

MBMBaM 479: Face 2 Face: A Spectral, Horny Build-A-Bear

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

Audience: [cheering]

Travis: I am your middlest brother, Travis McElroy!

Audience: [cheering]

Griffin: I'm your sweet baby brother and 30 under 30 media luminary, Griffin McElroy.

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: I'm sorry it took us so long to get here, Pittsburgh. It's been a few years. Um, ten. Almost ten... years.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: And I am sorry about that. You're very close to my home, considering.

Travis: Yeah.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: We were here—we did perform in 2008, but the podcast didn't exist at that point, so no one showed up.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: We were all doing our three hander, 200 thousand Sundays. We took Billy Crystal's shit and went wild on it.

Justin: Man, that... that one crushed. [laughs] This crowd..

Griffin: [laughs] This crowd loves Billy Crystal!

Justin: Crowd fuckin' loves their Billy, huh? Right, so, we had a... we're staying near the airport, so we had a little bit of a long drive to get here. It's like 45 to 50 minutes.

Griffin: That was the most mass apology we've ever received from a single crowd.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Took a while.

Griffin: Yeah, we did it. Sorry. We fucked up.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: And the dude in the car... two things happened almost simultaneously. One, he turns on a radio station that I thought was a joke.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: It is all, uh, hair metal, cranked up to like, very obscene volumes. I'm talking Dokken...

Travis: Talkin' Dokken, our new podcast.

Justin: Talkin' Dokken, our new podcast.

Griffin: Chattin' Ratt, cause he—he was listening to Ratt quite a bit, also.

Justin: Ratt. A band I've never heard of called Enuff Z'Nuff.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Very good.

Griffin: Do you guys remember the uh, the like, late night promotional video that they would show that was like, all hair metal hits of the '80s? It's how I learned about the existence of More Than Words by Extreme, which was probably in there also. This person unironically bought that album and played it for us today.

Justin: And I kept looking at the clock, like, there's no way it's this far away. It's the same city. It's impossible that there are still 47 minutes remaining in this commute. Very early on, the guy looks at Dad's unwashed shirt... did Dad tell you he lost his luggage?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Is that—okay. He looks at Dad's shirt and the guy said, "Uh, Ohio State. Are you from Columbus?" And Dad said, "No." And the guy said, "I hate Ohio State."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Wait.

Travis: Anyways, remember to tip and review.

Justin: Yeah. It gets better. He points to like this Notre Dame media pass he's got. He says, "I love Notre Dame." And Dad's like, "Okay." And the guy said, "Uh, I was gonna go there, but I think I wasn't smart enough." I look at the clock. There are 43 minutes remaining.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: Impossible. Unfathomable.

Griffin: I'm in the back seat like, "Clean car, fun conversation..."

Justin: [laughing]

Travis: The problem there is, you can't—when someone says something like that, like, “I think I wasn’t smart,” you can't be like, “Hey!” Like, you have two options. Either, “Hey, you're smart enough!” Or, “Yep.”

Griffin: We don’t know you. And then we get out of Eddie Money’s playhouse and walk into the Carnegie Museum and Library. The cultural whiplash was...

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Yeah. It was... it was extreme.

Griffin: It was extreme, yes.

Justin: It was more than words.

Travis: Now, I took—I took—

Audience: [slowly starts applauding]

Justin: So, hi, welcome. I have two quick jokes for you that my daughter wrote. My daughter wrote these two jokes and texted them to me. I think it’s gonna be a hot new segment.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Jokes my daughter texted me. Actually, before I forget – Sofia, are you here? Sofia?

Griffin: There’s probably—

Justin: Hi Sofia. If it’s the Sofia I'm thinking of, you're 12, and it’s your birthday. I don't know why you're allowed to be here, but I'm thrilled that you are.

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Justin: Happy birthday, Sofia! Now. Here are the two jokes I was texted by my daughter.

Griffin: We haven’t heard these. I'm very excited.

Justin: What did one watch say to the other watch?

Griffin: This isn't a backdoor Riddle Me Piss, right?

Justin: No no no.

Griffin: Okay.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: What did one watch say to the other watch? [pause] Watcha up to?

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Now, that's pretty good. But this next one—this next one's on some fuckin' next level shit. What did one banana say to the other banana?

Griffin: There's a formula here that I... am picking up on.

Justin: Yes, but... get ready for the twist... what did one banana say to the other banana? That was an appealing joke.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: What?

Griffin: Whoa, holy shit!

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Sorry, what?

Travis: So, wait. Did one of the bananas tell the watch joke? And this is now part two?

Justin: We've zoomed out of the snow globe.

Griffin: Oh my god!

Justin: [laughing] We've seen...

Travis: Your daughter—so, your daughter has created a Stephen King-esque banana who has written himself into the narrative.

Justin: Right. [laughing] Exactly, right. Uh...

Griffin: [laughing] I want more! I want this to keep—

Justin: I know! Those are the only two she sent me, though, but they are grand slams. How about some advice?

Griffin: Yes, let's do it.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Do you think—

Griffin: We should start with a Yahoo?

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: Okay. [laughs]

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: I do.

Griffin: This uh, Yahoo was sent in by our very own Paul Sabourin. Thank you, Paul.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: It's asked by... they have a name, but the Wi-Fi has unfortunately failed me once again. It's because all of y'all appeared.

Justin: We almost tweeted, "Everyone please get off the Wi-Fi, we need to finish prepping the episode!"

Griffin: Uhh... it's—

Travis: You should be sitting quietly and patiently for the show to start, just staring blankly ahead at the stage! Picturing what it will look like when our three bodies are up there!

Justin: Our proximity should be reward enough!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: It's by Yahoo Ans—it's not worth it. It was Yahoo Answers user Squidgism.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Beg to differ, sir! Very worth it!

Griffin: At least, I hope it's a hard G.

Travis: That's what I was looking at!

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: Do you think old timey people, when like, paper was first invented, like, somebody had to be like... "Can we just call it 'ink' instead?"

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: [still laughing] Damn. I can't believe we peaked seven minutes in. Damn it.

Griffin: Yikes. Squidjizz'm asks...

Justin: Ha!

Audience: [laughing and cheering]

Griffin: "Cavemen ghosts?"

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: "Why does no one ever speak about ghosts of cavemen? You always hear people say that they saw a young Victorian woman or old ladies or soldiers." Those are the three.

Justin: That's the three ghosts.

Griffin: "You never hear anyone say, "Did anyone see that big hairy man/woman?" Just wondered if anyone had any thoughts about this strange, random, but oh so true question."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Oh so true.

Travis: Oh so true! Mm. Uh, the...

Griffin: Fuckin' Bill Marr over here askin' Yahoo Answers. "Isn't that poignant?" Sure, Bill.

Travis: Edgy! Now, I would say that the answer is obvious.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: And that is... unfinished business. And that is that cavemen have pretty simple business to finish.

Griffin: [laughs] I guess that's true!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Right. Like, I wanted to sneak up on that big animal. Oh no, the big animal killed me. Oh, now I'm a ghost. I *can* sneak up on that big animal!

Griffin: Well, let me check on what my—let me check on my to-do list for the day. Eat big... meat... hunk that tips car over. Check. Did that.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Go back to sleep.

Griffin: Drew some wild shit on a wall. Yep, did that. Don't get eaten by the big tiger. Ooh! Ah! I didn't do that one!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Shoot! Darn!

Travis: And also, they've had the longest to complete their unfinished business.

Griffin: That's a good point.

Travis: They've had a lot more people to help them. Now, when you get to Victorians, very complicated business.

Griffin: Oh, a lot going on in.

Travis: They had so much business to finish. Some of them were still trying to invent something that doesn't exist yet. Right? They're like, "Ahh, I'm still trying to figure out that jetpack! Ahh!"

Justin: Yeah. Incredible flying machine. Perpetual motion. Et cetera.

Travis: Yes. That, soldiers, and old ladies have the most difficult business.

Griffin: Right, sure.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Everybody knows that.

Griffin: The cavemen ghosts must have been fuckin' psyched when the meteor hit, and they were like, "Yeah, motherfuckers, we got you! We win! Ha ha ha!"

Justin: It's our planet, now!

Griffin: "There goes our business! We got that big bad T-Rex that was bothering us oh so much!"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: The timeline there is... is sketchy.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: I expect tweets every time I say... any time I talk about cavemen, I'm gonna get tweets. That's why I left Twitter.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs] That's why you left Twitter. Oh, the barrage of cavemen tweets! But you also can't get away from the siren song of talking about cavemen!

Justin: So, I want to hit—I want you guys to think about something. So, we all agree that we evolved from single-celled organisms, right? I know Pittsburg fucks with evolution.

Griffin: Sure.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: I know y'all are down. Down with Darwin. Uh, so we evolved from single-celled organisms. So, at some point, in our arc from single-celled organisms to homosapiens, there had to be a first ghost.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Fair?

