## MBMBaM 510: Killer Car Wash

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

[theme music plays]

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

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

**Griffin:** I'm your sweet baby brother, Griffin McElroy. Let's do it. Just do it. Just do it.

Justin: We-

Griffin: Nike.

**Justin:** We said last week, no more introductions. There's nothing to talk about, so no more introductions.

**Griffin:** Well, there's—well, there's—[stammering] There is something to talk about! But let's not talk about that!

**Travis:** I would like to—

**Griffin:** There's something big we're discussing, but let's not discuss that one.

**Travis:** I would like to pitch a new way to start the show.

Griffin: Mm.

**Travis:** We're gonna take it way back to our start, really. Community

theater. Let's do an energy circle.

Justin: Oh, that's good.

**Griffin:** That's good!

**Travis:** Yeah. And then a prayer circle.

Justin: That's less good.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Let's start off... everybody, if you're, uh... no matter what you're

doing, just put your hands up in the air.

**Griffin:** Oh, good.

Justin: And just shake 'em all around. Oh, we're gonna feel that energy.

**Travis:** [makes a shaking noise]

Griffin: Uhh, I can feel it.

Justin: Go into you...

**Travis:** Red leather, yellow leather, red leather, yellow leather...

**Griffin:** Now me and Travis are gonna do a private prayer circle over here. And Justin, if you don't want to be a part of that, you can go do something the fuck else, while me and Travis pray to Jesus to make our show, Annie Get Your Gun, go so good.

**Travis:** Ooh. I was—I was not gonna pray to Jesus.

Griffin: Oh.

Justin: Ohh.

**Travis:** Oohh.

**Griffin:** Noo. Oh no. You're gonna pray to the theater mask god.

**Travis:** Yeah. I was—I was—yeah.

**Griffin:** Okay. Let's cover our bases. I'll do Jesus. Travis does the comedy

tragedy mask god. Justin, pick one.

Justin: Dionysus.

Travis: Okay.

**Griffin:** Dionysus. Oh, that's a fun one, huh?

Justin: Yeah.

**Griffin:** Alright, I'll start. Hey Jesus, it's me. Apologies for my bros. They don't know what's up. I know that you love musical theater. I know you love comedies. Barefoot in the Park is your favorite. Today, we're doing Annie Get Your—

**Travis:** Wait, really? Wait, Griffin. Jesus Christ: Superstar isn't his favorite?

**Griffin:** No, he think it's played, and he doesn't like rock.

Travis: Oh!

**Griffin:** As we all know, he doesn't like rock music. Anyway, we're about to do Annie Get Your Gun, and it's really important. There may be scouts in the audience. Just let me shine, let me sparkle, and let me dazzle them. And

please forgive my brothers, they're gonna pray to people who aren't you, and I know you don't like that stuff.

**Travis:** Hey, Thespo. It's me. Um, just reaching out to you. Let me hit them high notes. Uh, I hear there's gonna be scouts in the crowd. Uhh, trying to take this all the way. I know I'm just back up dancer number six, but I think I've got potentiall. Anyways, I love you, and I'll see you at home.

**Griffin:** Amen. I didn't say amen on mine.

**Justin:** Dionysus, it's me. Again. Justin... McElroy. Yes, I come to you once more, the god of wine making and grape cultivation and fertility and ritual madness... and religious ecstasy and theater. I can call ya Dionysus, I can call ya Bacchus, but right now, I'm just callin' ya my last chance.

I really gotta do good in my role as Frank Marshall in this production of Annie Get Your Gun that we are apparently about to mount on this podcast.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I'm not—I'm havin' that nightmare, God, Dionysus, that I'm sometimes have, where I don't know what the show is, but I have to perform anyway. Except it's not a nightmare – it's real, and nobody knows what the show is, and we're all in it together. So, amen. Please, if you're not the real one, if you could just please send this to Jesus, if he's better... for this.

**Griffin:** Yeah, he is.

Justin: Please forward, I guess, to whatever...

**Travis:** To whom it may concern...

Justin: ... sort of deity.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I think we're gonna crush it. Guys, this has a wafting aroma of an introduction.

**Justin:** No, it's not an introduction.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

Justin: It's just a prayer circle.

**Travis:** This is just a prayer circle, and now, energy circle. Everybody hold

hands wherever you are.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Okay.

**Travis:** And... [in a wavy voice] Eeeneeergyyy!

**Griffin:** I'm holding onto the two cybernetically linked robot hands that you all gave me as a present that mimic your hand move—oh, you're doing the

jerk off. You're both doing the jerk off gesture!

**Travis:** That is how I do—

**Griffin:** Guys, that's not funny.

**Travis:** That's how I do energy circles.

**Griffin:** Should we start over again?

**Travis:** [laughs] Let's just do the first question.

**Justin:** Yeah, first question. No, y'know, we said no more introductions, and then we accidentally did one. And we can be better. We can be better than this together.

"Tonight, while preparing dinner, my husband said we had too many veggies, so he wasn't gonna cook carrots. I said, 'Fine by me. I don't really

like carrots.' This shocked him far more than I was expecting. He said he felt betrayed, and that I should've mentioned this at some point in our six year relationship before now.

The thing is, I don't hate carrots, and usually, I eat them without complaint, because they're healthy. They're just not my favorite vegetable. Should I have mentioned this beforehand? Should I now sit down and come up with a list of things I'm just not a huge fan of, or impartial to, just in case? Or is he overreacting?" That's from Just Not That Enthused in Australia.

What a fucking great question. I only want to talk about this.

**Griffin:** Okay. Alright, why?

Justin: I just think... it's got everything that I like to talk about now.

**Travis:** Carrots.

**Justin:** Relationships. Maintaining a long term relationship, and vegetables, and where they are sort of at... where I'm at. Can I talk about my journey with carrots? It's just that... kind of an inverse of cheese.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: Oh!

**Justin:** If you cook carrots, I'm so out. If you have 'em raw, I'll eat those crunchy little bastards all day long. You cook it, I'm completely out on carrot. I don't want to eat it anymore.

Travis: You're...

**Griffin:** Is it the hotness? Is it the heat, you don't like a hot carrot?

**Travis:** Is it the mushy? The softness?

**Justin:** It's the mushy and the sweetness. The mushy sweetness that I really don't enjoy.

Travis: Ohh!

**Griffin:** Oh, interesting. I like it.

**Travis:** See, that's what I like about a cooked carrot, is it's like a vegetable that's kind of pretending a little bit to be a fruit!

**Justin:** There is almost no vegetable... I'm sitting here trying to think of it. There's almost no vegetable that I fuck with equally...

Griffin: You like cooked? Yeah.

**Justin:** ... in a hot versus a cold. I mean, like, right. Like, raw carrots? Down. Raw celery? Better than cooked celery, basically.

**Griffin:** Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh! Flip that though for broccoli. What the fuck? I hate raw—

**Travis:** What the fuck? No one—no one.

**Griffin:** Raw broccoli sucks shit.

Travis: No one.

**Justin:** Cauliflower? Fucking keep it!

**Griffin:** Sucks shit! No! Get that shit off my veggie tray!

**Travis:** If you ever put out a veggie tray—

**Griffin:** No amount of ranch.

**Travis:** Listen, the cherry tomatoes are gone. Boom. Everybody loves those little guys. Cherry tomatoes? They're gone. Cleaned out. Dipped.

