

MBMBaM 396: Independence Jumanji 3

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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, "(It's a) Departure" by The Long Winters, plays]

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

Travis: I'm your best brother, Travis McElroy.

Griffin: And the nominee for baby brother, 30 Under 30 luminaries is... Willem Dafoe.

Travis: Oh, no, you read the wrong name.

Griffin: Oh, he's just a nominee. And Griffin McElroy.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: They only got two this year, and I'm gonna beat his ass.

Travis: Hey, do you guys remember when they read the wrong name last year?

Griffin: Okay, okay, okay.

Travis: Anything can happen in the Oscars.

Griffin: And I can't believe they're letting James Kimmel do it a second time, after he beefed it so hard on stage. Ripped a big beeper.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Anyway. Let's make jokes about Hollywood's biggest night.

Travis: Okay. I—sometimes, I—I just call 'em the Grouches.

Griffin: Oh, that's fun. I was gonna do one where it's like, "I'm having an Oscar party!"

And you'd be like, "Oh, what are you doing?"

And it's like, well, I'm inviting all my favorites... Oscar from *The Office*... Oscar the Grouch. Travis already fucking sort of trampled...

Justin: Oscar De La Hoya.

Griffin: Oscar De La Hoya's got to be—

Travis: Oscar from *Odd Couple*? Isn't that an Oscar?

Griffin: We gotta—we gotta—we can do better than this. We can do better than this.

Justin: I'm looking forward to seeing... a big win for [awkward pronunciation] Saoirse Ronan from *Lady Bird*.

Griffin: So the joke there is that you said the name... really, very, very bad?

Justin: We're starting the episode over.

Griffin: No, no, no. We're j—

Justin: [simultaneously] We're starting this over.

Griffin: Justin—

Justin: This is not part of the episode that we release to people.

Griffin: [simultaneously] No, we're pulling it back. We're pulling it back Pulling it back.

Justin: Okay, okay, let me hear it. Mine was nothing. I can—I c—

Griffin: No, but we can punch it—we could punch it up, because you could be like, pronounce other names wrong, like, "And then the one who gave out the award was [awkward pronunciation] Matt Daman."

And it's like, "Do you mean Matt Damon?" And then the joke there is that you just can't say names correctly.

Justin: A lot of times—the problem is, I isolated my joke too much. Because it wasn't a joke; it was a half-joke. Sometimes on *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, if we do enough half-jokes in sequence, it starts to feel funny. Like—

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Not funny "ha-ha," but like, "Boy, these boys are having a good time."

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: "I guess I should be having a good time too."

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: It's kind of like guilt. We're just throwing so much out there, that eventually you just kind of feel bad for not laughing.

Griffin: So I have two jokes.

Justin: Oh, good!

Griffin: And I'd like to do 'em back-to-back. And the first one is this: Uh, yeah, you know, it's great that *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* is...

up for the big one, the big nomination, but I think it's gonna lose to *Four Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri*.

Travis: [stifled laughter]

Griffin: I thought it was kind of fucked up, how they made that movie, and they were like, "Well, we can—we can do you one better."

And then sure enough, it has—it has one more billboard. It has Frances McDormand too, the sequel. To Frances McDormand. And it's better by just about one number, just about all across the board.

Travis: Hey, Griffin, that one actually got me, so...

Griffin: That one got you. Okay, so we'll—

Justin: That was very funny, yeah. Very funny.

Griffin: Uh, Jameson, go ahead and put that one in the front. Frontload that one.

Okay, here's my second joke: Yeah, I saw *Shape of Water*, and I don't really get what the buzz is all about, because it's just Guillermo del Toro for an hour and a half just sort of barreling right down the camera, and he's just like, "A puddle, if you pour it into a glass, it looks like that. You can do a bucket with it. If it gets real cold, you can make it sort of cube-shaped. That's uh—" And he goes on, and he thinks of way funnier stuff.

Fuck. No. Jameson, put that one at the ending.

Travis: That was close. That was close to a joke.

Griffin: Jameson, when it's petering—when it's starting to peter out, Jameson, just go ahead and drop that one right at the end.

Justin: [laughs] The absence of funny material in the first four and a half minutes of this program is starting to make me feel a little panicky.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's like a weight on my chest. Like I'll never come back.

Travis: Is it possible... Is it possible that the problem is not us, it's just that the Oscars aren't fucking funny or interesting or anything?

Griffin: Maybe, that's [crosstalk].

Justin: Yeah. We did not really think about whether or not it should be an Oscars thing. We just sort of threw that out, first thought best thought, but sometimes it does. First thought worst thought. Which actually sounds better—[wheezes]

Griffin: It does.

Travis: Yeah, it actually rhymes.

Justin: It rhymes better than the other one.

Griffin: When you get in that state, Justin, you just gotta keep digging. You gotta keep—you gotta keep digging your way out of the whale.

Justin: Just trust there's something in there?

Griffin: Yeah, just keep digging. We're gonna hit it eventually.

Travis: What if we turn in—

Griffin: Listen, listen. Jameson's gonna make us sound cool and funny and smart.

Travis: Yeah. That's true.

Griffin: So don't you worry about that.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: What if we just started our own Oscars?

Griffin: Oh!

Travis: And then here's the thing about our Oscars. It's not about the movies that came out this year. It's about the movies we watched this year.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: So like, a movie from like the '70s could win best picture, 'cause like, we just saw it.

Griffin: This is not... Jameson?

Travis: This is nothing?

Griffin: Jameson, you know what to do with this one, right?

Justin: [laughing quietly]

Travis: No, this—that hasd legs that could go somewhere!

Griffin: Jameson? Jameson?

Travis: What movies have you guys watched? And that could be... [scoffs]

Griffin: Yeah, Jameson, I trust you. Jameson, I'm gonna give you a mark when to stop, uh, cutting.

Travis: But what if it's really—that could have legs.

Griffin: Jameson, wait for the mark. Mark.

Justin: So are we starting over, or... ? What's our—what's our sort of vote, currently?

Travis: What do you think, Jameson? He's crying.

Justin: [wheezes, laughs]

Griffin: Jameson's crying. You made Jameson cry, Justin. Way to go. You know he's going through a lot right now.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Jameson, you got any funny Oscar jokes? [laughs] I can't say that on the air! The fuck's wrong with you, Jameson?

Justin: That was actually pretty good.

Travis: That's really good.

Justin: He needs to get on the mic. He does need to get on the mic.

Griffin: Well... Jameson, can you put in the Audacity filter in the audio editing that, like, autotunes the jokes... to be funnier?

Travis: It's auto-T-O-O-N-S.

Griffin: Yeah. Oh, and Jame—see, that was Jameson's work, 'cause that was a pretty good joke. Travis didn't just say that.

Travis: I didn't say anything.

Justin: I feel like I can't breathe.

Griffin: [bursts into laughter]

Justin: It's like—it's like wa—it's like, "Will it ever be good again?"

Travis: No!

Justin: Like, this is my career, you know?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Like, is this—this is how I put food on the table for my family.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: Well, what we have is a really steep bell curve, Justin, where the first four episodes were really bad, and then it started to improve. And then here, at the end, as we round the corner to 400...

Justin: [sucks air through teeth]

Travis: ... the last four episodes are gonna be really bad. [laughs]

Justin: It's getting—it's getting dark in here. It feels dark in this room right now.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: I sw—I would swear it feels dark. It's the same lighting I was in, but it feels darker in here.

Travis: Well, the walls are closing in on Justin.

