Wonderful! 114: A Strong Boogercat

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[theme music plays]

[audience applause]

Griffin: Yeah!

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: There is no way I'm not cussing during this show.

[audience cheers]

Rachel: I—I'll be fine.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: This was the gesture of, "Say the thing."

Rachel: Oh! Hi, I'm Rachel McElroy.

[raucous audience cheering]

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

[audience cheering]

Rachel: And this is Wonderful!

Griffin: Yeah, this is a—

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Thank you all. Thank you. Uh... this is a show we do. Together. Who here has never heard Wonderful before? Do not be—

[scattered audience response]

Griffin: Okay. That was a trap.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Now we know where not to aim the jokes. This is a show where we talk about things that we're uh, really into. Things that we really love. And folks, this is a special episode. Uh, this is the second live show we've ever done.

Rachel: Yes. That's true.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Our first live show was in Austin, Texas, where Rachel and I currently reside, where we talked about, uh, Austin stuff.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Can't think of anything in particular. I don't remember, but probably, we have lots of bats there. Uh...

Rachel: Yeah, uh-huh.

Griffin: But we're not in Austin, are we?

[audience cheers]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Where are we, Rachel?

Rachel: Huntington, West Virginia.

Griffin: What whaaat?

[audience cheers]

Griffin: The best city on earth, Huntington, West Virginia?

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Rachel and I are gonna be talking about Huntington-based exciting things on this episode of Wonderful, which—

[audience cheers]

Griffin: —I am stoked about, because I get to share with you, some of the things that I love about Huntington, and you're gonna try and stump me.

Rachel: So Griffin spent 20 plus years here, and I have visited... five times?

Griffin: It only takes the one, though, to fall in love, doesn't it?

Rachel: [laughs] And so, we're both gonna speak knowledgably about the great city of Huntington, West Virginia.

Griffin: I'm going to begin, because I have more topics. My first thing is... Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: God, this is gonna be the easiest show ever!

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: I can just say whatever! Uh, Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House. We have not eaten there together as a married couple.

Rachel: That's true! Or an unmarried couple.

Griffin: Or an unmarried couple. Uh, Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House is a dining institution here in Huntington, West Virginia. Can't miss it. Right on Fifth. It's just right there. They got the big awning and everything that says Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House on it. And in our family—

Rachel: Wait wait. What do they serve there?

Griffin: Well, I'll get to that.

Rachel: Okay.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: In our family, it was not uncommon to come home and find just a tub of Jim's spaghetti sauce on the stove, pour that over some noodles... that's dinner, baby.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Quick. Easy. Delicious. Hearty. Beef-forward spaghetti sauce, is a... I think, a fair way to describe the sauce is that it's beef-forward.

Rachel: How big—how big was this tub? Like, how much can you get in one go?

Griffin: There were two sizes, and I think they did it by the pint or something. They still do. I don't know why I'm talking about Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House in the past tense. Y'all could probably hit that up for dinner tonight if you wanted.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Here's the thing about Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House, and it's probably gonna blow the minds of some of the... my local friends here tonight, because it's the kind of thing that you need a little bit of distance from Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House to really, um, ascertain, and that is that it is a completely buckwild concept for a restaurant.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Steak and spaghetti... not traditional bed fellows.

Rachel: Surf and turf, man. Surf and turf.

Griffin: No.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Surf this spaghetti wave with me, baby.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: You look at the name of the restaurant, and if you read slowly, it says, "Jim's Steak..." And you're like, "I know what this restaurant is bringing to the—"

"... and Spaghetti House."

Steak and spaghetti. Do those two go together? No. When you say spaghetti, you mean Italian food, right? Nope. *Spaghetti.*

[audience laughter]

Griffin: "Do you have any other pasta?"

"We have ravioli, but if you eat that, you go to jail. It's a trap."

[audience laughter]

Griffin: "Let's talk about your steaks. What do you got?" "Rib eve."

"And?"

[pause] "Chopped steak." It's not Jim's Steaks and Pasta House. This is Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House.

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: They do have other things on the menu. They have delicious sandwiches and salads. But they really do just kind of focus on the steak and spaghetti. [pause] And that's very good to me.

Rachel: It is. That's nice.

Griffin: You show up there. You know what you're getting. You know exactly what to order. And I don't have to spend a long time pouring through the menu. I will have one of these two things that it says on the big awning outside.

Rachel: Now, you mentioned the spaghetti. Have you had the steak?

Griffin: No. [laughs]

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Griffin: I may have forgotten it was called Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House. Because in our household – this is not a joke – we've only called it Jim's Spaghetti, which is way better a name for a restaurant.

