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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 song 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: Woof, woof, this dog's got fleas! I'm Travis McElroy, your middlest brother.

Griffin: Lay down with the dogs, you're gonna catch fleas. This is your youngest brother, Griffin McElroy.

Travis: Griffin, I—sorry, I already said “flea,” and your repetition of “flea...”

Griffin: Oh, sorry, you're right. Time to take my heartworm medicine, it's me, Griffin McElroy.

Travis: Thank you.

Griffin: A very sick dog.

Travis: Much better, thank you.

Justin: Uh, welcome to *My Brother, My Brother and Me*. It's an advice show, uh, and we're here for you.

Travis: Okay. Now, I—

Justin: I thought about that as a new thing, as a new [crosstalk].

Griffin: We're here for you.

Travis: We're here for you.

Griffin: Yeah, we need, uh...

Justin: We're here for you!

Travis: [crosstalk], if we're being honest.

Griffin: You need us. You need us; we need you.

Justin: Well, spring is finally here, and that can only mean one thing around this house – [laughs] which is my house where I live...

Travis: Okay.

Justin: ...this advice season has begun. Spring means advice here at the McElroy family.

Griffin: Sure. Yeah, my kids are always running up to me, like, "Daddy, what's a—what's a good trade skill to learn if I wanna be valuable to society in the future?" And I always tell them the same thing. Stucco!

Travis: Oh.

Justin: Stucco, yeah.

Travis: See, I just started saying VR technician. And I don't exactly know what that means, but I think by the time Bebe's old enough to get a job, VR technician will be a thing, right?

Griffin: Nah, nah. People are gonna get so sick of strapping bullshit to their faces. All it's gonna take is for one of these damn oculi to blow up on someone's head, and then people are like, "No, thanks!" But stucco? That's going absolutely nowhere, baby.

Travis: Now, you're staying stucco over, say, somebody who would specialize in drywall or gypsum, or...

Griffin: Even drywall, fucking drywall is fucking bullshit.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: All stucco, all the time. Now, do I know what stucco is? I w—I refuse to answer that question.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: I—I'm gonna start working that into every answer that we give, just like, "Learn a trade."

Griffin: Okay!

Travis: Learn a trade.

Justin: I feel like—it's so applicable. Learn a trade. Learn how to do stucco, you know?

Travis: What do you wish you knew how to do, Justin, because you know, you—I mean, you're picking up carpentry now, so let's not count that.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Dr—drywall...

Griffin: No, we already discussed that...

Travis: It's kind of like I already said drywall.

Justin: But I was just saying, like, I'd also like to learn how to do drywall.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I don't know how to do drywall.

Travis: See, for me, it's electrics, and I'll tell you why.

Justin: Oh, don't fuck around with that, Travis.

Travis: Yes, but here's the thing. I feel like if you don't know what you're doing with plumbing, and you don't know what you're doing with drywall, and you don't know what you're doing with a lot of things, the worst thing you're going to do is ruin it.

If you don't know what you're doing with electrics, you could die and kill others.

Griffin: Well, if you could make a big enough plumbing—I could make a big enough plumbing whoopsie to die, I bet.

Justin: Slow poison of mold, which is huge.

Griffin: That is possible.

Travis: I suppose so.

Griffin: I'm saying—I'm saying I break the toilet so bad, the water shoots up at me with such force, it kills me. That's entirely possible, but I can never learn plumbing, because I would always be afraid that no matter what fixture I'm working on, where the pipe is that I'm doing it, I'm gonna remove it and water's gonna come out, and also... human waste.

Even if it's like, the kitchen sink pipes, I do not know how the water gets there, where it's coming from! You know what I mean?

Travis: I don't know anything about plumbing, but, but...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Movies and TV have convinced me that if I remove something wrong, it will spray at me at such force, it will cause me physical pain [crosstalk].

Griffin: You could die! That's what I'm saying. Stucco, though, fully safe. You could eat that stuff, I bet.

Travis: I was about to ask if you could eat it!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I'm sure it's got—it's got nutrients.

Griffin: They—and they would call me the Stucco Bucko, and I would roll up on their house, and I would put stucco all over it, and they'd be, "We had exposed brick."

And I would say, "Not anymore, you don't."

Travis: "Now, you have hidden brick."

Griffin: Are we fucking—are we done? Are we, like—are we—I feel like the last few intros has been like, discussing finances, and now it's literally *Home Imp*—we're literally making *Home Improvement 2*. We're literally making *Home Improvement 2*.

Travis: Well, the problem is we haven't had any new input in about 13 months.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I've heard some people— I've read on Twitter, some people are like, "The quality of the show has really been flagging, the—" Well, that's weird! Since I began my self-imprisonment...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs] My year-long self-imprisonment, the laughs haven't been as plentiful on the show.

Travis: Start— All I've got is like, "Hey, have you ever noticed how on this one wall next to my desk, there's this weird discoloration that kind of looks a little bit like Dick Butkus.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You know what I mean? That's the best I've got at this point.

Griffin: But don't worry, folks. As soon as I get that good juice in my arm, I'm talking about that Johnson and Johnson shit, I am going to *way* overcorrect. So just stick with us, 'cause I'm gonna— I'm gonna start going to raves and shit. Like, it's gonna be... it's gonna be something to see.

Justin: See, I've got the juice. I've got the juice! It's pumping through me. I ain't afraid of no bugs, you know what I mean?

Griffin: Right, yeah.

Justin: I've got the juices pumping through me. There's nothing to do.
[laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: It's— I got— I went outside for a little bit, and I was like, "I remember this. This was fine too."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But like, the masks? I can't tell if you're smi— I have a hard enough time with emotions, you know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Figuring out how people are feeling. And now I'm looking at these strangers' eyes, trying to guess how much they dislike me.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's very stressful! It's very stressful.

You know, speaking with this, can I begin with Munch Squad?

Griffin: Oh, yeah, sure!

Travis: Oh, w—

Justin: [imitates rock guitar] I wanna munch!

Travis and Griffin: Squad!

Justin: [imitates rock guitar] I want to mu-un-unch!

Travis: Squad?

Griffin: ...Squad?

Justin: So excited about this. Are you all excited about this?

Griffin: Are you so excited that you just said "I want to mununch?" 'Cause I...

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Mununch!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: It's the Mununch Squad!

Travis: With your host, J-J-J-Justin!

Justin: Did you hear what Krispy Kreme's doing?

Travis: What's Krispy Kreme doing?

Griffin: Oh, no.

Justin: Hey, you guys hear about this? You hear about this? This is a good one. This one'll make you happy.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Krispy Kreme's got a new—got a new promotion going on where if you get the jab... you get the vaccine...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: ...you can come in for a year and get a free donut every day.

Travis: Woah, what?

Justin: You show 'em your fr— you just show 'em your vaccination card, you're gonna get a free original glazed donut every single day for a year.

You're doing something good for you, doing something good for your community, doing something bad for you.

Griffin: [bursts out laughing]

Justin: Because—[laughs] it's circular.

Travis: Like a donut.

Justin: That's circular.

Griffin: That's— uh— that's—

Justin: So here's how it works: you bring in your vaccine card to a Krispy Kreme. You get one free original glazed donut. That's the promotion.