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: Fair? That must've been like, so fuckin' scary. If you're like... okay...

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: Shh. Let me just get through it. Okay. "Gonk? Don't turn around."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: “And don’t freak out. But Sylvia is standing behind you.”

Griffin: Gronk and Sylvia?!

Travis: So it’s Gronk and Sylvia?!

Griffin: This—[laughs] This fall, we’re rebooting Dharma and Greg, but with a twist!

Justin: It’s a first ghost.

Travis: So, becoming a ghost is an evolved trait of survival. [laughs]

Justin: Don’t hear a lot of like, bacteria ghosts.

Travis: That’s true.

Justin: Thank youuu.

Travis: I do think about not a lot of animal ghosts. We don’t get a lot of like... I saw, y’know, a bird ghost. That doesn’t happen. It’s always human ghosts.

Justin: Well what’s their fuckin’ business? You want to talk about easy business? They’re done. They did it.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Hey, um, here’s a question. “Do you think I could swap out my usual lunchtime La Croix for a White Claw, and not get caught?”

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Justin: “The ladies in my office are pretty chill, and or may not even know I’m crushing a cold one. Please advise before I go buy a case.” That’s from Sneaky Seltzer Social Worker. Are you here?

Griffin: Wait. Are you here?

Audience Member: Yup!

Justin: Okay, good.

Griffin: Alright.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Well, uh, the first thing I would point out, which Griffin is now demonstrating... in a thermos, you could be drinking anything.

Griffin: It's water. [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Or is it... bone broth? It's not. It's water. [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Or am I getting jacked on bone broth? It's just water. Uhh... no one's going to notice. They are chemically identical, I would say.

Justin: Yes. I would say you should maybe buy one of the other brands than White Claw, 'cause those are starting to become the sort of Xerox of spiked seltzers. There's a lot of other brands.

Griffin: One fuckin' hipster with Justin, dying on this hill. Everybody else is down with the fuckin' Claw.

Justin: No no no no, don't get me wrong. They're not gonna be as refreshing. Not gonna have as many great different flavors. They're not going to have sponsored this episode.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: And if I'm not incorrect, also, laws will still apply while you consume them.

Justin: Laws still apply.

Griffin: Correct.

Justin: This is what you've forgotten – there ain't no laws when you're drinkin' Claws.

Travis: So even if you are caught... ohh.

Griffin: Do you think when that little meme started to go around, the makers of White Claw were like... [inhales through teeth] "Oh..."

Justin: "I wish you wouldn't. Uhh..."

Travis: "Are we gonna get in trouble for this? Is that gonna trace back to us?"

Griffin: Um...

Justin: Our dad likes Claws. Dad fucks with Claws. I love a nice Claw. I feel like it's the one thing that uh, me and uh, my 19-year-old sister-in-law Raleigh can really relate on.

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: It's like common ground.

Travis: Not that she drinks underage!

Justin: She got me—she's not—19 is legal consumption, you just can't purchase.

Travis: What?

Griffin: Is this true?

Justin: We were in South Carolina! The laws are different! Fuck off!

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: The point is this. I bought us matching, 'There Ain't No Laws When You're Drinking Claws' t-shirts.

Griffin: Aw, that's so sweet.

Justin: The sad—you know the fucked up thing about that? Those shouldn't be allowed to be on sale, because the more White Claws you drink, the better idea that seems.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: To buy matching White Claws t-shirts.

Travis: Also, if you were consuming a Claws at the time, you could just steal the shirt.

Griffin: Yeah, that's true. Damn.

Justin: That's a good point, yeah. Damn.

Griffin: You could actually just drink one Claw, and then steal a bunch of Claw! That's infinite free Claw, except for the first one!

Travis: I would al—question asker, I would point out that if you went out to a restaurant for lunch with some coworkers, and had like, a beer, it might not be great, but you're not gonna like, get fired for that, right? Now, admittedly, doing it *in the office* does change a lot of factors there...

Griffin: The math, yeah.

Travis: But I think it's totally cool and chill.

Griffin: Especially if you go, "This is La Croix!"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: It's a placebo. There's no alcohol in White Claw.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: I have a Yahoo here.

Justin: Okay, go for it.

Griffin: Uh, Sid Ross sent this one in. Thank you, Sid. It's Yahoo Answers user Alex, who asks, "In..." Hang on. Just hang on tight. This one takes a little bit of like, mental staying power to hang with it.

"If the owner of a restaurant points at your lasagna and asks, "How is it?" To show the table next to you, and you say, "Good." Then he goes? "No, you should say 'very good'!" And the table next to you, who haven't ordered yet, are waiting your response, so you say, under duress, "Very good." Even though it's not. Would you feel bullied? The owner doesn't even smile at you after, but the table next to you are laughing. What if I said the truth? Last week, it was much better, to be honest, or something like that. Why did I feel under pressure to say his average lasagna was very good? Was I weak fool?"

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Travis: [laughing] "No, you should say 'very good'!"
"No, not today, owner of restaurant! I won't say it!"

Justin: "I'm standing up to you! It's good!"

Griffin: Not bad. Actually, good is the lowest I would say to somebody about their food.

Justin: The unwritten bit of this is, if I'm at a restaurant, and the owner's like, "How's the lasagna?" Good is the absolute bottom of the spectrum that I would actually say to another human being's face.

Griffin: 'Cause there's no way to say... [laughs] There's no way to answer that question with a 'good' that doesn't make it sound like total dog shit.
"How was it?"
"Good!"
"Oh no..."

Travis: You could say it like this. "How was it?"
"It was goooooood."

Justin: You could do two syllables like Randy Quaid in Christmas Vacation, like, "It was goo-ood!" If you do that, then I'm gonna believe you.

Griffin: [laughing]

Travis: You could take it real low and go like, [low and growly] "It was goooood."

Justin: [low and growly] "Gooooood." Yeah, I believe that. I buy that.

Travis: "How was it?"
"Good?!"

Justin: Now, that's surprised. That's not good. "Now, normally I eat here, and it's real garbage."

Travis: "Y'know what? It's good! Whoa!"

Griffin: If you have a mouthful of this tall pasta, you could also just be like, [muffled] "Good!" And no one will—you're eating it. It's gotta be decent.

Travis: Maybe direct eye contact. "How was it?"
[pause] "Good."

Griffin: "French me. Now."

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Did you think that this is why Guy Fieri has to work in such superlative language? That if Guy Fieri dressed in his style, as he is want to do, walks into a restaurant and be like, "This chili's good." People are like, "Aw, fuck."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "Guy Fieri said it was good."

Justin: "I thought you'd like it."
"I do like it!"

Griffin: "He didn't say it was an astro-blast flavorgasm that sent him to the moon and back."

Travis: That is true, though, also if you're like, publicizing a writing—y'know, the menu for the restaurant or whatever. You can't just say like, "We have some lasagna."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs] "Do you want our lasagna? It's edible."

Justin: "Some. We have some."

Travis: "We have some. Is it good? I don't know."

Justin: "How's the lasagna? Multi-layered."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "Tomato-y."

Travis: "How's the lasagna? Available."

Justin: [laughs] "Reasonably priced."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "For the quality."

Uh, "The other day, I was sitting at a red light with my windows down, and I heard the person in the car next to me sneeze. Should I have said bless you? I say bless you to everyone I can, because it's polite, but I don't know the protocol here, and I still feel guilty about it." That's from Gridlocked Gesundheit. Are you here?

Audience Member: Woo!

Griffin: That was quite a delay.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Uh... oh boy. Nah...

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Probably not.

Griffin: I just—you're counting on a lot of things, and the biggest thing that you're counting on is that they are going to hear and understand and not have like this, like, fight or flight response reaction to being yelled at while they're driving their motor vehicle.

Travis: There is that, yes.

Griffin: If I sneezed, and someone yelled 'excuse me,' it's gonna take so much... it's gonna have to pierce through so much, like, mental conditioning that I've experienced in my life to actually reach my brain without it turning into like, "I'm gonna fuckin' shoot you with a crossbow!!"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: If someone yells at me while I'm operating a motor vehicle, part of it better be on fire.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: That is gonna be my assumption is like, "The bumper! The bumper, Justin!"

Travis: 'Cause that is the catch 22 of this scenario that, if you yelled, and I turned and looked, and you were still looking at me, that's a problem. But if I turn, and you're back forward, I'm like, "What?! What happened?! What was that?!"

Justin: I couldn't even process what you were saying!

Travis: That happened to me once when I was driving, and I still lived in Huntington, and I was driving to work, and I saw a woman had like, the gas tank open, and that the gas cap was like, hanging from the little plastic string, bouncing around. And I like, got up beside her, and I was like, waving my hands, and like, honking the horn. And I watched her like, roll her eyes and speed up away from me, and I was like, "Oh no!"