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: Uh... I just love it. I love it. I love Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House. A lot of people don't know this, but the Jim's in there is possessive. So if you've ever eaten Jim's steak or spaghetti, that's theft.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: You did not have permission to do that. It is name, menu, and credits in one sleek... Rocko's Downtown is great, too, right? Great Italian food. They catered my cotillion. Do they have spaghetti? I don't know if they have spaghetti, 'cause it doesn't say it on the outside of the business.

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: I know where I can get spaghetti. And I know whose it is.

Rachel: Mm-hmm. [laughing]

[audience laughter]

Griffin: What's, um... what's your first thing?

Rachel: It's good actually, 'cause my first thing is Jim's steak, so we'll...

Griffin: Oh good!

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs] We'll round out.

Griffin: Alright.

Rachel: Uh, my first thing is a Huntington artist by the name of Diamond Teeth Mary.

Griffin: Diamond Teeth Mary?

Rachel: Yeah. Are you familiar?

Griffin: No, you win...

Rachel: Ha haaa! Diamond Teeth Mary was both Mary Smith in 1902 in Huntington, West Virginia.

Griffin: Oh, so it's not an active—I can't hit up Diamond Teeth Mary's SoundCloud page.

Rachel: No.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: 'Kay.

Rachel: No.

Griffin: I heard the new Diamond Teeth Mary mixed tape is just fire.

Rachel: [laughs] She was an American blues and gospel singer and Vaudeville entertainer whose career extended 80 years.

Griffin: Yes.

Rachel: [laughs] So you did have a lot of time to really dip in there.

Griffin: Yeah, I really have no excuse.

Rachel: [laughs] Uh, she left home at 13 and literally joined a circus.

Griffin: I guess people... actually did that back in the days.

Rachel: She traveled all over the country, performed as a chorus girl in Memphis, and in various minstrel shows during the 1920s and '30s. At the time, she was known as Walking Mary.

Griffin: Not as good a name as Diamond Teeth Mary. That's a glow up right there.

Rachel: Uh, in the 1940s, she had diamonds removed from a bracelet and set into her front teeth.

[audience cheers]

Rachel: And that is where the name came from.

Griffin: Oh, that's where the name came from? Okay. I was gonna ask if there was a later event.

Rachel: No.

Griffin: That is where the name came from.

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: But it was that? When she got the diamonds in her teeth?

Rachel: [laughing] It is, yeah.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Okay.

Rachel: Yeah. Uh, and she stopped walking, too, so they—no.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs] Uh, approximately 20 minutes ago, I had Paul identify some music of hers to play. And so, if he could play a little bit right now...

[music plays]

Griffin: You can really hear the diamonds.

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Rachel: That is the song, 'Keep Your Hands Off of Them,' and it's actually not—

Griffin: That's a good title for a song.

Rachel: I know, right? It's actually not from her album. So she didn't release an album, uh, until 1993 at the age of 91.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Wow.

Rachel: Uh, and that's actually—that's not from that album. So when I went to iTunes, that was literally the only song I could find by hers, and it is on another artist's album.

Griffin: Huh.

Rachel: Yeah. Uh, but she has performed with Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughan, Ray Charles, Count Basie, Nat King Cole, and Duke Ellington. Not to mention, uh, John Lee Hooker and Big Mama Thornton credit her with giving them their start in the music business.

Griffin: That's wild!

Rachel: Mm-hmm. She lived until age 97, and her ashes are sprinkled on the railroad tracks here in Huntington, where she hopped her first train.

Griffin: Aww, that's rad.

Rachel: It was very difficult to find much about her. There's a few YouTube videos, but that's about the extent of it. But what an incredible lady!

Griffin: Yeah, no kidding!

Rachel: Yeah, thought that was—

Griffin: Thank you for enlightening me.

Rachel: Yeah. You're welcome.

Griffin: I would like to talk about Marshall University's powerful mascot,

Marco.

[audience cheers]

Rachel: Now, does he have any jewels in his teeth, or...

Griffin: Maybe. Who knows.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Usually keeps those chompers closed.

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: Except for one fateful revision that I'm going to talk a lot about.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Marco is the mascot for Marshall University's Thundering Herd, which is the name of our official athletics program. Here's a fun fact – lived here for 22 years. Uh, matriculated at Marshall University. Never put together that Marco is a portmanteau for Marshall College.

Rachel: Oh!