Travis: Every day, though, for a year?

Justin: It— uh— yeah. So I hear your questions, and we'll gonna head to the FAQ.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "What qual—" here's the first cue. "What qualifies as 'vaccinated'?"

Griffin: Oh, that's a bad start.

Justin: That's a bad start. Anyone who has received at least one of the two shots of Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine or one shot of the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

Now, I am rocking this off-brand AstraZeneca...

Griffin: Oh-ho. [laughs]

Justin: ...that is still not street legal.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So this is not a promotion that I can take advantage of right now. You'll prove you've been vaccinated by showing them your vaccination record card, okay?

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: Does my vaccine sticker qualify?

Travis: No.

Justin: If you get a sticker that says "I got vaccinated," that's nothing to—to Krispy Kreme. That's nothing.

Griffin: Right. So—

Travis: I guess my question is, is this a, like, government-subsidized... like, program? How does Krispy Kreme—

Griffin: Donut program?

Travis: Yeah, how is Krispy Kreme not going to go out of business?

Justin: Well, I guess they're banking on a lot of people not getting vaccinated. Anybody who doesn't get vaccinated is money in their coffers. So this is kind of hedging their bets.

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Either it's good, 'cause everybody gets vaccinated, or it's good 'cause not as many people take their free donut.

Travis: This is what I'm saying; if in every Krispy Kreme location only 20 people do this, right? That's—that's, right there, what, 7,200 donuts in a year? Right? Per times of amount of Krispy Kreme locations? That's just lost money!

Griffin: Yeah...

Justin: Yeah, it's lost money, but it's also not... great, I think... to eat a free Krispy Kreme donut every day.

Travis: Well, sure.

Justin: I don't think that that's great for your overall wellbeing.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: It can be part of a well-balanced uh, eating plan, but, hey, listen. Listen, let's sneak on down the FAQ. Come with me. Go walk past those regular Q's and let's get to a LFAQ.

Griffin: [laughing quietly]

Justin: Let's get to a LFAQ. Less frequently asked. Come on over here.

This is really the point where I decided to talk about this. Here's the LFAQ, this less frequently asked question... "What if—" [laughs] "What if I don't want to get vaccinated?"

Travis and Griffin: [burst out laughing]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: Hey, hey, what if— “What if I don’t wanna get vaccinated. Can I still do this?”

Griffin: [laughs] It’s so awesome.

Justin: “[laughs] I’m just—[unintelligible] the free donuts.”

“Yes.”

Travis: Yep. Here for that, love it, love it, love it.

Justin: Give me this scientifically-proven vaccine that’s completely safe, and will prevent anybody from getting COVID, and help me prevent the spread of the disease, and protect my loved ones.

Travis: I’m not sure about that one!

Griffin: But I do— I love donuts...

Travis: Kris... I want to participate in the program. Don’t get me wrong, Kris...

Griffin: What’s— give me that A.

Travis: I want a free donut.

Griffin: I need the A for that LFAQ.

Justin: Here’s the A. “We understand that choosing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is a highly personal decision.”

Travis: No.

Justin: “We advise all employees and guests to consult with their healthcare provider, regarding whether to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination,

and which vaccine received after reviewing the available information.”
[sighs]

“If you have made the personal decision to not receive the COVID vaccine, please visit us on Mondays...”

Griffin: What?

Justin: “...March 29th through May 24th... to receive a free original glazed donut and a medium brewed coffee.”

Travis: No. No.

Griffin: Are you fucking kidding me?

Travis: No.

Justin: [laughs] “Get your week off to a good start.”

Travis: No. No. Hey—

Griffin: So they’re having a— they’re having a rumpus.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: They’re having buck wild Mondays, where the promotion is “Come get your donut and a free coffee”? That’s a [crosstalk].

Justin: “We wanna pack in all the nasty folks on this one day. All you ribald motherfuckers that don’t wanna get the jab, you just all come in and get some swampy morass of free donuts and illness.”

Travis: Here’s the thing. Krispy Kreme, it takes one quarter of a bold stance where it’s saying, “I’ll give you a donut for your vaccine every day.”

And then they back it way, way up – they take one step forward and eight steps back.

What they should do, is say, “You get a free donut every day for a year if you don’t— if you get the vaccination. And if you don’t get the vaccination, you owe us one donut every day for a year.”

Griffin: One donut. Yes.

Travis: And that’s how we pay this off. This is how we swap this out, a donut for a donut.

Griffin: Yes. Right now, they’re calling up President Joey. President Joey Bag o’ Donuts. And saying, like, “You’re fucking killing us, dude.”

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Like, “Can you ch— can you chill—” Like, the last dude? He sucked shit, but like, he also wasn’t sort of taking us apart at every sort of level...

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: ...by getting all these jabs going.

Justin: Uh, so anyway, that’s the promotion. Krispy Kreme—I love the idea. Do wish you had a little bit of a strength in your convictions there, y’all.

Griffin: Just a little bit more— ‘cause you don’t get free coffee if you get the jab.

Travis: Yep.

Griffin: You only get the coffee if you’re a dirty little dog.

Justin: Yeah. Isn't that strange? Isn't that strange that you get the coff—[laughs]

Travis: Wait, guys, is it possible the coffee has the vaccine in it?

Griffin: That's entirely possible. I mean, it could also be possible that they're setting up, like, a toddler hangout "Let's spread this chicken pox all around and just get it done with" sesh.

Travis: Oh, I see. We're forcing herd immunity here.

Griffin: And I just hope they are providing the correct sort of protective gear for the employees at Krispy Kreme.

Travis: Well, you go and you get your free donut and your free coffee, right? But then when you leave, what's that? You're being ushered into the back of a big box truck. "Oh, what, where are we going?"

"Well, this is gonna be a farm where all the people who don't care about vaccines can live."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: "And you won't be able to get everybody else infected, you dirty dogs."

Griffin: "Will there be free donuts?"

"There will be... some kind of food."

Travis: Yeah. [laughs]

Griffin: "You won't have to pay for it."

Travis: "You're gonna be happy here; don't worry about it."

Justin: It's gonna be fine.

Uh, let's uh, let's get into the— to the advice. I'm ready to help some people, and I want to start with this one – uh, an excellent question here.

"When I was in second grade, Shaquille O'Neal came to my school to have a Q and A with the kids. I was chosen to ask him a question. I asked it, then sat down. The thing is, after some of the other kids asked a question, he would give them a kiss on the cheek.

Griffin: Is this... real? Is this a re— I feel like if Shaquille O'Neal went to schools a lot, and kissed a lot of kids on the cheek, we would've heard about it by now.

Travis: Well, keep going, because the details lead me to believe that it's real.

Justin: Yeah, the details stack up.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: "If I ever meet him again, do I ask for it?" No. "Do I relay the story and go at it coy, go for a European greeting and hope he reciprocates, or just forget the whole thing altogether?"

Travis: Well, not that one.

Justin: That's from Reflecting in the Red Stick. "PS, I asked him if he was allergic to strawberries. I had no idea who he was; I was talking to my mom—about my mom's allergies in the car on the way there, and I was just curious. It was actually clipped for the news. He is not."