So what I did...

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: There is—there is no good ending to this story.

Justin: Yeah. You could guess for a million years, and not come up with something palatable.

Travis: I did what any normal human being would do, and I called my dad, radio DJ, Clint McElroy...

Griffin: Oh my god.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: While... while he was broadcasting...

Justin: Travis...

Travis: And I said, uh, here is the make and model of car and the road we're on, in case they are listening to your radio station. Please tell them that their gas tank is open. And he did!

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Justin: Hey, listen. Listen, let's not get down on Dad. Man had to fill four hours, six to ten AM every morning. Yeah, that's a gimme. My idiot son just called, and you won't believe what he told me.

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: I did not know that that was a power that was available to us!

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: When I was gettin' fuckin' speared in the playground in middle school every day, I couldn't call dad and be like, "Yo, get on the playground. Say that Jack Comack, seventh grade, he knows who the fuck he is, needs to cut it out, or else you're gonna get Tim McGraw to come down here and kick his pants!"

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: He couldn't cuss on the radio, so... he would say "I'm gonna kick your pants" or fun stuff like that.

Travis: "I'm gonna stab you in the pants."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: A lot of stuff like that.

Griffin: Another Yahoo?

Justin: Yeah, I'd love that, Griff. Thank you.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Hand to god.

Griffin: Okay. Uh, okay. This one was sent in by several people. Thank you, several people. It's Yahoo Answers user Jastin, who asks...

Justin: What?

Griffin: Jastin?

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: "Hi, Jastin! What's happenin'? It's my friend, Jastin Mah-cal-ray!"

Justin: When you buy the generic version of My Brother, My Brother, and Me, that's one of the three brothers.

Travis: Jastin, Tarvis, and Gorfin.

Justin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughing]

Travis: And I'm the brother who's in the middle! Tarvis McLory!

Griffin: Jastin asks... I can't say it! Jastin asks, "My teacher is having me keep a lemon on me for the next month. What is he trying to teach me?"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "So, in my class, my teacher is having us keep a lemon with us. He says not to put it in the fridge, not to leave it in the car, or it'll get icky. Just to keep it on our person. He says that we may or may not understand what it means. He showed us his extremely hard lemon he has kept for 20 years."

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "Any ideas on what this lemon is supposed to mean?"

Justin: Okay, let's roll through the possibilities. One, extremely cynical person trying to give you a lesson in childcare.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: This is what it's like, folks. It's a lemon that you can't throw away.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: 'Til it's hard and withered.

Travis: And you can't leave it in the car, or put it in the fridge.

Justin: Have to keep this lemon with you all the time.

Griffin: Now... it's filled with delicious juice... but you cannot squeeze!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: It's also possible that this teacher just was like, cleaning out the fridge, and found a rock hard, old lemon and was like, "I'm gonna fuck with these kids."

Griffin: Yeah. This is bad produce, but a good teaching moment.

Travis: Because maybe the thing that they learn that it means is, don't trust teachers.

Griffin: Yeah. I can confuse them so much that they won't notice the syllabus was only one month long. I'm really flyin' by the seat of my pants.

Travis: 'Cause they're gonna say something like, "When you become an adult, you'll figure out what your lemon is." And then they'll wait and hope that everyone starts nodding.

Griffin: [laughs] There's a sentence in here. If you're a teacher, and you're doing a project like this, and you say the words, "You may or may not understand what it means." You're a fucking bad teacher.

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Griffin: "Hey, kids, go out there and read, uh... I want you to read Old Man in the Sea by Sunday."

"Uh, Sunday? Okay, that's weird. We don't have school on Sundays, but fine."

Monday morning, like, "So, it's a fishing book, right?"
[laughs] "I don't know. I never understood it. I was..."

Travis: You understanding it is up to you. I don't know what you want me to do. Teach you about it?

Justin: I like it. It's like abstract teaching. Like, "I don't know, what did you learn from it?" Just something you can take away.

Travis: "Hey, I don't understand this math problem."
"That's how it works sometimes."

Justin: That's life, kiddo. I don't know what to tell ya.

Travis: "Hey, we've all got lemons."

Justin: [laughs] Did you say limits or lemons?

Travis: Eh. [laughs] Sometimes the lemons are your limits. And that's my new show, Lemonless.

Griffin: That's fun. [laughing]

Justin: I don't think so. I don't think that's actually permitted.

Griffin: That's fun.

Travis: It's the thing where he reaches in his pocket, he's like, "I left my lemon at home!" And that's like, every episode, that happens.

Griffin: It's not a good show.

Travis: It's not a good show, but it'll run for three seasons.

Griffin: Do lemons just get hard? Like, 20 years?

Travis: How excited are they?

[pause]

Justin: Come on.

Griffin: Go, go, go. Do the next thing.

Justin: "I am good friends with my manager. One of the things we do together is check out the local rib fests near our workplace, and go after work. We had planned to attend the upcoming rib fest in Waterloo, Ontario..."

Griffin: Y'all have more than one rib—

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Okay, I guess y'all have more than one rib fest.

Justin: Are you from Waterloo, Ontario, or looove ribs? Uh, "But it turned out my manager forgot he had a wedding to go to later that day."

Travis: Whoa! That's a big slip!

Justin: Yeah. "I suggested he could still—"

Griffin: It was his wedding. [laughing]

Justin: "I suggested he could still come and take the ribs to go."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "Brothers, can you bring your own food to a wedding? If so, are ribs okay?" And that's from Just Marinated.

Griffin: That's fun.

Justin: That's pretty good.

Griffin: Now, are you... are you here?

Audience Member: Here!

Griffin: Oh, close. Hello.

Travis: Oh, thank you!

Griffin: Thank you.

Travis: What people don't know is we're calling attendance up here, and that's the first time.

Justin: You'll all get a turn. We're gonna ask all of you.

Travis: I do not know if you can bring your own food to a wedding, but I would posit, the ribs are right up there with the worst option to choose.

Griffin: Right, yeah. If we're gonna start making this part of the social consciousness of America, we need to start with a Hot—

Travis: The sloppiest.

Griffin: A Hot Pocket you have in the breast pocket of your jacket.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Is there a time between now and the wedding for your manager to develop with the bride and groom, a sort of in-joke about ribs?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: To where it would be kind of cute and sweet to bring a bunch of ribs to the wedding? Like, "Oh, you remembered! From last Wednesday, when

we were talking about ribs in a conversation that, if I remember, you were really the driving force of."

Travis: Maybe you could just text them like, "Wouldn't it be funny if I brought ribs to your wedding?" And then you do it, and like, "No, it wasn't. But anyways... om nom nom nom!"

Griffin: Are we talking about the reception or the ceremony?

Justin: This is a good question, Griffin.

Griffin: If I went to a rib festival and ate a bunch of ribs, and then went to a wedding right after, the thought that I would be unable to perish from my mind... it would become an obsession. While I was there is... don't touch that wedding dress.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: And I would have no reason to touch the wedding dress in the first place. I've never had that temptation before. But if I had that KC Masterpiece all over my fingies...

Justin: Sure, yeah. The... I don't know the moment of the whole thing where you think to yourself, "Now it's a good time to eat my ribs." I don't know what—I mean, the big play is like... [sings the wedding march] Dunnn dun dun duh... and everybody like, looks to the bride, and you're like, "Hell yeah, here I go. Someone hold my belt, I'm goin' in."

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: [laughing] Well, if you're standing at like, the pulpit... that's a perfect time! No one's looking, baby!

Travis: If you're at the back, it doesn't work so good.

Griffin: There—there's one person that can do that. It's the officiate. If you're the officiate, you could eat ribs, 'cause that's the one time nobody's lookin' at you.

Justin: Nobody's lookin' in that direction. You're fine.

Travis: To be fair though, if you were the officiate, everyone look back as the bride comes in, look back, you've got sauce all over your face?

Griffin: Sticky face! [laughing]

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: I missed lunch, dearly beloved, shut up!

Griffin: Oh boy. What if, though?

Travis: [laughs] Because here's the thing – even if you didn't eat them at the wedding, if you rolled up with Styrofoam container of ribs, they're like, "What are you doing?" Like, "Don't worry, these are for later."

Griffin: Yeah. Or you would ruin—you would ruin their wedding if you said to them, "Don't worry, I'm gonna eat these ribs at some point, and you won't even notice." I'm on you like fuckin' Slylock Fox my entire special day.

Travis: [laughing]

Griffin: Rachel could've been walking down the aisle. If I knew somebody was trying to eat secret ribs, it would've been...

Justin: That's your whole day.

Travis: Especially if they just like, slipped a note under your like, dressing room door, that was just like, "You don't know who I am, but I'll be in the crowd eating ribs."

