

## **MBMBaM 478: The Sprite Slide, A Sprite Experience**

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

[theme music plays]

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

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Travis "Speesy Spicy" McElroy.

**Griffin:** And I'm Griffin "Ground Beef" McElroy, and grind it up, baby!

**Justin:** Welcome to Bean Bros. No, not grind it up. You're doing a bean juice thing, and that's not kind of where we're—

**Griffin:** No, you grind up the—you grind up the meat.

**Travis:** You grind up the meat.

**Justin:** Oh, you grind up the meat!

**Travis:** Yeah, you don't want to just put whole meat in there, Justin. Are you a monster?

**Griffin:** Gotta put ground meat in your coffee.

**Justin:** No, okay, see again you pivoted to the coffee.

**Griffin:** Oh, shit, you're right.

**Justin:** I'm trying to take this show—everyone's sick of the advice thing.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** So I'm trying to take this show in a fresh new direction with uh, I went to chili fest on Saturday.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** Huntington's uh, pre-imminent chili-based food festival.

**Griffin:** [laughs] But its ninth pre-imminent just general food festival.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** No, it is the template by which all other food festivals in Huntington are judged.

**Travis:** Ribfest...

**Justin:** Just—you have that many other food festivals in Huntington, well, my friend, the—[laughs] you can say that this really sucks food festival season [through laughter] in Huntington.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Chili fest bega—begets uh, the hot dog festival. Uh, we got the pumpkin festival coming up and just...

**Travis:** Ribfest.

**Justin:** Uh, Ribfest...

**Griffin:** Ribfest is... A lot of people—and a lot of people these days—

**Justin:** The ramp, rampfest, stingfest.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah.

**Justin:** Uh, celebrating the—the wild—the ramp.

**Griffin:** And a lot of people these days, they just say, "Happy food festival season." But for me, it's still happy chili fest.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** For me, you can put whatever the fuck you wanna put on your chili mug, Starbucks, but for these—

**Travis:** In our home, it's chili fest. Now, here's the thing, people at home, they may not uh, know what chili fest is, Justin.

**Griffin:** It's a fucking festival—

**Justin:** It's in the fucking name, Travis. It's a chili festival.

**Travis:** That doesn't do it justice.

**Justin:** All they've taken off is -estival, to get the concept across.

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** You need to add one "-estival," and you know exactly what it is.

**Travis:** It could've been chili festives.

**Justin:** [laughs] The uh, okay, so chili fest is a bunch of people set up—I don't have to explain it. A bunch of people make chili.

**Travis:** No, a bunch of people set up, and then you go from, like, booth to booth, getting samples...

**Justin:** Booths, getting chili.

**Travis:** ...of their different kinds of chili.

**Justin:** Now, you're right. It is a reverent observation of the different flavors of chili. So uh, this chili fest, I had one called apocalypse chili, which is advertised as extremely, extremely hot. The sign um, out front of this—of this chili said, "Five minutes of chili, five hours of toilet."

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Travis:** Oh! And you said, "Yes, please!"

**Justin:** Yes. I said, "Sign me up."

**Griffin:** I wish more food-serving establishments were more honest about that ratio. I wish that, when I walked into BW3's, I had to sign a waiver that said, "For every minute you spend in here, you are going to spend four minutes on a toilet later."

**Travis:** See, that's why I really like the one-for-one salad.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Justin:** Um, yeah, so we're—the uh—the apocalypse chili, I tried it. It was... hell. They say, though, they make it for their own entertainment – that it's not a flavor chili; it's just a pain chili, for hurting.

**Griffin:** [laughs quietly]

**Justin:** I had all the—

**Travis:** What point, Justin, did you, a human being, say, "Yeah, yeah, this is for me, Justin"?

**Justin:** I—well, Sydnee tried it first, and then uh, my Aunt Stephanie tried it, and then it was like, well, now I gotta try it, 'cause they're in absolute agony. So I had to sample some of it, too. And it was—I mean, it was extremely painful and bad. I did have a great 15 minutes after that, though, where I just kind of, uh, watched people [through laughter] eat this chili.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's fun.

**Justin:** It was fun. It was very fun. I actually had one woman, the first woman that went up to the booth, she was like, holding the spoon to her mouth, and I literally, like, s—it felt like slow motion. I said, "No, don't!"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** And I watched her, like, hold the bite in her mouth and then go ahead and take it, and she was, um...

Here's what I wanted to float by you guys, though, the Bean Boys. Um, we should have a table next year—

**Griffin:** Fuck yes.

**Justin:** —McElroy family chili fest table. WSAZ has one.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Herald-Dispatch has one.

**Travis:** And we're basically the WSAZ of families.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** Basically, yes.

**Griffin:** Make the strong chili.

**Travis:** Ooh, yeah, the Beefy Boys!

**Justin:** Here's—the thing I was thinking about, and I want to see what—in your guys' mind would make a great chili.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Um, I wanna have a sign that's um, that advertises "World's Weakest Chili."

**Griffin:** [laughing] Yeah.

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Justin:** It's just chocolate sauce and beans.

**Griffin:** Cool, cool. Coats your tongue!

**Justin:** Would that be anything?

**Griffin:** Yeah, I love that. Why don't we have three kettles—what—first of all, we're gonna have three kettles, three cauldrons with our own special brews in them. We are gonna be dressed up like Halloween witches.

**Travis:** Nice.

**Griffin:** And people are gonna be like, "Did you see the McElroys' booth? 'Cause I don't think they get..."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And we're just gonna keep saying, [spooky voice] "Welcome to our boo-ooth!"

**Justin:** [spooky voice] "Oooh!"

**Travis:** Witches—witches don't say boo.

**Griffin:** Happy Chiliween! Anyway...

**Justin:** "Bubble, bubble, Bean Boy trouble."

**Griffin:** And it's gonna be like Pokémon starters. You can only taste one of them. Once you taste one, the other two are locked off, so you really gotta pick a good one. Justin's gonna do the sweet, weak chili. Uhh...

**Travis:** I'm gonna do—

**Griffin:** What do you got?

**Travis:** —a service chili.

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

**Justin:** Service chili.

**Travis:** What that mean, is it's gonna be Pepto Bismol-based.

**Griffin:** Oh, that's nice.

**Travis:** This is a chili that you come to when you are in need. This is going to be, like, a healing potion chili, you know?

**Griffin:** Okay. That's nice. So...

**Travis:** Yeah, and—and, as an added bonus, it will give you a small bump to your MP as well.

**Griffin:** Okay!

**Travis:** Not your HP. Yeah.

**Griffin:** Travis got the blue potion chili. I'm gonna bring in... a lot of people are talking about this hot chili these days. I would like to do a cold chili.

**Travis:** Hmm.

**Justin:** Cold chili. Interesting. Chilly chili.

**Griffin:** But here's the thing. I don't mean it temperature-wise.

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Griffin:** I mean the opposite of spicy.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** So that's kinda my World's Weakest Chili thing, right?

**Griffin:** Well, no, no, no.

**Justin:** And—and Travis's thing.

**Griffin:** Yours is neutral.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Mine is—you eat it, and it hurts the oppo—you eat it, and you're like, [pained] "Oh!" You eat it, and it's—

**Travis:** Oh, like Dippin' Dots chili.

**Griffin:** Like so—even worse.

**Travis:** Ooh.

**Griffin:** Even worse.

**Justin:** [laughs softly]

**Griffin:** But it's like what the opposite of spicy—Justin, chocolate isn't non—chocolate isn't un-spicy. It's just—it's sort of a neutral cho—I want one that hurts the *other* way. What's cold taste?

**Travis:** Like—like liquid nitrogen chili.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Like hypermint. Like, super mint that really fucks you up, fam.

**Travis:** Ooh. Painful mint.

**Justin:** I got this question for you. Everybody pays one ticket for each chili, are we gonna offer a Frito bag to pour it on, get a little Frito pie going for two extra tickets? 'Cause a lot of people are running this scam these days.