**Justin:** I don't fuck with raw tomatoes.

**Travis:** Okay, Justin. We can't talk about... it's not even proclivity. It's like your anti-clivities. So, the things you don't like.

Justin: Okay.

**Griffin:** There should be a better word for that.

Travis: Yes.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Um, but like, cherry tomatoes, uhh... I'm gonna say, your cherry tomatoes, your raw carrots, your raw, uh, celery... these things, they are flying off the shelves of the veggie tray.

**Griffin:** Those can stay. Those can stay.

**Travis:** Oh! And maybe... I'm gonna—I'm gonna speak up for like, a sugar snap pea.

Griffin: Ohh! Someone's gotta speak of—Travis is the fucking Lorax!

**Justin:** Well, somebody wants some stringy garbage in between their incisors. Great.

**Travis:** Mm. I like the—I like—it doesn't have the crunch of it. It's just got – I mean, it's right there in the name – a snap. It's got a snap! And I like that!

**Griffin:** Yeah. That's it. So, crunch a—

Justin: I'm so hungry.

**Griffin:** So, if a vege—and this is good. It's really good that we get this taxonomy going on this show, 'cause chefs don't know what the fuck to do with these things.

Travis: Yes.

**Justin:** Yes, thank you.

**Griffin:** If they're crunchy, let me munchy. If they're... if they're...

**Travis:** Soggy, give to doggy.

**Griffin:** Puffy... you're saying if the vegetable gets wet, feed it to a dog?

Justin: [laughs]

**Travis:** Well, I mean, not all vegetables. You have to—I—you have to do what I do, which is ask, uh, Echo. I'm not gonna say her real name, 'cause she's listening.

**Griffin:** Okay, got you. I got you, I got you. If they're crunchy, let me munchy. If they're soft, cook 'em off.

**Justin:** But what about broccoli and carrots?

**Griffin:** Those are soft. Oh wait, no. Carrots are crunchy, let me munchy.

Travis: Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** If they're soft like broccoli, cook 'em off.

Justin: Cauliflower?

Griffin: Is soft. Cook 'em off.

**Justin:** Asparagus?

Griffin: Is...

**Travis:** You roast those. Roast those bastards.

Justin: Gotta roast 'em.

**Griffin:** You gotta roast those.

**Justin:** I... I have come to... I like... there is a few things that I, even in my adult years, I'm like, nope. Absolutely not. And I kind of enjoy that. Because I've come to eat so many different vegetables and be okay with so many different weird things, that I kind of treasure the things that I'm still like, absolutely not. And my wife knows those things. Like, she knows like, don't put a water chestnut near me.

**Griffin:** Oh, fuck! Oh, god!

**Justin:** They're disgusting! They're so gross! What is it?! You're not a nut!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

Justin: Why are you pretending?

Travis: And you're not water!

Justin: You're a wet—this—okay. Fuck the first person that was like...

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** I just found this. This tastes like a... well, I'm trying to come up with a name for it. It kind of tastes like a wet nut.

**Travis:** Is that anything?

**Justin:** Oh, I got it! I'm gonna put it in salad and vegetable bags and many Asian dishes!

**Travis:** The fact that—

Justin: Fuck water chestnuts!

**Travis:** The fact of the matter is, there are—there's like, nothing—no food stuff that I just like, will absolutely not eat. Like, if other people eat it, somewhere, chances are, I'll eat it. But there are plenty of things that, if you like, give me the option, that I'd be like, "Oh, I'd rather have that than that." Like, y'know what I mean?

**Justin:** I—I'm just—I'm saying—

**Griffin:** [sighs]

**Justin:** Let me get through. The thing that—why I'm married to the woman I'm married to...

Travis: Oh!

**Justin:** And why we are still together is that, almost without fail, except for olives, which we both despise... the foods that I can't deal with, Sydnee adores. So it's like, slide those water chestnuts over here. I'm way in. I'm deep into it. Oh, you got a pickle that you don't want? Slide that pickle over my way. And I think that that maybe is what your husband is like... oh, if you are not into carrots, that's a lot of carrots I could've been... scarfing this whole time.

Travis: Ooh!

**Justin:** I could've been enjoying them. If you're not enjoying these, uh, these vitamin-packed beauties... [laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

**Griffin:** These sweet little orange honey cigars! I love these bad boys!

**Travis:** Or, potentially, your husband also doesn't enjoy carrots. And was making them, thinking *you* enjoyed them.

Justin: Yeah.

**Griffin:** This is—

**Justin:** I never have to buy these fuckin' things again. I hate these things. [laughs]

**Travis:** Think of all the money we could've saved on carrots!

**Griffin:** If you are—if you are a person who has never eaten a vegetable in your life, and you come to me and are like, "Man, I've never eaten a vegetable in my life." I would probably look around the grocery store. I'd be like, "Um, well, here, try this. This is called a carrot."

Justin: [laughs]

**Griffin:** Carrot is the vegetable, right? And if you eat carrot, and you're like, "Ugh! Gross!" I'll be like, "Well then, there's nothing... there's—leave the produce section, 'cause there's nothing."

**Justin:** It's all downhill from here, man. [laughing]

**Griffin:** It's all downhill. I'm not even saying carrot's the best vegetable, but like, nobody eats a carrot and is like, "Fuck that! No way!" Everybody's just—

Travis: No.

**Justin:** Okay, now what about—I might—I might say corn... is maybe like, a better like, entry...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ... vegetable.

**Griffin:** That's kind of a grain, though.

**Travis:** There's nothing that compares to corn. Like, you can't be like, corn, and now here's some lettuce. Now, here's a... like, if you go carrot, you can go carrot to celery easy.

**Justin:** Love that. Love that Sinead O'Connor song. [sings] Nothing compares, nothing compares... to corn.

Griffin: Can I do a Yahoo?

**Justin:** [laughs] Hold on, I gotta call Weird Al.

**Travis:** I'm saying—okay, that was good. I'm saying... I think your husband overreacted. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Okay. [laughs] Uh, this Yahoo was sent in by Graham Robuck. Thank you, Graham Robuck. It's Yahoo Answers user Ray, who asks... this may be a short one, but I think it's worth talking about. "Would I die if I walk through a car wash?"

Travis: Huh.

Justin: Huh. Okay. Hold on.

**Griffin:** And we're talking about an automatic car wash. I don't think if you walked through a... if you walked through a self-service car wash and die, something—there has been foul play.

**Travis:** There's a logic puzzle in there, right? That's like—

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

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** There's a puddle of water on the ground, and a man is dead. [laughing] What happened?

**Griffin:** Yeah. But if you—I'm talking about, you're behind the Sinoco. And you've gotten the... and let's say, just again, make the rules as firm as possible. The most premium wash they have available.

**Justin:** The most possible things that could kill you.

**Griffin:** The most possible. I'm not talking about the three dollar splash and soak bullshit.

Travis: No. Nooo.

**Griffin:** Where your car is dirtier. Don't fuck—don't fucking talk to me about the three dollar splash and soak! My car is dirtier on the other side of that! I want the wax! I want the rainbow foam! I want all that shit, but I want it on my body, and I want to live through it.

Travis: Huh.