Justin: [blows air] Gotta raise these ceilings. I'm gonna lower my chair a bit, 'cause the ceilings are getting really low. I'm just gonna lower my chair, so I'm farther from 'em.

Griffin: Justin, Justin, Justin.

Justin: My throat is closing up, so I'm not gonna respond...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But just... I'm not—

Griffin: I'll talk at you. Go ahead and—can you do a thing where you lower your chair, and then the chair falls over, and you do a funny tumble out of it?

Justin: Yeah, let me try, hold on. Alright. I'm gonna try to lower—[fart noise]

Griffin: That was the quietest fall [through laughter] I've ever heard in my entire—that was a—

Justin: Well, my equipment is tuned.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: My equipment is tuned to only capture my voice. Did you hear the fart, though? [laughs]

Travis: No, the fart—fart went through.

Griffin: No, yeah, that was golden.

Justin: That part was something, right? People are gonna chuckle at that.

Griffin: I think we—I think we got it.

Justin: [imitates guitar playing]

Griffin: Holy shit. [laughs]

Justin: [continues imitating guitar] It's a defense mechanism!

[singing] I wanna munch!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Squad!

Travis: Squad!

Justin: [imitates guitar] [singing] I want to munch!

Griffin and Travis: Squad!

Justin: [imitates guitar, stops] [normally] Welcome to the reason you really tuned in, [laughs] this podcast within a podcast. Sometimes, podcasts need an intro, I guess? It's Munch Squad.

Uh, I wanna encourage you... uh, to pull in to Bojangles' three weeks ago, for uh, Heart-Shaped Bo-Berry Biscuits and more at Bojangles' for V-Day. Which meant something else when—when we won the war. But now Bojangles' has reclaimed V-Day for... biscuits.

And they looked at the calendar, and they saw V-Day coming up a few weeks back. Sorry, I've been on leave. They saw V-Day coming up a few weeks back – I didn't wanna miss any of these – and they said, "Mm, we need something to celebrate Valentine's Day. How about... we give people five different things at Valentine's Day?"

So "Bojangles'—" This is a quote. "Bojangles' is all about bringing people together for special moments."

Travis: Is it?

Justin: Says Bojangles' Senior Vice President of Marketing, Randy Poindexter.

Travis: No.

Griffin: [bursts into laughter]

Travis: That's not a person!

Justin: That's a person on our program, not a character we created for our program. Randy Poindexter. And Bojangles' is—whenever I go there to eat the sloppy chicken, I think, "Mm, I wish there were people close to me for this special moment of enjoying the spicy chicken t—selects."

The quote continues. "It's always challenging to come up with creative Valentine's Days gifts and activities, but you can never go wrong by adding our signature Bojangles' flavor to your special day." I can think of many

ways in which adding Bojangles' [through laughter] to your Valentine's Day can go *extremely* wrong!

Griffin: Deeply wrong.

Justin: Deeply wrong!

Travis: What if your lover is allergic to chicken?

Justin: That's one thing. Your lover doesn't enjoy spice or biscuits.

Griffin: Yeah. Your lover doesn't want to eat a wet mess.

Justin: [laughs] I think it's great. Randy talks about how hard it is, and in the very next `graph, it says, "Enjoy a Heart-Shaped Bo-Berry Biscuit." So like, Randy says it's hard to come up with things, but really, you just make it heart-shaped, huh? That's the—doesn't seem that hard, Rando. Seems pretty easy.

So it's a "famous buttermilk biscuit with Bo-Berries... "

Griffin: Oof...

Justin: Uncool to make—okay, so berries have names. [laughs] When you look at `em on the vine, berries have names, right? Blueberry, blackberry, raspberry.

Travis: [groans]

Justin: This is—got Bo-Berries baked inside. That's capitalized. That's a proper noun. What are you *doing* to the berries?

Griffin: Well, you take a raspberry...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: ... and you water it exclusively with Bo Bice's sweat?

Travis: Yeah. Here's the thing—

Justin: Bo Bice is back.

Travis: Bojangles' is partnered with Monsanto, and they have created a chicken-flavored berry.

Griffin: I would fuck that up.

Travis: [bursts into laughter]

Justin: You can make... you can make your um, Heart-Shaped Bo-Berry Biscuit—if you guys haven't seen it, it's literally a biscuit with blueberries baked—sorry, *Bo-Berries* baked into it with icing on top. And then right after that, literally, it says, "Here's a scoop: make your Heart-Shaped Bo-Berry Biscuit experience even sweeter by adding a scoop of vanilla ice cream when you get home for a delectable dessert."

Now, when he said that there's—when you get home, this is not a [through laughter] service that Bojangles' is providing to you. This is not an option Bojangles' has provided you this V-Day. They're saying, "When you get home, go to your freezer, get your own ice cream, and like, hack our dessert that we made. Hack our thing."

Travis: This is like when there's recipes on the back of the Ritz box, and you look at it and go "Ah!" and then just eat a whole sleeve dry.

Justin: Uh, "Other Bojangles' ideas for Valentine's Day," 'cause they're who you turn to when you need ideas for Valentine's Day, you could write a love letter.

"If you go to bojangles.com..." "

Griffin: Oh, God.

Justin: "... forward slash love, you can create a thoughtful e-card for your family, friends, or that special someone, courtesy of Bojangles'."

Griffin: Don't mind if I do.

Travis: [laughs] For your family, friends, or sidepiece.

And you can actually get eight sidepieces, which is nice.

Justin: “You can even use this idea to be a community sweetheart by selecting from the pre-populated list of local heroes in your community to send a Valentine’s Day message.” What the fuck are you talking about? Are you saying that I’m going to send a Valentine from me and Bojangles’ to the local firefighter?

Griffin: [simultaneously] Firefighter? [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] What are—what is that guy’s day like?

Travis: “This is what makes it all worth it.”

Justin: “I’m so glad Justin appreciates me enough to send the very best: a JPEG from Bojangles’.”

Travis: [laughs] “I’m glad I put my life[through laughter] on the line every day now.”

Justin: “This is so worth it.” They don’t have any [through laughter] for West Virginia.

Griffin: Aw!

Justin: [holding back laughter] You can send your Bojangles’ cards to me, local hero Justin McElroy, father of two.

You can uh, send those my way. So that’s how you can celebrate Valentine’s Day. Thank you so much to Bojangles’, for giving us so many great ways to make this Valentine’s Day so special.

Griffin: I’m making one right now.

Travis: is the heart anatomical?

Griffin: God, no.

Justin: Uh, no. The regular Bo-Berry Biscuits look more like anatomical hearts. These are just sort of fun... oh, looks like I got an image here. It's just a picture of a heart-shaped biscuit, and it says, "You up?" So that's kind of a booty biscuit.

Griffin: That's my firefighters. 'Cause I need to know they're up, making sure the fires don't get too wild.

Justin: Hey, this is weird. Uh, what do we have here in this second—we're just gonna dove tail. We're just gonna dove tail right off into firefighter wisdom.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Is this a segment?

Travis: I feel like maybe this is just a one-off, never-again segment, but we got a [through laughter] response to a question we did last week, and I wanted to address it.

Justin: Okay. Well, let's address it, 'cause we were already talking about firefighters, heroes that battle the blaze, as I call them. Um, firefighter wisdom. Do—Trav, do you have a jingle for firefighter wisdom you wanna do?

Travis: [imitates guitar, similar to Justin's]

Griffin: [laughs softly]

Justin: No, that one's—that one's done. That one's taken.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: "Brothers, my wife is a wild lamb firefighter, and according to her, there is an unwritten rule that you never pee on the fire or its ashes. The

rationale is that sometimes, before officially calling the fire quote, unquote, 'out...'"