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Okay, that's good to know. I was worried; thank you for letting me know that Mr. Shaquille O'Neal is not allergic to strawberries. Um, I like that you, as a second-grader, saw this giant man, people were excited that he was there, and you thought, "I wonder if this giant man is allergic to strawberries." No further questions.

Griffin: Is— that was the question. That was your— God almighty, if you have one chance to ask Shaquille O'Neal a question...

Justin: [exhales]

Griffin: ...like, I don't— like, for me, it would be... "What do you like better, the General or Papa Johns?" Like, which of your—

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: You have to choose.

Griffin: Or like, "Can you ex— I've seen all the commercials. Can you explain to me what the General... is, and why they made... Like, they have you as their spokesperson, but they also have a fucking Ally McBeal CGI baby General man as the mascot, and can you explain— isn't that redundant, Mr. O'Neal?"

Travis: Do you think that there's a chance, because of the specificity of the question, that you did run into Mr. Shaquille O'Neal now...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: ...and you said, "I was the kid, uh, and you came to my second grade class, I asked you about strawberries."

And Shaquille O'Neal would be like, "Of course I remember you. I owe you one kiss on the cheek. I was just so befuddled in the moment..."

Griffin: Right.

Travis: "...by the specificity of your question, I forgot to give you a cheek kiss, as is my way."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Um, if I— if I saw Shaq, and I could ask him a question...

Travis: Uh-huh?

Justin: I'd like to think it'd be something urbane and erudite. But I think... it would just be kind of like a— I would just be so relieved to get the chance...

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: ...that it would be something like, "Where do I go from here, Shaq?"

Travis: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah!

Justin: You know what I mean? "Like, we're— hey, Shaq? [sighs] Where do we go from here?"

Griffin: "What's next?"

Justin: "What's next? Hey, Shaq, what's next?"

Travis: See, I think my question— I'd want it to be— I'd want it to be funny, right, and kind of like, ironic?

Justin: Oh, you'd wanna t— you wanna get him in stitches. [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, I want it to be like, "Did you ever fully become djinn?" Right, something like that?

Griffin: Yeah, that— he'd love that. Nobody's ever heard that one before.

Travis: But I think, in all honesty, if I now, even as a 37-year-old adult, ran into, uh, Mr. Shaquille O'Neal, I think— and someone, like, whispered into my ear, like, "You got one chance, one question."

I think it would just be like, "How's it going?" Like, I think that's the best—

Justin: You wouldn't do that. No, you would have something bet—Travis, I've got a microphone. I'm putting it to your face right now. Ask a question to Shaquille O'Neal. Don't think about it; just ask.

Travis: Um...

Justin: Travis? You're thinking.

Travis: You're right. Okay— hey, can you give that to me again, please?

Justin: Yeah. Travis, here's the microphone, I've got Shaquille O'Neal. Uh, hi, Travis. Uh, you can ask him one question.

Travis: What was it like to be beaten by Aaron Carter?

Justin: That is a fucking slam dunk. Now, I do appreciate that my metaphor was...

Griffin: It was good.

Justin: [crosstalk] good. I appreciate that that just came to me, but I would love, *love*, to force Shaq to relive the day that Aaron Carter...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [crosstalk] basketball.

Travis: Here's the thing – okay, it is occurring to me now, how many wonderful things, like, to—how many—there's *Shaq Fu*.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: There's "How I Beat Shaq."

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: There's *Kazaam*.

Griffin: There is *Kazaam*.

Travis: [crosstalk]—

Justin: [crosstalk] Papa John's thing thing, where he went and named 'em all to Shaqa John's, or whatever he called it.

Travis: He was in *Space Jam 1*, right?

Griffin: No.

Travis: Probably?

Griffin: He was not. He was in *Steel*, though. At— from *Steel*.

Travis: *Steel*! And what storied, like, able-to-be-referenced life Shaquille O'Neal has lead, and... [sighs]

Griffin: You don't have an ending to that thought, do you? You just—

Travis: No, I'm just so—

Justin: No, you just want to talk about how great Shaq is.

Travis: I mean, here's the thing: there will be people, like our question asker, who may have no idea that Shaquille O'Neal ever played basketball.

Griffin: Interesting.

Travis: Like, he is just the guy who's in that genie movie and played *Steel*...

Griffin: Right.

Travis: And he's in those general commercials. And remember that video game about him where, I believe, he beat up Godzilla or something? Like, that there so many things Shaquille O'Neal— he could have just been very good at basketball. And he said, "No, no. I have so much more Shaq to give. Let me do other, weirder things."

Griffin: Hey—

Justin: 2020, summer 2020, a woman has a blow out— tire has a blow out, uh, has to pull over the side of the road. Who's there to assist?

Griffin: Is it— is it Shaq?

Justin: It's Shaq!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Shaq pulls over to help. Shaq doesn't give— if there's any cars, he'll just punch 'em all away.

Travis: Right!

Justin: Protect everybody.

Griffin: Um, how about this— and this is – we’ve completely lost the plot of this question. I hope that’s okay. ‘Cause now we’re just kind of having fun with it, but what if they did, um, a new thing of *Deal or no Deal*. Or *Shaquille or No Deal*.

Travis: Ooh, I love that!

Griffin: *Shaquille or O’Neal* is another... [laughs]

Travis: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

Griffin: Um, that’s— that was a lot time tal— hey, guys, sometimes it’s just fun to talk about Shaq for a bit.

Travis: Yeah. We do it a lot.

Griffin: Oh, sure we do.

Justin: You guys—

Travis: Have you noticed that?

Griffin: Sure, we do. Do you want a Yahoo?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Okay. Um, this one was sent in by uh, Graham Roebuck. Thank you Graham, crush it. It’s from Yahoo Answers User Emily, who asks, “Why did nature mess with dolphins this bad?”

Travis: Yes, thank you.

Griffin: “They have to live in the water. They can’t walk, but they have to go up for air every 10 minutes? How could nature do that to them?” That sucks. Can you imagine—

Travis: I— I wish I could goof on this, but...

Justin: It sucks.

Travis: It’s pretty fucked up.

Griffin: What if you had to leave your house every 10 minutes to step outside and breathe, and then go back inside your house?

Travis: If it was like—

Justin: You’ve basically described the existence of a smoker.

Travis: More like, step outside, stick your head in that fountain...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Now come back inside.

Griffin: Oh, that’s right! It’s not even the same sort of... like, physical substance.

Travis: And it’s like, “Hey, can I bring it inside my house?”

“No, no, no, no. If you bring it there, it will immediately go away.”

Justin: It is— how did nature— okay. No, see, now I’m thinking about it...

Travis: Right?

Justin: If you're dolphins and you're trying to figure it out, [laughs] you have to say to the other dolphins, "Okay. You guys are gonna think I'm crazy, but I do think I've cracked it. We're supposed to be in both."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "Wait, what? Do you mean the dry or the wet?"

"No, no, no. this is the wild part. It's just gonna fuck with you. Both!"
Like, they have to be in the water for— nobody else has to do that!

Griffin: I mean, whales.

Justin: We do.

Griffin: Whales.

Travis: Turtles.

Griffin: Whales have to do that. Um...

Justin: Nobody else!