**Justin:** I want to drive through a super powerful dryer that never works, and has never worked.

**Griffin:** Doesn't, Mm-mm.

**Justin:** And does not dry cars. And I don't know why they're always there.

**Griffin:** Just pushes the water... kind of around. And it looks cool, but it's functionally useless. But I want that on my body.

Justin: Would it... [sighs] Would it kill you?

**Travis:** Would it kill you?

**Justin:** Okay, let's go through the process.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Okay.

**Justin:** So you're walking through. You're gonna get sprayed with water. We have to assume—you have to assume, if you're a manufacturer of the car wash, you have to factor in a first step that is nonlethal to account for people that did have their window rolled down. [laughing]

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** They're just like, "What the fuck? This is how it works? Okay." So the first step, the initial rinse, I gotta say, that's almost certainly nonlethal.

Griffin: Not lethal, yeah.

**Travis:** Well... well, not lethal isn't the same as... because I think what you're also assuming there is, a lot of damage will be done, but now you've figured out you need to roll your window up. Because then there are other steps down. And I feel like, maybe if you get blasted in every step of the way, it compounds the damage?

**Griffin:** Interesting.

**Justin:** Okay, you're weakened. Your hit points are lowered.

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah. You're definitely—you're bloodied, y'know what I mean? Like, oh no! Why didn't you roll your window up after you were sprayed by the high powered foamy water?

**Griffin:** The pe—we're not gonna be able to sort of arithmetic out the PSI of these nozzles. Yes? But we can say... I can say, pretty confidently... you blast yourself with a power washer. RIP. Big RIPs. Big RIPs up to Jeezo. You're done.

Justin: [laughs]

**Griffin:** But then—but! It's not power washer pressure in the car wash, or else it would like, rip the paint off the car, right? And if it's not rippin' the paint off the car, it ain't gonna rip the flesh off my bones. So I do not think the spray pressure is gonna get me there.

So next step, foam rollers... will those crush my petite body?

**Justin:** I don't think they're—

**Travis:** In a weird way... I mean, you can push on a car harder than you can push on a person, Justin.

**Justin:** They're not engineered, though, to squish a person. I don't know that they would get—

Travis: Well—

**Justin:** No one goes through those things on their motorcycle, right? Like, they're not supposed to come in so far that they could crush a man.

**Travis:** No, I agree with you, J-Man, that they did not design them to squish a person. But... I'm saying—

Griffin: Did they design them to not squish a person?

**Justin:** [laughs]

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: [laughing] Yeah. That's a toughie. I don't know. I... ah.

**Justin:** Well, you have to make a ruling on it, so you can't just sit back on your fuckin' ivory throne and say, "It's a toughie."

**Travis:** Okay, I don't think the foam rollers are gonna kill you.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** I think that they're gonna be unpleasant...

**Justin:** Hugely unpleasant. What about the turny ones?

Travis: Yes!

**Justin:** 'Cause that's the ones—that's the ones that are like, vertical. I could see those—

**Travis:** And it's like a cat of a billion tails. That is going to like, just rip the flesh from bone.

**Justin:** That would suck, actually.

Griffin: That would suck shit, man.

**Justin:** That would mess you up.

**Travis:** And we haven't even gotten to the undercarriage wash! Like...

Justin: Oh boy.

Griffin: Ohh, my beepis! No!

Justin: [laughs] Oh!

**Travis:** That's gonna spray up *through* you.

**Justin:** That's the terrible thing, because first, you'll have the most profound and prolonged orgasm of your life, as you discover your kink, moments before you are killed.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

Travis: Yep.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That is a tough one.

**Travis:** Then there's also the wax.

**Justin:** The wax is where I'm fucked up!

**Griffin:** Before we get to wax...

Justin: Okay.

**Griffin:** Before we get to wax. We need to establish another rule, which is... do I have to stand still?

Justin: Okay. [laughs]

**Griffin:** And let the—the rollers come at me.

Travis: Yes.

**Griffin:** You mentioned the vertical roller, or the horizontal roller that comes in. I can duck under that. The vertical rollers... like, would it even be possible for me to stand still while these two rollers crush me from either side?

Travis: Oh.

**Griffin:** Or would it like, sort of squirt me out one end... y'know, like a t-shirt cannon.

**Justin:** I think you have to keep feet planted. 'Cause otherwise, you could go hide in the corner, and this experiment is null and void.

Travis: Yes.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Right.

**Travis:** I think there is a way that you could say like, this is a... uh, training session for American Ninja Warrior, where I'm going to avoid these things that will kill me. But I think, in the spirit of the question, "Will it kill you?" You are committing to the experience.

**Griffin:** Yeah. You want to go on this ride. Okay. Now we can return to hot wax. Yowza.

Travis: [sighs]

**Griffin:** Don't really have much else to add. I think that wax is quite hot, right?

**Justin:** I don't know. I mean, I really don't, because again, like... I kind of feel like, any spraying... they have to take a chance that somebody has accidentally rolled their window. Like, I think that you have to be able to withstand some of the spraying. I don't know if the wax is hot. Like, sometimes it says hot wax. And that—that, I get. Absolutely. I'm just not sure it's like, murder hot.

**Travis:** Huh. Yeah, but once again, Justin, I'm talking about a compounding... like, you've just been slapped all over by a thousand... like, I don't even know what that's made out of, but it makes a thunk when it hits my car. Like, you are, I think, a thousand tiny cuts. A thousand tiny welts, and then you're getting sprayed by wax? Even if that wax is not, like, flesh-

melting. Even if it's not boiling, it's warm. It's warm. It's not going to be a pleasant experience!

**Griffin:** Nobody's saying it's gonna be a pleasant experience!

**Travis:** No, but I'm saying it's all compounded!

**Griffin:** Who looks at a car wash while their car is going through it and is like, "That's a pleasant expe-mamma mia, that's a pleasant experience!"

**Travis:** I'm saying that, by this point, you have been so tenderized, that when you get to the dryer, the—even that pressure of air is just going to force all the skin off your body. [laughs] Oh wait! Are you going through nude?

Griffin: Oh!

Justin: Ohh!

**Griffin:** That's too many variables, 'cause then I could wear like—like, y'know, I find out I'm gonna be on this really fucked up, high stakes episode of Fear Factor, and I can dress for the occasion. I think you gotta be nude.

**Travis:** I think you have to be nude. Yeah.

**Griffin:** I think you *have* to be nude. I think you need to be nude. I think you want to be nude.

**Travis:** [laughs] Yeah. Listen, you're not doing this, if not to be nude.

**Griffin:** Uh, there's no news... about... a person being killed in a car wash. That I can find.

**Travis:** Oh, so there's not like, an update on this—

Griffin: Oh, wait. There-

**Travis:** What?

Griffin: Oh wait. No! Never mind. That's a different thing. I don't like

Googling deaths.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

Griffin: Okay, I'm gonna quit Googling deaths. I'm out. How about another

question? A real palate cleanser.

**Justin:** [laughs] Absolutely. "I hope this email finds you well." Thank you!

So many people forget the pleasantries!