Griffin: I'm gonna be scannin' that shit like Terminator, like... "Nonny? Ohh Nonny!"

Travis: "No, I was just getting a tissue."

Griffin: Sure, sure. Yeah.

Justin: What if you did know the person? That would be the best. It's like, secret—

Travis: That's what I'm saying.

Justin: Hey, uh—[makes beeping sounds]

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: It just popped right up.

Justin: It just popped right up. It's a Haunted Doll Watch. I got a twist for you, though – no dolls this time. Uh, I know. Right? Welcome. It's a treat just for you, Pittsburg. Gets to the, uh... see, here's the problem with the haunted doll game. There's 800 listed, and five people are selling them.

Griffin: Can I... can I guess? Is it a haunted train set?

Justin: Uh, no sir. This is a female spirit companion seduction pendants.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Hey, uh, J-Man? There are a lot of words in there that, together, do not form a coherent idea.

Griffin: [laughs] And can I say – I don't know what the object is that's being sold!

Justin: Perfect. Um, this listing is heteronormative, so I'm gonna say, anybody's spirit companion seduction pendant.

Travis: Hey, that's very open minded of you. Thanks for making this terrible thing you're about to read applicable to everyone. Now we are all complicit in this.

Griffin: You thought you were safe. No, sit in it! You might want to fuck this pendant! We don't know, you don't know!

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: Spirit companion seduction necklace. Here is the listing that I'm going to read to you, verbatim. "These guys will be pleased to meet you."

Travis: Whoa!

Griffin: There's more than one in the necklace?!

Justin: "These spirits are looking for a companion. Being a spirit can get lonely. That is why they are looking for a special someone who can give them attention, and I promise they will also attend to you and your needs."

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: So Dan Akroid, if you're reading this...

Justin: "These spirits are very sexual."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Ahh!!

Justin: "And looking for intimacy."

Travis: Oh, that's nice.

Justin: This is my favorite. "Tell me what you are looking for in a companion, and I will find one that will suit your needs." This person's—the fiction that this person has crafted is, I have a wide array of horny ghosts, trapped in necklaces.

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: You tell me what you're looking for, and I will Match.gross, and I will find one for you to enjoy.

Griffin: It's like a spectral, horny Build-A-Bear situation.

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Justin: "I will send you one that is everything you had hoped for and more. They are deeply intimate, caring, and love spirit who need a special someone to call their very own. They thrive on your pleasure."

Griffin: Fuck!

Travis: Ohhhh nooooooooo!!

Justin: “And will do anything in their power to make you happy.”

Griffin: Holy shit!

Travis: That’s terrifying!

Justin: Yeah, ghost powers. “They are also powerful protectors, and will ensure that “no one will ever hurt you again.”” That’s a fucking tall order for a necklace ghost.

Griffin: And also—

Travis: Hey, Sam? Can I read back what I've written here, and you let me know if this sounds okay? Does this sound like the ghost is gonna kill them? It sounds like the ghost is gonna kill them, right? Oh. I already hit send. Whoops.

Griffin: Whoops. Uh, just a quick update – this is where it got sad for me.

Justin: Uh, okay. I was curious. “They will block anything negative from coming your way. Choose necklace style.”

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Oh!

Justin: That’s nice.

Travis: That’s great.

Justin: Nice. You would think the ghost in the necklace would be kind of entwined, but I guess...

Griffin: [laughs] This sexual necklace will make me essentially immortal, bulletproof, and will make me orgasm every single night... but... it’s a little dangly for my tastes.

Justin: “Hey, that’s a beautiful necklace. Is that jade, or opal, or Greg?”

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "It's Greg. My boyfriend."

Griffin: "It's a princess cut Greg."

Justin: "You will get spirit necklace, charging pouch, and..."

Griffin: Charging pouch?!

Travis: What? You have to recharge your sex ghost?!

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: Sorry.

Griffin: "Greg, I'm just not feeling it tonight."
"Put me in the pooouch, Sheilaaa..."

Travis: "Greg ghost so fleeting..."

Griffin: This is fucked up. I put my iPhone 11 on your sex necklace charging pouch, and it got to full battery instantly.

Justin: "As a buyer, you are purchasing the jewelry only. The infused energies are a free gift." [laughing]

Griffin: [laughs] Oh, that's how they getcha, isn't it?

Justin: "All of our items are authentic and powerful. The end."

Griffin: Alright.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Alright. I have another question here. Let me find a good one.

Audience Member: How much?

Griffin: How much for the doll?

Justin: Oh, thank you! It's the worst part.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: It costs... and I kid you not... \$68.

Audience: [laughs and boos]

Griffin: Fucker. So, is it a bidding war? Can we bump that shit up a little bit?

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Buy it now, baby. Buy it now.

Griffin: And Justin, I have to ask you another question, and this one is arguably the most important. Uh... what does it list the condition as? Because if it's—

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Anywhere near 'used...'

Justin: Uh...

Griffin: Even 'like new' is pushing it a little bit for my...

Justin: Okay, I got another question for you.

[Munch Squad theme begins]

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Two in a row?

Justin: It wasn't me. [Munch Squad theme continues] It's not me. Paul?

Paul: [Munch Squad theme continues] I wanna munch!

Audience: Squad!!

Paul: [singing] I want to munch!

Audience: Squad!

Paul: Ladies and gentlemen, this is tour manager Paul, breaking in with an unprecedented...

Audience: [cheers]

Paul: Munch Squad, special update edition!

Justin: I'm so glad they're here. Go ahead, Paul. If you could just...

Paul: A podcast within a podcast, nestled within another podcast.

Griffin: [laughs]

Paul: Uh, many of you are aware, as has been noted on a previous edition of Munch Squad, Kentucky Fried Chicken's entrée...

Audience: [cheers]

Paul: ... into the chicken sandwich ongoing wars of 2019, with the Kentucky Fried Chicken and donut sandwich... that, of course, being...

Griffin: Did you bring us these sandwiches, Paul?

Audience: [cheers]

Paul: Well... KFC had been test marketing these sandwiches in three cities across America. Norfolk, Virginia, Richmond, Virginia... and Pittsburg, PA!

Audience: [cheers loudly]

Justin: I... wait, wait, wait. Sorry. Is that... pride?

Griffin: [laughs]

Audience: [cheering]

Travis: This is not an exaggeration – I can smell them.

Griffin: I can smell them now!

Justin: I can smell them literally from here! Come on, Paul! Come on!

Paul: It was strongly suggested to me, meaning, Justin threatened to fire me if I didn't bring you guys some sandwiches.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: Oh, it's so heavy!

Justin: Okay, when I talked to Paul about this, this was such a better idea when, A. They were hot.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: B. I wasn't talking for a professionally. So this is the sandwich...

Griffin: C. We hadn't just eaten dinner back stage.

Justin: This is the sandwich...

Griffin: Oh, it's two? I thought it would at least be one donut cut in half. It's two whole donuts, fam.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: There is—

Travis: I'm upset by how dry the donut—it looks like a bagel!

Justin: I want to warn you guys – there's a sauce, and I can't fathom why that would be the case.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Um...

Travis: And we will not eat it into the microphone, because we love you

Griffin: Yeah, you're not gonna simulate what it's like for me every time we sit down to record a podcast.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Oh, god! Why is it gooshing out the bottom?!

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: Oh no!

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Oh no!!

Travis: There's a lot of Squidgism down here!

Justin: Oh my god, I don't want to do this!

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: Okay...

Travis: Okay, uh... audience, would you count down from three, please?

Justin: Three...

Audience: Three, two, one! [cheers]

Griffin: I'm not gonna take a second fuckin' bite.

Justin: No, that's all I can do.

Griffin: Uh, my instant reaction is, how did they fuck that up? It's two donuts and a chicken waffle, and it is like eating a sand dune.

Travis: That is, by far, the blandest donut... a donut!!

Griffin: It's a donut, Colonel!

Travis: And it has no flavor to it! All of the flavor seeped out the bottom, like the sugar was trying to escape!

Griffin: Paul, do you want a bite?

Justin: You want a bite, Paul?

Paul: I uh... I... I... sorry, I probably should've mentioned something. I buried the lead a little bit. Um... they had a special deal running. When you buy three, you get 97 more.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Hold on, wait! Just hold on, wait! Hold on! It may just be empty boxes.

Paul: No, they're real.

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Travis: Would anybody like one?

Paul: As much as I would love to see you guys eat 100 of these... these are gonna be out by the merch table immediately following the show. They will be free with purchase, or without purchase, just get them the fuck out of this building.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Thank—thank you, Paul.

Griffin: Thank you, Paul.

Justin: Thanks, Amanda.

Griffin: We did not really get Justin's take on it. No, keep it there. I want to remember.