Griffin: Uh-oh.

Justin: "... they have to go around, sticking their hands in the ashes to make sure there are no hot spots. And no one wants to put their hand in pee. Number twos are even more frowned upon." And that's from My Wife is Way Cooler and Tougher Than I Am.

Certainly... certainly, at this—I have a tool that um, that smooshes garlic. Certainly we can come up with a tool that can tell us if fires are out, right?

Travis: Put your hand—

Justin: Surely there's something better—

Travis: I have a thermometer. Put your hand in the fire.

Justin: Put your hand in it, Jeffrey!

Griffin: Um, 'cause they deserve to piss on these bad—this bad hot wind, I feel like. Like, they've earned it. I feel like when you fight the blaze, um...

Justin: You can probably come up with a tool that tells you if the fire is hot and if it's been peed in.

Travis: Mm-hm.

Justin: 'Cause then you can be like, "Oh, nice." [laughs] "Whoever did that, super nice."

Travis: Infrared and infrayellow.

Griffin: Maybe like a—uh, like a pee-pee... smelling pig. Like, a pig that you lead around, and it's like, "Nope, not that pile."

Travis: That still seems pretty, like, non-technological.

Justin: At the end of the day, he's been beautifully smoked, and ready for your family to enjoy.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Jesus. Not—

Justin: Oh, do you not—you don't eat pigs, Griffin? You're sensitive about—

Griffin: Not Hamton—not Hamton, the Hero Fire Pig. No way!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I would never eat Hamton, the Hero Fire Pig.

Travis: A pig this special, you don't eat him all at once!

Griffin: I love this pig. Was—my family and kids love 'em, except every time they make bathroom, he comes sniffing around. Like, "Hey, Hamton, can you be cool for a second?"

Justin: I'm gonna send a Bo-Berry Biscuit Valentine to [laughs] Hamton the Hero Fire Pig.

Uh, "Recently, the Starbucks near me has made their whipped cream blue. I don't know why they did it, and it's only this location, but now every drink you order with whipped cream has blue whipped cream. It's a very ugly blue, and still tastes like normal whipped cream.

"Given that years of social conditioning have taught me that blue food should taste like blue, I'm incredibly distressed at the sight of this blue whipped cream, which still tastes normal. How can I get my local Starbucks to reverse their horrible whipped cream decisions."

So was this from the... didn't they do, like, a unicorn uh...

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: ... uh, is it—is that what this is from? Is that—

Griffin: It's like a unicorn frappe with blue and purple shits, but still, that time is behind us now.

Travis: By, like, a solid year.

Griffin: By a very large margin, which is troubling, because—

Travis: [gruff voice] Large Margin!

Griffin: [laughs] Jesus Christ.

A year is too much time for cream to just hang out. If it's new blue cream, I think you need to report this Starbucks to, I don't know, the police? Because you're not allowed to just sort of go your own way when you're a Starbucks. You can't be a Starbucks and be like, "Hey, do you want a drip coffee or a cheeseburger?"

And it's like, "Wait a minute... "

"Yeah, we do cheeseburgers at this one."

Justin: I just don't... I understand it can make people uncomfortable to question authority, even if that authority is the person that runs the coffee-making at Starbucks. I get that, for sure.

I think you are completely within your legal rights to say, "Why is this blue? Explain this to me. Excuse me, I'm a paying customer."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "Why is this blue?!"

Griffin: "Do it again, but normal."

Justin: “Do it again, but normal, please!”

Travis: No, if I’m being honest, I’ve—I’ve just spent the last 390—well, now 6 episodes waiting for someone to say “large margin,” and so like, I haven’t been listening at all, but I’m really gonna dial in now.

Griffin: Wow. I’m excited for this new era of Travis.

Travis: Yeah, where I can finally start paying attention, the curse has been lifted. Uh, what are we talking about? What do we do on the show?

Griffin: Well, let’s try a Yahoo. Travis’ first Yahoo.

Justin: Uh, what?

Griffin: Yahoo—it’s a website where people go to sort of, um...

Justin: Let it all hang out. [laughs]

Griffin: Just let it all be what it is.

Travis: And this is a segment we do on this show?

Griffin: Yes. Yeah. It originated in our old show, *Internet Says the Wildest Things*.

Justin: 2.0.

Griffin: 2.0.

Justin: [laughs] It was actually called `www.InternetSaystheWildestThings2.0`, uploaded.

Griffin: Uploaded.

Justin: So it was very early web, I guess, is what I’m saying.

Griffin: And we would go to some of our favorite, sort of, websites.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: And pets.com, we'd be like, "Look at this picture we found on pets.com."

Travis: AskJeeves.

Griffin: Yes, we did a segment called, like, "Let's Ask Jeeves," and we'd be like, "What's the capital of New Mexico?"

And then it would tell us. And we would just read it. I forget what it was. Anyway.

Uh, a couple sent this one in. Thank you, everybody. It's from Yahoo Answers User My Chemical Undertale, which is a real heavy username.

Justin: Very good.

Travis: What?

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Who asks—

Travis: I don't follow!

Griffin: Yeah, don't worry about it. "Rusted fidget spinner?"

Travis: Oh, no.

Griffin: Okay. "So last year, me and my younger cousin were swimming in the pool, and I found a blue metal fidget spinner. It wouldn't spin, or at least it would barely spin. I took it home, because my cousin had a fss [FS], which is think is fidget spinner, so I put it with some other stuff, and here I am in 2018. It is rusted, and I wonder how I can get it to spin again."

“WD-40, I want to use something that isn’t chemicals, such as kitchen oil, but I do not believe it will work.”

Justin: [laughing]

Griffin: “What do I use?” I want a natural, organic, GMO-free fidget spinner.

Justin: [through laughter] What? What is kitchen oil? Like—

Travis: You know!

Griffin: When your kitchen starts making a weird groaning noise, and so you cover it with oil to help it, you know, just run a little bit smoother.

Travis: Kitchen oil, Justin, is what happens when you get a little bit of—and no one knows what this is, but kind of a—a slimy thing on your exhaust vent.

Justin: Sure. Okay. Yes, yes, yes.

Travis: Yeah, that’s your kitchen—that’s just your kitchen’s natural oils.

Griffin: It’s the sweat, if you will.

Travis: Yeah, it’s the kitchen sweat. Kitchen’s working hard.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: The very good news for this question-asker is that fidget spinners, I don’t know if you’ve been paying attention, they are not hard to come by. [laughs] If you roll 75 cents down the hall of your local mall, a fidget spinner will fly back to you.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: There are fidget spinners all over the place. On deep, deep discount.

Travis: This is—this fidget spinner is special. This was like *Lady in the Water* presented to question-asker...

Griffin: Oh, it's Excalibur.

Travis: Yes. This is—oh, I was referencing the M. Night Shyamalan movie, but yes.

And so this—this fidget spinner is special, and needs to be revitalized. Who *knows* what magic powers could be granted by this fidget spinner?

Griffin: [laughs] You're saying this is a mermaid's treasure...

Travis: Maybe!

Griffin: ... that got sucked up a pipe somewhere. Ariel was like, "Aw, fuck. Where'd it go? Aw, man."

Travis: How else would a fidget spinner just end up in a pool, Griffin?

Griffin: Great. Great. Great question.

Justin: Uh, excuse me, have you checked it for curses? Because the only other reason that I would get rid of a fidget spinner and leave it in the pool, "I'm gonna bury this in the briny deep, so it can never hurt anybody ever again." And then they throw it in the pool, but now you've got the cursed fidget spinner.

