

## **MBMBaM 493: Face 2 Face: U Up?**

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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]

**Griffin:** I just got so scared, boys!

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** That's not a joke! What is this energy?

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** I've never been—

[audience cheers loudly]

**Griffin:** That! Yeah, that! No no no! You don't understand! [laughs]

**Justin:** What works—

**Griffin:** What you make as a group when you all do that...

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** ... is a scary sound.

**Griffin:** It activates my fight or flight response. And spoiler alert – my brain and body have never chosen fight.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** For McElroys, it is a... flight response.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Flight or fart. That's the two... [laughs] Hello 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 cheers]

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy!

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** It's not a competition.

**Griffin:** It's not—I'm piss-pants terrified!

[audience laughter]

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

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Alright.

**Justin:** Much like, uh, so many years ago, those Chilean miners emerging from the ground...

**Griffin:** [laughs] That we all love so much.

**Justin:** ... we have returned here to the, uh, beautiful, uhh... is DC technically a city? Is that the right thing to say? Okay. The city of—

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** It's just a loose conglomeration of humans.

**Justin:** I'm hearing a—hey, I'm hearing a lot of you yell different things, and that's buckwild. Okay?

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** Let's clamp that down. Taxation without representation, am I right?

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** The nerve of these fat cats! Anyway, we were so excited to be here. Last night, we did The Adventure Zone, another podcast. And...

**Griffin:** And well...

**Justin:** The road—the road's tough.

**Griffin:** The road's hard on all of us in different ways.

**Justin:** This is—god, at this point, this is our... second show this tour... and the road...

**Travis:** And we're not as young as we used to be!

**Justin:** Not as young as we used to be. And uh, last night, I'm sad to report, we did have an injury. Uh, Trav, do you want to talk about it?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I... after the show... I threw slap bracelets into the audience...

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** And I threw them so hard, I hurt my arm.

[audience laughter and cheering]

**Justin:** We have heard about this injury, the slap bracelet injury that Travis sustained, quite a bit this evening.

**Travis:** It hurts to do everything!

**Justin:** I watched six episodes of Succession in my hotel room today...

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** I have heard Travis talk about this injury more than I've heard Brian Cox call his kids fuckwads. So it's like...

**Travis:** It's that hit hurts to do—like, it hurts—

**Justin:** Everything. Travis, everything.

**Travis:** —to undo my belt to pee!

**Justin:** To pee. Yes. We've heard.

**Travis:** And you wouldn't help me!

**Justin:** And you won't help me. Yeah. I know, Travis.

**Travis:** I asked you to help me pee!

**Justin:** I asked you to help me pee.

**Griffin:** We just wasted a lot of your time. We have horrible bodies.

**Justin:** We're nothing if not professionals.

**Griffin:** Let's get into the show.

**Justin:** Terrible bodies. Let's do it.

**Travis:** They're all broken and nothing works. [in a silly British accent]  
Rrriddle me piss, boys!

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** You're just making it worse. You're just encouraging—

**Travis:** [in a silly British accent] 'Tis but a warm up!

**Justin:** Okay. You don't have to do this right at the begi—

**Travis:** [in a silly British accent] I won't do the voice for the actual riddle.

**Griffin:** Then get to the fucking riddle.

**Travis:** [in a silly British accent] But this is `tis but the intro! [laughs]

**Justin:** No, I want to actually hear the riddle now, `cause it will put an end to this misery of the riddle me piss guy.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Feed me, riddle master.

**Travis:** Now, this... this riddle, I picked solely for the answer.

**Griffin:** Alright.

**Travis:** And I will read it... caps appropriately.

**Griffin:** Jesus Christ.

**Travis:** If I say that I will give you \$100,000 tomorrow, when will you get it?

**Griffin:** I'm... uh, I'm gonna say never.

**Justin:** Uhh... I'm gonna say tomorrow.

**Travis:** Okay. This is—I'm going to read it word for word, caps, punctu—and I'll scoot this back a little bit. [yells] Never!!

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** [yelling] Tomorrow never, ever comes!! It's always today!!!

[audience cheering and laughing]

**Justin:** So...

**Travis:** Now, I understand the heart of this riddle. But if a human being said to me, "I'll give you \$100,000 tomorrow," and then the next day, I said, "I would like that \$100,000, please," and they said, "Ha ha, but `tis not tomorrow, it is today!" I'd be like, "Fuck you, Dylan."

**Griffin:** Yeah, Dylan.

**Justin:** Dylan. You dirt bag.

**Travis:** It is—you told me yesterday, so it is now, and you do owe me \$100,000.

**Justin:** This is a person that has seen that sign that's in every fine bar, the sign that says "free beer tomorrow." They saw that sign and thought, "Mm, what a brainteaser. The center of my next conundrum!"

**Griffin:** Or they went and saw Rent, and just did not fucking understand... kind of the whole thesis.

**Travis:** This—[laughs] This uh, riddle was written by a dog.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** It's never later!!

**Griffin:** [sings] No day but today. [normally] I fuckin' told you guys, didn't I?!

**Justin:** Told you.

**Griffin:** How about a question? Can we do one of them?

**Justin:** Yes. This is a question.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** "My dad is a hairy, hairy man."

**Travis:** Nice.

**Griffin:** Start the question, Juice.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Uh, "My dad's a hairy, hairy man. So hairy, it doesn't matter how high the neck on his shirt is – the hair on his chest always manages to poke out of the top of his shirt. He has a—"

**Travis:** Been there.

**Justin:** "He has a tiny little dog, very cute, and he frequently sends pictures of her. The problem is, he sends selfies of him and the dog from a low angle, revealing how shirtless and hairy he is, with a very serious dad face. How do I tell my dad to stop sending me shirtless pics so I can show my friends his cute dog, but not my hairy dad with no shirt?" That's from Desperate Daughter. Are you—are you here?

**Audience Member:** I am!

**Griffin:** Alright!

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Thank you!

**Justin:** Thank you.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you for your decisiveness. Um...

**Travis:** What's a—what's a serious dad face?

**Griffin:** It's—okay, Trav. Let's break down...

**Justin:** Audio medium.

**Griffin:** We're in an audio medium, and also, they are in a pitch black room that we can't see.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** We've used our words to weave pictures before!

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

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** I think it's kind of like this. [grunts]

**Griffin:** [laughs] Okay.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Uh, can... [laughs] God almighty. One of these phones we got now... hey, what's the deal with these phones these days? They've gotta have some sort of crop functionality, yes? They have to have some sort of content aware, "that's one hairy daddy" feature, where it just auto-fills with more dog.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** This is a cute, tiny dog with one enormous, wild, man-shaped lump on its back.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** That is true. Like, there is a thing that I could turn on that turns my head into a unicorn's head. There's not something I can hit that instantly puts a shirt on your dad?

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** I think next time your dad's like, "Hey, I'm sending you a pic," just turn your phone around and hold it up like, "Guys, I got a good dad pic comin' in. You guys look first. I want to see what you all think."

**Travis:** Or maybe just like, cut a tiny shirt out of construction paper and glue it to your phone.

**Justin:** To your phone! Exactly!

**Griffin:** Permanently. That's right.



**Justin:** Get the crop exactly right. Doesn't matter.

**Travis:** Does your dad... know? Were you like, "Hey—" Especially a low angle.

**Griffin:** Yeah, hey, straight up? Nobody's accidentally taken a low angle selfie.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** He didn't trip on his skateboard and the shutter button hit with himself perfectly framed rule of thirds, like...

**Justin:** I don't know why you're seeing this as a problem. I say you set your dad up with an Instagram and let him make a million dollars.

**Griffin:** Right.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** I've—I've been on the internet, and your dad's gonna find his audience. [laughs] I have very little doubt about that.

**Travis:** And the dog's hairy, too, and you're not givin' a shit about that.

**Justin:** Thank youuu!

**Griffin:** Yeahhh.

**Justin:** All animals. Think about it.

**Travis:** I'm just sayin'. No matter how hairy your dad is, not as hairy as that dog.

**Griffin:** Get 'em.

**Travis:** Unless...

**Griffin:** Unless. [laughs] Oh no.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Dad's gotta get a bigger dog. Solved it for you.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Is your dad shirtless? I cannot tell.

**Justin:** Can't tell.

**Griffin:** Cannot tell.

**Justin:** Can you get a dog that exactly matches the color of his chest hair?

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** [laughing] And then it becomes like an I Spy poster.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** There's a dog in there, I swear! Cross your eyes!

**Justin:** Cross your eyes. Yeah.

**Griffin:** That's funny.

**Travis:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Thanks, Larry the Cable Guy!

**Justin:** [laughing] Lord, I apologize for our great...

**Griffin:** There's a fu—there's a—every time I drink wine on stage, and it's a new thing for me. I'm an adult now, and I like the stinky red beverage. But every time I do, bugs are like, "What's up? You doin' a show? Can I get in that?" And it's very distracting. I'm just gonna drink a bug and not even worry about it.

**Justin:** [laughs] Free protein!

**Griffin:** Uh, here's—I got a Yahoo. Can I do a Yahoo?

**Justin:** Yeah, bud.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** This was sent in by Seth Carlson. Thank you, Seth. It's Yahoo Answers user Soups, who asks... That's S-O-U-P-S. Not like Superman shorts.

**Travis:** Y'know what? It never crossed my mind. I assumed it was S-O-U-P-S.

**Griffin:** Multiple soups. Okay. His avatar's the Hamburglar. There's a lot going on with this.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Anyway. Soups asks, "Could a gorilla become a vampire?"

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Followed by, "Are vampires only human, or can they be any mammals?"

