

## **MBMBaM 531: Mighty Morphin' Grown-Up Power Rangers**

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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 McElroy!

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

**Griffin:** [chuckles deviously]

**Justin and Travis:** [join in chuckling]

**Griffin:** [cackles]

**Travis:** [unintelligible spooky noises]

**Griffin:** I'm your—uh, I'm your youngest one, Griffin McElroy. What do we—why do we laugh—we record these on Thursdays. We have no fucking idea what kind of a weekend ahead of us we have. Laughter may not be the order of the day, come Monday afternoon. But I—I don't know, man. May as well laugh when you can, right?

**Travis:** Right? [laughs]

**Justin:** Hey, all things considered... not a bad week. [laughs] All things considered... [lowly] not a bad week.

**Travis:** Comparatively!

**Justin:** [normally] Comparatively!

**Travis:** Comparatively—all things considered, all things considered—

**Justin:** I—

**Travis:** If you were to take all things into consideration, not a bad week.

**Justin:** Here's what I was gonna say. [stammering] just want to say.

**Griffin:** Just go ahead.

**Justin:** I'm just gonna say this one.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** If you told me one calendar year ago that the week that contained a day that I woke up, thinking—woke up with a fever, thinking I had a deadly virus, then got tested for that deadly virus. And I would think of that week as a pretty good week!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [laughs] See, I would not have believed what you are saying. I would not have believed it. But that situation did transpire.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Everything's fine. Uh, but did—but still, pretty good week. [laughs]

**Travis:** You know, if you had told me, when I was a young lad of, say, eight or nine, that there would come a week where a fly landing on someone's head was national news, I would've laughed in your face!

**Griffin:** So fucking funny. And he landed there.

**Travis:** I would've laughed in your face.

**Griffin:** The bug landed there, because—because it was shit, and he smelled the shit, and he wanted to eat it and barf on it, which is what flies do.

**Travis:** That's pretty much what everyone's going with. Uh, shit.

**Griffin:** It's fucking good, man. I do want to point out two things. One, still very bad things... happened.

**Justin:** Oh, yeah. [crosstalk]

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Oh, yeah! Oh!

**Griffin:** There's—terrible, terrible, terrible week, but also, it's Thursday at 1:42 Central Time, which is the only time zone that matters to me, by the time this episode comes out—there are three days, dudes, where totally not righteous stuff can, will...

**Travis:** Yeah, will.

**Griffin:** ... happen.

**Justin:** Yeah, we're recording this several days before, so absolutely.

**Griffin:** So I don't know why you guys are calling this f—this fucking wild—I guess it's—[sighs]

**Justin:** Calendar. I'm going by calendar. Since last Thursday...

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** Thursday the Thursday of that week.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Now, let me say this: if we were able to, uh, cut and paste this week into, say, 2011, this would've been the worst week of 2011.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** You know what I mean? Like, that's what I'm talking about. But here, in...

**Griffin:** [gasping] A fly—a fly—

**Travis:** ... in 2020...

**Griffin:** [gasping] A fly landed on our American vice president's head!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Wouldn't that have been ironic, if it would have landed on Joe Biden's head back in 2010.

**Griffin:** Ohhhhhh, now the dots are starting to connect! Thank you, Travis. The fly was a little... tiny drone.

**Justin:** That's wild—wild to think about.

**Griffin:** But it's definitely true.

**Travis:** Now, here's what I'm wondering.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Are we going to, say—man, I hope this isn't true—but like, in 2030...

**Griffin:** Yeah...

**Travis:** ... we'll look back on *this* week...

**Justin:** Don't do this. Don't—nobody can withstand this.

**Travis:** No, you're probably right. Or maybe we'll look back, and be like, "There's no way that week happened."

**Justin:** If I'm still allowed to think in 2030, I will consider that a success.

**Travis:** That's right.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That will be a uh, high watermark.

**Travis:** That is fair. That is fair.

**Justin:** This is *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, it's an advice show for the modern era. We're so happy to be here with you...

**Travis:** We got a special guest, the fly!

**Griffin:** [laughs] Here he is!

**Justin:** I can't believe he—

**Griffin:** [buzzing noises] [nasally voice] I landed on the dude's head because it's uh, his—the things he's saying are total bullshit.

**Travis:** So are you voting for Joe Biden?

**Griffin:** I'm—actually, as all bugs are, I registered libertarian.

**Justin:** [laughs] "I'm waiting for Jorgensen, like Ken Bone."

**Travis:** [laughs] I did have a thought, you guys. Can you imagine, here we are, four years later, to be Ken Bone, and to look at the news, and realize, I share the same amount of, like, public affection as a fly does now. Like, in 2016, he—

**Griffin:** He is the fly.

**Travis:** He is the fly.

**Griffin:** He was the Ken Bone of 2020.

**Travis:** The fly is the Ken Bone, the Ken Bone is the fly. That must be a sobering realization.

**Justin:** I cannot believe—can we briefly—I'm just gonna briefly talk about Ken Bone, who is, by the way, not a good person. [laughs]

**Griffin:** No.

**Travis:** No. Okay.

**Justin:** Judging by the Reddit history, not a good person, Ken Bone. So I wanna say that up front, established. Uh, second thing I wanna say. Can you imagine—there was a person who was so hee-haw stupid...

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** ... that they couldn't pick who they wanted to be the president, and a real reporter, a paid reporter, was like, "I have *gotta* check back in with that dude!"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** “And see where his head was at!” He was so—so absolutely out of his melon that he couldn’t make a decision. I wonder where his head is at now. This is a big thinker! I gotta see where he’s at!

**Griffin:** A free thinker!

**Justin:** A free thinker.

**Griffin:** Think of it that way, Juice.

**Justin:** [lowly] Free to take his vote and flush it right down the fucking toilet.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** [normally] Ken Bone also uh, probably doesn’t—he probably only owns red sweaters, right? Like, he doesn’t—

**Griffin:** At this point, he’s a full-blown—yeah.

**Travis:** He’s a full-blown bone.

**Justin:** Full-blown bone.

**Travis:** That’s his thing, you know what I mean? Like, he only knows how to be Ken Bone.

**Justin:** I hope he’s doing the Con Circuit. Anyway—

**Travis:** I hope he’s not, ‘cause if he is, I’m gonna have to see him, and I’m gonna have to say, “I wish they could’ve gotten the fly.”

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** “Too bad the fly’s too popular.”

**Justin:** God, we can do more fly stuff, but you know it’s gonna be on *SNL*, and this’ll come out after *SNL*.

**Griffin:** Aw, fuck!

**Travis:** So let’s call it! Ooh, let’s call it. This’ll be fun. We’re recording this uh, three days before then. What do you think is gonna—I think it’ll be probably a weekend update bit.

**Griffin:** Fuck.

**Justin:** Oh, no, no, no. It's in the intro.

**Travis:** Oh, really?

**Justin:** It's like—they zoom in on the fly, and it's like, Fred Armisen is back to be the fly.

**Griffin:** Oh, shit!

**Travis:** Oh, that's good. That's good. What if it's like a uh, *Godfather* kind of thing, where uh, they got Jim Carrey, he's playing J'Biden. And J'Biden is, like, sitting at his desk, but it's like, you know, one downward light, and the fly comes, and J'Biden's like, "You did it, the thing I—yeah. Now what can I do for you?"

And the fly's like, "I just want a big pile of shit."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** "To like, do rails of," or whatever. I haven't seen *Godfather*.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And then J'Biden's like, "You got it. Live, from New York, it's Saturday Night!"

**Justin:** It's Saturday Night, yeah.

**Griffin:** It's fucking good. That's it, that's it, that's it. Didn't watch—couldn't bring myself to watch Jim Carrey's J'Biden, because I just saw the thumbnail image, and I was like, "I don't think—my anxiety over this election is so high that I do not need... my mayonnaise ventura in there, sort of poking about my neurons, getting them all twisted up, getting the—I mean, busting—busting my gu—busting my family's gut, for sure. Uh...

**Travis:** I guess I just worry that if I saw it, it would bust my gut so hard that all my intestines would spill out.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Happens sometimes.

**Travis:** That would be pretty spooky.

**Justin:** Yeah, happy Halloween, everybody. Uh, alright.

**Travis:** Oh, the fly—sexy “The Fly” is gonna be huge this Halloween.

**Griffin:** Oh, my God.

**Justin:** Oh.

**Travis:** Sexy “The Fly.”

**Griffin:** I mean, flies are already uh, [chuckles] uh...

**Justin:** Once they get—what if we get Goldblum?

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** What if they Goldblum though?

**Travis:** What if they get Goldblum?

**Justin:** Okay, let’s help.

“Last week, after working at my current job for nearly two-and-a-half years, my boss finally granted me lock-up privileges.”

