

## Wonderful! 100: A Centennial Celebration

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[theme music plays]

**Rachel:** Hi, this is Rachel McElroy.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yeah. Okay, Mario. Yeah, I'll hit you up at the after party. Okay, man. Yeah, I'll see you there. Hey, this is Griffin McElroy.

**Rachel:** And this is Wonderful!

**Griffin:** Sorry, it's just... [sighs] I know we gotta focus on the show. I know it's our big day, but... we're on the red carpet, and like...

**Rachel:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** It's hard—if Mario Lopez comes up and wants to hang out at the after party, babe, it's like, I've made it!

**Rachel:** I know, but let's not celebrate our hundredth episode before we've actually recorded it.

**Griffin:** Right, this is the red carpet before the event. We're about to go to the first screening of our hundredth episode. For all I know, it could be a disaster. Mario may not want to talk to me after the party, so I need to check that—cash that check. Shit, if this is the energy I bring to ep one hundred, Mario's definitely not gonna wanna talk to me.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I just wanna tell him what a good job he did playing Greg Louganis in that one Lifetime movie.

**Rachel:** Aw, jeez.

**Griffin:** In that one commercial I saw for it where he asked if there was a blood nipple.

**Rachel:** Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

**Griffin:** You love that anecdote.

**Rachel:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Who are you looking forward to seeing today on the big red way?

**Rachel:** Well, Wallace Shawn.

**Griffin:** Wallace Shawn is a big fan.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. Uh, and then...

**Griffin:** Y'know what he calls the show?

**Rachel:** What?

**Griffin:** [impersonating Wallace Shawn] Wonderful!

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** It's the same thi—he calls it the same thing, but he says it like Wallace Shawn.

**Rachel:** That's pretty good.

**Griffin:** Thanks.

**Rachel:** Yeah. Um, also...

**Griffin:** Yeah?

**Rachel:** Surprise guest.

**Griffin:** Uh oh.

**Rachel:** Nancy Pelosi!

**Griffin:** Hey, Nancy!

**Rachel:** Who knew? She's a real busy lady. It was so nice of her to turn out.

**Griffin:** Yeah, didn't know. Didn't know. Never knew. Sorry for all the shit that we talk about Nancy Pelosi on this show.

**Rachel:** On this political show.

**Griffin:** On this political podcast. This is Wonderful. We talk about things that we are super into. This is our hundredth episode. Everybody said we wouldn't make it.

**Rachel:** That's true.

**Griffin:** Chomp my shorts, bud.

**Rachel:** First 27 iTunes review. "They're never gonna make it."

**Griffin:** "They're never gonna make it to one hundred."

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** If you add the Rose Buddies years, we're well into the... what, thousands? Who even knows? But anyway, it's our hundredth episode. It's so special.

**Rachel:** It's very special!

**Griffin:** We were trying to figure out how much elbow grease to put into it. And I thought we had agreed on very little, and just, let's have a day for ourselves. But I just looked at your shit, and you have a pie chart, and that makes me feel like a fucking clown.

**Rachel:** I do have a pie chart. So first of all, we should thank for the hundredth time probably...

**Griffin:** Bo En and Augustus for the use of our theme song—

**Rachel:** No.

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Rachel:** Whoever the mysterious stranger that created Wonderful.fyi.

**Griffin:** Yes. You have done—

**Rachel:** It was a tremendous resource in planning for today's episode.

**Griffin:** Some of that shit I was looking back through, 'cause I went back through like, all of my suggestions throughout time. And like, some of that shit I did not remember dedicating 12 minutes of my life to.

**Rachel:** [laughs] Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** But uh, yeah. I was surprised to find out that I had. Uh, so we have a few I guess skits?

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] A few sketches.

**Rachel:** You say skits. We have not really discussed what each of us—I mean, we have a general sense of what the other is talking about.

**Griffin:** Kind of, yeah.

**Rachel:** But I don't know that I could participate in a skit.

**Griffin:** It's sort of a, y'know, best of episode. Flashback episode. I feel like we're approaching it from a different—should we do small wonders? Let's do small wonders, just to touch base. Anything modern, anything now. Anything happening now that you're into?

**Rachel:** I got something.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** Turning a bread recipe into a muffin recipe.

**Griffin:** Just more bread. It's more bread, folks.

**Rachel:** [laughs] I took a pumpkin bread recipe. I said, I'll just pour these in little muffin tins. Now they're pumpkin muffins.

**Griffin:** And they are the perfect little snackable serving size. Oh my god.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** I love a good muffin. It's like an unstuffed hand pie, if you think about it.

**Rachel:** Oh.

**Griffin:** Uh, salmon. Into salmon lately. Love this stuff.

**Rachel:** Ooh, super into salmon.

**Griffin:** Really into salmon. I got the bug at Disney World. I don't know why. Been playing a cool video game called Outer Wilds, and it's like

Groundhog Day. It's set in this, uh... it's set in like this solar system that you can fly around this space ship and solve all these mysteries, but you only have 22 minutes before the sun explodes. And so you have to like, figure out what's going on, but you're on a time limit. And then when you die, you start over. It's a really cool game. I'm really into that.

**Rachel:** Okay.

**Griffin:** And salmon? Did I say salmon?

**Rachel:** You did say salmon.

**Griffin:** This is the pink fish that delights everyone.

**Rachel:** It's a pink one.

**Griffin:** No bones in this fish. Makes it easy for ya.

**Rachel:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] Comes pre-cooked from the sea. What is—what are we doing here?

**Rachel:** Well, let me take you back. I thought it would be good to just go to our roots, look at episode one.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** Just very quickly explain to everybody where we started.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** Episode one came out September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Griffin:** Oh wow, so we've almost... almost two years like exactly.

**Rachel:** Over two years.

**Griffin:** Yeah, but I mean, almost to the date.

**Rachel:** And we talked about a lot more topics back then.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I think we sort of... yeah.

**Rachel:** This was before small wonders. And I think we wanted to cover a lot of things, so... first episode, grand prize game. Movies about baseball.

**Griffin:** Timeless.

**Rachel:** The expression, "No worries."

**Griffin:** Oh yeah!

**Rachel:** Yours were VR.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** Carly Rae.

**Griffin:** Well, specifically, the first six notes of Carly Rae Jepsen's Cut to the Feeling that goes into the chorus. The six notes that she sings.

**Rachel:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Which I'll go ahead and reveal what I've been doing. I whipped up some superlatives, and I have best—and I whipped these up like this morning. Best overall, I have still the six notes CRJ sings going into the chorus of Cut to the Feeling.

**Rachel:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** You did a Facebook poll in the group.

**Rachel:** Internet agrees.

**Griffin:** Asking what the best thing we've ever done is, and it was that! And I was so blown away!

**Rachel:** Can I tell you, I brought that same poll to Twitter?

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** And last I checked...

**Griffin:** What was number one?

**Rachel:** Poetry corner.

**Griffin:** Well, that's a... that's a—that's a—that's a feature.

**Rachel:** [laughs] I know. I had more poetry corner to draw from than six notes, I guess.

**Griffin:** Well, there's... [laughs] There's more poetry in those six notes than the—all the words of the great bard.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. But Carly Rae was second.