**Travis:** I... huh.

**Justin:** Wow. That actually opens up the door...

**Travis:** Humans, bats...

[pause]

**Griffin:** Travis couldn't think of a third mammal, everybody! [laughs]

**Travis:** No! [laughs] No, hold on! I'm saying, vampires are already humans and bats.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay. Okay.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** What if it—

**Griffin:** Please stop yelling mammals. Or anything.

**Justin:** Um, what if they could—okay. The better question is... how hungry does a vampire have to be?

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** Before he's like, [Transylvanian accent] "Aw, fuck..."

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** [Transylvanian accent] "I have to eat something. Why did we come to this place where there are so many gorillas? I'm going to do it, Vicky. I'm going to eat the gorilla."

**Griffin:** [laughing] [Transylvanian accent] "It's the most dude-shaped animal."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Maybe—maybe it's the thrill of the hu—at that point, it's like, humans... we're pretty easy.

**Griffin:** Pretty fuckin' weak. We're a weak prey.

**Travis:** I've seen a lot of vampire movies. Nine out of ten of us are easy to take down.

**Justin:** And I've had a lot of conversation about this. Statistically speaking, about half of the people would be like, "Yeah, okay. Seems alright."

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** And a gorilla's like, "Ooh, if that gets ya, though... ooh."

**Justin:** "Ooh."

**Travis:** Oooh. I kind of now want to see a gorilla fight a Dracula.

**Griffin:** Yeeep.

**Justin:** That would be very good.

**Griffin:** I think we got a little old lady who swallowed a fly situation on our hands, as we so often do on this show, where... the gorillas are gonna wipe out a lot of the vampire population when they try to get froggy and leap.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** But... the few that succeed are gonna make—[laughs] Gonna make fuckin' vampigorillas! And they're gonna—that's—hey. What are we gonna vampirize to kill the vampigorillas?!

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Travis:** Why stop there? What about a vampirhino?

**Griffin:** Vampirhino is bad news!

**Travis:** And they—they suck through the horn.

**Griffin:** Shit, dawg!

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** They're not gonna turn any humans, though, 'cause there's not gonna be a vampire with like, a hole in its torso.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** Yeah, no.

**Travis:** What about aaa... vampire whale?

**Griffin:** Vampire whale.

**Travis:** All that fuckin' baleen.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Oh, the baleen's just kind of sharp now.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I'm just chillin' in here like a hammock. It's not ba—my—my juices are being drained, but...

**Travis:** There's just a lot of vampire krill running around now.

**Justin:** If they do a vampire duck billed platypus, is it just gonna gum you to death? Is that gonna be... just gnaw on you?

**Travis:** Huh. Well, it already has poisonous spines on its feet...

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** Perhaps they just migrate up to its mouth now. [laughs] Gross.

**Justin:** [Transylvanian accent] Let me walk on you, Dylan.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [Transylvanian accent] Let me walk on your back. Trust me.

**Griffin:** How about another question?

**Justin:** Uh, yes, my son.

**Travis:** What?!

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Twist! No one saw—

**Travis:** That's a big reveal!

**Justin:** No one saw this coming. It's so late in the series. Uh, "I was wondering if you have any advice on how to ask my friends if I can massage them in a non-creepy way."

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** “For the last year or so, I have been watching massage tutorial videos on YouTube to relax before bed, and I feel like I have gained a lot of knowledge on the subject and want to practice the skills. I don’t want anyone to think I’m a creep or a weirdo.” No danger of that. “I just think it would be a fun skill to have. What do I do? How can I offer this to my friends?” And that’s from Amateur Massage Therapist in Silver Springs.

**Griffin:** Are you here?

[scattered audience cheers]

**Justin:** Okay, hello.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Now... it occurs to me, as my older brother is reading this question, that you've watched a lot of videos, and have done no practical, like, experience at all. So you've watched—and you've kind of moved your hands in the air...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And were like, “That’s what I would kind of do on some skin!”

**Justin:** That seems right.

**Griffin:** It’s like practicing a kiss on a teddy bear, innit? Except there’s no teddy bear. You're just kind of—[bad kissing sounds] Just mouthin’ the air. Sooo... uhhhh... [sighs]

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** You—I—

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** The way you're gonna have to phrase it is... “Can I massage you for the first time?”

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** “Ever. I want to practice my art.”

**Griffin:** Well, hold on, because that makes it sound like you have massaged other people, but you are treating them, specifically, for the first time. You would have to phrase it something wild like, “Can I, for the first time, massage...”

**Travis:** [laughing] “Touch you, another human?”

**Griffin:** “... and have it be you?”

**Travis:** [laughing] “May I offer you my first ever massage?”

**Griffin:** Wow. We all forgot syntax except for Travis up here for a bit.

**Travis:** But there is also like... if any one of my friends started a sentence with, “Y'know, I've been learning about massage...” They wouldn't finish before I was like, “Zoom! Do it!”

**Justin:** Do it! Go!

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** What's the worst that—

**Travis:** Everything is stressful all the time!!

**Justin:** I know 800 people, and if any one of them came up to me and said, “Uh, do you want a massage?” I'd say, “Oh, absolutely. Thank you so much.”

**Travis:** And that's Justin, who is rife with social anxiety!

**Justin:** No, that's not—I'll take a massage, though. That gets rid of all the anxiety.

**Travis:** I mean, I hurt myself... [laughs]



**Griffin:** Oh, Trav, yeah! Hey, bud, let me see that arm.

**Travis:** Yeah, I hurt myself throwing slap bracelets.

**Griffin:** Is it this one?

**Travis:** It's both of them, Griffin.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Here's some quick advice. Uh, one, don't open with, "I'm not asking this in a weird or creepy way. But..."

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** That's number one. Number two, massage is an art, and a technique, and perhaps, a science, if I may be so bold. I would maybe take a class... [laughs] ... would be a fun... fun place to start. Number three, if you're really serious, and you say, "Hey, I'm an amateur massage therapist..." Because aren't we all?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "I'm an amateur massage therapist." My first fuckin' question is, show me the table. If you've got one of those weird tables... and I just looked on Amazon – they're \$84.

**Travis:** And y'know what that is, Justin? An investment.

**Justin:** Investment in your future.

**Griffin:** You can do all kinds of stuff on a massage ta—why don't other pieces of—

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Fuckin' chill!

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Okay. A list of some things you could do. Take a nap... with a straw to a drink underneath.

**Griffin:** Or just take a—hey, everybody. We're all talk—"Do you sleep on your side or sleep on your back?" I sleep on my fuckin' front! I sleep on my front with a hole for the head!

**Travis:** And I watch TV!

**Griffin:** I watch TV down there! My TV's on the fucking floor, rewatching Breaking Bad! I fall asleep gently, breathing through my good hole!

**Justin:** And if I roll three inches either way, I die!

**Travis:** I am strapped to the bed, yes.

**Justin:** I am strapped to the bed, yes. It's very steady.

**Travis:** I have a friend I trust.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** What if you wake up, and your butt looks awesome, and everybody's like, "Your butt looks so awesome!" And you're like, "Yeah, I guess, just, you're not supposed to sleep on it. We're not—we weren't supposed to sleep on it this whole time."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "So yeah, it looks really cool and good. Like, it got—it got, like, bigger, and it looks good."

**Travis:** Are there not... practice dummies... one could... I know. I'm saying it out loud...

**Justin:** No, this is good, Travis. You start rubbing them, and they're like, "Oh, that's good. Yes. Excellent. That is the spot. That is perfect, right there. Whoa—no, not there. Awww. Awww, I can't move my legs."

**Travis:** "I'm peeing forever now."

**Justin:** [laughs] "I'm peeing forever. I'll never stop peeing."

**Griffin:** And then it says—and then it says ‘game over’ on the—

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** On the scoreboard.

**Justin:** [laughs] Coming to arcades this fall.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** Massage Massage Revolution.

**Justin:** [laughs] That’s good.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Rub Rabbits. Um. I, uh... uh... Griffin, you want to do another question?

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure. This one was sent in my Emma Kant. Thank you. It’s an anonymous Yahoo Answers userrr... so I’m gonna call themmm... Jeremiah asks... My brain stopped working for a second there.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** “Am I allowed to buy all the Superbowl tickets to have the stadium to myself?”

[audience laughs and cheers]

**Griffin:** This is Jeremy’s big gaaame. Have fun out there, guuuys! Go Broncos! Go Jets! I don’t care! Just have fuuun for Jeremy!

**Justin:** Make it a good game!

**Travis:** I have to think that this is an Air Bud situation. Right?

**Griffin:** Oof.

**Travis:** Where Jeremiah would roll up, say, "Here is, I don't know, one point eight million dollars or whatever..."

**Griffin:** Probably considerably more than that.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** You think the gross take for the Superbowl is one point eight milly?

**Justin:** You think buying out the Superbowl costs less than buying a commercial on the Superbowl? You think if—

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Wait, let me do some math.

**Justin:** You think if Coke could pay 50,000 dipshits to stand around in red and white shirts that spell out 'Coke,' they wouldn't in a fuckin' heartbeat?

**Travis:** You're right. Two million.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Then, I think that there would be a scenario in which the Superbowl officials would go, "Wh—uhh... D—I mean, no—wait, hold on, let us look. There's no rule against it. Yeah. It's your game now."

**Griffin:** I have to step in here and break out of the bit a little bit to say, Travis' understanding of... all law... and order... is... defined by the Air Bud clause.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Specifically, if there's not a rule against it...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It's fine.

**Travis:** Yeah. That's how new rules get written.

**Justin:** To stop people like Travis.

**Griffin:** [laughs] That's a—that's Air Bud 6 is like, "The dog's gonna join this, uh, basketball team!"

"No they're fuckin' not."

