [laughs]

Griffin: And that's very cool. [sighs] Uh, what else? I mean, it's just nice. It's nice to tell— to treat your car to something— something special.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Give 'em their own place where they can really, like, feel at home, feel like they can really own it, design it however they want to, and then whenever you wake up and you go into the garage, they turn back into regular cars.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And not like Lightning McQueen. Now, this is part of a sort of thing I've been working on for a long time.

Rachel: I like it.

Griffin: And in this one, the cars are alive, like Toy Story...

Rachel: Yes, yeah. Or the movie cars.

Griffin: But also like cars.

Rachel: Yeah. [laughs]

Griffin: But when you show up, they die again, like in Toy Story, but not in Cars. There's never a scene in Cars where a human being walks into a garage, and all the cars die like they do in Toy Story. Why is that, do you think?

Rachel: Hmm. Uh, why— why they don't die, like in Toy Story?

Griffin: Why isn't there people in Cars?

Rachel: Well— I'm sorry.

Griffin: I spent that whole movie waiting for people to show up, and they never did.

Rachel: [laughs] I think that would be complicated to explain, right? 'Cause the car would have to react to a person entering it in some way.

Griffin: Well, no, unless they had to pretend— like, they can't see the— they can't let the people see them moving.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: Maybe that's what it was in Cars, was that they got so freaking tired of these rules that humans couldn't see the cars being alive, like Lightning McQueen...

Rachel: Oh. They went off and formed their own...

Griffin: They killed all of them.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: Yeah. Terminator 2.

Rachel: It's dark.

Griffin: It is, kinda. Let's turn the heat back up with this Summer 'View.

Rachel: [laughs] You wanna know my next thing?

Griffin: Hell, yeah, I do.

Rachel: I like how people's hair gets lighter in the summertime. Isn't that fun?

Griffin: I do think that that's fu— cer— very few— I feel like it is a rare thing. It's a— it is a rare thing for only certain types of—

Rachel: It's true for kids, though.

Griffin: It is very true for kids, because like, when you're a kid, like, your hair color...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: ...is so, you know, up in the air.

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: Uh, yeah. Mine just— I feel like mine now just kind of gets grayer. I feel like I've lost the ability to get blonder, and now it gets grayer. But also you have Buddy, who just got back from vacation, and they look like, you know...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: ...freaking James Van Der Beek over here.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Famous blond-headed man, James Van Der Beek. He was blondish, right?

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: Okay.

Rachel: Yeah. I just— I love your '90s references. [laughs]

Griffin: James Van Der Beek was relevant in the aughts. He was in Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23.

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: End of list. No, there's probably more stuff that my boy, JV— JV—

Rachel: He's in some Diplo show.

Griffin: He's in a show with the DJ named Diplo?

Rachel: He's, like, he's a Diplo guy in the show, or he's, I don't know...

Griffin: He's like a Diplo guy in the show.

Rachel: If you just— if you just google Van Der Beek and Diplo right now, you'll know exactly what I'm talking about.

Griffin: I mean, of course this is gonna stop the whole podcast. Van Der Beek Diplo... what's their show that they have together? Okay. Yeah. They're in a show called What Would Diplo Do?

Rachel: Mm-hmm. [laughs]

Griffin: And I guess this is— and I'm not gonna read anymore, but I think it's a prank show...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: ...that Diplo does.

Rachel: [laughs] It's like, John Quinones.

Griffin: He's John Quinones, right, yeah. Except it's mostly at the club scene.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: It's like, what would you do? You found the small bag of molly on the floor.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: You pick it up. You try to take it. James Van Der Beek swoops in, puts a hand on your mouth at the last second. "No. Don't."

Rachel: [laughs] Why does he put a hand on your mouth?

Griffin: To keep the— the molly from going inside.

Rachel: Oh, okay.

Griffin: You eat molly, right?

Rachel: I think so.

Griffin: Not sure about that one. Diplo doesn't look anything like I thought he did.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Let's talk about outdoor hoses.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: As opposed to indoor hoses. I'm now realizing my critical mistake here.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: We could just say hoses.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: But then some people are gonna think I'm talking about the, you know, tubing in cars or whatever.

Rachel: Or pantyhose.

Griffin: Or pantyhose, which uh, I hate.

Rachel: [laughs] Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Because people put them on their head to do freaking crime.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: And I don't like crime, and you know this. Outdoor hoses, though.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: What can't you do with these bad boys? I'm asking you. It's a riddle.