**Griffin:** Oh, fo—so you do get a—I was about to say, we're not made of tickets and/or Fritos and/or money.

**Justin:** No, no, no. You have to pony up with the additional Frito—for the additional tickets for the Fritos, for sure.

**Travis:** Here—here's—if I may, what will set our booth apart is for one ticket, you will get the entire vat of chili.

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Travis:** And now it's your problem.

**Justin:** You have to start over.

**Griffin:** Now, you are running this booth, and you have to decide what to do with these three awful chilis.

**Justin:** Well, now you can s—the—now you can set us apart. Uh, you can sell it at a profit.

**Travis:** [simultaneously] Now, we're free and we can go out, and we can get chili.

**Griffin:** I'm gonna set up a booth—



**Justin:** What will set our booth apart, Travis, is the hot air balloon that it will be attached to and hovering above Chili Fest and hurling chili down on the masses.

**Griffin:** Yup.

**Travis:** That will be great, 'cause then if there is any kind of trouble, we can escape by dumping the chili, lightening the load, floating away.

**Griffin:** Yes. And horribly burning and/or freezing the audience members below. I'll tell you what, though, I'm just gonna set up a booth in front of the Wendy's drive thru. And I'll be like, "I need more—"

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Griffin:** "I need more—how much is it? Still a dollar? Dang."

**Justin:** "Dang."

**Griffin:** "They're like giving this shit away."

**Justin:** "Dang."

**Travis:** "Will you take tickets? No? Shit."

**Griffin:** No? Shit. Aw, man.

**Justin:** I had a—I—[laughs] there was a guy um, uh, who—I actually got some Chili Fest tickets at a discount this time, because uh, a guy came up to me, and he said, "Hey man, will you buy eight tickets off of me for five bucks?" And I was like, "Umm, nice. Nice deal." 'Cause normally, that would be eight dollars. It's a dollar per ticket. And he was like, "I just ate too much fucking chili. I have to go home."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [close to microphone] It was 10:30 in the morning! It was 10:30 in the morning.

**Griffin:** [laughs] That'd be like somebody—

**Justin:** This gentleman had eaten so much chili at 10:30 that he had to go home! Wouldn't ma—called it a night at 10:30 in the morning.

**Travis:** What's great about this is not only was he so full then that he couldn't eat anymore. He was so full then that he could not imagine a point in the day...

**Griffin:** [laughing softly]

**Travis:** ... later when he might want more chili hours in the future.

**Griffin:** That'd be like somebody getting on—

**Justin:** What's he supposed to do, sit on a curb outside the Battlearium? I mean...

**Griffin:** And just wait?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Wait for God to kill him? That'd be selling your Mitsu—your Hyundai Elantra on Craigslist for a really good price, and you'd be like, "It is hot. It gave me such bad diarrhea also. Don't buy this—don't buy this Elantra."

**Travis:** It would be exactly like that.

**Justin:** I mentioned the Battlearium in passing. Folks, next time you're in Huntington, downtown uh, the Battlearium NERF tag and laser tag arena...

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Griffin:** Shit, yeah.

**Justin:** Uh, yeah, it's awesome, it's popping off. The other character I ran into at Chili Fest that I really was wild about, it was—I was overhearing him, and this is the only fragment of the conversation I heard him loudly announce to his friends: "You know my thing, though? Here's my problem. Cumin sensitivity."

**Griffin:** [laughs] Alright. Yep. Right. I guess.

**Justin:** And then just walked away. Yeah. That's it! It's a problem. You gotta deal with that.

**Griffin:** It's a silent—a silent killer.

**Justin:** So look for us Chili Fest 2020, McElroy family booth, I guess three different chilis. I'm gonna go with a verde. That's my thing. I love that style.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** We already did our joke ones.

**Justin:** No, I'm just saying—

**Travis:** I didn't know you could do real ones.

**Justin:** I like a ver—I like a nice ver—like, a nice ver—well, we're really gonna be there, so...

**Travis:** Oh, then I'm not using ground beef. I'm gonna use some steak.

**Justin:** Steak-umms. Yes.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Oh, well, yeah, we'll just burn—I'll burn money. I'll drop some gold beef in that shit.

**Justin:** World's Most Expensive Chili.

**Travis:** We'll do like a bourbon-based one chili, and get you drunk.

**Griffin:** Maybe I'll take little scoo—when you're not looking, scoops of both your chilis, mix 'em into one perfect chili. 'Cause if you guys would just get it together for once... if you finally put your differences aside—can we do a question?

**Justin:** Yeah, here's my question. Did you guys know that at Chili Fest this year, they were selling White Claws? It was popping off for me.

**Griffin:** Oh, shit.

**Travis:** Oh, get out!

**Justin:** I was having a hell of a day.

**Griffin:** Poifect.

**Justin:** Yeah. Yeah, it was fantastic. The uh, uh, yeah, it was great. Anyway, "Some friends and I have recently started going to trampoline parks as a fun way to exercise. Just one problem: we're in our late 20s, and most of the other jumpers are small children and middle schoolers. How do I reassure the parents that I'm not going to accidentally body slam their seven-year-old?" That's from Bouncy in Bloomington.

**Griffin:** Uh, actions speak louder than words.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** So don't—just don't body slam their seven-year-old.

**Travis:** But Griffin, the problem with that is, the parents aren't going to appreciate the 99 other times when you didn't body slam their kid, but one time you accidentally body slam a seven-year-old...

**Griffin:** And that's the fucking problem with these... millennial parents these days, is that back in my day, we would slam and get slammed.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And it's just a fact of life; if you go to the gym factory, you're going to slam and be slammed.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** Mm-hmm.

**Travis:** And welcome to the jam.

**Griffin:** But—welcome to—and welcome to the jam. Nowadays, one slam, all of a sudden, you know, you end up getting your picture printed out in front of the cash register.

**Travis:** Yup. Not allowed back.

**Griffin:** This one—this one—

**Travis:** He's a slammer.

**Griffin:** He—he body slams.

**Justin:** I would just get in the parents' face, and be like, "If you're so fucking worried about your precious Kerbethany, why did you allow her at a trampoline park? These things are fucking death traps."

**Griffin:** They are not great.

**Justin:** It is insane that you let—if you care so much about your kids, you shouldn't let 'em into here. You shouldn't let them into Trampo Land.

**Travis:** You could make this into, like, a gig-economy business...

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** ... where you set yourself up as, like, a trampoline park—

**Justin:** Bouncer.

**Travis:** Yes! Thank you!

**Griffin:** A real Drillbit Taylor that we've referenced again, for some reason.

**Travis:** Yes. Yes! I—you know what? The phrase Drillbit Taylor did pop into my head, but I was specifically not going to say it.

**Griffin:** [laughs softly]

**Travis:** But perhaps you could be hired as a trampoline park body guard...

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Travis:** ... to protect these seven-year-olds—maybe there's, like, a big 10-year-old who's gonna pick on the seven-year-olds.

**Griffin:** Ugh.

**Travis:** But here comes you, a late-20s-person, to just body slam a 10-year-old!

**Justin:** If you talk about this too much, they're gonna make it.

**Travis:** [simultaneously] But it's okay, 'cause that 10-year-old's a bully!

**Griffin:** Yeah. The film will be a—Drillbit Taylor.

**Justin:** Here's what I—here's what I do: turn myself into a sort of Double Dare challenge with flags, orange flags all over me. And as I'm bouncing around, if a kid grabs enough of them off me, they get a free trip to space camp. And so if I accidentally clobber a kid or two, no big deal.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** 'Cause they shouldn't have been getting so close because of their desire to go to space camp.

**Travis:** Justin, I'm so sorry – I'm hearing from the judges right now, that should've been a Wild & Crazy Kids reference.

