

MBMBaM 564: HANCH

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Intro (Bob Ball): The McElroy brothers are not experts, and their advice should never be followed. Travis insists he's a sexpert, but if there's a degree on his wall, I haven't seen it. Also, this show isn't for kids, which I mention only so the babies out there will know how cool they are for listening. What's up, you cool baby?

[theme song plays]

Justin: Hello, everybody, welcome to *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 "I got fleas!" Travis McElroy.

Griffin: And I'm your sweet baby brother, Griffin McElroy.

Justin: So this is a segment we like to do every episode, where we ask Travis how's your penis? [laughs]

Travis: Uh, my penis is fine...

Griffin: This is—

Travis: It's my scrotum that I'm—

Griffin: This—we doing this? We do—hey, hey, boys? We doing this?

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: There's the thing—it's a—it's a great—it's a fan-favorite bit...

Travis: Yeah. Scrotum Chat!

Justin: And you can only do it, I mean, God willing and the creek don't rise, we can only do it one more time.

Travis: Yeah, I got myself a vasesc-tomy!

Griffin: Yeah. And just—you know, I'm not so plugged in to sochi, but Juice, what was the response like when you talked at length about your sort of procedure?

Justin: Wow, I actually—it's so funny you said that. Very good, and also positive.

Travis: People loved it.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Good and positive? There weren't people like, "I don't wanna hear about this dude's hog. I want to hear him joke about fast food franchises."

Travis: Well, Griffin, the vasectomy doesn't focus on the hog, primarily. It focuses more on uh, the—the beans, as it were. It focuses on the buns. Focuses on the meatballs, you know what I mean?

Griffin: I like to think of it all as the hog.

Travis: Oh, okay!

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: It's a holistic hog... time... down there. And I—here's the thing, Trav. I'm your brother, I love you, and I'm very concerned about your wellbeing, and I'm excited about your uh, your impotence and all that jazz...

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: But even I—

Justin: Doesn't feel that way, does it, Trav?

Travis: No!

Griffin: But even—even I ki—even I *kinda* don't wanna hear about it. And I'm your—

Travis: It feels like you're not supporting me in this time, uh, when I need you—

Griffin: I'm supportive.

Travis: When I need you the most, Griffin, that I have ever needed you in my entire life to just say yes to the dress. You're saying, uh, no. And—

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah.

Travis: Can I ask you—

Justin: [crosstalk] So Trav? If I—if I can welc—I'm in like, a supportive place with you.

Travis: Thank you.

Justin: Uh, how did it—how did it go? How did the whole uh, thing go?

Travis: It mostly went fine. Uh, there was one weird thing. I don't know how you dealt with this, Justin...

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: The doctor just kept saying, "Wow, what a radical scrote!" And...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: That was—that was flattering, I guess? But like, I kind of wanted him to focus up.

Griffin: It was the use—it's the use of the word "radical" that makes me think that maybe this is not a licensed medical professional...

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: ...and maybe some sort of surf... surf dude on his—on the boardwalk.

Travis: Well, sometimes he would just say, under his breath, like, "It's just such a cool sack." You know what I mean? And like, that was not—

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: It was nice, but like...

Griffin: Cool, huh?

Travis: I expected it to be a little less – and for lack of a better word – clinical.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You know what I mean?

Justin: I've listened to you talk about this for a few minutes now, I wanted to give you a little bit of rope, but seems like, um, you're lying, and that's fine...

Travis: No...

Justin: Sometimes there's humor to be found in that. But I am gonna go ahead and assume from your lies, from the fact that you've created a fabricated thing. That it... The whole thing wasn't very funny.

Travis: No, no, no, it wa—honestly—

Justin: It wasn't very funny, and I feel like maybe you were going in, hoping it would be a gut-buster and maybe it was just sort of um, you know, an overall success, and fun for everybody.

Travis: Okay, I'll be honest now—it was not bad. The only part that really like, *hurt* hurt was honestly uh, he—

Griffin: Your balls. Your zone.

