

## MBMBaM 560: Starter in the Jarter

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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, "My Life (Is Better With You)!" by Montaigne plays]

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

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Big Dog Woof-woof Travis "Bark-bark" McElroy!

**Griffin:** [drawling] And this is Griffin Mc—[normally] The problem, Trav, with your dog thing, is that sometimes I feel like Justin has set a delicious little plate of food, a delicious morsel...

**Travis:** Well, I mean—let me try again.

**Griffin:** ...ahead of us, and then you have to—you are beholden to the dog gag.

**Travis:** Okay. [drawling] I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy.

**Griffin:** [drawling] Oh, and—[normally] No, it's fucking done. I'm Griffin McElr—[drawling] No, it looks like a busted sprocket.

**Justin:** Can't—it's—you know, there was a moment in time, and it has passed. This is *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, it's an advice show where we help people and take your questions and turn them alchemy-like into wisdom. We just wrapped up a Maximum Fun Drive. If you supported us, thank you so much...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...for your support. It means the world.

Um, what I love about the first post-Max Fun Drive episode is I feel like if any episodes are gonna turn you off, like "This isn't for me," it's those. So now we're just talking to the fucking die hards, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** We've shaken away the wheat, and it's all chaff. All the way down.

[pause]

**Griffin:** [holding back laughter] Chaff is the—

**Travis:** Is it?

**Justin:** I think we're the wheat, and the audience is the chaff. [wheezes]

**Travis:** Oh, Justin, there's no way that's the case.

**Justin:** So now this is a time to remember who's hosting the show. It's me...

**Griffin:** Okay!

**Justin:** ...with my cohosts, Griffin and Travis.

**Griffin:** A cool energy...

**Travis:** The bad boys of radio.

**Griffin:** Yeah! It's awesome. We did a lot of hard work those last few weeks, trying to uh, sort of lean upon the kindness of our listenership to

support us, fiducially speaking. And then in the last three minutes, you've really opened up and let a huge dooker fall right...

**Justin:** Consider me Old Man Peterson, ripping off the mask to find out that I was a real... creepozoid [wheezes] the whole time.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Well...

**Justin:** Nothing but disdain inside these rickety—rickety bones.

**Travis:** Hey, guys, sorry I'm late to the recording. Um, what did I miss so far? Like, what energy are we bringing to the podcast this week?

**Justin:** [laughs] Yeah, well... [laughs] you tell me. Are we—

**Travis:** Are we doing, like, enthusiasm and gratitude, and we're gonna—

**Justin:** That was last time. Now we have our—on a—I'm on a juice cleanse of enthusiasm.

**Griffin:** I don't think—

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I don't think juice cleanses are supposed to, like, make the decency come spraying out of your body.

**Justin:** Then you—I don't—my friend, I don't think you've ever done a juice cleanse, 'cause it ain't—

**Travis:** Hey, Justin?

**Justin:** It ain't a mood lifter. Yes, my friend. Yes.

**Travis:** You know that a juice cleanse isn't, like, to get all your juice out of your body, right? A juice cleanse isn't like, "I gotta cleanse all this juice out of here!"

**Justin:** Yeah. That's what I call it every morning, when I squeeze my oranges. Hey, let's talk about squeezing oranges for juice. Have you guys tried this?

**Griffin:** Alright.

**Travis:** Alright, here we go.

**Griffin:** I was literally just talking about this the other day.

**Justin:** We—I've had—we had some, um, some oranges from a recipe I didn't end up making.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Classic me stuff.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And I was like, "I think I'm gonna treat my wife, for Mother's Day..."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "...to a nice, uh—" What's the thing with the champagne and the...

**Travis:** A mimosa!

**Justin:** A mimosa, right? I'm like, "Oh, my dear. Nothing but the best for you. Fresh-squeezed orange juice." Flash forward, I got six of these motherfuckers littering the counter. I'm up to maybe a half cup!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Where are we getting all this [laughs] OJ from, people?

**Travis:** The return on investment, the ROI of fresh-squeezed orange juice is a-very low!

**Justin:** It's ridiculous!

**Griffin:** I mean, um...

**Travis:** Now, were using some kind of utensil, J-Man?

**Griffin:** Yeah, that was gonna be my question.

**Justin:** Yeah. I mean, I'm using a juicer, and I'm getting a decent bit of juice in it.

**Griffin:** No, no, no, no, no, no. Listen, guys. There's a reason God made our armpits perfectly orange-shaped.

**Travis:** Huh.

**Griffin:** And it's because he wanted us to use that to perfectly... just—you plop a—any size orange, really any size orange, it's perfectly—a little baby clementine, one of those little Halo guys...

**Justin:** I love those.

**Griffin:** Or just a big—you could grapefruit it, even, depending on your—just the size of boy you are.

**Travis:** Here's the problem, Griffin. I've tried that.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** But when I do it – and maybe there's something wrong with me – but when I do it, my whole body concaves around the orange. I lifted my arm, the orange is still perfectly intact.

**Griffin:** It's inside you. Yeah, your armpit ate it like a Pac-Man did.

**Travis:** Yeah, is that weird?

**Griffin:** It's not great, but I guess—any way you can get vitamins in your system is good, according to all the health experts.

**Travis:** What I started doing, I just throw the whole orange into a food processor.

**Griffin:** Okay!

**Travis:** Uh, grind it all up. All of it.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** The rind and all.

**Travis:** A rind and all, and then I just eat that with one raw egg.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Whole. One whole egg, like a viper.

**Griffin:** Why can't you just cook the egg?

**Travis:** Huh. I guess time? I guess Rocky's really lazy, or really busy, I suppose.

**Justin:** [softly] The peel is like the bones of the orange.

**Griffin:** Wow!

**Travis:** Huh!

**Griffin:** Damn. That's [crosstalk]—

**Travis:** It's the skin. It's the skin!

**Justin:** No, no. No, no, no, no, no. The peel is the bones of the orange. I'm gonna hit you with this: I'm gonna—you think it's the skin, right?

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** There's a lot of things in an orange that can pass for skin, and I don't feel like anything else even comes close to bones.

**Travis:** But it's outside! The seeds are the bones!

**Justin:** There's exoskeletons.

**Griffin:** [laughs] You know what's—seeds are the eyes.

**Justin:** We have a whole fucking word for it, so rare...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...is the phenomena, that it is identified as an exoskeleton, but it is common enough that we do have nomenclature, and it is "exoskeleton."

**Griffin:** I um—I peeled up an orange for my lad to eat, um, and he—I put it on his plate, and he picked it up, and he said, "What's this stuff?" In that tone of voice. "[pretentiously] What's this stuff?" [normally] And he pointed at it, and he pointed at the sort of white... webbing...

**Justin:** The pith.

**Griffin:** ...the veins of it.

**Travis:** Sure.

**Griffin:** And he said, "What is this? This looks gross."

And I was like, "Oh, well, that's just the, um... that's just the, uh... that's just the, uh—" I didn't know what to tell him. Inside skin? The inside—

**Travis:** Mm.

**Griffin:** The—it's not—he was like, "Can I eat this?"

And I was like, "I don't know. Like, I've been doing it my whole life, and I don't know if you're supposed to do it, or if I've been doing a bad job with it."

**Travis:** That stuff is kind of like the, uh, central nervous system of the orange, if we're still breaking it down in comparison to the human body.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I think that the little—the little strands that happen, like, as you break apart the little segments – which are like the muscles, obviously...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** It's like the central nervous system. That's how—that's how the orange feels.

**Justin:** My—I had a—I had a, um—I had a glass of grapefruit juice.

**Griffin:** Yeah, tell me more about fruit.

**Justin:** [laughs] Now, let's keep talking about fruit juice. I had a glass of grapefruit juice. I got a bottle of this stuff. Not Ruby Red. I'm talking about, like, original GJ.