**Griffin:** It doesn't—but if you can turn it around, that would be neat.

**Justin:** "I have recently resolved to dye my hair a dark red after seeing a fellow coworker rock a bright red. I work as an EMT, and colored hair isn't super common in the field, so it's gonna be super clear that I'm copying her style." Ahh! "My question is, how do I address the crimson elephant in the room? Do I just rock up one day like nothing is different? Or do I have to profess my envy of those ruby locks?" That's from Hair Color Conundrum in California.

This is actually a very challenging question!

**Griffin:** Yes, I'm having a difficult time with it.

**Travis:** Because there is no like, "Oh, is yours red?" Like, you cannot... [laughing] There is no actor on earth that could deliver that in such a way...

**Justin:** The flame has been copped. You've copped the flame.

**Travis:** Yeah. But I also think you couldn't, in lead up to yours, be like, "Oh, I love—I love that color. That's so good." 'Cause then, when you do it, it's just so, like, Talented Mr. Ripley obvious.

**Justin:** It's so creepy! It's so creepy!

**Griffin:** You have to address it. I think not addressing it is not possible. So, the question has become even more challenging – how do you say, "Is it okay that I have chomped this flav so completely?"

Travis: Do you—

**Justin:** And do you address it... okay. Let's answer this first. Do you address it before or after?

Travis: Yes.

**Justin:** 'Cause I can't imagine the before would be like... I mean, "Hi, I just wanted to say that your hair is so beautiful, and I just want to take it for my own, and allow my ascension to the complete me of this crimson dragon that I and God are supposed to—I'll just take your hair and glue it to mine. Is that okay? I'm getting scared now, and I don't like feeling scared. Why do you make me feel this way?" I don't think that's gonna go great.

**Griffin:** That's the worst case scenario.

**Travis:** No, but the post—the after credits asking, Justin, is like, "Hey, I did this."

Justin: Mm-hmm.

**Travis:** "What do I do now if you say no?" [laughs] Like, "Hey, was this okay that I did this?"

"No."

"Shit."

**Griffin:** You—I got it. I got it! I got it. You go to them. You say, "Oh, man, your hair looks so cool. I've actually been thinking about dyeing my hair red for a while. Can you tell me, like, you got any tips?"

**Travis:** Long before you ever thought of it.

**Griffin:** And then they feel like a—well, no. You don't have to frame it like that. You don't have to be the world's biggest jag off. But you can make it feel like they are doing—like, they're letting you in on the cool red hair club. Y'know what I mean?

Justin: Ooh! Can you help me like, pick a shade?

Travis: Ooh, yeah yeah!

**Griffin:** Will you help me pick a shade? I really think your hair looks cool, and I've always wanted to do a look like that, and what better time to do it than now? Will you feel the sense of pride and satisfaction, like a mama bear and the cub, teaching me how to make my hair look like a cool punk rock EMT.

**Travis:** And then we can form some kind of band of adventurers together, saving people...

**Griffin:** Probably not.

Justin: Every time.

**Griffin:** Every time you want to go in like a fantastical Mr. Fox bullshit direction.

**Travis:** Well—oh, sorry, I forgot that you guys don't have dyed hair, so you don't—oh, yeah. You don't—yeah. It's fine. Don't worry. Yeah, that definitely doesn't happen when you dye your hair.

**Justin:** The important thing is that you keep dyeing it, and as soon as new people come and get hired by the EMT... company...

**Griffin:** [laughs] Hello, welcome to EMT Co.!

**Travis:** We don't know what it stands for, either! [laughing]

**Justin:** You pull them aside—

**Griffin:** Remember, it's five dollars for medicine, ten dollars for bandages, when they ask! If they need to be intubated, that's 15 dollars! Don't forget to give them the menu!

**Travis:** And if you sell ten bandages, you get a bonus!

**Justin:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** Don't forget to wear your hair net while doing EMT!

**Travis:** And always smile, no matter what's happening!

**Griffin:** I'm giving you a promotion! Now you're Captain EMT! You get to drive the big van!

Justin: [laughing]

Travis: And could you drop off my dry cleaning while you're out?

**Justin:** [laughing] Not even gonna tell you guys my smart thing I was gonna say.

**Griffin:** [sings a song like an ice cream truck] Oh, the EMT van's driving by! Does anybody need a bandage or medicine?

**Travis:** [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: "Do you have any inhalers?"

"Sorry, kid, just sold my last one." [laughs]

**Griffin:** "We are plum outta inhalers. They go fast, man." It'd be better than our current medical system, am I right fellas?

Travis: Wow. Wow.

Justin: Wow. Wow. Dennis Miller.

Travis: Wow.

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** [laughs]

Griffin: Anyway... should I do a Yahoo?

**Justin:** Yeah. Just make it... I think Travis, actually. Ugh, I don't like the way this feels in my mouth, but I think Travis had the best solution. Just enlist them in the process. That's very good.

**Travis:** I don't think that was my solution.

**Griffin:** I think that was mine, but that's fine. Uh, I guess, here's a Yahoo that was sent in by, uh, several people. Uhh, it is... uh, a Yahoo Answers user named DJ Donnelly who does ask... and I don't know if it's DJ short for like, y'know, Danny Jean, or if they, um... grind it out on the ones and twos. But DJ Donnelly does say, "How do live to 75 by eating nothing but cakes and milk?"

Travis: Huh.

**Griffin:** Um... this one is cool. Because... I like... that they are targeting... 75.

Travis: Yeah.

**Griffin:** 75 feels like, listen, I only want to eat cakes and milk. And I want to stretch this—I want to ride that train as long as it will take me. I do not think it will get me past 75.

**Travis:** Yeah, they're not shooting for the moon.

**Griffin:** I think 75 is—75 is best case scenario. There are no 80 year olds eating just cakes and milk out there.

**Travis:** Um, now, I like, too, that they are not asking if it is possible. They are saying, "How do I do it?" It's not like—

**Griffin:** Yeah, no no, it is possible.

Travis: Has anyone done this? No.

**Griffin:** Someone's done it. Someone has to have done it.

**Travis:** Now, this has introduced the uh, the train of thought has pulled into a station to tie this back to an earlier question. How do y'all feel about carrot cake?

**Griffin:** It kicks ass.

Justin: Hmm.

Travis: 'Cause it's got the carrots in there. So that's like a vegetable cake.

Griffin: Justin, what are you doin'?

Justin: Nothin'. Thinkin'. Just thinkin' about it.

**Griffin:** Think out loud.

Justin: Okay.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Well, it kind of depends on the kind of ca—I just wanted to say something good and useful here. But it does... cake is a very open ended word.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

**Justin:** So there's like, healthy cakes.

**Travis:** But is that *healthy*, or healthier?

**Justin:** Everything's healthy in moderation, Travis. That's what I keep telling you. That's why I have all these Deal-A-Meal cards spread out everywhere. They—they—it's called Deal-A-Cake. It's this new program.

Travis: Ooh!

**Justin:** You have like, a breakfast cake. Probably coffee cake, right? And then you have a sumptuous, um, evening cake, like a crab... cake. [laughing]

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** And for lunch, there's um... urinal cakes.

Travis: Ooh, nope. Nope nope nope.

**Griffin:** What does that do? What's that do for your health, Justin? Tell me now.

**Justin:** That—I was just a different ki—I was trying to come up with different kinds of cake.

**Griffin:** You two have made me hate this question, and now I'll do a different one.

**Justin:** Healthy milks, too. Hemp milk. Milk that gets you high. Nice.

**Griffin:** Now I'm back in. Oh, we talkin' about hemp milk, I'm back in. You know me. I'm a maaajor weed head these days. And uh, I won't touch nothin' if it hasn't been wrung outta some hemp. Should I do a Yahoo, or do you think we've earned the right to go get some money from this episode?