"No rule against it."

"Okay. Hey guys, get together. I don't think dogs should be able to play basketball."

"Here!"

"I!"

"I!"

"I!"

"I!"

"Yeah. So, fuck off."

**Travis:** [laughs] That's actually...

**Justin:** We used to only have the midnight amendments. That's where we started was, come on, be cool, nice.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And then, the Travis' of human civilization started pushing the boundaries.

**Travis:** Well, this is what I'm saying. Maybe Air Bud 7 is just like... Air Bud on a search for things he hasn't been legally ruled out of yet.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** "Can I be a doctor?"

"No, we have a law against—"

"Ugh! Uhh... I'm gonna be a teacher!"

"No, we got you there too, asshole!"

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** "We saw you comin' a mile away!"

**Griffin:** "Can I be a firefighter?"

"You can be like, a firefighter mascot. I'm not exactly sure how it wo—"

"Ahh, no rule!!"

**Travis:** Ahh!

**Justin:** Ahh!

**Travis:** Boom!

**Griffin:** Spray spray spray spray spray!

**Travis:** I get to kill again!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] I think...

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Because you can't send a dog to death row. It's not in the law books.

**Justin:** My—one of the—y'know, you're buying yourself all the tickets to the Superbowl, and that's great. But what you've also bought yourself... is a private concert... from Shakira and Jennifer Lopez.

**Griffin:** Who are doing the halftime show this year, if we are the arbiters of this news to you.

**Justin:** Yes. [sings] "Lucky that Derek is small and humble so I don't confuse him with mountains!"

**Griffin:** What was his name?

**Justin:** Der-rick.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It didn't fit the meter very well. [sings] "Waiting for Derek! Whoaaa!"

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** Is that better? [sings] "Don't be fooled by the rocks. I'm still, I'm still Derek from the block." [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** All the songs would be about Derek!

**Griffin:** They would all work for Derek.

**Travis:** I will give you \$100 if you name another Shakira song and fit Derek into it.

**Justin:** Okay. [sings] "I'm on tonight, you know Derek don't lie and... [gibberish]"

**Travis:** That's the same song!

**Justin:** That's—it's a different—no—no...

**Travis:** That's the same song.

**Justin:** Y'know, it's hard to say, Trav... It's definitely a different part of the same song, if anything. Don't you Google it.

**Travis:** Okay. I'll give you \$50.

**Justin:** Thank youuu. Tomorrow?

**Travis:** Tomorrow.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[audience laughs and cheers]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "As a child, I..." This is a question. Sorry.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Justin:** Shoulda... "As a child, I stole a toy from a restaurant in Philadelphia. My mom found out and made me put it back and apologize to the owner, and while I was in there, I stole a different toy."

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** "She still doesn't know. This was ten years ago. It still haunts me. Please help." And that's... that's from Liam, who just used their name... no regard for their own... uhh, safety. Liam, are you here?

**Liam:** [distant] Yes!

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Liam, quick follow up question based on the subject line of the email. The toy in question... is it a Shrek toy?

**Liam:** [distant] Yes!

**Justin:** Yes. Liam says yes.

**Griffin:** That was a yes. That was a confirmation.

[audience cheers]



**Justin:** That was a yes to the Shrek toy.

**Travis:** Was it... Donkey?

**Griffin:** What?

**Liam:** [distant] The first was a Lightning McQueen toy.

**Griffin:** The first was a Lightning McQueen toy. Holy shit, this was terrifyingly recent. What was...

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** What was the second toy? Absolute silence.

**Liam:** It was a Shrek action figure.

**Griffin:** Was a Shrek action figure.

**Travis:** So it was Shrek. You really traded up.

**Griffin:** So yeah. Up to the winning DreamWorks team.

**Justin:** We are really stretchin' the definition of 'action' with that one, huh?

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** [laughs] Watch as he uses his 'stay away from other people' action! 'Wants to be left alone' action!

**Griffin:** I mean, he stomps a dragon, and...

**Travis:** But on accident. That's all leading up to him being an introvert, where he just wants to be left alone, and everyone else is forcing social interaction upon him, and we're supposed to side with them.

**Griffin:** You want to just recap all the Shrek movies, or...

**Travis:** Just saying that maybe Shrek just wants to be left alone, and that's okay.

**Griffin:** Okay. Sure.

**Justin:** Do Shrek Forever After next.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Um... don't you applaud. If Shrek is left alone, there's no films for us to enjoy. You know it and I know it, okay? I'm sorry Shrek was made uncomfortable, but in the end, pushing past Shrek's boundaries was very healthy for... anyway.

**Travis:** Healthy for the movie industry. [laughs]

**Justin:** Healthy for Jeffrey Katzenberg's bottom line. Um, here's what you do. You bring your mom into a parlor room, and you sit her down and say, "Mother..."

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** "The great game has finally ended."

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** [laughing] As the clock strikes midnight.

**Justin:** "And now, the ten year statute of limitations has passed..."

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** "I can reveal to you... my most perfect crime." It is a—

**Griffin:** "My beloved toy. You remember my most beloved toy, Shrump? Well... if you remove his mustache..."

**Justin:** [laughing] I did not—I did not—

**Griffin:** "It is the—it is the green ogre [pronounced oh-gruh], Shrek."

**Justin:** "I did not fashion him together from my straps and burlap and calico as I once promised. No... he was manufactured, and I stole him fair and square, mother."

**Griffin:** “While I distracted you with my first crime at the Cracker Barrel, you paid no attention to the actual heist.” [sinister laugh]

**Travis:** “And that is how I got revenge on the man who ruined my father!”

**Griffin:** ... Ruined my father?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Hey. Was it a Cracker Barrel? ‘Cause that seems like the only restaurant where you steal toys.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Um...

**Justin:** Wait. Li—

**Griffin:** Oh, you actually want an answer.

**Justin:** I just—I'm curious.

[silence]

**Griffin:** Absolute silence.

**Justin:** Now Liam has left. Liam was so embarrassed.

**Griffin:** Wait a minute.

**Travis:** No, he’s being chased by the cops!!

**Griffin:** Where’s my fucking wallet?!

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** I mean, here’s—here’s, uhh... I feel like ten years is a good amount of time. I also feel like once you are post 30, you can casually bring up, like, a time you got so high at the University of Michigan campus that you slept under a tree in your gym shorts in front of your dad. And it’s like... I’m an adult man. I’m an adult, and it—yeah, but you didn’t—you weren’t there! You did not catch me!

**Travis:** Griffin, what you—

**Griffin:** Double Jeopardy, baby!

**Travis:** What you are implying there is, Liam has told us this happened ten years ago. And so, what you're saying is, at age 20, Liam stole a Shrek toy from a restaurant!

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** [laughing] "I just had to have it!"

**Justin:** Liam, if you still have the toy, you know what you have to do. You have to go back to the restaurant...

**Travis:** Mm-hmm. And fall in love with the owner's child.

**Justin:** [laughs] What?

**Travis:** It's a cute story on Reddit!

**Justin:** Okay... I guess... Travis ruined my train of thought. Never mind, Liam. Just throw it in the garbage and move on with your life.

**Travis:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** I will say, the good news, Liam, if you have reached adulthood, and the worst thing you've done so far in your life is take a Shrek toy from a restaurant... you're doin' okay.

**Griffin:** Eh... after stealing a Lightning McQueen, I feel like two steals in one trip is kind of up there.

**Travis:** It only counts as one steal.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Noo, I don't...

**Travis:** Yeah. They stole a toy from a restaurant.

**Justin:** Hey. Liam. If you walk into a restaurant, and you're like, "Hey. What's up? I'm a thief. Sorry. My mom's busted me. You didn't, but here's your Lightning McQueen back." If they're not watching you like a fucking hawk...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** ... after that, like... "Hey, watch that little idiot clear the—clear the front door, because I do not trust his sticky fingers." That's on them! They basically gave it to you.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Maybe they were actually super excited you took the Shrek. They're like, "We've been trying to get rid of that Shrek forever."

**Griffin:** Hate that Shrek.

**Travis:** "We had that sweet honey pot just waitin' for someone to steal it. Thank you. Ugh, we hate that green ogre."

**Griffin:** Uhh...

**Travis:** For insurance! Somebody said 'for insurance'!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** They insured that Shrek doll for millions of dollars! [laughing]

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** [laughing] Finally! Someone fell for it!

**Griffin:** It was one of a kind. This one was hand-kissed by Mike Myers.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Uh, I have a Yahoo here that was sent in by Max. Thank you, Max.

**Justin:** Max.

**Griffin:** It's an anonymous Yahoo Answers user who I'm going to call...  
Plaaarbtkschplr... asks...

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** "Poll: Would you want a hallway full of vending machines? So, when guests come over, you can make yourself a nice little profit."

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Let—let's just go straight down the line. No discussion yet. Poll, yes or no?

**Justin:** Would I do it?

**Griffin:** Would you want it? Poll. Yes or no.

**Justin:** As a guest, or as a homeowner?

**Travis:** As a homeowner.

**Justin:** Um... yeah.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Okay. [laughs]

**Justin:** I think so. Here's my argument. I'm, uh, as Travis has so cavalierly thrown out, can be uncomfortable in some situations, socially speaking.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** Uh... if I didn't have to ask somebody for a Diet Coke, and I just had to go put fuckin' a dollar in the machine, I would be stoked as hell.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** I don't have to ask people for anything? I can just buy my own Kit-Kat? Fuck yes I would! Absolutely! That's a great host. They've cut down one uncomfortable interaction. If there was like, a place I could pay to pee? That would be ideal for me.