**Griffin:** Oh!

**Justin:** [laughs] As people call it. The bitter, bad stuff that I was drinking for my health.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Travis:** Right, uh-huh. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Punishment juice.

**Justin:** And my wife, um, who's a physician...



**Travis:** What?!

**Justin:** Uh, I'm drink—yeah. I'm drinking this juice, and she's like, "Be careful, because grapefruit juice can mess with your antidepressants."

And I was thinking it—about it. It's like... damn, grapefruit! [wheezes]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It's not bad enough that you taste like you do. I already feel not great. Then you're gonna get into my brain and fuck with my pills? Really? You have to taste a bit better than you do...

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yeah.

**Justin:** ...if you're gonna fuck with my brain shit like that, please.

**Travis:** Grapefruit—grapefruit's the one that can also mess with birth control, right?

**Justin:** [stutters] It—become—b—whatever! It doesn't even—nature's sending us all the signals that this is not for you.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Stop it. Don't do it.

**Griffin:** I think if, like, Sour Patch Kids destroyed the antidepressants in my bloodstream, I would have to—there would be a reckoning there that I would have—it would take some real soul-searching with. Grapefruit, easy pass.

**Justin:** Easy.

**Travis:** Easy!

**Justin:** No, thank you! I don't need this anymore. This isn't a good blend.

**Travis:** I think if fried chicken canceled out my antidepressants, I think there would just be a day that I'd just call, like, Travis's Sad Day.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** When I get to eat a bunch of fried chicken, and that would balance out.

**Justin:** But no, this is a thing, right? At least that, you'd be like, "Huh, it was pretty cool earlier when I was eating the fried chicken."

**Travis:** Yeah, right?

**Griffin:** [bursts out laughing]

**Travis:** I can think of the good times.

**Justin:** When I'm in the fuck—this depressive episode...

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** ...lying on the floor, staring at the ceiling, wondering what it all means. All I can think is, like, the back of my throat tastes like barf...

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** ...from the terrible juice that I had, and nothing is good. It's all bad, all the way down.

**Griffin:** They don't give you much to hang your hat on, with the grapefruit.

**Travis:** Nope.

**Griffin:** Except for the girth of it, the size of it, you could hang a hat on it.

**Travis:** It's rare that there is a vegetable or a fruit – either one – well, uh, fruit – where nature said, "Yeah, you can eat this, but might I suggest setting it on fire first?"

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** “Perhaps if you set it on fire first, it would taste better.” That’s reserved for, like, meat.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** That’s reserved for, like, whole grains.

**Griffin:** Are you saying grapefruit is better when you send it on fire…?

**Travis:** Yeah, you toast a grapefruit! Take a little blowtorch to it, you put a little salt on there.

**Justin:** We never listen to nature, though. You look at a—you look at a—

**Griffin:** Oh, that’s—that’s so—ooh, Juice, say that again. That sounded so dope.

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

**Justin:** We never listen to nature. The first time we saw a coconut, what’s up? This thing is hard as fuck, and it’s covered in hair. And we were like, “Ah, I think I’m gonna have me some.” [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah. “I will drink this.”

**Justin:** “I think I’m gonna get in there.”

**Griffin:** Yeah, somebody grabbed one of those hard nuts—those hard, hairy nuts off the ground, and they were like, “I’ll drink this.”

And the person with them was like, “You’ll… what this?”

**Justin:** “You’ll what?” [laughs]

“I’m gonna drink some hairy nut.”

**Travis:** Yeah, no, no, no, no. Whatever's in it, I'm gonna do it, and then I'm gonna pretend like it's good for me...

**Griffin:** Uh-huh.

**Travis:** ...and sell it in little cardboard bottles.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "I've tried to drink every nut on this fucking island, and it hasn't landed yet."

**Griffin:** Yeah, no dice.

**Justin:** "But I am gonna drink this one, guys. This huge, hairy one is gonna be the one I drink."

**Griffin:** That person was having a wild day. They walked up to, like, a banana, and they were like, "I'll sing to this." And did it, and nothing.

**Travis:** Yeah? That wasn't it?

**Justin:** Drink this nut.

**Griffin:** I'm gonna argue with this potato.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** No, fuck. Not that either.

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

**Griffin:** So this is an advice show.

**Justin:** Yeah. And advice: stay away from fruit.

**Griffin:** Yup.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Um, so—um, so—so thank—but thank you for joining us. Thank you for your support in the Maximum Fun Drive. Uh, I'm sure it went swimmingly.

**Griffin:** We really do appreciate you. I feel bad any time we even goof about not being grateful. We're so deeply grateful.

**Justin:** Yeah, 'cause we're obviously so grateful.

**Griffin:** We've done this so many times, and y'all have been so supportive of us, and um... just—just—but thank you—thank you all, and here's to another year of us uh, just doing uh, that good stuff that you crave, like 12 minutes about how gross grapefruits are.

**Justin:** It's not about gro—it's not that. [laughs] Okay. I feel like we've lost—

**Travis:** They're also vindictive. I think that's what Justin's saying.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Is that grapefruit is both gross and punishing us for eating it.

**Justin:** Yeah. I just feel like—and don't—hey, guys, I—listen, I'm gonna cut you off right here. Delete the tweet. Taste is subjective. I'm so glad you like grapefruit. That's wonderful. I'm happy to hear it; good for you. Please don't tweet at me about how grapefruit is good. I don't need it.

**Travis:** You can tweet at Griffin. He doesn't check Twitter.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I don't give a fuck. Tell me all your fruit thoughts.

**Justin:** [singing] Tell me all your thoughts on the fruit!

[normally] "A coworker of mine recently expressed interest in trying sourdough recipes, so I said I would bring her some of my extra starter to use. I put some starter in a really cute jar, and let her know..."

**Travis:** Eh?

**Justin:** "...that I put it in the breakroom fridge for her. She seemed really excited, and she said she would take it home with her that day, but here's the thing: it's been a week, and the jar of starter is still in the fridge. And here's the other thing: it's a really, really cute jar."

**Griffin:** Dammit.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** "The kind that is the perfect travel size for salad dressings and other condiments."

**Griffin:** Ooh!

**Travis:** I know the one. I know the one!

**Justin:** You want this jar back. "Do I awkwardly nudge my coworker to use my starter I so lovingly prepared, or at what point can I take my sourdough – and more importantly, my jar – back home?" that's from Sour in Southern California.

**Griffin:** We made a sourdough starter in some home ec class in, like, high school, I think, maybe? And they made us do that shit in a Ziploc bag like we were making—

**Travis:** What?

**Griffin:** Like we were making prison sourdough. That's not—this is an adorable jar, and the fact that it is not being utilized like this is a fucking crime.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] sourdough?

**Griffin:** I'm p—I'm angry.

**Travis:** Sourdough? That's a living thing right there. What, yeast in there?

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Travis:** And you brought—

**Justin:** What's the deal with sourdough starters, Trav, what's that for?

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** What's the deal with the sourdough starters?

**Travis:** So the sourdough starter is what cultivates wild yeast, so you can use that in your bread in place of, like, dried yeast.

**Griffin:** Mm!

**Travis:** And because it is cultivated in such a way, it then will give the bread the flavor, the sourdough flavor that we associate with sourdough.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** And so each, uh, starter is different, uh, because, you know, it grows and changes over time, as the yeast consumes the food, and you keep feeding it, and you take care of it like a pet.

**Griffin:** Right. Right.

**Justin:** Yep.

**Travis:** And this would be like if someone asked me to cut my dog in half so they could share some of my dog...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ...and I did that, and I brought half a dog in to work, and then they just left that half a dog there and didn't take it home to feed it.