**Griffin:** Yeah, okay.

**Rachel:** I think it's worth talking about, um, other things that happened at the very beginning of our run.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** So as I mentioned, first episode, 9/6/2017. 9/28/2017... Lizzo was first mentioned.



**Griffin:** We were—I feel like we were pretty ahead of the game on that.

**Rachel:** I'm giving that. As far as superlatives, I'm giving that 'biggest call.'

**Griffin:** 'Biggest call.' Most improved sounds like we're talking about Lizzo has improved. That's just a sort of way of saying like... we said Lizzo, and our love for Lizzo has only grown over time, as has the earth's.

**Rachel:** Yes. Yes, and the global recognition of the talent that is Lizzo.

**Griffin:** Every fucking commercial that comes on now has got something in it.

**Rachel:** Yeah. Something in it. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Something in it from Lizzo that she has created. It's awesome. I'm so glad that she has popped off the way she has.

**Rachel:** And in all of our polls, Lizzo got number three. So we did polls, and when I say 'we,' I mean me. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** Did polls, asking listeners what their favorite Wonderful thing was in the last 99 episodes. Uh, and Lizzo got number three. And then first and second were kind of back and forth between Carly Rae's six notes and poetry corner.

**Griffin:** Okay. Uh, can I do a couple superlatives?

**Rachel:** Sure.

**Griffin:** And I pulled from mine. I thought you were gonna be focusing on yours, so maybe I've fucked this up pretty bad. But I have some superlatives that I worked on while going through, and I wanted to start with 'most confusing.' And I'm gonna give that to, um... and this is how I

framed it, I guess. 'Gentle ball hitting games.' I don't remember what that means.

**Rachel:** Whoa. Was it ping pong?

**Griffin:** Is it ping pong?

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] You can't—I guess you—I suppose you can hit the ball gently.

**Rachel:** I assume it's ping pong, but I wonder why you didn't just say ping pong. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Am I describing pool there? I don't know. I saw this one and I was like, "This has to be something. It's 'most confusing.'"

**Rachel:** 'Most confusing.' Well, that's actually brings me to another thing. So, Wonderful FYI is categorized by like, kind of large, uh, groups that they put our topics into.

**Griffin:** Ohh, interesting. Okay.

**Rachel:** So, food and drink is one. Music, podcasts is one. TV, video, movies is one. There is a giant category just called 'other,' which I think is just uncategorizable. And the things in that probably, uh...

**Griffin:** Oh my god.

**Rachel:** Like parasols. [laughs] Outdoor hoses. Buckies.

**Griffin:** Well, those are objects. I was thinking they would sort of talk more about the concepts that we talk about sometimes, like uh...

**Rachel:** I'm sure that's in there too.

**Griffin:** The feeling of relief you get when you uh, open a new container of something. How do you—is there a word in German that describes that sensation?

**Rachel:** So we—according to the website, we had a total of 625 wonderful things.

**Griffin:** Hell yeah. We are keeping it going. Earth, I mean.

**Rachel:** Um... of those, 207 fall in the 'other' category. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Okay. I like that. Yeah.

**Rachel:** Next highest category? Food and drink.

**Griffin:** Mm, that's like the... that's the second most talked about?

**Rachel:** Yes.

**Griffin:** That makes sense.

**Rachel:** Yes. That's like, White Claw, hot dogs... Hot dogs, by the way, came up three times in our run.

**Griffin:** We've talked about hot dogs thrice?

**Rachel:** Yes. You talked about making hot dogs at home.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** You talked about hot dogs at a baseball game.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** And then we talked about the hot dog destroyer video. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] That video's still great.

**Rachel:** So good.

**Griffin:** If you didn't hear that episode, it was a big plastic syringe that you cut the needle off of, and you put it like a...

**Rachel:** Grate.

**Griffin:** A grate of paper clips in there, and then you put the hot dog in, you push the plunger, it pushes the hot dog through the grate to split it into, I guess, several—

**Rachel:** Why would you want to do this? Nobody knows.

**Griffin:** Maybe you're making several very small, long still, hot dogs. I don't know. Maybe you gotta make that hot dog go around. I'm not here to judge.

**Rachel:** Well, let's have another superlative.

**Griffin:** Got a pair of superlatives here.

**Rachel:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Uh, I have least authentic. And this was one of mine. Uh, outdoor equipping and camping tech. Because if I'm being honest, folks...

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Did a segment on that. Maybe this segment should be, instead, most aspirational. 'Cause since I did that segment, guys...

**Rachel:** Do you remember what you were getting? When we went to REI, I remember that.

**Griffin:** We went to REI. We got something. But then I just sort of more talked about my fascination with gear, and I like gear. Holy shit, I like gear. But like, the gear I'm buying these days, friends... it stays in the home. I am not out there buying pickaxes. I am not out there buying a new tent.

**Rachel:** Over the weekend, we went on a gentle walk with some friends, and it was very hot, granted. By the end of it, we just...

**Griffin:** Okay, no, I'm not gonna—we had like a 30 pound child, also, that rode on my shoulders while I held a wet cloth to his skinned knee. It was a nightmare.

**Rachel:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** I'm not gonna let that—anyway, I have 'most authentic,' and that is a nice, light jacket. Still fucking great.

**Rachel:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Still good. Wearing one right now. Still always good.

**Rachel:** Have you ever Marie Kondo style laid out all your light jackets?

**Griffin:** Y'know what's a sad fact, is I will have artifacts of clothing, like a light jacket or a hat, that is like a... I guess you could call it an accessory.

**Rachel:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** And of all of the things... actually, of all the things in general that I own, those are the ones that I am the worst about like, not losing. I lose jackets and hats fucking constantly.

**Rachel:** I believe that.

**Griffin:** Houston Astros hat that I loved and fit so great and I liked the look of, which is rare for me in a baseball cap? Lost that shit at Disney

somewhere. Do not know. Hit me up, Goofy. George Geef, hit me up, bud. Uh, let me know if you find it.

Jackets. I left two jackets on the cruise. I left *two* jackets on the cruise ship.

**Rachel:** Can I tell you something?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** You tend to wear jackets when you don't actually need to have a jacket, and I think that's why you lose them.

**Griffin:** Ehh, yeah.

**Rachel:** You bring them to an environment that doesn't require a jacket.

**Griffin:** Better to have them and not—better to have them and not need them than need them and have... [pause] Do you have another thing?

**Rachel:** [laughs] I do. Um, so I wanted to talk about uh, another popular category for us, which is music/podcasts.

**Griffin:** I have some superlatives there!

**Rachel:** Okay. We have brought 82 music topics.

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Rachel:** 82 music topics.

**Griffin:** What's up, guys? It's me, DJ Boom Blast. Tonight, I'm gonna be spinnin' all the greatest hits. I'm gonna play for you 31 music. So get ready, strap in. Hey guys, welcome. This is WWFB, the greatest oldies in the—this side of the Mississip. We're gonna be playin' nonstop commercial 15 music for you.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Don't touch that dial, it's got jam on it!

**Rachel:** Tell them what your music superlatives are, please.

**Griffin:** Got a couple music superlatives. I was just like, best music that I brought... Judee Sill. It's the one that like, since I did that segment, I like, had listened to some of her other stuff that I hadn't really listened to before, and it's still the one that... [sings] It's still the one I run toooo...

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** That's the other one, is... is that Faith Hill? I probably don't wanna bring Faith Hill.