Griffin: Oh, *Jumanji 3!*

Justin: *Jumanji 3: Curse of the Fidget Spinner That's Cursed.*

Griffin: You spin it... and a big, spinning lion comes out.

Travis: Oh, no!

Griffin: Well, it's okay. He's just spinning there.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Justin: What if, when you spin it...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: ... it never stops spinning?

Travis: [gasps]

Justin: What would you do? [laughs] Hey, guys? Hey, guys? What would you *do*, though?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] If you spun a fidget spinner, and you're like, "Ah, good spin. Mm, God, this one's really going."

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: And then 15 minutes later, you're like, "What am I going to do with this?"

Travis: I mean, frankly, I'd just assume I was being incepted.

Griffin: Oh, God.

Justin: *Inception 2* that's a fidget spinner. [laughs] Just spinning on a table to let you know if you're in a dream or not.

Griffin: Um, I mean, I would use it—'cause I've cracked the problem of perpetual motion, I'd use it to generate infinite energy for the Earth.

Travis: Mm-hm.

Justin: Oh! That's very good.

Travis: But wouldn't you be worried that if, like, you touched it, you'd break the spell, and you'd die?

Griffin: Um, or that would just sort of spin right through my fingers, and destroy them. Because again, it can't be stopped. This is an immovable object.

"No, no, no, don't touch me—aw."

Justin: I'm not sure it can be used to power... a generator. That was, of course, my first thought, too, Griffin.

Griffin: Mm-hm.

Justin: But the generator would rely on resistance of some sort.

Griffin: Guess I put it on the back of my boat, and make a cool, gas-free motorboat situation out of it.

Justin: Cool, small... cool, small motorboat.

Griffin: I... I—you gotta reduce, reuse, recycle.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: And you gotta save this fidget spinner. Also, I mean, *Rehab Addict*... this is flipper—this old fidget spinner. By Bob Prothero.

Justin: Love it or list—Love it or list it.

Griffin: Love it or list it. Get on a Craigslist. I found this old fidget spinner, couldn't fix it, so I do not love it. Here I am, listing it. 50 dollars, is that good?

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: I do not know.

Justin: The one thing that's gonna save us when the aliens come to take over our planet is they're gonna start finding fidget spinners, and they're gonna have to spend a lot of time piecing that one together.

Griffin: [claps]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "No, I'm serious, Greblorp! Look!"

"No, I've told you."

Travis: They all have them. They must be weapons.

Justin: "They must be weapons or something."

"You spin it and that's *it*."

"What's the next thing that it—"

"No, there's no next thing. You spin it and that's it."

Griffin: And while they're distracted, I sneak up with them with a shard of glass, just stab 'em... stab them right in the back. Got—

Justin: What happened to all the knives?

Griffin: I was in my cage, and I broke out. And I'm doing just fine.

Justin: Your glass cage. "I'm sure the glass will be enough to protect them. Look at their fleshy bodies."

Griffin: [chuckles arrogantly] "Surprise, motherfucker!"

Travis: [gasps]

Griffin: [makes splattering and fighting noises]

“Shing, what are you doing—” Splurch! Earth is defended.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: And I pick up the fidget spinner and spin it, and the credits come out of it.

Travis: Woah!

Justin: [laughs] That’s what it was for.

Griffin: Yeah. It had the credits to the movie. [laughs]

Travis: It had credits in it.

Justin: [through laughter] The movie’s been going on for eight hours. They couldn’t end, ‘cause Griffin hadn’t released the credits. There had been, like, a whole love b-plot and an inspiring soccer story, and like, the movie had just gone on forever.

Travis: A dad learned to respect his son.

Justin: [laughs] It was wild.

Griffin: Just keep looking down at that fidget spinner, asshole. [makes firing, squelching noises]

Travis: *Independence Day 3. Also Jumanji 3.*

Griffin: I can do it. *It’s Independence Jumanji 3.*

Frzzz, a movie by Griffin McElroy!

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: A docudrama by Griffin McElroy. Was Griffin the first and only prisoner that the aliens took?

Travis: [laughs] Thank God they got the fidget spinner, they got distracted.

Griffin: I tried to lead a revolution with my other prisoners; they're too chicken-shit.

Justin: [laughing]

Griffin: I was the only one with the sort of tactical ability needed to break out of my glass cage, and stab these fucking aliens.

Justin: [holding back laughter] How did they even capture you in the first place?

Griffin: I was asleep, the cowards.

Travis: What did you guys think about Season 3 of *Black Mirror*?

Griffin: [British accent] Fidget spinners. What if? Aliens.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Griffin wrote this one. [laughs]

Travis: [British accent] This is all the episodes, inn'tit?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughing]

Griffin: [normally] Sucks.

Justin: [coughs, laughing] Is your first step after that... to try to learn how to pilot the alien craft to fight back, or to try to activate the com system...

Travis: [normally] Mm-hm.

Justin: ... to spread the word to your fellow prisoners as to how the aliens can be defeated.

Griffin: I mean, the second, but...

Justin: Choose your own adventure.

Griffin: Um...

Travis: Just to clarify, 'cause I wanna get this right. Justin, when you say, "How the aliens can be defeated," you mean by [laughs] shivving them in the back, right? "I found their weakness!"

Justin: While they're distracted by a fidget spinner.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: That was key to the plan.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Oh, no, there's—I would do it all myself. I think once I went into sort of my battle-rage, just like...

Justin: [laughs]

In the words of my generation, "Up yours!" Then you fly it right into the mothership. Hell yeah, dude.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Hey, hey, Griffin? I miss my brother, Griffin, who died killing all the aliens.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: But I want you to know that we have made a bronze statue in your honor, and I've renamed both my children Griffin, and a lot of people on Earth did that too. It's gonna get confusing, but we're all so proud of you down here.

Travis: And yes, the bronze statue has a fidget spinner.

Justin: That never stops.

Travis: Never stops. It's an eternal spinner.

Griffin: Maybe I just got so wild just killing these two aliens that I didn't even pay attention and have time to get off the ship before it exploded. Ah, damn it.

And then there's a lesson in there about violence.

Travis: [laughs quietly]

Justin: Uh-huh.

Griffin: But—

Justin: And there's an—there's like, another alien behind Griffin, and they stab *him* with glass, because they learned.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: Like, "Oh, violence. Violence is the way of this planet. My people had never even thought about violence before, and then Griffin has introduced this idea."

Griffin: Yeah. And then that alien goes, and looks at his two comrades, and is sad about their being dead.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: And then he sees the fidget spinner, and he leans over and picks it up, and he's like, "What is this thing?"

And I'm like, "Not today!" And I [blows raspberry] one more time.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Get him. And then smash cut, 'cause I died...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: And it's Liv Tyler at my funeral.

Justin: Oh, I love this. This is huge.

Travis: "Look out behind you, Liv Tyler!"

Griffin: No, she's fine.

Travis: No, she turns around. She catches the glass.

Griffin: Ohh!

Travis: And she says, "This is for Griffin."

Griffin: And then—yeah. Oh, man, this is good.

Travis: And she pushes the alien backward, and her—let's say she got like a monkey partner? And he's crouched down behind her, or behind the alien, and the alien falls backwards...

Griffin: I'm so glad you got back to Garbanzo the Monkey Partner, Travis, because...

Justin: Liv Tyler's like, "That's it. I'm getting too old for this shit. I retire."