Rachel: I mean, cook? As far as I know?

Griffin: Yeah, well, you pour water on the thing, and you could probably chill it and make a gazpacho. So...

Rachel: Mm-hmm. You can't wear 'em, really, as clothes.

Griffin: Uh, hello, did you see Paris... Week... of Fashion?

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Did you see the Paris Week of Fashion this year?

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Hoses— hoses all over the freaking place. Yeah.

Rachel: I did not. No, you're right. I did not, so you might be right.

Griffin: Yeah. People looked really cool, wearing these big hoses.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Uh, but no, you can fill up, obviously, pools, or splash pads, or...

Rachel: You gonna talk about your— your wasp adventure?

Griffin: I had to take out a pretty fucking huge, terrifying wasp nest that Rachel noticed just very casually...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...uh, yesterday. It was just like, looking out the window, like, "Hey, look at that." And then there was one about the size of a grapefruit.

Rachel: And there were, like, what, I don't know, 50 wasps?

Griffin: There were like about 50 wasps on it, because that's how we do 'em in Texas...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...and so I did have to go out there and, you know, me and Warren G had to regulate.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I invited Warren G over. He brought the spray.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And then we, you know— they stepped— they stepped to this whole new era of G funk stuff, and so we had to kill every wasp there...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...and, you know, hose down our mess, and hose up all of the...

Rachel: And then cook a meal with the hose.

Griffin: ...the nasty bugs.

Rachel: And then put on your hose, and go to bed.

Griffin: Warren helped me cook a gazpacho with the hose.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Uh, yeah, we had to just— we had to murder a whole colony of wasps, and it was really terrible, but the hose was there to help me as my friend, so I didn't have to, you know, what, get a sponge out and sponge off my murder spree?

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: Like, no thanks.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Fill up a water table with it if the house gets yucky somewhere. Like, don't even worry about scrubbing it. Just blast that shit. I don't like scrubbing. I just wanna blast it.

Rachel: And drinking hose water, am I right?

Griffin: Hose water's the best, tastiest water in the universe.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I remember sometimes when I was a kid in the summer, I would just go outside...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: ...and get a drink of hose water.

Rachel: Oh, me too.

Griffin: And then go back inside, and keep playing Chrono Trigger.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Like, it was not anything.

Rachel: "What? I went outside today. I had hose water!"

Griffin: I preferred it to the Squeezits and whatever— that's not true. We never had Squeezits.

Rachel: I was gonna say.

Griffin: Ugh, God.

Rachel: I didn't know anybody that was allowed to have Squeezits.

Griffin: Uh, my neighbor Bryce did, which was, when I think about it, really the anchor for our friendship. [laughs]

Rachel: [laughs] "Hey, Griffin, you wanna come over?"

"Uh, what flavors you got?"

Griffin: "Uh, what do you got? You got that watermelon? What's up?"

Uh, yeah, the hose. Perfect. Perfect.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Perfect design. Perfect at what it does...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...what it needs to do. Except for when you get a kink in it.

Rachel: Oh, and we didn't even talk about the fun of putting your thumb over it!

Griffin: I mean, I have to put my thumb over it. If I'm blasting away, like, an entire...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: ...generation of wasps, like, you know I'm not just gonna, like...

Rachel: I feel like I almost remember the first time...

Griffin: You learned how to do that?

Rachel: ...that I learned about the thumb thing, and I was just like, "This is a game changer." [laughs]

Griffin: I remember the first time I got one of the nozzle gun things.

Rachel: Mm.

Griffin: And then I, like, you know, playfully shot my brother, and it like, you know, tore a hole through him...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: ...because I wasn't expecting that. Because I didn't know how water pressure worked.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: The hose, though, is fun.

You uh— how many do you got? Where should we drop the break in?

Rachel: I mean, I can keep goin', but we could do the break now.

Griffin: How many do you got, though?

Rachel: Not as many as you. [laughs]

Griffin: All right, well, why don't I steal you away?

Rachel: Okay.

[music plays, ending in a distorted Tim Allen grunt]

Rachel: Hey, Griffin.

Griffin: What's up?

Rachel: Can I talk to you about FabFitFun?

Griffin: Yeah. I feel like we're both being very quiet this episode. I feel like this is a quiet episode, which is inappropriate, because it's summertime, baby.