**Travis:** Nice.

**Justin:** That is, of course, if you haven’t been in a job for a while, you are allowed to lock up uh, insubordinate employees...

**Travis:** Correct.

**Justin:** ... until they...

**Griffin:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** ... do things the Subway way.

**Griffin:** Right. In the boo-boo box.

**Justin:** [laughs]



**Travis:** Yeah. Which is also where they keep the vegetables.

**Justin:** “When he gave me the key, he said, ‘Now, don’t you lose this.’ And throughout the week, he kept telling me to take good care of it. But then at the last of the last day, when I was gonna open the store for myself for the first time, he said, ‘You sure you’re ready? You haven’t lost the key?’

“I got so annoyed that I kind of snapped, ‘No, I haven’t lost it since the last time you asked.’ Now, I’m sure you know where this is going, ‘cause when I got home, I couldn’t find the damn key anywhere.”

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** “So please, how the hell do I tell my boss that I lost the freaking key? [laughs] Do I just not open the store tomorrow, and hope he doesn’t notice? How will I ever gain back his misplaced trust?” That’s from Locked Out and Ashamed.

**Travis:** Oh, you’re never gonna—you’re never gonna gain back that trust.

**Griffin:** Ho—how did you—how did—how could you possibly have fucked this up so bad?

**Justin:** So frustrated with you.

**Griffin:** You gotta—

**Travis:** I’ll tell you my theory. My theory, as you—like, when your boss handed it to you, it fell out of your pocket as you were leaving the room. Like, that long ago. And your boss picked it up, and was like, “Well.”

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** “I’m gonna give them a fucking hard time about this.”

**Justin:** Yeah. I love that. That’s very possible.

**Griffin:** The boss knew the whole time.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah. Or the boss stole it.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Um... I mean—

**Travis:** They *Caught Me if You Can*-ed you.

**Griffin:** I have a g—I mean, to use another film reference as a solution...  
*It's a Wonderful Life.*

**Travis:** Huh.

**Justin:** Huh!

**Griffin:** And—

**Travis:** Oh, you're Uncle Billy!

**Griffin:** You're Uncle Billy, you lost the key—or the money, or the key, and so George is like, "I'm—this sucks."

But then—

**Travis:** "I'm fucked! I'm fucked over, man!"

**Justin:** "You fucking fucked me, Billy!"

**Griffin:** "I told my—I told my boss—"

**Justin:** "You—you fucked me!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "Billy! Billy, I'm fucked! You made me look like a real fucking idiot! Aw, Billy!"

**Justin:** "Well, well, well, you fucked me in the ass, Billy."

**Travis:** "Billy, I got kids, Billy, you fuck."

**Griffin:** "I'm an angel."

**Justin:** "Oh, you fuck—you're fucking me in front of my kids."

**Griffin:** "I'm an angel sent by Jesus, but I can't even, around all this. It's—

**Travis:** "Billy? Billy, are you pulling my hair? Are you pulling my hair? 'Cause I like getting my hair pulled while I get fucked, Billy!"

**Griffin:** [snorts]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** That was a long... interruption for what is not going to be a very good idea, but I was saying that all the townspeople who you've helped with your generosity and selflessness over the years will come and give you their keys.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** And just—

**Travis:** Now, unless those—unless those townspeople live at the Subway, Griffin, it's not gonna help.

**Griffin:** I think that one of the keys will be close enough to fit that it'll open the door.

**Travis:** That is true. You could use God's keys, which is what I call a brick.

**Griffin:** Okay!

**Travis:** Smash that door in. And then when your boss comes, you say, "I found it like this, boss, but I'm not leaving here until it gets repaired. And bad news, somebody stole the key too out of my pocket while I was picking up glass."

**Justin:** What's bad is, like, I was gonna suggest that, so...

**Griffin:** Oh!

**Justin:** ... that is actually troubling.

**Travis:** What, the smashing the window, or the stealing the key?

**Justin:** Smashing the window, you put a brick through the window, you reach around and you open it, and they're like, they got—they got ya. [chuckles] I'm sorry, boss, they got you.

**Travis:** They got you again. Classic prank.

**Griffin:** Um...

**Travis:** The old window-brick.

**Griffin:** I have—can I do a Yahoo?

**Justin:** Yeah, I'd love that.

**Griffin:** This one was sent in by Steven. Thank you, Steven. It's Yahoo Answers—it's an anonymous Yahoo Answers user, so I'm—

**Travis:** Oh, sorry, real quick, to jump back, you should tell your boss you lost it, 'cause the satisfaction they'll feel at that will...

**Justin:** What a gift.

**Griffin:** Yeah...

**Travis:** ... it'll be so overwhelmingly positive for them.

**Griffin:** Uh, Brandon asks, "Stupid *Power Rangers* question."

**Travis:** Oh. Uh-huh. Yeah.

**Justin:** [snorts] No such thing, but go on.

**Griffin:** There are no—there's no such thing as a stupid *Power Rangers* question, just stupid people.

**Travis:** Just stupid *Power Rangers*.

**Griffin:** Ac—stupid actors.

"In the beginning of the show, when Zordon needs new *Power Rangers*, why did he ask for teenagers with attitudes? Wouldn't it be better to get some guys that have formal special ops training?"

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "It just seems irresponsible."

**Travis:** Oh. Oh, God, that is a stupid—I'm sorry, that is a stupid question. Obviously, Zordon wanted to be able to train them himself. Right? If you get people with special ops training, they're gonna do it the way they've been trained.

**Griffin:** Okay. Okay, but Zordon doesn't ever pop out of his, like, holo—hologram display, and is like, "Let me show you teens how to do a real bicycle kick!"

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "This is where you put your hands to snap a man's neck!"

**Griffin:** And that fucking robot's not teaching 'em how to do—how to do their moves.

**Justin:** No, no. Alpha 5? No way.

**Griffin:** No way. So they just like—they have their little Power Coins, and that—that gives them all the training they need. Zordon's not gonna teach them shit. So a little bit of, like, endemic—systemic fighting knowledge in...

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** ... in... a stable adult, like, with—with a 401K, like somebody who is financially independent.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Griffin:** And—you know, has their—just are very confident in themselves.

**Travis:** Okay, Griffin, let's try that out.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** I'll be the adult with formal special ops training, like I have.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And you are Zordon, trying to recruit me to your Power Ranger... group, I guess?

**Griffin:** "[deep voice] Tony! I am Zordon. I know that you know all kinds of cool fighting moves, and you have a big job with the city."

**Travis:** Yeah. That's true.

**Griffin:** "And an apartment in the city."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "You are in a long-term dating relationship... "

**Travis:** Yeah, it's getting pretty serious.

**Griffin:** "And you—your fighting abilities are, they exist, and you can do them."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yes, I can.

**Griffin:** "So Rita Repulsa is back, and she's got all of her gooey guys to their—"

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "And we—"

**Travis:** Okay, what did you want me to do?

**Griffin:** "Well, I'm going to—I'll—let me fucking finish."

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** "I have this little Power Coin, and it lets you turn it—changes your clothes into different—like, superhero clothes. And then you will get—sometimes a dinosaur robot."

**Travis:** Huh. Well, I like the dinosaur robot part, but like, what does it pay?

**Griffin:** "I don't—I told you about the Power Coin and the dinosaur robot."

**Travis:** No, I know that, but like, as you mentioned, I have an apartment. I need to pay rent. Like, what's—what's the pay?

**Griffin:** "Excuse me for a moment, Tony."

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** "Can my girlfriend's kids come hang out... "

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** "... at the Power Base or whatever?"

**Travis:** 'Cause sometimes I—and whe—what's parking, and what's the healthcare scenario?

**Justin:** I actually watched them—she goes to night school, so I actually watch them a lot of the time.

**Travis:** Yeah. They're cool. Most of the time—you can give them, like, a *Paw Patrol* coloring book, and they'll be fine.

**Justin:** [laughs] They'll be fine. Or make them uh, what's it? [laughs] Power People or whatever?

**Travis:** Yeah, can they be like, tiny People?

**Griffin:** "Wait, why didn't I think of that? I can just make everyone on Earth Power People..." "

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** "... and then Rita's really fucked, isn't she? Good luck with y—"

**Travis:** "We thought about, like, restructuring—what's the robot for? I mean, no offense, robot, but like..." "

**Griffin:** "Well, sometimes the gooey guys get real big, Tony."

**Travis:** "Uh-huh."

**Justin:** Do you think Zordon's ever like, "You didn't lose your morpher, did you?"

**Travis:** [laughs] "Did you?"

**Justin:** "Did you? Promise me!"

**Travis:** "Uh, yeah, Zordon, sorry, my mom found my morpher, and she used it, so now she's just flying a pterodactyl around."