**Justin:** I think I want to get some money from this episode.

**Griffin:** Alright, guys. We promise, we'll do it real quick.

Justin: [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

[theme music plays]

**Travis:** Y'know what you should eat?

**Griffin:** What's that, Trav?

**Travis:** You should eat Blue Apron. It's like the cakes of boxed, prepackaged, uh, pre-portioned meals.

**Griffin:** Did you say beals?

**Travis:** Beals? Of Jessica Biels.

**Justin:** It's a full crate of beetles delivered right to your home!

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Travis:** Blue Beetle Apron!

**Griffin:** That's good! That's dope, 'cause I'm Timon and Pumbaa.

**Travis:** Love them juicy bugs!

**Griffin:** They love eating juicy bugs. But no, they're not gonna send you juicy bugs. They probably don't want us saying that. They're gonna send you fresh, quality, non-bug ingredients delivered straight to your door. And you can cook delicious, easy meals in the comfort of your home.

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Justin: A-

**Griffin:** What?

**Justin:** I made one of these, and it had a thing in it that I've never—like, I was making food that I've never even heard of before. It was amazing.

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** Yes! It was—I'm gonna embarrass myself if I say what it was, because it—people will probably be like, "You never had that? I have that all the time." But it was like, a potato thing. I can't even remember what it was called, 'cause it was like, so great and wild.

**Travis:** French fries?

Justin: What?

**Travis:** French fries?

**Justin:** No, it was—

**Griffin:** Was it a sweet potato?

**Justin:** No, it was uh, um... uh, potato roasti. Or rösti, perhaps.

**Griffin:** [laughs] It sounds like you're talking about like, a roasted potato,

but you're also like, a really fuckin' cool surfer.

**Justin:** No, it's like a rösti.

**Griffin:** Rakshaka! You're comin' with me to the potato roasty! Shakabra!

**Justin:** [laughs] This is taking too long. I'm just saying that it's a rösti. It's

like a potato pancake. It's good. And swish. Swiss. Fuck!

Travis: [laughs] Blue Apron is the first—

**Griffin:** Swish, brah! We goin' to the potato roasty! Swish, brah!

Travis: [laughing]

Justin: [laughing]

**Griffin:** Anyway, find comfort in the kitchen with Blue Apron and enjoy delicious, home cooked meals. Visit BlueApron.com to check out this week's

menu. That's BlueApron.com. Blue Apron: Feed your soul.

Justin: [gibberish]

Travis: Oh no, I don't understand you!

**Justin:** Uh, well, you would... [laughs] If you had learned that language I just made up on Babbel. See, I was babbling. So I was hoping... that that was anything.

**Travis:** No, I got that.

**Justin:** Uh, no. I have been doing Babbel, which is a great way to, uh, learn a language. Um, or even re-learn a language, if you had one back in high school, and y'know, you kind of lost it a little bit, Babbel will get you sharpened up real quick.

I have really dug that it's more conversational than a lot of other foreign language apps that I've tried before, and baby, I've tried 'em all. Uhh, you're having like, conversations.

**Griffin:** Did you get so enthusiastic about that that you uppercutted your microphone?

Justin: Uh...

**Griffin:** I can always tell when it happens.

**Justin:** No. It was a dragon punch. Um, it starts with like, conversations really early, so like, it's not just vocabulary. Like, you're discussing things. Like, uh, the words are organized by sort of ideas and conversations you might have, rather than just like, vocab. So it's a really cool, uh, much easier way to learn a language.

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**Speaker 3:** Thanks.

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**Speaker 2:** Reliability is big for me.

**Speaker 4:** Power.

**Speaker 5:** I'd say comfort.

**Speaker 1:** What do you think of this?

[crashing sounds]

**Speaker 6:** That's Jordan, Jesse, Go.

**Speaker 2:** Jordan, Jesse, Go?

**Speaker 3:** They came out of the floor?

**Speaker 2:** And down from the ceiling?

**Speaker 3:** That can't be safe.

**Speaker 2:** I'm upset. Can we go now?

**Speaker 1:** Soon.

[music plays]

**Speaker 1:** Jordan, Jesse, Go: A real podcast.

**Justin:** Here's another question. Uh, "I have always wanted to hold a pigeon. The city pigeons seem like such funky little docile guys, and I'm curious to see if they would let me get close enough to let me scoop one up in my hands. However, my girlfriend does not think that this is a good idea. She's worried I'd get attacked, or contract some sort of disease from said bird.

Please, either help me to convince her that this is a safe plan, or talk me out of trying to snatch a pigeon next time I'm in a city." That's from the Pigeon Pal. Um... I don't actually know—y'know what? I actually have... let me make a...

**Travis:** Who are you calling?

**Griffin:** Who could possibly possess a level of expertise about this exact subject?

**Travis:** Oh, I bet it's the pigeon lady from Home Alone 2.

**Griffin:** Is it Brenda Fricker, Justin? Do you have Brenda Fricker?

[beeping, like numbers being pressed on a phone]

**Travis:** That's a lot of numbers.

**Griffin:** That's too many numbers.

**Travis:** Still... still calling. Still calling.

**Justin:** It's the, uh, MC Bat Commander. The lead singer of the Aquabats. Hold on, let me see if he's—

Travis: Wait, you're gonna use our one... our one, like, token for this call?

**Justin:** Yeah, he gave me this token to... whenever we're in need, and I feel like this is pretty dire, so...

**MC Bat Commander:** Hello! This is the Bat Commander! What can I do for you?

**Justin:** Hey, it's us. We're using our token. It's the McElroy brothers.

**Griffin:** You remember the token you gave us? And you said it for anything?

MC Bat Commander: Uh, sure. Yeah. Uh...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**MC Bat Commander:** Who is this again? Matt—McElroy—

**Travis:** The McElroy brother—

MC Bat Commander: McElroy brothers. Right.

**Griffin:** We did your show. We did your show for free, and you said that there'd be money, but then there wasn't money, and so, instead, you gave us this token that does have Chuck E. Cheese on it.

**MC Bat Commander:** Yes, that's right. How are you guys?

**Justin:** We're doing good. Um, Bat Commander, where are you at on pigeons?

**MC Bat Commander:** Well, pigeons, pigeons... hmm. I feel like pigeons are... our friends. Like many of the animals we are friends with, pigeons are some of them.

**Justin:** Where do you sit on scooping up animals in the line of duty, protecting earth? Uh, have you had occasions to scoop up animals? How has that sort—what's your sort of track record on animal scooping?

**MC Bat Commander:** Yeah, there has been a few times where there has been some necessary scooping of animals. Y'know, scooping them out of the

street. Catching some baby chicks before they get run over by a Stingray Corvette. Things like this.

Travis: Yes.

MC Bat Commander: Y'know.

**Griffin:** How often does that... happen? The Stingray Corvette one.

**MC Bat Commander:** Oh, you wouldn't... you wouldn't believe how much baby chicks are attracted to Stingray Corvettes. They love those '70s muscle cars, yes.