Rachel: [laughs] Um, you remember when I got my FabFitFun box?

Griffin: Oh, I remember it like it was yesterday. [laughs]

Rachel: Uh-huh. [laughs] I think this is a box for the whole family.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Rachel: I'm just gonna put that out there. Because I've gotten all sorts of stuff in there.

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Rachel: Like water bottles.

Griffin: Gotta love those.

Rachel: Little uh, fancy bowls.

Griffin: Everyone eats.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. [laughs] Got that little uh, aromatic oil diffuser.

Griffin: Everyone breaths in this good oil.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm. And you know, there's hair products and makeup and scents and lotions, and everything to make you feel just special and like a real fancy person.

Griffin: Make pretend the box is a time machine.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] There's no log in it.

Rachel: Make pretend the box is a time machine.

Griffin: Yeah.

Rachel: FabFitFun. Uh, the 2019 FabFitFun summer editor's box is on sale now. Summer's editor's box is the perfect way to treat yourself, and keep cool with our carefully curated box of products. FabFitFun is a seasonal subscription box with full-size beauty, fitness, fashion and lifestyle products. It retails for \$49.99, but always has a value over \$200.

Griffin: That is so much more than \$50!

Rachel: One of my boxes?

Griffin: Yeah.

Rachel: Had a hair dryer in it.

Griffin: Holy shit.

Rachel: I know! Use coupon code "Wonderful" for \$10 off your first box at www.FabFitFun.com—

Griffin: Gotta put a dot in there. The— oh, boy, Ask Jeeves hates that shit when you don't put the dot in there.

Rachel: [laughs] ...dot com, that's FabFitFun.com, coupon code "Wonderful" for \$10 off.

Griffin: You know what's my hot summer jam? Is DoorDash.

Rachel: Mm.

Griffin: When it gets so hot out there that you're just gonna cook your shoes on the pavement, then you can't go outside. And so make somebody [laughs] do it for you with DoorDash!

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Uh, DoorDash, we are a big fan of DoorDash. We are— it is tough for us to time out, like, cooking a meal and, like, keeping our son entertained up to the point where he goes to bed, and then by that point, it's like, getting kinda late, and we're super hungry, and sometimes we can time it out right, but on the days we can't, DoorDash makes it really, really easy for us to get a tasty meal from, like, so many restaurants around town.

Rachel: Yes!

Griffin: Like, most of our favorite restaurants are represented in DoorDash, and we can just get it right at our door, real quick, and it's super handy. We are big DoorDash fans around these parts.

They make ordering super easy. You just use the DoorDash app, and you choose what you want to eat, and then your dasher will bring it right to you, wherever you are. Uh, it connects you with door-to-door delivery from over 310,000 restaurants in over 3,300 cities and all 50 states across the US and Canada.

Right now, our listeners can get \$5 off their first order when you download the DoorDash app and use the promo code "Wonderful." That's \$5 off your

first order when you download the DoorDash app from the app store, and enter promo code "Wonderful." Again, that's promo code "Wonderful" for \$5 off your first order from DoorDash.

Rachel: Can I read you a personal message?

Griffin: Hell yeah.

Rachel: This is for Alice. It is from Emily. "Hi, Punchy! It's Schmozeby. I can't begin to describe how wonderful you have made my life. Thank you for supporting me at my best, and loving me at my worst. I'm so glad you are officially married to the love of your life, and I can't wait to see what the future holds. You're perfect, and I love you."

Griffin: Yup!

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Rachel: Should we have more creative nicknames for each other?

Griffin: Yeah, I mean, right now, it's just, you know...

Rachel: Babe.

Griffin: ...gooey dump— gooey dumps is mine.

Rachel: Okay. [laughs] That was nice of you to jump on that grenade.

Griffin: [laughs]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, I guess I'll be gooey dumps.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Uh, here's one, and it is for Zack, and it's from Christa, who says, "I'm so happy that we two surly, sarcastic jerks—" I didn't s— that wasn't me, Griffin, editorializing. I would never. "...two surly, sarcastic jerks," ha, got that right. I mean, shit.

Rachel: Oh, no.

Griffin: [laughs] "...can bond over something so wonderful. Keep reaching for the stars both figuratively and occupationally. I love you and I miss you." Finally, we get a message here that is addressing the very important work that star police do in our globe— our planet.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Nobody ever talks about— everybody's always talking about, you know, police and uh, firefighters, and dogcatchers, all these, like, jobs that are doing the stuff...