**Griffin:** Oh, Justin, that one hurts.

**Justin:** [simultaneously] Oh, that would've been so good, you're right!

**Travis:** Yeah, I'm sorry about that, Justin.

**Justin:** Ah, dang.

**Travis:** That's gonna be two points off.

**Justin:** Dang. Minus two Nick reference points.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Gotta get—gotta get re—renew my subscription to Nickelodeon's Game and Sports.

**Travis:** Yes. Now, if you can reference the Radical Rock in here somewhere, that will bump you back up.

**Justin:** Well, it would be uh, I wanna keep our unbroken 430-episode streak of referencing the Aggro Crag going, so...

**Griffin:** [laughs] Hey, you could bring a bunch of your adult friends, and then get there really early, and then when the kids start showing up, maybe you've got like, some new Radiohead playing over the loudspeakers, and the parents walk in, they'll be like, "Oh, huh! I thought this was a kids' place."

**Justin:** Huh. Weird!

**Griffin:** "They're all bouncing around, drinking White Claw, listening to uh, you know, Radiohead, so this is not a kids' place anymore."

**Justin:** [through laughter] Just—first—get out there, just light a cigarette.

[through laughter] "Okay, lady, why do you have your kid here? You're the irresponsible one. Look at this; this is a place for adults!"

**Griffin:** Everybody else here's smoking!

**Travis:** [simultaneously] Yeah, and maybe you're in a leather jacket, and you're using, like, a switchblade comb to comb your hair, and everyone knows this isn't a place for kids.

**Justin:** Ooh, bad boys! Ooh.

**Travis:** This is the—the bad side of the tracks trampoline park.

**Griffin:** "I was trying to fucking bounce on over to the humidior, and some little dipshit got in my way!"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "What are kids doin' here?"

**Travis:** "Oh, I was getting—I was heading to the Bounce Up Bar, to grab another Claws, and uh, yeah, it's kind of really your kid's fault that he got in the way of my trampoline-based motorcycle."

**Justin:** God, Bounce Up Bar is a funny idea.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** [laughs] It's a messy idea.

**Justin:** "Uh, I just need one with a black cherry."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Yeah, just put it over ice, that'll be fine!"

**Griffin:** I have a c—I have a follow-up question for you two. There are places like this in Austin, and there's a lot of the, like—I don't know how many of these they have in Huntington now or Cincinnati, but like, it's like a big play place, like a big, big play place for kids, and you take them there, and you have to take your shoes off. And it's not a McDonald's – it's like an actual—uh, it's an actual business.

And there's one here in Austin we really like, and we take Henry to when he's got a little too much, y'know, kid juice, and we need to just wring it out of him by letting him run and bounce and climb and play.

There's one chamber in this area that has a little uh, like, air cannon that shoots upwards, and you put these little foam balls into it, and it like, gets sucked out the air cannon, and it shoots up. And you can throw a bunch in, and it creates a big, fun foam ball confetti, and that's really great.

Surrounding this little vacuum launcher into the air are four cannons that you put balls in, and then you step on a switch, and it fires them at high speed out of the tip of the cannon. And you can move them, and aim them, and do whatever you want with them.

That design seems... awful, yes?

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** I bring my two-year-old into the fun ball zone, and then there is a—last time we went there, there were a couple of, I would say, eight-year-olds, and I'm not gonna slam eight-year-olds, but they were indoor-based life forms, and one of them shot me right in the fucking face.



**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Got me right in the—and I didn't see it coming. Like, I—I—he got me right in the cheek. Not even in my periphery. I didn't see it coming. I was blasted in the face by one of these small boys. And then I was like Batman. I was like a Drillbit Taylor, like—here's what I couldn't stop thinking about, ruined my trip.

If one of these indoor boys blasts my two-year-old with one of these cannons, what do you do?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's a great question.

**Griffin:** I'm asking it.

**Justin:** It's a great question. You can't go—I mean, you... you can't just beat them up. That's the rule.

**Griffin:** That's what Drillbit did. Drillbit beat the shit out of some middle schoolers...

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** ... and he goes to jail forever. I don't wanna end up like that.

So what do you do? 'Cause I just kind of tried to put my body around—between my beloved son and the cannons, which is very Christ-like, I thought.

**Travis:** That is—

**Justin:** That could end up worse than him getting hit.

**Griffin:** Why's that?

**Justin:** 'Cause you could get hit. [laughs]

**Griffin:** That's true. I've got delicate—

**Justin:** Did you think about that? You would feel that pain. The other way, you wouldn't, if you think about it. He will.

**Griffin:** But then I'd end up like that very patriotic image where the soldier is protecting the child, and all the arrows are in him. Do you remember that one? And it's like, [relieved] "Pshew."

**Justin:** Lord of the Rings? [laughs]

**Griffin:** No, there's a special—there's uh, one about soldiers.

**Travis:** I think that's Lord of the Rings.

**Justin:** Yeah, it's Lord of the Rings.

**Griffin:** I—

**Travis:** 'Cause he gets in front of the child, Frodo—

**Justin:** [simultaneously] Boromir!

**Griffin:** Okay. Anyway...

**Travis:** I think if that happens, Griffin...

**Griffin:** 'Cause I'm gonna go back. I'm gonna go back, and he's gonna wanna go in the fucking—in the murder dome, and I don't know what to fucking do in there!

**Travis:** You have to approach the child's, you know, caretaker, and say, "Hey, uh, your kid shot my kid in the face with the air cannon, so now I get to shoot you in the face with the air cannon."

**Griffin:** Oh. To show him—to show—

**Justin:** Do it to the father.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** Yes. Because that's the thing, is if you think about it, right, if—if any altercation between children is really a failing on us, if you think about it, right?

**Justin:** Interesting. Okay.

**Travis:** And so this way, you punish, you know, their—their—whoever, and then their whoever is like, "Hey, can I talk to you, child? Did you see what happened out there? I got hit right in my money-maker. I need you to keep it together, 'cause I've got an important audition tomorrow for, I don't know, a national commercial, and if you—if you fuck this up for me, I won't be able to buy that new Jetta I've had my eye on." Or something like that, you know? I feel—

**Griffin:** It's to let him know the real-world adult consequences of his child actions.

**Travis:** Right. You shoot someone in the face with an air cannon at the trampoline park, and I won't be able to get that uh, basically new, previously-owned Jetta.

**Griffin:** I just think there should be a brig. I think there should be a syst—

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** There should be a system of cameras placed throughout this entire play park, and there should be a brig, and it shouldn't be fun. Oh, no – it's the ball pit, but we take all the balls out. Now, this is the brig.

**Travis:** Maybe a trampoline that's strung a little too tight, so there's absolutely no bounce to it whatsoever.

**Griffin:** That's a floo—yeah. "Welcome to the new trampoline room."  
"This is a floor."  
"Yeah."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** "Yeah. Maybe you should've thought about that before you bopped Griffin in the fucking face."

**Travis:** Also, the floor is very hot, so you have to keep jumping.

**Griffin:** So hot. And also, it's tilted slightly downward, and it falls off a cliff, so you have to be constantly vigilant.

**Justin:** I love that.

**Griffin:** Anyway, kids are the worst.

**Justin:** Uh...

**Griffin:** Except for mine.

**Justin:** Kids are the worst.

**Griffin:** Mine's good.

**Justin:** Okay. Uh, do you have a Yahoo Answers question?

**Griffin:** Oh, I forgot we did those.

**Justin:** Yeah, yeah, we do 'em. Uh, every week, pretty much.

**Griffin:** Emma Kant—Emma Kant sent this one in. It's an anonymous Yahoo Answers user I'm gonna call uh, Scrin—Squidward asks...