**Justin:** "My mom found my morpher, and she thought it was a bong, and she grounded me, Zordon. And now I can't do any crime fighting today."

**Travis:** “[sarcastically] So thanks so much, Zordon.”

**Justin:** “Thanks so much. Please Facetime my mom—please take my mom on a date, so she will be...”

**Travis:** “Zordon, I need you to seduce my mom. [laughs]”

**Justin:** “Zordon, seduce my mom so she’ll leave the house, and I can go foil Rita Repulsa’s plans once again.”

**Griffin:** “How many fucking times do I have to tell you, Dad? I mean, Zordon! Oops!”

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** “Sorry!”

**Griffin:** “Sorry.”

**Travis:** “Sorry, Zordad! Oh, fuck!”

**Justin:** Ah...

**Griffin:** “[high-pitched voice] Happens to me all the time!”

“Get the fuck out of here, Alpha—I’m s—get out of here!”

**Travis:** What is the robot’s name?

**Griffin:** Isn’t it Alpha 5?

**Justin:** It’s Alpha 5, as I said.

**Travis:** Alpha 5. Okay. Sure, sure, sure.

**Justin:** Do you think the Power Rangers ever asked Zordon for help with their homework? [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah, probably. They’re—



**Justin:** And Alpha 5's a robot, just do my—hey, listen. Here's the deal. If you want me to fight Rita Repulsa, you gotta do my homework for me, Alpha 5, 'cause I can't get it.

They're gonna—these kids are gonna be so busy fighting crime...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ... they're gonna go to college, and they're gonna be like, "So anyway, open your books."

And they're like, "I never learned to read!"

**Travis:** [laughs] "I was too busy punching a big, I don't know, octopus thing!"

**Griffin:** Uh—

**Travis:** "Hey, Zordad? How do you ask a girl on a date?"

"Ah, you just teleport her to your science station... "

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** "... and give her a big coin."

**Travis:** "I don't—I don't think that's okay."

**Griffin:** I don't think.

**Justin:** That doesn't seem right.

**Griffin:** "Have you tried showing her your Zenon Crystals?"

"No."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "No, I haven't. I think to—"

**Travis:** "I mean, not without consent."

**Griffin:** "I didn't think she would like my Zenon Crystals."

I think if I did get visited by an angel of Zordon's, and they offered me to be a [to tune of theme song] grown-up Power Ranger, [normally] I would probably—and like, they would give me a coin that let me transform into cool suits and get a dinosaur robot.

I still think it's gonna be a no.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Like, as neat as that sounds, it's—it also sounds like a great deal of work for what, as Justin pointed—or as Travis pointed out—one of you fucking guys pointed out, is an unpaid internship with a space alien.

**Travis:** Yeah. And if I'm being honest, I mean, I'm 36 years old, almost 37. I got two kids. But the truth is, being a Power Ranger is a level of responsibility I don't think I could handle.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** And I don't even mean, like, fighting the bad guys. I mean those Zords look pretty difficult to pilot.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Yeah, oh yeah.

**Travis:** I think I'd fuck that up pretty ba—and I don't think you can get insurance on those dang things.

**Griffin:** It's just that Rita's gonna keep sending her gooey guys.

**Travis:** Right.

**Griffin:** So like...

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** If we—it's easy for me to like, say, "No, I don't want this responsibility," and somebody braver with me, with more free time, would say yes, but I guess that makes me a bad person, shit.

**Travis:** No!

**Justin:** The teenager thing would've made sense if he had only gotten homeschool kids.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Go, go, Mighty Morphing Homeschool Kid Power Rangers.

**Travis:** Now, why is that?

**Justin:** Because then it's like, they have... incredible... like, adult-shaped bodies. Lithe, powerful, in the prime of their lives.

**Travis:** Gross. Okay.

**Justin:** But they also... like, don't have to be in school. They can just sort of tell their mom like, "Listen, Mom, I'm gonna go," I don't know, actualize or something? What do homeschool parents [crosstalk]?

**Travis:** That's it. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That kinda thing.

**Travis:** "I'm gonna meditate."

Hey, weren't the Big Bad Beetleborgs, like, literally 10?

**Justin:** We actually—um, Travis, I got a letter.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Oh, no!

**Griffin:** [continues laughing]

**Justin:** Yeah, I got a letter from podcasts that we are—we, as a podcast, has talked about Big Bad Beetleborgs [laughs] the maximum number of times that we're allowed to talk about it.

**Travis:** Oh, we used up our Big Bad Beetle quota. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, we did.

**Griffin:** It looks like in 2022, more slots are gonna open up, Trav. So—

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** So episode 623 or so, if my math adds up, maybe we can...

**Travis:** I'll save it!

**Justin:** What we are doing is entering into sort of a cap and trade situation, with *99% Invisible*. Which, to my knowledge, has never talked about Big Bad Beetleborgs.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** That's the other one percent. That's the one percent right there.

**Justin:** We're buying some of their credits. Uh, in exchange, we have to plug, uh, *The 99% Invisible City*, the new book...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ... from Roman Mars, *The 99% Invisible*, we have to plug that and then they, in exchange, for talking about their fantastic book, we're gonna, like, get a few credits to talk about Big Bad Beetleborg.

**Travis:** Okay, why was the house haunted? Doesn't that seem like a hat on a hat? Yeah, you're fighting things in your Big Bad Beetleborg costume, but also your house is like a haunted house? What the fuck?

**Justin:** That's really how you're gonna—huh.

**Travis:** That's how I'm gonna use it. You guys can [crosstalk].

**Griffin:** Let me try—let me try this. Boy howdy, the genie character sure looks offensive, but I can't put my finger on to which... peoples.

**Travis:** I think it's only to Jay Leno. It's offensive to Jay Lenos.

**Griffin:** Wow, he does sure look a hell of a lot like... Joseph Leno.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [wheezes] It's a good amount—the—uh, yeah. It's a good amount that Flabber looks like Joseph Leno.

**Travis:** It does kinda look like someone said, "Hey, can you draw Joseph Leno from memory?"

And they said, "Yeah, I think so!"

**Justin:** "I think so."

Do you think the Power Rangers ever went to Zordon's secret cave when there wasn't stuff to do, and they just wanted somebody to talk to?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "[deep voice] I'm not really comfortable with this."

**Travis:** "[deep voice] This isn't, like, a social thing."

**Justin:** "This isn't—I have other things that—"

"[normally] I don't think you do."

**Travis:** "I have my own friends! I like to separate work and home!"

**Justin:** "I'm binging *Justified!*"

**Travis:** "This isn't my thing! No spoilers, I'm only on season 2! Now leave me and my giant bong." [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "My parents have been fighting a lot lately."

"Oh! Gosh."

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Justin:** Ooh.

**Griffin:** "Do you want to—"

**Travis:** "Oh, what's that? Oh, Rita's attacking the uh, aquarium."

**Griffin:** "Oh, no! Do you want another... t—another mammoth robot? Uh... "

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Let me see what—hold on, let me see what I got in the back. Um... "

**Travis:** "Okay, I'm gonna send you to the moon? Is that anything?"

**Griffin:** "We got a—I got a plesiosaur robot back here. Will that help with your parents fighting?"

"Probably—I don't think so, Zordon."

**Travis:** "I brought Tommy back from the dead! How does that make you feel? Huh?"

**Justin:** "That's fine, I guess."

**Travis:** "Okay!"

**Justin:** Uh, here's another question.

"I was out on my lunch break, running a few errands, when I spotted a taco truck. It honestly sounded amazing, so I pulled over. A few problems, though. The truck was parked in the parking lot of a fire station, and everyone in line had matching shirts." Hoo. "Was this taco truck only for the firefighters and everyone working there?"

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Justin:** "How do I get in on this lunch?" That's from Desperate for Tacos in Des Moines.

**Griffin:** This is—this is—boys, this is a choice cut. This is a—this is a quandary that I feel like nobody has really tried to solve. So like, I feel like we have an opportunity right here to plant our flag in this fertile ground.

**Travis:** Now, I'm going—I'm going to give the question asker the benefit of the doubt, and say that if the food from said truck had been given away for free, that would've been mentioned in the question, right?

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** So I'm going to assume that this wasn't like, "Oh, the chief paid for lunch for everybody," or whatever.

**Griffin:** No, it's—here—there's a food truck here.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And they're selling their food. And you can come and get it. But there's a—this is clearly a function. This is clearly a firefighter function. And—

**Travis:** But...

**Griffin:** But there's—what's the harm in—

**Travis:** Yeah, it's a business!

**Griffin:** It's a business.

**Justin:** Mm.

**Travis:** They do wanna make money. Now, here's where I would feel bad, if we're being honest: I hop last in line, thinking, like, "Well, I'll go last." And then some other firefighters line up behind me.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And they're waiting behind me. Do I need to rotate back, and stay in the back of the line, 'cause I'm not a firefighter?