Rachel: Mm. Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...no one's ever talking about, like, okay. You're watching the ground. Who's making sure the stars don't get up to any good?

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: The star police, that's who.

Rachel: Mm. Is— does Neil deGrasse Tyson have anything to do with that?

Griffin: He wishes.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Freaking nerd.

Rachel: [laughs]

[music plays]

Dave: Hi, I'm Dave.

Graham: Hi, I'm Graham.

Dave: And we're two house DJs who have been trapped inside our drum machine.

Graham: We love it here, and we'd love if you stopped by and visited us every week...

Both: ...on Stop Podcasting Yourself.

Dave: Here on MaximumFun.org. We're just a couple of doofuses from Canada. And listen to our show or perish.

Graham: [laughs]

Dave: Stop Podcasting Yourself.

Graham: On MaximumFun.org.

Griffin: Hey. I'm gonna go next, because I think I have more than you.

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: Elote.

Rachel: Ooh!

Griffin: Ooh, yeah. This is grilled Mexican street corn!

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: Doesn't have to be street corn, I guess. I think street corn is where it sort of, like, popped off around these parts, around Austin. Uh, but damn. Uh, elote is so good.

Rachel: It's got some cheese on top.

Griffin: Grilled cord, usually s— corn, or cord. Sometimes they'll just...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: ...grill a freaking, like, telephone cord up. Yeah, it's got uh, a lot of time it's gonna have, like, Cotija cheese on it. And it's gonna have...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...uh, you know, paprika— some sort of spicy uh...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: ...chili, chili pepper sprinkles. Some lime juice on there.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Grill it up right. Holy shit.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Had some at uh, La Condesa. I was lucky enough to eat there. It's a fucking fantastic restaurant here in Austin, and I had some elote there, and it just like, blew me away. Torchy's has good elote as well.

Rachel: Yeah. It's true.

Griffin: Um, it is the— I've always liked corn. Especially on the cob, I actually like corn on the cob much better than off the cob. Um, with elote, I don't care. I will eat it any— cob, cobless, however they want— however it's served up...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...I'm gonna have elote. It's very, very good.

Rachel: You wanna know my next thing?

Griffin: Shit yeah. Elote didn't have much of a runway.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: It's good. It's just cheese— it's good, tasty corn.

Rachel: I mean, it's good corn.

Griffin: It's good corn.

Rachel: [laughs] Um, carnivals.

Griffin: Yeah? Yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Rachel: Where I grew up, uh, there was a July 4th carnival every year.

Griffin: Is there a difference between a carnival and, like, a fair? Like a county fair?

Rachel: I think county fair has, like, livestock, and like, competitions, you know? Like, who has the best pie...

Griffin: [breathing heavily]

Rachel: ...who's got the best pumpkin.

Griffin: Okay. Carnival's just about the rides?

Rachel: Carnival is just, like, rides and prizes.

Griffin: Okay, okay.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. I love, like, the— the energy of it. It feels very, like, electric, you know? Like, it's a bunch of teens, you know, running around, playing games, and maybe smoochin'.

Griffin: Yeah. They do— they must do some of those around Austin, right? I feel like they—

Rachel: I have seen them in, like, Walmart parking lots before.

Griffin: That's not ideal for me.

Rachel: [laughs] I know. Me neither.

Griffin: That's not great for me. We had— we had fairs and carnivals, definitely, in like the tristate area that we would cruise down to, but we also had the Riverfront Regatta that we would do...

Rachel: Oh!

Griffin: ...down at the Ri— uh, Harris Riverfront Park, I think is what it was called?

Rachel: Really? Were there boats?

Griffin: There were boats, but there was also uh, you know, mostly foods. Mostly bad, bad foods that you shouldn't eat, and...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Uh, yeah. They had a lot of food festivals in Huntington. They still do, and they would always have rib fest in that Riverfront Park, so you could look over nature's majesty while you eat, you know, the sides of a pig.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Drive-ins.

Rachel: Aw, drive-ins.

Griffin: Rest in— RIP in peace. RIP in peace, Austin drive-ins. What was it— I forget what it was called. We had one.

Rachel: Blue Starlite.

Griffin: Blue Starlite. Holy shit, it was great. They had really cool double uh, double picture-themed nights.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: For Halloween, they would like do double-picture shows. They did, like, a whole Harry Potter marathon once. It was great.