Griffin: Okay.

**Justin:** You might say it's kind of a chick magnet.

MC Bat Commander: There you go.

Travis: Ah!

**Griffin:** Oh my god!

**MC Bat Commander:** Ding ding ding. Here's the deal with the pigeons, let's just level with this. Let's just level with...

**Justin:** Finally. Let's cut through all the bullcrap.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**MC Bat Commander:** Human relationships are important. His girlfriend is scared of the pigeons. 'Kay? Pigeon attacks are on the rise, it's true. I mean, there's thousands of pigeons out there already. I mean, and pigeons—

**Justin:** And right now, they're desperate.

MC Bat Commander: That's right.

Justin: For anyone to attack.

**Griffin:** They are so hungry.

MC Bat Commander: Can you imagine how many French fries they're not

eating every day?

Justin: [laughing]

MC Bat Commander: [laughs] From street cafes? Those potato chips and

chickpeas off of salads that they can't eat?

**Justin:** Pigeons are starved, and they are pissed off!

**MC Bat Commander:** That's right. Pigeons are angry. So, I can feel her pain. But at the same time, any man, woman, whatever that feels the need to scoop an animal needs to get that scoop off their chest. [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing]

**MC Bat Commander:** If you know what I mean. Get that scoop right off your chest.

**Griffin:** But it feels like there could be like a uh, an oils on the hands... y'know how you're not supposed to touch stalactites or stalagmites when you're in a cave system, because your oils will forever leave an imprint.

MC Bat Commander: Right, I've heard that. I've heard that.

**Griffin:** Yeah. If the oils on my hands somehow like, coat the pigeon's wings in some sort of anti-flying juice, um...

MC Bat Commander: That's true.

**Griffin:** Is that a concern?

**MC Bat Commander:** Y'know, pigeons are remarkable, remarkable animals, and we have to respect them. And get our oils on them. Right?

Justin: [laughs]

MC Bat Commander: Essential oils. Human oils. Whatever it may be.

Travis: Olive oils.

**MC Bat Commander:** Essential worker oils. All of those things. But here's the thing – pigeons are the ancestors of our phones. Let's face it, guys. I mean, right?

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Huh.

**Griffin:** What? Huh. What?

Travis: Huh.

**MC Bat Commander:** Pigeons are caveman phones, right?

**Justin:** [laughing uncontrollably]

Griffin: Oh. Yes yes yes, now I'm with you.

Travis: Yeah?

**MC Bat Commander:** We tape messages to pigeons, and they fly and deliver messages. So we have to respect the pigeons, and that's why they live in the cities. That's why we give pigeons licenses to live where they do. Right?

**Griffin:** Maybe instead of just starin' down at your phone all day, like all of us are doing, like Banksy said in that one piece of art...

**MC Bat Commander:** That's right.

Travis: Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** Maybe look at the pigeons, because they were phones. And we

used to just stare at pigeons.

**MC Bat Commander:** That's right.

**Griffin:** And I would love to go back to that.

MC Bat Commander: Let's go back. Let's go back. Y'know?

**Justin:** Uh, I tried to use a pigeon as a cell phone once, but the only game

that would work on it was angry bird.

MC Bat Commander: [laughs]

**Travis:** Ahh! God, that's two!

**MC Bat Commander:** Ayy!

**Griffin:** He's just fuckin' full of 'em, man.

MC Bat Commander: [laughs] Incredible!

**Travis:** That's two!

MC Bat Commander: That was really good.

Justin: Hey, uh, we were on the Aquabats Show, and I'm assuming that's

available on YouTube now as people are listening to this.

**MC Bat Commander:** Yes. Yes, that's right. It came out. The Shrinky Bats episode of the Aquabats Super Show just came out, and you guys are so fine

in it. You're great. Your acting skills...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**MC Bat Commander:** The pigeons that surrounded the hot dog cart that Justin was, y'know, soliciting people's businesses. The essential business of

selling hot dogs to people on the street. It was fan—it's fantastic. It's fantastic.

**Justin:** Watching and enjoying that episode, I don't think anyone will appreciate the level—the amount of discomfort... [laughs] ... that was involved with the shooting of this. It was cold, it was blustery, and I had to pee so bad that I thought my brain was gonna melt.

**Travis:** You really sacrifice for your art.

Justin: Thank you.

**MC Bat Commander:** Yeah, and there was no port-a-potties. There was no, uh, honey wagons, as we say in Hollywood. There was just, y'know, there was the street corner.

**Justin:** A lot of fun looks. There was a lot of fun looks.

**MC Bat Commander:** People were like, "What are you guys doing?" Imagine how I feel. I have a fake mustache all the time. [laughs]

**Justin:** What?!

**Travis:** It's fake?!

MC Bat Commander: It's a real mustache, it's just... not real hair. If that

makes sense.

Justin: Ohh.

**Griffin:** Oh, cool.

**Justin:** That's a perfectly sensible distinction. MC Bat Commander, thank you so much for...

MC Bat Commander: Thank you guys.

Justin: For joining us.

**MC Bat Commander:** Yeah, you guys are on the episode that just came out, and we have a new record coming out, called Kooky Spooky in Stereo, June 20<sup>th</sup>, so...

Justin: Whoa!

MC Bat Commander: Look for that. Look for that, you guys. That's gonna

be great.

Justin: Perfect.

MC Bat Commander: Or listen for that. And uh... what's the advice that

we're gonna land on with this—with Pigeon Pal?

**Justin:** I feel like you have given every bit of advice on the spectrum, from respect the pigeons, to pick them up and get the scoop off your chest. So I feel like the question asker, Pigeon Pal, can really just kind of choose their own adventure, as far as that goes. They can just sort of go with whatever advice suits them. [laughing]

**MC Bat Commander:** That's true. That's true.

**Justin:** Thanks, MC Bat Commander! We're even now.

MC Bat Commander: Thank you guys!

Justin: We're square.

MC Bat Commander: Well, I still owe you lunch, so uh...

Justin: Oh, perfect. Excellent.

**Travis:** Great.

**MC Bat Commander:** And a port-a-potty. And a hot dog.

**Justin:** Hopefully not all at once. That would be an uncomfortable afternoon.

**MC Bat Commander:** Hey, could be fun. Could be fun.

**Griffin:** Hey, I got a Yahoo here.

Travis: Finally!

**Griffin:** That was also sent in—that was—okay. That was also sent in by several people. So that's by Yahoo Answers user Negotiator, who asks...

Travis: Ooh!

**Griffin:** I think we've done a Negotiator one recently. Wow. They're big in the scene right now. They ask, "Is it possible to discover new large birds still today?"

Travis: Huh. Yeah. Sure.

**Griffin:** I know that Justin's sort of the bird head among us. Uh, 'cause he's seen—

Justin: Okay.

**Griffin:** Well, you've seen most of them, if not all of them. Um, and you're always talking about that. Always very excited about that. But I guess my question is, like... we got satellites in the sky.

Travis: Yeah.

**Griffin:** Let's start there. Are they spreadin'—[muffled] Are they spreadin' the coronavirus? Mmm, no one's quite sure about that.

But we got these satellites in the sky that are definitely spreading coronavirus. But they're also—they have taken pictures of every square inch of this planet. And so, we've seen all the land that there is. You're not gonna

discover a new island, y'know what I mean? But what about a large—like, a new large bird?