Griffin: I mean, there's probably a lot.

Justin: Dolphin's don't know about whales.

Griffin: You're right, but [crosstalk].

Travis: I'm pretty sure dolphins know about whales.

Griffin: Oh, my God, we've definitely...

Justin: You see a big— you see a fucking giant dolphin, you're gonna turn around and run. You're not gonna ask him his life story, and if he's in dry

and the wet the equal amount of time. No way. Dolphins don't know about whales.

Griffin: We have for sure had this exact discussion before, which is wild to me.

Justin: No, we haven't.

Travis: I think dolphins would hang out with whales; I don't think whales would hang out with dolphins.

Griffin: Absolutely not. They'd be afraid of—

Travis: I think whales would find dolphins a little much. You know what I mean? You're a whale, you're moving at your own pace, you're doing things, I guess just floating forward until you die, or make another, smaller you, because there's not, like— there's [crosstalk] or whatever.

Griffin: [crosstalk] to do, sure. Do you think—

Travis: And then you see a dolphin come over, and they're doing like, flips and tricks and shit, and you're like, "Oh, my God. Can you not?"

Griffin: "I'm gonna do that! Whoop, splash!" And then they post a video online that's like, "Look at this big whale do a jump out and do a huge splash."

And that whale sees the video, and he's like, "I was trying to do a cool flip like my friend dolphin."

Travis: Yes. [crosstalk] an asshole.

Griffin: Do you think that when dolphins— when dolphins see us in our scubas swimming around and, like, staying underwater for longer than 10— do you think dolphins ever trail scuba divers, like... "Jeremy, check this out!

That dude, he's been down here for like 20 fucking minutes, and I know he likes air. Like, I know he loves the air as much as we do. So like, what's going on?"

Travis: And it— the other side of that, though, is like, when they see a shark who can stay down the whole time? They're probably like, "What the fuck? Why can't— hey, why can't we do that?"

Justin: Yeah, it's not fair.

Travis: "Have we tried just staying— [labored breathing]"

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "I can't!"

Griffin: "They got cuts on `em that they do it through. So I guess... hey, cut me! Ow, fuck, that didn't work!"

Travis: "Nope, that's not it!"

Griffin: "Ah, shit, he's got a lot of cuts, though. Okay, do it six times real fast."

"Ow, fuck!" No, it's just me—

Travis: "Ow, ow, ow, ow, ow!"

Griffin: "Guys, the red is coming out."

Travis: "It's the inside wet. The inside wet!"

Griffin: "The inside wet's coming out, the air's not going in." Ah, man.

Travis: This sucks.

Griffin: There's a lot of shitty answers on this question, by the way. A lot of shitty answers.

Justin: Not surprising.

Griffin: "So dolphins have to breathe every 10 minutes? Why did nature mess with us? We have to breathe every few seconds; occasionally, we can hold our breath for a few minutes." Hey, dum-dum, hey.

Travis: That's not the point.

Griffin: That's not the fucking point.

Justin: You live in the dry!

Griffin: Someone else says, "Goodbye and thanks for all the fish." [blows raspberry] "42!" [makes fart noise]

Travis: [laughs] Pretty good, though, the one you said.

Justin: Does it say "Goodbye and thanks for all the fish?"

Griffin: Yeah, it's not even the right fucking—

Justin: Couldn't even get the line right. What a—

Griffin: But there is a rad pick, though, of uh, just the slimy... gray dolphin, he's poking out of the water, and he's got a big smile, and he says, "They look pretty happy to me!"

And I wanna tell that person, that just is kind of what their mouth looks like, and for all we know, this dolphin is uh, you know, a circus dolphin, and is probably not living its best life.

Justin: I— you know, okay, but...

Griffin: But...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: They do look happy.

Griffin: I mean, that— but again, Justin, I do want to say what I literally just said eight seconds ago.

Justin: Yeah, but they look happy. Is it possible that the balance...? Like, it's like, something we can learn from that, right?

Travis: But it's not balanced, Justin.

Justin: Don't spend all your time in one. Don't spend all your time in the wet or the dry. Find a balance.

Travis: But it's not balanced, Justin. They live 99 percent of the time in the wet.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: They can't— they're not like, rolling up on the land, walking around for the while, and then going back into the wet, Justin.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: They're in the wet, and they have to basically stick their backs up. Like, if every, you know, ten minutes, you had to push the back of back of your head through your wall to live, like, that fucking sucks! Like that's— it's—

Griffin: That sucks. It's not balanced.

Travis: It's not balanced!

Justin: Mm.

Griffin: [sighs]

Travis: And yet you're over here, telling me evolution is real, Justin. But if evolution's so real, then how come dolphins haven't evolved to breathe water?

Griffin: Well, because then we wouldn't be able to see 'em as much.

Travis: Oh, that's a good point.

Griffin: They evolved for— something for us. [crosstalk]

Travis: [crosstalk].

Justin: They miss us, too. Yeah, [crosstalk].

Travis: And that's our thing.

Justin: They evolved blowholes to come up and see us, to have an excuse.

Travis: So what you're saying, Justin, is there was a time when dolphins lived on land, and they hung out with human beings. And they said, "We want to spend a lot of time in the wet, but we don't wanna miss you entirely." And that's how they evolved?

Justin: Maybe. The order of— [laughs] The order of occurrences is something of a mystery.

Travis: So it might've been that they were underwater the whole time, and they said, "What's up there? I wanna be part of that world." And they

made a deal with Ursula, and Ursula gave `em a blowhole so they could come up and say hi. But she took their voice.

Griffin: Not again. God, I'm so sick of her.

Travis: I know, right? Ruins it for everybody.

Griffin: We have fun, but like, she took that lady's voice away.

Travis: She took her fucking voice away, so she can go see a man she never met— Ursula knew what the fuck was up. Ursula knew she wasn't coming back. A lot of people like to treat Ursula, like, the hero of the story, but I'm sorry, I think she's the villain.

Justin: Mm.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Well, she does get killed by a big boat.

Travis: That is true.

Justin: For her crimes.

Griffin: That's a fair point.

Travis: You guys ever think about what a shitty dad Triton was?

Griffin: He was not great.

Justin: I don't wanna talk about that.

Griffin: Should we go to the Money Zone?

Justin: Yeah!

Griffin: Great.

[theme song plays]

Travis: Hey, you wanna fill your belly?

Griffin: Uh—

Travis: Why not fill it with a Basket of Sun?

Griffin: Oh, okay. I was gonna say, it depends on what is going in there.

Travis: No, it's Sun. Pure sunshine. We've partnered with the best scientists at Sunbasket to bring you a basket full of pure photons. They're gonna fill your belly up, you're gonna eat sunlight.

Justin: It's not true. So stupid. It's not true.

Travis: It's sunlight.

Justin: No, it's not, Travis. It's delicious food that's sent to you, and then you make it, and it makes you happy. Last night, I had— I didn't— You wanna know something wild about Sunbasket?

Travis: What?

Justin: Here's what they sent me: chicken, romesco sauce, with green beans and tomatoes.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: I didn't th— I'm gonna be honest with you, I'm gonna say it right here, I didn't think I'd like it.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: But then I made it, and you know what happened?