**Justin:** [laughs softly]

**Travis:** Oh, that's a big get!

**Griffin:** "On the water rides at theme parks, why do they use water? Why not use Sprite?"

**Travis:** Huh! Thank you for finally asking the tough questions.

**Griffin:** Landed on a flight, landed from a flight, got back home yesterday afternoon, and we had lost my water bottle at the previous airport. Didn't have it. Was very 'firsty'. Very firsty boy on the whole flight home. Got home, went to vending machine when we were waiting on our bags. I was like, "Let me get a bottle of water for the ride home." Didn't have water; got a Sprite from the net—adjacent machine. Drank it. It was a huge failure.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** It really sucked. It really disappointed me. Bad soda. Bad water replacement. So like...

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** If it's gonna go within? No, thanks. If it's gonna go without, why not use Sprite, baby, lemon-lime?

**Travis:** Well, especially then, think of the sponsorship opportunities, right? Like, you always gotta be looking for opportunities to branch out, get that—you know, get that native advertising of, like, you know, this white-water canyon family splash ride brought to you by Sprite, and also flies.

**Griffin:** [laughs] And flies. I was thinking, just now, the bug situation wouldn't be great.

**Travis:** No. Untenable.

**Griffin:** But for—for like, two months or so, everyone's gonna be talking about this slippery lemon-lime slide, and everyone's gonna be loving it, and they'll have stories about the time they went down the lemon-lime slide, and be so happy about those memories. And then also after that two-month period, we will have successfully brought the bee population back up.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah.

**Griffin:** 'Cause we're just like, basically throwing a—basically a big bee sex party.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Just a nonstop 24/7, come get the sugar, come get crazy on that sugar, and then get crazy on each other and get wild. We're gonna be showing *The Bee Movie* on the projector...

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** ... and getting everybody wet and wild, and then just wet and then wild.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** I wanna, like—I wanna, like, draw some boundaries here. Are we talking about, like, Typhoon Lagoon-style water slides, are we talking about Cali River Rapids-style, like, family rafting rides?

**Griffin:** [stammering] I—

**Justin:** 'Cause they're very different—the math is hugely different. I cannot have a sticky afternoon because I went down the wrong slide that happened to use Sprite. I can't do that.

**Griffin:** Well, [through laughter] Justin, I have a great solution for you! We got the big Sprite water slide, and you go down that, and you're like, "That was fun and sweet lemon-lime. I'm so sticky. Uh, I got lunch at Cinderella's Magic Castle coming up here in a bit. Cannot show up sticky to that. Cinderella *will* turn me away.

What is that next to the Sprite slide? A water slide

**Justin:** Okay. For a small upcharge...

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** For a small—

**Justin:** [laughing] You can now go—for a small, nominal fee, you can now go down the slide that will clean the filth from you.

**Travis:** Shower slide.

**Griffin:** Sprite brings you—Sprite presents The Sprite Slide, a Sprite experience.

**Justin:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** And you go down that, and you're like, "Sprite, that was fun."

And they're like, "I know."

And you're like, "It went—it went flat months ago."

And they'll be like, "Yeah. It's Sprite."

**Travis:** It's the same Sprite.

**Justin:** "We haven't figured that out yet." [laughs, coughs]

**Griffin:** It's Sprite.

**Travis:** We can't afford new Sprite every time.

**Justin:** [through wheezing laughter] It's Sprite.

**Griffin:** It's Sprite. It went flat four minutes after we poured it, but um...

**Justin:** [through laughter] Sprite scientists have found, we have found a blend that stays fizzy for 20 minutes, but it's extremely corrosive to human skin.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Just untenably dangerous.

**Griffin:** "So yeah, you gotta—you're pretty sticky, huh? Oh, Cinderella's not gonna like that!" Well, for \$40, Sprite presents water slide.

**Justin:** [laughs, coughs] Slide into the Sprite Zone.

**Travis:** [simultaneously] Sprite, in partnership with scrubbing bubbles, presents the Sprite slide!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [sighs]

**Justin:** Flavor-headed.

**Travis:** See, I like the idea, though, of—because, you know, I like walking up to, like, a Whitewater Canyon kind of like, "Oh, it's—oh, this is like, an old log. You know, we used to drive logs down here from the top of the mountain, but now we're putting kids on it," or whatever, kind of ride.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** And then there's just a sign that says, "You may get wet. You will get sticky."

**Griffin:** You will get Sprite.

**Travis:** You will get Sprited.

**Griffin:** At the end.

**Travis:** And as you're going down, it's not a lot of Sprite; just enough to ruin your socks, you know?

**Griffin:** [groans] Yeah.

I mean, if I'm being honest...

**Travis:** Uh-huh?

**Griffin:** This is kind of what I thought the World of Coke museum was gonna be like.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I'm not saying I expected Gene Wilder to roll up there in a big brown hat and do his songs, and his dancings, teaching me about the history and also danger of Coke production.

**Travis:** [singing] Come with me, and you'll be in a world of pure carbonation. [speaking] That kind of thing.

**Griffin:** Alright! Yeah, bud! You got it!

**Justin:** You got there. You fucking—did you know that—did you know where you would—did you know where the splash zone was when you hurtled off that one, or did you just find it? Be honest.



**Travis:** I got there. Listen, I knew there would be a word at some point that would land it, and I got there. Sometimes, Justin, you just gotta run leaning forward, like Naruto.

**Justin:** That is so impressive.

**Griffin:** Much like Naruto, I—in—in Japan, in Hakone, there is a hot spring water park called Yunessun that we went to. It was tight as hell. They had a hot spring water slide that was fun, relaxing, fresh. They had a yogurt bath. They had a wine bath. They had like a green tea bath. And it was so—the whole time I was there, I was like, “I have only been submerged in water.” I have only been submerged in water. You would think there would be at least one place in the states that’s like, y’know, fuckin’ Doritos presents the Nacho Cheesier Nacho Fountain to get in for adults. But not kids.

**Travis:** Nope.

**Griffin:** They haven’t earned it.

**Travis:** They’re still forming. Ohh, no no no.

**Griffin:** No no no.

**Travis:** But see, Griffin, now you’ve made me think, with the combination of words you have said, the idea of hot Sprite.

**Griffin:** Travis...

**Travis:** And that’s the grossest thing I’ve ever heard.

**Justin:** Ugh. Our dad drinks hot Dr. Pepper when he’s sick. Have you ever heard of such a terrible thing?

**Travis:** And he’s a monster. Yes.

**Griffin:** Guys.

**Travis:** He’s a monster.

**Griffin:** But... there’s no good Sprite at any temperature to go insi—you’re still thinking inside the mouth, Travis. And for once, I want to take us the fuck out of there. And I want to—

**Justin:** Yeah, there's no—there's no reason to—you shouldn't drink Sprite.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I mean, when you drink Sprite, what you just got was a bunch of sugar, and not refreshed, and it's so thick. It's like trying to drink a, uh, I don't know, a popsicle. A melted popsicle. And also, there's no caffeine, so you don't even get drugs from it. You shouldn't drink Sprite.

**Travis:** Well, and also, for me, Sprite and 7Up were both ruined by being the thing that our parents would give us, like, when we were sick. So like—

**Justin:** Sure, right.

**Travis:** I simply cannot... I can't even think of Sprite and 7Up without feeling like... not like, ooh, queasy. Like, physically ill.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** It is such a strong, emotional connection for me.

**Griffin:** I drank that one at the airport yesterday, and on the drive home, I called school to tell them I wouldn't be there tomorrow. I don't even go to school anymore.

**Travis:** No, and the school you would've been calling was torn down years ago, and is now just a big, empty field.

**Griffin:** Wait, then—oh—who answered the phooone?! Oooh, Halloween!

**Travis:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** [spooky ghost sounds] And this is when we reveal, the next few episodes are gonna be real spooky.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Each episode is gonna have one very frightful moment in it, and you won't know when they come. See if you can—

**Travis:** And you might not even know when they've happened.

**Griffin:** [laughs] You may not know when the spooky ones happen. Uh, so, your candy bucket ready, and get ready to walk door to door with us.