**Travis:** Well, the thing is like... this is assuming that all birds look like birds, right? That you'd see a picture and be like, "That's a bird." But what if a bird looked like a bush, right? And you were like, taking a satellite picture, and you're like, "That's just a bush." No no!

**Griffin:** Aw, cool!

Travis: That's a bird.

Griffin: Or like a—

**Justin:** Maybe something weird like, this whole time, camels had been

birds.

Travis: Ooh!

**Justin:** Like we just didn't put it together, because...

**Griffin:** Oh yeah!

**Justin:** They just don't look, in any way, like birds, and don't have feathers and don't lay eggs and don't do bird... tricks.

**Griffin:** Well, it'd be two birds, innit? Each camel would be two birds. And like—

Travis: Like, hiding inside?

**Griffin:** If we had thought about it for like, a fuckin' second, we would've realized that all camels are two birds.

**Travis:** And y'know what? Maybe there's just a big bird that we've all been seeing a lot, but like, taking for granted, right? Like, there is—it's a new species of bird, and we've all seen a bunch of them, and everyone's thought, "Definitely someone's categorized that bird, right? Cataloged that bird."

Griffin: Right.

**Travis:** And we—but we've just been taking for granted... that everyone knows that bird, right?

**Justin:** I could've been a new bird—that's a great point, Travis. I could've seen a new bird many, many times, and it would not have crossed my mind to think like, "Hey, I don't know what that one is. Maybe that means it hasn't been discovered yet."

**Travis:** I thought that whilst on the JoCo Cruise last year. Y'know, we'd sail past a tiny spit of land, and your thought is like, "Definitely, someone owns that land." But what if they don't? What if I was the first person to see that, and it's full of weird big birds that I could be riding on or talking to?

**Griffin:** Yep. And that's the fuckin' dream, isn't it, man?

**Justin:** Don't get me started.

Travis: I'm just saying.

**Griffin:** There's probably a fuckin' diesel ostrich out there that I could Chocobo, right? There's probably like a fuckin' jacked ostrich that I could just fuckin' mount and ride across the countryside.

**Travis:** I understood what you meant, but it also sounded like a fun way of saying you wanted to choke an ostrich.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I mean, if that's part of the—

**Justin:** It's a lot of neck to not want to choke it, is what I'm saying.

**Travis:** No, we've talked about this for sure.

**Griffin:** We've definitely talked about this. I think maybe in the context of geese, but ostrich, that ball still plays. And if the choking is part of the sort of writing process, then that is a price I'm willing for the ostrich to pay.

**Travis:** I'm just saying that, show me eight birds right now and say, "Which of these isn't cataloged?" I got no fuckin' clue!

**Justin:** I could go one day without Travis demanding to see a picture of eight birds.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I'm just saying, why has no one shown me these eight birds? I don't feel like, if eight birds exist, where's the proof? Y'know? Where's... the... proof?

**Griffin:** Wait, you're saying eight birds—you're saying there's fewer than... eight birds that exist?

**Travis:** No, I'm just saying, if there's more than eight birds, I haven't seen them.

**Justin:** I, yesterday, had a cardinal outside my front door.

Travis: That's one.

**Justin:** That—no, listen.

Travis: Okay.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] I will list all the birds I've seen. No. This cardinal would fly in front of my glass door, kind of poke it with its beak, and then fly off to the side. And then, 20 seconds later, it would fly back over and be like, "Hey, what's goin' on? Heyyy, can I come in? This is weird. Okay." And then fly back off to the side.

This bird did this for ten minutes.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

**Justin:** Guys, I've never seen anything like it, and I'm not a superstitious person, but like... I thought it had to be important for something. An omen of something. And I don't know what it meant. But this cardinal just like... looked in the door. For ten minutes. Why was it doing that?

**Travis:** Now, was there a point in there, Justin, where you thought, "Maybe this bird wants me to follow it"?

**Justin:** Okay, that's one option, that it knew where some sort of treasure or cool plant was.

**Griffin:** Okay, according to a very cursory Google search, apparently, um, there's a lot of symbolism attached to red cardinal sightings. The Choctaw people believe that the cardinal is an omen regarding relationships. If you're single, it could mean that your status is about to change. If your relationship is in trouble, the cardinal may be a warning that things need to change. And I'm not saying that your relationship with Sydnee is in trouble...

**Justin:** No, Sydnee is—things are good on that front.

**Griffin:** But if you did walk up to her, and you were like, "Beb, I gotta split. Saw a badass cardinal outside. Gotta split. Y'know what that means."

**Justin:** No, but at one point, Sydnee's mom told us that it was an omen of pregnancy. And my hand turned into a hatchet, like T2, and I just chopped the thing in half.

Travis: Oh!

**Griffin:** Whoa!

**Justin:** Without even thinking about it. It was insatiable, people. It was just instinct.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yeah. There's a lot of us talking about hurting birds in this episode.

**Justin:** Well, what do they—that's what they deserve. I'm not—I don't mean that. But it's like...

Travis: Hurtin' birds, and...

**Griffin:** No, Justin. I know when you're being serious, and I know that your hand turned into a hatchet, and you killed a bird with it. And that's fucked up, dude.

Travis: [laughs]

**Griffin:** I know your joking voice, and I know your serious voice, and that was your serious voice.

**Travis:** Be better, Justin.

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

**Travis:** No! Only against birds, right?

**Griffin:** That's not—that's not applicable to this thing. You can't just say a good thing to counterbalance the fact that you killed a bird with your mercury shifting hand.

**Justin:** "I'm currently dealing with a dilemma. Is it okay to vape while in a Zoom class? Can I get in trouble? It's not like the professor can get mad at me about it, 'cause I'm doing it in my bedroom, but it still feels like there's something morally wrong about whipping the Juul out on camera in front of everyone." [laughing] "And if it is okay, how do I go about it? Should I try to be subtle, or just act like I know what I'm doing? Am I overthinking this?" Vape Shy in Vermont.

**Travis:** I love that those are the two options. Should I be subtle, or just act like I know what I'm doing? [laughs]

Griffin: I'm gonna—I'm going to vape. I will—

Justin: I will vape.

**Griffin:** I will vape.

**Justin:** I might chief it and blow it back into my polo. But I will vape.

**Griffin:** It is gonna happen.

**Travis:** Here's a subtle way you could do it. You could take a big, like, wrap it in your fist, right? So it just looks like you're like, mm, thinking. And then act like you're taking a drink of water, out of a glass, and blow the smoke into there so it like, blows out the sides. And then just like, look at the glass, horrified. And then begin to change into a monster.

**Griffin:** [laughs] M'kay...

**Justin:** Every day, I pray... I wake up, and I pray that it'll be the day I see someone vaping through a mask. And I haven't seen it yet. I just pray to—pray to the sweet, sweet lord above that one of these days, I'm gonna see it. And I—y'know, I drop by the Wal-Mart, just assuming that'll be the spot. If I'm gonna see it. But I haven't seen it yet. But I'm still holdin' out hope.

**Travis:** And y'know, the irony is, if they remade the movie, The Mask, today, he would definitely vape.

Griffin: Oh, yeah.

Justin: He would definitely vape!