And then Griffin Junior...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: ... who had been there the whole time, and is a fully-grown man, said—

Travis: It's actually Griffin's tall brother, named Griffin Junior.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: [laughs] "I'm gonna take up the mantle from now on, Mom." Which is his cute nickname for Liv Tyler, his—[laughs] his sister-in-law. And [laughs] he—Griffin Junior decides he's gonna finish the fight that his dad couldn't.

Griffin: His dad-brother.

Travis: His dad-brother.

Justin: [laughs] His dad-brother. Dad was his nickname.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: For his brother. [laughs]

And look—look. Guess what? Good news. Griffin is not really dead. They just, uh... his spirit's in the void.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: So they gotta go into the void—

Griffin: [annoyed] Justin! Save something for *Jumanji Independence 4*.

Travis: Don't worry; you end up in the body of Garbanzo.

Griffin: I love this! [pauses] And when I look into a mirror, it's just me in a big diaper, but everybody else sees Garbanzo.

Travis: It's just like, "Oh, boy."

Griffin: [holding back laughter] Everybody else just sees Garbanzo.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: But I see myself as just me in a big diaper, holding two big shards of glass, ready for any alien fucks that wanna try to fuck with my fucking planet.

Justin: You guessed it, everybody. He *is* pregnant. And the baby...

Griffin: Whoa!

Justin: ... is voiced by Danny DeVito.

Travis: Whoa! What a get!

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Did we jump the shark a little bit? 'Cause I think we had a good movie in there somewhere... but then there were like—there was, like, a fourth act and then a fifth act and then a sixth act...

Justin: He'll—he'll—he'll edit it down.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's fine.

Travis: Jameson?

Justin: Jameson, if you could just edit it down...

Griffin: Jameson, I think Justin forgot your fucking name, dude!

Justin: Yeah, a little bit. A little bit. But he'll edit his name back in, which is perfect.

Griffin: Oh, are you talking about, “[strong, awkward emphasis] Jameson!”

Justin: That’s right, Griffin. “Jameson.” Uh, let’s go to the Money Zone.

Griffin: Thank you, Christ.

[theme music, “(It’s a) Departure” by The Long Winters, plays]

Travis: I want to tell you about Casper mattresses.

[pause]

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Thank you. Casper mattress, it’s uh, it’s the best mattress I have ever slept upon. I was uh, gone for many nights on the cruise and traveling and all of that, and listen, I slept fine, but then I came home, I slept on that Casper mattress, it embraced me like a lover.

Griffin: Mm.

Travis: And I had missed it. And they offer affordable prices, because Casper cuts out the middleman and sells directly to consumer.

It’s pretty amazing, and listen. I know you’ve heard about this before, but—and I can’t get over this technology, comes in a box! In a box! You open it up, fwump, it’s there. It’s amazing.

Griffin: It’s like a little pill that you put in the bathtub, and it turns into a dinosaur, basically.

Travis: Absolutely. And it combines multiple supportive memory foams for a quality sleep service with the right amount of both sink and bounce. You can be sure of your purchase with Casper’s 100-night risk-free sleep-on-it trial. Get 50 dollars towards select mattresses by visiting casper.com/mybrother, and using promo code “mybrother,” all one word, at checkout. Terms and conditions comply.

Griffin: I'll tell you about stamps. These are weird stickers that have cool pictures on them.

Travis: Slow down.

Griffin: And you—yeah, they're cool stickers, and they're worth a certain amount of money.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: And when you put them on—you stick them right on the outside of the letter, and that's important. Don't put it on the actual paper itself on the inside.

And you send it off, people look at how much money it's worth, and says like, "Okay. I'll ship it for this much."

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Travis: And "mybrother" is all one word, just—just to—

Griffin: It's all one word. So remember that, remember the microphone, remember our twisted fucking humor, dude.

Justin: Next time you're gonna play Taste My Steel or you're planning an upcoming cosplay, you won't have to grift a deals warlock to get your own OP weapon at Adventure Armory. They specialize in wooden swords, shields, and accessories with both original styles, and was inspired by your favorite video games, anime, and movies.

Travis: Oh, shit, these are really cool!

Justin: They're cool, yeah. They gladly accept customer requests for styles they don't already offer, including weapons of their own design, and often work with hardwoods upon request for spar-ready weaponry. Don't base any on our IP, or you will go to... jail.

Visit SexyGarfield.AdventureArmoury.com, that's "armoury" with a U, for 10 percent off your order. It's one site you won't want blasted from your cash. A lot of great references that we didn't even have to put in there, they just did it for us. So thank you, Adventure Armory. It's dope.

Griffin: Yeah, it's really sick. I'm looking at their catalog now, and they do have um, my hero glass shard from *Adventure Jumanji 3*. Um... a lot of stuff on here is pretty high touch. This just looks like they maybe just like, shattered a glass-top table and puts... dipped it in alien blood. Um...

Justin: Uh, they got a lot of great um, stuff on here. Um, they have a wooden replica of uh, Rowan Atkinson's wallet from uh, *Johnny English*. Which was not a big prop in the movie—

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: But they do... they do have that.

Travis: And it looks exactly like it.

Griffin: It looks great.

Justin: That is wild.

Griffin: They have a wooden—the tuxedo from Jackie Chan’s *The Tuxedo*. Um... and that one looks really good.

Justin: Yes, thank you, Griffin, yes.

Griffin: Trav?

Travis: Uh-huh?

Griffin: You got an obscure action comedy in here that you wanna reference a prop from?

Travis: Umm, no.

Justin: They have one of the sticks that The Rock used in *The Rundown*, before he was allowed to use guns. But none of the guns, which I appreciate.

Griffin: Travis, you wanna read this next Jumbotron?

Travis: Yeah, I do! Okay, this is for Daniel, Kat, Cheyanne, Bond, and it’s from Jacob. “Dear my fantastic friends, Cheyenne, Kat, Daniel, and Bond. I’m so happy we’ve been able to D&D together, or dnd together. It’s really made me the happiest I’ve ever been. I love you all very much, and hopefully Tawla, Cariah, Myla, and Chev are still well by the time this is read. Special shoutout to our amazing dm, Daniel. The world you made has made this pos—” that might’ve been DM.

“The world you made has made this possible.”

Griffin: This is—uh, it sounds like a pretty good group, and definitely, like, two of them have been dissolved by, like, a dragon’s acid. All of the first season of *Adventure Zone*, all I wanted to do was dissolve you in a dragon’s acid. Hit you with a dragon’s curse.

Travis: Well, when we do the special edition rerelease, you can edit that in.

Griffin: Episode one, man. [laughs] Dragon's gonna curse you with his magic acid. Y'all are fucked.

Here's a message for Luke and Laura. It's from Jack, Mac, and Bug, who say, "Happy late birthday, Luke and Laura! We've hijacked these sweet McElroy gobs to let you know how much we love you. You guys married some incredible people, and we're so proud. We look up to you! The way you pursue what matters to you, how deeply you care for your loved ones. Keep working hard in life, and searching for peanut butter fingerprints."

Aw, man. What's the peanut butter crime that they're trying to solve with these PB fingerprints?

Travis: Well, it was committed by a guy named Steve Peanutbutter.

Griffin: Travis...

Travis: What?

Griffin: What does that even mean?

Travis: Well, they're looking for Peanutbutter's fingerprints.

Griffin: So you just willed into existence—and Justin's just gone now, but you just willed into existence...

Justin: Yeah, I have nothing to add to this.

Griffin: ... a guy named Steve Peanutbutter for the purpose of this joke.