**Rachel:** I think it is.

**Griffin:** I also have, uh, most—this is 'most tragic' category that I brought. And it was chillhop. And don't get me wrong – love chillhop. Still put it on when I'm working. I still put it on when I need to chill out. But it has sadly defiled another one of my topics, which is the Spotify weekly playlist recommendation.

**Rachel:** Oh, yeah.

**Griffin:** I swear to god, I could spend tomorrow listening to exclusively fuckin' like, a cappella Japanese black metal.

**Rachel:** You still get chillhop.

**Griffin:** And my fucking playlist would be like, "And here's 30 more chillhop songs." And it's like, dawg, I promise, I am so chill. I have the biggest playlist ever of this good stuff. Like, I would like some other stuff now.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I guess there is such thing as too much of a good thing.

**Rachel:** Can I talk a little bit about poetry corner?

**Griffin:** Yeah, of course, you can talk a lot about poetry corner.

**Rachel:** So here's what's kind of amazing to me. As I mentioned, 625 wonderful things. Now, that includes small wonders, by the way.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** I have only featured 16 poets.

**Griffin:** Huh.

**Rachel:** In that whole run!

**Griffin:** Have you done repeat poets?

**Rachel:** No.

**Griffin:** You've only done 16 poetry corners?

**Rachel:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** That's weird!

**Rachel:** We have done 32 poetry and literature topics.

**Griffin:** I see.

**Rachel:** Four of them have been by you. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Really?!



**Rachel:** Yeah, the others have been by me.

**Griffin:** Okay, because I put best book, Hatchet, because I thought it was the only book I'd brought.

**Rachel:** No.

**Griffin:** What other—

**Rachel:** You had some other books on there. Some sci-fi thing.

**Griffin:** Some sci-fi thing... oh, I guess it's small wonders. I wasn't looking at small wonders when I put this list together.

**Rachel:** Ohh.

**Griffin:** Ahh.

**Rachel:** See, I included small wonders.

**Griffin:** Okay. It was probably Seveneves, maybe.

**Rachel:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that was probably it. I actually—I strike that book from the record. It fucked me up mentally.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** That book gave me a lot of like horrific anxiety. As much as I love Neal Stephenson, like, this is a hearty do not read if you are an anxious person. Hatchet? That one will get you there. That one will take you to paradise. A northern wild paradise.

**Rachel:** You haven't re-read that in a while, though. Maybe there's some stuff in there you didn't catch that first time.

**Griffin:** Uh, he makes it out alive.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** And the world doesn't explode. So I'm gonna say Hatchet, a less anxious experience—reading experience than Seveneves.

**Rachel:** Okay, that's fair.

**Griffin:** That's not a spoiler, by the way. That happens in like the first chapter.

**Rachel:** I wanted to give a shout out to the first poet that I think really started the poetry corner, which is Wallace Stevens.

**Griffin:** Wallace Stevens.

**Rachel:** That was episode five. Wallace Stevens is the poet that had a feud with Robert Frost. That's the episode, Robert Frost Fist Fight.

**Griffin:** Oh, that's a fun title.

**Rachel:** And he's also the poet that had the last lines, "For the listener who listens in the snow, and nothing himself beholds, nothing that is not there, and then nothing that is."

**Griffin:** Ohh! Eat shit, Robert Frost! I mean, that's clearly a burn on Robbie Frost, right?

**Rachel:** That's from the poem, The Snowman.

**Griffin:** Ohh. [laughs] My god. Get fucking melted, Robert Frost! You got fucking put in the toilet, dude!

**Rachel:** There's a famous exchange between uh, Wallace Stevens and Robert Frost, where Wallace Stevens says, "The trouble with you, Robert, is that you write about subjects." And Frost says, "The trouble with you, Wallace, is that you write about bric-a-brac." Ooh. Icy.

**Griffin:** Oh, damn. That's why they call him Frost, man. Damn.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** I wanna know more about old... beefs.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Old art beefs.

**Rachel:** There is—I pulled that quote from a website that is all about literary feuds.

**Griffin:** Ooh! I need to know this website.

**Rachel:** There's more on there, I'm sure.

**Griffin:** Wait for that. Wonderful, episode 101. Look forward to that segment. Hey, bad news. I am really burning through my superlatives. [laughs]

**Rachel:** That's okay. We can do—I've got plenty.

**Griffin:** Okay, okay. What's next?

**Rachel:** Uh, so, I wanted to talk about something else, which is wombats.

**Griffin:** This has been...

**Rachel:** This has become part of our brand.

**Griffin:** Part of our lives.

**Rachel:** And y'know what's crazy? We talked about it in the second episode.

**Griffin:** Second episode.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Haven't really circled back on wombats too much. But their poop is square, and that's great, and they kill things—predators with their butts, and that's pretty great, too.

**Rachel:** Griffin and I get a lot of wombat material, both sent to us through our PO box, and also sent to us through Twitter and Facebook, as if we invented the wombat.

**Griffin:** I will say this. The stuff we get is all for Henry, and it's also good. There is a whole Diary of a Wombat series of books that we have now received...

**Rachel:** Oh, they're beautiful.

**Griffin:** They're beautiful, and they're very charming and cute, and also very short, which is great when Henry wants another last book. I can be like, "How about Christmas Wombat? [laughs]" Uh, thank you to everybody who has sent us—also and like, stuffed wombats is very sweet.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** But—

**Rachel:** But I just—of all the things...

**Griffin:** Of all the things. Could've sent us hot dogs!

**Rachel:** 625 things.

**Griffin:** Could've sent us Tamagotchis! Or Nintendo 64s!

**Rachel:** Please don't send us hot dogs.

**Griffin:** Don't send us hot dogs. We don't check the PO box that often.

**Rachel:** [laughs] Um... you want to know—so, I'll pepper in my top five.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah.

**Rachel:** So when Griffin and I were originally talking about doing this episode, I indicated that we both should pick a top five. And then maybe at the end of the episode, decide what the most wonderful thing is of our first hundred episodes.

**Griffin:** Ooh, shit, okay.

**Rachel:** I know. Overalls.

**Griffin:** Overalls.

**Rachel:** Overalls. Also, uh, early on, not quite as early... well, no, actually... same episode.

**Griffin:** Holy shit.

**Rachel:** Is that possible?

**Griffin:** Anything's possible.

**Rachel:** I don't think I wrote it down. Anyway, overalls. Early in the run. Overalls is one of the first things I thought of when we started talking about doing this show. And I was like, "Oh, surely I can't make a whole segment out of that." But I did.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Rachel:** And I still love them so much.

**Griffin:** Yeah, they're really good.

**Rachel:** It is hard for me to see a pair of overalls and not think that I should own it.

**Griffin:** Yeah. You—and sometimes you have ripped them off of mannequins, or stolen them out of other people's luggage...

**Rachel:** Here is the argument I'll make. So, part of my top five, each item comes with an argument. 'Cause I was prepared to go to battle with you.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** Timeless. Functional.

**Griffin:** [laughing] Okay.

**Rachel:** And available to all. Everyone can wear overalls.

**Griffin:** But should everyone wear—yeah. Everyone should wear overalls.

**Rachel:** Yes! They're so functional!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** Have you ever, like... well, you—when's the last time you wore an overall?