**Griffin:** And you put your dog half in a really cute, you know, box.

**Travis:** Such a cute jar.

**Griffin:** Um... is it—

**Justin:** I wonder if this person always planned to get the jar back.

**Griffin:** Oh, 100 percent.

**Justin:** Or if this is a recent slight that has prompted the thought of, like, "Maybe they don't deserve the jar."

**Griffin:** Ooh, this is good. Yeah, I—you know, a good fix for this is just come Friday, 5 o'clock, everybody's punching out, and the jar is still there. I think you go grab that jar, you unscrew the lid, pop it off, go up to your coworker, take out their extended hands, and just dump the gooey mess right into their open palms. And then you take the jar, and say that you—"Now we've both got what we need."

**Travis:** What if—what if, 2021—maybe part of Big Dog Run...

**Griffin:** Mm. Now, what's that?

**Travis:** Big Dog Run?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** That's our year. That's our year, Griffin. Perhaps the—a part of Big Dog Run, right? Is when you have this impulse, like, "I did this thing, and they didn't do it—" like you're having now, right? "I brought it in, it sat there for a week, they didn't take it." Just take it home, right?

**Justin:** Mm.



**Travis:** Okay!

**Griffin:** If you don't get it, yeah. They're not gonna ask about it. "Hey, where was that sourdough starter that you put in the cute jar and I let sit there and die, die on the vine for one whole, entire week."

**Travis:** It's taking up space in your mind—it's got, like—it's taking up a whole corner of your brain right now that it does not need to be taking up.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Declutter your brain. Just do the damn thing, and take your fucking cute jar back, my friend!

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** You have my full permission to do this! You have done nothing wrong! Except care too much!

**Griffin:** Is it—you care way too much. Is it possible that they don't know what a sourdough starter is? And so you say—and you say "I left you sourdough starter in the fridge."

And they said "Awesome," and they raced to the fridge, and they threw it open, and they saw a few things in there. They saw—well, that yellow, curvy friend is a banana. I know him.

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

**Griffin:** That's—is a sandwich, which is bread-adjacent. But that seems like a bread finisher, and not a starter. We have what I'm—I believe maybe a cup of miso soup, and there is a half-drunken Diet Coca-Cola. There's a jar with some sort of blob in it that doesn't look particularly appetizing, so that can't possibly be it. And a Ba—and a cold Baby Ruth. Who freezes their Baby Ruths?

They see all this stuff; they don't know. They don't wanna walk out with the —the half can of diet coke, and be like, "Is this sourdough starter?" and seem like a real dipshit.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And be the office dipshit all of a sudden.

**Travis:** Wait, Griffin – you can't leave me hanging, Griffin. Who *did* freeze their Baby Ruth?

**Griffin:** Oh, it was Mike.

**Justin:** Nice.

**Griffin:** Mike.

**Justin:** Oh, classic Mike! Ever since he got promoted to night manager, he thinks he can freeze whatever he wants.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Can I tell you the weirdest part? It's *half* a Baby Ruth.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** So it's like, did he freeze it at some point, and then eat it after, then put it back in the freezer?

**Griffin:** Well, no—sorry, no. He boils hot—the other half, and he squishes them together back to make one normal Baby Ruth, normal temperature.

**Travis:** And that's how he feels.

**Griffin:** Yeah! You guys want a, um, do you guys want a, um—a Quora?

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Justin:** Sorry, what?

**Griffin:** Do you guys want a Yahoo, but it's not from Yahoo, it's from the website Quora?

**Justin:** I thought for a second you were about to ask if we wanted a Quibi.

**Griffin:** Do you guys wanna—

**Justin:** And I would actually—

**Griffin:** I'd lo—a Quibi go down so fucking smooth right now. But no, I'm gonna ask about do you want to—I'm—I'm out here on the edge. I'm just a man on the edge, out in the rain, asking his two brothers if they want a—a Quora.

**Justin:** You have been—okay.

**Griffin:** I know.

**Justin:** Take the people inside—you know what I'm gonna say. You've been in fucking Skunkworks R and D [laughs] behind the scenes for weeks now.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You've had *months* to prepare.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And you'd be like, "I'm still looking for the next big thing." And what you come to us with is off-brand Yahoos? [laughs]

**Travis:** And you didn't even rebrand your question. Like, "Do you want a Quora?" Doesn't—that's not right. You know that doesn't sound right!

**Justin:** [laughs] It's the fucking—"Do you want a Dr. Pop?" [laughs]

**Griffin:** Do you guys want a Sam's Club Yahoo?

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** You guys want some of this Mountain Lightning?

**Griffin:** Here's the thing about—here's the thing about Quora, okay?

**Justin:** [laughs] Okay.

**Griffin:** Let me tell you. 'Cause this—this—this—

**Justin:** She's, in many ways, better than *The Avatar*.

**Griffin:** Yeah. This uh, this has opened my eyes, this one particular Quora that was, uh, sent in to us—hold on, I will get this—this information of who sent this in to us. I'm just gonna go—[laughs] type in our Gmail bar, "Quora urinal," and that's from Nickie, sent this in. Thank you, Nickie, for this flagship, um, Quora.

The thing about Quora I didn't realize is that they called the Yahoo Answers website Yahoo Answers, but very rarely were answers provided on Yahoo Answers.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** The question was the star of the show, right? Here is a Quora – I guess is what they call them Quoras or not. This is the question that was posted on Quora: "When you spit in a urinal and there is a string of saliva, do the bacteria have time to go inside your mouth?"

So you read that, and if that was Yahoo Answers, the very next one would be, first of all, a wild 12-paragraph screed...

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** ...about how electricity has the devil in it.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And that the only way to save yourself is to pray to some saint or whatever, right? Then the next one would be like, "Shut up, idiot!"

That's not how Quora does it. How Quora does it is that they have, um, Anoop Sinha, who taught microbiology to medical undergrads for over 10 years. Uh, that's what his profile says. Uh, and he provides an extensive answer. And to me, that is the joy of Quora. And I'd love to read some of it, if I can.

**Travis:** Yeah, sure, yes.

**Justin:** Sure.

**Griffin:** To remind you, the question is "When you spit in a urinal and there's a string of saliva, do the bacteria have time to go in your mouth?"

Anoop Sinha says, "Vibrio is one of the fastest bacteria around, if not the fastest. If you live—if you see live Vibrio under a microscope, they seem to vibrate—zip around like Barry Allen, navigating through Central City." And then there's a badass picture of the Flash. So already, we got micro—multimedia on this website. We got all kinds of great stuff.

And how fast does this bacteria move? "75 micrometers per second..."

**Justin:** Is that fast or slow?

**Griffin:** That's pretty fast! Ugh, and the *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology* cites it at 200 micrometers per second. That's pretty fast, yeah?

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

**Griffin:** And this organism is barely two micrometers in length. That's incredible speed. That'd be like if we ran 75- to 200-meters per second. Or 447 miles an hour. That's a fast little germ, huh?

**Travis:** Yeah, so Griffin, uh, I have to ask, where's the funny part?

**Griffin:** "Well, how quickly can this organism traverse through a string of saliva bridging your mouth and the urinal? Well, let's assume the length of the salivary bridge is 50 centimeters. That seems like a reasonable estimate, considering the average height of the adult male and placement of the average urinal. I'm not being sexist here. I just think it's logical to assume that urinals are mostly used by people who pee standing up."

And then there's a picture of a bridge... okay. "50 centimeters is 500,000 micrometers." That's a long bridge! "And so to go 500,000 micrometers, moving at 200 micrometers a second, that would take 2,500 seconds." So if you stood still...

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** ...with your spit dangling out of your mouth...

**Travis:** Okay. Yeah.

**Griffin:** ...into the urinal...

**Justin:** Yeah. Okay. I like hearing that—all of these words so far.

**Griffin:** For 42 uninterrupted minutes? That little nasty germ could maybe make it up there. And your—but you would have to maintain the salivary bridge for 42 minutes. And the bacteria would have to move at top speed, and I don't know how long they'd be able to keep it up.