Justin: Yeah. No, it's funnier in concept. Paul, I am gonna need more white wine, my dude. I assume that's obvious. You're also fired. But if—

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: You could bring the white wine first... that would be, um... uh, that would be great.

Travis: I was honestly really excited about it.

Griffin: I was kind of, too.

Justin: I was kind of a little bit—thank you, Paul.

Griffin: What was your review, Justin? You didn't tell us. You're the fuckin' Munch Squad captain.

Travis: Munch God.

Griffin: You're the Munch God. Thank you.

Justin: In short... not delicious.

Griffin: Not good. [laughing]

Justin: It feels—I've dulled the receptors that say like, not food. Not food. But it actually triggered them with this. But if I have to give you my longer review...

Griffin: Right.

Justin: [inhales] Faaaaarm Wisdooom!

Griffin: What the fuck is happening?!

Justin: [singing] Farm Wisdom! Eat a donut, and then go to Farm Wisdom! I snuck all of 'em in. I wanted to treat you guys, and Pittsburg. We've never been here before! I wanted to give you all the hits!

Travis: Yeah, but I went through the work of finding questions, and you could've just said, "Find one."

Justin: Okay, but... first of all, we've done a lot of questions. Don't be that way. Hey, how about—how about I let you read them? This comes to us

from Must Be the Milk. I need to drink some white wine. It's from Must Be the Milk. We just got some, uh, some farm wisdom, and I'll let Travis kind of share some of these greatest hits with you. They just start with—

Griffin: Wow, that's a lot of farm wisdom.

Travis: Huh. I like that this is...

Justin: Talk into the microphone so they can hear you.

Griffin: Yeah, the microphone.

Travis: This is a fact listed here. "White cows are bad luck."

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Based on what? "Life is simpler when you plow around the stump." That also sounds like a Big Johnson t-shirt.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Audience: [cheering]

Justin: Ah, shit. I like this. So this is in a list of farm wisdom, right? "If it rains on Easter Sunday, it'll rain for seven Sundays." Uh, "Life is simpler when you plow around the stump. A dream told before breakfast will come true."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: What?! What does that have to do with the farm?!

Griffin: No one talks about their dreams during breakfast in the big city!

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: This one that's incredibly threatening. "If you sweep under the bed of a sick person, that person will never regain his strength."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Let me just get your strength out from under here...

Travis: Nooo!

[theme music plays]

Griffin: Hi, this is Griffin McElroy, the youngest brother. I'm gonna do the ads for ya. So uh, strap right in, pay attention, 'cause they know if you don't pay attention. And we get in trouble.

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Also gonna talk about Blue Apron. Blue Apron is the advertiser that we are doing right now. They have, uh, all kinds of good food. But here's the thing – they're gonna send you... do y'all like escape rooms? Do y'all like little puzzle boxes? 'Cause you can think of a Blue Apron box as a puzzle box, and the reward for solving the puzzle is good flavor and good food that tastes good

and makes you feel good after eating it, and you get all the little puzzle pieces.

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Thank you everybody for listening to this episode of MBMBaM. It is a live one. We just got back from a big, wild tour. October's gonna be sort of a silly month for us, but we are very much looking forward to uh, all the exciting activities we've got coming up.

You can check out the rest of our tour schedule for 2019 if you go to our website. That's McElroy.family, and just check out all the stuff we got there. We got new merch up. October's about to roll around, which means we're about to add a bunch of new merch to the site. And I don't know what it is, 'cause I'm, y'know, kind of the cool guy around here. [laughs] I don't pay a lot of attention to the business. For me, it's just all about the uh, y'know... my stunts.

But you can see all that stuff at McElroy.family. Uh, thank you to Maximum Fun for having us on the—y'know what? All this stuff I do—we do at the end of the episode, so I'm not gonna repeat it here. I just want to spend this time saying thank you so much for all your support over these years. 'Bout to round 500. That's wild to me. Uh, and yeah, that's... I mean, that's about all I got. Y'know, support local business, and uh... talk to you later!

[applause]

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Speaker 2: I can't wait to listen!

Speaker 3: Neither can I! You can find it Thursdays on Maximum Fun! Oh yeahhh, dig it!

Justin: I just realized I'm gonna be absentmindedly eating this. [laughs]

Travis: No, that's why I closed—I did not want to look at it.

Justin: Yeah, I gotta put it out of arm's reach.

Travis: Any more of this sick, limp donut. [laughs]

Griffin: I'm having the opposite effect where my brain is trying to go, "It's two donuts and fried chicken, baby! That's good stuff!" And I have to actually visually see it to remember, "No, that's dry stuff."

Uh, let's get... okay, so, we have handpicked some that you have sent in ahead of time. Thank you all so much for sending in all these great questions.

Travis: There's a lot of you here.

Griffin: Lot of you. We have a microphone.

Justin: So many people.

Travis: And very high up, like a wave of humanity crashing down upon me.

Griffin: Oh wow, yeah, they just don't stop.

Emily: Hi, I'm Emily.

Griffin: Hi, Emily. What's up?

Justin: Hi Emily!

Emily: Um, so, I work in a hipster, independent bookstore slash coffee shop café restaurant dealio.

Griffin: That's a lot of stuff you do in one biz.

Emily: It's a lot going on.

Justin: Yeah.

Emily: And uh, one of—uh, our menu like really prides themselves on having a lot of vegan options, and one of the options is a spicy, five bean vegan chili.

Griffin: If you can't see, Emily has just done a great deal of quotation marks.

Emily: [laughs] Yeah. So um, first of all, I don't think it's especially spicy...

Griffin: Okay.

Emily: Which like, I understand, that's a matter of opinion. But, I also don't think there are five different beans in it.

Griffin: Well, that's...

Justin: [laughs] That's a huge problem.

Travis: I would also—I would point out, Emily... it is not titled 'five different bean chili.'

Emily: Right. Sure.

Travis: There are just at least five beans in it.

Emily: I mean, I guess. So, uh, two of the supposed five beans are light red kidney beans, and dark red kidney beans.

Justin: Arguable.

Emily: And then, one is like a great northern bean, which, I think we have maybe like, one time out of every 20 when the chili is made. So really, I think we're looking at like, 3.5 beans.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Okay.

Emily: At best. And last of all, I don't think it's chili. [laughs]

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: I was so worried you were gonna say it's not vegan. And that was gonna be a much bigger issue.

Griffin: One of the beans is pepperoni. Uh...

Justin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Emily: Every time somebody's like, "Oh, it's gettin' real thick. We need to add some more water to it." And I'm like, "You—I don't—"

Griffin: Just like mama does it!

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: With that good country chili!

Emily: So, people—

Travis: Now, you don't mean like, watering it down to like, up the profit margin, right?

Griffin: [laughing] You're cutting your faux chili.

Emily: No, I mean, someone decides that it has like, thickened up too much, and it needs to be thinner. Which, to me, stops it from being a chili.

Griffin: We've all gone through a lot of eating distress up here, so...

Audience: [laughing]

Griffin: What's—what is your question?

Emily: So I just want to know, like... how do I break it to my employers that maybe they're falsely advertising this three bean soup?

Griffin: This three point five bean soup.

Emily: And how do I like, look a customer in the eye when they go, "Is the chili good?" And I have to be like, "Mmm..."

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Can I tell you something? I have, before, uh, had like, restaurant employees where I've said like, "Is this good?" And they've gone, "No. Here's what you want to get." And I have never appreciated that honesty more.

Griffin: Yes. That's a—that's a big tip. Guaranteed, right there.

Travis: Where I'm like, "Oh, thank you god." Because there's nothing worse than—right? Having a restaurant employee be like, "Oh yeah, I love it." And you get it, and like... this is the worst thing I've ever had.

Justin: You just need to find an obtuse way of answering. Like, is the chili good? And you say, "Oh, I love chili."

Emily: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "But is this one good?"
"I. Love. Chili. Period."

Griffin: The danger there is if you try to go for that honesty tip, and you're like, "No, the chili's not chili and it sucks shit, and it's only three point five beans." And they're like, "I want it."

Justin: Yeah, they may really want chili, and still have to order it under duress.

Griffin: And then they eat it, and then they're like, "Fuckin' lied to me. That was good as heck."

Justin: [laughs] So they'll say fuck, but not hell?

Emily: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: I mean, okay—

Travis: Maybe that's—they're like, "Is it good?" You say, "There are some people who believe it to be good. A chosen few... the super taster!"

Justin: I... y'know, alright, we covered the spicy thing. Subjective. The beans, it's got more than five beans in every serving, I'm sure they're covered there. Third, and we just talked about chili in our last episode, but like... anything's chili. Anything could chili, if you think about it.

Griffin: A book is just word chili.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Yeah, Griffin.

Griffin: A tree is just leaf chili.

Emily: [laughs]

Justin: Emily, does that help?