Travis: [wheezes]

Griffin: You've added to the *MBMBaM* canon, you're hoping that Steve Peanutbutter's gonna be, like, the next YouTube animatic.

Travis: Would it be better if it was like, P.—initial P., dot Butter?

Griffin: No, don't walk it back. It's Steve Peanutbutter, and I want you to tell us more about Steve Peanutbutter. And this is in the animatic now.

Travis: He stole the bread and got himself in a jam!

Griffin: ... Christ, Jesus God, in heaven, on the high mountain, looking down on us all...

Travis: Do you wish you made that joke? Are you jelly?

Griffin: The podcast is canceled.

Travis: Oh, no.

Griffin: The podcast is now canceled.

[beeping, sci-fi noises]

Ben: Hi, I'm Ben.

Adam: And I'm Adam.

Ben: And we host *The Greatest Generation*, and we're here to announce a new show.

Adam: *The Greatest Discovery* is Maximum Fun's new podcast about the new *Star Trek* series, *Star Trek: Discovery*.

Ben: We're gonna be recapping every single episode. It's gonna be a limited-run podcast, and we hope you'll join us. It's a show that we're really excited to watch, and we're really excited to talk about it. And provide our signature [censored beep]-ing fart joke coverage of a new entry in the *Star Trek* franchise.

Adam: So if you like irreverent, adult humor, irreverence again...

Ben: [laughs]

Adam: [laughs] ...and *Star Trek*, we really hope you'll join us on Tuesdays on Maximum Fun, or wherever you get your podcasts, to *The Greatest Discovery*.

Ben: Oh, they made us edit [censored beep] out of the last promo that we submitted, so...

Adam: You should keep that part in the promo.

Ben: [laughs]

[advertisement ends]

Justin: "The toilet paper in my office's bathroom is basically printer paper."
[laughs, wheezes] Is it?

Travis: I want to talk about your use of office supplies.

Griffin: Is it collated printer paper with like, the dot matrix holes on the side?

Justin: Uh, "I want to start bringing my own to work, but I'm worried about being caught carrying my own TP to and from the bathroom, and having to explain to my coworkers about my sensitive butt. Any ideas for how to do this covertly?" And that's from *Lacerated on Long Island*.

Griffin: Oh, Christ. No.

Travis: Costume party, you're a mummy.

Griffin: Every day. [laughs]

Travis: Every day.

Griffin: And as the day goes on, you're less and less of a mummy, and people track sort of how your digestive system is doing, based on how much mummy you are by five o'clock. "Uh-oh, half mummy, huh?"

Travis: [laughs] "Rough day, huh?"

Griffin: "Buffalo wings, huh? Yipies."

If you do this right... you really only gotta sneak it in there once, and then you kind of heavyweights squirrel it away.

Justin: Sure.

Griffin: In the wall, maybe you have a poster...

Justin: Acoustic tile on the ceiling, perhaps.

Griffin: Yeah. You have a poster of... [whispering] the poster from, uh, *Shawshank*. Jameson, Jameson, Jameson, anything? Jameson.

Justin: It's Rita Hayworth, right?

Griffin: God damn it.

Travis: That's one of 'em. But I also think *Cars 3* was in there.

Justin: Yeah, they—[bursts into laughter]

Griffin: They tore down the Rita Hayworth poster, there was nothing behind it, it was just regular wall, and they're like, "Okay. Well, it's probably not behind the *Cars 3* one.

Justin: "Andy knew—Andy Dufresne knew that someday, there would be a popular animated franchised based on cars. And he knew there would be at least three of them, so Andy, on his spare time, used to create his own... *Cars*..."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: “[through laughter] ... related posters and merchandise. Every time we—he got a sharp object and some soap, he’d start carving new figures based on this animated franchise he was sure would someday exist. ‘What is that piece of soap called?’ ‘Well, that’s not soap. That’s Lightning McQueen!’ he would say. ‘The fastest car on the track.’”

Travis: This is his [crosstalk].

Justin: “This is his buddy, To-Mata.”

Griffin: “There will also be a man named Larry the Cable Person.”

Justin: “He had another poster for planes, but he only ever made one. And he said it was sort of a spin off.”

Travis: “‘It’s not gonna take off,’ he said, with a twinkle in his eye.”

Justin: [laughs] “Andy loved a good pun.”

Travis: You’re worried about, like, being made fun of. I would be more worried that like, you’re gonna go to the trouble of bringing in your own TP, and everyone’s going to covet said TP, and steal it from you.

Griffin: Yeah. That’s bad.

Travis: You’re gonna have to lock that drawer.

Griffin: The TP, your special TP. Well, you gotta build a TP drawer, and then you have to lock it with your special code.

Justin: Y—you could offer to take a pay cut, and then they would know you’re like, really serious about how bad the toilet paper is. Like, “Listen, seriously, pay me three percent less, and buy better toilet paper. You’re being—if it works, you’ll be an office hero. Everyone will appreciate your sacrifice.”

Griffin: Can you not just... strike or march or some—this is not tenable, and everybody has to know, unless you're working with a bunch of, like... ironclad asshole-having, like... you know what I mean? Like, some real sort of callus sitters.

Justin: If West Virginia teachers can strike for something as silly as being able to afford their own health care...

Griffin: Jesus, Justin. [laughs]

Justin: ... certainly you can strike to have some high-quality TP.

Griffin: Can you not go to another office building to do your twosies?

Justin: You mean quit?

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Get a new job?

Travis: "So I see here, you worked a job, you just quit. What was your reason for leaving?"

"Ah, my butthole."

Griffin: "What attracts you to this job? Do you have skills in customer service?"

"No, it's just you got that quilted stuff, and it's been kissed with lotion, and I need to know. I just gotta know. I need—I need some time to recuperate. And I am gonna go back to my old job once I've sort of recovered."

Justin: It's the problem with me using Continental Ultra Comfort Care at home exclusively, everything that I use in the outside world—'cause nobody's springing for that kinda...

Griffin: Love that stuff. Barely there. Barely-there TP.

Justin: Yeah. Nobody is supposed to spring in for that kind of stuff.

Travis: Justin, you have ruined my bathroom experience anywhere but my own office, basically.

Justin: Sure, yeah.

Travis: Justin got me a bidet for Christmas...

Griffin: Have we not talked about this on the show?

Travis: I'm loving it.

Justin: I—yeah, cancel the rest of the show. I got Trav—we were looking for the perfect Christmas gift, and I was like—I looked at Sydnee, I was like, "Sydnee, I did it. I found the gift of the year. The one gift that will be most treasured and prized above all others."

And she did not trust me... in the moment. But I knew, when I handed my brother Travis his own bidet...

Travis: Mm-hm.

Griffin: His own butt super-soaker.

Travis: Yup!

Justin: How's it been, Trav?

Travis: It's been amazing.

Justin: First off, let's talk about installation. How did that go?

Travis: Well, it was a little tricky, 'cause I had to find a plug to plug it into. 'Cause it's just the seat, right? So it's not—I didn't replace the whole toilet, mind you, it's just a seat swap.

But Justin, it's been amazing and lifechanging. And now, when I go out into the world, and I use any restroom but my own, I think, "Oh, my God. How—how did I live like this..."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "... before Poseidon took care of my downstairs for me?"

Justin: Is it sustained action, or do you like lean on a button, and just—it continues to spray, or you press a button and it blasts you?

Travis: I press the button, and the bidet is like, "You got it, chief." And it just takes care of business.

Justin: It has it's whole routine?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: D—do you have a number of usages of the bodet—of the bidet in sequence before you are beginning to worry that it has become sexual?