**Justin:** I can't see this happening. I—the problem I—the problem I have with this is, like, even if you did it... If I'm a bacteria, and I see someone spitting in the toilet, I'm gonna be like—you'd see a young buck, who's like, "I'm going for it!"

And every other bacteria's like, "I've seen so many dudes fucking try. [laughs] You're never—trust me, there's *no way*."

**Griffin:** There's no way. They're gonna—they will not maintain that salivary bridge. No chance, bud.

**Justin:** I mean, by the time you get to five minutes, which is definitely a world record, I think that is the first moment where the bacteria would be like...

**Griffin:** [laughing quietly]

**Justin:** "You know what? [laughs] I think we might wanna fucking go for this, guys. This may be the one. We've always wanted to try this stunt, and maybe this is our chance."

**Travis:** But they—but by then, it's too late, Justin! They'd have to go right away, right? It'd have to be as soon as it tou—like, boom! There they go.

**Griffin:** Off to the—yeah, off to the races. Yeah, the bacteria would have to be sort of poised on the edge of the urinal, waiting for your pi—your—not your piss! Your spit.

Hey, if I see you standing over a urinal with a dangly dangle of spit hanging out of your mouth [laughs] for almost, let's round it up to an hour. Let's round it up—let's say an episode of television, sans commercials. Um, I'm gonna say something to somebody. I'll find a teacher and an adult, and I will get them to, I don't know, put you in trouble somehow. 'Cause you shouldn't be—you definitely shouldn't be doing that.

**Travis:** Or...

**Griffin:** Or?

**Travis:** Because at that point, I think I might be impressed by the focus. 'Cause I think you would see this – you'd walk in, "Oh, hey, wha?" And then there would be an amount of time that you would definitely be frozen in place, watching this happen.

**Griffin:** Mm.

**Travis:** Right? Where you think like “I need to go tell someone. What is happening?”

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** “I need to do something.” And I think in that time, the curiosity would overtake you, and you’d keep thinking, “Well, I do wanna go get someone, but I also wanna see how long they can dangle this big loogie of spit into the urinal!”

**Griffin:** Now, this is getting a little gross. So I just wanna say that there are also bad answers on here. Like somebody saying—

**Justin:** Oh, good!

**Griffin:** Uh, “What bacteria? Under normal conditions, human urine is sterile. In a pinch, you can even use it to clean a wound.” So they’re saying, like, there’s no germs in a toilet, in which case... sto—fucking stop it. Of course there is.

I’m so sick of people saying that. “You can pee on a jellyfish sting, so you might as well drink toilet water!” Stop it. That’s not what that means, even a little bit at all.

Somebody did question the, um—Dr. Anoop Sinha’s uh, answer here, and they did say “Wouldn’t the bacteria have a shorter route going up your penis?”

And then Chris Wilson – who has *nothing* to do with *anybody*...

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** ...comes in, and he’s like “It would have to overcome the speed of the stream, and urine streams are not continuous. If you were to watch it in slow motion it is broken up into drops. It would be like trying to run up a treadmill going the same speed as a fighter jet.” Not nearly as scientific.

**Travis:** I could do that.



**Griffin:** You could do that—first of all, you would have to keep this pee stream going [close to microphone] for 42 minutes.

**Travis:** Yeah, I can do that.

**Griffin:** Oh, no!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Um...

**Travis:** I can do that. I've been practicing. I only pee, uh, once every four days.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** It's wicked uncomfortable, don't get me wrong, but that's how I do it. And I've been able to perfect – and it just comes out one st—a steady—there's no arc to it.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** It's like a lightsaber.

**Griffin:** Pretty wild, um...

**Travis:** Comes out steady for 42 minutes.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Exactly.

**Griffin:** That's a good way to do it.

**Travis:** Yeah. It doesn't save a lot of time. I've been keeping track of how much time I save...

**Justin:** That's the problem.

**Travis:** Is, I haven't figured how to utilize it at all, either. I don't know why I've been doing this, and my doctor's really worried.

**Griffin:** I'm just saying, that's what Quora does. That's how Quora does it. And it's a little—

**Justin:** So that's Quora. They have a—they have what we like to call a "Joke Killer" right at the beginning, where some fucking Poindexter hops up all in your biz, and is like, "[high-pitched, gravelly voice] Actually, I have a good answer to this!"

**Griffin:** But what's great is that you then get a bunch of—

**Travis:** Wait, that sounded exactly like Doofenshmirtz, Justin!

**Griffin:** Yeah, that was wild.

**Justin:** Didn't know I had a Doofenshmirtz in me. But here it is.

**Griffin:** It's—what I love, though, is that then you get a bunch of hop-ons from people who get on the answer, and they're like, "Mm, that's really smart! Here's what I think: wouldn't you suck some of the spittle back up into your mouth?"

And it's like, stop it! The good doctor already answered this one! You don't have to try to put some extra doctor juice on it.

**Travis:** Yeah, but at that point, Griffin, [laughs] Quora sounds a lot like Twitter.

**Justin:** Uh, how about a question, would you guys like that?

**Griffin:** Please.

**Justin:** Okay.

“My girlfriend recently tagged along while I went grocery shopping. When we passed by the cheese aisle, she stopped, surprised, and said ‘Hold on a sec. You’re not gonna buy yourself any cheese?’ I didn’t really think of a— anything of it, until my sister came to visit the next day, and opened my fridge to get a drink.

“She laughed to herself and said ‘Oh, I see you have a few cheese blocks in here. I know how much you love your cheese.’ The thing is, I do love cheese, but I don’t think I like it any more than the average person, but I have no idea what I did to earn this reputation. Brothers, how do I shake this, and assert myself as an average cheese-loving Joe?” That’s from Elizabeth in Maryland.

Elizabeth, let’s first take one stop. Let’s step back a little bit, Elizabeth. I wanna talk about your sister.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** For a sec. Your sister opened the fridge, and said out loud – and I hope to God you are quoting them, like, exactly, or else it’s libel. “Oh, I see you have a few cheese blocks in here. I know how much you love your cheese.”

**Griffin:** That’s a—

**Justin:** Really?

**Griffin:** —wild observation, Elizabeth’s sister.

**Justin:** It’s a wild—

**Travis:** Well, Justin, I would imagine that that was not quite the delivery. I would think it would make a l—

**Justin:** It probably sounded a bit more human, for sure, but like...

**Travis:** I think it would go like this. “Oh!”

**Justin:** And it sounded a little something...

**Travis:** "Like—"

**Justin:** ...like this.

**Travis:** "Oh! I see you have a few cheese blocks in here. Ha, I know how much you love your cheese."

**Griffin:** Yeah, that didn't sound more natural, Trav. I don't know what you thought you did—

**Travis:** No, no, no. I wasn't going for that.

**Griffin:** —differently from what Justin did, but it was nearly identical to my ears.

**Travis:** Here's the thing. I'm starting to suspect, just hearing Justin say it out loud and then me say it out loud in a better way, that perhaps your girlfriend and your sister...

**Justin:** Mm-hm.

**Travis:** ...have been in contact with one another, like "Hey, do we wanna do a thing with cheese?" Because I also don't know how I feel about your girlfriend saying "Hold on a sec, you're not gonna buy yourself any cheese?"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Like it's a special occasion that one might do on their birthday. "You're not gonna have cake?"