**Griffin:** Mm. I don't think so. Yeah, I don't think so, or else you're not gonna get your great, you know, kimchi fries or whatever it is that you're getting from this food truck.

Honesty, I wouldn't.

**Travis:** Yeah, please.

**Griffin:** I wouldn't do it.

**Travis:** Well, no.

**Griffin:** But I'm afraid of firefighters.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** This is documented.

**Travis:** I wouldn't do it because I am afraid of doing the wrong thing in public.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Um, so I—I would worry that I would get up there, and someone somewhere on Earth might think, "Well, he shouldn't do that."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And that—and then I would melt into the ground, and die. Um, and so that's what I need to avoid.

**Griffin:** With a food truck, there's always the concern that you hand them the money, and then they just drive—drive away.

**Travis:** Yeah. Yeah.

**Griffin:** Fuck, that's happened to me so many times, where I go and I'm like, "Ooh, a nice gooey burger! I'll take one! Here's fif—here's 15 dollars." Vroom, gone.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** Every s—it's like, every time.

**Travis:** Every time?

**Griffin:** Yeah, I'm starting to think about it, guys. It's every—I've never actually gotten food out of a truck.

**Travis:** Huh!



**Griffin:** They always take my money, and just drive right out.

**Travis:** You know what, Griffin? Now that you mention it...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ... there's not as many food trucks here in Cincinnati...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ... but yeah! Every time! Huh!

**Justin:** I did—I—I actually—they got a new one called Bite Me, it's a food truck with Asian street food type stuff.

**Travis:** You got—wait, you got food trucks in Huntington?!

**Justin:** Well, sort of. It was in Barbersville.

**Travis:** Ah.

**Justin:** It was parked outside the Family Dollar that used to be a Rite Aid, you know?

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** [intense voice] Glow up! Upgrade!

**Justin:** [laughs] I drove up—I drove—I drove up there, right? And—'cause I wanted—I saw on Facebook they were there. And they were moving around a lot. So I was like, "I'd love to try this truck." So I get in the car, and I drive up with my fam—I put my family in the car.

**Travis:** Okay. W—[sighs].

**Justin:** Okay? And I drive up there—

**Travis:** That's your first mistake.

**Justin:** I get my mask. I think we'll—you know, we haven't had any sort of dining experiences uh, in terms of like sitting in a restaurant or anything, and I'm not gonna sit in this truck, but I feel like it's fairly safe for me to roll up there with my mask, get me some food, eat it in my car.

So I drove up there, and I go to the guy. And I walk up uh, to the truck, and I'm kind of standing there, and he's kind of looking at me, and I'm kind of looking at him, and he's got a *Legend of Korra* t-shirt on.

**Travis:** Nice.

**Justin:** That's not relevant, just—I wanted to get a little color in there.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And I'm w—and I'm kind of standing there like a dummy, and then eventually he's like—as if he doesn't know why I'm there, it just occurs to him, and he's like, "Sorry, we... are sold out of everything."

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** And it's like, I am me, and so I am instantly mortified that I have bothered this person who no longer has food, so I start compulsively congratulating him on such a nice sales day.

**Griffin:** Nice. Normal.

**Justin:** That's wonderful.

**Travis:** "Yeah, I was just checking. You—you win! Uh, I was about to stop by and say, I heard that you did it, and I just wanted to confirm, you did it!"

**Justin:** He said—and then he said, "We won't be here next week, but we'll be here the week after that."

Now, I wanna say two things about this person's business strategy. One, they did not tell me where they would be next week. [laughs]

**Travis:** Mm.

**Justin:** So there's other places I can go to. You saw my car, it's five feet away.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** He would not reveal to me where he was gonna be. So it might've been a secret, firefighter-only invitational, is the one thing I'm gonna say about this.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** The other thing I wanna say is like, when you run out of food in your food truck, and you've told people where your food truck is...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ... shouldn't you, at that point, drive... [laughs] drive away to a different location? Your restaurant is empty. It's no longer a restaurant. Now it's just a truck with a picture of a wok on the outside. Please drive away. Please don't make me walk up to your empty truck.

That would be like me—walking up to—at that point, I'm walking up to any truck!

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And just expecting to be served...

**Travis:** "You got food?"

**Justin:** "Hey, you got food?"

**Travis:** Well, and here, Justin—

**Justin:** [crosstalk], asshole.

**Travis:** If I might suggest, a food truck saves you... like, if you're in a restaurant, right, you have to wait for food supplies to be delivered to you. If you run out of food in your food truck, might I suggest driving to the store?

**Griffin:** Yep.

**Justin:** Just go get some more food!

**Travis:** And then come back, and keep making more money!

**Griffin:** Do you think... one of the toughest parts of owning a food truck is investing in a really good hiding place for your food truck?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Because in—you can't—you can't be able to—people shouldn't be able to see it...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** ... if it's not—if you aren't slinging burgs.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** So like, you need—it's a truck, so it's big, so like, getting garage space for it must be pretty tough.

**Travis:** Oh, I bet.

**Griffin:** Do you think there's just like a big tarp that they throw over 'em? Or...

**Travis:** I'll tell you what I do, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Palm fronds.

**Griffin:** Palm fronds.

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah!

**Griffin:** It's good.

**Travis:** That way—anyone comes by my house, in front of my house, what's that? It's just a big pile of palm fronds. Nothing to see here.

**Griffin:** Hmm.

**Travis:** Just some palm fronds.

**Griffin:** "That Korean barbecue truck is covered in palm fronds. I'm not following the aesthetic, the theme."

**Travis:** Justin, I want you to know... it really bothers me, and I want to admit I can't quite put a finger on it, I don't know that you did anything wrong, but something about getting in a car to drive to a food truck is weird to me.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Because I was under the impression that the business model was such that the reverse was true. But if a food truck parks somewhere, and then says, "You have to come to me," I feel like... maybe something has gone wrong.

**Justin:** I mean, you're not wrong. But then if that's the case, you've limited—they've limited their audience to a Venn diagram of Family Dollar employees that would love a banh mi on the go.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** Which is not—I'm not saying it's zero, but is that a sustainable business? I don't know.

**Travis:** Well, then what about... drive it around, maybe play some music from the top to let people know you're coming...

**Justin:** Now we're talking. Now we're talking.

**Travis:** And you just run out of your front door, get a banh mi!

**Griffin:** [singing] Do you want banh mis? They're so crunchy, crunchy green. [laughs]

**Justin:** No, go on. [wheezes]

**Griffin:** [normally] I don't know that I can do this again. [singing] We have pork flavor and have tofu... queen.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Tofu que—okay, was there a comma in there?

**Travis:** Yeah, important question.

**Griffin:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Travis:** We got tofu, queen!

**Griffin:** It was—that was a sort of interjection. An interjectory queen.

**Justin:** I'm tired of giving away free money to other businesses that don't deserve it. I wanna make some money for *our* business.

**Travis:** That deserves it.

**Justin:** That deserves it.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Because we're—we're promising young people. And we don't have a truck.

**Travis:** And we're doing our best.

**Justin:** Listen, if I could drive around in a truck and podcast, I would.

**Griffin:** I mean, fucking Alex Jones seems to have figured it out.

**Justin:** [laughs] Let's go to the Money Zone.

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

**Travis:** Squarespace! Deal with it!

**Griffin:** Oh, shit.

**Travis:** Yeah! I'm sick and tired of being nice.

**Griffin:** Shit.

**Travis:** And it's time to get real.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** You want a website. You don't have a website. You don't even know how to make a website.

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Travis:** Squarespace knows how to make websites, and they will help you make one. You could showcase your work, sell products and services of all kind, and promote your physical online business. It's 2020, how many times do I have to tell you about Squarespace before you get off your duff, and

then put your duff down in front of a computer, and go to Squarespace while your duff rests comfortable in a chair?

That way, you can get to Squarespace's beautiful, customizable templates created by world-class designers, everything optimized for mobile right out of the box, analytics that help you grow in real time, free and secure hosting, and nothing to patch or upgrade ever. And then, once you've built your website, pick your duff back up, move it back over to where it was – maybe the couch, I don't know – and then sit and wait for a new season of your favorite TV show. I'm gonna say *Mindhunter*? I don't know.

Go to [squarespace.com/mybrother](https://squarespace.com/mybrother) for a free trial, and when you're ready to launch, use the offer code "my brother" to save 10 percent off your first purchase of a website or domain. Then, go on Twitter, and let's talk about the new season of *Mindhunter*.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Travis is really lonely out here, on the [crosstalk].