Griffin: No, let's explore—okay. [laughs]

Justin: Well.

Griffin: I do wanna explore bo-det, because it's—that the Bojangles' bidet.

Travis: It's actually Tom Bodett's bidet.

Griffin: Okay. Uh, Travis, please stop hiding, you fucking coward, from the sexual bidet question.

Travis: Um, well, I do like—'cause you can't see while it's happening. You try to lift up, it's gonna go everywhere in the room.

Justin: Maybe *you* can't... I took a bunch of yoga in college.

Travis: Okay. And so if I can position myself, like, so I get it on the first try, let's say. You know what I mean? Without any repositioning. I just feel like—

Griffin: 360, no-scope!

Travis: We're doing it together, taking care of business. It's the weirdest buddy-cop movie I've ever been a part of, but I really enjoy it. Um... listen, I'm a big fan. It's got lots of options... I can heat the seat and the water.

Justin: Oh, yeah!

Travis: Highly recommended.

Justin: It's a luxury I never knew I needed, and now I simply cannot live without.

Griffin: You gotta heat the water.

Justin: I gotta tell you, folks, it's surprisingly affordable. You just legally can't buy one for yourself.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: You understand.

Griffin: Y'all want a Yahoo?

Justin: Yeah, absolutely. You kidding me?

Griffin: This one was sent in by Morgan Davy. Keep it wavy, Morgan Davy. It's an anonymous Yahoo Answers user, but I'll call them, uh, Robert, asks, "When people say 'great Scott,' who is the Scott they are referring to?"

Travis: Hmm. Scott Bakula.

Griffin: It might be Scott Bakula, but let's come back to that.

Justin: It's—it's Sir Walter Scott.

Griffin: What?

Travis: Did you google that, Justin?

Justin: I just googled it. I mean, there's an answer to this question.

Travis: [sighs] Justin...

Griffin: Oh, well, okay. No jokes required. Let's do a different Yahoo.

Justin: Great.

Griffin: No, Justin's—Justin's got a good point.

Justin: I got it covered.

Griffin: If there's an answer to it, there can't be jokes, so let's just do a different one, I think.

Justin: Well, we'll just look like—we'll look like clo—here's the thing. Here's what I'm trying to save us. I'm trying to save us a thousand tweets from people who *will* check Wikipedia...

Griffin: Good, good, good.

Justin: And they will say it is about Sir Walter Scott, or possibly Winfield Scott, a US general.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: But maybe—

Griffin: That's great.

Travis: Whatever Scott you want. Maybe it means Willard Scott, Justin. You don't know. You can't tell me who my grand Scott is.

Griffin: No, Travis. There's a—nope, nope, nope, nope. There's a right answer for it, so let's just take the rest of the bit.

I had a whole—let me take this big stack of uh, Scott Stapp jokes I had, and we can just—

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm gonna go flush these down the toilet, one page at a time, so I'll be right back.

Travis: Use the bidet.

Griffin: Um...

Justin: Now, when you say jokes, does it mainly boil down to just saying, "Maybe it's Scott Stapp from Creed"?

Griffin: That might be sort of how I got into the bit, but you know how our twisted comedy works.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: We go to other places. So just wait, I'm gonna go flush these down the toilet, one by one. And you guys go ahead and talk about whatever, and uh...

Justin: [wheezes, laughs]

Griffin: ... I'll be back in like, 28 minutes or so? 30 minutes?

Justin: [laughs] How about you, instead, read another Yahoo, then flush them afterwards?

Griffin: Okay. Sure. Just real quick, though, if there is a correct answer to this one, are you gonna sort of... 'Cause I have some jokes ready for this one, but if you're gonna...

Justin: Yes. Yeah, continue. If there's a correct answer, I will always say it, 'cause I don't want to get the tweets.

Griffin: Okay. Okay!

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: [accent with hard enunciation] Okay?

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: [through laughter] [normally] Do you guys like that character?

Travis: I do. I like that a lot.

Griffin: It's like—

Justin: Tony Clifton?

Griffin: It's just like, [accented] okay!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Ooh, hahaha. Okay!

[normally] This was sent in by Nate Smith. Thank you, Nate. Boy, the wind's really out of my sails.

Justin: [bursts into laughter]

Travis: Is that—Griffin, can I just say, and we can cut this if we need to, I felt like you were really building up a lot of momentum, I can see where you were going with that question.

Griffin: Oh, no, he's—he's on fire! I had the heat.

Travis: You had it! You were there!

Justin: [laughing]

Travis: I was like, "Oh, yeah. Griffin wouldn't have read this question unless he was going somewhere with it."

Justin: [laughs, coughs]

Griffin: But hey, Justin came in and he won the segment.

Travis: And he did, as he's always done, answered the actual answer to questions. Nothing funny! Just a—no bells and whistles here on *My Brother, My Brother and Me*.

Justin: [unintelligible through laughter]

Griffin: Justin saw an opportunity to take match point, and he did! He went—

Justin: [laughs] [crosstalk] can't do it!

Griffin: Travis and I are just salty here, 'cause we lost!

Travis: We lost! That's what it is. You know what, it's not about...

Justin: [coughs]

Travis: It's not about "Was it funny?" That's not what our show is.

Justin: There's an answer to it. I know this is—this isn't normally like a trivia show, but if there is an answer to it...

Griffin: Yeah, sure!

Travis: Oh, yeah, absolutely!

Justin: If the question was like sky blue.

Travis: This has always been—this has always been, first and foremost, a factual show, Justin. You are absolutely correct. Thank you.

Griffin: Nate sent this one in. Thank you, Nate. It's by Yahoo Answers User Angelina J.

Travis: "What's two plus two?"

Griffin: Yeah. [laughs sarcastically] There's a rich vein there.

"How to build a cozy nook for having sex?"

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "My bed is too squeaky—squeaky, so I want to build a nook with pillows—"

Travis: [laughs] My bed is too Queequeg.

Griffin: "I wanna build a nook with pillows, blankets. Any ideas? Any ideas of websites that sell a lot of cozy, satin stuff?"

Just a sex nook... a nook for sex. With maybe like a nice bay window.

Justin: Eventually, you will have too many pillows, and it will no longer be a sex nook. It'll be, like, a fun, just sort of squish corner.

Travis: I was a—

Justin: 'Cause you're not gonna be able to get the proper... you know... moves.

Travis: I was about to google "property brothers sex nook," and then I became really worried about what would be returned from those particular search terms.

Justin: You don't need that fanfiction in your life.

Travis: No, I do not! Delete, delete, delete! Backspace, backspace, backspace.

Justin: Blast the cash. Okay.

Griffin: You hear me typing? I ain't afraid.

Travis: Oh, no, Griffin!

Griffin: I'm afraid.

Uh, if you want a cozy nook...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: ...for makin nook... ie.

Travis: Ooh!

Griffin: What's the secret? 'Cause I do think you could repurpose a breakfast nook for this very purpose.

Justin: Nobody's using the breakfast nook.

Griffin: Nobody uses the breakfast nook.

Travis: Maybe if—

Griffin: Let's pla—let's put the tiger on the table. Nobody's using breakfast nook. Basically nobody's using dining room. You eat your meals at the—at the—on the couch, while watching *Shark Tank*. That's—

Justin: We don't have a—we're not gonna have a dining room. I don't have a dining room. Don't need a dining room.

Griffin: No. We're a *Shark Tank* family. I have my meals with Mark.

Justin: [laughs] Me and Kevin are having some brussels sprouts and pork chops tonight. Fantastic.