**Griffin:** Yeah. The only—

**Justin:** [crosstalk]

**Griffin:** The only reason that somebody should be allowed to say that to you at a grocery store – with a, like, shock in their voice – should be if your

name is Dr. Cheese, and [laughs] you sell cheese on the internet that you buy at the grocery store, and it's a weird business that doesn't make any sense, but... "[accusing] You're not getting che—" I feel like if you have blocks of cheese in your fridge, you like cheese more than the a-ver-age bear.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** That's—

**Justin:** What are you basing—what are you basing that on, though?

**Griffin:** That a nor—a normal person doesn't have just blocks of—*blocks* of cheese in their f—

**Travis:** I do!

**Justin:** Yeah, I do.

**Griffin:** You have *blocks* of ch—what do you do with them?

**Travis:** I slice `em up and I fucking eat them!

**Justin:** Yeah. Different cheese for different moods, you know?

**Griffin:** Justin, you don't like raw chee—

**Travis:** I got one big block that—

**Griffin:** No, no, no, no. Shh, shh. Justin, you don't like raw cheese.

**Justin:** My wife can get nasty, like, all she wants. I don't hold her back.

**Griffin:** Okay...

**Justin:** She's a strong, beautiful, bisexual woman. I let her live her own life. And if that includes eating cheese...

**Griffin:** Okay...

**Justin:** ...then fucking God bless!

**Travis:** Unmelted, Justin? It doesn't hurt—do you like to leave the room, or...?

**Justin:** Yeah, I excuse myself to our second home.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I excuse myself to our rear home.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Where—there's a dairy—which is a cheese-free zone.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** Yeah. Uh, your panic room, if you will.

**Griffin:** Yup.

**Justin:** [laughs] Yeah, that's another way of—that's sort of a less extravagant way of putting it, but yes, my cheese-free panic room.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Sometimes she—you know what, on my birthday, she goes to [laughs] the panic room to eat the cheese.

**Griffin:** Wow!

**Justin:** That's not—I appreciate [wheezes] that. She lets me have free reign.

**Griffin:** Yeah. She—you see her reach in the fridge and pull out a big block of Gouda, and you're like, "Any chance you're about to melt them on some nachos? Nope, I'm outta here!"

**Travis:** No, no!

**Justin:** No, thank you.

**Griffin:** Goodbye!

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Uh, let's uh, let's take a quick break. Wait—yeah. Have we answered this to its fullest extent of the law?

**Griffin:** No, I don't think there's an answer for it. I think we just say, sorry that you were put in that position.

**Justin:** Just sorry. You know, it's nice to have a—a fucking, you know, cool personality trait.

**Travis:** There are worse things you could be associated with.

**Justin:** There's worse stuff. There's worse stuff. And if people know you love cheese, it makes Christmas a lot easier.

**Travis:** Yeah, nothing like getting some boxes of room-temperature cheddar!

**Griffin:** I'm really sorry, by the way, if your friends and family are all huge *MBMBaM*-heads and they're gonna start calling you Dr. Cheese.

**Justin:** [laughs] Yeah. That one's just too catchy. [laughs]

[theme song, "My Life (Is Better With You)!" plays]

**Justin:** Uh, our first sponsor this week – yeah, that's right. Sponsors are back, baby!

**Griffin:** In a big way.

**Justin:** In a big way. Um, and the first one is Bombas, which I—this is so wild; I'm wearing Bombas right now.

**Travis:** Get out!

**Justin:** Yep.

**Travis:** Get out!

**Justin:** I'm working out—when I'm working out, I slip on my Bombas.

**Griffin:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** Someti—I have a different pair, just for working out. They're the bad—the bad pair. [laughs] I don't like to wear those in public, 'cause I do some profane things in them vis a vis sweat, but they always are so comfortable. They're stitched with this, uh, moisture-wicking yarn.

**Griffin:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** And they got vents that let the cool air in, and prevent overheating. And there's a little pillow-like tab to save you from blisters. They s—they have "stay up technology." This is what it says here. "Stay up tech—" I know what they mean, though. It's like a nice, perfect, snug fit without being, like, restrictive.

**Travis:** Yeah, dude.

**Justin:** You're fucking just gonna, like, live in these socks. It's fantastic. There's like an—a bit of cushion-y comfort on the bottom. Oh!

**Travis:** I wear them whenever I'm doing all my charity walkathons that I do, at least three a day.



**Justin:** Yeah. Yeah, Jump Rope for Heart, you know Travis is in his Bombas.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** With my Bombas, 'cause otherwise my feet, they'll get all blistery and uncomfortable and all those things, but I wear my Bombas, and it lets me do more, uh, charitable powerwalking. Sometimes, uh, it's a triathlon, and I'll do the powerwalking into a crab crawl, and finish up with some skipping.

**Justin:** Don't get me wrong, though, I'll wear these guys in business suits.

**Travis:** Oh, really?

**Griffin:** Absolutely, I would—yeah, for sure.

**Justin:** You know what I mean? They go day-to-evening, for sure. This has all kinds of good styles.

**Travis:** What about evening-to-day?

**Justin:** Yeah. I haven't experienced that for a very long time, but I do know that evening can become day.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** And the socks are perfect for that too. Go to [bombas.com/mybrother](https://bombas.com/mybrother) today, and you'll get 20 percent off your first order. That's Bombas, [bombas.com/mybrother](https://bombas.com/mybrother) for 20 percent off. [Bombas.com/mybrother](https://bombas.com/mybrother).

**Travis:** You know, here we are, post-Max Fun Drive, and... I've been thinking about what to do with the support, and I'm thinking I'm gonna hire myself a bodyguard.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** I've seen 'em in movies. They seem really cool, and they seem like, you know, it's nice to have the protection, but also, you could become friends with them, like in *First Kid*. But the question is, Griffin—

**Griffin:** That's the d—that's the dream!

**Travis:** That's the dream! How would I even go about hiring someone for something like that?

**Griffin:** I—I don't know.

**Justin:** I did the last ad.

**Griffin:** I think you go to bodyguard—the bodyguard store. No, that can't possibly be a business that exists.

**Travis:** Well, you know, I can try ZipRecruiter.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay.

**Travis:** Yeah, because ZipRecruiter knows the general experience of looking for a job is pretty sucky, and that's why they figured out how to make it un-sucky.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** So if you're a bodyguard, and you're looking for a job, good news: I'm looking for a bodyguard.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** So when you sign up on ziprecruiter.com, you can create a free profile and get matched to great jobs, plus ZipRecruiter will proactively pitch your profile to employees and employers whose jobs match your experience. Unlike with other job sites, if an actual person from the company really likes what they see...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** ...they can *personally invite you* to apply for their job. And if you like the job, you can apply for it with just one click; it's just that easy.

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**Griffin:** One time, I got on Craigslist and I found a *Drillbit Taylor* on there, but it ended up being a novelty erotic dancer who...

**Travis:** Oh, man.

**Griffin:** ...just based on *Drillbit Taylor*.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** Sexy as fuck.

**Travis:** How—how were they? Yeah, I was gonna—

**Griffin:** Really good. [laughs]

[dramatic, stormy sound effects]

**Griffin:** We have wasted this world. Our magic put a storm in the sky that has rendered the surface of our planet uninhabitable. But beneath the surface, well, that's another story entirely.

[upbeat instrumentals play]

**Griffin:** In a city built leagues below the apocalypse, survivors of the storm forged paths through a strange new world. Some seek salvation for their homeland above. Others seek to chart the vast undersea expanse outside the city's walls. And others still seek, what else? Fortune, and glory.

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**Justin:** [imitates rock guitar]

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** [briefly imitates guitar] It's almost getting—I feel like it's getting too predictable at this point. [crosstalk]

**Travis:** Do you mean in that you've done it every episode for the last 50-some?

**Justin:** I need to sunset this bit.

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Well, you can't say—you actually can't say that.

**Travis:** No, we said we cut that.

**Griffin:** You made promises.

**Justin:** [imitates rock guitar] I wanna munch!

**Griffin and Travis:** Squad!

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

**Griffin:** Squad!

**Justin:** [imitates guitar]

**Travis:** You could start doing it at different times in the podcast, instead of right after—

**Justin:** I need this, though, 'cause it helps me co—you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** This is like a—it puts me on its back, and it helps carry me through. What do you want from me? Pilot—I—just—this isn't funny.