Travis: Your belly filled with sunlight.

Justin: It was absolutely delicious! Just like every other meal that Sunbasket sends to me. They challenge me to think outside the box a little bit, by thinking inside the box. Whenever— every week I get a new box of Sunbasket ingredients, they sent a promo box, and you know what I did after I ate that promo box?

Griffin: What?

Justin: I just kept getting it. I'm paying for it, out of pocket, with my own money. That's how wild I am about Sunbasket. Delicious foods, uh, really in-depth recipes. You know, I love also about them is that you can switch out the proteins.

Travis: Get out.

Justin: So if like... if you want ground chicken, you don't like— I think chicken thighs are gross. Don't @ me.

Travis: What?

Justin: I switch...

Travis: That wasn't an @, Justin. I'm talking to you in real life.

Justin: Yeah, it's like a— it's like a spoken @.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Um, you want ground turkey, ground chicken, whatever you want, they'll sub in the proteins for you. You can even do like, tofu or something like that, if you wanna go meatless, they got the options.

Beyond the meal kits, they got these fresh and ready meals, which I now Griffin, you get into.

Griffin: Yeah, we're stocking up on those for uh, for some quick and easy and tasty dinners for once the baby gets here.

Justin: And right now, Sunbasket has a limited time offer. You can get 90 dollars off and four free gifts across your first four deliveries, including free shipping on the first box when you go right now to sunbasket.com/mybrother, and enter promo code "mybrother" at checkout. That's sunbasket.com/mybrother, and enter promo code "mybrother" at checkout. Offer expires on April 13th.

Travis: Uh I— so I've been doing some streaming recently, and I have noticed conclusively that if someone says, like, "Great shirt," or asks about my shirt, it is 100 percent a Stitch Fix shirt that I got from Stitch Fix. Because ever since I joined Stitch Fix and became, you know, like a Stitch Fix user, I guess I would say, my style game has improved exponentially. I think all of ours has, and I'm also wearing the most comfortable jeans I've ever had.

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Griffin: Well, they have shirts so comfortable you can sleep in 'em too, probably.

Travis: Yeah, but that's not impress— there are lots of shirts that I would sleep in. Most of them.

Justin: You can sleep in anything if you really believe in yourself, if you were willing to push yourself to the limits.

Travis: I mean, yes, you *could* sleep in anything. These are jeans you want to sleep in, is that better?

Griffin: One time, Criss Angel slept in a sweater.

Travis: Oh, boy.

Griffin: Fucking wild, man.

Travis: And it was hot outside, too.

Griffin: [crosstalk]

Travis: Yeah, yeah.

[upbeat, gentle music plays in background]

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Griffin: This is usually where the Munch Squad goes, so now we're all kind of floundering a bit. Do you want to read another question?

Justin: Yeah, I'd like that.

"When I was 13, a lawnmower I was using caught fire, and started a small—" [snorts] they got this in quotes, "'wildfire,' burning a little under an acre of land. Much to my embarrassment, this was then put on the news. And since it was a small town, everyone from my school knew it was me. I'm 23 now, but sometimes when I go back home, people will still sometimes joke, like, 'Hey, started any fires lately?'"

Travis: Good one.

Justin: It's a pretty good line. Good line.

"What can I do to take the heat off my history with fire, and maybe get known for something new? Any ideas are appreciated." That's from *Accidental Arsonist*. And they've got "Accidental" in quotes too, which I don't understand.

Griffin: Weird.

Travis: You're gonna need to stop some fires, I think.

Griffin: Ooh, that's good.

Travis: Yeah? Like, I feel like— well, I don't know how many fires you'd have to stop for it to balance out. Maybe five... stopped fires?

Griffin: I mean, one acre's worth of fire.

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: Which, depending on if you're in the city, that could be a lot of—that could be a whole bunch of fires. But we're not talking about *fire-fighting*...

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: There will no hoses, no extinguishers involved. I'm talking about, like, you see somebody smoking next to a cotton swab factory. And you say, "Stop it. Stop it."

Travis: "Hey, no, no, no. Don't do that. Don't you see this pile of sawdust you are sitting on top of? This is a terrible place to set off fireworks."

Griffin: A bad place, to have big smokes. "That's a cigar. That's a big, novelty-sized cigar like a wolf would smoke in a cartoon."

Justin: "He has such a big cigar. You're a baby."

Travis: "You're a baby, what are you doing with that cigar? How did you get into this sawdust pile, baby?"

Justin: "Hey, hey is this Tim Irr from the news? Listen, you better get out here, 'cause I'm about to stop a baby from smoking a huge cigar, and I feel like that's really gonna turn my rep around."

Travis: "And listen, this—"

Justin: "Can you bring a camera?"

Travis: "This is gonna sound like I staged it, but I promise I came upon this completely naturally. I did not give this baby a cigar, nor did I set it on top of this pile of sawdust."

Griffin: "Fuck, there's a whole baby cigar party happening! There's like four more babies with cigars I didn't even— Tim, get down here, man!"

Travis: "You gotta hurry!"

Justin: "Come get down here, bring Rob Johnson..."

Griffin: "Bring the camera crew!"

Justin: "...call Spencer Adkins. Get everybody, the whole crew!"

Travis: "Get everybody down here; this is wild!"

Justin: "Get Bill Murray; get the whole team out here."

Travis: "No, not that Bill Murray. The Bill Murray that was a newscaster in the hometown where we grew up!"

Griffin: [crosstalk]

Justin: "The Bill Murray from WSAZ. God."

Travis: "Come on!"

Griffin: "Oh, you're not coming?" Okay, see, now you've gotta start your own television news station or newspaper.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Like, "Hey, this is— this is Bob Stevenson with the Bob Stevenson dispatch, and oh boy, I've done it again. Stopped another baby cigar fire at the sawdust factory. This paper is free. Please just read it, and give it to everyone you know."

Travis: Well, I mean, you could start a YouTube channel. Those are easy. Everybody's got a YouTube channel now, right? Where you're just going around, stopping... baby fires.

Griffin: "Thanks for subscribing to my newsletter! Didn't stop any fires this week, but watch this space! I'm out there. Email me at my tip line if you see anybody doing bad fire stuff."

Travis: "No difficult fires, though, please. I don't have any resources."

Justin: Do you have a sort of— is this a sort of town where just having your own YouTube would make you, like, the YouTube guy?

Travis: Ooh!

Griffin: Oh, that's fun.

Justin: Like, [crosstalk] the fire guy?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: He's the one with the YouTube.

Travis: "Started any YouTube channels lately?"

"I did, actually. Three more."

Griffin: I mean, we had to go become big podcasters so we could just stop being Clint's kids.

Travis: That's true.

Griffin: "Oh, here come Clint's kids. Up to no good. Apple doesn't fall far from the tree, huh?"

Like, I'm my own guy, actually. Like, I do— I do a bunch of stuff that has nothing to do with my dad.

Travis: Yeah, I worked pretty hard to become the non-video game brother.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: But now I'm blowing it with this Twitch thing— oh, no, I just realized.

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Oh, no. I'm gonna become the video game brother.

Justin: No, you're still the beard brother.

Travis: Oh, thank you. That means a lot to me.