Griffin: Do you think when *Shark Tank* was being developed, do you think that Mark Cuban was just like, “[mumbling] Why don’t we just call it *Mark Tank?*”

And everybody else was like, “But then I want my name in it too!”

And then for a while, it was called, like, *Mark Tank, Featuring Kevin and the Others.*

Justin: Well, he wasn’t on until a few seasons in, so probably not. It might’ve been—he might’ve petitioned it when he joined. To change it to *Mark Tank.*

Griffin: Yeah, in the first ten episodes, he just tried to sneak it in there, like, “Well, what I love here about *Mark Tank*—”

And people would be like, “Did he say, ‘Mark Tank?’”

Justin: “You know what? I’ll tell [laughs] you what. I’ll tell you what. I’m gonna flip a coin. Heads, you change it to *Mark Tank.* Tails, I change my name to Shark Cuban.”

Griffin: [laughs] Um, you take your breakfast nook, and you put a bunch of pillows in it, and that’s where you make your dirty.

Travis: Well, and then also maybe put a Keurig in there.

Griffin: So you do wanna keep some of the features of the breakfast nook.

Travis: Well, I’m just saying, like—here’s the thing. No room—like, you wouldn’t go to a bedroom, and there’s *just* a bed in it. You wouldn’t go to an office and there’s just a desk. That’s a poor use of space. So yes, you can make a sex nook, but like, maybe also put, like, some art in there, and maybe a little shelf with some books on it. So then it can be your sex nook

or your book nook. Don't just, like, make it one nook. That's—no. That's a waste of nook.

Griffin: What other sort of stuff do you need? Because you list pillows and blankets, but you probably need some other stuff if you really wanna blast off.

Travis: Um...

Justin: Mm...

Travis: Mm-hm. Maybe just a various, like—like, bars, for grabbing, and so you can get torque, you know?

Griffin: Yeah, dude! [laughs]

Travis: Just different hand holds, you know, for torque?

Griffin: Yeah. Maybe, like—like rock climber hand-holds, like, on a wall.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: And then people will be like, "What is this?"

And then you'll be like, "That's my climbing wall, and if I fall down, I got all these pillows and sexual magazines to catch me."

Travis: [wheezes]

Justin: You've probably—

Griffin: I'm not talking about nudie `rags, either. I'm talking about, like, stuff with tips in it.

Justin: You're probably gonna need a pull chain that activates a sort of Rube Goldberg-ian system that dumps Gatorade on you after you finish.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah. Or while you fi—during the finish.

Justin: That's up to you. That's—that's a—

Travis: And maybe a magic eye poster?

Justin: A magic eye poster, that is fine.

Griffin: To help you last longer.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: You're like, "I'm looking for the boat, so I can't focus on the great feelings of this... encounter. Oh, I found the boat. I'm so sorry. I found it really fast, I'm so sorry."

Justin: I really miss Extreme Restraints.

Griffin: I do too.

Travis: [crosstalk] it's a fun kind of surprise as you're scrolling through your Twitter feed, and you're just like, "Aw, man, a lot of bad news—oh, dildo!"

Justin: Y'all, get at us. Let's work this out. Come on, bring back to us. Let's work this out.

Griffin: Um, is that an episode?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: That feels like an episode to me, Justin McElroy, host of *My Brother, My Brother and Me*.

Griffin: We're good, baby. We're golden.

Justin, how do you feel? 'Cause I know you were worried at the beginning. Do you think we ever got into it?

Justin: I think that if you look back on this episode, you will remember the good, and the bad is already in the rear view, you know?

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: Time will melt away the bad, and all of the classic animatics will remain, and uh...

Griffin: I'm s—when we got Peter Peanutbutter, it was...

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: ... so good.

Travis: Yeah. We got there.

Griffin: Like, that's a—that's a gift Travis gave me and Justin.

Travis: You're all welcome.

Justin: What would be great is if we could close this out with some good Oscar jokes, 'cause then it kind of brings it—

Griffin: [laughs gutturally]

Justin: [through laughter] You know we were sitting on some the whole time, that it was all very deliberate.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah. So it'd be like, I saw the post, and it was like, "Well, you got the one post. When are you gonna finish building the fence?"

Justin: [bursts into laughter]

Griffin: What are the other ones?

Justin: I uh—I know the shape of water. It's all gooshy, and everywhere, unless you put it in a tank or something.

Griffin: And that's good to have that one, in case they do cut out my literally identical joke from the beginning.

Travis: It's—let me try one. It's a shame that *Three Billboards* is gonna get beat by *Four Billboards*.

Griffin: You two, get out of town. Um...

Justin: Any other movies?

Travis: No, that's it.

Justin: No, there's a bunch of nominees.

Travis: There are?!

Griffin: I saw—I saw—I saw *Call Me By Your Name*. I had a peachy time.

Justin: Is that so—is that—was that a joke, or... ?

Griffin: [softly] There's a jer—there's a scene with a sexual peach.

Justin: *Dunkirk* is actually, um, based on the series finale of *Growing Pains*. 'Cause they looked at 'em, and they were like, "We're *Dunkirk*!"

Griffin: Oh, fuck, dude!

Justin: [laughing quietly]

Griffin: Fuck yeah!

Justin: *Phantom Thread*? Hell yeah, Kojima finally getting his due.

Griffin: Yeah, dude! Fuck yes! Say one more.

Travis: Finish it out strong.

Griffin: Justin, *Darkest Hour*. Go. Fuck it up.

Justin: Darkest hour? That's the hour before the Oscars are on, 'cause um...

Griffin: Yes...

Justin: I'll be really sad 'til it starts.

Travis: [softly] Nice, nice, nice, nice.

Griffin: Fuck yeah.

[normally] *I, Tonya*, I—I excited.

Travis: Caramba.

Griffin: I caramba. Fuck.

Justin: Uh, thank you to the Maximum Fun Network for having us as part of their extended podcasting family.

Griffin: Unfortunately, that relationship is now over, because they did listen to this episode, and they said, "I'm not feeling it anymore, I don't think."

Justin: I don't see why they would necessarily, uh, do that. I think that they would... probably want to support us. Even in our darkest hour. What!?

Griffin: We found it!

Travis: We got there!

Justin: He did it. He did it. Griffin, *please* thank John Roderick.

Griffin: John, thanks, bud. For the use of our theme song, "(It's a) Departure," off the album Putting the Days to Bed.

Justin: [laughing quietly]

Griffin: And if you like the stuff we did here today, go to McElroyShows.com, and you can find a lot more stuff like it.

Travis: Ooh, couple things. One, *Shmanners*, the show that my wife and I do, is going to be at Moontower Comedy Festival April 18th in Austin, Texas. You can get tickets at bit.ly/moontowershmanners, S-H-M-A-N-N-E-R-S.

Also, we have got a new merch store. It's going to be up soon. Yeah, I think that's either going to be at the end of this week, or beginning of next week, but it's coming soon. Whole bunch of new stuff.

Justin: When it works, it will be at McElroyMerch.com. When it is up and running.

Travis: Um, it's going to be so much new stuff. I'm so excited for y'all to see it.

Griffin: Um, let's finish it. This was sent in by Nate Smith, it's the final Yahoo of the show. Thank you, Nate. It's Yahoo Answers User Pete, who asks, "[sighs] How do I cure my Randy Quaid phobia?"

Travis: [laughs]

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.

[theme music, "(It's a) Departure" by The Long Winters, plays and ends]

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Speaker 2: [laughs] Hey, this is the straight talk that you're gonna get on this show.

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