Rachel: There is still one. It's just far away now.

Griffin: Yeah, no thanks.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I like 'em, but not that much. [laughs]

Rachel: I don't think I had ever been to one until we went in Austin.

Griffin: Really? You're kidding me.

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: Oh, God, we went— we went to— we went to a lot of 'em in— in— I feel like there was one in Ashland, Kentucky, I wanna say.

Rachel: There used to be one down the street from me when I was growing up where, like, it's a big grocery store plaza now. Um, but they only showed, like, R-rated movies, and I was a very young child, so we did not go.

Griffin: Yeah. That's no good. I mean, there was a drive-in that showed, like, pic— movies that were, like, in theaters. I remember I saw a few...

Rachel: Wow.

Griffin: ...Disney animated features there, including— I saw— I definitely saw Aladdin at a drive-in.

Rachel: Wow.

Griffin: And I'm pretty sure it was, like, while it was also in theaters. It was— it was freaking rad. It was, like...

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: It was a really, really great way, because, you know, you can talk, and you can pal around, you can play your Game Boy, whatever. You can double— double uh— what's the word I'm looking for?

Rachel: I don't know.

Griffin: Multitask. Not doubletask.

Rachel: Doubletask. [laughs]

Griffin: What did you think I was gonna say?

Rachel: I don't know. I was really curious where you were going.

Griffin: [laughs]

Rachel: I thought you were gonna mention some childhood game that I'd never heard of.

Griffin: Yeah. We had—

Rachel: You can double Dutch. [laughs]

Griffin: Double Dutch in the, you know, in the Malibu. Uh, yeah. What— what do you got next? I feel like you're just ripping them straight off the dome.

Rachel: [laughs] Sidewalk chalk.

Griffin: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Rachel: We haven't talked about that yet, have we?

Griffin: No, almost certainly not.

Rachel: I love it. Don't you love when you're, like, walking through a neighborhood, and you just come across somebody's sidewalk chalk art?

Griffin: Evidence of play.

Rachel: Yeah!

Griffin: I like it.

Rachel: Like a hopscotch, or a rainbow.

Griffin: Yeah.

Rachel: Or an outline of a child, [laughs] hopefully in a playful way.

Griffin: Yeah, that's less good. Uh, yeah, I— here's where— here's my dilemma.

Rachel: Uh-oh.

Griffin: I love seeing it. For the reasons that you said, like, it genuinely brings me— especially weirdly, like, more now that I'm a parent, like, when I see a kid having a good time, I— my first instinct is not to look for reasons to be annoyed by that. Which I think it is easier to do when you don't have a kid.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Now that I have a kid, like, I love when he is happy, so I get happier when other kids are happy as well, so when I see sidewalk chalk, I'm like, "Oh, that's great."

Uh, touching sidewalk chalk...

Rachel: Yeah. The messy hands.

Griffin: ...makes my fucking— it's not just the messy hands. It is the texture of it. Oh, my God. I hate it so—

Rachel: They make those little plastic holders now, you remember? We saw those recently.

Griffin: Yeah, but those get so gross. Those get so, like...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Do you see what I'm— I'm, like...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm, like, wringing my hands like an old-timey, like, vaudeville villain or some—

Rachel: Just picturing the experience.

Griffin: Just thinking about touching chalk. I hate it, hate it, hate it, hate it, hate it. Uh, sometimes whenever we go over to our friend's house, their daughter and Henry will be playing, and like, almost always, if that is happening, they will want me to draw their outlines, and it's like, oh, God, guys...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: They're like, "Draw each of my fingers in detail!"

And it's like, "No! I don't wanna hold it this long. I'll draw it fast and loose, like you're the Pillsbury dough boy."

Rachel: We should come up with a new trend for this summer 2019.

Griffin: Okay.

Rachel: It's called summer gloves.

Griffin: Mm!

Rachel: You wear 'em when you're doing the messy stuff.

Griffin: I'm into that. Yeah, if I could wear some nice gloves.

Rachel: They're like— they look summery. You know, maybe they got some— some suns, and some clouds on 'em. Uh, but they—

Griffin: Yeah. Summer stuff, man.

Rachel: They keep the— those hands clean.