**Griffin:** I've nev—when I was three, and I was taking pictures for the church directory.

**Rachel:** [laughs] So there's pockets on the side.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** There's pockets up front.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** Pockets in the back.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** There's nothing better than like, putting a pen in that front pocket, and just like, having it at the ready.

**Griffin:** Okay. No, I'm with you. I think that this is a strong contender. It'll probably win. I'm just looking at the website now and gonna pull some random bullshit. Definitely in my top five? A nice mechanical keyboard. Can't stress this enough. I got these new rainbow like, sweet sherbet keycaps on mine, and it's just... babe, I don't think you understand. This is my deck, y'know? This is the fuckin' spaceship I use to fly through the information superhighway.

**Rachel:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** This is what I use to create. And I gotta have it be on lock. And since I've gotten it on lock, my words per minute have increased.

**Rachel:** Oh yeah?

**Griffin:** My writing is bet—is more...

**Rachel:** What about your click clack sound?

**Griffin:** My clicky-clack sound has gone up consid—that's not true. My last keyboard was a gaming keyboard from Black Widow Razor Bullshit.

**Rachel:** Oh hey. Hey, speaking of games.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah?

**Rachel:** Can I tell you... that's another category?

**Griffin:** Yeah, how many have we done?

**Rachel:** 55 games.

**Griffin:** Holy shit!

**Rachel:** Only six of which were mine.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Rachel:** And mine, as you recall, are like Four Square and Little Computer People.

**Griffin:** I mean, those still absolutely count. Uh, I have a best game category, and it is Animal Crossing, and that's gonna be tough to ever, ever beat I feel like.

**Rachel:** Yeah. Yeah.

**Griffin:** It's just—it's so good. There was just a new Nintendo Direct where they showed off a bunch of new footage of it. You're gonna be on a deserted island. You're gonna be collecting rocks and sticks and building things out of them. You can make paths anywhere you want. It's gonna be a game changer, folks.

**Rachel:** We should do a game where you play Animal Crossing for a couple hours, and then I go out in the world and try and replicate my own Animal Crossing experience, just out in nature.



**Griffin:** Ooh. That would be good.

**Rachel:** And we kind of compare our results at the end of the day.

**Griffin:** Or we could do a game where you play Animal Crossing with me, and make me the happiest man in the world.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I should've talked about when we were talking about food stuff, uh... I do have best food. It is rice. Again, like Animal Crossing, tough to beat. We eat it like four or five times a week. It's good. It's there for you. You can put some salmon on it. And now you're cruisin'.

**Rachel:** Can I tell you what my top five food is?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** Pecan pie!

**Griffin:** Oh, shit. I mean, we get into the Thanksgiving episodes, that's where we're gonna find a lot of the food hap.

**Rachel:** Here's the thing with pecan pie. Tasty.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Rachel:** Wholesome.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Rachel:** We've talked about it twice.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Rachel:** We did it in our like, Thanksgiving feature.

**Griffin:** Twice.

**Rachel:** And then we talked about it again.

**Griffin:** In the next Thanksgiving.

**Rachel:** 'Cause it deserved its own...

**Griffin:** Still good. Here's the thing, folks – we're gonna hit our next Thanksgiving episode here comin' up pretty soon. We're gonna talk about fuckin' pecan pie again. Still pretty—when we have a pecan pie, and we go, "Oh, actually, y'know what? That's... too many nuts." We're not gonna do a pecan pie that year. But that's never gonna happen.

**Rachel:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** So chill.

**Rachel:** Uh, before we continue, can I steal you away?

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah.

[ad break music plays, distorted]

**Griffin:** Hey, Rothy's is gonna do it first. Can you tell me all about your special Rothy's?

**Rachel:** Yes.

**Griffin:** The moments from Rothy's you've cherished.

**Rachel:** Rothy's released a bunch of new styles recently, by the way. So if you went there and said, "I don't want a loafer. I don't want a flat." Hey, guess what? There's more styles now.

**Griffin:** They are so generous to my feet.

**Rachel:** [laughs] Y'know why that is?

**Griffin:** Why is that?

**Rachel:** Recycled water bottles.

**Griffin:** Love it. Oh.

**Rachel:** So comfortable and machine washable.

**Griffin:** And it keeps da turtles from eating `em.

**Rachel:** True. True, they go in there. They find a turtle. They step right in front of it before it's too late. Pull that bottle out. Make it a shoe.

**Griffin:** [laughing] I saw a meme picture. A meme picture. And it's of a YouTube video of some kid, and he was putting some straws in his mouth, and the title was `eating straws so the turtles won't have to.' And man, I thought it was really good. Really sweet.

**Rachel:** [laughs] I have—and I don't even think Griffin knows this. I have three pairs of Rothy's now.

**Griffin:** Oh my god.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. I'm a working lady.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Rachel:** And I like a business shoe. And also a shoe that can be casual and comfortable.

**Griffin:** I bought one pair of boat shoes for the cruise that I wear without socks every day.

**Rachel:** [laughs] Uh, Rothys are every day shoes for life on the go. They're made from, as I mentioned, water bottles. They have, uh-- Rothys has diverted over 35 million water bottles from landfills.

**Griffin:** That is a good thing they've done. For me, and earth.

**Rachel:** Also, free shipping, free returns and exchanges.

**Griffin:** That's good for earth too!

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. Go to [Rothys.com/Wonderful](https://Rothys.com/Wonderful). That's [Rothys.com/Wonderful](https://Rothys.com/Wonderful), to get your new favorite flats. Comfort, style, and sustainability. These are the shoes you've been waiting for. Head to [Rothys.com/Wonderful](https://Rothys.com/Wonderful) today.

**Griffin:** Gonna do Marvel Hero Tales, 'cause our next sponsor is about hair removal, and I don't feel very well equipped to talk about that, so I'm gonna do Marvel Hero Tales. Because it's a brand new way to experience Marvel stories whilst teaching children language skills. Jump into adventures as Iron Man, the Spidered Man, Ms. Marvel, and even more heroes as they battle baddies, save civilians, and tackle trouble.

As kids progress through their story, they'll be co-writing their adventure by choosing what words to use and how to build their sentences, making a personalized Marvel comic book take.

**Rachel:** You think they got that Hulk?

**Griffin:** I think they probably—they maybe have the Hulk. I don't know, I don't want to tell tales out of school.

**Rachel:** I'm into the Hulk lately.

**Griffin:** If you get to fill in words, I would actually love to give Henry a swing at this, because every single place that you can put in words, he will either say 'Joker's coming' or 'a bad guy's coming.' I don't know why.

**Rachel:** Or Hulk smash.

**Griffin:** Hulk smash, he enjoys. But for the longest time, if there's ever a silence, Henry will just yell, "A bad guy is coming!" That sucks to hear when you're in the dark.

**Rachel:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** Uh, anyway. Designed with children's language experts, Marvel Hero Tales is built from the ground up to engage kids in language education. Download today on Google Play or the app store.

**Rachel:** Y'know, our next sponsor is Flamingo, right?

**Griffin:** [makes a horrible bird noise] Yeah.

**Rachel:** That's just always gonna be a thing for you.

**Griffin:** [awful bird noise] They want it. It says in the ad here, make a flamingo noise.

**Rachel:** It says make a flamingo noise?

**Griffin:** [flapping sound] That's their wings. Splish splish splish. That's when they walk around in the swampy waters.

