

## MBMBaM 420: Funeral For a Friend

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[somber instrumentals play]

**Justin:** [singing] Isn't it rich? Are we a pair? Me here at last, on the ground, and you in midair. Where are the clowns?

Isn't it bliss? Don't you approve? One who keeps staring around, and one who can't move.

Where are the clowns? There ought to be clowns. Just when I stopped... opening doors. Finally knowing the one that I wanted was yours. Making my entrance again, with my usual flair. Sure of my lines, no one is there.

Don't...

**Travis:** [spoken] Okay.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[instrumentals continue]

**Justin:** [singing] ...you love a farce? It's my fault, I fear...

**Travis:** Hey, Griffin, can I tell you something?

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** [singing] I thought that you'd want what I want. I'm sorry, my dear.

**Travis:** [simultaneously] Here's what's weird. I was gonna do a musical number too.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I'm glad it was this, though. It makes—there's a—

**Justin:** [singing] Where are the clowns?

**Griffin:** There's a logic to it.

**Travis:** Yeah, but it's also, like, really long.

**Justin:** [singing] Send in the clowns.

**Griffin:** And honestly, in the circles we move in, Travis, it's not out of the question that we would meet Stephen Sondheim one day.

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

**Justin:** [singing] Don't bother. They are here.

**Griffin:** I would be, like, pissed off if [crosstalk].

**Travis:** Do you think this song has been used at a funeral before?

[instrumentals continue]

**Travis:** It feels like a weird thing to say at a funeral, like, "The clowns are already here."

**Justin:** [mumbling].

**Griffin:** Sure.

[instrumentals hitch, continue]

**Griffin:** Did you just fast-forward in the middle of our eulogy song?

**Justin:** [singing] Isn't it rich?

**Travis:** Is like, the corpse one of the clowns? Is that what he's saying?

**Justin:** [singing] Isn't it queer?

**Griffin:** Let him—you have to let him finish.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** [singing] Losing my timing this late in my career?

**Travis:** I mean, his singing is wonderful.

**Griffin:** It sounds good.

**Justin:** [singing loudly] Where are the clowns? There ought to be clowns!

Well.

**Griffin:** Where—

**Justin:** [spoken] Maybe...

**Travis:** Oh?

**Justin:** ...next year.

**Travis:** Oh. Well, you got me so excited for clowns.

[instrumentals end]

**Griffin:** And it's always next year with the song. It's never like, "And here they are, enjoy."

**Travis:** Yeah. I—

**Griffin:** Alright. Um—

**Travis:** Now, this is never a note I've given someone at their funeral, Justin – kind of milking it.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Kind of milking... [laughs]

**Griffin:** Making a real meal out of it.

**Justin:** Mm. Good note, good note, thank you. And welcome, everyone, to *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, an advice show for the modern era, episode 420, funeral for a fiend. My name is Justin McElroy, and I'm your oldest brother.

**Travis:** Uh, I'm Travis "Big Dog Woof-woof" McElroy. And just a quick note, it was—it says "friend" there, Justin. Funeral for a friend.

**Justin:** My mistake. That's—that—my mistake.

**Griffin:** I'm looking at the—this is Griffin. I'm looking now at the website. Um... and I'm reading some things that people have written about, let's just say, current events, that aren't in the best taste.

**Justin:** Mm.

**Griffin:** And so I'm—and I'm over here, like, "Let me dunk on them like a brave internet warrior," and I go to click the answer button. Let me do it again and again. Yeah, it's grayed out, because that function is no longer... available to us, as of today, April 20—April the 20th, the funny weed day.

**Travis:** [snorts]

**Griffin:** But there's nothing funny today...

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** ...because I can't answer—I can't answer on Yahoo Answers. So what is it now? Is it just Yahoo read `ems? Yahoo—Yahoo—

**Travis:** Nobody can smoke uh, any of their weed today, 'cause it's all soaked with tears, and it won't—it won't light.

**Griffin:** And a l—a lot of people have wanted us to do this episode for a long time, and we've told them there's nothing very funny about weed, and...

**Justin:** [through laughter] This website does suck, though! I just logged on too, with Griffin's prompting.

**Griffin:** No, yeah, it's such—it [crosstalk].

**Justin:** I was about to get pretty maudlin, and then [laughs] I just logged on to the front page, and it's a bad website that will not be missed.

**Travis:** I never—I've never gone to Yahoo Answers in all this time.

**Justin:** Don't start now, baby!

**Travis:** Well, no—

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** Maybe check it out in, like, 2011.

**Travis:** But if I don't start now, Justin, when would I start?

Okay, let's see. [Answers.yahoo.com](http://Answers.yahoo.com), read-only mode, okay...