Justin: You can hear the beard on the microphone.

Travis: Thank you so much.

Griffin: Just scratchy and rough.

Travis: Thank you.

Justin: You could start other bigger fires, then maybe people would learn to watch their fucking mouths.

Griffin: Oh, that's cool.

Travis: Or own it! And someone's like, "Did you start any fires recently?"

Like, "I did!"

Justin: "I did, at your house. Go home."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "You better go check on your dad."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Go check on your dad!"

Travis: Ah, yes. That's Fire Boy's catchphrase, don't you know? "Go check on your dad!"

Griffin: Is it possible to say it was a controlled burn? And that...

Justin: [bursts out laughing]

Griffin: ...they don't get it.

Justin: "I'm an amateur fire person."

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: "This is a controlled burn. I had it *completely* under control."

Griffin: Right.

Travis: "Yeah. Don't you see how I put quotes around 'wildfire'? Ha, more like 'mildfire.' That's just a little joke in the controlled fire industry."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "Now, you're asking, 'Is a broken lawnmower the typical device we use to start our controlled burns?' And that just shows how ignorant you are."

Justin: [laughs] "Have you read any books about starting controlled burns lately?"

Griffin: "What do you think? People just throw their broken lawnmowers in the garbage when they're done with them? No."

Travis: "What a waste."

Griffin: "What a tremendous waste. Were there several small businesses located in this one acre that also burned down? Yeah. That's part of the control, dude!"

Travis: "I had to burn them down to make room for new businesses."
[laughs]

Justin: "Those have— those have sprinklers! It's easier to control it!"

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "Think about if it was just trees, you idiot!"

Travis: And they ha—

Justin: "They don't burn so quick!"

Travis: "They had to get some insurance money! It's all part of the plan!"

Justin: "It's all part of the plan."

Griffin: Um...

Justin: "They were in on it; we were all in on it."

Travis: "And aren't you enjoying that new Mexican restaurant that they built on the burned-up ground that I burned up? You're welcome! Enjoy your enchiladas!"

Griffin: What about the—

Justin: "It's a natural part of the—"

Griffin: "What about the part of the wildlife preserve that burned down too? That one was an accident, but everybody's allowed to make a few accidents, huh?"

Justin: "Yeah, I'm human! I'm a human being!"

Griffin: "I'm a human being! And those were very rare birds."

Travis: Yep.

Griffin: "Now they're more rare, and the people who have those birds have more money in their pocket, so they're not complaining, huh?"

Justin: "Hey, what about the kinds of animals that... eat ashes?"

Travis: Yep!

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "They gotta get their bellies full too, right?"

Travis: Yes! "And to be fair, I thought those birds were phoenixes, and if that had been the case, this all would've been totally cool, wouldn't it? So I guess you're the jerk now, Steven."

Justin: "What if you lost your keys? They're easier to find now."

Travis: "And I know that your car was also parked in there, and so that is kind of a moot point, and I understand that..."

Justin: "I'm sorry."

Travis: "...but that's part of the control!"

Justin: Uh, Griffin, do you have another Yahoo?

Griffin: I do, I do. This one was also sent in by Graham Roebuck. Thank you! Uh, it's Yahoo Answers User Sorry, who asks, "How can a font be sexy?"

Travis: Ooh!

Griffin: "On multiple font websites, I have seen 'sexy' as a category. But they are just letters? What is happening?"

Travis: Oh, come on! Stop being willfully obtuse. You know the answer to this. If you saw a— let's see, if you saw— if you got a love letter in papyrus, right, you would be like, "Oh, okay. Whatever," right? But if you saw one—

Griffin: "What, did this letter get sent through time from like, ancient Egypt or some shit?"

Travis: Right, right, right.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And I'm pulling this off the top of my head, and I'm not looking, but sans-serif sounds sexy?

Griffin: Yeah, sans-serif is probably...

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: ...it's up there. I think that that was the one that they sort of—they had sexiness in mind when they were developing this—this font.

Travis: Mm, nah, that's not very good. What's the se— I'm just gonna type in "sexy font," and then look away.

Griffin: Ooh, ooh!

Justin: Travis, type "sexy fonts," and then just go for it.

Griffin: Helveti—

Travis: Okay. Gonna type "sexy font."

Griffin: Helvetica!

Travis: Helvetica sounds— now—

Griffin: I would love to kiss Helvetica.

Travis: Ooh, Cassandra!

Griffin: Hello, Cassandra. That's kind of sexy, yeah. I love, in all of these promotions, where they're like, showing what the font looks like. Even in the sexy fonts, it's like, "[sensual voice] Mm, the quick... brown [extended] fox... [whispering] jumps over the lazy dog."

Travis: Oh, that would be a sexy font. If anyone's looking to design a sexy font, make it so any time you put a single X, it's immediately three X's.

Griffin: [laughs] [normally] That's really good, yeah.

Travis: You can only type three X's at the time.

Griffin: Yeah, and while we're at it, just every M becomes three M's.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: That could—that's something.

"The quick brown fox ju-[makes strained sensual sound]." And then there's a period. [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: The sentence ends. [laughs] That's a cool font, when it like, actually changes the syntax of the sentence itself.

Travis: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

Justin: Um, so on this typography website, they got like, reviews for the different fonts.

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: They have this to say about Archer: "Sweet, but not saccharine."

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: "Earnest, but not grave. Archer is designed to hit just the right notes of forthrightness, credibility, and charm."

Travis: Ooh, I like that!

Justin: It's nice, right? It makes you feel like, "Mm, maybe! Maybe it's the right font for me."

Travis: Now, I have here—I found one that's just called "luxurious sexy," which...

Justin: Oh, yeah!

Griffin: Well, I bet you could find a font called any—I bet you could find a font called, like...

Travis: I'm gonna look—

Justin: Star Wars.

Travis: Well, yes, sure, but I...

Griffin: [bursts out laughing] That's not what I was gonna say, but alright.

Justin: Yeah, if you like *Star Wars*, I bet there's even a *Star Trek* one too.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Either one—or no matter which one you like, I bet we could offer you.

Travis: I like Travis. I like the Travis font.

Griffin: There's a Travis font.

Justin: W—guys, what could be better fodder for a comedy audio podcast... than—

Griffin: Talking about what letters look like? Yeah, it's probably...

Justin: Yeah, talking about what letters look like is good. I hope the quarantine goes on forever!

Travis and Griffin: [burst out laughing]

Justin: Just me talking here, but I love having all my meals come to me in metal boxes! Hurray! [air horn blares]

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Lin texted me to tell me there's gonna be a Peeps-Pepsi mashup. Peeps and Pepsi are joining forces to create marshmallow soda.

Griffin: That's gross.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Gross!

Justin: It's gross, right?

Travis: I'd rather have cola Peeps, please.

Justin: It's a marshmallow cola. It comes in a three-pack of little seven-and-a-half ounce cans. Now, you can't... you can't buy `em at the fucking store... but you can tweet the hashtag "hanging with my peeps."

Travis: Oh, boy.

Justin: And you can enter it to win the sweepstakes. And you're supposed to show yourself enjoying your favorite springtime activities, quote, "in a safe, socially-distant manner."