**Travis:** Oh, good.

**Justin:** I just want to let you know how desperate things have gotten in the Chicken Sandwich Wars; I just wanted to update everybody.

**Travis:** [gasps]

**Justin:** Pilot Flying J is getting into the fucking—

**Griffin:** Who...

**Travis:** The gas station chain?!

**Justin:** The gas station chain for truckers, Flying J, is getting into it.

**Travis:** Wow!

**Justin:** They're entering the Chicken Sandwich game, gearing up for increased summer travel by introducing several new innovative food options. "They're gonna surprise and delight our guests," says a person that works at Flying J. "Our awesome menu, including our newest southern and spicy chicken sandwiches, make Pilot Flying J the ultimate stop to fill up on great food."

Here's the reason you go to eat at Flying J: because you get off at an exit, and the Wendy's says .5 miles, and you're like, "Ah, fuck it."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** “That’s too far. I’ll probably get lost. I’m going to Flying J.” You’re not lured in by a menu item. But that’s not what we’re gonna talk about.

Um, Pepsi has created Pep’s Place.

**Travis:** Wait.

**Justin:** A fast beverage restaurant.

**Travis:** No!

**Griffin:** Say that one more—say it again—say it again, slower?

**Justin:** Pepsi...

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** ...creates...

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** ...Pep’s Place.

**Griffin:** [wheezes]

**Justin:** Pepsi creates Pep’s Place.

**Griffin:** Just—can you stop—stop—stop. I need you to keep saying those three words over and over to me again until I fall asleep. Can you say them gently, like ASMR, and then I’ll get a quick little bit of sleep.

**Justin:** [makes soft clicking sounds]

**Griffin:** Pepsi creates—Pepsi creates Pep’s Place.

**Justin:** Pep’s—Pep’s Place—Pepsi creates Pep’s Place.

**Griffin:** P-E-P apostrophe S, Place?

**Justin:** P-E-P apostrophe -eps. Place.

**Travis:** Pep-ep's!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] Do you guys—do you guys [through laughter] do you guys know the original name of Pepsi? [normally] I just think it's fu—we talked about it on *Sawbones* once. The original name of Pepsi is Brad's Drink.  
[laughs]

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah.

**Travis:** [laughs] But I bet they're kicking themselves now, because Brad's Place is a better name.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** 1890—yeah, if it was called Brad's Drink still—God, it's so funny. Brad's Drink.

**Travis:** Hey, who made this?

**Justin:** "Hey, I'm gonna rename it to Pepsi."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Me, I made it—my name's Brad, it's my drink."

Okay, so Pe—Pe—Pe—Pe—Pepsi creates Pep's Place, a fast badverage restaurant.

**Griffin:** [snorts] [holding back laughter] I think you said "bad—"

**Justin:** This is so—this one is—

**Griffin:** I think you said "badverage," which is also strong.

**Justin:** This one is, like, among the more Orwellian [laughs] that we have encountered in this segment.

**Griffin:** That's saying something.

**Justin:** "Few things are more agreed upon than our collective, unapologetic love of food. Cheesy, juicy..."

**Travis:** [laughs] Stop!

**Justin:** "...or saucy." Here's different ways food can be. Take it from us, Pepsi. [laughs] Trust us; we know about foods.

So—it's um—it's um—"So many of our favorite eats are enhanced when paired with an ice-cold Pepsi Cola. To reinforce this, the Pepsi brand is upending what we expect of the food delivery world with today's launch of Pep's Place, where the cola comes first.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Justin:** "This inventive fast beverage restaurant turns the traditional ordering process on its head."

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** "Consumers are invited to first pick their Pepsi beverage of choice."

**Travis:** Do they have Coke products?

[pause]

**Griffin:** I assume they don't.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** "Which then prompts curated food items based on that beverage."



**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Travis:** Get the fuck out.

**Justin:** “To enhance the overall meal experience. Pep’s Place opens today in select locations around the country for delivery only through pepsplacerestaurant.com and major food aggregators like—” uh, well, none of ‘em paid to be mentioned on this episode, so I won’t...

**Travis:** So what you’re saying is the process is I would get on pepsplace.com, and pick “Pepsi,” I guess. “Pepsi.”

And it would be like, “Based on the fact that you ordered a Pepsi, here’s some food...”

**Justin:** Hey, there’s no reason for you to get ahead of me, bud. I’ll walk you through the entire process. Come with me.

**Travis:** Oh, thank you. Thank you.

**Justin:** Here, let me hit you with my shrink ray and put you in my pocket. We’re going to Pep’s Place.

“You’re looking for a bold cola profile and lemony citrus notes of Pepsi Zero Sugar? Well, that pairs gracefully with our crisp and tangy chicken Caesar salad. Craving a Tropical Splash Pepsi Mango? The fruity and floral notes complement the perfect blend of mild chilies found in our buffalo wing sauce.”

Here’s how you order. First, step one, you select from a bevy of Pepsi beverages, and then it lists – I shit you not – nine of them. Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Pepsi Zero Sugar, Pepsi Real Sugar, Pepsi Wild Cherry, Pepsi Zero Sugar, Wild Cherry Pepsi Mango, and Pepsi Zero Sugar Mango.

**Griffin:** Mango Flavor Sugar Flavor Diet Pepsi Pepsi [laughs] Pepsi Mango Cherry Mango Mango Soda Pepsi Soda—

**Justin:** There’s a—there’s Piet. There’s Piet Depsi.

**Griffin:** [laughs] There's Piet Depsi, sweet, sweet Cold Pepsi, and Pepsi Co  
—

**Travis:** Patrick Dempsey.

**Griffin:** There's Depsis, and Pepsis, and Puppies, and Chocolate—Chocolate Chi—uh, Cherry Mango Mango Sugar Zero.

**Justin:** “G—choose from—and then you’ll choose from a menu curated from —with mouthwatering food pairings from your cola choice.” And then it lists food: cheeseburgers, buffalo wings, Cajun chicken sandwiches, you get the idea. Chicken Sandwich Wars raging on even at Pep—Pep—Pep—Pep—Pep—Pep—Pep’s Place.

“Then you fill out the meal with delectable sides, including mac and cheese, broccoli, and Lays chips.”

**Travis:** Huh!

**Griffin:** Alright.

**Justin:** [through laughter] Here’s—here’s... [laughs] This is my favorite line in the whole press release. [laughs] “Pep’s Place will be open every day for the next 30 days.” [laughs loudly] What an insane—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [through laughter] What an insane way of describing [laughs] your restaurant’s availability. “When’s your restaurant open?”

“Every day, for the next 30 days.”

**Griffin:** This is—can I—I rarely do this, ‘cause I want—I always want it to be a special surprise, but I did load up... the menu... and I—I do... I am confused about... if I w—

**Justin:** Do you have access to Pep’s Place in Austin?

**Griffin:** No. There's one in El Paso, which I'm pretty sure the Pepsi would have gone quite flat by the time it reached my house from El Paso. But like... you can get *any*—it doesn't suggest a food item. They have six items, and then they have nine Pepsi's. And no matter which Pepsi you choose, you can get one of the six. I want it to be restrictive. Like, I want it to be like, "I would like the Pepsi Mango Zero Sugar, uh, with the Louisiana-style chicken sandwich."

And have the website be like, "No. 'Cause those two don't go together! You can't have that!"

**Justin:** I mean, I know it seems like a small complaint, but like, it is the entire point of the entire fucking thing.

**Griffin:** It's the—

**Justin:** Like, if that doesn't—

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** [sighs] Um, the—now, this press release didn't tell me about this, but I started thinking about it, and like, there is no way that Pepsi is springing up, um, like, restaurants, right?

**Griffin:** No. They're—no, because they're Pepsi.

**Justin:** Right. So I—'cause you've seen this phenomenon on like, uh, all the different food delivery apps.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** I don't know if you guys have seen these. All of a sudden, a restaurant opens up, and you're like, "Well, I've never heard of—of this place."