**Griffin:** I just...

**Travis:** 'Cause then you feel like you belong there.

**Justin:** Right.

**Travis:** I'm supposed to eat this. I own it.

**Justin:** I own this. I bought this from you.

**Griffin:** This is unprecedented. Because I've just thought of a way to answer an actual question with a Yahoo Answer. It's a sort of synthesis we've never done before, but... you could put little index cards in the little spirals that say, "Good for one massage."

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Okay. Okay.

**Travis:** Huh.

**Justin:** Ouroboros. The snake eats its tail.

**Griffin:** Nope. It's a straight forward snake. It's just a snake.

**Justin:** But I mean, what you did, just right there.

**Travis:** A snake eats another snake.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yes. That could be good. Ah, man... it depends on what kind of vending machines, yes? We had one vending machine at the high school I went to. Huntington High. Go Highlanders, I guess. I was never very enthusiastic about your sports when I was there, so I don't know why I would like 16 years removed. But anyway... we had a Fruitopia vending machine way past Fruitopia's... tragic death. Um... so...

**Justin:** Where were they getting it?

**Griffin:** What?

**Justin:** Where were they getting it?

**Griffin:** That's a good question.

**Travis:** It was all the same ones, just leftover.

**Griffin:** It may have just been the same Fruitopia. If memory serves, it was all sold out except for one flavor, and that flavor must've been fuckin' bad.

**Justin:** [laughs] At my middle school, they had a vending machine that only sold cans of guava juice? Which sounds bougie, but they all look like they were made in 1970, so...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** This is healthy.

**Griffin:** If you get one of those vending machines that have like... Lifesavers up top and Pop-Tarts at the bottom for some reason?

**Justin:** Yeah. I love that.

**Griffin:** That's the only two things I need, baby!

**Travis:** But that's terrifying when the Lifesavers are on top, 'cause you know it's dust by the time it gets to the bottom. That is a long fall for Lifesavers to make, and like, survive.

**Justin:** Let me hit you with this. Giant vending machine. Nothin' but condoms. What is being messaged there? That's my question to you.

**Travis:** Why does it have to be giant?! [laughing] Huh? How many varieties are included here?!

**Justin:** Because, Travis, a small vending machine full of condoms isn't very funny.



[audience laughter]

**Travis:** I would actually argue that one condom-sized vending machine with one row of condoms...

**Griffin:** [laughing] Or just one condom in it, and it costs \$500.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** I feel like if you have a one condom vending machine, that's being judgmental. That's like putting it behind a pay wall. You should just be giving those things away. But if you expand the size to a lot... then it starts to seem like you're an enthusiast, and you just want to offer variety.

**Travis:** Let me throw this out. 500 spots, all sold out except one.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** I had a big night last night and I don't want to talk about it.

**Griffin:** I tried to make my house like in Up, but it didn't work.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** [laughing] I imagine, in that movie, the old man is just floating by other people's houses with his condom balloons, just like, looking in the windows and like, flirting. And that—and that movie's called, "U Up?"

[raucous audience applause and laughter]

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** Woo! You did it, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Damn. Someone on Twitter's gonna steal that joke and get a million followers.

**Justin:** Uh, I don't think that would fit in a tweet, mon frère. That's a long way around to get to that one.

**Griffin:** That's fair. That's a long... long walk.

**Travis:** So now, imagine there's a hallway lined with vending machines, right?

**Justin:** So, giant vending machine full of condoms. Price for each item: one massage. But... received, not given. You let me give you a massage, I give you a condom. This is bad. This has actually gone... don't do this one.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** This one is not a good one, I've realized.

**Travis:** Y'know what, I'm saying it, I'm hearing it...

**Justin:** I'm hearing it, and... yeah. Absolutely, it's bad. Absolutely. This one's not good. Don't do that one. But...

**Griffin:** You... [grunts] Do you watch... your guests walk through this hallway, judging their choices as they walk? Because I imagine a hallway *full* of vending machines. I'm imagining some like... the shining, but with product placement sort of action going on.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** And so, they walk past the, y'know, the Sprite machine. They walk past the one with uh, Lifesavers and Pop-Tarts. They walk past one that has like, your mix tape in it. And you're like, "Ooh, you gonna stop at the mix tape one?"

**Justin:** I made the—these are some hand-drawn zines. Oh, no?

**Griffin:** Oh, you're gonna keep on goin'?

**Justin:** You're not gonna buy my zines? Okay. Huh. That's weird.

**Griffin:** Uh, can you do a question for me, Justin?

**Justin:** Oh, I'd love that, Griffin. Thank you so much for asking. That's so sweet of you. [inhales] "I'm 24, and I want to get into eating cheese."

**Griffin:** It felt like he was gonna interrupt us, which is why I...

**Justin:** No. Myself?

**Travis:** It felt like he was gonna interrupt himself, but I was really excited to watch it happen.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** So, "I'm 24, and I want to get into eating cheese so that I don't feel like a social pariah at fancy dinner parties."

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Did you just lean over to fart?

**Griffin:** No, he was scared you were gonna interrupt your...

**Travis:** No, I'm afraid you're going to like, yell at me.

**Justin:** "... so I don't feel like a social pariah at fancy dinner parties. I'm not lactose intolerant, I just don't like how it tastes." Yes. "I do love pizza, though, 'cause pizza's the perfect food, second only to sandwiches." That's incorrect, but whatever. "I assume that, at least for me, it will be an acquired taste. What would be a good type of cheese to start with?" And that's from Cheeseless in the District.

Now, brothers, I am going to have to defer to you on this question. I'm assuming the first dozen pieces of raw cheese you put into your mouth were foul and profane, as they would—they turn—

**Travis:** Please excuse the terminology you've just used.

**Justin:** I—raw cheese. We've talked about it before. Well, I don't fuck with raw cheese. I only like melted cheese, like on pizza or burgers. I just don't fuck with raw cheese.

**Griffin:** [laughing] It's so good.

**Justin:** It's not that weird.

**Travis:** Raw cheese is milk!

**Justin:** I just don't fuck with raw cheese.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** So you guys will have to talk about how—don't—don't do this to me right now. Okay? Trying to do a comedy show. I don't want to talk about raw cheese and how it turns—

**Griffin:** Cheese has been cooked, kind of!

**Justin:** My wife...

**Travis:** It's been stirred enough, I think.

**Justin:** We've been trying to get the kids to broaden their palates, and Sydnee said, "You know you set a really bad example, because you rule out whole categories of foods that you won't even try." I said, "Name one." She said, "Raw cheese." I said, "Name two. That was a gimme." And she... she said, "Creamy dips."

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** And it's... fair. I won't eat creamy dips. And she said, "You can't just say you won't eat creamy dips. You're 38 years old." I said, "Let me turn that around on you. I'm 38 years old. I can say that I don't like creamy dips." I'm just not gonna do that. Uh, French onion... uh, the soup's great. The dip's wack. Creamy ranch?

**Travis:** Ranch?

**Justin:** Yeah. Foul.

**Travis:** That's the one that boggles my mind.

**Justin:** Foul.

**Travis:** Ranch, the like, second, like... I would say it goes like, ketchup and mustard, tied. Ranch is like, right there of like, most go-to...

**Justin:** Don't fuck with it.

**Griffin:** So, how do you start—

**Justin:** Don't fuck with ranch. Don't fuck with creamy dips. Don't fuck with raw cheese. So brothers, how do you start—how would you power through your first hundred nasty bites of raw cheese to trick yourself into thinking it was good?

**Travis:** I'll get to how to enjoy it in a second. If you want to sound continental... more than any other, like, food there is... cheese is the easiest thing to bullshit about and sound intelligent, to the point where you can even comment on the consistency of it and sound smart, and go, "Ooh, that's a soft cheese."

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** A thing anyone could tell.

**Griffin:** Oh, I, uh...

**Travis:** And people are like, "Oh, yes. Ooh, ooh, that's kind of a hard cheese."

**Griffin:** "I kind of, uh, destroyed that with my teeth into a different state that was easier to swallow. So..."

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** I have, uh... I have a few catchalls that I use for wine that you could probably steal for cheese.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Like uh, let me give you one. [pause] Ooh, assertive.

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** And then you back it up again, like, take another sip and buy yourself a little bit more time. "That's assertive fruit. That's an assertive fruit on there. Ooh, is that... [smacks lips] Pepper?"

**Travis:** Oooh!

**Justin:** A little bit of that. It's good.

**Travis:** Can I try one?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Take a bite of the cheese and go, "Ooh, that's very cheese-forward."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] That sounds like you're doing a sketch. I wouldn't do that.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** You could also take a bite—here's the secret. Psst. Unlike wine... actually, exactly like wine. [stage whispers] Nobody has any fucking idea what they're talking about.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** So if you pick up any cheese and bite it, and go, "Oh, that's gone bad." Nobody can disprove it!

**Travis:** Start it with, "Actually, that's bad." [laughs]

**Griffin:** Oof. Oh, don't eat this one, guys. This one's bad.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Don't eat this one, Mary.

**Travis:** “That would go well with crackers” is another, like...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** 95% of the time, you're cool with that.

**Justin:** I like how you guys have glommed onto the easy part of this question, which is faking expertise, which anyone could do at any time, and not focus on the hard part, which is how to eat fucking rowdy cheese.

**Griffin:** Well, what am I supposed to—I'm not gonna teach `em—

**Travis:** I'll—I'll tell ya how to do it.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I'm not gonna do close up magic for you up here to show you how to pocket it.