**Griffin:** You don't wanna [crosstalk]—this is not an endorsement [crosstalk] not a great time.

**Justin:** I would.

**Travis:** Oh, boy!

**Griffin:** Yeah. It's a lot of people who are like, "Let me get all up on, and be the last one to turn the light out and say the worst shit, so that it'll be sort of the epitaph."

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Griffin:** But let's—this is now—this episode's the epitaph for Yahoo Answers.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Our—our—

**Justin:** We've done the media.

**Griffin:** Our dead friend.

**Justin:** We've been doing media about it—I wrote a piece for *Esquire* about it—

**Griffin:** Sure. Right, yeah.

**Justin:** We did uh, did uh, uh—

**Travis:** I went on an ABC News radio.

**Justin:** Yes, Travis did an ABC News radio. I did uh, there was a *New York Times* piece that talked to me about it.

**Griffin:** I wrote a feature for *Le Monde*, but you probably didn't read that, because it was French.

**Justin:** [lowly] Do you read *Le Monde*? [laughs]

**Griffin:** And this 15-year-old website's dead, and um, I've been in a genuine stupor since the news hit. My son was born, and then a day later, my website... died. And so it was kind of a—

**Travis:** Oh, so I see what you're saying, Griffin. He's the—he's the reincarnation of Yahoo Answers.

**Justin:** If it had been flipped one day, it would've been so, like, the soul...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...would have left Yahoo Answers and inhabited the son, but that's not—that's not possible.

**Travis:** Well, Justin, everyone knows that babies don't get souls until their second day. Come on, dude!

**Justin:** Yeah, that's fine.

**Griffin:** That's true. [sighs] Oh, boy. Um, so we're just—I guess we're just free-forming it. It's uh—it's a tra—it's a tragic thing for—I mean, for us, because the content—

**Travis:** For us.

**Griffin:** The content will be more difficult to produce, categorically. Um, this was half the show. [laughs] On a b—on a good day, half the show.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Um...

**Travis:** And some might say, the good half.

**Griffin:** The good half of it. No, it's—you know, we'll find a way to patch—patch this quilt together.

**Justin:** I wanna say—let's take it all the way back.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** To the beginning of this relationship. Because when we started *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, it was April of 2010, so it's been...

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** ...uh... like—

**Griffin:** 11.

**Justin:** 11 years, almost exactly. Um, and uh, we didn't even note that—that particular anniversary. Such a wild time it's been.

Um, but uh, it was April 2010, and I had hosted the *Joystiq* podcast before this, and we had a nice following of great people from that, but we were worried it wouldn't be enough to have a consistent base of questions for our advice show that we had cooked up. So I think it was Griffin hit on the idea of including—answering questions from Yahoo Answers, to give advice for those people.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And it has been pretty much a consistent split between Yahoo and our listeners, um, since the beginning.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** Since the I—since the jump. It has been there with us through, uh, different hosts, uh...

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...it's been there with us through different music, it's been there with us through different, uh, cities that we have lived in. Through live shows, and uh, at-home recordings...

**Griffin:** Yeah.



**Travis:** Through all three Travises.

**Justin:** Yeah, all the Travises.

**Griffin:** Yeah. When the three—yeah. They keep dying. [laughs] It's like —

**Travis:** Well, what are you gonna do, you know?

**Griffin:** Well, just stop—just stop the lifestyle that you're...

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Well—

**Griffin:** Um—

**Travis:** Ehh.

**Griffin:** I did just want to say, I was looking at—I was reading the Wiki page for Yahoo Answers, which, date of birth, June 28th of 2005. Um, and it's in so many different languages, I didn't even know that. And it says "Dissolved for May 2021, in 13 days' time," it says. So now Wikipedia has a death clock.

**Travis:** Wow.

**Griffin:** But the thing that really hit me is down under "in popular media." It says "The comedy advice podcast *My Brother, My Brother and Me* features a recurring segment in which cohost Griffin McElroy selects and reads a particularly humorous or outrageous question from Yahoo Answers. The hosts then discuss an attempt to answer the question, to comedic effect."

First of all, thank you, Wikipedia. Second of all, there's a link here, and you know how it has, like, the numeric references at the bottom of the page, uh, of the Wikipedia article? The uh, sentence here, we have the 69th reference link here, and it's just—

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Griffin:** Is there a sign—like, God’s real, and he’s here, in Yahoo Answers, and this Wikipedia page.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I guess is all I’m trying to say.

**Travis:** Can I just say that I—I think that even beyond content...

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** ...I think we owe a certain life debt to Yahoo Answers for unlocking, within the three of us, our shared love of both ghosts and horses.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Travis:** Like, I feel like we never would’ve come to that...

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Travis:** ...if it weren’t for Yahoo Answers.