**Travis:** Yeah. I—I've been trying to get—I don't even know if there is [laughs] a new season of *Mindhunter*. I don't know when it's coming out. I could've said—

**Justin:** I don't even know what *Mindhunter* is, 100 percent.

**Travis:** I know! Groff's in it, I think? Jonathan—

**Justin:** I think the Groff's in it. Groff—Groff sauce.

**Travis:** And I could've said *Supernatural*, and instead I said *Mindhunter*, and I'm kicking myself.

**Griffin:** And I—and I—I do appreciate adding a little spice, Trav, a little variety to what is typically a sort of *Supernatural* stew that you cook up, week-in, week-out, on this podcast.

**Travis:** I know. I know.

**Griffin:** Uh, Quip also is sponsoring this episode, and they have electric toothbrushes.

**Justin:** Hell yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, fuck yeah!

**Griffin:** They—I feel like we’re coming at the listeners pretty hot and heavy in this ad read.

**Travis:** Well, I’m trying to—you know what? People need—sometimes they need a fire under their duffs, Griffin. Talk about their duffs a lot.

**Griffin:** Show—show me your fucking teeth!

**Travis:** Woah.

**Griffin:** Show me those fucking hobgoblin teeth. [laughs]

**Travis:** Okay, now you’re getting mean. I was trying to—

**Griffin:** Pop out your grill, let’s see ‘em. Ew!

**Travis:** No, Griffin, I—

**Griffin:** You need to *clean* those!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** No, you’re trying to—energize, Griffin. Not like, insult.

**Griffin:** Oh, let me try. Let me see your fucking teeth.

**Travis:** Whoa.

**Griffin:** Alright, alright!

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Alright.

Well, you need to maintain those. Using a Quip—a smart electric toothbrush. ‘Cause they have—they’ve game-ified oral hygiene in a really fun way, because they’ve got a new smart electric toothbrush that can get you great perks as you form good brushing habits. Things like free products, gift cards, and more.

And there’s a smart brush, it’s for adults and kids, that connects to the Quip app via Bluetooth! And it tracks how well you brush, and you can get tips on better—



**Travis:** More like Whitetooth.

**Griffin:** Sorry?

**Travis:** More like Whitetooth?

**Justin:** Say again?

**Travis:** Like, White-tooth.

**Griffin:** Like Whitetooth. `Cause it'll turn—`cause—yeah, sure! Yeah, absolutely, Trav.

**Travis:** Yeah. Thank you.

**Griffin:** [laughs loudly]

**Travis:** You get it.

**Griffin:** So yeah, it'll track how good you are at brushing, and then it'll give you things like free products and gift cards and discounts from Quip and their partners. And uh, yeah, if you already have a Quip, you can upgrade it with a smart motor, which lets you keep the features that you know and love, and get all these other cool things!

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**Justin:** Finally, there's a point to brushing your teeth.

**Travis:** I know, right?

**Justin:** I'm really excited.

**Griffin:** Yeah, my dentist is gonna be fucking psyched.

[mid-tempo instrumental music plays in background]

**Kirk:** Video games.

**Jason:** Video games!

**Maddy:** Video games. You like `em?

**Jason:** Maybe you wish you had more time for them?

**Kirk:** Maybe you wanna know the best ones to play?

**Jason:** Maybe you wanna know what happens to Mario when he dies?

**Kirk:** [laughs]

**Maddy:** In that case, you should check out *Triple Click*. It's a podcast about video games.

**Jason:** A podcast about video games? But I don't have time for that!

**Kirk:** Sure you do. Once a week, kick back as three video game experts give you everything from critical takes on the hottest new releases...

**Jason:** ... to scoops, interviews, and explanations about how video games work...

**Maddy:** ... to fascinating and sometimes weird stories about the games we love.

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**Jason:** Me, Jason Schreier.

**Maddy:** And me, Maddy Myers!

**Kirk:** You can find *Triple Click* wherever you get your podcasts, and listen at [MaximumFun.org](http://MaximumFun.org).

**Maddy:** Bye!

[music and advertisement end]

**Justin:** [imitates rock guitar]

**Travis:** Oh?

**Justin:** [continues guitar]

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** [continues guitar] [lowly, with accent] I want to munch.

**Travis:** Squad.

**Griffin:** Squad. [laughs]

**Justin:** [continues guitar] I want to munch.

**Travis:** Squad.

**Griffin:** [imitating Justin] Squad.

**Justin:** [ends imitating guitar]

**Travis:** “Du Hast.” [laughs]

**Justin:** Munch—Munch Hast!

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Uh...

**Travis:** “Du Hast,” [crosstalk].

**Griffin:** [crosstalk].

**Justin:** Munch!

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** [normally] Um, welcome to Munch Squad. It’s a—[sighs]. It’s a podcast within a podcast profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating.

**Griffin:** Sunse—entering its sunset years.

**Travis:** Yeah, sunseting, I believe.

**Justin:** Yeah. It’s in the twilight years of this bit, [laughs] until I come up with a better bit. Which you wouldn’t think would be that hard, but here we are!

KFC is gonna introduce new signature dipping sauce.

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Justin:** Nationwide on October 12th. And as the crow flies, my friend, that is possibly the day you are listening to this.

“Kentucky Fried Chicken announced Thursday that it is launching a new signature dipping sauce that’s sure to make fried chicken fans rejoice.”

**Travis:** Oh?

**Justin:** “Introducing KFC sauce.”

**Travis:** Hm.

**Griffin:** Hm! That’s...

**Justin:** “A signature sauce that’s tangy and sweet.”

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin:** “With a bit of smokiness, specifically designed to pair with crispy tenders.”

**Travis:** It kind of seems like they threw a lot of flavor words in there, huh?

**Griffin:** That’s great. You get umami, umami, and umami mixed up in there. [laughs] I like it.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Uh, “When we set out to create a new signature sauce, we went right to the experts, our customers, to find out—”

**Travis:** Woah, now—now, hold on—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I’ve eaten at KFC, and I’ll tell you right now, I am not.

**Justin:** You’re a fucking tourist. Don’t call yourself a KFC customer.

**Travis:** I mean, I—well, there was a time in my younger years...

**Justin:** Oh, sure.

**Travis:** ... oh, boy. Oh, boy.

**Justin:** “We went to our customers to find out what made a sauce best in class for dipping.”

**Travis:** “It needs to be viscous!”

**Griffin:** “Yeah, it can’t be so wet that it just runs right off the tender!”

**Travis:** “But also not too solid! I wanna be able to put the tender in!”

**Griffin:** “The tender has to be able to enter the spicy liquid.”

**Justin:** [laughs] It is weird to think that dipping, the physical act of dipping, was the primary concern, and not the eating that would follow. That’s from...

**Travis:** No, no, no. That’s secondary. If you get that primary thing wrong, and you ca—you either can’t get the tendo in there, or the tendo don’t pick nothing up... well, after that, friend, what it tastes like don’t mean nothing.

**Justin:** Uh, that’s from Andrea Zahumensky, the chief marketing officer at KFC US. You know what, a lot of times they put the chief marketing officer in these things, and I kind of find that frustrating, because like, their whole job is to sell stuff, so how can I know I can trust that, right?

**Griffin:** Mm. Well...

**Travis:** Get me—get me the head of RND.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Yeah, I want a—I want an impartial person that doesn’t care if I eat it or not to bring me my news, you know? You’re just trying to get me to eat it!

**Griffin:** I wanna know what flavors they tried to put in the sauce, but couldn’t quite make it work.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I wanna know their shortcomings.

**Travis:** "Well, our first idea was chicken-flavored sauce. We figured, let's enhance it, so we just ground up a bunch of chicken."

**Justin:** "It's just like eating the chicken you know, [laughs] except much wetter."

**Travis:** "But then the problem was, people just slurped the sauce, and they left the solid chicken alone, and we said, "This is too dangerous for any one man to have."

**Justin:** [through laughter] They came in and said they don't want the chicken anymore. They just want the sauce.

**Travis:** It was too powerful. We buried it in a bunker underneath our HQ, where it shall remain and be studied by top men.

**Griffin:** Until *Rick and Morty* does a fucking hysterical chicken sauce episode.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Andrea continued, "We went through 50 iterations... "

**Travis:** What?!

**Justin:** "... and the response to this recipe was overwhelming."

I'm assuming the response was, "Please stop making me eat this fucking sauce."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs] "Just let me see my family."

**Justin:** "Let me sleep, for fuck's sake!"

**Travis:** "It's been 10 days!"

**Justin:** "Beginning October 12th in all KFC US restaurants," what a logistical effort this is, "fried chicken dipping fans," which apparently exist, "can enjoy the new signature KFC sauce, along with a newly-revamped core

sauce lineup of classic ranch, honey BBQ, and honey mustard in addition to KFC hot sauce.”