Griffin: Suns and clouds, man. Keep those hands clean! Uh, camp.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: My only sort of like, touchstone with this is church camp.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Hooked up Centrifuge. What's up, all my Centrifuge people in the Carolinas and, I guess, Appalachian region. We hit that up and, you know, do my thing drink some Cheerwine.

Rachel: Does it still exist?

Griffin: I would be surprised if it had gone away. It was, like, a pretty big production, if memory— I mean, it was a—

Rachel: Was it like—

Griffin: It was a huge campus, and like, they did three different sessions. It was like one of those.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: Yeah, so it was not like a little deal. It seemed like a very, very big deal at the, like, whatever, four or five years that I went there.

Rachel: Did you have a camp name?

Griffin: I mean, this is where Shades came— this is where I tried to get Shades going.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: The famously— I also think this is where I tried to spin Andy up, but it didn't take off, either.

Rachel: Oh. Griffin Andrew.

Griffin: I know. It would've been cool.

Rachel: I can see you as an Andy.

Griffin: First time I drank coffee was at camp. There's just this, like, uh...

Rachel: Wait, why were there coffee at your children's camp?

Griffin: Uh, you know, I guess for the adults or whatever. There was like, a cafeteria area.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: And so one of the things that they had was... and yeah, so they had coffee there. So I would get some of it, but then I would also plop a little bit of soft serve ice cream into it, because I don't give a damn! Like, nobody can tell me what to do there!

Rachel: [laughs] Wait, you would put ice cream in coffee?

Griffin: Yeah. Sweeten it up a little bit, cool it down a little bit for my child mouth.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: And I could do that, because nobody gave a shit. Like, I could do that.

Rachel: [laughs] Mm-hmm.

Griffin: It was not a big deal.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: You feel like, regardless of what the camp is, this is not a specifically church camp-themed celebration. I'm just saying that the feeling of freedom that you get is literally the only time out of the entire year that I would get anything resembling that. Because I had no other reason to leave home, and not be under the jurisdiction of my parents for an entire week.

Rachel: How long was this camp?

Griffin: It was a week. It was a—

Rachel: A whole week.

Griffin: Yeah, a long— a whole week. We would get in a bus, and drive down to— uh, I forget where it is in North Carolina, but go down there, just kick it.

Rachel: You and your bros?

Griffin: Uh, I don't actually remember if they went.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: I think Travis must have. Uh, but they dipped out of the scene a little bit— a little bit quicker than I did. I—

Rachel: The only overnight camp that I have ever participated in, and I didn't really realize it was unique at the time, but uh, our elementary school, when you became a 5th grader, you would spend a week out at Camp Wyman, and you would stay in a cabin, and you would learn all about the environment. And so you did that in 5th grade, and then when you were in high school, you could be a counselor.

Griffin: Okay.

Rachel: And I was a counselor for two years. One year, I was Maple.

Griffin: [laughs] Oh!

Rachel: The next year, I was Sienna.

Griffin: Ho— woah. Hold on. Wait.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. You had to have a camp name!

Griffin: You had to have a camp name?

Rachel: All the counselors did. Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Is it like— why? Why, though?

Rachel: I think that's a thing with camp, for a lot of people, are camp names.

Griffin: Okay. I'm n— I'm never going to say that something isn't true on this podcast again.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Because I'm the one who looks through our email for submissions.

Rachel: I was asking um, my boss's daughter just got back from camp, and I was asking, what was her camp name? And she had one, right away.

Griffin: Wow. Okay.

Rachel: I can't remember what it was, but she told me right away.

Griffin: It probably wasn't as cool as Shades. I bet.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: How about crickets at night, though? They're so loud.

Rachel: They're so loud. What's the different between a cricket and a locust? Like, when they're making those noises— or cicadas? Are cicadas the same—

Griffin: I think a locust is a kind of cicada? I tried to look this up, because I also thought it was cicadas, but cicadas show up every, what, a brood takes every 17 years to come out, right?

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: And so I think the current—

Rachel: And they are very, very loud.

Griffin: The brood this year is, I wanna say, Brood 8, and it's in— like, West Virginia's just now getting 'em.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And I guess areas at Pennsylvania's getting them. I don't know if Texas is, like... I don't know if they live past a year, right? Like, I don't know when they last ca— I think they were in Austin 2017.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: So I don't know. They're very, very loud all the time. Maybe it's cicadas, I don't know. And now I've opened myself up to the emails. Thank you.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Uh, but you know crickets are out there, holding it down.