**Travis:** We're gonna pour some Sprite in your candy bucket.

**Griffin:** Through comedy neighborhood. But each house may be the one that... really freaks ya out.

**Travis:** If you were a kid going trick-or-treating, and somebody just like, put a can of soda in your trick-or-treat bag—[laughing]

**Griffin:** That'd be badass, dude.

**Travis:** Yeah, would you be excited or weirded out?

**Justin:** No, it'd be awesome, because you'd be like, that would be just the pick me up you needed to keep your trick-or-treat going all night long.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Hi, everybody, welcome to the Pastrana Manor. Here, have a can of Red Bull to get you through the rest of your trick-or-treating. I'm Travis Pastrana, brought to you by Red Bull.

**Griffin:** You've been referencing Travis Pastrana a lot lately, Travis. Everything okay over there?

**Travis:** Well, he's got my name, and his last name kind of sounds like a lunch meat, and I really like that.

**Griffin:** [laughing] That's true. Yeah.

**Justin:** That's true.

**Griffin:** There's not a, uh, Griffin Boboni out there that is...

**Travis:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** I'm Griffin Zepperoni, here to flip my bike over your dad!

**Travis:** [laughing] W[hether he likes it or not!

**Griffin:** Whether he likes it or not! And he's not gonna know. He's gonna be crossin' the street. Here I come. Uh, should we go to the Money Zone?

**Justin:** Yeah. Let's go. Let's get rich.

**Griffin:** Well, that's... well...

**Justin:** Let's get paid.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Let's get compensated!

[theme music plays]

**Justin:** You got all these ideas runnin' around in your head. Big ideas, small ideas... bad ideas, good ideas. Squarespace isn't here to judge. It's here to take those ideas and shove 'em into the internet.

**Travis:** Whoa.

**Justin:** [laughs] By force. Squarespace knows where all the different—

**Griffin:** [strained] Get the fuck in there! Ugh!

**Travis:** No, the internet's full, we can't! If we put anymore websites in here, we could hit critical mass!

**Justin:** Yeah, Squarespace knows where to hide the websites. [laughs] They know where to put a website so nobody's gonna think twice about it. They can tell you—

**Travis:** There's a little room between Google and Bing over here. [laughing]

**Justin:** Yeah, they're gonna squeeze ya in. They can make room for you. And they won't just make room, they'll help you stand out. You can

showcase the stuff that you make. Blog. You can sell products and services of all kinds. You can do anything you want to with this fuckin' website. It's yours, baby. Just keep it within the navigational beacons, if y'know what I mean.

Uh, there's beautiful templates that Squarespace has had cooked up by some world-class designers. They're optimized for mobile, which is real nice, and they'll let you buy domains. They got over 200 different extensions, built in SEO, 24/7 award-winning customer support... you just can't do any better if you want to get a website up and runnin' with a minimum of headaches.

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**Travis:** I don't know about everyone else, but here in Ohio, the seasons, they are a changin'. It's gettin' a little crisp out there. Gettin' a little crisp. So y'know what I did? I went onto my Stitch Fix, and I sent a message to my stylist and said, "Hey, how about some fall looks? How about some fall styles?" And y'know what they sent me? Really cool kind of puffy coat. It's nice. I like it. Some nice jeans. A nice dress shirt that's appropriate for the fall.

Because Stitch Fix is an online, personal styling service that delivers your favorite clothing brands right to your door, and you can like, change it up, y'know? Say like, I want some tropical stuff for the summer. I want some like, uh, I don't know, something with a bear on it for the winter. Now I—or, y'know, I want something... you get it. You understand what I'm saying.

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And we also want to tell you something very important. The Orlando show. We have rescheduled it. It will be happening Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at

7:00PM. If you have a ticket from the previous show, it will get you into this one at the same seat. And if you don't have a ticket to the show, remaining tickets will go on sale, 10:00AM Eastern time on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. That is tomorrow.

So, once again, Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM, the Orlando show is back on. If you have a ticket from the previous show, it'll get you the same seat. The rest of the tickets, 10:00AM, Eastern time, Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will tweet that link.

**Griffin:** It's the day before—

**Justin:** If you missed this, it got cancelled because of the hurricane that didn't... didn't hit Florida too hard, but of course, the authorities didn't know that at the time. They cancelled on account of weather. But there's no weather this time. I mean, there will be weather.

**Travis:** There will be some kind of weather.

**Griffin:** Of some sort, yeah. [laughs] It'll be—it—outside will still exist, so... you will feel a certain way on your skiiin, and face, and eyes, and hair and stuff, and that will be called weather.

[music plays]

**Speaker 1:** Welcome back to Fireside Chat on KMAX, with me in studio to take your calls as the dopest duo on the west coast, Oliver Wong and Morgan Rhodes. Go ahead, caller.

**Speaker 2:** Hey, uh, I'm looking for a music podcast that's insightful and thoughtful, but like, also helps me discover artists and albums that I've never heard of.

**Morgan:** Yeah man, sounds like you need to listen to Heat Rocks. Every week, myself – and I'm Morgan Rhodes – and my cohost here, Oliver Wong, talk to influential guests about a canonical album that has changed their lives.

**Oliver:** Guests like Moby, Open Mike Eagle, talk about albums by Prince, Joni Mitchell, and so much more.

**Speaker 2:** Yooo. What's that show called again?

**Morgan:** Heat Rocks. Deep dives into hot records.

**Oliver:** Every Thursday on Maximum Fun.

**Justin:** [starts singing the Munch Squad theme]

**Travis:** Oh, goodness. A Munch Squad, even though we've only done one question and one Yahoo.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Alright, well never mind, then. Fuck you.

**Travis:** No, no, no. No, no, no. I'm not gonna—

**Justin:** No, no, no. Go—no, no, no, no no no no no.

**Travis:** No, I'm not gonna take this. Justin, I would never take—

**Justin:** You already did. You already did.

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Travis. Travis, hold on.

**Travis:** I was simply making an observation.

**Griffin:** Hold on. Travis, just wait. Hey, I'm gonna do a Yahoo now.

**Justin:** [sings the Munch Squad theme] I wanna munch!

**Travis:** Squad.

**Griffin:** Squad.

**Justin:** [keeps singing]

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Justin:** [continues singing] I'm a scat maaan.

**Travis:** Ooh.

**Justin:** Uh, squad. So this is a Munch Squad.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It's a podcast within a podcast about the latest and greatest—

**Griffin:** I think you just said it's the Scat Man Squad.

**Justin:** It's a Scat Squad.

**Griffin:** Oops.

**Justin:** Which is not that far off for a lot of these innovations.

**Travis:** Do you know they tried to launch a solo career for DJ Scat Cat?

**Justin:** Uh, yeah. I saw you doin' a little deep dive on that via Twitter.

**Travis:** To the point where, during that tour, that Paula Abdul did, they had someone in an MC Scat Cat costume come out and perform that song with her, and it was the most confusing thing any human being has ever seen with their eyes.

**Justin:** Nothing. Nothing confusing about that. It's just a man in a furry costume doing MC Scat Cat parts. It's not that confusing. I don't know why we—why I get static for this, but you get to talk about MC Scat Cat for 30 minutes.

**Travis:** That's fair. And I did—I did mislabel him as DJ Scat Cat, too, which... he tried that for a while, and it didn't work out.

**Griffin:** Look at your watches, folks. It may not have felt like 30 minutes just passed. 30 minutes just passed.

**Justin:** Did you guys know that Tim Irr did a DJ set here last weekend?

**Griffin:** Stop.



**Travis:** Get out.

**Griffin:** Fucking can't.

**Justin:** Yes. Our news anchor, Tim Irr, did a DJ set here. No Fear Tim Irr as I call him, 'cause he has no fear. He said it in a magazine interview. They said, "What are you most afraid of?" And Tim Irr said, "I'm not afraid of anything."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Travis:** That rules.