**Rachel:** Now, you said that you don't have a lot of hair removal experience, but you definitely do.

**Griffin:** Not—

**Rachel:** You remove hair from your body.

**Griffin:** Yeah, but not skillfully.

**Rachel:** Okay. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Just saying. I don't have an eye for precision or comfort. I do it when I have to do it. And I do it poorly.

**Rachel:** [pause] Flamingo makes body care specifically for women with hair. Flamingo was started by a group of women at Harry's, a men's shaving brand, who realized they were only using men's razors because there wasn't an option that felt right for them.

**Griffin:** You got these—these Flamingos?

**Rachel:** I do! I do. Great handle. Great wall mount.

**Griffin:** Got to.

**Rachel:** Little sucker wall mount. Uh, they also have things like wax strips and saving gels and lotions.

**Griffin:** Perfect.

**Rachel:** And uh, basically anything you'd want for hair removal, Flamingo has.

**Griffin:** Perfect.

**Rachel:** To try out the products, you can get the Flamingo shave set, which comes in a reusable pouch, and includes shave gel and exfoliating lotion. And the shower holder that I just mentioned.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Rachel:** The flamingo shave set is the talk of the town these days. It's been in Vogue, Glamour, you name it. Try the Flamingo shave set... it's so hard to say!

**Griffin:** [laughs] It's not! It's really not!

**Rachel:** Okay. Go ahead.

**Griffin:** So try the Flamingo shave set this summer. It's a \$22 value, for just \$16 with free shipping today when you visit [ShopFlamingo.com/Wonderful](http://ShopFlamingo.com/Wonderful). The tip of the lips. The teeth. The tongue.

**Rachel:** That's [ShopFlamingo.com/Wonderful](http://ShopFlamingo.com/Wonderful) for the Flamingo shave set.

**Griffin:** Here's a message for Calvin, from Joshrick, who says, "Thanks for being the bestest bud. I'm super grateful for our friendship. Can't wait to have more dumb convos and jokes that are probably only funny to us two. Keep it real, and let me know when you hear this. P.S. I'm sending this one from an AirBnB in Iceland, so top that, yo. But don't really, 'cause friendship ain't a competition."

[laughs] Yeah. Sure it isn't. Yeah. My friendship is a competition, 'cause it's soccer. With my friend David Beckham.

**Rachel:** Your friend David Beckham?

**Griffin:** Or my friend Mia Hamm.

**Rachel:** Okay. Name one more soccer player.

**Griffin:** With my friend Pelé.

**Rachel:** Alright. One last one.

**Griffin:** It—that's not—that's not right!

**Rachel:** [laughs] I'm just saying, those are the three that I know. Is there fourth?

**Griffin:** Well, I mean, there's Gareth Jefferies. From Manchester.

**Rachel:** I don't know what's happening right now. [laughs]

**Griffin:** I'm a-lying!

**Rachel:** [laughs] Can I read the next personal—

**Griffin:** I'm telling lies, papa! [laughs] I'm doing trickery to you!

**Rachel:** [laughs] Can I read the next personal message, please?

**Griffin:** Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

**Rachel:** This next message is for Sid. It is from Leah. "Sid, whenever this airs, I hope it finds you well. Our friendship is my daily small wonder, and I can't imagine life without you. I'm so proud of you for going back to school and chasing your passion as an artist. You inspire me, you're powerful, and with Rachel and the baby brother's blessing, you can do anything. Love always, your close friend, Leah."

**Griffin:** [laughs] Nice try. You're trying to get me to give you permission to murder. And that's not gonna happen again. Not after last time.

**Rachel:** [laughs] It's weird for me to think of you as the baby brother, because that doesn't play a role in our relationship at all.

**Griffin:** I'm such a big, strong lover, yeah.

**Rachel:** Yeah, and you're very—

**Griffin:** Powerful like a bear.

**Rachel:** Authoritarian, and...

**Griffin:** Very strict. [laughing]



**Rachel:** Yeah. [laughing]

[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, on Stop Podcasting Yourself.

**Dave:** Stop Podcasting Yourself, here on MaximumFun.org. We're just a couple of doofuses from Canada.

**Graham:** And listen to our show, or perish. [laughs] Stop Podcasting Yourself...

**Dave:** ... on MaximumFun.org.

**Griffin:** I want to talk about the best movie that I have brought.

**Rachel:** Ooh, okay.

**Griffin:** Which I just realized, I brought Groundhog Day. So... best movie from the last 20 years. The best movie that I've brought from the last 20 years, and definitely top five contender for me, is that Spiderman animated. The Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse.

**Rachel:** Oh, I thought you were gonna say Fast and the Furious, but I don't remember if we've ever talked about that.

**Griffin:** Uh, I mean, we talked about drifting, so I did, in an ancillary way, talk about Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift, which is the worst one of those movies, so I'm not—well, like, third worst.

Anyway, this Spiderman movie, holy shit. Saw it in theaters. Blew my fuckin' mind. Took you to see it in theaters, which is like, I never do that, go to see a second movie again. Went and saw the movie a second time with you in theaters, blew my mind again. Bought it when it came out on rental or whatever. Watched that shit like, once a week with Hen—it's like the movie that I have fallen the deepest in love with since we've been doing the show. It's so good.

**Rachel:** It's so very, very good.

**Griffin:** It's so good. It like, takes my breath away every time. It looks so good. And I didn't realize there's like an alternate universe mode in the version that we bought that has like, extra... extra stuff. There's like, more Spider Ham stuff with the what's his face. Shit. Who did Spider Ham? Shit.

**Rachel:** John Mulaney?

**Griffin:** John Mulaney. Funnyyy.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** Funnyyy! Jokes! He's got funny jokes for days, man. Always talkin' about that.

**Rachel:** Do you want another one of my top five?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** The St. Louis Blues.

**Griffin:** I mean, that's it, man.

**Rachel:** So I first mentioned the St. Louis Blues actually in our prequel episode while we were still under Rose Buddies.

**Griffin:** Ohh!

**Rachel:** It's episode 77 of Rose Buddies that came out in July, 2017. We did kind of a... kind of a little tester.

**Griffin:** Little back door pilot as they call them in the movie biz. Or TV biz.

**Rachel:** Yeah. Just listed some of the things we liked. One of mine was the St. Louis Blues, and then we started going on Wonderful, and I thought, let's just bring them in again. Happened to be the year that they won the Stanley Cup.

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Rachel:** Thought like, hey, there's this little song called Gloria they've been playing in the locker room. Isn't that fun?

**Griffin:** Yeah. I love that I was—

**Rachel:** Ended up winning the whole thing.

**Griffin:** You got me in on the ground floor of the Gloria thing, which I—it's such a powerful sports idea that this totally like... it's a great song, and also a wholly inappropriate song to be the like, theme song for a professional sports team. And it went from being a joke to like... like an entire city of people, and also the whole like St. Louis Blues community around the world, like, crying when they hear Gloria. It's so—yeah.

Man, that is a huge—that's probably most improved for me. Going from not giving a shit about any sports really at all, to like, over the course of the season, like, actually getting deeply invested in the St. Louis Blues.