Griffin: Incentivizing in the Krispy Kreme way. Safe—[laughs] COVID-safe behaviors.

Justin: Right, safety. Now, let's get a little deeper here. Todd Kaplan, the— Pepsi's VIP of marketing, says, "After what has been a very difficult year..."

Travis: Oh, boy.

Justin: "...many consumers are looking for new things to smile about, so we make very sweet Pepsi." [laughs]

Travis: Can I—

Justin: "Just for them."

Travis: Just—just because I wanna put a pin in it real quick...

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: ...I just want to point out that I think in the QSR and food update kind of Munch Squad world, the new thing isn't going to be "This *has* been a difficult year," it's going to be "After a difficult year."

And it will be all about, like, “Now that we’ve turned the corner— after a difficult year, things just need to—” It’s gonna be that over and over and over again in some form.

Griffin: Yeah. Um...

Travis: I’m not very good at business, ask anybody, but how come these businesses keep announcing these things, and then saying, “But you can’t buy them; you have to like, win them.”

Justin: Because it’s just to get you— it’s the new, and I guess Munch Squad is part of it, you know, Munch Squad is to blame, but it’s like, you don’t actually have to do the thing. If you just say you’re gonna do the thing, and then make people tweet about it, then you get all the attention...

Griffin: Yeah! It’s bullshit!

Justin: ...without actually having to like, make a bajillion of them and get logistics going and shit like that. It’s infuriating.

Griffin: Don’t tell me that you’re gonna make ketchup that looks like some dude’s arm, and then it’s like, “You have to send it in a self-addressed stamped envelope with fucking bitcoins inside of it.” Like, sell that shit in stores. Fucking stop it. Stop making me jump through hoops; be brave and trash your brand...

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: ...by making this gross soda, and make some poor person accidentally buy it...

Justin: [laughs] Go to the dumpster.

Griffin: ... and then come home, and be like, "This soda fucking *sucks!*" Have somebody accidentally buy your shitty marshmallow soda, cowards.

Justin: [laughs] "We let Ed Sheeran make ketchup for us." Then fucking—

Griffin: Then do it!

Justin: Give him tomatoes and spices and sugar, and let Ed Sheeran make—

Griffin: And not a little bit!

Travis: You have to mass produce whatever he makes.

Griffin: Yes!

Justin: Yes, a million of them!

Griffin: Send him a million tomatoes, and say, "Ball's in your court, Ed!"

"Aw, man, did you try some of this new ketchup? It tastes like shitty tomato water."

"Yeah, that's because Ed Sheeran squished it with his own feet, and then we had to sell it at Kroger's."

Travis: "Because that was the deal we made with Ed Sheeran."

Justin: [laughs] "Will you make Ed Sheeran ketchup?"

"If you promise to sell it for 100 years."

Travis: "Ooh, okay."

Justin: [laughs] "I want it— I want it to replace real ketchup."

Griffin: [laughing]

Travis: “Ooh, Ed Sheeran, you drive a hard bargain. Okay, yep, okay. This’ll be Heinz 58, we’re throwing out the last one. This is the new one. It’s all— we’re not even gonna name you on the bottle. Like, it’s just—we’re just gonna call this ‘new ketchup,’ and you just happened to be the person who made it.”

“Sounds good to me. I’m Ed Sheeran.”

Griffin: “I dipped my French fries in Ed Sheeran’s ketchup juice, and it was disgusting.”

“Well, that’s because we’re just going to have to find a new way to enjoy ketchup now. ‘Cause ketchup means—”

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: “Ketchup means something else. Pepsi needs something else now. It’s not a refreshing brown beverage that you enjoy with a pizza. Now it’s a different thing that you have to use a different way.”

Travis: “Now it’s a joke that we all have to live with.”

Justin: “We actually fucked up so bad. Because of the new law that Biden put in where you have to really do the things you say you’re going to, there’s no Pepsi anymore. It’s just an Instagram filter. You can’t drink it; it’s a filter.”

Travis: “And we fucked up, don’t get it twisted.”

Justin: “We fucked up.”

Travis: “It was a bad idea that we did, but we said we’d do it, and this is it. Anyways, are you hiring?”

Griffin: Oh, boy.

Travis: Oh, boy.

Griffin: Um, was this a Ya— what was this?

Justin: Here's a new question. "Last Halloween, my wife and I never got around to carving the pumpkin our best friend bought us. Instead of tossing it, our friend hid it in our bathtub as a joke, slash gentle reminder to carve it. Unfortunately, my wife and I proceeded to keep it in the tub while using the tub as usual for the next four months? It was surprisingly useful for many tub-related—" Is this where we're at?!

Griffin: What does that mean?!

Justin: "It was surprisingly useful for many tub-related activities." What do you do in the tub?! "Flash forward to yesterday, and the pumpkin – you guys are never gonna believe this – was rotted in the dang tub, hasn't it? I cleaned it all up, but in the process, a not insignificant amount of pumpkin seeds and guts went down the already-poorly-functioning drain. If this causes a plumbing issue, how do we explain it to the landlord without telling him we kept a pumpkin in the tub for four months? This is a large claw-foot tub with a showerhead hookup, if that reference was needed," it wasn't.

That's from Punknd— Pumpki— It's from a person who needs some help. And help on a scale that may be grander than we can offer.

Griffin: [bursts out laughing]

Travis: I think the best course, just the best course of events really—

Justin: Really think, Trav?

Griffin: Travis, really, really think.

Justin: Trav, really—you really—

Travis: You have to remember I do these questions, right? So I saw this...

Griffin: Right.

Travis: ...hours ago. I've had time to process it, boys.

And the thing is, I think you are going to get the most, uh, leeway by just telling the landlord of what you did.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "We left a pumpkin in the tub for four months, while tubbing around it."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "And some things went bad!"

Griffin: "Doing the usual tub stuff that we found the pumpkin to be surprisingly complementary to."

Travis: "We're in there, thumping around, and it rotted away. It got in the ding-dang drain, didn't it? This one's on us, and if you want to add an extra 20 dollars to our rent for the next couple months, we totally understand."

Griffin: "Totally get it. For a pumpkin surcharge. The usual. The usual pumpkin mistake surcharge, please."

Justin: "What's your usual— excuse me, is this landlord? What's your usual rate for making a pumpkin mistake?"

Travis: Hypothetically speaking.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: “And is that kind of something that I could purchase prophylactically?”

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: “I noticed here that there is, in the lease, a listing for pet addendum.”

Griffin: Mm.

Justin: Right. “My pet’s a pumpkin that lives in my tub.”

Travis: Yes. “And he had an [laughs] accident.”

Griffin: [through laughter] “He had—”

Justin: He had an accident of dying.

Griffin: [laughing quietly]

Justin: And so we need emergency here.

“Excuse me, is this landlord? There is an emergency here, it is of a pumpkin variety, and this is covered in my lease, I bet.”

Travis: [laughs] So what was the—

Justin: “And if it’s not specifically in the lease, that’s a relief for me, honestly.”

Griffin: "Can you forward me the list of things we are allowed to get stuck in the tub drain, please? And is pumpkins one of them? You could just tell me that."

Justin: "What are some things that you allow in tub?"