**Griffin:** [imitating The Mask] Vvvapin'! [pause] He would say that instead of smokin'.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

**Griffin:** I hate that I had to explain—I hate that I had to fuckin' explain that joke to you two assholes!

**Travis:** V-A-P-E-Y!

**Justin:** [laughing] I wish they would make another Mask today. I would love that. That would make me so happy.

**Griffin:** Uh, today? Right now?

Justin: [laughing] Yeah. He can't get close to anybody.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

Justin: [laughing]

**Griffin:** They should remake The Mask, shot for shot, but nobody can get within six—no character could be within six feet of any other character. [laughing]

**Travis:** He has no respect for social morays, but lots of respect for social distancing.

**Griffin:** That's fuckin' great! Jim Carrey plays this like, nerdy banker, and Cameron Diaz rolls up and stands six feet away from the desk as she does her bank business, and he's like, "Boy, I sure would like to kiss pretty Cameron Diaz, but I can't because of social distancing." Then he puts on this mask, and he's like, [imitating The Mask] "I'm gonna get within six feet of ya!"

And you're like, "Dude, that's too crazy, Mask."

**Justin:** [imitating The Mask] "Somebody stop me! Not physically. We're not gonna take risks."

**Travis:** [imitating The Mask] "Nobody touch me!"

Justin: [laughing]

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

**Justin:** P-A-R-T-Y? Because I'm lonely.

Travis: [laughing] "Zoom!"

Justin: [laughing]

**Griffin:** [laughing]

Justin: "Zoom suit riot! Riot!"

**Travis:** [laughing] Oh boy.

**Griffin:** Alright. Boy, I need to go watch The Mask. It's an extreme... extremely powerful desire right now. I'll watch—I'll settle for Son of The Mask, baby. I don't give a shit. I need—

**Justin:** Now, be—like, honestly, though? Don't fuck around with that. [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Don't—don't joke about watching Son of Mask. Because it's got some scenes, in there.

**Travis:** It goes places.

**Justin:** It goes... places.

**Travis:** There's an extended urination scene.

**Justin:** There's an extended urination scene. There's this scene... and it's—I just double-checked the link on YouTube. It's four and a half minutes long,

and it's just The Mask lip-syncing to 'Too Good to be True'. [sings] You're just too good to be true... right?

But he does like... a rap version.

Travis: Huh.

**Justin:** And a... country western version. And it is... absolutely horrific. Why did they give the Jamie Kennedy Mask hair? That's all I wanted to say. I'm done.

**Griffin:** And we'll put it to bed there. I cannot believe how little we talked about this incredibly pure and beautiful question of how to secretly vape in Zoom calls. I cannot believe we didn't... 'cause you can't just keep turning your video off every time you want to rip it. 'Cause everyone's gonna—I feel very, very self-conscious any time I have to turn the video off on my thing, because I think people are gonna assume that I'm fuckin' crankin' a Juul up.

**Travis:** Mm-hmm. That is what I assume when you do it.

**Griffin:** Can you keep pretending to drop things? Just have a pen on the side of your desk that you keep—ah, fuck! This damn pen again!

**Travis:** Can you pretend like you're on fire?

**Justin:** Maybe your garbage can is on fire, and you keep dippin' down like, to check in on it. Like, I think I got it this time, guys. And then there's more smoke.

**Griffin:** Can you... sit down when the class starts, and have, like, a Walgreens prescription bag that you pull your vape rig out of, and then you can rip it, no questions asked? If somebody's like, "What are you doing?" You can be like, "Uh, did you see the prescription bag? My doctor said I need to. This is medicine."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** And also, I should remind you, the safest option is to quit vaping now. There might be some—we're starting to see some research emerge about a connection between coronavirus being more, uh, severe in people who vape. So I do want to just put this disclaimer on here that, although we don't really understand the dangers of vaping, it's probably best that you stop vaping.

**Travis:** Also, it's just not cool anymore.

**Justin:** I know. That's the problem. It's as cool as it's ever been.

**Griffin:** It's still fuckin' cool.

**Travis:** Well, no—

**Griffin:** Now, listen. If you don't do Juul, and you do your own rig with your own oils in there, it's probably fine.

**Justin:** [laughs] No. Actually, that's—what Griffin has just said is inaccurate. It's probably...

**Griffin:** Listen. If you're doing it from a big business like Juul, you're gonna—your health is gonna be affected. But with your own extremely powerful, unregulated rig... [laughing]

**Justin:** You have to be in control of your—don't let the government regulate your ohms. You are in control of your own ohms.

**Griffin:** And if you make the fluid at home, you know what's goin'— [dissolves into laughter]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** If you empty out your sister's fog machine, and dump some apple juice in there, and just go to town vaping it...

**Griffin:** You're—I'm not saying you're definitely in the clear, but you're probably fine.

**Justin:** It's probably fine. It's organic, at least.

**Griffin:** It's at least organic.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Organic means things you make yourself, right? It's organic, basically.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Justin:** Thank you so much for listening to our podcast, My Brother, My Brother, and Me. We hope you have enjoyed yourself. We've got some new, uh, stickers over at McElroyMerch.com.

**Griffin:** Not for sale. Justin's just bragging about some badass stickers we bought.

**Travis:** [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] I got some cool new...

**Griffin:** This one's—this one's—

Justin: It's got Squidward.

Griffin: Here's fuckin' Lightning McQueen.

**Travis:** [laughs] I got one. It's Calvin, and he's pissin' on the coronavirus.

**Justin:** It's Calvin pissin' on a smaller Calvin. It's so cool, and that one's pissin'... you get the idea. Uh, but that's at McElroyMerch.com.

**Griffin:** I traded some Heathcliff the Cat stickers for some Beyblade stickers. So that's a major glow up.

**Travis:** I also want to—if you, uh, are lookin' for some, I don't know, fun video content, you can check out the McElroy YouTube. The McElroy Family YouTube page. We've got a lot of fun stuff over there. I think it's real good. There's Monster Factory.

**Griffin:** You sound like a fuckin' cop.

**Travis:** You say that every time! [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Maybe I am.

**Griffin:** If you're one of those cool teens that likes to skateboard and vape drugs, we have a cool channel for you to watch. Also, 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. Find, uh... find that in fine music retailers, digitally, everywhere. And uh...

**Travis:** Oh! I'm, uh—this, uh, Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, I believe? Yes. Uh, I'm going to be doing a live stream event with Janet Varney, where we're just gonna be funny for a while. And it's not to like, raise money for anything or anything like that. It's just a fun time of me and Janet Varney hanging out. May 14<sup>th</sup>, nine PM eastern time, six PM Pacific time. Uh, bit.ly/McVarney. Come watch it and have a good time!

**Griffin:** And thanks to Maximum Fun for having us on the network. Check out all the great shows there like Stop Podcasting Yourself, Switchblade Sisters, and so many more, all at MaximumFun.org. Do you guys want that final?

Justin: Oh yeah!

**Griffin:** Okay, here it comes. This is the final Yahoo Answer. It was, again, sent in by many, many people. Thank you. It's from Yahoo Answers user, Drew, who asks, "Is it safe to flush grapes down the toilet? I need to get rid of them somehow."

Justin: [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

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

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

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin: This has been My Brother, My Brother, and Me. Kiss your dad

square on the lips.

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