**Griffin:** Um, [sighs] so we’re—we’re trying to find a way to fill in this... hole in our—in our heart, which is bad to have in your heart. Like, I’ve talked to doctors about it, ‘cause I felt like a literal hole has been punched into my heart by the evil corporate guys at Yahoo, or whatever sort of corporate company owns Yahoo at this point. I haven’t followed it very closely.

**Travis:** It was pretty mean of them to make this decision just to hurt you, Griffin. I’m sorry about that.

**Griffin:** Sucks. Yeah.

**Travis:** I don’t know why they...

**Griffin:** Um, yeah, and really robbed me of all the joy of my new—of my bab—of my new baby. But that’s—that’s something—

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I’m working—that’s my cross to bear, right? They didn’t—they probably didn’t know that. Um—

**Travis:** Do you regret naming your baby Yahoo Junior now?

**Griffin:** I regret naming him Yahoo Answers Forever... Jokes.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And—because it wasn’t true. We got 15 years.

**Justin:** I f—I got a Yahoo. I got a Yahoo for you.

**Travis:** What?

**Griffin:** Do you?

**Justin:** Yeah, I—I’ve always wanted to try it, and...

**Griffin:** Oh, sure, sure, stretch your legs!

**Justin:** I’ve always wanted to try one.

**Griffin:** Yeah, explore the space.

**Justin:** And this is, like, gonna be my last chance. Yahoo Answers [laughs] is shutting down today, as we’re recording this, 4/20. Not shutting down, shutting down. It’s no longer accepting new...

**Travis:** Read-only.

**Justin:** It’s read-only. It’s—I do not understand the period where you’re like, “I just need a while to soak it in.” [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Before you pull the plug.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Reading—reading's one of my top two favorite things to do on Yahoo Answers.

**Justin:** But this is—this was posted *two days ago*...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "Does anyone know what's going on with legendary actor Danny Glover? I haven't heard anything about him in a while. I'm getting kind of worried."

**Griffin:** Yeah, I don't know—I don't know, Yahoo. And you know what sucks? You know what sucks, guys?

**Travis:** What?

**Griffin:** I'll fucking never know.

**Justin:** Yeah. You'll nev—you'll never know.

**Griffin:** Like, where am I supposed to—what are—where am I supposed to get that from, do you know what I mean?

**Justin:** No. Yeah.

The first answer is "There are no legends that I am aware of that make mention of Danny Glover." [laughs]

**Travis:** Well, bullshit!

**Griffin:** That's not—that's simply...

**Justin:** It's not true. Second answer, "Google his name, and while you're at it, google Mel Gibson too. Haven't heard anything about him for a while!"

**Travis:** That's actually fine. That's all fine.

**Griffin:** That's—we're okay with that.

**Justin:** Yeah. And then lastly, from Question Mark, "He's still filming movies."

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** [laughs] Okay.

**Griffin:** Alright. But see, that's—

**Justin:** [crosstalk] we're gonna lose out on.

**Griffin:** Right, exactly!

**Justin:** No more of this?

**Griffin:** Question Mark, like Indiana Jones, reached in under the closing door...

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** ...and saw the hat of truth there, and was like, "He's still in movies!" He grabbed it, and then it slammed behind him. And there's no more—where are we supposed to get answers from?! Do you know what I mean?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Like, when you get it from Google... it's like a—

**Travis:** It's old and heartless.

**Griffin:** It's a robot giving it to you!

**Justin:** Yeah. A robot—not only a robot that—a robot looks at some of the different answers, and then picks the best, most relevant one?

**Griffin:** Picks the one it likes best. [sarcastically] Thanks, robot!

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** No, thank you! [laughs]

**Travis:** If I wanted actual information, I'd go to the fucking library.

**Griffin:** Right, exactly.

**Travis:** You know what I mean?

**Justin:** Exactly. Pull out the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

**Travis:** I want—[sighs] I want the human connection that Yahoo—I felt closer to the Yahoo Answers user than I do to my own children!

**Griffin:** Yeah. I met my wi—I met my wife on Yahoo Answers.

**Justin:** [laughs] A lot of people don't know that.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah, it's true.

**Justin:** I've been staring—

**Travis:** Griffin asked, "Who am I gonna marry?"

And Yahoo said "Rachel."

**Justin:** I haven't looked at this website for many years. Many, many years.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And I'm just now kind of looking at it, and I—we have some, um, Yahoo warriors that have been in—like, knee-deep in here.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** Uh, and I—seeing the content on this website, I'm – at this point – having like a bad feeling that we should not have let people do that. You know what I mean? Like, we shouldn't have—

**Travis:** No, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Uh, we shouldn't have let people spend that much time down in the—in the uh, in the mines, as it were.

**Griffin:** In the—yeah. But now there—'cause yeah, 'cause now—I mean, first of all, they did a tremendous service, and my Yahoo warriors are—are pre—are very precious to me. Precious, uh, precious people. But also, they are broken now, and they're go—they're wander—they're walking out of the—like so many Chilean miners...