**Travis:** Yes! Oh, thank God. I was afraid you weren’t gonna say the hot sauce, you know?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Hoo!

**Justin:** “Those who love dipping do indeed take sauces seriously, some going so far as to deem chicken an edible spoon for sauce or a vessel for flavor.”

**Travis:** [sighs].

**Justin:** That’s a fucking sentence from this press release, I kid you not.

**Griffin:** That’s good.

**Travis:** “Hey, why did you guys stop hanging out with Derek?”

“Oh, you’ll never believe the bullshit he said.”

**Griffin:** [laughs] “I know you know Derek says a lot of bullshit, but the other day, we were eating fried chicken, and he said, ‘Yum, yum, edible spoon vessel, flavor, flavor vessel.’ And I had to get the fuck out of there as fast as I could, and get the kids out.”

**Travis:** “I haven’t seen him si—I left—I left Jean there. I haven’t seen her since. I don’t know what happened to her, I miss my wife, I’m so scared.”

**Justin:** “For many, forgetting the sauce is a meal-ruiner. In a recent survey from DoorDash, 75 percent of Americans say their meal is ruined if the sauces are forgotten.”

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Justin:** “And 20 percent say sauce is the single most important part of a great fried chicken meal.”

**Travis:** Okay. Sometimes, I just get a bag of sauce.

**Justin:** Can you imagine being—can you image being put into a position where you, a human being on the Earth, has to try to come up with an opinion about the most important part of a great fried chicken meal?

**Travis:** Um... yeah—

**Justin:** It's the chicken. The chicken. [crosstalk].

**Travis:** [crosstalk].

**Griffin:** It's the flavor, the flavor of the chicken, how good it tastes to eat it.

**Travis:** I—let me—okay. Listen. I like dipping. I—I don't know who the profile of this person is. I don't know who this person is, who's like, "Oh, why do I get fried chicken? Thank you so much for asking. I like to put it into things."

**Justin:** Yeah, "I like to—I like how it's a spoon you can eat, and I'm a dirtbag."

"Luckily, for those who *love* dipping... "

**Travis:** Ugh.

**Justin:** "... KFC's Extra Crispy, tm, tenders are perfectly designed for dipping." In the sense that they're edible and physical.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "They're perfectly designed for dipping, and elevate the overall sauce experience. The hills and valleys created by KFC's extra-crispy brand... "

**Griffin:** [blows raspberry]

**Travis:** [laughing] Fuck off!

**Justin:** "... form little lakes of sauce on every tender, making the final bite crispy, crunchy, and bursting with flavor."

And, you know, if you're eating KFC, it may very well be the final bite, period. So who knows.



**Griffin:** The wild topography of these crunchy boys...

**Travis:** "What's that? Oh, it's a hidden cavern full of delicious sauc—oh, and a dragon's gold!"

**Justin:** "I'm Sir David Attenborough. Observe the gazelle as it... [snorts] gallops through the different nooks and crannies."

Uh, "To celebrate—" This is—I—it is amazing, up at this point of this press release, and I'm not even at the part that I was really excited about. "To cel—" [laughs] "To celebrate its new signature KFC sauce, KFC's head chef, Chris Scott, created three... KFCharcuterie [crosstalk] recipe that you can try at home."

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Griffin:** Yes! I was waiting for it. So far, I was like, "This is informative and interesting, but not *that* wild..." "

**Travis:** "Where's the actionable part?"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** "Where's the part that I can do at home?"

**Justin:** Well, good news from chef Chris Scott, who—

**Travis:** Who, under duress, developed these recipes.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Yeah. K—he has, as terms of his resignation, created...

**Griffin:** [hyperventilating laughter]

**Justin:** ... as his final act, the KFCharcuterie

**Griffin:** Who, upon submitting his charcuterie recipes, was handed a vial of the anti-toxin for his family.

**Justin:** [laughs] He printed it on the back of his resignation letter.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Their KFCharcuterie... it doesn't trip off the tongue, but you get the idea, right? KFC... harcuterie.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** "Board recipes you can try at home!

[laughs] Charcuterie doesn't have to be all cold cuts, cheeses and crackers."

**Travis:** No!

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Justin:** "It can also be delicious comfort foods, like extra crispy tenders, secret recipe fries, and indulgent sauces."

**Travis:** That's just a meal!

**Griffin:** That's one—that's one of Colonel Sanders' standard meals.

**Travis:** You know, charcuterie doesn't have to be meat and cheese. Sometimes it can just be a bowl of oatmeal.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Sometimes it can be a child's laughter.

**Travis:** [laughs] Or just some loose grass you picked up from the ground and sprinkled on someone's car!

**Justin:** "Char—charcuterie doesn't have to be all cold cuts. It can be watching half of episode 2 in your hotel room while you're drunk. It can be anything."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** It can be a fucking Toyota Yaris! Get out of here!

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "They are both fun to create and to eat, and I know around my house we are definitely in need of some creative ways to break up the monotony of meals at home."

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** [sarcastically] Oh, my fucking kids! Ah!

**Justin:** So we're making KFC Charcuterie...

**Travis:** Oh, my fucking kids! Oh, my partner! Oh, it's so fucking boring. [laughs] Please, KFC!

**Justin:** "The process and assembly of a charcuterie board have become a creative outlet for many, and has recently become a social media phenomenon. On TikTok..."

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** "... videos associated with the hashtag #charcuterie have been viewed more than 224.8 million times. And many popular charcuterie creators have gained notoriety for their elaborate and mouth-watering creations."

**Travis:** You know what? I'm going on TikTok right now.

**Griffin:** If you see—Trav, Trav, Trav.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** If you see anyone doing a funny *Fortnite* dance on there, you make sure to let me know.

**Travis:** I'm not seeing any KFC yet... Okay, let me just scroll down... oh! *Fortnite* dance!

**Griffin:** Yeah! Let's—which one?

**Travis:** I'll tell you—what I did see before I saw KFC, was somebody making a McDonald's charcuterie board, and it looks like they're figured that one out all on their own, without any recipes.

**Griffin:** [laughs] They didn't need a press release or anything.

**Travis:** Huh! Here's a Chick-fil-A charcuterie board. Oh, no.

**Justin:** What's on—what's on that?

**Travis:** Uh, Chick-fil-A food.

**Griffin:** And a little New Testament.

**Justin:** Okay. I wish it was easier to keep track of whether or not it was permissible to eat Chick-fil-A at any given moment.

**Griffin:** Just go ahead and assume no.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's a safe assumption, isn't it?

Um, one easy way to remember how to find this podcast is just go to [KFCharcuterie.com](http://KFCharcuterie.com)...

**Griffin:** Oh, Justin. Justin...

**Justin:** ... and you're going to find that I fucking *snagged it* from 'em! And I don't know—you know what? I'm gonna make it redirect to Bojangles'. I just decided that instead.

**Griffin:** Oh, my God, Justin.

**Justin:** I'm gonna do that. Or Zaxby's. No, you know what? Zaxby's!

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** That's what I'm gonna do. Uh, let's see, "The charcuteries are the KFC little dipper, a snackable combination of KFC extra crispy chicken tenders, secret recipe fries, paired with your favorite dipping sauces." So that's... just...

**Travis:** A meal.

**Griffin:** A meal. From KFC.

**Travis:** And with a Sprite on the side. [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] So uh, there's also the Kentucky Game Night Trio. That's Kentucky fried buffalo wings...

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** ... KFC extra crispy tenders and secret recipe fries complimented by KFC sauce, and grocery items, like blue cheese, fresh celery, and more.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Huh!

**Justin:** It's an ad—it's an admission that with a little bit of work and some products from your local grocery store, you could make this palatable!

**Travis:** Listen, we've talked a lot of shit about KFC, but KFC, if you wanna partner with me for, like, a Travis McElroy meal, like a branded—like, "Travis McElroy, he's pretty cool, and we're gonna make a meal that is 'This is what Travis McElroy eats when he comes to KFC.' I will happily do that. I will—I will do that. Please, this isn't—"

**Justin:** You have not done the legwork on yum brands, Travis. I don't—I don't know how to tell you this, but you have not done the kind of research into yum brands that you would need to...

**Travis:** Oh, are you saying you have?

**Justin:** ... to commit to something like that.

**Travis:** Oh, are they sh—wait, Justin. Are they shitheads?

**Justin:** Everybody is.

**Travis:** Aw, man.

**Justin:** Twist.

**Travis:** Ugh.

**Justin:** Uh, so that's the—that's the scoop on the KFCharcuterie. Um, you can make that at home. I guess what they're saying—what they're really saying with this, if I could just be so bold, what they're really saying with this is, "Put it on a plate."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "Put it on a plate, and you'll feel better about how things are going."