Emily: Um... I think so.

Justin: Aw, nice.

Travis: Nice.

Justin: Nice.

Griffin: Thank you.

Emily: Thanks.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Let's go here.

Justin: If I could make a quick PSA, uh... some of you are probably fighting the temptation to rush back and get some of these donuts. Let me say... one, please don't do that. That would be an extremely bad look for that to be our like, downfall. Like, that's the—oh, the McElroy brothers used to be cool until those people were all killed in that...

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Chicken donut stampede. And secondly, just like, human to human... don't do this thing.

Griffin: They're awful.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, let me say, we—we enjoy a lot of 'so bad, it's good' things here at MBMBaM. This is so bad, it's bad.

Justin: Yeah. Don't.

Griffin: Okay, Cory.

Travis: I want there to be at least one left when I leave tonight at the end of the show.

Justin: Yeah, I want to see some restraint. [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Cory. We apologize. This is Cory's moment.

Cory: Yes it is. Alright.

Audience: [cheers]

Cory: [laughs]

Travis: Take the stage!

Justin: Take the stage, Cory!

Cory: So, um... I have a friend. He's a drummer. And he wanted to start a band with me, 'cause he likes the things that I can do with my voice.

Griffin: Okay.

Cory: As far as singing goes. And he kind of gave me free range on what the genre could be.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Cory: And I am a big fan of ska-punk.

Griffin: Okay.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Have you ever thought of just calling it skunk?

Audience: [laughs]

Cory: It... yeah. [laughs] Um, it's fun to mash things up.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: It's called a portmanteau.

Griffin: That was withering! Holy shit!

Cory: [laughs] Yeah, if I sounded condescending, I didn't mean it. I actually genuinely meant it. So anyway, um... y'know, we've got most of like, the components coming together, and my roommate plays the trumpet.

Justin: Okay.

Cory: So I thought... well...

Justin: A trumpet is applauding.

Cory: Yeah. So I asked her. I'm like, "Would you ever want to like, do this thing?" And unfortunately, she does not share the same love of ska as I do.

Travis: Oh, I thought you were gonna say your roommate was unable to, because they were already a member of so many ska bands.

Griffin: Yeah.

Cory: No, just a marching band.

Travis: Which is like a big ska band, when you think about it.

Cory: Yeah, pretty much. I think that's where the root of my love for the genre lies.

Justin: Okay.

Cory: But I'm asking you guys, what would be a good way to convince her to play a trumpet in a possible ska band?

Griffin: Does she already own checkerboard Vans?

Audience: [laughs]

Cory: She might have to borrow mine.

Griffin: Are you wearing them right now? Oh fuck. [laughs]

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Listen. Listen. There's a... [laughing]

Justin: I gotta say – you're halfway there. You may not need them.

Griffin: Uh...

Cory: I could just make the trumpet noises on my own, maybe.

Travis: Oh!

Justin: Thank you!

Griffin: Yeah, break off some—

Travis: Yeah, do that, but within earshot of your roommate! And your roommate is like, "Nope, that's the wrong embouchure! No! No!" And then they'll have to like, "Okay. Alright! Do it like this!" And then they're like, "Wait, I love this."

Griffin: "Oops, I love ska."

Travis: Oh! Tell your roommate that Oscar Isaac was in a ska band called the Blinking Underdogs in the early 2000s. You can find videos of it on YouTube. Enjoy.

Griffin: Travis is on his street team.

Travis: I'm very excited about this fact.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: And clearly, so are all of you.

Griffin: Yes.

Cory: Yeah.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Uhh... good. I'm trying—okay, here's the perspective I'm approaching this from. I'm trying to think of what... Justin, stop eating it!

Justin: Thank you. Thank you. You're right. Thank you, Travis. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah, I don't want to turn this show into fuckin' Elmo's World.
[laughs]

Travis: For those of you at home, Justin went back for another bite.

Justin: "No, Mr. Noodle, don't eat the donut!"

Griffin: Uh, I am trying to think of what you would have to ask—to do to me to get me to join a ska band. And the answer is, there's no way.

Travis: What if they named it after you?

Griffin: That's the worst case. Griffin's Good Ska Band.

Cory: So what I'm hearing is, I have a new band name.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: Shit.

Cory: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs and cheers]

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: Uh... money? That's probably how they get a lot of people to join bands, is like...

Cory: That works. Like, "I'll Venmo you a \$20 if you want?"

Griffin: Sure, yeah. Say it exactly like that.

Travis: 'Cause that seems totally trustworthy and legit.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Does that help?

Cory: Yes.

Griffin: Okay. It probably doesn't. That was very nice of you to say so.

Justin: We did it again!

Griffin: Thank you, Cory. Uh, can we get... who's over here?

Travis: You are up.

Griffin: Yes. Whoever's—yes.

Ryan: Hi, I'm Ryan.

Griffin: Hi, Ryan.

Justin: Hi, Ryan.

Ryan: I'm a professor here at Carnegie Mellon.

Justin: Nice!

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: You've all heard of it.

Ryan: Yes.

Griffin: Is anybody Ryan's student? What do you teach?

Ryan: Computer science.

Griffin: Computer science.

Justin: Okay.

Audience: [scattered applause]

Griffin: What a—what a cold—back in my day, I knew all my teacher's names! What's wrong with you all?! Anyway. What's up, Ryan?

Ryan: Right, so, I have to make up like, all our tests, and uh, homeworks and things, and every week, I get emails from the students with excuses, y'know, about why they can't do it.

Griffin: Right.

Ryan: And they ask me, "Can I take it later? Can I do it later?"

Griffin: Right. Right.

Ryan: And uh, I can think of like, three strategies. Just always say yes, always say no, or like, drill down on the excuse and try to figure out if it's bullshit or not.

Griffin: [laughing] Right.

Ryan: So what's the best strategy?

Griffin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Now, these excuses... are they—do they have even a whiff of legitimacy to them?

Griffin: How good—how good—what is—how—evaluate your own barometer for bullshit.

Travis: What Griffin said.

Ryan: Yeah. One time I got, “My twin sister is graduating from USC on the same day as the final exam. Can I go to California to be there for the ceremony?”

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: That’s good.

Travis: Hmm. No, I'm with you, Ryan. The hackles on the back of my neck rose. A twin sister? Who’s ever heard of such a thing?

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: I—I want to hit you with this. Computer science is very important, and will soon be the only job that there is. But...

Griffin: Hack me up a burger. Yum yum.

Justin: But... I wish that college had better prepared me for how much of my adult life would be comprised of... making up excuses for not doing things.

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: And I wish that my teachers had taken a little bit longer to teach me how to lie about that sort of thing. So maybe this is a moment for you to really have an impact on someone’s life. Don’t waste their—don’t waste their time with ones and zeroes.

Ryan: Right.

Justin: Really teach them how to lie really good. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Like I wish my—

Travis: Give `em some notes. Like, "Hey, whether the twin sister thing is legit or not, it seems weird. Just say my sister. Twin sister is oddly specific, and don't ask me if you can go to California. That's kind of up to you."

Justin: One of the things we do in the adult world is, we keep it general. So say I'll be out of town. Unavoidably out of town. Too many details, people start pick pick pick pick pickin'.

Travis: Also, have you ever thought about like... I assume that most teachers feel this way, but this is what I now, as an adult, feels like... there are things that I skipped and just didn't do in like, high school and college, that now I find myself in circumstances where that knowledge would be really useful.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: And I'm like, "Oh no!" So if you've ever thought about when someone's like, "I don't want to do that project." Be like, "You don't have to do it. But someday, you'll want to have done it. And you didn't. I don't care. I'm Ryan. I'm doing my own thing over here. I'm fine. I'm already an adult, and I know this."

Griffin: This is a bad teaching technique you're doing! [laughing]

Justin: Yeah, I don't think that's helpful.

Travis: I'm saying out loud, and it is bad. Like, "Hey, should I learn this?" "I don't know."

Griffin: You've invented Mr. Feeny's arch nemesis.

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: Mr. Meeny!

Griffin: Mr. Meeny. [laughing]

Justin: He just cares too little. Oh, yeah, that's bad.

Griffin: Ugh, gosh. You gotta do the third one. It's harder, but either of the two teachers is gonna... is gonna net you a great deal of trouble. 'Cause you're either gonna get, y'know, a zero percent on Rate My Professors if that's even still a thing – probably not.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: It is? Fuck. Wouldn't'a thought that that would've still been like, legal in 2019. Or, you'll be the pushover teacher that's like, y'know, go take it. It's an easy test. But if you are the Judge Judy of this college... [laughs]

Justin: Maybe try this. Uh, can't wait to see pictures. Have fun.

Griffin: Ohh!

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Uh oh. And you can—you can—

Travis: That's very good.