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** ...coming out of the shaft. Only they've been down there for 11 years, and they don't know how to live a normal life anymore.

**Justin:** They're gonna be the people in the Western who are like, "People don't sling guns anymore. I don't know what to do with myself."

**Travis:** Yeah. Right.

**Justin:** "I guess I'll buy eight cows and live a quiet life."

And they're like, "We got one more Yahoo Answer that needs taken care of."

**Griffin:** No. But—they don't—

**Travis:** They'll miss—that's the thing. The problem is, what has happened to our Yahoo Answers warriors now is that they are so... hurt, let's be honest, by their service, and yet when the website is gone, they'll still be chasing that high.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** That's what I'm worried about. Where are they gonna turn to now? Quora? Or like, fucking wikiHow?—

**Griffin:** People keep saying Quora. I want—let me—everybody listen to this. Everybody listen with your listening ears right now. "Hey, guys, I got a Quora here." That's fucking *nothing*.

**Travis:** No.

**Justin:** It's nothing.

**Travis:** No. No, no, no.

**Griffin:** It's noth—it's nothing. And there's probably some good stuff on there; we just have to find a new name for the segment. Um, but—but um, it's not—that's not a replacement, and it kind of is insulting that you would say that, Travis.

**Travis:** Yeah. No. No, I'm not saying—

**Griffin:** It sucks that you said that.

**Travis:** I'm saying I'm worried that that's where they'll turn.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** For—to get their kicks.

**Griffin:** To get their high. Yeah.



**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Um...

**Travis:** To get their jollies.

**Justin:** There's also some other problems with Quora – which I've never visited, but am now – there's ads on it. Wait, you guys are trying to make money?

**Travis:** Ugh.

**Justin:** Where's the purity there?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** Yahoo Answers was so smart, in that they never made any money off of it at all.

**Travis:** Never monetized.

**Griffin:** Exactly. Yeah, um... so like, when somebody asks a question like "How are NBA ratings, since having gone woke?" Like, I know that business and corporat—corporation... won't—it won't put its finger on the scale. Do you know what I mean?

**Travis:** Right. Yep.

**Griffin:** Um, I do... have a... a concept for how we can keep the torch—the torches of Gondor lit just a little bit longer.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** And it's not a forever solution for this. Um, that will only happen when we've razed the capitol to buy... the Yahoo Answers service. I don't think they're gonna give it to us piecemeal, so we will need to also raze the capitol to buy Yahoo. Which is not out of the question, but I have a little—a little temporary solve for this. Um, and I'm curious what you hear about it.

There is a trove of... good Yahoos... that we have not discussed.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** In fact, there's over 500 of them.

**Travis:** Wow.

**Griffin:** And it's a segment – I don't have a name for the segment yet. It's uh—maybe it's like, "Coming out of the slow-cooker. Coming—popping—pop 'em out the crock pot."

**Justin:** [laughs quietly]

**Griffin:** 'Cause we've—now we've had, for some of these bad boys, 11 years to ruminate on them. And that—

**Justin:** What is the source of these, Griffin?

**Griffin:** I'm saying...

**Travis:** Oh!

**Griffin:** ...we return to, as we've promised, the final Yahoo Answers.

**Justin:** Oh, my God. Are you—

**Travis:** Oh, so these are the *final* Yahoo Answers.

**Griffin:** Oh, shit, maybe that's it. The final—and then when these are done, we can do thi—we are now at the halfway point of *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, because once we're—once we've run out of Yahoos in the

past, then that's—then that's it. But if we do one—one an ep, and we just go back and we check back in...

**Justin:** We're at like 556 right now.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's roughly 555 Yahoo Answers. I think we've missed one or two.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And I guess there's probably a hundred or so on there that we wouldn't feel great about revisiting...

**Griffin:** Sure, sure.

**Justin:** ...at this point in our lives and careers. Uh, If I had to guess.

**Griffin:** But like—okay, I've—let's—can we demo this? Can we sample this? 'Cause I've pulled a few—

**Travis:** Sure. Sure!

**Griffin:** I've pulled a few here. And I don't know if we—

**Justin:** How about—are—

**Travis:** How far back you going?

**Justin:** Yeah, are you going sequential? Or are you...

**Griffin:** Well, for this demo—for right now, I got the box in demo mode.

**Justin:** [laughs] Okay.

**Griffin:** And—'cause I pulled up, like, 20 from the whole span of—

**Travis:** Oh, so we'll only hear, like, the first 30 seconds?

**Griffin:** Right. Um—

**Justin:** And there'll be like a "Yahoo. Yahoo. Yahoo. Yahoo."

**Griffin:** Mm-hm. Exactly.

**Justin:** My audio wordmark.

**Griffin:** I—just to sample it, right? Here's—here's a—here's one, and this is from episode, um, let's se... episode 55. That's "Spaghettageddon!"