Travis: [laughs] "Oh, you don't have a comprehensive list. Hm, seems like a lack of forethought on your part."

Justin: [laughs] "Do you recall— excuse me, this is Dillup, in the apartment you have. Do you remember a green, uh, mutually-beneficial list of things that can go in tub?"

Travis: "Mm? You remember."

Justin: "You remember. Okay. We're verified."

Griffin: "Is there a limit to how long I was allowed to keep pumpkin in tub? Because I will tell you, for future reference, four months is too long."

Justin: [laughs] "To be fair— to be fair, sir, before you get all high and mighty about it, to be fair, if you noticed that the pumpkin had not been removed from my home by December, that would've been the moment for you to speak up, as my landlord."

Griffin: Mm-hm.

Justin: "If you were really paying attention to the property."

Travis: "And to be fair, you take a tub in my apartment every week, so you must've noticed, right?"

Griffin: It's— it— I'm sorry. I wanna engage here, I wanna have fun. But like, once I've used a footbath...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: ... in Japan that had, like, yuzu fruit floating in it, and it made the water smell – and oranges – and it made the water smell pretty good that I had my— that I had my feet in, and it was revitalizing.

This pumpkin, I cannot imagine, served a similar purpose and also was something you had to bathe *around*. It's so big, a pumpkin is!

Travis: I understand your confusion, Griffin. Uh, it's a large claw-foot tub with a showerhead hookup, so I think that that kind of—clears it up.

Justin: That clarify— yeah, that actually makes a lot of sense.

Griffin: So you were showering in there, and just, you had pumpkin... and—

Travis: And it has claw feet. And the tub has claw feet.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Oh! Okay.

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: The claw feet.

Travis: Yeah, it's because of the claw feet, sometimes a pumpkin's just gonna get lost in there, you know?

Griffin: So I guess let's just take turns apologizing.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: 'Cause we fucked up. We didn't realize the club had claw feet. I thought it was a built-in. I'm sorry. Hey, I'm sor—

Travis: It's not a built— it's a standalone deal with a showerhead hookup.

Griffin: I'm sorry. Aw, man. I— aw, now. Now who left a pumpkin in the tub? Still you!

Justin: [laughs quietly]

Griffin: Actually!

Travis: We don't know how big a pumpkin— it could've been one of those small, like, you know, paint a funny face on it and put it on like, you know, the table by the door.

Griffin: No, no, it's a big pumpkin.

Justin: It's big. It's big. You don't send a question like this to us if it's not a full-ass pumpkin.

Travis: Yeah, it would've head over to ask John and Hank. You know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: They handle the tiny pumpkin stuff.

Justin: They handle that. Yeah, hey— um, I think it's *Dear Hank and John*, but great try.

Griffin: [laughs loudly]

Travis: No, they started a second show.

Justin: Sure.

Hey, let's talk about this for a second: I'm gonna keep drilling down on parts of this until it seems less insane.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: "Flash forward to yesterday, and the pumpkin is rotting in the tub." Let me hold up for just one second. You don't get to flash forward to the pumpkin that's rotten in the tub.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You go in the tub every single day. You did not come in one day and like, "Holy shit, look what happened to our pristine pumpkin!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: No, that's not how it should've—

Griffin: A swarm of locusts did not fly in through the window and fuck your pumpkin up over, like, a two-hour period.

Travis: And, question asker—

Justin: You didn't lift it up for one of your regular bathtub activities...

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: ...and the bottom just fell out.

Travis: Were you using it as a loofa? You could tell me; I'm not going to be angry.

Griffin: You would—you would certainly notice at what point in the decompositional process, in which we—

Justin: Yeah. Any sponginess whatsoever, it should've been sign one that this pumpkin was...

Griffin: Four months is a *tremendous* amount of time for a pumpkin to be...

Justin: Huge.

Griffin: ... extant.

Travis: Not to continue the scrutiny, question asker, but "In the cleaning process, a not insignificant amount of pumpkin seeds and guts went down the already poorly-functioning drain." How loosey-goosey was your cleaning process...

Griffin: Yep.

Travis: ...that it was getting pushed into the drain, and you just thought, "Well, cost of doing business."

Justin: "Well."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: That's the number one area you gotta defend.

Travis: Right?

Justin: If you are claiming— I leave a pumpkin out on the— out in front of the house for three days past Halloween, and it has deflated. It is a deflated pumpkin sitting out there. There is no way, no way it made it four months in a tub. Absolutely not.

Travis: Maybe you've hit on a new pumpkin preservation technique...

Griffin: Mm!

Travis: ...whereby, you know, getting some Fruitastic shampoo on it or whatever, you're gonna keep it alive a little bit longer!

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah.

Travis: We should all be submerging our pumpkins.

Justin: So if you want to preserve your pumpkins – you can only find 'em usually that one time of year, so it's nice to have a pumpkin on hand for spring, to really welcome the Easter bunny in a way that's gonna fuck him up.

Travis: [laughs] Yup.

Griffin: You're right.

Justin: You really wanted to confuse that cat.

Hey, listen, thanks so much for listening to our podcast. We hope you've enjoyed yourself. We're gonna be— I guess this is the last one before we head into a bit of a hiatus, is that [crosstalk]?

Griffin: Yes, it will be uh... strange for a while.

Justin: Yeah. We got some other fun, weird stuff for you, though, um, and things are turning around, you know? They're turning around here on Earth, and I think brighter days are ahead, if that's any consolation to you. That's where I'm at right now.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Okay!

Justin: Yeah. Here's hoping. Um, thank you to—uh, you for joining us, once again.

Travis: Uh, and we wanna tell you, we got a lot of cool merch over in the merch store. We're running out of time for that uh, March merch pin of the month, "It's sausage to me," which benefits Feeding Texas. You can also check out the *Empty Bowl* pin. That one is evergreen, so that is not a monthly pin. Uh, as well as the "20-big-dog-run" pin is gonna be there.

Uh, go preorder *The Adventure Zone: Crystal Kingdom* graphic novel. You can preorder that at theadventurezonecomic.com. It comes out July 13th.

Um, I've been doing a Twitch channel for a while now, [twitch.tv/thetravismcelroy](https://www.twitch.tv/thetravismcelroy). Don't forget to check out our YouTube channel, if you haven't done that in a while. Just search "McElroy family," and you'll find it.

Thank you to Montaigne!

Griffin: Yes!

Travis: For creating our wonderful new theme music, which we love very much.

Griffin: Yes. Uh, it's called "My Life (Is Better With You)!" and uh, go check out all of Montaigne's music uh, and make sure that you support her during Eurovision. Is there, like, a phone vote system?

Justin: Not— I don't think us Americans can get in on it.

Griffin: Damn it!

Travis: Aw, man.

Griffin: Damn it!

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Okay, well...

Travis: Just another thing we're kept out of.

Griffin: Right. Um, do you all want a final Yahoo?

Justin: Please.

Griffin: Okay, this final Yahoo was sent in by Merit Palmer. Uh, it's a very good one. Thank you, Merit. It's an anonymous— oh, no, it's John. The Yahoo Answers User John, asks, "Why is the company called Johnson and Johnson, and not The Two Johnsons?"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] 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 song plays]

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