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Found that out doin' the—researching this bit. Felt like a real grade A boob.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Uh, the original costume for Marco... please Google Marco's original costume, and then Google some other stuff that's actually going to get you to this image. It's the funniest thing I've ever seen in my entire life. Uh, Marco came about in like, the '20s or so, and the people who put on the Marco cowl at that time decided that the best way to go out on the field would be to... put it on... two gentlemen, almost like a Chinese dragon dancer costume, just a sort of buffalo husk, with two human being legs sticking out of the bottom of it, just running around.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: Oh my god. So they wore his skin. That was...

Griffin: No, it was hard. It was a hard husk. A shell. A sort of buffalo chitin with two pairs of adult slacks coming out of the bottom of it.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Just running around. That's very good. They changed it shortly thereafter.

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: Other fun Marco facts – there was a lady Marco for like, one season, named Marsha. Uh, she's gone now, and they didn't really write any fiction as to where she went.

Rachel: What was—what year was that? Do you know?

Griffin: This was in the early `80s, that they had—

Rachel: Oh. Well, that's when women peaked, so...

Griffin: Pshhh.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: Okay. Uh, for a while, in, I believe, the '70s, they tried to get a real life buffalo on the field as Marco. But my man was a little bit too rowdy.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Uh, so instead of being sort of the responsibility of the Marshall University athletics program, or some sort of subsidiary therein, he lived over at Camden Park.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: 'Cause the owners of Camden Park was like, "Yes. We want a live buffalo to live here." And he just kind of came to visit during games. The Marco costume...

Rachel: Did he sit in the stands, or how did he...

Griffin: Yes. He sat in the stands, incognito.

Rachel: Little pennant?

Griffin: Just a little pennant and some popcorn. Uh, the Marco costume has gone through a lot of revamps since the weird two-man dragon dancer costume. Uh, Marco got smaller, and somewhat more acrobatic. And then, during my tenure at Marshall University, in 2008, Marco... got... jacked.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: The Marshall University athletics program rolled out a new revision of Marco, the costume, that was... unrepentantly swole.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: Hugely swole. And he was wearing track pants, and he had long nails on his... fingers? And he looked like a buff demon. And his teeth were gritted, and everyone hated him.

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: Uh, Herald-Dispatch, our local paper, did a poll asking people how they felt about new Marco. 81% of respondents said, "No."

[audience laughter]

Rachel: Was he scary? Was he actually scary?

Griffin: By design, he was a scary, extremely strong, bipedal buffalo man. In 2013, they reverted back to the classic, friendlier Marco. But for five beautiful years, we had the strong, powerful Marco. I love the idea of saying, "I know what's gonna take our team over the top and make them more competitive and intimidating, is if our mascot is strong. This is our strong mascot. Aren't you afraid of our powerful mascot?"

The logical conclu—everybody close your eyes. I'm going to say two words, and I'm going to put an image in your head that you're not gonna be able to get out of there for the rest of your lives. But this takes me to... buff Gritty.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: It's like Gritty, but strong!

Rachel: Yeah.

[someone in the audience yells, "Gritty is strong!"]

Griffin: Marco's okay, but what if Marco was strong?! Yes. Yes. What's your second thing?

Rachel: Uh, my second thing is a very recent end to the Huntington baseball curse.

Griffin: [gasps] Is there a Huntington baseball curse?

Rachel: I think so, and this is a theory of my own.

Griffin: [laughs] Okay.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: You've been here five times, but that's all the evidence you need to say there's a curse on our baseball.

Rachel: Uh, so, recent in the news, uh, Marshall University is finally getting their own baseball facility. They are gonna open a 3,500 seat facility in March 2021. This is a division one team that dates back to 1910. They have never had their own baseball field.

Griffin: Really?

Rachel: Yeah. They have always had to travel, or use other fields to play their games at home.

Griffin: Let me outline everything I know about Marshall University's baseball program.

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: Billy Crystal played for it. End of list.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: So really, where... where is that Billy Crystal money, setting up the stadium?

Griffin: Where is that—hey, Billy!

[audience laughter]

Rachel: He didn't need City Slickers 2. He could've just, y'know, thrown that this way.

Griffin: Yeah, that would've been nice, if he had generously donated all the City Slicker 2 proceeds.

Rachel: [laughs] Okay. So, Marshall has played conference games in Charleston, which is 50 miles away. They've also had to play games in Beckley, which is 110 miles away. Uh, and it was just recently that they were able to get their own stadium, and that made me look into the history of baseball in Huntington, which is even more complex.

Griffin: Okay. So far, a lack of funding for a sporting program, I would not say, a curse makes.

Rachel: Baseball has no place in Huntington, and that has been the experience for a long time. But, I think it's lifted.

Griffin: Okay.

Rachel: We're turning it around.