Rachel: Yeah, for sure.

Griffin: You know, playing— playing—

Rachel: It's very nice. I mean, I was gonna bring up lightning bugs, but I just— I feel like—

Griffin: Oh, God, we've definitely done lightning bugs.

Rachel: We've definitely done 'em.

Griffin: I think— yeah.

Rachel: But I did wanna say.

Griffin: Yeah.

Rachel: Pool snacks.

Griffin: What are— what?

Rachel: At your public pools, sometimes there will be a concessions.

Griffin: Okay. Yes.

Rachel: And I love eating in a swimsuit on, like, a plastic table, you know, nachos.

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah.

Rachel: A pool snack. They don't have— for whatever reason, the Austin public pools don't have, like, a concession setup.

Griffin: Yeah. They definitely did, and they all have that sign that's just, like, a big white sort of uh, striped felt board where you stick the, like, black plastic letters on it.

Rachel: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Griffin: Like, for me, that is pool snack menu...

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: ...telling you, like, "We have a hot dog for \$1."

Rachel: When I was in camp, and it was a day camp, um, we were within walking distance to a pool, and so like, one day a week, we would all like walk to the pool. And then you would bring money with you, so you could get, like, Fun Dip or whatever.

Griffin: Nice.

Rachel: It was really nice.

Griffin: Once time at church camp, I did buy a whole big bag of uh, those Nuclear Warheads.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: They're, like, super sour candy, and I fucked my tongue up, fam.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: I hate this whole bag in, like...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: ...an hour and a half, and I lit— it was like I had poured acid on my tongue.

Rachel: Oh, God.

Griffin: I couldn't— I couldn't eat anything salty without it, like, legitimately hurting a lot for like, a couple weeks after that.

Rachel: Oh, Griffin.

Griffin: Uh, which was a shame, because you know I brought, like, four cans of Sour Cream and Onion Pringles.

Rachel: Oh, Griffin.

Griffin: That I just had to look at longingly. And I did still eat them.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Pleasure and pain, baby. Right next to each other.

Rachel: Was this the same summer you were putting soft serve in your coffee?

Griffin: No. I was— I was but a child when I ate all the Warheads.

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: This was a different church camp.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: A shorter one.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I think that's it. I think that's all the good stuff this summer.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Pool snacks. Hot as hell in 2019.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: People are talking about crickets.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. [laughs]

Griffin: Like, this is not— we're not bullshitting you.

Rachel: Hoses.

Griffin: Hoses are so fucking— did you see Paris Week?

Rachel: Mm-hmm. [laughs]

Griffin: We're not bullshitting you!

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Here's some submissions from our friends at home.

Rachel: Oh, and can I just say, if you have one or two hoses at home, get a third hose.

Griffin: [laughs] What are you doing?

Rachel: 2019.

Griffin: 2019.

Rachel: Everyone's got three hoses.

Griffin: You know what? Let's invent indoor hoses this year.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, sure, they'll make a big mess, ruin the floorboards. Who gives a shit?

Rachel: Indoor sprinklers. Why not?

Griffin: YOLO. YOLO, baby!

Rachel: It's just water. It's just water.

Griffin: You only live once, so splash a whole bunch!

Rachel: Oh, gosh, Griffin! That's incredible.

Griffin: Uh, here's some submissions from our friends at home. Everyone sent in the fact that the thing I talked about last week is apparently due to mirror neurons. What's weird is I got, like, approximately 60 emails about this, thank you very much...

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: ...and there were a few discrepancies— there were a few people saying, like, "Oh, it's this, oh, it's this, oh, it's this," uh, but most of the people have been talking about mirror neurons, which are I guess actually a fairly recent discovery...

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: ...and it's about how your brain actively wants to— and I could be, like, very, very poorly representing this on the show, but from what I understand, based on my very cursory reading while I put this list together in about three minutes, it's like your brain neurons, like, want to learn how to do stuff while you're watching stuff happen on TV. And so like, your reflexive movements have something to do with, like, that process.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: It's like, this interesting field of study that is really, really brand new. Um...

Rachel: Is that why, like, sometimes when people talk to someone with an accent, they like, immediately have to do the accent?

Griffin: Maybe. But it is— it is why athletes actually gain so much value of watching video of themselves doing...

Rachel: Mm.

Griffin: ...the sport, or watching...

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah.