Travis: No, he taped—he taped my pe-nis up out of the way, so it wouldn't get in the way.

Griffin: Get outta there, you stinker. [laughs]

Justin: You need to do that for me.

Griffin: Get outta there, you. [laughs]

Travis: When he took—when he took the tape—

Justin: Wait, he didn't need to do that for me.

Travis: He did it for me, and when he took the tape off, it pulled off a lot of chest hair. And that really—

Justin: Oh, that wasn't a problem for me at all.

Griffin: [bursts out laughing]

Justin: [bursts out laughing]

Griffin: You suck. You are a fucking ding-along... this sucks.

Justin: Fuck, it's all good stuff. It's all good stuff. Just fun, regular conversation between brothers.

Travis: Now, I—I do find that I've spent the last 48 hours thinking more about my own genitals than I did in all of my teen years put together.

Griffin: Hey, same. Same. For me, but for you, 'cause you keep telling us about them.

Travis: You keep a—Dad keep asking. [laughs] Dad, every four hours, wants to check in on how my downstairs is doing.

Justin: He's a caring father, Travis!

Griffin: Yeah, and also—

Travis: He is a caring father, but he keeps saying "How's your radical scrote?" And I don't know how to confer from the doctor or what.

Griffin: Eh. When I check in, I say "How are you feeling, bud?" I don't say "Tell me about the—tell me about the incision site on your delicate bathing suit area. Because I love you, but that's your private place. That's your private zone."

Travis: And here's the thing is, he said mine was the least delicate he's ever seen. He said it was like toughened leather trying to get through there.

Griffin: Man.

Travis: Uh, which was pretty cool.

Griffin: You kept—Juice, you kept saying “He didn’t do that with me.” Did you guys have the same guy?

Travis: There’s only one guy.

Griffin: Is there just one guy in the Tri-State area who, like...

Justin: There’s just one guy. There’s just one regular, normal guy.

Griffin: Okay. Okay.

Travis: And he travels the world, kind of a reverse Johnny Appleseed, really.

Griffin: Yeah.

[muffled, brief clip of “On the Wings of Love” plays and ends]

Griffin: Hey, what was that? A little—

Justin: That was my bad.

Griffin: Just a little soundbite of “On the Wings of Love”?

Justin: Yeah, that’s my—Comcast is trying to call me. They’ll never reign me down.

Griffin: [laughs] Okay.

Travis: Is that their special ringtone, Justin?

Justin: They said, “Were you using your data to hear things about your brother’s testicles?”

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Cause we're monitoring the *whole thing*."

Travis: The doctor kept calling them "besticles." He said, "These are the besticles."

Griffin: Alright...

Travis: And that was—

Justin: Alright.

Griffin: Alright, alright.

Travis: And that was interesting to me.

Justin: Alright. But it wasn't funny—

Griffin: I'm stumped, [crosstalk]—

Justin: It wasn't funny; Trav, I'm hard—sorry to hear.

Travis: He asked if he could do a charcoal drawing and frame it, and hang it up in his personal home.

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah.

Travis: Which I thought was nice. And I did—

Griffin: There's some st—I'm starting to think he didn't even get a vasectomy.

Justin: No! No, no, no. I'm sure—I'm sure he did, but I just don't think anything funny happened, and he was disappointed. Which is fine!

Travis: Griffin, I can send you a picture. Griffin, I'll send you a picture to do it.

Justin: No, we don't need to do that.

Griffin: No, we don't need to do that.

Justin: This is kind of a *Jackass*-style...

Griffin: This isn't like one of those *Jackasses*.

Travis: That would be weird, if now, like, *Jackass* started up again, but it was just like, "Aw man, yeah, I got an actual, like, prostate exam, and it wasn't funny, but here—here's my test results!"

Griffin: Yeah, they are—they are getting older.

Justin: They are welcome to make a run at it for sure, but they should definitely check in and see what's going on on YouTube before they make any grand—grand announcements...