Justin: You're a computer science guy. You can dig into the fuckin' Exif location data, see when it was taken and where it was taken. Whatever the technical terms. You know all the ones and zeroes stuff.

Griffin: What the—

Justin: Why are you being so fuckin' judgmental, Ryan? I'm not the computer science professor!

Griffin: I can't—

Justin: Fuck!

Griffin: We've been tackling this question for like four minutes, now. I can't believe we haven't brought up bribery. Ryan...

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Just say, "Yeah. Bring me a local—if you don't mind, bring me a local delicacy from wherever you're going, and uh, bring it back. I sure do love those..." Y'know, whatever they have at... I'm not entirely sure where USC is, but... and then you get snacks! And then, who gives a shit?

Justin: [laughs] Right. That's why you have a job in the first place, is to be able to buy snacks.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: So you've really just cut out the middle man. Does that help?

Ryan: That helps. Thanks a lot.

Justin: Great. Good.

Griffin: Thank you, Ryan.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Let's go over here. Yes, approach the microphone. Hi. What's your name?

Megan: Hi, I'm Megan.

Griffin: Hi Megan.

Justin: Hi Megan.

Megan: Hi! So, recently, I've been binge watching Survivor.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Okay.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Where you at?

Megan: Um, season 12. Cirie is my favorite.

Griffin: Oh, yeah. Okay.

Megan: She's the best.

Justin: US or Australian?

Griffin: Probably US, Justin.

Justin: Get into the dark web, y'all. You can find some Australian Survivor.

Griffin: They fuckin' kill each other. It's wild.

Justin: Yeah, it's choice. Anyway.

Megan: So, anyways, my new life goal is to be on Survivor. So what should I include in my audition tape?

Griffin: Yes. Okay. You've come to the right place.

Megan: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Raise your hand if you've thought about this exact question before. Honesty time.

Justin: Okay, a good...

Griffin: Justin!

Justin: Oh, sorry, yeah, yeah, yeah. For sure. No, I'm sorry. I couldn't do it. I can't even eat a chicken donut.

Griffin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: How am I supposed to eat grubs?

Griffin: You just close your eyes and pretend you're in the Lion King with those tasty ass lookin' bugs.

Travis: Now, how many people here think that they would make their video that's like, displaying their like, survival prowess?

Griffin: That's a big strategy. I see.

Travis: Oh, good, good, good. Everyone's right. Don't do that.

Justin: No no no.

Travis: Make a video where you just barrel the camera and say, "I will do whatever the producers tell me to do."

Audience: [laughs]

Megan: [laughs]

Travis: Boom! You're on the show.

Justin: You don't want to look too capable. That's boring. Say, "Listen, if you guys put me on a deserted island, I'm fucked."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "I've got nothing. I cannot cope with this. It will be bad for me, good for television."

Travis: My video would be me sitting atop a throne in a velvet suit, sipping a gold chalice just saying, "I'm a fancy boy!"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "Don't you want to knock me down a peg?"

Travis: "Ooh la la!"

Griffin: "I know I only get one comfort item, but I have six different inhalers!"

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: [laughing] "Can I bring my cockatiel, Beauregard?"

Justin: [laughing]

Griffin: [laughing]

Justin: "My man servant is my comfort item."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "I'd be lost without Gregor."

Griffin: [laughing] Day two, they'd be like, "We're eating that cockatiel. For sure for sure for sure."

Travis: "But Beauregard's my son!"

Justin: We're eating your man servant.

Travis: "That's fine!"

Justin: "Just spare the bird!"

Griffin: Have you... whipped up an audition tape before?

Megan: [laughs]

Griffin: Oh yeah. That laugh says it all.

Justin: That's a yes. That's a confirmed yes.

Megan: I... I have an idea.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Okay.

Megan: Okay, so I'll be running on a treadmill while solving a puzzle.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Oh, that's good.

Megan: Showing athleticism and smarts.

Justin: Oh, that's good.

Griffin: Athleticism and smarts... can you tell a lie to a trusted friend over the phone while you do these two things at the same time?

Megan: No. [laughs]

Griffin: Are you sure you want to be on Survivor? There's a great deal of deceit.

Megan: I just feel like I can be really nice to everyone, and then win.
[laughs]

Griffin: Sure, yeah.

Travis: Just like life!

Griffin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughing]

Justin: Um...

Griffin: Can... uh... do you have... a famous friend?

Justin: Oh, that's good. Or are you famous for football, or...

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: That helps sometimes, a lot of those people get on.

Griffin: One time, there was a season of Amazing Race, and there was a guy on the show who was there because he was friends with Joey Chestnut, who was also on the show.

Travis: Who?

Griffin: That's a fucking cool life, I think.

Travis: Y'know, you could send in a tape that's just you, and you turn and go, "Oh, Survivor? I don't want to be on it." And then turn back. And they'll see it and be like, "Oh, now we really want her to be on it!"

Justin: "Now we're into it."

Griffin: "What secrets is she hiding?" Um...

Justin: Does any of that help?

Megan: Yes.

Justin: Thank you!

Griffin: Okay, thank you.

Travis: Yeah, there you go.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Real—

Travis: Oh, sorry, one other idea – find out where they'll filming, and just go there, and walk around in the background until they're like, "I don't know, do you want to eat some weird shit? Get over here."

Justin: It's called Arriver.

Griffin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: That's pretty good. Also, god's honest truth, I didn't give you everything I had because I still have not ruled out the possibility of myself applying to be on Survivor.

Justin: That'd be good. Survivor as a snuff film. Come watch my brother Griffin die in the first episode. [laughing]

Griffin: Hello. Yes. Hi, what's your name? Yeah, raise them shits up.

Justin: Just—you may just want to tilt it.

Travis: Oh god. Oh no. Not like this.

Griffin: There you go, yeah!

Justin: There we go. Yeah, pro!

Nick: Hey, my name's Nick.

Griffin: Hi Nick.

Justin: Hey Nick.

Travis: Hi Nick.

Nick: So, I just started a job. Well, 'just' a month ago started a job working for the parks as sort of a mini park ranger. All my parks are like, a couple acres.

Griffin: Okay.

Nick: But...

Justin: Gotta start somewhere.

Griffin: That's more parks than I have.

Nick: I am not exactly the owner.

Griffin: Okay.

Nick: I'm like...

Travis: We know how park rangers work. I don't think park rangers own the park.

Griffin: Yeah, I'm the park ranger here at Yosemite. Holy shit.

Travis: Okay.

Nick: Um, so during training, my boss showed me all the things to do, and one of the things was, I gotta get all the dirt... dirty. The old leaves off the...

Griffin: Dirty old leaves, yeah. Sure.

Travis: Yeah, you gotta get the nature off the cool nature.

Nick: So he showed me the huge, gas-powered, like, leaf blower. That wasn't my question. He showed me the leaf blower, and he—the way my boss said it was, he just turned it on and went to town, and everyone in the area sort of cleared out, like, because they didn't want to get leaves blown on them.

Justin: Yeah. Naturally, yes. Good.

Nick: That seemed super rude. Um, so how can I politely tell people to stop eating their lunch and stuff?

Griffin: In the park. [laughs]

Nick: In the park. Yeah. In the park.

Griffin: Sorry, y'all, park's closed!

Nick: Before I clean leaves off of all the benches and stuff like that.

Griffin: Aw man.

Justin: So you're saying, how do you... so your boss is like, turning on the leaf blower, and everyone very sanely is like, "Well, I'm leaving."

Nick: [laughs] Yes.

Justin: "This is very bad." You're saying, can you go to people and say like, "Hi. Um..."

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "This is so random."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "But um, I'm going to start blowing leaves around..."

Travis: "I like to pretend like I'm nature. I like to call myself the wind, and then I walk around, and I blow the leaves around. And if I don't do it once a day, I'll die."

Nick: I don't even have to do it once a day. It's just that, at all—it's a park. At all hours of the day, there are people laying out blankets and shit.

Travis: Uh-huh. But you don't have to blow leaves all day. Right?

Nick: No. Just once.

Travis: At some point, the leaves are allowed to be where they are.

Justin: Alright, time out, Nick. Who are these dipshits that go to a park, and are like, "What's with all the leaves?!"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: "Why can't someone do something about this?!"

Travis: "These are the same leaves that were here yesterday!"

Griffin: This question is a real Kobayashi Maru, because it is... I... when I am walking on the sidewalk, and a like, yard cleaning person... a person who is cleaning their yard... I don't know why I said it like that... has a leaf blower out and is blowing leaves on to the sidewalk or whatever the fuck, and I'm walking down that sidewalk... I don't know who has the right of way.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Every time I'm walking, I'm like, "Surely, they're gonna stop before I get into the path of this—the cone of danger." But then I'll get closer, and maybe they haven't stopped the leaf blower, and then my mind is like,

"Actually, is there a rule about this? 'Cause if they blow a little wind on me, what's the worst that happens?"