**Rachel:** It was so sweet. And when they won, I had so many people on Twitter and Facebook like, reaching out to me, just because they knew I liked it, 'cause I talked about it on the show!

**Griffin:** I do also want to mention that your dad sent us a like, uh, ring. Like a St. Louis Blues... what is it, like, championship ring or something like that?

**Rachel:** Yeah, which is not a real thing, I don't think.

**Griffin:** I don't know, yeah. He also—

**Rachel:** I mean, this is clearly a replica, but I don't think hockey players get rings.

**Griffin:** They might. They probably do. Somebody's probably—Neil Lane's probably whippin' 'em up some rings or something.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Jostens or something like that. I—he also sent me a Green Bay Packers ring that I could fit my fucking wrist through.

**Rachel:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** And every time I see it, it just reminds me how big these guys are. Just big ol' big boys.

**Rachel:** We convinced Henry that it was a Green Lantern ring.

**Griffin:** Yeah. And then I'm also worried he's gonna drop it on his foot and break his precious little bird bones.

**Rachel:** [laughs] Uh, so I mentioned how we talked about hot dogs three times.

**Griffin:** Uh-huh. [laughs]

**Rachel:** Another topic we talked about three times... I think through small wonders, is Terrace House.

**Griffin:** Mmm.

**Rachel:** It's hard not to list Terrace House as our top wonderful thing.

**Griffin:** Anything. Top, like, yeah. I mean yeah man, pound for pound, that's probably—that's definitely top five for me.

**Rachel:** I think two of the three times, it was just a small wonder of us saying, "Hey, new season's up." [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah. Yeah, I guess it was during Rose Buddies that we did like a really deep dive on the first season that was on Netflix. Uh, the season we've been watching through like... illegally... [laughs]

**Rachel:** It's on Netflix now.

**Griffin:** It's on Netflix now. Well, the first 12 episodes. I think there is... there is more. Basically every 12 episodes, when they hit that 12 episode in Japan, they release them in one big chunk on Netflix. I'm pretty sure that's what they're doing. It's a good season that is giving me also lots of anxiety. 'Cause the drama drama hits pretty early. Hits a little early on this one for my tastes.

**Rachel:** It does. It's... that show used to be just kind of a relaxation show, and there's definitely still that element, but it is not as reliable as it used to be.

**Griffin:** Not as—yeah. During the first two seasons, it was pretty chill, and then we got Aloha State, and then that's just... it got nasty. I don't know, folks. It got a little bit—they had a taste of that venom. Ooh, hiss. Got bit by Master Chef. Got that venom in him. Gotta suck the pizzen out.

**Rachel:** Um, I also wanted to mention... just as a little stat, a little fun fact.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** We've only done one live show.

**Griffin:** Oh yeah.

**Rachel:** It was in Austin, November 2018.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Rachel:** This is something we have talked about doing again.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Rachel:** We have no immediate plans to do this.

**Griffin:** No.

**Rachel:** It will happen though, I believe.

**Griffin:** Yes. Next time... we do Austin shows, and we can get a babysitter. Folks, you can believe that we're gonna be doin' shows for ya. No, I mean, we can do them. Maybe we should do one on the cruise. We can probably do one on the cruise. That'd be fun.

**Rachel:** Yeah, that would be fun.

**Griffin:** Uh, very, y'know... not as many people would get to see it, but y'know, we'd hit you up with the recording after.

**Rachel:** Well, I think Henry's getting old enough now that we could potentially keep him up a little later back stage and y'know, do a little show.

**Griffin:** But this kid fucking wrecks crafty. He wrecks crafty. And we get complaints.

**Rachel:** Do we?

**Griffin:** We get complaints.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. What do those complaints sound like?

**Griffin:** Your son made a hummus mess.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Your son made a big hummus mess. That's not true. We took hummus off the crafty, because we...

**Rachel:** Nobody was eating it.

**Griffin:** Kept throwing away hummus. [laughs]

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Not throwing away. Leaving them for—

**Rachel:** That's like the veggie tray.

**Griffin:** The next... yeah.

**Rachel:** Last time I got it out specifically so that somebody would eat a carrot.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Uh, other food related things. I had most improved here, uh, before we talked about Lizzo. But I really feel like it's more suitable here is for bar shaped foods. Bar shaped foods. The innovations. The innovations, folks, are off the charts.

**Rachel:** What innovations are you talking about?

**Griffin:** Different bar shaped foods. Good bar shaped foods.

**Rachel:** Okay.

**Griffin:** I mean, this was before we got fig bars going in the mix, and that's like my whole thing right now. Uh, I'm talking about fruit and nut bars. I'm talking about those, uh... I will say that those little rice crispy rollers that we get from the Costco that are only 100 calories for a nice, sweet, filling snack? Definitely a bar shaped food.

**Rachel:** You wouldn't say that's a cylinder?

**Griffin:** Uh, I mean, a cylinder can be a bar, yes.

**Rachel:** Ooh, interesting.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Rachel:** Mathematicians weigh in on that, please.

**Griffin:** ... Okay. Don't know why we need to get mathematicians involved.

**Rachel:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** Bar shaped foods. They're so good. Those little Clif bars that we give to our son that make him so constipated, but he loves the energy he gets from them.

**Rachel:** [laughing] I don't think they do. There's fiber in those.

**Griffin:** Bar shaped foods. Musubi. I'm gonna say, kind of a bar shaped food.

**Rachel:** Ooh, you are getting a little too liberal here, buddy.



**Griffin:** Okay, then Spam—the Spam in—

**Rachel:** Is a hot dog a bar shaped food?

**Griffin:** No, that's not hot dog. Uh, but the Spam inside the musubi I think we can all agree is pretty bar shaped in the eyes of the lord. And the law. And math.

**Rachel:** Oh, I've got a new superlative for you.

**Griffin:** Oh, what's that?

**Rachel:** Biggest surprise.

**Griffin:** [gasps]

**Rachel:** I've only talked about one episode of Quantum Leap. [laughs]

**Griffin:** That is pretty wild. Is it the finale? Or the pilot?

**Rachel:** No.

**Griffin:** Oh, it's the one where he goes back into his family.

**Rachel:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** That's a good episode. Gives me chills.

**Rachel:** Um, I was very specific when I brought up that episode. I didn't want to say Quantum Leap. Definitely didn't want to say Scott Bakula. I wanted to work my way up. And so I said, "I'm just gonna talk about this one specific episode of Quantum Leap, so I can return to Quantum Leap as often as I want." It's the only one I did.

**Griffin:** Dang it, man.

**Rachel:** That shows you how many wonderful things there are in this world, that I've only had to talk about Quantum Leap once.

**Griffin:** [laughs] That was supposed to be your Quantum Leap project, where you leapt into the timeline of being able to talk about Quantum Leap whenever you wanted to. Hoping one day...

**Rachel:** [laughing] One day...

**Griffin:** One day that the Wonderful segment you do will be the Wonderful segment that leads you home.

**Rachel:** What wrong am I putting right by doing that?

**Griffin:** I don't know, man.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I mean... I like to think that as podcasters, the difference we bring to the world is immeasurable. Some people call us podcasters. When people ask me what I do, sometimes I say, "Oh, I'm a podcast producer." But sometimes I catch myself, and I say, "I'm a hero."