**Travis:** I want you to take a bite of the che—this is what I do when I go to the dentist. Take a bite of the cheese, and then just start—

**Griffin:** What the fuck's up with your dentist, my bud?!

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** No no no, let me get to it! Take a bite of the cheese—

**Griffin:** Your teeth are fucked up, and we're gonna have to get in there like Rambo and save your mouth! But first... I melted some brie on some apples.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** [laughs] That wasn't the part I was getting. But... that would be nice. Now that you're saying that... that would be pretty cool.

**Justin:** I mean, if they melt it, sure.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** That's fine too. We're all in agreement. That would be good.

**Travis:** Take a bite of the cheese, and then start counting ceiling tiles. That's what I was going to say.

**Griffin:** Yes, that'll work. Oh, that was it.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Wow.

**Travis:** That's what I do at the dentist! It wasn't a good bit, but I was hoping I'd give you time to think of something funny to say.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** And now we've pulled back the curtain too far.

**Travis:** Oh shit.

**Justin:** [sings the Munch Squad theme, but lazily]

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Something in the monitor. I got something in the monitor.

**Justin:** Yeah, Paul, I think there's something in the monitor. [sings Munch Squad theme] That's not gonna cut it. Not for DC.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Feedback or something?

**Justin:** Pump it up. Yeah, pump it up. Here we go. [sings Munch Squad theme]

[a high definition version of the Munch Squad theme plays over speakers]

**Justin:** Welcome to Munch Squad! It's a podcast...

[audience cheers]



**Justin:** ... within a podcast! Thank you to Jade for that theme song. Uh, this is a podcast within a podcast, highlighting the latest and greatest in brand eating. [laughs] And quick service restaurant innovation. Funnovation, if you will.

Well, I have fucking huge news.

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** Um... does everybody... [laughs] Does everybody feel kind of bummed out by how static the level of cravable innovation has been?

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Fear not. Fear not.

**Griffin:** If you listen to this show, and the answer to that is yes, you're a mad man.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Taco Bell has taken cravable innovation to the next level.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** I didn't want it to be them!

**Travis:** It was, though! Who else would it be, Griffin?!

**Griffin:** They're—they're delisting the fuckin', uh, cooler ranch Locos Doritos Taco... they can fuck off if they're replacing it with—

**Justin:** No no no, listen.

**Griffin:** Unless it's two Locos Doritos Cooler Ranch tacos.

**Justin:** Here's the subhead for this. Uh, "The company gives fans carefree indulgence in this elevated chalupa experience."

**Griffin:** Come, my friends.

**Justin:** This is a very accurate subhead, because if you eat the toasted cheddar chalupa, and someone's like, "What are you doing?" The proper response is, "I don't fucking care."

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I'm literally carefree. Not about my body, not about my spirit.

**Travis:** I've never thought about 'carefree' in those terms before, of like, "I used to care, and now I've given up."

**Justin:** Yeah, I'm free of caring.

**Griffin:** That is also the most hedonistic subhead I've ever heard accompany—

**Justin:** Fuck yeah it is. This is Taco Bell.

**Griffin:** "Indulge in our pleasure. Eat the cheese and the beef have supplied you."

**Travis:** "Live in the moooment."

**Justin:** You guys are having a lot of fun with the fucking *subhead* of this press release. "The beloved Taco Bell chalupa that fans know and love is getting a next-level cheesy glow up! Introducing the toasted cheddar chalupa!"

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Confirmed for nationwide release.

**Griffin:** Holy shit.

**Travis:** [laughs] Hold on! We checked with our sizes...

**Justin:** We just checked with ourselves... we are definitely doing this, folks. You can—I like that that sounds like a threat. You can't reason with us. We've confirmed it.

**Travis:** We're way past the point of no return on this one.

**Griffin:** Historically, also, they tested in one market, so it's like, "Well, we killed Buffalo, but um... at least we didn't get the rest of the country."

**Justin:** "The toasted cheddar chalupa presents brilliantly simplistic shell innovation by baking real aged cheddar cheese onto the shell. Since the classic chalupa was first introduced in 1999, Taco Bell has consistently found new ways to create all new chalupa experiences."

**Travis:** Thank god.

**Justin:** "Whether it's flavor innovation like the Baja Chalupa in 2000, size innovation with the 2017 launch of the Double Chalupa..."

**Griffin:** Is that an *innovation*, Taco Bell?

**Travis:** That is just—that is just addition. [laughs]

**Justin:** "Or protein innovation, with the Naked Chicken Chalupa."

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** That is—that is not a—[laughs] A protein innovation, though!

**Justin:** That's a Munch Squad favorite. It's a fuckin' wack chicken breast that they folded into a taco. Shut up.

**Travis:** No, I get that, but that's not like, we've invented a new protein!

**Griffin:** Yeah, we found some new protein fossilized in amber.

**Justin:** "... Naked Chicken Chalupa that same year. The chalupa experience has no boundaries." And that is a threat.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** That is a threat. We're not stopping here, folks. We are nowhere near the fuckin' Rubicon. "At Taco Bell," here's a quote from Liz Matthews, chief food innovation officer at Taco Bell Corp. "At Taco Bell, we get excited by the what-ifs..."

**Travis:** [laughs] It gets us rock hard!

**Justin:** It gets us rock hard excited about the what-ifs. "... we can dream up and bring to life for our fans." It is a living, sentient being.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "And the toasted cheddar chalupa is an example of just that. We know cheese makes everything better, and ba—" Eh, within limits. "And baking aged cheddar into the shell of an already iconic product is a game changer for our fans. Our fans will love..." I don't know what the game is, but I feel we've all lost already.

**Griffin:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Travis:** To be fair, baking cheese onto most games is a game changer.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Travis:** Wow, it's a lot harder to play chess, huh?

**Justin:** Hey, I think your copy of Operation is fucked.

**Travis:** [laughing]

**Justin:** "If there's one..." This thing's ten paragraphs long, y'all. We gotta haul ass.

**Travis:** [laughs] Oh god!

**Justin:** "If there's one sure sign of the latest foodie craze, it's a line stretching around the block. That's why Tac—"

**Griffin:** That has nothing to do with fuckin' anything, Taco Bell!

**Travis:** Yeah, it would mean something if people were lining up. Anyways...

**Justin:** Okay, listen, though... [mumbling] If there's one sure sign of the latest foodie craze, it's a line stretching around the block... "That's why Taco Bell is giving a few fans the chance to try Taco Bell's latest cravable innovation before it's even available nationwide. But because the foodiest hot spots are all the best kept secrets, fans will have to uncover where the advance tastings of toasted..."

**Griffin:** Oh my god...

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** "... cheddar are being served for themselves."

**Griffin:** Are they doing...

**Travis:** They're gonna have to hire Nicolas Cage!

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** The most wild thing about this paragraph... and I'm sure there's more wild things about the other paragraphs, but this paragraph specifically... is that... they are basically saying, like, "Wouldn't it be weird if we were like real food?"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It's basically like, food face. Like, they're pretending to be food. It's a perversion of what we understand food to be. Like, what if Taco Bell was like, food? [laughing] That you'd buy at a restaurant? Wouldn't that be wild? Anyway.

**Travis:** Also, the weird kayfabe of putting out a press release and saying, "But we're not gonna tell you," as though they haven't published, like, a dissertation?

**Justin:** They haven't published the locations, though. That's what's secret.

**Griffin:** Is this the start of a fucking Taco Bell ARG, Justin McElroy?

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Not... not, uh... do you mean an alternate reality gordita? No. It is not.

**Griffin:** Is it “I love cheese”? And see, there was an ARG called “I Love Bees” that promoted a—okay. Six of you liked that.

**Justin:** Um... “The toasted cheddar chalupa is not just one of this year’s biggest innovations from Taco Bell. It’s also the largest international release of a menu item from Taco Bell since the naked chicken chalupa in 2017. Starting this month, and for a limited time, the menu item will also be available in Aruba, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, and Puerto Rico. After all, the love of cheese is definitely universal.

Like the classic chalupa, the toasted cheddar chalupa is filled with the option of seasoned beef, chicken, or steak, and then piled with shredded lettuce and—” These are just the ingredients. “What takes the chalupa to foodie-worthy status is all on the outside of the shell.”

**Griffin:** It’s the fucking cheese you melted—like, yeah! Why do these press releases have to tell you six times in them? “We melted the cheeeese!”

**Travis:** We put cheese on it and made it real hot!

**Justin:** “Taco Bell has taken six month aged sharp cheddar cheese...”

**Travis:** Old cheese.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** There were six—I’m glad cheese ain’t sentient.

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** `Cause there—that means there would be six months where the cheese was like, “They must be savin’ me up for something good.”

**Griffin:** [laughing] What is it? What is it, William H. Macy’s birthday?

**Justin:** [laughing] I'm headed for big things, suckers! Adios, I'm going to be a—what? The outside of a chalupa?

**Griffin:** What's up? What's up? It's nice to be here. So, you're... a... you're new dirty ground beef. Uh oh.

**Justin:** [laughs] Uh, "It's toasted on the iconic chalupa shell to create a crispy blanket of flavor and texture, unlocking a whole new cheese experience." Uh, that's this week's Munch Squad. Thank you for indulging me.

**Griffin:** Thank you Munch Squad.

[audience cheers]

[theme music plays]

**Griffin:** Oh, hello there. This is Griffin McElroy, the littlest one of the three of them, and uh, yeah. Thanks for listening to this live episode from, gosh, last September? That we did in Washington DC. Tried to give you all a heads up, but uh, Travis and Teresa have just welcomed a new human being into the planet Earth, and so, uh, things are gonna be a little bit up in the air for a while.