Travis: I will say that a good, uh, a good way to combat that, as the walker... have a like, two year old with you. Because everyone wisely stops using it, because we're all picturing the same thing, which is the kid going, "Woo!"

Audience: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Nick, does that help?

Travis: How would that help?! [laughing] How would any of that help?!

Griffin: Nick, you're still here.

Nick: What I'm hearing is that I have to be stone cold and just do it.

Justin: Blow their asses away, man!

Griffin: No, Nick, don't do it.

Travis: Walk out there when you know you're going to blow some leaves, and say like, "Hey, everyone, in ten minutes, I'm gonna be blowing some leaves. And if your sandwiches are still here, that's your fault!"

Nick: But then—okay.

Griffin: Don't make me turn this into a sandwich blower!

Nick: Okay. Thank you.

Justin: Whoa, wait, no, fuck. Nick, I got it. Walk up to somebody eating a sandwich and be like, "Hey, have you ever wanted to see what it's like to blow leaves?" And then you let them do it in your area.

Travis: While you eat the sandwich.

Justin: And you eat the sandwich. You let them blow the leaves around.

Travis: And they blow the sandwich out of your hand, and you're like, "Wha!" And then you trade lives.

Justin: Little bit of that Tom Sawyer washing the fence action. Let them blow it and be like, "Did you have fun?" They're like, "Yeah, I did, thank you." And then you go about your business.

Griffin: That's fun.

Justin: That's fun.

Griffin: That's a fun, fancy, cool idea.

Justin: That's a good one. I like that.

Griffin: You can just tie a balloon to them, and then just blow them away!

Justin: Does that help?

Nick: Alright, yes, thank you.

Travis: There you go.

Griffin: Thank you, Nick.

Justin: Thank you, Nick.

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: Hello.

Travis: Hello.

Griffin: Hi, what's your name?

Ben: I'm Ben.

Griffin: Hi, Ben.

Ben: How you doing?

Griffin: Good, how are you?

Ben: I'm great.

Travis: There's something about a human being adjusting a mic stand that makes me feel like they're about to start a standup routine.

Griffin: It's—yes.

Travis: And I got—I just got really excited when Ben started—I was like, "Oh, this is gonna be good!"

Griffin: It is gonna be good. Ben, dazzle us.

Ben: Will—will do. Uh, so, I'm the mayor of my town.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Pittsburg?

Griffin: Of Pittsburg?

Ben: No no no, not Pittsburg. Uh, Butler, just a little north of here.

Audience: [cheers]

Ben: It's not as cool as it sounds, I promise.

Justin: Some Butlerites. Okay.

Ben: Uh, but... I have a—

Griffin: It's gotta be kind of cool, Ben.

Ben: It's kind of cool. Okay, okay. Kind of cool.

Travis: [laughs] "I'm mayor of a real shitty town."

Griffin: [laughs] No.

Justin: No, Butler rules. Okay, Nick, what's your question?

Ben: Uh, so—

Justin: Mayor Nick. Sorry.

Ben: I own a couple establishments where I sometimes bartend.

Griffin: It's a Best Buy, and a Blockbuster video...

Ben: You got it. We have a real nice setup there.

Griffin: [laughing] Yeah.

Ben: But... and I also like to like, enjoy myself with my family around town. But my problem is that, oftentimes, people will just walk up to me and say, "Hey, aren't you the mayor?" And I don't—I'm running out of things to tell them. I've tried 'yes.'

Travis: That's a good start.

Ben: The problem is that most people don't have a follow up. They're just like, "Oh, cool."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, that's how it works.

Ben: And... [laughs] I've tried saying, "Sometimes, but not right now," meaning, I'm busy, but I can tell you when I get into a conversation.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: [laughs] "Are you the mayor?"
"Hmm, maybe."

Justin: Now, Ben, were you elected to this position? [laughing]

Travis: People voted for you, right?

Ben: Maybe.

Griffin: Is this one of those dog mayor situations, where it's for the news?

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Have you thought about wearing—

Ben: I think we'd be better off if it was.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Ben, I have a question for you.

Travis: Hey! Hey, Ben! I bet you're a great mayor slash bartender!

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: I won't have you being down on yourself!

Justin: Ben, what's the population of Butler?

Ben: It's about 14, 15 thousand.

Griffin: Holy shit. That's a big fucking town, Ben!

Travis: You made it sound like your two establishments were the only buildings in Butler! It's that, and City Hall, which is in the back of one of your bars!

Griffin: How far is Butler from here?

Ben: It's about 45 minutes to an hour.

Griffin: What the fuck are you doing here?!

Ben: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: Anything could be happening back in Butler! You're not there!!

Justin: I guess my response would be, um... this is a town of 14 thousand people. How the fuck do you not know that? Of course I'm the mayor. Obviously I'm the mayor. You know me. I'm the mayor.

Travis: Have you ever thought about having a t-shirt made that says, "I'm the mayor! Gotta love me!"

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: That's fun.

Justin: That's something.

Ben: Not quite.

Justin: That's something.

Travis: Oh, also, maybe you could have like a specialty cocktail at your bars that's called like, "Are you the mayor?" And then when somebody comes up and goes, "Aren't you the mayor?" You just start making one and charge them.

Justin: Yes. That's \$48.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: That's really good.

Travis: And then you can put that money towards, I don't know, fixing roads or whatever you do.

Ben: Yeah.

Griffin: I'm just trying to work through the power dynamics of going to a bar and the mayor is the bartender.

Audience: [laughs]

Griffin: "Tell me all your most vulnerable secrets."
"... Alright. Uh..."

Justin: "Spill your guts to me, the mayor."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "Oh, I don't have my mayor hat on right now. You can trust me."

Justin: "You can trust me. Tell me about all the ordinances you've violated."

Griffin: [laughs]

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

Griffin: "Yeah, so we're having a party at my house—" "Do you have a permit for that fucking party? Now I'm a roadhouse mayor." Does that help?

Ben: That's great, thanks.

Griffin: Thank you. Thank you, Ben.

Justin: Thanks, Ben. Mayor Ben.

Griffin: Mayor Ben.

Audience: [cheers]

Travis: Okay. Can we bring the house lights back down?

Justin: There are so many people.

Griffin: Thank you all.

Justin: Goodbye.

Griffin: Goodbye.

Justin: [sings] Brigadoooooon... okay.

Griffin: So... we've made it to the end of another live experience.

Travis: Time to start sweepin' up.

Griffin: Yeah. Uh, thank you all so much for coming. This is the end of just another grueling tour. [laughs]

Travis: Three days.

Griffin: Three whole days.

Justin: We made it somehow. Uh, I want to first reiterate... please be cool about the donuts. They're ice—they're ice cold. They cost two dollars regularly. Please don't make a big deal out of it.

Griffin: They're dry as fuck. They're so—

Travis: Let me say, because I have been this person in the audience who's like, way up in the balcony or something, right? If you think it'd be funny to just like, pick one up, take some pictures, and then throw it away... leave it on the table for someone up there who's gonna bite into it.

Justin: [laughs]

Audience: [laughs]

Travis: 'Cause there's someone up there who wants to really try it. And not in like a funny way.

Justin: Yeah. Thank you to our former tour manager, Paul Sabourin. Gonna miss ya, Paul.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Thank you to, uh, our father, Clint McElroy, and—

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: And Shmanners. Thank you very much to Shmanners.

Justin: Thanks to McKay and Sarah and Amanda for—well, Amanda especially, for hauling out all those donut sandwiches, and making herself culpable in this terrible crime.

Travis: That's fair. Amanda is our business manager, and apparently, at some point, she thought, "This is good for business."

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Long—

Griffin: Oh! 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.

Travis: [simultaneously] 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.

Griffin: Real good.

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: You want that final?

Justin: Absolutely.

Griffin: Oh—

Audience: [cheers]

Griffin: Thanks to Maximum Fun also, for having us on the network. Thank you to Maximum Fun. Thanks, Maximum Fun. Okay. Final Yahoo.

Travis: And please tweet about the sandwiches.

Griffin: No, don't tweet about the sandwiches. Tweet that you didn't get a sandwich.

Travis: And how glad you are.

Griffin: And how glad you are. Okay. This one was sent in by Graham Robuck. Thank you, Graham. It's Yahoo Answers user... Molly, who asks... and I'm gonna... it's a long question. And you're gonna kind of know what it's about after the first sentence, so I'm gonna take my time with the first sentence, and then try and push really fast through the rest of the details.

"Is it possible that rain is... Mars juice?" [speaking quickly] "I know they found water on Mars, so I think because Mars is above us, the rain comes from Mars."

Audience: [cheers]

Justin: [laughing] 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!

Audience: [cheering]

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