**Travis:** Oh, that's "Spaghettageddon!"

**Griffin:** That's "Spaghettageddon," yeah, the final Yahoo on that one. "I'm bored. What do you do for fun? It is raining out. Also, and I am an old man."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I feel like we can have fun. Like, do you know what I mean?

**Travis:** Still good!

**Griffin:** We got a—we got that laugh. That laugh we just got, of "What a funny thing." We got that. And I don't wanna milk that again.

**Justin:** We didn't have the courage at that point to say, like, "Well, hold on, let's—"

**Griffin:** Well, hold on, what does this old man do on a rainy day? To have fun! And not just what does he do, 'cause you can't do... something sort of challenging, or sort of artistically rewarding that's not particularly fun. Like, he wants to have fun on a rainy day.

**Travis:** He could rewatch *The Mandalorian*.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's true.

**Griffin:** That's good. I mean, this—this question was asked in 2011, so well before *The Mandalorian* came out, and now we have the wisdom to say "Hey, old man, Disney Plus is here, and it's got all the great content that you crave, like *The Falcon and the Winter Man*. And it's got *Mandalorian* and it's got Yoda's kids."

**Travis:** Well, and maybe the—oh. Oh! I—this is an aspect we've never dealt with before; this is a time travel of Yahoo Answers. Perhaps he was so bored he went on to write *The Mandalorian*.

**Justin:** Oh!

**Griffin:** Oh, that's great!

**Travis:** He created *The Manda*—yeah! You don't know.

**Justin:** You know what I just did with my kids?

**Griffin:** Huh?

**Justin:** We uh... got some markers and paper, and drew all over some sheets of paper, and then I folded them into airplanes, and it made some real fun designs.

**Griffin:** That's cool!

**Travis:** That's a cool thing that he could do with your kids.

**Justin:** [wheezes]

**Griffin:** And that's another thing that we can come back to, is like now—

**Justin:** So what I'm saying is, watch my kids. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** Yeah, watch our kids, old man.

**Griffin:** But we also now—we're dads of six, together.

**Justin:** Oh, my God.

**Griffin:** Together we have s—

**Travis:** Yeah, collectively.

**Griffin:** Together we have fucking six of them, y'all. And...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** So we know a lot now that we didn't know back in episode 129, where we closed things out with "Is it bad to give my six-month-year-old baby a little French onion dip?"

**Travis:** I tell you now, no.

**Justin:** No.

**Travis:** If that kid'll eat it, it's great!

**Griffin:** Six months, yeah! I think that's probably fine. Don't give it to them on a Fritos scoop.

**Travis:** No!

**Griffin:** 'Cause babies—

**Travis:** And it's just a little bit!

**Griffin:** Okay, you could probably get away with giving it to him on like, a regular Frito. But a Frito scoop is far too robust.

**Travis:** Too crunch. No.

**Griffin:** Too—too—too firm a crunch, for those gumless guys.

**Travis:** I think if you soaked the Frito scoop for about three seconds. Not much, you don't want it to be soggy, or you're not gonna get the dip, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Right. You want the baby to have a good time...

**Travis:** Right!

**Griffin:** With a piece of Fritos scoop that is just chock-a-block full...

**Travis:** It's a fucking Super Bowl party! Like, c'mon.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure, yeah.

**Justin:** I don't wanna—um, I don't wanna uh, uh, uh, use up too many of these.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It is now a finite resource. But I did want to mention one. I got a big kick out of this when I was returning to these—to—to reference some for this media stuff we've been doing. I found a few that are in an interesting subgenre of "We were the dummies." [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's fun!

**Justin:** That's a fun one. Here's one that I discovered that I enjoyed. Um, "Can you get a tattoo while breastfeeding?"

**Travis:** Oh!

**Griffin:** We just said that, and we were like—

**Justin:** Which at the time, which is January 28th, 2018, we thought, “Boy, that is a crackup.” Now us, fathers of six, think “Oh, you mean is it safe to get a tattoo during the pedi—period that you’re still breastfeeding your child.”

**Travis:** Oh, I see.

**Griffin:** That’s right.

**Justin:** Yeah. Yeah.

**Travis:** But we would’ve taken it then as...

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** ...concurrently...

**Justin:** Yes, exactly.

**Travis:** Okay. While actively breastfe—okay.

**Griffin:** Well, should—shouldn’t—

**Justin:** By the way, probably yes. It’s safe to do that, and basically everything while you breastfeed, except, you know, high-speed stunts.

**Travis:** Well, it depends on where you’re getting the tattoo.

**Justin:** Well, that’s—

**Travis:** Like, you wouldn’t want to get a nipple tattoo while the baby’s right there.



**Justin:** Here's what I would say to you, Travis, is don't get a tattoo anywhere you wouldn't breastfeed. That is what I—I would—I would say there.