So yeah, get a live one this week. Next week, uh, maybe another live one, maybe a bro's better, bro's best. I don't know. I don't know. We're figuring it out as we go. Building the plane under our butts as we fly it. But thank you all so much for sticking with us, and of course, congratulations to Travis and Teresa. We're all super, super happy for 'em, and we're also super happy that Stamps.com has decided to sponsor up this episode. Equally happy, I would say.

Because New Year's resolutions, they are difficult to keep. I'm always saying that. Uh, but here's an easy one that you can do. A resolution, I mean. You can stop wasting time going to the post office, and use Stamps.com instead. It's super slick, super easy. Streamlined. Efficiency business. It brings all the services of the US Postal Service right to your computer.

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Hey, *MeUndies*. *MeUndies* is also here, and they're here for you, and they're also here for your dog. Or your cat. Or whatever. Because hey, they have these new pants things that are called buddy pants, and they allow you to match whatever you're wearing to whatever your pet is wearing. They've got not one, not two, not nine, but three new Valentine's Day prints that you can match with your buddy this year.

If you're matching with your BFF, a loved one, whatever, or your dog. It still counts with *MeUndies*. They also have new loungewear you can wear out and about. Keep your eyes peeled for some cozy new additions. They got a great offer for our listeners. For any first time purchasers, you get 15% off and free shipping, plus a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

So to get 15% off your first pair, free shipping, and a 100% satisfaction guarantee, go to [MeUndies.com/MyBrother](https://MeUndies.com/MyBrother). That's [MeUndies.com/MyBrother](https://MeUndies.com/MyBrother).

Uhh, hey, we have a live show comin' up in Cincinnati. You can go to [McElroy.family](https://McElroy.family), see if there's still tickets available for that one. Doing TAZ and MBMBaM. And uh, we're figuring out what we're gonna be doing for touring for the rest of the year. We got the JoCo Cruise comin' up in March, but we're lookin' into the future for the Fill Your Life with Laughter and Love tour, 2020. Lookin' forward to that.

Uh, I believe preorders are still open for the TAZ board game. You can go to [TheAdventureZoneGame.com](https://TheAdventureZoneGame.com). We've been working on some new content for that that we're all really excited about. And uh, graphic novel three of The Adventure Zone graphic novel series is also available to preorder. That one's comin' out this summer. You can go to [TheAdventureZoneComic.com](https://TheAdventureZoneComic.com) and check that all out.

Uh, I think that that's probably gonna do it. Uh, again, we'll be back next Monday, probably with another sort of special episode to fill the gap while



Travis and Teresa are away, enjoying the new human being that they've created. So yeah, we'll be back next with... something. And uh, we'll talk to you then! Bye.

[music plays]

**Jesse:** Hey gang! Jesse here, the founder of Maximum Fun, and with me is Stacey Molski, who is, among other things, the lady who responds to all of your tweets.

**Stacey:** Hi everyone! I also send you newsletters.

**Jesse:** Uh, so anyway, something really awesome. You, Max Fun listeners, have given us the chance to do something really cool on behalf of our entire community, and we wanted to tell you about it.

**Stacey:** Last summer, following the MaxFunDrive, we put all of the enamel pins on sale to \$10 and up members, with proceeds going to the The National CASA/GAL Association for Children.

**Jesse:** Your generous support and enthusiasm raised over \$100,000. Our bookkeeper staff would be quick to tell me exact total is \$109,025, to be exact.

**Stacey:** Your money will go toward pairing kids who've experienced abuse or neglect with court-appointed advocates, or Guardian ad Litem volunteers.

**Jesse:** In other words, kids in tough spots will have somebody in their corner. Knowledgeable grown-ups who are on their team through court dates and life upheavals and confusing situations. Whatever.

**Stacey:** The money we raised together is going to help a lot of kids.

**Jesse:** Whether you bought pins or not, you can help us build on that \$109,000 foundation. Make a donation to support The National CASA/GAL, and help some of our nation's most vulnerable children at [MaximumFun.org/CASA](https://MaximumFun.org/CASA). That's [MaximumFun.org/CASA](https://MaximumFun.org/CASA).

**Stacey:** And seriously – thank you. Our community rules.

[music ends]

**Griffin:** There was a question—there’s a question that was sent to us that we’re not going to get to. A lot of people send us jokey jokes, and that’s fine and everything, but it doesn’t give us a long runway to go off of. But somebody sent one in that was really, really funny.

**Travis:** It makes us laugh backstage.

**Griffin:** Uh, uh, so we’re not gonna do this question, but I wanted to read it out loud, ‘cause it cracked us the fuck up. Uh, Jesse in section N, row J, seat one, asked...

**Audience Member:** [screams excitedly]

**Griffin:** Crushed it. Asked, “I keep accidentally tricking people into thinking I know shit about astrology by saying ‘yikes’ to their sign.”

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** That is a solid ass bit!

**Justin:** That’s a good bit!

**Griffin:** That’s a quality bit.

**Travis:** “Oh, I’m a Gemini!”

“Yikes.”

**Justin:** People are gonna steal that. It’s gonna be all over DC soon. “Yikes!”

**Griffin:** Alright.

**Travis:** Yikes. Oh, you’re—ooh. Taurus. Yikes.

**Griffin:** Okay, let's uh, uh... let's begin. Hello. Everybody seems to have congregated on the stage right microphone. That's totally fine. Let's begin. Hi, what's your name?

**Autumn:** Autumn.

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Justin:** Hi Autumn.

**Griffin:** Autumn.

**Autumn:** Hi.

**Griffin:** Hi, how's it goin'? [laughs]

**Travis:** Hi.

**Justin:** Hi. Yeah. No, this is your part.

**Autumn:** Okay. Okay.

**Travis:** We don't have a question for you.

**Autumn:** Right. Right. Uh, my question was, uh, what should I do with all these teeth?

**Griffin:** Yeahhh.

**Travis:** Yeahhh.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** So we had some follow uuups.

**Travis:** I lied. We do have questions for you.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Where did you get them?

**Justin:** With—with—I'm sorry, with teeth?

**Autumn:** Okay, um, so—

**Justin:** Wait, could I get a bit more Autumn in my monitor, please? `Cause it sounded like Autumn said teeth. Okay.

**Autumn:** Um, so, I was sitting in my sister's car the other day, and—

**Travis:** Not how I expected this to start!

**Justin:** Please, I'm on pins and needles here!

**Griffin:** I opened the glove box, and holy shit!

[audience laughter]

**Autumn:** Um, so, she had this uh, this like, purple chest in your cup holder. And so, I looked inside it, and it had three human teeth in it.

**Justin:** That's way more than I expected you to say.

**Autumn:** Okay. [laughs] So... um, so, I turned to my sister, who's driving the car, and I say, "Why do you have a bunch of teeth?"

**Justin:** Fair. Yes.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Autumn:** She said they belonged to her children. She doesn't want to tell her children that the tooth fairy gave them back to her.

**Justin:** So, she keeps them—

**Griffin:** Hold up. That's what she would say?

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** She's the worst liar fucking ever! The tooth fairy said your teeth are busted, and... super brittle.

**Justin:** And she's also keeping them in a cup holder?

**Travis:** Does she not know that garbage cans exist?!

**Autumn:** Well, that's the—she said she didn't feel right throwing part of her kid's body out?

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** No!

**Griffin:** No, that's decent. That's good.

**Justin:** That's fair.

**Autumn:** So...

**Griffin:** How does this story end with you receiving the teeth, Autumn?! What did you say?!

**Autumn:** Well, here's what I said. Um, we were actually listening to a MBMBaM bit on YouTube—

**Griffin:** Don't put this on fuckin' us!!

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Don't you dare!

**Travis:** We're good people!

**Griffin:** We're good people! You're the one who said, "Yum yum, gimme some of them teeth!"

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Autumn!

**Justin:** Autumn!

**Autumn:** Um, so then, uh... so I said that I was coming to see you live, and that you take advice questions from the audience.

**Justin:** You didn't fuckin' bring the teeth...

**Autumn:** And she said... she said I should ask you what to do with the teeth.

**Justin:** You didn't bring the teeth.

**Travis:** But you didn't bring them, right?

**Autumn:** Well, I didn't—I don't have them with me.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** God yes.

**Justin:** That's great.

**Griffin:** I was about the edit in the sound of like, a maraca just to freak everybody's fuckin' bean at home.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Hey, Autumn? Throw them away.

**Griffin:** Put them in the gar! Bage! Can!

**Autumn:** She doesn't want to do that.

**Travis:** Why not?

**Autumn:** Well, 'cause they're part of her kids' bodies.

**Travis:** No they're not!

**Griffin:** So is the pee! Poo! To the fuckin' fingernails!

**Travis:** So is hair you cut off!

**Autumn:** [laughing]

**Travis:** You don't keep all the hair, do you, Autumn?!

**Griffin:** Hold on. Now, wait a minute. Hold on. Autumn... we're comin' at you pretty agro right now. I want to take a step back. I will acknowledge. I will seed this to you, that teeth are a more precious part of my body than hair, my fingernails, my poopie.

**Travis:** My hair is the most special part of my body. Go on.

**Griffin:** If I lose a tooth now, I will have the thought of, "Well, should I do something with this?" I won't do that with anything else. So, there is something to this question.

**Justin:** Fair.

**Travis:** You wouldn't do that with any other part of your body?

**Griffin:** I mean...

**Travis:** If you lost another part of your body, you would feel more cool chucking it than a tooth?

**Griffin:** On the scale of los—anyway, Travis, you know what I'm saying.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Uhhh... throw—throw `em a—throw `em away.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** I... I mean, okay. I don't think she's gonna want `em back. Right?