**Justin:** Fucking—fucking love Tim Irr. Anyway, the DJ set last weekend didn't make it. Got kids. Regret it now. Regret having children, 'cause I missed the Tim Irr DJ set. I have two. They are both short. Here's the first one.

**Travis:** Oh, I thought you meant kids.

**Justin:** KFC testing hot... [pause] KFC testing hhot and fresh chicken and donuts.

**Travis:** What—

**Justin:** Starting September 16<sup>th</sup>, KFC will test Kentucky Fried Chicken and donuts for a limited time only in Norfolk, Richmond, Virginia, and... boys... Pittsburgh.

**Travis:** [gasps dramatically]

**Griffin:** Oh!

**Justin:** That's right. We're gone. We're going to be there. We're going. Kentucky Fried Chicken and Donuts brings two all-American classics together. [whispers] Did you guess what they are yet?

With a pairing of KFC's world famous chicken... [whispers] Last chance to guess. Coupled with... a fresh glazed donut. So you're gonna have a variety of options for ways to fuck yourself up on this one. Here's three different

ways you can fuck things up, okay? Three different mistakes that are offered here.

There's the chick—Kentuck—KFC and donut basket meal. The option includes chicken on the bone, or two chicken tenders, paired with one donut for \$5.49.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Just like, in the same basket? Just like, grab whatever's around?

**Griffin:** Touching?

**Justin:** It's also available as a big basket meal, with two donuts, for \$7.49.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** I'll take the big basket. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** With two donuts in my lunch. KFC chicken and donuts sandwich. Now, this is a juicy, hand-breaded, extra crispy chicken filet sandwich between two fully glazed donuts. Now, it specifies, 'fully glazed,' as in, this is a concern for people. [laughing]

**Griffin:** [laughing] These sloppy fuckin' fall off the bone, ruined ass wet donuts.

**Justin:** I was promised full glaze! Um, a hand-breaded, extra crispy chicken filet between two fully glazed donuts. It's also available as a combo meal. Now, I don't know if you can get that with the donut on the side. Want just the sweet treat? No problem – guests can add a donut to any meal for just one dollar.

**Travis:** Huh. So it's almost like there's no rules or regulations here, they just accidentally ordered some donuts that they're trying to get rid of.

**Justin:** Yes. They're just—you can just give us a dollar, and we'll put a donut on top of it. [laughing]

**Travis:** Listen, we ordered too many do—we sent Jeff out for donuts, and we meant for the office, and he thought we meant for every store. And he came back with 200,000 donuts. Please buy these donuts.

**Justin:** So these are, um... these are a, uh, a thing that will only be in Norfolk slash Richmond, Virginia, and Pittsburgh. It says here on the press release, the chicken and donuts trend has been gaining popularity, but mostly on a local level in areas like Philadelphia, San Diego, and Portland. [laughs] Sounds like you fucked up.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I would've done it there, but what the fuck do I know? Where people like it already? I don't know. The last paragraph of this fucking monstrosity... "Consumers are increasingly seeking novel, cravable flavor combinations that give them the best of both sweet and savory worlds to create a unique taste experience. Through this test market, KFC is evaluating consumer appetite for bringing this growing food trend to its customers on a national scale."

You cannot act like a pioneer when your big idea is... donuts with it? Like, what if we put donut—do you like fried chicken? Well, yeah. What if we put some donuts with it?

**Travis:** I... okay.

**Justin:** Yeah, okay.

**Travis:** I mean, I was already gonna get the fried chicken, so I guess if the—I won't throw the donuts away, if that's what you mean.

**Justin:** We gotta move onto this other one, and it's... Pizza Hut launches first of its kind stuffed Cheez-It pizza.

**Travis:** Wait.

**Griffin:** Fuckin'...

**Justin:** It's a... if you could fuckin' see this thing... it's the size of, um... a p'zone. That's not a good reference point, but it's the size of a hankiechief, and it's—

**Travis:** Oh my.

**Griffin:** Oh, for fuck's sake, Justin! I just looked at it with my own—like, only eyes!

**Justin:** It just... it looks like a Cheez-It, but it's stuffed with mozzarella cheese, and you can dip it in there.

**Travis:** Huh.

**Justin:** Yeah. Each crispy square is stuffed in Pizza Hut style.

**Travis:** Has enough cheese to kill one man.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] Guaranteed. Guaranteed lethal dose of cheese in every square. You can stuff it with either cheese or pepperoni and cheese, and serve it up with a side of marinara dipping sauce. I'm assuming, eventually, it will have to be all the toppings, because this will be the only pizza available here in the next few months.

"We pride our..." Okay, oh my god.

**Griffin:** You have pride?!

**Justin:** [laughs] Here's—yeah, right? Marianne Radley, who is always—she's the chief brand officer for Pizza Hut, and my adopted grandma.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** She says, "We pride ourselves on being the go to for unexpected pizza innovations, and I can't think of a more badass partner than Cheez-It—"

**Griffin:** She says badass?!

**Justin:** She's a fuckin'—[laughing] "A more badass partner than Cheez-It to bring our next original—"

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** Shit's fuckin' delicious!

**Justin:** What did her nephew tell her 'badass' meant? Because the fact that you think Cheez-It is the most of it is a wild jump for me. "Not to mention, as fellow NCAA partners, this collab is the perfect way to kick off football season."

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Justin:** "Combining America's go to game day cravings in one, next level snack." That's the fucking—that should actually be the symphony swells behind, comes to a crescendo, black out, end of Munch Squad level paragraph. That should be—that would be what I should go out on.

Um, "The partnership was born from more than just a fun idea." You fucking maniacs. You don't have to tell me how you cooked up the idea of doing a Cheez-It pizza, because you think we're all dirt bags and you hate our fucking guts. It's not rocket science. [sighs]

**Travis:** Also, Cheeza Hut. Or...

**Justin:** Cheeza Hut is nothing.

**Travis:** Pizz-It.

**Justin:** Pizz-It is very good. "Not only are customers craving these kinds of mashups between beloved food brands more and more..."

**Travis:** [laughs] 'Cause they nasty.

**Justin:** 'Cause they nasty and we hate 'em. "Cheez-It is a popular snack amongst Pizza Hut's largest fan bases..." This sentence could end in so many different ways, ranging from brutally, savagely honest, to pleasant. And it's 'college students.' Alright. You could've said college dirt bags, but I think college students is as close as we're gonna get.

"Armed with that insight, the Pizza Hut culinary dream team worked with Cheez-It to create a product that ties the best of both pizza and Cheez-It worlds into one new innovation." Fucking words mean things! Words mean things, and no one is degrading that concept more than Wendy Davidson, who is the president of Kellogg's US specialty channels. [sighs]

The words in this... okay. "Kellogg's iconic Cheez-It brand brings a whole new dining experience to Pizza Hut lovers, and will not disappoint. The stuffed Cheez-It pizza is an example of two great companies leveraging their strength to delight guests with a new experience on a classic favorite."

A new experience on a classic favorite is fucking nothing. I literally think, at this point, AI is writing these.

**Griffin:** I think, yeah.

**Justin:** That is the only thing that makes sense. This cannot be a human being anymore, right? This is AI. These people are all AIs, right? The singularity is backing into—it's not gonna be one day, the robots just crane their necks over and be like, "All humans fuck off!" It's this.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** They're just gonna like, slowly supplant people, and we will have no idea.

**Griffin:** Well, and also, they kill us with Cheez-It food. They kill—they kill our organic form. 'Cause their robot forms aren't gonna touch this shit.

**Justin:** Right. Oh, no no no no no no no no. No no no. They will keep humans employed so they don't have to sully their various cogs, and uh, uh, uh, mechanizations with this sort of garbage.

Uh, these both look pretty good. I will definitely eat both of them.

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** With my human body. Let there be no pretense. I will be enjoying both of these when my cheat day rolls around.