Griffin: I read the bill that you proposed to city council, banning baseball within the city limits.

Rachel: [laughs] Okay, so, I'm gonna go back to 1911 with the Huntington Blue Sox. Uh, Huntington Blue Sox were present for five years. This was the first minor league baseball team in Huntington. Huntington withdrew from the league, and then, the Blue Sox went to Martinsburg.

Griffin: Aw, Martinsburg?!

Rachel: Mm-hmm. I assume there's some kind of rivalry there, right?

Griffin: [dramatic noises of disgust] I don't know what Martinsburg is.

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Rachel: It's, uh, 400 miles east of Huntington.

Griffin: Okay. That's far enough away that I can't be motivated. You're taught, when you live here, to give all your hatred to Morgantown, and then there's just not much left for anybody else.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: But even that, I don't... care. [laughs]

Rachel: So, with the end of the Blue Sox, uh, there was 15 years before there was another team in Huntington, and that was the Huntington

Boosters, which were affiliated with the Detroit Tigers and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Griffin: Hey, alright.

[audience cheers]

Rachel: Huntington Boosters, which then became the Huntington Red Birds, which was a Cleveland Cardinals farm team... and they won the 1935 mid-Atlantic championship.

Griffin: Hey! That was a long time ago!

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs] And then in 1937, the Ohio River flooded. Destroyed the park.

Griffin: That did happen.

Rachel: Yeah.

Griffin: A lot of things we researched hit 1937, and then they stopped... being researchable.

Rachel: And then there was 48 years of downtime before there was another minor league baseball team.

Griffin: They had to teach a new generation baseball, and then that generation had to teach a second generation baseball.

Rachel: [laughs] Uh, in between there, there was the Huntington Bees, the Huntington Aces, and the Huntington Jewels. None of them minor league baseball teams, just... y'know.

Griffin: The Huntington Bees?

Rachel: The Huntington Bees.

Griffin: I love that! How come there's not—I guess there was the Hornets for a while, but there's not a Bees team out there. That's a scary—that's probably the animal that, day to day, I'm most scared of, either because it's in proximity to sting me, or because they're apparently all gone.

Rachel: Think about that as a mascot, and swole.

Griffin: A strong bee?

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: Nothing more terrifying than that. Um...

Griffin: I think a small bee is still scarier.

Rachel: [laughs] Huntington Cubs, from 1990 to 1994, was the next minor league baseball team, and they were affiliated with the Chicago Cubs.

Griffin: Okay.

[someone in the audience yells, "Yeah!"]

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Rachel: Uh, they played at the Saint Cloud Commons. So when the Huntington Cubs were purchased and brought to Huntington, there was the understanding that a ball field would be created. Um, but at the time, they didn't have the facilities. And so, after four years, they were removed.

Griffin: Of street ball.

Rachel: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah, there were... I mean, trailers were serving as locker rooms and team offices. There was a ball field and a grand stand, and that was it.

Griffin: Okay. What else do you need, man?

Rachel: [laughs] Uh, and now... we're gonna have a ball stadium here.

Griffin: We are going to have a ball stadium!

Rachel: You and me! The Griffin and Rachel McElroy...

Griffin: Memorial Baseball Stadium.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: That's right. We're both gonna die before it opens up, and—but! Field of dreams! Our ghosts!

[audience laughter]

Rachel: So I think the curse is lifted. That's what I'm saying.

Griffin: Okay. I uh... I love how much shoe leather went into this investigation. And I agree with you. But it's over now. I'm still confused as to when Billy Crystal did play baseball in Huntington, 'cause you make it sound like there was no baseball when Billy Crystal was here, so... what was my man doing?

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Rachel: I don't know what to tell you. I mean, working on When Harry Met Sally I guess? Just all up here?

Griffin: In his head? He had a scholarship. Anyway.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm going to talk about a topic. It may be our last topic, just looking at the clock.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And it's kind of about a former Huntington team name, and that's very exciting. I'll get to that in a minute. But it's also about my new favorite cryptid here in the Huntington area.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: And that is the Wayne County booger cat.

[audience cheers]

[pause]

Griffin: The Wayne County... booger cat. It's perfect. It's the early 1930s.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: It's the great depression. It's not... they called it that. It wasn't that great. It was pretty bad. Coal mines were shutting down. Banks were failing. Things were falling apart.

And, according to the Wayne County History Portal website... "In the midst of all this tragedy, a mysterious creature appeared that would terrorize the people of the county for a year. The unknown animal first appeared in

southern Wayne County near Cabwaylingo State Forest, which was then under construction. It is possible that beast had resided in the dense forests that were now being explored and opened to create the park. As construction workers built cabins and bridge, perhaps the animal was flushed out of its natural habitat."