**Autumn:** So I did find a place in Baltimore that *buys* human teeth...

**Griffin:** Oh my god.

**Travis:** No, you cannot!! Don't do it!

**Justin:** Yes, do it.

**Travis:** No, because in three years, you'll see some people who look a lot like your nieces and nephews running around!

**Justin:** So, okay. What does the place in Baltimore do with them?

**Autumn:** Uh, makes them into jewelry.

**Griffin:** Yes. Yes. Makes them into jewelry.

**Justin:** Yes, yes, yes.

**Travis:** Oh, actually, no. That rules. Do that.

**Justin:** Hey, wait.

**Travis:** Get that for your sister!

**Justin:** Hey, wait. So there is an actual tooth fairy...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** But it's a company in Baltimore. Is that what you're saying to me?

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** So Autumn, if I may... what you have done... and listen, I appreciate this, because it gave us something to talk about. But you said, "What should I do with these teeth that I already figured out something to do with?"

**Autumn:** Well, I actually only called that place after I submitted the question.

**Griffin:** Okay, okay, okay.

**Justin:** Okay, fair enough.



**Griffin:** But hey, cool! Don't fucking sell your niece's and nephew's teeth to a fuckin' strange company in Baltimore! Throw `em in the garbage!!

**Travis:** No, but hey – you could pay to have them made into jewelry for your sister.

**Justin:** Oh, thanks for this great necklace, Autumn. I love it.

**Griffin:** This is great.

**Travis:** It is a step up from a plastic cup in a cup holder!

**Justin:** Incorrect.

**Griffin:** This is perfect for me, a Klingon blood warrior...

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Does that help, Autumn?

**Autumn:** [laughing] Yeah. Yeah.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Justin:** Thank you, Autumn. Big hand. Big hand.

**Griffin:** How about, uhh...

**Justin:** What do you have for sale on nasty eBay, which this show has apparently become?

**Griffin:** Uh, Katelyn, row F, seat one. Head on down for uh... join the queue. Hello.

**Tara:** Hi! Um, okay. I'm kind of freaking out right now.

**Griffin:** You've got this. You've got this.

**Justin:** You're fine. You got this. What's your name?

**Tara:** Um, I'm Tara.

**Justin:** Hello, Tara.

**Griffin:** Hi, Tara.

**Tara:** Um, so, I am selling my weird, cursed Photoshop things on eBay, apparently?

**Griffin:** Okay. Is this a surprise to you?

**Tara:** No. [laughs] No. Um, so, my grandmother keeps asking me about this new digital art class that I'm taking in school.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** It's a considerate thing for your grandma to do.

**Tara:** But um... what we do in digital art is, our teacher lets us do whatever we want in Photoshop.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** That's a bad teacher, y'all.

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Tara:** He like, gives us—

**Travis:** Are you paying to go to this school? You could do that at home!

**Tara:** He like, gives us general guidelines. But, for example, you had to combine a bunch of images in a landscape, and I made a giant grab with laser eyes attacking Ocean City.

**Travis:** Sick!

**Griffin:** Okay.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** That's sick.

**Tara:** [laughing] But um, I'm not sure how I tell my grandmother... this is a thing that I submitted in class, and that I get graded on.

**Griffin:** Okay. You don't want your grandmother to see your crab monster art.

**Tara:** [laughing]

**Travis:** What if it turns out—

**Griffin:** I have to say—

**Travis:** —your grandmother loves it?

**Griffin:** That's definitely the pure and true and good and nice answer to this question. I must say... when I did read your question in our inbox, I did think, uh, "How do I explain to my grandmother that my digital art projects are not something she wants to see," would be a little bit more... how do I say, uh...

**Tara:** Yeah, I was talking with my friend after I submitted it, like, "Oh, they're gonna think about it *that way*."

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** Yeah! You wrote it! Right? You wrote the question with your, like, your physical body.

**Tara:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Have you ever done any nasty digital art? I'm dyin' up here!

**Travis:** Come on! Give us somethin'!

**Justin:** I'm gonna hit you with something, Tara.

**Travis:** Was it a crab, but like, sexy?

**Griffin:** A sexual crab?

**Justin:** Sexual crab? Y'know...

**Tara:** I mean, is merging the faces of Hillary Clinton and Markiplier sexy? Because I did...

**Justin:** I don't...

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** I don't...

**Griffin:** I'm not here to yuck any yums.

**Justin:** Tara... Tara, I'm gonna hit you with something. Not literally. We... get mad... we get so mad at old people for not knowing about everything. But maybe it's because we get to a point where we stop showing 'em all the cool shit.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Tara:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Maybe if we weren't so afraid to expose our old people to cool shit, I wouldn't have to explain everything to my dad.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Maybe he would just know about dope shit, and I wouldn't have to try to sit him down and do a PowerPoint about how Steven Universe works. Like, maybe I could just...

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Fuckin' let him watch it.

**Griffin:** We had a powerful moment last tour. We were in Atlanta. I remember, we were backstage, and I broke down in tears because of the moment I was having with Dad where I did all my Fortnite dances in front of him.

[audience laughter]

**Tara:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Maybe...

**Travis:** There is a beautiful possibility here, Tara, that you show your grandmother this crab attacking a thing, and your grandmother goes, "Mmm..." And steps over to a closet, and pulls out, and she has cut out of magazines the same thing from 1942.

**Tara:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And has made the exact same picture. And then, you finally connect with her on a very deep, personal level.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Or it'll be like, Charlie Chaplin holding a beach ball, and she'll be like, "Fuckin' get it?" [laughs] "Did you see this meme I made?" "Yeah, it's great. Yeah. You got him."

**Justin:** I want to take a wild—Tara, how well do you know your grandma and your grandma know you?

**Tara:** Um, well, we live with each other, so I know her habits pretty well.

**Justin:** Okay.

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

**Justin:** Tara, I'm gonna hit you with something again. This is number two. Um... your grandma knows you're not paintin' sunflowers, Tara. She knows you. She knows you're gettin' weird. Just let her see your weird art!

**Travis:** It'll be less weird than she thinks, as evidenced by us reading your question.

**Justin:** Yes! It's—yes! You're in so much worse for her not knowing!

**Griffin:** Oh, nana... nana...

**Travis:** "It's a giant crab."

"Oh, thank god!"

**Justin:** "Oh, thank god it's a giant crab! Tell me everything!"

**Travis:** "At least I have some point of reference for that!"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Does that help?

**Tara:** Yes, thank you. [laughing]

**Justin:** Good, good, excellent.

**Griffin:** Thank you.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Uh, hello.

**Justin:** Hello.

**Kyle:** Hello.

**Griffin:** What's up?

**Kyle:** Hi, I'm Kyle.

**Griffin:** Hi Kyle.

**Justin:** Hi Kyle.

**Kyle:** Uh, so, I was at my office. I worked at a music school. A lovely place with a lot of classical music everywhere. Very professional setting.

**Travis:** Very professional. Yeah. Yeah.

**Griffin:** I've cracked your code. I know exactly where you're talking about.

**Kyle:** [laughs] Dang! Uh, one day, my boss came in, and she said, uh, "Are you guys familiar with Beyblades at all?" Um...

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** That's a bold way to lead into that. Go on.

**Kyle:** Yeah. Well, I said, um, "Would you like to see some?" Uh...

**Travis:** You didn't, for a second, think, "This is a trap"?

**Justin:** Yeah, that's a trap.

**Kyle:** Uh, I thought maybe a raise was involved. But I had some Beyblades...

**Travis:** Oh, thank god, you know about Beyblades! Here's \$5,000!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Kyle:** You never know. It's the arts. Uh, but we went—I had a couple Beyblades and an arena in my trunk. Um...

[audience laughter]

**Kyle:** And uh...

**Travis:** In case of what?

**Griffin:** Yeahhh.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** A challenger.

**Griffin:** In case you were being mugged by some toughs, and you'd be like, "Let's settle this on the Beyblade arena!"

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** "Beyblades, let's rip! Ahh, you did stab me."

**Justin:** "Oh, why did I—why did I unlock my car trunk for you? I've made this so much easier!"

**Travis:** "I—I'm just gonna go ahead and get in here."

**Griffin:** "All you've got is a knife? Well... rrrzzt!"

**Travis:** "I've got a blaaa—oh god, I'm bleeding."

**Griffin:** No, no no. So what happened next?

**Kyle:** Yeah, so I brought them into the office, uh, and I left them there for a while, and then, uh... one day, I came back in, and I realized that the arena was still there, but the Beyblades were not. And uh...

**Travis:** Don't.

**Justin:** [sighs]

**Kyle:** I mean, it's my fault.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Kyle:** But uh... I'm just desperate to try and figure out how to crack the case of my very professional office—

**Justin:** You want us, from this stage, to tell you who in your office stole your Beyblades? Did you submit a list of suspects? Something? You have any clues?

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** Did you take any kind of detailed accounts of their comings and goings?

**Justin:** I'm ready to use my little gray cells to solve this problem for you, but I need something to go on.

**Travis:** Can I ask you a very sincere question that I want you to answer?



**Kyle:** Sure.

**Travis:** When you brought them in...

**Kyle:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And they were in your office...

**Kyle:** Yes.

**Travis:** And you decided to... leave them in your office...

**Kyle:** It's true.

**Travis:** Why? In case of what?

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** He—he—can I try? Were you lazy and just didn't fuckin' feel like carryin' it back to the car?

**Kyle:** [quietly] Yeah.

**Justin:** Okay. Yeah.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Asked and answered. I recognize my kind. Air fist bump.

**Travis:** Have you noticed other people in your office seeming especially, I don't know, relaxed? Enjoying their life for the first time in forever?

**Griffin:** Travis thinks that this is the therapeutic effect of Beyblades.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Honest to god, I know nothing about them.