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** And it's like, well, that's because it's just Chili's.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** No, yeah, it's probably a ghost restaurant.

**Justin:** It's just Chili's pretending to be—yeah, a ghost restaurant, right? We've discussed this subject, so I was like, "This c—this can't be just, like, McDo—" So have you guys heard of a chain called Famous Dave's?

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Griffin:** What the fuck? Yeah. Wait, wait, wait. Did you say "Famous Dave's," or did you say "Pep's Place"?

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** My internet broke up, and I th—it's—

**Justin:** The [through laughter] distinction is basically—is—what I'm saying, is it is a, um, there is no distinction. Pep's Place—all the Pep's Place—

**Travis:** Pep's Place is a flat circle.

**Justin:** Pep's Place is a different way to order from Famous Dave's.

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Justin:** Which would've been a better headline for the press release, honestly.

**Griffin:** So cool.

**Travis:** But Famous Dave's has a way bigger menu than Pep's Place!

**Griffin:** This is—

**Justin:** Well, yeah, but Pep's Place is a smaller restaurant that is in the corner of the Famous Dave's, is what we're supposed to imagine.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** They don't mention, by the way, in the press release, they do not say "This is the food from Famous Dave's."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's how Famous Dave is. They won't even give him a shoutout.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "No, no, no. It's from Pep's Place, a real restaurant you can find."

**Griffin:** Hey, tell me what you think of this idea, boys. Business idea – 'cause you guys love this shit. You watch *Shark Tank* and all that shit. I'll go buy an aquarium, and I'm gonna fill it with Country Time Lemonade powder, and I'm gonna put a hose in there and make that good yellow drink. And then I'm gonna throw that in the trunk in my car, which I will then crash into the foyer of a Burger King, and then open the trunk and hang a sign out that says "Griffin's Place."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And then you can come there and get this lemonade-forward experience at Griffin's Place.

**Justin:** I love that.

**Griffin:** Catered by the Burger King that I crashed my car into.

**Travis:** Okay, here's my question. I'm looking at two different menus.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Pep's Place is offering a brownie dessert. If I—

**Justin:** Is that what it's listed as?

**Griffin:** Woah, hold on. My Pep's Place doesn't have that.

**Travis:** It is very clearly a brownie dessert. They are under desserts. There's one option, and it looks like a brownie with some whipped cream on top of it.

If I order from that Pep's Place, and I call them, and I say "I would like the apple co—the apple crisp."

And they're like, "That's not on the menu here."

**Justin:** If you call Famous Dave's and say "Hi, I'm calling from Pep's Place..."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** ...they will think you are an absolute maniac. There is no way they will know about this promotion.

**Travis:** I'm just saying, if Pep's Place is at Famous Dave's, and Famous Dave's has peach cobbler and apple crisp, and Dave's award-winning bread pudding – I'm looking at the menu now, in El Paso. I should be able to get those things from Pep's Place. Why is Pep's Place limiting the things I can order when I know they have access?

**Justin:** Because if you eat peach cobbler with Pepsi, you'll fucking barf, dude!

**Griffin:** You'll die. You'll fucking die, dude.

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

**Travis:** I wish that it said that on the Pep's Place menu, like, "We know that this isn't the only food on Earth, but it is the only food you can eat safely with Pepsi."

**Justin:** “We’re going to restrict—you’re not ready for the entire Famous Dave’s menu. You can’t handle it.” Um...

**Griffin:** A lot of people talk about Diet Coke and Mentos, it makes a big explosion. Not a lot of people talk about, uh, Pepsi does that with most foods.

**Justin:** “For years, we’ve known that Pepsi is the perfect complement to a variety of foods, but even though consumers know that food tastes [slight emphasis] better with Pepsi—” that’s how I talk when I’m saying all caps. “Better with Pepsi. They often still forget to order a beverage with their favorite meals,” says Todd Kaplan, vice president of marketing of Pepsi, inventing an absolute fucking fabrication that doesn’t happen, for the convenience of his absolute, uh, unhinged ghost restaurant.

“With the launch of Pep’s Place, we’ve designed a new fast-beverage restaurant...”

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** “...delivery concept that features a menu and experience literally built around the idea of what foods go best with Pepsi, allowing consumers at home to fully optimize their meals. We are confident that by doing this, everyone will agree and taste firsthand how well Pepsi goes with their favorite foods.”

**Griffin:** Cool!

**Justin:** Uh, so that’s the news. Um, for this week.

**Griffin:** Cool. Um, we can blast back to the past with a final Yahoo.

**Justin:** Yeah, let’s take a trip back.

**Griffin:** I need a name for this segment, also. I’m s—

**Justin:** Couldn't even be troubled to come up with a name for this segment, Griff, wow.

**Griffin:** Yeah, well, okay.

**Justin:** Alright.

**Griffin:** Hey, you know what, never mind.

**Justin:** Well, you know, we do have more show, so you do have to say something.

**Griffin:** So this final Yahoo was from episode five, and, um...

**Travis:** Oh!

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's a—it's a very old one. And the archive.org of Yahoo has been really fucking up today, which is a shame. I think the Wayback Machine is not putting a lot of their juice behind keeping the Yahoo Answers service in its, uh—in its heart.

Okay, no, but Matt. Matt asked this, and asked back in episode five, so many years ago. "Can you take parakeets in the shower with you? Hey, I'm thinking of getting a parakeet, and I was wondering if it's possible to take them in the shower with you by using some kind of special perch. Thanks."

See, you don't get those extra details in the final Yahoo. 'Cause I just g—

**Justin:** Yeah, this is a director's cut.

**Griffin:** I get in there with the wham, bam, thank you ma'am, I get you with a good joke. Here's—woah.

Um, we don't know much about birds, or bird biology.

**Travis:** *You* don't.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay.



**Justin:** Yeah, go ahead.

**Travis:** No, I don't either.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** I—yeah.

**Griffin:** I mean, there's water birds. I've seen penguins swim, and flamingos stand in the water; I don't know if they like to actually get down in it. Ducks are another bird that like—

**Travis:** But it rains outside, right?

**Griffin:** It rains outside, and that's where birds usually do—except for parakeets aren't really outside.

**Travis:** They live in the... junk... wait.

**Justin:** I mean, they were originally outside, for sure.

**Travis:** Were they, Justin?

**Griffin:** You have no way of proving that.

**Justin:** Um, f—

**Travis:** Because here's the thing: think about, Justin—think about this, 'cause this is what just happened to me, right? I thought "Well, parakeets must originally come from the jungle. They're a brightly cover—colored bird."

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** But like, I can picture a parrot in the jungle.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** But when I try to picture, like, a parakeet in the wild? My brain won't do it.

**Griffin:** And I—and also, not to keep poking holes in this thing, but I'm trying to imagine a wet parrot, and I just can't get there, guys.

**Travis:** I bet it looks weird.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I bet—it's not a happy camper, for sure. I just assume most birds, if they get the least bit wet, they die instantly. 'Cause they can't fly anymore, 'cause of the extra weight.

**Justin:** Um, I think for this new, um—for this new segment, what I love is the idea of actually trying to get some answers here. So I'm gonna take you guys inside with, uh, *The Nest*, and the—their article, "How to Bathe Parakeets."

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Justin:** Now, step one is, "Spritz your parakeet gently with lukewarm water from a spray bottle."

**Griffin:** Well, that's how I shower, so these stars have aligned quite perfectly so far.

**Travis:** Wait. Why isn't step one "Prepare your parakeet mentally for what's about to happen"?

**Griffin:** Or get—

**Justin:** [laughs] Yeah. Yeah, just absolutely [laughs] kno—just yeet a bunch of water onto your parakeet out of fucking nowhere.

**Travis:** "Woah! What the fuck was that?"

**Griffin:** Well, I mean, step one should be “Buy or hatch a parakeet.”

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Right, yes.