This demon...

[audience laughter]

Griffin: ... would haunt Cabwaylingo, killing all the chickens that they had in the coop, and quote, "threatening adults and children."

[audience laughter]

Rachel: Threat—threatening?

Griffin: How did the booger cat threaten adults and children?

Rachel: Mm-hmm. That is what I'm asking.

Griffin: I'm assuming just by kind of being there.

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Here's the thing about the Wayne County booger cat. Nobody ever got a good look at it. Nobody knew exactly what it was. There was no consensus on what kind of animal it was, so, quote, "someone coined the name booger cat, and the name stuck."

[audience laughter]

Rachel: So there was never any confirmation that it was any kind of cat?

Griffin: We'll get to that.

Rachel: Okay.

Griffin: Before we get to that, there are dozens of stories of *grown adults* chasing the booger cat throughout the town as it made clowns out of them by, again, eating every chicken that existed.

Rachel: [laughing]

[audience laughter]

Griffin: The booger cat came to a tragic ending, and this is where it stops being funny just for a second, but then it'll pick back up again. "As the sightings—" This is from the Wayne County History Portal. They peered into the portal, and these dark truths were revealed.

"As the sightings continued, the young men of southern Wayne County decided that enough was enough. A group of about twenty men who lived in the vicinity of Cabwaylingo State Forest gathered their hunting dogs and went into the forest to find the animal. After tracking the animal for hours, they finally cornered the booger cat and shot it. After examining—" Trust.

"After examining the animal up close, there was still no easy answer as to what it was. It was black in color with a bushy tail, but its snout was like that of a dog, only shorter. With only more questions, the local people sent the body of the booger cat to the department of natural resources in Charleston with the hope that they would identify it."

Bang! "Hey, we shot this! What is it?"

[audience laughter]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: "Hey, scientists? We did shoot this. I'm gonna put it on your science table. And now it's in your hands."

It was a grey wolf. That's not great. Don't shoot that.

Rachel: Oh.

Griffin: Not ideal. But, there hadn't been wolves in Wayne County for

nearly a century.

Rachel: Whoa!

Griffin: So they thought that the booger cat had just kind of chilled out in

the woods, biding its time... for 100 years.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: But the thing is, people kept having booger cat sightings after the beast was killed, which is way less mysterious when you realize, it's just wolves.

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Griffin: I love the booger cat very much. And so did... local sports writer, Dug Freutel, back in 1933. Back then, Marshall had just gotten the name, Thundering Herd, which it had picked up from a movie that was also based on a book called The Thundering Herd. Their name before that was Big Green, which people weren't wild about, and some folks were also kind of on the fence about Thundering Herd.

Dug Freutel led a frenzied campaign to make Booger Cats happen.

Rachel: Ohh.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: The logic being that the booger cat is courageous and agile. You can't catch the booger cat!

Rachel: I love—speaking about mascots, too, I love the idea that somebody would just put on a wolf costume, and everyone would be like, "What... you're the wolves."

Griffin: "What is—who are you?!"

Rachel: "You're the wolves."

Griffin: "Shoot! Him!"

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Griffin: Can you imagine a strong booger cat?!

Rachel: [laughs]

[audience laughter]

Griffin: In his columns, Dug Freutel would write that Thundering Herd made one think of, quote, "cows stampeding down a county road." And his contemporaries, I imagine, were like, "But booger cat is... without fault. That name is okay on every conceivable level Duuug!"

Rachel: I'm glad you said wolf, because what I was picturing was just like a real snotty Sylvester.

Griffin: A very sick cat.

Rachel: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Which would be a bad team mascot.

Rachel: Yeah, right? [laughs]

Griffin: But a wolf that everyone refused to call one...

Rachel: [laughing]

Griffin: You cannot beat that. Marco is great though, especially Strong

Marco. Bring back Strong Marco. #BringBackStrongMarco.

Um, that's our time everybody. Thank you so much for coming.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Uh, there's a lot more show left. Uh, up next, we have a very special guest who is going to come out and do some great skits that I— [laughs] haven't been run by me, so... They're gonna be great skits, though. And then, uh, Sawbones is gonna be out here with more special treats.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Uh, hey, this was—this was so much fun. Thank you so much. We don't have an outro, unfortunately...

Rachel: No, we don't.

Griffin: ... so Rachel's gonna say something great.

[audience laughter]

Rachel: Um... Happy Candlenights, y'all!

Griffin: Happy Candlenights.

[audience cheers]

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