**Travis:** No, I'm talking about fi—like, on your body, J-Man. Not like... where you're going to. I'm saying, keep the needle nowhere near the baby, and you could be actively breastfeeding and getting a tattoo at the same time.

**Justin:** I don't think that a, um, a person who's sort of invested in their own happiness is going to get a nipple tattoo during the period that they are breastfeeding their child. That doesn't seem like a recipe for happiness.

**Travis:** I don't know. I'm not gonna tell people what to do with their bodies. Maybe that's their thing.

**Griffin:** I mean, you're right, Juice. Some of—the very first final Yahoo I did was "Can birds get allergies?" And like...

**Travis:** Can they?

**Griffin:** Maybe. I don't know. That's not—that's not as ridiculous as, like—

**Travis:** No, it's still a funny idea to me.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Yeah, it is kinda funny, 'cause it's like, what are you gonna do about it, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** A lot of Illuminati...

**Travis:** And picture a bird sneezing. Like, think about it.

**Griffin:** A lot of Illuminati-based ones.

**Justin:** A lot of Illuminati.

**Griffin:** Uh, I'm going through it.

**Justin:** What's fun is that you could pick any, like, one thing out of this list, and do like a fi—search—search on the page.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And find, like, three about spaghetti. Three about Kenny Rogers. Four or five about Dakota Fanning.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** Like, there's plenty.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah, there is a couple about Kenny Rogers, huh?

**Justin:** Yeah. Chris Gaines, for sure. Lot of Chris Gaines stuff.

**Griffin:** For sure, is gonna be in there, yeah. [wheeze-laughs] Um... Sorry. There's also some of them that we can't really circle back to, because there's—they don't provide much of a launchpad for healthy conversation. Like, for instance, episode 336: "You are all asshole." That's all that that one is. And I don't know that we can turn that one into a whole...

**Travis:** [laughs loudly]

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

**Griffin:** ...a good five minutes of content.

**Justin:** Unless the rest of that was "I will now destroy the website in a few years."

**Griffin:** "Goodbye."

**Travis:** I feel like that's the kind of thing, though, now we're a little more mature, and we've—we've dealt with some stuff. We could maybe reach out

to that person, and just see how it's going. Maybe change the direction of the show, make it about mending some fences.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's a good—no, I don't ever want to talk to anybody who's unironically used this website.

**Travis:** No, that's fair. That's fair. Especially they called me an asshole.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** That's not nice. It hurt my feelings.

**Justin:** Is that gonna be our... I mean, is that our—our answer to this? Like, 'cause we're going to have to like—

**Griffin:** It's *an* answer. We're gonna have to have more answers.

**Justin:** It feels like stalling.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Yeah, I think I'm gonna need to bring back Riddle Me Piss and Play Along at Home and Sad Libs and stuff to fill the gaps. You know what I mean? Like, they were on hiatus...

**Justin:** For sure. For sure.

**Travis:** ...for about a week and a half, and I think it's time to bring them back, you know? Maybe even more. Maybe, like, two Sad Libs an episode, or something. Just to fill the time. Uh, Griffin, you might have to come up with bits. I know that that's scary and hard, and I—trust me, I know. Uh, most of them are gonna be clunkers at first, Griffin, but eventually you might find something, like Work of Fart, that really works and everybody loves.

**Griffin:** Yeah... man, people love Work of Fart so bad.

**Travis:** Yeah. So you might need to start generating something like Celebrity Wine! Why Not? Like Justin has. Or uh, you know, something like that. But on your ow—right now, Griffin, just like, spitball, like, what's a bit that you could do? You know, fill in—that would be *as good* as Yahoo Answers, as far as generating content for the show.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I could do one about how two guys' songs sound the same. Um, I could do one about big burgers...

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

**Griffin:** Uh, I could do one... it's—where it's like quizzes for our friends, and uh...

**Travis:** I like that. That's a good—

**Justin:** "Quizzes for our friends" is a good jumping off point.

**Griffin:** I could do one where I do a trick... um, visual—like, visually a trick. That—

**Travis:** Like magic, or a stunt?

**Griffin:** It could be either one, as long as it's cool to see.

**Travis:** Or both!

**Griffin:** Well, it—what I would do is I would post a video alongside of each episode of me doing a trick.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Griffin:** Um, but we would talk—

**Travis:** Can you imagine if Tony Hawk like, ramped, like, a sick jump, and while he was in the air, pulled something out of a hat?

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

**Travis:** That'd be fucking cool.

**Griffin:** And that's a great idea for a segment, Travis. I could just say, like, a cool thing that would have happened. Like, it would be cool—

**Travis:** Like, just a—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Call it Picture This.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Wouldn't it be cool if *Space Jam 2* came out tomorrow? Like, that could be the segment, of just like, Wouldn't it be Great If?