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Rachel:** Alright. Alright. That seems totally fair.

**Griffin:** I have a last superlative here, and it's best TV. Uh, and I did put the OC. Just step off. Blown away. Good. Great British Bake Off we just did. Great. Terrace House, like, very important to me. Very special. OC.

**Rachel:** How many times through have you watched OC? Did you ever figure that out?

**Griffin:** [sings] I have watched it four times all the way through. Someday I will make it five. Califoornia, comin' back. You're on Huuulu, strap on in. We're gonna watch it after this.

**Rachel:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** We're gonna—it's time. The cycle must begin anew. It demands a sacrifice.

**Rachel:** Y'know what? This is another big surprise. I don't think we've ever done a full segment on Ninja Warrior.

**Griffin:** That's so wild, babe. We were just watching it before we...

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Ninja War—okay.

**Rachel:** I think we made that a small wonder, but I don't know that we ever really fleshed it out.

**Griffin:** Here's—I want to—let's go behind the scenes. This is gonna be a fun episode 100 segment where we take people behind the scenes of literally every Tuesday, from five PM central time to ten PM central time. A five hour period of our lives, once a week, every Tuesday, while this show is on the air.

Get home at five. Get Henry home from daycare. You get home. You get his dinner ready when I get him home. It's sitting there ready. He eats it. We watch some kids' stuff. Get him, y'know, goin' on the potty. Do all the good stuff. Read him some stories. He goes to bed. Then... we usually eat food from the same Chinese place. So much so that the person who answers the phone there knows my name and which of the two orders we continue to oscillate between. I'm surprised she hasn't memorized my debit card number at this point.

**Rachel:** I know. I think it's sweet that she still asks you for it. [laughs]

**Griffin:** And then we get that food by the time Henry goes to bed. We watch the episode of American Ninja Warrior that aired the night before for like 30 minutes while we eat our dinner, we come upstairs, record our delightful show. Once we're finished, go back downstairs, finish that episode. Sometimes you go to bed and I edit, sometimes I save the edit for the morning.

**Rachel:** Do you want to just real quick go back and forth, naming Ninja Warrior contestants to see how long we can go? [laughs]

**Griffin:** I'm gonna—I'm so bad at shit like this, but I can give it a shot. Jessie Graff.

**Rachel:** Okay. Drew Dretzel.

**Griffin:** Dreschel. You're out already.

**Rachel:** Dreschel. Sorry. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Uh, Kevin Bull.

**Rachel:** Uh, the weather man, Joe Moravsky.

**Griffin:** I think we can accept like, Ninja titles also. Although, we have to be careful, because then you can just say any bullshit and it's probably some ninja. Uh, I'm going to say Captain NBC. I can't remember his name, but that's the wildest shit.

**Rachel:** Uh, the Kid.

**Griffin:** Oh, the Kid Owhadi. Yeah. We got uh, Najee Richardson, The Phoenix.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. So good.

**Griffin:** So good.

**Rachel:** Um, I mean, there's Barclay Strong. I don't remember her first—

**Griffin:** Barclay Stockett.

**Rachel:** Barclay Stockett.

**Griffin:** And then we got Kasy Catanzaro. Uh, retired, gone onto the WWE, but I think it still works.

**Rachel:** Michelle Warnky.

**Griffin:** Michelle Warnky is really good. Uh, and then we can move onto uh... uh... oh my god, Flip Rodriguez. Hoo!

**Rachel:** Good, good good good. You were almost out.

**Griffin:** I know, I know.

**Rachel:** Uh, I am try to think of... the woman who...

**Griffin:** I know. The teacher?

**Rachel:** No, that's Allyssa Bierd.

**Griffin:** Oh, dang it.

**Rachel:** I'm trying to think of the woman who always times out at the very end that we like so much.

**Griffin:** Oh man, heart breaker.

**Rachel:** Who was engaged to another ninja.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Can't remember.

**Rachel:** Yeah, I can't either.

**Griffin:** There's the island ninja, Grant McCartney.

**Rachel:** Oh yeah, the island ninja.

**Griffin:** I think you're out at this point.

**Rachel:** I think I am too.

**Griffin:** There's the cowboy ninja. His name is something like... Buck Strongley.

**Rachel:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Rachel:** That's really good.

**Griffin:** This show, folks. I don't know why it occupies such a special place in our lives, but damn, it does.

**Rachel:** [laughs] It started as this thing that we just kind of did when there was nothing else to do, and now it's like... it's appointment television for us.

**Griffin:** I think the—I think it's the finale downstairs that we're—

**Rachel:** Oh, that reminds me! Survivor!

**Griffin:** Oh yeah.

**Rachel:** We also talked about Survivor. Very good show.

**Griffin:** Very good show.

**Rachel:** Very dedicated to it.

**Griffin:** I feel like it should be back on by this point. It's gotta be soon, right?

**Rachel:** Yeah, who knows?

**Griffin:** Anyway. Uh, I would like to end the show. Do you have anything else?

**Rachel:** Well, do we want to pick a wonderful thing?

**Griffin:** I mean... [blows raspberry]

**Rachel:** I—I mean, I feel like we should maybe go with the listeners, and talk about the woman that started it all...

**Griffin:** Carly?

**Rachel:** Carly.

**Griffin:** Lot of special memories.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** Lot of special times.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. We went to see her in concert.

**Griffin:** Touched her uncomfortably, awkwardly. Wasn't—I think it was just sort of like touching the sun. You're not supposed to do that. It was...

**Rachel:** She's had one or two new albums. Two maybe? To come out since we've been recording?

**Griffin:** Well, I think the—maybe the B Sides. Emotion was out, but B Sides I think came out maybe after we recorded. That one had Store on it. Had some great jams. New album took me a while to really figure out what it was about. And now it's really, uh... it's really won me over. Yeah. Yeah.

**Rachel:** So... first hundred episodes. Carly Rae Jepsen.

**Griffin:** Best thing ever, still episode one, the six notes going into the chorus of Cut to the Feeling.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** And here they are.

[‘Cut to the Feeling’ by Carly Rae Jepsen plays]

**Griffin:** I wanted to also do like, what did we miss? Do you have anything that you feel guilty that we haven't talked about?

**Rachel:** Oh man.

**Griffin:** I have a big one, and this may be... I don't know. The latest season of Are You the One was fucking great.

**Rachel:** Oh, yeah.

**Griffin:** The latest season Are You the One, which is a show that we talked about a couple times on, uh...

**Rachel:** Rose Buddies.

**Griffin:** Rose Buddies, where there were ten, uh, men, ten women, living in a house. Each one had a match decided by a matchmaker, and the whole point of the game is they had ten weeks to figure out who their perfect match was. And if they did, they won a million dollars. And there's a lot of math that goes into it. There's ways to find out exactly, y'know, if your



perfect match is correct or not. But it's like this big guessing game. It's like a big game of mastermind, but also dating.

But it got really toxic and gross, and so we definitely fell off... until this latest season. Uh, I remember like seeing a news article about it before the season came out, that it was going to be, uh, 16 cast members, and they are all, like, sexually fluid. And so, like, anybody could be anybody else's match.