**Griffin:** I can’t wander into this article, fucking parakeet-less, and just lost from the jump.

**Justin:** If it—if it likes it, um—

**Griffin:** How do—and how—

**Justin:** If she enjoys this, she will hold her wings away from her body, and ruffle her feathers. She may also make a budgie play face at you.

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

**Justin:** By gaping her beak, or trying to drink the water.

**Travis:** [odd enunciation] Yeah! Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Griffin:** You can’t use that word for—except for very specific...

**Justin:** I’m pretty sure we can’t do that.

**Travis:** Now, what kind of spray bottle we talking here? What’s the max pressure I want...?

**Griffin:** Yeah, what kind of PSI are we dealing with?

**Justin:** No, you wanna actu—absolutely just blaze your parakeet.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** You gotta blow it—blow it off of the perch.

But here's the thing, right? If it—if it likes it, you can go for—you can jump to step three, and step three right here is the shower method.

**Travis:** [gasps loudly]

**Justin:** Where it says, I shit you not, "Bring your parakeet into the bathtub or shower with you."

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Justin:** "Spray her gently with a handheld shower nozzle and lukewarm or mildly warm water. This option is for parakeets that love water, and absolutely adore the spray bottle. It adds extra excitement for your pet!"

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah.

**Justin:** "And turns bath time into a social event with her favorite person: you!"

**Travis:** Hey, Justin, does it specify whether or not I can wear my swim trunks when I take it in the shower with me?

**Griffin:** Yeah, just—if my dick is out, will the parakeet see it and be threatened by it and...

**Travis:** I don't want the parakeet to see me naked.

**Griffin:** Even worse, though, is if it does attack it, and I have to fight it off in a sort of panic respo—

**Justin:** Then you get—you get the questions that are like, "Why don't I grow one of those? Ba-cawk!" God, this is complicated.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Like...

**Travis:** I just don't want to have to—Justin, I don't want to have to go the doctor. And when the doctor's like, "What happened to your penis?"

I don't wanna be like, "Well, my parakeet panicked, and it attacked," right? So I'm thinking maybe, like, I could wear my swim trunks?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And I'm gonna prote—I wanna protect my nipples, though, if I'm being honest.

**Justin:** I was having a nonsexual bath [laughs] with my parrot... keet.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Parrot-keet, sorry.

**Griffin:** [laughs] My par—my par—

**Justin:** [laughs] His name's—his name's—my parakeet, Parrot Pete is his name.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** My parakeet's named Parrot Pete alright?

**Griffin:** I was in there with parakeet, Parrot Pete, and my parrot, Parrot Keith!

**Justin:** [laughs] And it's on the parapet, and I got the shower going, and it went right for it. And gosh darn it [wheezes] I should've seen it coming.

"This is your third visit this week."

"Yeah, Doc. I got a lot of birds!"

**Griffin:** It's looking pretty bad down there.

**Justin:** A lot of birds got even more showers.

**Griffin:** "How's the—but how's the parakeet?"

"Oh, dead. Yeah, no, he attacked my wiener in the shower, and that's a private place, and..."

**Justin:** "You understand."

"[deeper voice] It's all instinct."

"Yeah, it was all instinct. You're right, Doc."

**Travis:** [laughs] It was all instinct. I didn't want to, but I had to. It's survival. I understand.

**Griffin:** "This caveman shit, Doc... I mean, back—our old ancestors..."

**Justin:** "Listen, let's keep it between friends and just—[wheezes]"

**Griffin:** [bursts out laughing]

**Justin:** Hey, that's so cool. "Hey, everybody, don't we have the coolest veterinarian in town?"

And everybody's like, "Yeah!"

**Travis:** No questions asked.

**Justin:** "This guy never narcs. It doesn't matter how many birds you kill; this guy is fucking so cool. God, you're cool, man." [laughs]

**Travis:** "[deeper voice] I'm gonna go smoke some weed now. Woah!"

**Griffin:** "[deeper voice] Remind me, is parakeets the one that talks?"

"No, I don't think so."

“[deeper voice] Then fucking fine, baby!”

**Justin:** [laughs] This guy. He either tells me it’s okay that I kill my birds, or tries to buy them off of me at less than market rates. What a cool vet you are.

**Travis:** He’s the coolest guy.

**Justin:** [laughs] He’s the coolest vet. He keeps saying—he says so much funny shit, like “[deeper voice] I’m not a vet,” and things like that.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I hope he dates my mom.

**Justin:** Oh, my God.

**Travis:** Yes, Justin?

**Justin:** Do you guys want to know something absolutely wild?

**Griffin:** I would.

**Justin:** This is unrelated, before we close the show. As we are—have been sitting here in the past seven minutes, I got a notification that Roku is going to be launching original programming fueled by...

**Travis:** Quibi?

**Justin:** Quibi’s content.

**Griffin:** Hey!

**Justin:** That’s right! There—in the—we demand Quibi, and Quibi’s there for us. Um... some good stuff. Ron had a show on Quibi.

**Travis:** Yeah, we gotta call Ron! Make sure Ron knows about this.

**Justin:** Ron! Big news, bud, you're gonna be on Roku!

**Griffin:** I'm sure Ron probably—Ron probably knows.

**Justin:** Um, thank you so much for listening to our podcast, *My Brother, My Brother and Me*. That's this one. And thank you again, we joked about it, but thank you so much for your support in the Drive. Uh, it means the world to us.

Uh, we got a lot of cool merch for ya, if you head on over to [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com). Our pin of the month is the tub pumpkin, uh, which proceeds from that pin are going to the Equal Justice Initiative, which is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice and protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. That's at [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com). You can preorder that, uh, right now.

We also have a, uh, "Save the New Appalachian Workshop" sticker.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** [laughs] Stupid hammer Griffin on there. What a delight.

And uh, some of that proceeds from that will go to Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State. So you'll help build homes for people here in Huntington, West Virginia.

**Griffin:** Uh, hey, thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, "My Life (Is Better With You)!" Uh, great track. Can't wait for that one to drop. And, uh, so stoked for Eurovision. Can't wait to see. There's—the new music video is out for Montaigne's Eurovision song, "Technicolour." Now, on... I don't know, YouTube?

And, um, hey, we just started a new season of *The Adventure Zone*! If that's something that you're interested in, it's called *Ethersea*. It's an underwater adventure. And we're playing, uh, a world building game called *The Quiet Year* in a little, uh, setup session that's happening right now. It's a lot of fun, and I think you'll like it a lot. There's probably—I think two



episodes out by the time you hear this, and more coming. So check that totally out too!

I don't have a final Yahoo...

**Justin:** This has been *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, kiss your dad—

**Griffin:** No! [crosstalk]

[pause]

**Justin:** [deliberately This has been *My Brother, My Brother and—*

**Griffin:** Oh, no, I dropped it—oh, here's one. This is a fi—no, hold on. No, I just got it to load. I refreshed it enough times.

**Justin:** Don't. You're embarrassing yourself. This is so sad.

**Griffin:** No, I loaded—shh. I refreshed it enough times. And this one was sent in by [hesitantly] Dan. And it is asked by Yahoo Answers User Jess...en, who asks, "[mumbling] I dropped uh, spaghetti on my grandpa's... butt? And he died. How do I do it?"

**Justin:** [wheezes, laughs]

**Travis:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** [through laughter] My name is Justin McElroy.

**Travis:** [through laughter] I'm Travis McElroy.

**Griffin:** It's a real one, guys. I got it to work.

**Justin:** [laughs] I can't believe you found that one, and you just were sittin' on it.

**Griffin:** So lucky. I'm Griffin McElroy.

**Justin:** This has been *My Brother, My Brother and Me*. Kiss your dad square on the lips.

[theme song, "My Life (Is Better With You)!" by Montaigne plays]

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