**Travis:** Well, that's not a—I can't picture that, though, Griffin. What would that look like? You know what I mean? That's just a concept.

**Griffin:** [sighs] I think... and let's just have this discussion. I know which way it's gonna go, but should we cancel *My Brother, My Brother and Me*?

**Justin:** [inhales]

**Griffin:** Should we put it?

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** Should we put it? Because here's the thing—

**Justin:** Oogh. There's something very... *very*, very...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** ...very, very scrumptious about Yahoo Answers ending, and we do episode 420, and it's the end of *My Brother, My Brother and Me*.

**Griffin:** [laughing]

**Justin:** And folks, the way the last couple months have gone, I am afraid to have the conversation, because you know how we *love* to do things for the LOLs.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** That turn into doing it for the serious.

**Travis:** That's—[laughs] that is not incorrect. [laughs]

**Justin:** That turn into big loss of revenue for the McElroy family.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Ad hominem. Ad hoc. Writ large.

**Travis:** And anyone who knows me will tell you that it takes very little convincing for me to not work.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I don't need a lot. If someone's like, "I don't know how—"

I'm like, "Oh, we don't have to!"

**Justin:** [holding back laughter] People think that podcasting for a living is the easiest thing in the world. And there's one thing easier than podcasting. It's not podcasting.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And listen, I love the image—

**Justin:** I'm listening! I'm—brother, I'm on pins and needles [wheezes] over here. I'm dialed in.

**Griffin:** Alright. The scene is this: they are lowering Yahoo Answers' casket into the ground.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** Starting, I guess, today, and ending on May 4th. It's a slow lowering.

**Travis:** Slow process.

**Griffin:** We are beating our breast—we are grief-stricken, and we throw ourselves into the open grave—on top of the casket, and we yell "Bury us too! Bury us alongside it!"

**Travis:** Yes!

We are—we are the favored cats and possessions of the pharaoh that is Yahoo Answers.

**Griffin:** Bury—bury me with my funny, which is what I call Yahoo Answers.

I'm—I—I'm not saying it's a good idea. I just had a—[laughs] I just had a baby. And I—you know, I rely on this show to—to support my family. Um, but there's something that makes kind of a lot of sense about this.

**Justin:** Yeah. This is feeling more right...

**Travis:** It's good symmetry.

**Justin:** ...the more we... I mean, let's say this. [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs] Okay.

**Justin:** At the very least, I think we gotta end this episode on a cliffhanger. 'Cause we have not had a season finale cliffhanger for so long.

**Griffin:** [laughs loudly]

**Travis:** That is true.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I feel like we're due one, where it's like a cliffhanger, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Well, we got—listen, we got two weeks before the site *absolutely* goes away.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** You know what I mean? So... I don't know.

**Griffin:** I'm trying to get a *Empire Records* thing—is that the—what's that mov—is that what the movie's called? The one with the—with uh, Renee Zellweger? Yeah. And they have to do a rock concert to save *Empire Records* at the end.

I've tried to get going—I mean, I'm not really on socie, so I've just been kind of just trying to mentally project it out like *The Secret* that I want there to be a "Let's save Yahoo Answers" thing out—out in the internet. Whether it's uh, a big music festival – that would be irresponsible to do right now, but you know what I'm saying.

**Justin:** For sure.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And nobody's gotten excited about that. But if we... chain ourselves to this heavy, drowning weight of Yahoo Answers and say "We'll die too, now will you save it?"



**Justin:** Please?

**Travis:** Oh, I like this.

**Griffin:** I think that maybe that would—that would... get the—get some groundswell going.

**Travis:** I am prepared to chain myself to Yahoo Answers.

**Justin:** Hm.

**Griffin:** Hm.

**Justin:** I am worried about putting out—the one—

**Travis:** Kind of thought you guys would go along with me a little bit on that one.

**Justin:** No... I—I—my worry—I'm starting to second-guess again. Because —

**Travis:** [laughs] I'm already cha—you—why did you wait until after I chained myself?

**Justin:** Here, take these keys.

[keys jingling sound]

**Justin:** Um—uh—

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Justin:** I am a little worried about putting out into the universe that, like, "It's a season finale cliffhanger!" you know, because we may not get... across the board the response we're hoping for.

**Griffin:** [bursts out laughing]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [bursts out laughing]

**Travis:** Yeah, that's a risk, isn't it?

**Justin:** That is the ri—[laughs loudly]

**Travis:** Might be some folks that go "Well, I guess it's time."

**Griffin:** Okay, but—no, check this out. I chained myself to Yahoo Answers, but not so that I will be dragged down to hell, where Yahoo Answers is *definitely* going to go...