**Griffin:** Motherfuckin' fuck! Bzzzt! [heavy breathing]

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** The closest comparison I have is fidget spinners, which I find to be very relaxing.

**Justin:** You gotta put more, better Beyblades in there and set up a camera.

**Kyle:** We—we set a trap. Um...

**Travis:** Wait, what?!

**Justin:** You already tried a trap?!

**Travis:** Lead with that!!

**Justin:** Lead with the Beyblade trap!!

**Kyle:** Yes. It got complicated.

**Travis:** No, yes! That's what I want to hear!!

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** There wasn't gonna be an easy solution to this.

**Kyle:** No, certainly. No. My Rubik's Cube went missing, uh, and uh, a couple other things around the office. And so, we left a candy bar on a desk, precariously placed. I didn't know what we thought would happen next. Um... but surprise, surprise, it, too, was gone later.

**Justin:** You were just trying to prove to yourself that things were, in fact, being stolen?

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** And not—and what, becoming sentient and walking away? Like Toy Story style?

**Kyle:** You never know.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** No, hey, you do.

**Griffin:** You do.

**Justin:** You do know. You do know. On this one, you do know. So you—

**Griffin:** That was it!? That was the end of your investigation?!

**Justin:** That was—that was your whole trap?!

**Kyle:** Well, now I'm here...

**Griffin:** That's not a trap! That is an offering!

**Kyle:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Kyle:** Yeah. If I had figured it out, I wouldn't have asked, so...

**Griffin:** That's a shitty trap! That's like a hunter going out into the woods and like, laying a carrot down, and then leaving!

**Justin:** Do it again. Set up a camera, and that'll be that.

**Kyle:** Oh, okay.

**Griffin:** Or just go to the middle of the office, set your arena down, yell... something about Beyblade. I've never consumed—sorry. This is the one I don't know about, folks. Something—

**Travis:** So you know it's niche.

**Griffin:** And then you just fucking... brrreee! Rip it into that good bowl, and if nobody comes around... then you won't know who the thief is, but you will know that they're chicken shit.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** Does that help?

**Kyle:** Yep!

**Justin:** Okay, great.

**Griffin:** Thank you.

**Kyle:** Thank you.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Feel free.

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Justin:** Hello.

**Kate:** Hey brothers!

**Griffin:** Hi, what's up?

**Kate:** Uh, not much. Just enjoying a great show.

**Griffin:** Oh, thank you.

**Travis:** Oh, thanks!

**Justin:** Thank you. You're so sweet. Not enough people say that, *Kyle*.

[audience laughter]

**Kate:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs] I like Kyle's double take back here!

**Justin:** [laughing] Kyle did a double take! Uh, what, uh... what was your name, first off?

**Kate:** Kate.

**Justin:** Hi Kate. What's your question?

**Kate:** Um, I'm here with my brother, who came to see the show, just because I asked him to, which is very sweet.

**Justin:** Nice.

**Kate:** And we were hanging out before the show, and we decided to start watching John Wick, which I've never seen.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Kate:** Um... we're not so great at timing things, so we only got to about the halfway point of John Wick. And I was hoping that y'all could help me feel like I've accomplished both things tonight – going to a show and watching John Wick – if you could explain the rest of the plot of John Wick to me.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Okay, wait, hold on. What was the last thing you saw?

**Justin:** No spoilers. By the way, this will be a spoiler-free summation of the plot of John Wick.

**Travis:** What was the last thing you saw before you like, I assume, hit stop as you walked out the door?

**Justin:** If you say—if you say, uh, he shot a Russian, I will have you removed from the theater.

**Travis:** No no. We need some kind of specifics.

**Kate:** Um, there was some cryptic exchanges happening in a hotel.

**Justin:** Fuck.

**Griffin:** That's—

**Justin:** Are you shitting me!?

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** That actually narrows it down... mmm... 20%.

**Griffin:** To one of the three movies in the John Wick franchise! Okay.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** So, John Wick is a... pet enthusiast.

**Kate:** [laughs]

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Who looooves his car.

**Griffin:** He...

**Travis:** Not so much that the car carries through to any future movies.

**Griffin:** He's not a... gun enthusiast, but he's... but guns are enthusiastic about him. And...

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** So... there's... the... you saw what happened to the dog. We don't have to get into that. That's no—some—some bad stuff happens to a dog, and that's unfortunate. That's no good. But, that dog was the fuel for the engine that was John Wick's angry, angry carnage.

**Travis:** Yes. And there... okay. We said no spoil—may I, just for a moment?

**Griffin:** Yeah yeah.

**Travis:** There is a moment at the end...

**Justin:** You're skipping to the end. That's not gonna—

**Travis:** Well, I know, but it ties back in. Where George Carlin shows up...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Shh!!

**Travis:** In a phone booth. And they travel back in time and save the dog.

**Griffin:** Yeah. So, it's good.

**Kate:** Excellent.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Hey.

**Travis:** And then, that dog ushers in, like, an eternity of happiness.

**Justin:** Hey. Hey. He shoots everybody and gets a new dog.

[audience laughter]

**Travis:** Yeah, but—

**Griffin:** Hold on.

**Justin:** There's no—I mean... he shoots everybody. And then he gets a new dog.

**Griffin:** He goes to the dog store, and the person's like, "Hey, you want a new dog? They're \$100." And he's like... bang. Uh... all these dogs are mine now.

**Kate:** That's a really casual pet store.

**Travis:** He also drives a car real cool.

**Griffin:** He drives a car real cool. Uhh... he shoots, like, a billion guys.  
[laughing]

**Travis:** He like, kills the shit out of Theon Greyjoy. That goes bad.

**Justin:** You're just wasting time. He kills everybody. And then he gets a new dog.

[audience laughter]

**Justin:** That's—feel free to begin John Wick 2, because now you're caught up.

**Griffin:** He's not gonna be riding on the back of a dragon on John Wick 2, and you're like, "What the fuck did they not tell me?"

**Justin:** "Where did the dragon—"

**Travis:** To be fair though, in John Wick 2 and 3, a dog dies at the beginning, and he gets a new, better dog at the end.

**Griffin:** Every one. Every one.

**Travis:** And he just keeps... he just keeps escalating to a better and better dog.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** Hey, does that... help?

**Griffin:** In the last movie, he teams up with Dog the Bounty Hunter, and it's...

**Justin:** Does that help? Is that good?

**Kate:** That's all extremely helpful. Thank you.

**Justin:** Good. So glad we could help. You can bring the house lights down now. Thank you so much.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Hey, everybody. Thank you so much for coming. That's a beautiful painting I see right there.

**Griffin:** Yes, thank you. And the darkness is here.

**Justin:** Ahh.



**Travis:** Ahh.

**Griffin:** Ahh.

**Justin:** Now it's just me and my brothers.

**Griffin:** So uh, yeah. Thank you all so much. These last two nights have been wild. Y'all are wild. Y'all are so good. Thank you all so much for coming here.

**Justin:** You're so wild.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Uh... it is wild—it is wild that we were invited to play here at Constitution Hall where, y'know, actual people have performed major, big shows. So...

**Justin:** Thank you. Everybody has been so cool here. Thank you so much.

**Griffin:** Yes, thank you.

**Justin:** Thank you for having us.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** So like, we have to leave very early in the morning to head to Pittsburgh, so we're—

[scattered audience response]

**Travis:** Okay. Alright.

**Justin:** That's weird.

**Travis:** And like, our families are with us and everything, so we're not—

**Justin:** Secret beef.

**Travis:** We're not going to be able to hang out after the show and do a meet and greet.

**Justin:** I'm sorry.

**Griffin:** Travis' family is with him. I'm just tired. [laughs] Um, but...

**Travis:** I have to soak my arms in ice.

**Griffin:** Yes. So yeah, we're not gonna hang out after the show, but we hope that our time with you now has felt like a close communion with uh...

**Travis:** The lord?

**Griffin:** Good... lord. The good lord above. And...

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Uh, thank you to Paul for all he does for us.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you to...

**Travis:** If you haven't already, check out Paul—check out PaulandStorm.com.

**Griffin:** Dot gov. Dot biz. Any one will get you there.

**Travis:** Dot net. Dot xxx.

**Griffin:** Yeah, don't go to that one.

**Travis:** Wait, who do you think bought up the PaulandStorm.xxx?

**Griffin:** Somebody in the audience right fucking—

**Justin:** Me as soon as—okay, finish the—finish it.

[audience laughter and cheering]

**Griffin:** Uhhh, thank you to Shmanners...

**Justin:** I see you, Paul! It's a race!

**Griffin:** [laughs] Thank you to Shmanners, our terrific opener. Thank you to our dad. Thanks to Amanda, and... uhh... just—just everyone who made these shows possible. It's been a real hoot, and I don't say that lightly.

**Travis:** [laughs] That's only the third time I've heard Griffin say the word 'hoot.'

**Griffin:** 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.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Thank you Maximum Fun, our podcast home.

**Griffin:** Yes, thank you Maximum Fun.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** And uh... I have the final Yahoo here. I'm gonna read it now.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** The Wi-Fi isn't working. Check PaulandStorm.xxx later and see if I pulled it off.

[audience laughter]

**Griffin:** Uh, this one was sent in by Seth Carlson. Thank you, Seth Carlson. It's by an anonymous Yahoo Answers user who, again, is Paptskskwhooooo...

**Travis:** Oh, a twofer.

**Griffin:** [explosion sounds] Asks... "How the bleep..." I'm gonna add the cuss words in. "How the fuck did Atlantis get lost? It's a fucking continent, not a dime!"

[audience laughter and cheering]

**Justin:** 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 cheers]

[theme music plays]

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