**Griffin:** "A wooden—a wooden plate."

**Travis:** Maybe uh – and this is gonna mean different things to different people – arrange it.

**Griffin:** Okay. Interesting. Speak on that?

**Travis:** What—

**Griffin:** Travis, just explain how to do that in a way that screams "class."

**Travis:** Uh, I would take the tenders and kind of do them in like, an alternating, like, log tower, like you would, perhaps, Jenga, maybe.

**Griffin:** Oh, that's gonna look real good.

**Travis:** Then just pour the sauce down the middle, so it fills it up.

**Griffin:** Okay. That's funny, Trav!

**Travis:** Yeah. And then put a little roof on top of it, and then maybe sprinkle it uh—this isn't—I don't know how this'll work with it, but like, with icing sugar, so it looks like a snowy wonderland, and then maybe add some little, like, marshmallow snowmen.

**Griffin:** Oh, Jesus.

**Travis:** Maybe glue some M&Ms on there. Uh, a little Santa Claus. What were we talking about?

**Griffin:** Yeah, what were we talking about?

**Justin:** Uh, I was about to ask a question, unless Griffin has a Yahoo.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I mean—ugh, gosh, we should address this one. It was sent in by Graham Roebuck. Thanks, Graham. It's an anonymous Yahoo Answers user who I am gonna call them Denise, asks, "[sighs] How can I make my dad like corn?"

**Travis:** Oh, Griffin. C or K?

**Justin:** C or K, C or K, C or K?

**Griffin:** It's a C.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** Alright.

**Travis:** Good. My 100-percent "Dads like Korn" theory still holds.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** With a K.

**Travis:** Yes. Yes, thank you.

**Griffin:** We need to be able to—it is so fucked up that these two—I'm trying to teach Henry the phonetic alphabet...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** ... and it's so fucked up that these two letters do the same fucking thing.

**Justin:** It's pointless.

**Griffin:** It's the same thing! It's pointless! Get rid of one of them! Make them fight, and the winner—I think C should get to stay, 'cause C can do a lot of other stuff. K is always—

**Travis:** Oh! No, see, what I would say, Griffin...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ... is what needs to happen is C needs to stay in its lane. Stick with that—well, I guess, then, it's the S sound. We have an S for that too.

**Griffin:** We got the S-sound C.

**Travis:** Maybe get rid of the C. We have the K and the S, they are doing their individualized jobs.

**Griffin:** Okay. Anyway.

**Travis:** Okay. What if we just started pronouncing the band's name Ka-horn?

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Khorn!

**Travis:** Khorn!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Help this person! How do they make their dad like corn?

**Travis:** Play `em some Korn! While they're eating corn.

**Justin:** [lowly] That's not...

**Travis:** I want you to hear the difference.

**Griffin:** Okay, there's a lot of great ways I can tell you how to cook corn. And I—

**Travis:** Because if I say it wrong, and say, "I like to eat Ka-horn..."

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** ... then I'm going to jail!

**Griffin:** [laughs] Okay. There's lots of good ways to make corn. For me, for my money, a nice elote, now...

**Travis:** Sure.

**Griffin:** ... I'll eat that. I'll eat that. But I'll eat it on the cob.

**Travis:** I like me a cornbread.

**Griffin:** Corn—okay.

**Travis:** It's sweet—you know what I like? Cornbread, you put some broccoli in there. It's really great.



**Griffin:** I don't—I don't think we can extrapolate quite that far, Trav. Because I think you can say, like, "Well, there's corn syrup in your Air Heads that you love to eat."

**Travis:** Well, no, I understand that, Griffin. But I'm saying, corn bread, corn, like, tortillas, these thing—your Corn Flakes.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** These are pretty corn-direct, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Right. You want—

**Travis:** I don't think—it's like saying you don't like eggs, where there are so many different versions of eggs, it's hard for me to believe that.

**Griffin:** Right. Um, Justin, you got anything on this one?

**Justin:** They have a really good Mexican street corn empanada, and uh, Nomada, that bakery in Huntington.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Uh, that would be a great place, because there it's served up on a little—first off, it's vegetarian. I love that. Uh, and also, it's served up—there's just, like, eight pieces of corn on it, really.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** So it's kind of like you wouldn't even—it's like I do with my kids. Like, you didn't even know you were eating corn.

**Griffin:** Oh, it's not inside—it's not inside the empanada?

**Justin:** S—it might be. It might be hidden from me, an adult.

**Griffin:** [laughs] See, you gotta watch that—

**Justin:** I can see there's visible corn.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** If your dad thinks you're tricking him... oh, God, dads hate that.

**Travis:** No, they hate it.

**Griffin:** Dads do not like deception of any sort. So you got—

**Travis:** I remember one time, my daddy was eating a cake that I made him.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And he was just about to take a bite, and then he peeled the layers apart, and he found a piece of broccoli in there.

**Griffin:** Ugh.

**Travis:** And he didn't talk to me for two weeks.

**Griffin:** Did I ever tell you—that happened to me in school, where everybody was doing, like, science fair projects, or stuff like that, and then one girl came in and gave everybody brownies. And we all ate the brownies, and she was like, "Did you like them? They were all made out of green peppers."

And I wanted to be like, "Hey, one of us could have been wicked allergic to green peppers!"

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** Pretty risky gamble you just did there, Katy! Damn.

**Justin:** [wheezes]

**Griffin:** Also, gross! Get my fucking—

**Justin:** Gross!

**Griffin:** Get my fucking permission. Green pepper is my least favorite vegetable, and I do not like—

**Justin:** No, you don't mean that.

**Travis:** You don't mean that, Griffin.

**Griffin:** I do not like, psychically, the idea that I liked it. You know what I mean? Like, I'm not willing to change my mind about that, *Katy*.

**Justin:** Okay. What is your least favorite vegetable, everybody?

**Travis:** My *least* favorite?

**Justin:** What's your least favorite vegetable?

**Travis:** I think a lima bean.

**Justin:** It's hard to choose, because by and large, not good.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** That's not true. I love those green things, man. They make me feel powerful and strong.

**Griffin:** I think—I think peas are like corn's evil nephew, and they taste so gross, and they have the texture of—the texture of the casing never quite goes away. It sucks, man.

**Justin:** [lowly] You don't wanna hear about my least favorite.

**Griffin:** I wanna know Justin's least favorite vegetable.

**Justin:** French cut green beans. I think they're fucking vulgar. [laughs]

[normally] I wanna talk—when we're talking about vegetables, I found a new one that I like this week.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Griffin:** Oh, boy!

**Justin:** This is a story from my life. People are always asking us to share more stories from our lives.

**Travis:** Yeah. We stay on topic too much.

**Griffin:** [laughs] It's true.

**Justin:** This is a story that happened to me this week. Blue Apron—you know I love Blue Apron.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Uh, they—they—there was a recipe this week or last week, I can't remember now, but—'cause time is, uh, meaningless, and uh, it had—sometimes Blue Apron does this to me, where they'll get me hooked on a new ingredient, and I'm like, "Whoa, I'm wild about this stuff, and I can't get that at my house."

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** They don't have it here. And this time, it was delicata squash.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah! Was this the butter chicken and squash?

**Justin:** Oh, yes, it was!

**Travis:** Yeah, it was!

**Justin:** This delicata squash, it roasted up so good, oh my golly. I was wild about this stuff. So then I'm putting in an order at the grocery store, and I search "delicata squash," and it doesn't surprise me that they don't have it.

**Travis:** [laughs] In fact, the website crashed.

**Justin:** One thing that they did have was an assortment of five squashes in a bag. So I bought that. [laughs] And then it showed up, and I somehow missed the part on the listing for the item. Or maybe it wasn't there, I don't know. Where it said "decorative."

**Travis:** Yeah. Mm-hm.

**Justin:** Decorative squashes.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** So then, I got a problem. My problem is, one of them kinda looks like a small delicata squash, kind of like I ate before.

**Travis:** Ah!

**Justin:** And I don't want—they're real squashes, but I don't wanna be—so now I'm like, "Could I... cook you guys up and eat you?"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** But I don't wanna be the guy that goes to the hospital...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ... for eating something that, like, fucking says "decorative..." "

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** ... on the back! So fast forward, I'm now the kind of guy who has—we're the kind of household that has a bowl with a bunch of squash in it to celebrate the season arriving.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** And I always wondered how that happened. How does that happen to you, that you just end up like, "I've gotta get some decorative squash for the season arriving"? And this is how it happened to me. Maybe they'll stick around and not go bad, I don't know. They're decorative.

**Griffin:** Or maybe, in a moment of temptation, you will eat them. Justin, I don't think you realize the bigger revelation right now is that in your house, you have vegetables and foodstuffs that are good for eating, and then this special, like, Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web*, like, "These gourds have been given a reprieve."