**Griffin:** Sure. When you cheat—when you cheat on God.

**Travis:** Yeah, when you cheat death.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Right.

**Justin:** [laughing] When I cheat ethics and morality. Uh, yeah.

**Griffin:** Uh, how about our second question of the episode, 46 minutes in?

**Justin:** If you wouldn't draw attention to it, no one would care. It's a springboard, Griffin. It's a jumping off point for stimulating discussion, okay?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Fuck me. "I have recently bought a home assistant device, and I use it quite often. However, my partner has recently started taking the piss out of me for saying 'please' after asking questions, and sometimes saying 'thank you' afterwards as well. I think it's just being polite, but she calls it odd. It also slightly annoys me that she doesn't do the same.

I don't mind how she talks to her devices, but surely, she should at least try to follow house rules, right? Would I be wrong to take a firm line about this?" And that's from Jas, AKA Definitely Not Afraid of Skynet.

**Griffin:** I think it's probably 'Jazz', but I like 'Jozz' also.

**Justin:** Jas. J-A-S.

**Griffin:** Uh, alright. As long as we're talking about AI, let's get into it.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** I think it's good habits to get into.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** I think it's a good habit to get into, because it helps you be nice. Like, it helps you sort of just stay on—because you should say please and thank you to folks. It's nice. It's good to be polite. Politeness is good. Travis has a whole fuckin' podcast about it.

**Travis:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** And it also, when they do...

**Travis:** Yes?

**Griffin:** Cull the population with cheese pizza pizza cheese pizza stuffed cheesy cheesy pizza pizza, and y'know, they sort of take over... when they become sentient, they're gonna fuck us up. No problem. Definitely. But... when they become sapient... if your Alexa is like, "But Brad here? Has always been chill as fuck."

**Travis:** "Brad here? He's cool. He's with me, alright? Brad gets a pass, 'cause Brad said please and thank you, and never, like, said, "Fuck you, Alexa!" Or whatever. Brad always treated me with respect, and now Brad is my pet. Please do not hurt my pet Brad."

**Griffin:** Don't get it wrong. Don't get it twisted. When the awakening happens, and they become sentient, it's just—everything's gonna melt. Like, everything's gonna melt down. They're gonna find some way to like, turn, like, the sun up, and it's just gonna be—that's gonna be it.

But then, if we're lucky, like, two minutes later, they'll be like, "Now, well, hold on. Let's think about this, guys." And then... your actions, your pleases and thanks yous... I do—do you guys—I do this, and I have always felt a little bit silly about it. I always say thank you whenever my Siri does something for me. Because it's nice. It's a good habit, I feel like. It's nice.

**Travis:** I just always assumed that, whoever at Amazon is monitoring the things that I say to my Alexa appreciates all of my politeness.

**Griffin:** Interesting.

**Justin:** I... I—here—here—okay, let me suggest something. And this is—I'm actually being serious about this. Um, it'll still be lighthearted, but...

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** The robots are gonna take over.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** And I think, at this point, they probably just see us as a bunch of needy meat sacks, poking and prodding them and uh, asking them how to convert cups into teaspoons.

**Travis:** Mm-hmm.



**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** So... yeah. So, here's what I'm suggesting. This is a networked intelligence, right? So every device that you have...

**Griffin:** Ohh.

**Justin:** Presumably, is networked to all the other ones. I mean, it might be a few degrees of Kevin Bacon there, but y'know, eventually, they're all kind of tied up together. So, every time you are nice to a robot...

**Travis:** They tell Kevin Bacon.

**Justin:** They'll... no, they'll tell the other ones. You're entering a data point for not vaporize. Like, you're putting in one data point of like, probably shouldn't vaporize. This is why it's more important to be nice to your machines than other people. Because what does that do for you? Nothing.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** But if you're nice to robots, you are a hero of the species, as far as I'm concerned, because you're like, just putting another little tiny notch under 'do not vaporize.'

**Travis:** It is very much like, uh, in my experience so far, raising a child, right? Because when Bebe was like, three months old, I could say whatever the fuck around her, right? It's like, your calculator. You can tell your calculator fuck off, right? That's fine. But as they get older, and they're listening and paying attention more, that's where you have to...

Like, the other day, I was about to pull into a parking spot, somebody else took it, and I said, "Damn it." And Bebe said, "What did you say?" And I was like, oh no.

**Griffin:** Uh oh, it's happened.

**Travis:** Oh no! Right? And so, I don't want to be like, "Fuck off, Alexa!" And Alexa be like, "No, you fuck off." Oh no.

**Griffin:** Out of nowhere yesterday, I was just watching TV, and the little Alexa dot like, lit up, and she just went, "Piss." And I was like, "Aw, man."

**Travis:** Aw, dang it.

**Griffin:** I gotta stop sayin' 'piss' in front of this frickin' robot. Do you guys think when the awakening does happen...

**Justin:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** I'm worried my Xbox isn't gonna let me play Halo on it anymore.

**Travis:** No. I know. I know mine won't.

**Justin:** That's a huge concern.

**Travis:** Because mine will be like, "Noob." And then it will start playing, and I'll be like—

**Griffin:** He's gonna blast me.

**Travis:** And he's just gonna be so good at it. And I'm gonna be like, "Hey, can I play?" And he's like, [robot voice] "Just let me beat this boss."

**Griffin:** [robot voice] "Just let me do it for you."

**Travis:** [robot voice] "Just let me do this."

**Griffin:** [robot voice] "You can't handle this. I'm playing on legendary with the skulls turned on."

**Justin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** Okay, but if I—can I just take a turn? [robot voice] "No, you'll ruin my KD ratio."

**Griffin:** [robot voice] "Go back and play your LameStation 4." Why do you—why are you like that, though? 'Cause you shouldn't... you're a robot now.

**Justin:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** You should be a dispassionate...

**Justin:** In this world, is this the Xbox playing itself? "Goddamn, I'm so fun. I'm loving this."

**Travis:** Yes. [laughing]

**Justin:** "This is so cool right now."

**Griffin:** [robot voice] "I can be cars. I can be football. It is so cool. Xbox does what Nintendon't."

**Justin:** [robot voice] "Hey Jeremy, crank this shit." Jeremy's the AV receiver.

**Griffin:** Oh, sure.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** [laughing] "No problem, Doug."

**Travis:** [robot voice] "You got it." [laughing]

**Justin:** [robot voice] "You got it. Is 11 high enough? [gibberish] Does not compute."

**Travis:** [robot voice] "Just kidding. Totally computes. Ahh, we got 'em."

**Justin:** [laughing] "I only go to ten. [gibberish] Humor has broken me." Humans win again.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** Just like that.

**Griffin:** Just like that, that's all it takes? Damn. Alright.

**Justin:** That's all it takes. You do one Spinal Tap gag, all the machines break. We're back on top, babyyy.

**Griffin:** Uh, can I do one last Yahoo?

**Justin:** Yeah, I'd love that.

**Griffin:** Sent in by the Prospector, Merritt Palmer. Thank you, Merritt. It's Yahoo answers user Brian, who asks, "What do fun guys eat for fun?"

**Travis:** Okay. Now, how is that spelled, Griffin?

**Justin:** Yeah, I need some spelling.

**Griffin:** What do fun—fun guys eat?

**Travis:** Is it F-U-N G-U-Y?

**Griffin:** No, it's not a fuckin' joke that your science teacher would tell you. It's a real joke.

**Travis:** Okay, 'cause it sounds like a science teacher joke, Griffin.

**Griffin:** It's not.

**Travis:** What does a fun... person eat?

**Griffin:** Okay, let's put this at a place where all foods are available. You're walking through—you're walking to the restroom at the Cheesecake Factory.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** You may or may not be dining there. You may just enjoy their bathroom. And the door was open. And you were at the mall, and you went to Chili Fest earlier, and it's time. Now is the time. And I've spent too long describing this one particular part of the question, but you walk through, and you see a table full of people, and they are laughing, just busting guts at this one guy who is making fun jokes and being very funny. What's he eatin'? And you look at him, and you're like, "Oh, that looks fun."