Griffin: Yeah, yeah. Absolutely.

Justin: ...that *Jackass* is back in the mix. 'Cause things are—um...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: A lot out there.

Griffin: Yeah, there's a guy on TikTok who's like, "In this TikTok, over the next year, I'm gonna eat my entire house."

And then it's like, Johnny and the gang... how are you supposed to beat that? He's gonna eat a whole house in a year. If a tree—

Justin: "[crosstalk]? This guy's over here eating houses. [laughs] He's giving it away for free."

Travis: I think *Jackass* should come back and just do unboxing videos, but every time they open the box, inside it's just Steve-O genitals.

Griffin: The—

Travis: Like, every time—still attached. Don't get me wrong; still attached.

Griffin: Yeah, he's like there, and [crosstalk].

Justin: Oh, it's like the popcorn bucket trick?

Travis: Yeah. Yeah. But he's been under the table the whole time.

Griffin: I love him.

Justin: That's funny. That's funny.

Griffin: Alright!

Justin: Those guys have still got it. So this is an advice show. Sorry about—

Griffin: So we'll only have to do this one more time, but when I get mine, I'm gonna be... like a d—a—very coquettish about it.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: You're gonna hide it behind a fan.

Griffin: You're not even gonna know.

Justin: This is an advice show—

Travis: Real quick. Real quick. I need a second. I started uh, heating up a pot of water to make macaroni for Teresa when the kids got home, and

they haven't left yet, so now there's just a hot pot of water on the stove; I gotta go stop that heat. One second.

Griffin: Alright...

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Um...

Justin: [laughs] Let's just keep recording. That's a great—

Griffin: Yeah, for sure.

Justin: [through laughter] That's a great thing to let people know that Travis did.

Griffin: Hey, as long as we're doing chores, I'm—can I get permission from you on something, Juice?

Justin: Yeah, hit us with—

Griffin: There's a bad smell coming up from the drain on the floor of my laundry room, and it smells like an elephant died in my house somewhere, and I can't find it. So I got the door to my office open out—to the outside, and getting a little sound of the city. Do you think that's okay to get that in the mix?

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Yeah, it's fine to get the sound of the city in the mix. Welcome back, Trav. We never stopped the show.

Travis: Oh, great! Great, great. That's good content.

Justin: I I—that's good content! Now that's some content.

Um—uh, okay. So you're back. Griffin, that's fine. Get a little sound of the city.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Um... And I'm sorry about the smell. That's tough as—when your house just gets a smell...

Griffin: It gets a bad one.

Justin: My dishwasher got a bad smell.

Travis: Aw, man.

Griffin: Oh, boy...

Justin: And then I was like, "Well, you clean! You clean for a living!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Who cleans you? [laughs] And it turns, like—you know what I mean? Like, the dishwasher washed the dish. Who washed the dishwasher.

Griffin: That's great.

Justin: Turned out, it me. [laughs] I didn't—and I didn't like—

Griffin: It has to—must be you.

Justin: And if you wait too long to clean those stinks, some bad things happen.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Things you won't forget, can't forget, shan't regret.

So this is an advice show. Um, Travis, you have placed a question from Quora in here.

Travis: Well, I think that this is important, you know what I mean? Like, we don't normally treat these as like, regular... listener questions. Usually, that's—

Justin: That's only because they're not.

Travis: Well, but this was sent from Nathan. And I saw him, and I instantly thought of, like, this is important. This is—this is, uh, perhaps an important cultural touchstone that we could answer and fix and make the world a little bit better, and it's rare that we have that opportunity.

Griffin: It just seems like a—we're gonna cuss a lot... doing it.

Justin: Is it—here's the question. "Is it for fucks sake" or "For fuck sake"? It's for a work email, so it has to sound professional." [laughs]

Griffin: It's neither of the ways that they have written here...

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Because it's—

Justin: They've written it F-U-C-K-S, no apostrophe.

Griffin: It is—it's possess—it's possessive. The sake is possessive of...