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: Uh, so yeah, that was very interesting. I'm not complaining; it was— I had a very interesting journey uh, learning and enriching my mind, kind of, a little bit, I guess.

Uh, here's one from Carly, who says, "My wonderful uh, thing is the feeling of a whole city uniting over something that was really silly. A gator was found in Chicago's Humboldt Park Lagoon, and the whole city has been on gator watch. A poll officially named him Chance the Snapper, and there are official gator— gator watch t-shirts. I swear I haven't felt this energy uh, since the Cubs won the world series."

Rachel: [laughs] I saw an article about that online.

Griffin: Yeah. I hope that nothing—

Rachel: Specifically that it was named Chance the Snapper.

Griffin: Yeah. They're trying to— from what I understand, they've been trying to apprehend him for two days now, and it's not been going very well, I guess, for them.

Rachel: How did a gator get there?

Griffin: How did a gator get there? You— you tell me.

Rachel: Hmm.

Griffin: You tell me. Now, did it learn how to walk on two legs, put on some pants and a shirt, make pretend that it was a Chicagoan...

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: ...jump into the lake, that's its new home? You tell me. I'm not here to tell—

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Did somebody sneak it in there in a baby carriage?

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And it's been—

Rachel: It goes— it goes into, like, Giordano's, and asks for thin crust pizza, and everyone's like, "You must be that gator."

Griffin: "You're an alligator. You're not a person."

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: They walk up. They're like, "I actually really liked this bean."

And all the Chicagoans are like, "[laughs]"

Rachel: "No."

Griffin: "Poser. Alligator."

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Charlotte says, "Something I find wonderful is frozen grapes. They are a tasty, cool treat for hot summer days, and even though they're just cold grapes, they feel like a delicacy." I have never heard of this...

Rachel: Me neither.

Griffin: ...in my life.

Rachel: Let's make that happen. I'm curious.

Griffin: I've heard of hot grapes.

Rachel: [laughs] Yeah.

Griffin: Now I'm— [laughs] and that's— you know, now you're pitching right in my strike zone.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: But cold grapes?

Rachel: I have never— I don't think I've ever had a frozen grape.

Griffin: I bet I'd be into it.

Rachel: Yeah, me too.

Griffin: Let's do it. Let's get some grapes, freeze 'em.

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: And pretend that they're like, uh, eyeballs, like it's Halloween.

Rachel: Mm!

Griffin: Mm!

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Thank you to bo en and Augustus for the use of our theme song, Money Won't Pay. You can find a link to that in the episode description. And uh, thanks to Maximum Fun for having us on the network. There's a bunch of really good shows on there.

Rachel: Oh, and also, you can still go purchase uh, for the Jumbotron drawing...

Griffin: Yeah! You can...

Rachel: ...should you like to have a message considered.

Griffin: Actually, it is a— it's a drawing so you will get a chance to purchase a Jumbotron on the show.

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: You can find more details about that at [MaximumFun.org/...](http://MaximumFun.org/)

Rachel: JumbotronDrawing?

Griffin: Yes!

Rachel: Good!

Griffin: Slam dunk!

Rachel: Good!

Griffin: Uh, also the book, Murder on the Rockport Limited, it came out yesterday!

Rachel: It's so good, you guys.

Griffin: I'm really so happy with it. I know it sounds weird, like, this process takes so long that you get kinda unplugged from it when you're the— one of the creators of it, and so it goes forever, and when you read it after many months of not having touched it, and it's like, "Oh, shit, I forgot!"

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Uh, yeah. I am so happy with it, and I think people are really gonna like it. You can find it at TheAdventureZoneComic.com, go to your local book stores.

Rachel: It's the beginning of Angus.

Griffin: It's Angus: Origins, with the— what we thought about renaming the book.

Rachel: [laughs] Uh-huh.

Griffin: As Angus: Origins, he's— he does— he's a very good uh, child. Good lad.

Rachel: He's a good boy!

Griffin: Uh, yeah, so please uh, think about doing that. And we just, we really appreciate your support. Uh, and I think that's it. My pants are wet. I just touched them, and they're wet, and I don't know why.

Rachel: Did you get a little bev on you?

Griffin: I don't think I spilled bev on them.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Did not pee.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: I would tell you if I did.

Rachel: Is it that indoor hose we bought? [laughs]

Griffin: It might— oh, shit, we left it running this whole time! Sploosh.

[theme music plays]

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