**Rachel:** Yeah, they were all very open to dating anyone.

**Griffin:** Anybody. And it was so... like, I don't know, I feel like I was worried, right? That it would be a tight rope walk. And there were certainly still moments of toxicity in this cast, but it was definitely like, the most, like... the best people who have ever been on this show, like, in general. It had walked back so much of the bullshit that had turned us off from, not only that show, but y'know, like, reality shows of that caliber in general.

And it was just like a really, like... you shipped so many fuckin' people on this show, which never has—like, it has not happened to me in a long time.

**Rachel:** Well, and it was really exciting, 'cause there's a moment in the show where everybody feels like this is a tremendous opportunity, not just for us, but for us as representatives of this community that isn't on television a lot.

**Griffin:** Yeah, certainly not in this capacity.

**Rachel:** And so, they really—you could tell they really started thinking, like... we've gotta win this. This is important. This is an important moment. We've gotta win. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah. There was a guy named Danny who like, became sort of the mathematician of the—they figured out some shit. There was an episode where they just... I'm obsessed with the math of this show, right? There's a website called AYTOMath, where like, somebody breaks down like, statistically who was most likely to be this. And also, if you go there, you can

find out who has been inferred a non-match based on mathematics and stuff.

And there's a guy in the house who was like, figuring that shit out, too. Along with like... who else? Carey. There were like, a couple of people in the house who were like... There was one episode where they just figured out who three of the matches were, just using their fuckin' brains, which has *never* happened before!

**Rachel:** We have heard – I don't know if it's true – but that people on that show are not allowed to use like, paper and pencil. Like, they don't have any writing implements.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Rachel:** And so what they consistently do every season is say, "Okay, stand next to the person you were with in week one. Okay, now go stand next to the person—okay, how many matches do we have in that week?" And then they really like have to visually work it out.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I never thought I would be talking about this show again. And again, it was not like a season, y'know, free of problematic moments, but it was so—it was like... it was a good season of a reality dating show, which like, I legitimately don't think I can say I have enjoyed since we stopped doing Rose Buddies.

**Rachel:** Yeah. No, it's true.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's a big one for me. You got any other big ones that you feel like you didn't... you didn't hit? Any we're—what keeps you up at night, babe?

**Rachel:** [laughs] I mean, I don't want to burn it. I want to make it into a segment.

**Griffin:** Some of this stuff though, I feel like... I don't know. I feel like we're so late. Like, Good Place, I feel like, is my favorite show on TV right now, and we have not talked about it. White Claw we were so late on.

**Rachel:** [laughs] We were late on White Claw.

**Griffin:** You don't have anything like that that's... office chair. A nice office chair. I guess that's too much like a nice mechanical keyboard.

**Rachel:** No, remember? We went through the whole thing. Get Rachel a chair on our last pledge drive.

**Griffin:** Oh, that's right, okay.

**Rachel:** And now I have a wonderful chair, and I'm very grateful for it.

**Griffin:** You do. That's a special thing that we share. By which I mean you use it. I don't—I want you to know, I have never, nor will I ever sit in that chair.

**Rachel:** [laughs] You are welcome to sit in the chair.

**Griffin:** No, babe. That's yours.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** I would never.

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. Y'know what we haven't talked about enough on this show?

**Griffin:** What?

**Rachel:** I could talk about pizza a lot more than we have.

**Griffin:** Ooh.

**Rachel:** I know that we have talked about pizza, but I feel like it's not enough.

**Griffin:** Did you not bring pizza?

**Rachel:** We did. I think we've talked about it once, but I feel like there's a lot more opportunity there.

**Griffin:** I remember you felt so, um, bad about how basic it made you sound.

**Rachel:** Yeah. I mean, it's still like, one of my favorite foods. I don't know. I don't know what you tell you.

**Griffin:** I mean, you don't have to apolo—

**Rachel:** I'm owning it now. That's all I'm saying. Owning it now.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Pizza's cool again.

**Rachel:** I'm leaning into it.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Hey, thanks to Bo En and Augustus. For real, though. It's a great theme song. Shoppin' around for podcast theme songs stress me out so much. This one was just like... it was on a Spotify playlist that I had already like, put together, and I was like, "This song kicks ass." Emailed them, got back to me like, hours later, and we worked out—we worked out a deal.

**Rachel:** Perfect.

**Griffin:** And they were so cool about it, and yeah. It's a big—it means a lot.

**Rachel:** And thanks to Louie Zong for the illustration.

**Griffin:** Thank you, Louie Zong, for the illustration. So good.

**Rachel:** What a treat to like, get somebody that talented to do art for our podcast!

**Griffin:** I know. He's so great. Uh, yeah. And yeah, just uh, thanks to Maximum Fun, too, for having us on the network. It's uh, they have been supportive of us from day one, including day whatever. Like 512 when we said, "Hey, we don't want to do the show that we signed up to do, and we want to do something that is less soul crushing." And they were like, "Yeah, sure. Go for it." And that was cool.

And thank you to all of you. You all have, uh... this show is so fun to make. It's so good to make. And...

**Rachel:** It feels real punk rock to me sometimes to do a show that is this relentlessly positive in a climate that is so relentlessly negative. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah, I mean...

**Rachel:** I feel—I feel like... I feel like this is important. And I know that it's kind of silly, and I'm not saying that we're heroes. But I feel like... I feel good that we do this in this time.

**Griffin:** Uh, yeah. I feel like we are definitely on the rain slick edge of saying that we are heroes, and I'm gonna take a few steps back from that, and y'know, remind you of the time that you talked about baby beluga for a while. [laughs] And maybe that you're getting a little big for your britches.

I'm gonna sit here and try and remember what I meant by 'gentle ball hitting games.'

**Rachel:** Mm-hmm. That's fair.

**Griffin:** What could I have possibly meant by 'gentle ball hitting games'?

**Rachel:** I think—I think it was ping pong.

**Griffin:** See, usually, the website will link whatever we're talking about.

**Rachel:** I don't even think our web host knew.

**Griffin:** What if I Googled 'gentle ball hitting games'?

**Rachel:** Uh, I'm scared about what's gonna happen when you get your results.

**Griffin:** Ball... hitting... games. This is... uh, classic ball hitting games from MomJunction.com. That's not gonna be anything. Anyway... thank you. Thank you.

**Rachel:** Here's to a hundred more.

**Griffin:** Hundred more.

**Rachel:** Hey.

**Griffin:** Hey.

**Rachel:** I have an idea.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** Going forward...

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Rachel:** Maybe we lose that Home Improvement stinger. [laughs]

**Griffin:** I mean, it would certainly cut down on editing time for me. But we'd have to replace it with something else.

**Rachel:** Yeah, that's fair.

**Griffin:** Maybe a clip of the Quantum Leap theme song? Would that be a way to get...

**Rachel:** Ohh.

**Griffin:** Is there a good little cross section, though? [sings a tune]

**Rachel:** What about the... [sings a tune]

**Griffin:** [sings along]

**Rachel:** That'd be a long stinger, I think.

**Griffin:** [continues singing]

[theme song from Quantum Leap plays]

**Griffin:** [sings along]

**Rachel:** This is the whole length of our show now.

[theme song from Quantum Leap continues]

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**Jo:** We'd love to hear from you.

**Manolo:** Yeah, it's really fun.

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**Manolo:** Snorlax.

**Jo:** Pokémon?

**Manolo:** Yes.

**Jo:** Nice.