Travis: Of "fuck."

Griffin: Of the F word, yeah. And then can we move on? 'Cause it's just—it just feels like we're gonna get, like, really fucking, like, nasty on it.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Here's what I think needs to happen, Griffin. I think each of us needs to say "fuck" 10 times in a row, until the word—

Griffin: No, 'cause no, it's like—

Travis: No, so that the word loses meaning, right?

Justin: No.

Travis: And then we can...

Justin: Too late.

Travis: ...just discuss it.

Griffin: No. 'Cause it's—we're not—we're not all George Carlin, and we've also said that word so many times, and it's fine to say it in the heat of the moment...

Justin: And fun.

Griffin: But to do it—to do it like this... it sucks. It sucks.

Justin: My—my—my three-year-old daughter threw a chap stick in my eye. And it landed right in the eye.

Griffin: [laughing quietly]

Travis: Was the chapstick open? Did you get any chapstick—

Justin: It was open, 'cause I was trying to take it from it, 'cause she zhooshes it up the whole way.

Travis: Oh, yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So it's just two inches of chap stick sticking out.

Griffin: Aw, damn it! [laughs]

Justin: And it drives me crazy.

Travis: Like a dog boner.

Justin: She's like, "Okay, sure, no problem. Chuck!"

And then throws it at my head, and it goes right in my eye, and I said "Fuck!"

And then Charlie said, "Don't say bad words."

And I said, "This is the exact opportunity to say 'fuck,' 'cause a kid threw a chap stick in my eye."

Griffin: [laughs] If not now, then when?

Justin: Yeah. If not this, then what?

Travis: That's weird coming from Charlie, who I believe just per capita has cursed more in her life than I have.

Griffin: Mm-hm.

Travis: So I don't understand where she gets off judging *you*, Justin. I think you're doing fine. But the question that I'm left with, Justin, is was there chapstick on your eyeball?

Griffin: Yeah, was it Lip Smackers? Mentholated? What are we dealing with?

Travis: Was this a Burt's Bees?

Justin: Uh, it was a cocon—it was like a coconut cream pie, or something like that.

Travis: And—

Griffin: Alright.

Travis: Your eye feel moisturized afterwards?

Justin: Uh, no. It was unpleasant. I mean, there were tears in it, so yes, I guess it was more moisturized in that sense.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Uh, okay. I—here’s a different one. “Hello, brothers. My partner and I are currently in the middle of making a *lovely* chicken casserole for dinner, and we’ve hit a snag. The recipe calls for corn flakes for that crunchy touch, but we’re plum out at the moment. However, we do have Frosted Flakes. Do I go for that sweet with this chicken, bacon, and rice casserole, or do you know any way I can get the frosted off my flakes without getting soggy?” That’s from Casserollin’ without Cornflakes.

Griffin: This is your moment, Justin!

Travis: Yes, Justin, shine. Shine, baby, shine!

Justin: Okay. Here is my suggestion to you – and I think this is powerful. It’s a powerful cooking concept, ‘cause you guys know I love to mess around in the kitchen.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Oh, yeah.

Justin: *Crime Scene Kitchen?* I'll watch it, no problem. I'll watch anything with Joel McHale and kitchen... and mystery.

So here's what I'm gonna say: There's a little bit of sugar in everything.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Okay? Is that fair to say? So if you put corn flakes on your casserole, you have introduced some sugar from the malt flavoring in the corn flake, in the—you know, in the process of making corn flakes. Of course, uh, W.H. Kellogg introduced sugar that his brother was unwilling to uh, introduce. Because he was a health nut.

So you got sugar in there. Is this fair?

Griffin: Mm-hm.

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: But if you add Frosted Flakes, oh, you've added more sugar.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: That's not bad. All you gotta do is you gotta grab the other sliders...

Griffin: Oh, wow!

Justin: ...of flavor. [laughs] You gotta jack 'em up to meet sugar. There's not a—there's not too much sugar; there's not enough cumin.