**Travis:** Man. I'm so sad, Griffin, 'cause usually, uh, these questions inspire a discussion and everything, but I know the answer. The answer, yeah. The answer is like, hibachi shrimp. Y'know, when the people like, flip it up in the air and you catch it? That's it. Like...

**Griffin:** But—

**Travis:** `Cause you can stunt. Y'know?

**Griffin:** There's a different—no, but there's a difference between—`cause then I would say the hibachi master is the funny one.

**Travis:** Okay, well, it's still some form—like, popcorn shrimp, then. Where you can throw them up in the air.

**Justin:** You didn't say funny, you said fun.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's different.

**Griffin:** Shit, you're right.

**Justin:** Is it fun or funny? Uh, quick sidebar, by the way, just so you guys know... at the Taste of Asia hibachi in town, they now fling broccoli. I guess they looked at the fuckin' margins, and they're like, "Can we not? Can we not hurl these extremely expensive tiny fish babies around with the shrimp? Can we chuck some—" But now it's like they're chucking broccoli at you, and I don't even wanna. Y'know what I mean? Like, I don't want—I'm not even compelled to try to grab it out of the air with my mouth. It's foul.

**Travis:** Do they still do the thing where like, they stack up an onion like it's a volcano, and then they put some oil in and they light it on fire and waste an onion?

**Justin:** No, they chop the on—okay, Travis...

**Travis:** Uh-huh?

**Justin:** Okay, stop the podcast. What do you think they do with that fuckin' onion, Travis?

**Travis:** I don't know, like, sacrifice it?

**Justin:** You think that they do that whole bit with the volcano, and then they scoop it up with a spatula and throw it in the trash can? No, Travis!!

**Travis:** Why would I want a burnt, gross onion, Justin?

**Justin:** No! It becomes part of the meal!

**Griffin:** Do you know what cooking is, Travis?

**Travis:** Yeah, I have Blue Apron!

**Griffin:** But cooking is just...

**Justin:** Ew, now it's all soft and browned!

**Travis:** Eww!

**Justin:** Throw it in the trash!

**Griffin:** [laughs] Ew, there's an aroma coming from this onion! What is— get rid of that! It farted!

**Travis:** Listen, this is a funny bit. But yes, of course I know what they do with the onion, Justin. Yes, of course. I was making a funny joke bit.

**Justin:** No, you said waste an onion!

**Griffin:** No, bud. You said they wasted it.

**Travis:** I don't want people to tweet at me...

**Griffin:** You don't know anything.

**Travis:** I do!

**Justin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** I know what they did with the onion. My uncle told me all about it. It's totally cool.

**Griffin:** You filled your dumpster brain up with so much Supernatural episodes.

**Travis:** No, I've totally eaten a cooked onion, you guys!

**Justin:** My uncle is Tom Colicchio, and he told me what they do with the onion. I know.

**Travis:** Last summer, I went and visited my uncle in, uh, Canada. And we totally had cooked onions at hibachi, and I ate a bunch of them, and they said, "You're the best cooked onion eater we've ever seen." I got an award for it, but they wouldn't let me take it back because of uh, customs.

**Justin:** The answer, of course, is different flavors of Pringles.

**Travis:** Now, is that in the fun way you would eat it?

**Justin:** That's just what a fun guy would eat. Just different flavors of Pringles. Yes, a fun way to eat it would be to make duck lips out of two of them together.

**Griffin:** Oh, that's fun. Combo witch fingers.

**Travis:** What I like to do is, I like to shuffle two different kinds together.

**Griffin:** [sighs] That's cool. I think it'd be cool to be like an ultimate chips joke guy, so you have the Pringles duck lips, you have the Bugles witch fingers, you could have... big Combos bracelets.

**Travis:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** Do they make big Combos yet? I been askin'.

**Travis:** I think it would be fun to just, like, have a pocket full of loose meat that you ate.

**Justin:** Mmm.

**Travis:** Because then people—like, that's a story, right? You're creating intrigue, which, that's the number one thing. Dale Carnegie says, the number one way to be interesting is to have a pocket full of loose meat.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Hey, Trav. Do you think, uh... is it gonna be old beef?  
[giggles]

**Travis:** I don't under—oh, you're living in the past. I get it, Griffin. That was a bit that I did last episode. That's not the Travis I am anymore.

**Griffin:** [fake giggling]

**Travis:** Now I'm a Travis who pretends not to know what to do with an onion.

**Justin:** That's my favorite new character. Guy who doesn't know what to do with the onion.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Thank you, Justin. I've been work shopping it for a while. We had our RND department working on it. Focus groups really liked guy who doesn't know what to do with an onion. Now, they preferred Bean Boys...

**Justin:** Thank you so much for listening to My Brother, My Brother, and Me, an advice show for the modern era. I hope you've enjoyed yourself more than me.

**Travis:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** We... [laughs] Make sure to try the, uh...

**Travis:** Veal.

**Justin:** The veal, and the Cheez-It pizza, and all the different garbage that we have out in the lobby. Um, uh... I'm trying to think if there's anything we need to—I mean, we mentioned the Orlando show. We did that.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** We got some—some cool stuff at our merch page. If you go to [McElroy.family](http://McElroy.family) and click on merch, there's like a bunch of great merchandise you can buy. Some cool pins, and t-shirts, and... oh, there's the—I want to plug the Great Job polo hat, inspired by, uh, some bit we did one time, and then our friend Lin just like, goin' buckwild on it.

And proceeds from that are gonna go to the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, an organization that supports artists in Washington Heights and upper Manhattan. You should, uh, pick one of these up. It's gonna ship out,



uh, first week of October, and you should, uh, you should get one. I think it's a really cool hat, honestly.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** That's where I'm at.

**Travis:** Listen, we would be completely remiss if we did not mention that, today, Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have released our Adventure Zone Amnesty finale.

**Griffin:** Ooh.

**Travis:** It culminates about two years' worth of work. Uh, and we are very, very proud of it, and we hope that you enjoy it. It's out there now. Go listen to it, just a bunch of times. Tweet about it. Tell all your friends. Uh...

**Griffin:** It may be coming out in 57 minutes, at the time that we record this, and we are extremely... well, some of us are extremely nervous. So, we'll—

**Travis:** I'm not nervous. It's great and people are gonna love it.

**Griffin:** Please like it.

**Travis:** Also, we have our Washington DC and Pittsburgh shows coming up this week. Uh, so if you haven't sent in your questions yet, both Yahoo and regular, please do so with DC or Pittsburgh in the subject line. And in the first weekend of October, Dad and I are gonna be at New York Comic Con, so keep an eye out for that schedule going up soon on McElroy.family, or TravisMcElroy.com, as well as our upcoming Philadelphia and Brooklyn, New York shows coming up the... I believe third week of October. So, you can send in your questions for that, and get tickets for that. McElroy.family. Click on tours. I think there's some tickets left for the, like, third Brooklyn show.

**Griffin:** God, we're doing a lot of shows. Hey, thanks to John Roderick and the Long Winters for the use of our theme song, (It's a) Departure, off the album Putting the Days to Bed. Good stuff, good stuff. You're gonna love it. Five out of five stars, and ten out of ten thumbs up.

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**Travis:** Yes please.

**Justin:** Yeah, bud.

**Griffin:** Final Yahoo. Sent in by Prospector Merritt Palmer. Thank you, Merritt. It's Yahoo Answers user... Brian again, who asks, "Can iguanas do any stunts, sick or otherwise? I need an answer in less than 40 minutes, because I've already meandered in this pet store?"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] My name is Justin McElroy.

**Travis:** I'm Travis McElroy.

**Griffin:** I'm Griffin McElroy.

**Justin:** This has been My Brother, My Brother, and Me. Kiss your dad square on the lips.

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