**Justin:** [laughing]

**Travis:** This is—what you've got here is you have a fish in a goldfish bowl, while over here, you're making some tilapia for dinner. Right?

**Griffin:** Yeah. You—you have pet betta fish at the Red Lobster restaurant you work at. It's fucked up.

**Travis:** Those gourds have to watch you eat vegetables!

**Justin:** Better than the alternative, though, isn't it?

**Travis:** Well, yeah, but it kind of seems like you're saying, "Don't fuck up, gourds. This could be you."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "Gourds, stay in line."

**Justin:** Or [crosstalk] to my other vegetables, be more beautiful...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** ... and seasonal.

**Travis:** You know, every vegetable is decorative, depending on what you're into.

**Justin:** That's what I'm saying! This is what is so challenging to me! Do you want me to not eat these gourds? [laughs] You have to say "not for—" It also doesn't say "not for eating."

**Travis:** Does it say "recommended decorative"?

**Justin:** Right. Exactly.

**Griffin:** I—I've got a farmer coming over tomorrow, gourds. And if I get the greenlight...

**Justin:** [laughs] A farmer is the exact person...

**Griffin:** You're going in a fucking casserole.

**Justin:** Thanks so much for listening to our podcast. We hope you've enjoyed yourself. We sure have loved being here with you. I wanna ask a quick favor of ya.

**Travis:** Well, Justin, before you do that, *I* wanna ask you a quick favor, because I want them to listen to one of *my* favorite podcasts.

**Justin:** Oh, my God. What is it, Trav?

**Travis:** A podcast called *The Besties*.

**Griffin:** Aw!

**Justin:** Tell me about it.

**Travis:** I listen to it, no joke, every week. It is my brothers, Justin and Griffin, as well as Chris Plante and Russ Frushtick, and they talk about video games, but they talk about video games in such a way that I, a video game

enthusiast that knows nothing about, like, current video games events, finds fascinating.

They tell you about games that are coming out, things you'll be interested in that you've never heard of, plus great discussions about games that you love. And it's not just, like, tearing the games apart. It really teaches you about, like, the gaming industry. Teaches you about the games that are coming out. There's so much going on now with the console wars with the new generation of PlayStation 5...

**Justin:** Mm.

**Travis:** ... and the next Xbox, and hearing you guys talk about it has made it make a lot of sense for me. I listen to it every week, and you know what? Even Bebe likes it, 'cause she thinks you guys are very funny.

**Justin:** That's so nice.

**Travis:** You can find it on Spotify, uh, so go there, listen to it, subscribe. It's out every Friday. I do not miss an episode. Highly recommend it.

**Justin:** Thanks, Trav.

**Griffin:** Thank you, Travis.

**Travis:** You're welcome.

**Justin:** I don't have anything anymore.

**Travis:** Oh, what were you gonna say?

**Justin:** You stole my thing.

**Travis:** Oh, you were gonna talk about your own podcast?

**Justin:** Gosh?! [pronounced go-ish]

**Travis:** Gosh?! [laughs]

**Justin:** Uh, the uh, *The Adventure Zone: Crystal Kingdom*, is now available for preorder. That is a graphic novel based on the arc of the podcast. Yeah. We did done did it again. [theadventurezonecomic.com](http://theadventurezonecomic.com). That's coming July 13th, 2020.

**Griffin:** One. 2021.

**Justin:** One...

**Griffin:** The future.

**Justin:** And I believe I have personally guaranteed in other venues, and I will do so here, that you will be able to enjoy that graphic novel in a crowd of people, and all will be safe.

**Travis:** That was a big called shot from old Justin.

**Justin:** [laughs] It's a big called shot from me.

**Travis:** Oh, he's pointing at the stands, where there's lots of people sitting close together!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Uh, we got some new merch out! If you haven't gone to [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com) and checked it out, you should! We got a new pin of the month that is based on the phrase "tiger on the table" designed by Sam Schultz. And the proceeds from that benefit the Marsha P. Johnson Institute, which defends and protects the human rights of black transgender and gender nonconforming people, as well as the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, which works to guarantee that all people are free to determine their gender identity and expression.

We also have a new Candlenights ornament by Lin Doyle that is super cute, as well as a Candlenights wrapping paper by Justin Gray, and this little jump scare pin of Justin doing the jump scare from the TV show.

**Griffin:** So good.

**Travis:** It's so good. [Mcelroymerch.com](http://Mcelroymerch.com).

Uh, also, speaking of books and things you can order, we wrote a how-to podcast book, called *Everybody Has a Podcast (Except You)*, and it's available for preorder now at [mcelroypodcastbook.com](http://mcelroypodcastbook.com). Uh, we are uh, working this week. We, like, are recording the audiobook. And we're narrating it. And let me say, just reading it again, it's pretty funny! I'm having a really good time reading it.

**Griffin:** Oh, good.



**Travis:** And I think you will too. It comes out in January. Preorder it now, and in January you can learn to make a podcast that you're proud of, and enjoy reading a book! It's two things in one!

**Justin:** Did you mention that we now have a "Thanks for vibing and keeping it tight" shirt? [laughs]

**Travis:** Do we?

**Justin:** We do.

**Griffin:** Is that up?

**Justin:** Yeah, it's up.

**Griffin:** Oh, fuck.

**Travis:** Check that out, too. Mcelroymerch, and then preorder the book at [mcelroypodcastbook.com](http://mcelroypodcastbook.com).

**Justin:** That is a funny situation, because we didn't say that. It was in a Jumbotron, so we had to reach out to the person that said that funny thing in a Jumbotron, to ask them if it was okay to make a t-shirt. And we told them we would give them money for the t-shirts, and get this: they actually requested instead that a portion be donated to the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights. So what's up? Best fans of the world, I've said it before, I'll continue to say it.

Um, that's it, right?

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Yeah, I have a final—I have a final Yahoo.

**Travis:** Yeah, uh, John Roderick and The Long Winters...

**Griffin and Justin:** [overlapping simultaneously] The Long Winters for the use of our theme song, "(It's a) Departure," off the album Putting the Days to Bed.

**Griffin:** Thank you, John, and thank you to Maximum Fun.

Okay, so uh, this one is from—this one was sent in by Steven. It's—aw, man. It's asked by—aw, man.

**Travis:** Who's it asked by, Griffin?

[pause]

**Griffin:** Bee... yotch... chick.

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Justin:** [lowly] Oh, boy.

**Griffin:** This—it—guys, Yahoo will tell you how old the answers are, or how old the question is, right?

**Travis:** Griffin, is it possible that it's Bee-yacht chick, like a yacht?

**Griffin:** That's probably it. Um, this one is from, and it says this, one decade ago.

**Travis:** Whoa!

**Justin:** Wow.

**Griffin:** Isn't that wild, that they would say that and not 10 years ago? If this website stays up for 100 years, will this say "one century ago"?

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** This question, from millennias past, from the Mesozoic era, this one comes, and it says, "What are some exercises that don't give you yucky musculars?"

**Travis:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** [laughs] Ah, my name is Justin McElroy.

**Griffin and Travis:** [laugh loudly]

**Travis:** [through laughter] I'm Tra—[laughs uncontrollably]

**Griffin:** That's Travis McElroy.

**Travis:** I'm Travis McElroy. [laughs]

**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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**David:** *Dicktown!* The show is called *Dicktown*.

**John:** And I'm John Hodgman.

**David:** And I'm David Rees, of *Dicktown*.

**John:** Our show, called *Dicktown*, is available now on Hulu.

**David:** John plays John Hunchman...

[music shifts]

**David:** A former prodigy child detective who used to solve mysteries for his classmates in North Carolina. Now he's all grown up, living on a shabby houseboat, and still solving mysteries for teenagers on *Dicktown*.

**John:** And David plays David Purefoy, my former bully and nemesis, and now my driver, muscle, and only friend.

**David:** There are mysteries popping off all over the place. The mystery of the controversial cosplay, the mystery of the maybe-boyfriend. The mystery of the mumbling rapper.

**John:** And there are celebrity guest stars popping off all over the place! Zach Galifianakis, Kristen Schaal, Paul F. Tompkins, Anna Akana, H. Jon Benjamin. So many stars.

So please, go to [bit.ly/dicktown](http://bit.ly/dicktown). That's B-I-T dot L-Y slash D-I-C-K-T-O-W-N. That'll take you right to Hulu, where you can watch all 10 episodes right now.

**David:** John Hodgman's in full Wikipedia mode right now.

Just go to the link, and watch *Dicktown*, and thank us later.

**John:** Yeah. We made a TV show and called it *Dicktown*.

**David:** [laughs] That's the only good thing that happened this year.

[music ends]