**Justin:** [laughs] No question.

**Griffin:** ...rather to keep Yahoo Answers moored to my—to my mighty dock.

**Travis:** Mm.

**Griffin:** And I won't—and I won't let it go. And I don't know what that mean—

**Travis:** Oh, so you've chained Yahoo to you.

**Griffin:** Right. And I'm not going fucking anywhere, so... I guess—and I don't know what that means. Shit, I had just started to go towards acceptance, but now I am trending right back towards denial.

**Justin:** Mm.

**Griffin:** Um, and that feels right to me, 'cause I feel happier.

**Travis:** What's the biggest flash drive you have, Griffin? Can you download, uh...

**Griffin:** I got one right here. This is uh...

**Travis:** Yeah, just download Yahoo Answers onto it.

**Griffin:** I have a flash drive. I got a SD card here with 32. That's probably

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**Travis:** I think that'll do it!

**Griffin:** Well, it's just words, right?

**Justin:** That is the fun thing about this. Uh, I wanted to mention about Yahoo Answers, which is—uh, will be, uh, shut down for good on May 4th.

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** Yeah, I know. Here's what's something wild to think about, is this site is just text. I mean, it's just text. And it probably is like, one-one-billionth of the storage capacity required to keep, like, YouTube running, right? It's just the tiniest little bit of data, in the grand scheme of things.

And Yahoo Answers' like, "Yeah, we just can't afford..."

**Griffin:** [bursts out laughing]

**Justin:** Is it that, Yahoo, or maybe would you kind of be happier brand-wise...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...from a holistic brand perspective, if people didn't, like – every time you mentioned Yahoo, they were like, "Oh, you mean the um, [smacks lips] the garbage."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Like, no, no, no. It's not that anymore.

**Griffin:** The dookie.

**Justin:** It's good now. Now it's good, 'cause we got rid of that—that one thing.

**Griffin:** I don't want to belabor this remembrance. Because if we remember too hard, we'll remember the bad times too.

**Justin:** Mm.

**Griffin:** And I'm not a—I'm not about that right now. Um...

**Travis:** That's what the bible says.

**Griffin:** That's what the bible says to do. Or not to do. Um... I just want to —

**Travis:** I can't remember.

**Griffin:** I just wanna say I love you, Yahoo, and thank you for everything you've done for me and my career and this show. You were a bad—you were a bad website, um, that was propagated by bad people, that—whose terrible work was sifted through by some of the finest people who's ever lived in the world.

**Justin:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** And um, we—we may replace the time slot for you on this show. We *will* have to, or else the show will become shorter, and our advertisers will have a word to say with us about that. But you will not be replaced in our... hearts. And our... our souls.

**Justin:** Yeah. I'm gonna miss Yahoo—Yahoo Answers, and um, I'm pretty sorry to see you go. You were a really great generator of material, even though a lot of people... man, it was almost as bad as the Haunted Doll thing for a while. People love to chomp that filet. Now, the flavor had been out there before us. We didn't invent or discover Yahoo Answers. What a feather in our cap that would've been.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Yeah, exactly.

**Justin:** But I am gonna miss it. I feel like it's an essential part of the DNA of this program, and I feel like it's a new day dawning. But it's a period of renewal. That's what we can hope for. Maybe something about crypto, we could take a swing.

**Griffin:** Awesome! Oh, that's great.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah.

**Justin:** Some sort of cool crypto update.

**Griffin:** That could be cool. You can tell people what to—

**Travis:** [singing] Oh, Yahoo boy...

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Travis:** [singing] The pipes, the pipes are calling.

**Griffin:** I think this is what Travis wanted to open up the show with.

**Travis:** [singing] From glen to glen...

**Griffin:** And he just wanted to make sure that we didn't get to be—

**Travis:** [singing] And down the mountainside.

**Justin:** Let's just let him go. This is appropriate.

**Travis:** [singing] The summer's gone!

**Griffin:** And we'll fade it out. Thanks for listening, everybody. We'll be back for the regular episode...

**Travis:** [singing loudly] And all the roses dying...

**Griffin:** ...if you can even call any of our episodes from now on—Trav, can you turn it down just a little bit? If you can even call any of our episodes from now on regular.

**Travis:** [singing softly] You must go, and I must bide.

**Justin:** Um, thanks to me and Travis for our theme music, and thanks to you for listening. And um, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

**Travis:** [signing softly] But come ye back when summer's in the meadow...

**Justin:** It'll be a different us. We may be a little bit—more world-weary, but we'll be back.

**Griffin:** Definitely sadder.

**Justin:** Definitely sadder.

**Travis:** [singing softly] The valley's hushed and white with snow... [loudly] 'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow.

**Griffin:** Trav, can you fade yourself out? I would love to hear you do that sort of organically.

**Travis:** [singing softly] Oh, Yahoo boy, oh, Yahoo boy... [softly] I love you...