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Right? There's not enough pap-ri-ka! You put it all in there! You jack up all the flavors!

Griffin: Okay...

Justin: Then it's balanced! And it's intense! Hoo!

Griffin: It's like that TV—it's like that book and TV show that's like, "Salt, sugar, yummy, sweet..."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And then you got the four flavors... [laughs] You have the four flavors of salt.

Justin: [crosstalk] salt and sugar.

Griffin: Salt is salty; sugar is—has that sugary taste to it; yummy is most of the other stuff; and then sweet is cut—like, everything that's sweet, but isn't sugar, like honey.

Justin: Um, that—that would be my suggestion, is yes, you can introduce the Frosted Flakes, but some flavors have got to come meet the sugar to play with it.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Or else the sugar will be standing out on stage with his pants down around his fucking ankles.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: You know? You gotta have the other flavors meet it! Meet it midway. That is my suggestion. What are you all at—what would you all really do in thi—don't do any jokes. [wheezes]

Travis: No jokes?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Don't do any jokes! Put joke out of room, and just tell me, what would you do? What would you do?

Travis: The truth is, Justin, when I find myself in this place where it's like, recipe calls for some kind of a crunchy breaded thing, this is where I start doing that pantry deep dive, because...

Justin: Uh-huh.

Travis: ...there's almost always some Cheez-Its in there, right?

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: You gotta have some crunch-'ems, yeah, for sure.

Travis: I got a four-year-old and a two-year-old, basically. There's some... Cheez-Its... somewhere?

Justin: Somewhere, there's Cheez-Its.

Travis: And Cheez-Its make an excellent addition – the other day, I was making some meatballs.

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: And I didn't have breadcrumbs. Crunched up Cheez-Its, it's the secret ingredient, uh, just like Mama used to make. Boom.

Griffin: Yeah. Um, I would say that a good thing that you could—one thing that you could do...

Travis: Uh-huh?

Griffin: ...um, is... p—is she—chili—cheese—Cheetos. [crosstalk]

Justin: Chili Cheese—sorry, Chili Cheese Cheetos?

Griffin: Cheesy—Cheesy Chili, uh, Fritos.

Travis: Oh, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: Those things are fucking great, man.

Justin: [wheezes quietly]

Griffin: I had to—

Justin: You got Hot Cheetos, you got Takis, [crosstalk]

Griffin: No, not those. Just Chili Cheese Fritos. I had a bowl of chili the other night for dinner, and we didn't have any regular Fritos to put in it, so I put Chili Cheese Fritos in it. And it—and they canceled out, and they disappeared. My bowl was empty, when I looked down.

Travis: Oh, wow.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: That was crazy. Yeah, I didn't know that it worked like that.

Travis: You know what? Why stop at the Frosted Flakes? Start—we're pla—okay, let's see. You got chicken, bacon, rice. Right? You're gonna add in Rice Krispies in place of the rice. Uh, you know what, you can keep the bacon, but I'm gonna want you to make it, like, maple, like, candied bacon.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And for the chicken...

Griffin: Egg. Egg is like chicken!

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: For f—but beginning of it.

Travis: Yeah. Make a meringue, right? Like, do that, right? This is what we're trying—we're gonna make us this sweet—because here's the thing. You have cinnamon rolls for breakfast, and everybody accepts that. Right? But if I want a sugary-sweet dinner, everybody turns their nose up at it, right?

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: I want a sugary-sweet casserole...

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: ...for dinner! Grow up, everyone. It's 2021, Big Dog Run, I'm making a sweet casserole, get in or get out of the way.

Griffin: Yeah. So what about—

Travis: 'Cause if you don't get out of the way, I'm gonna hit you with my car.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Wow. A car.

Travis: And I'm gonna back up and do it again! Because you got in my way on my way to a sugary-sweet casserole.

Griffin: A sweet dinner. A sweet dinner.

Travis: And I'll fucking kill you.

Griffin: [laughs] Travis will hit you with his car if you try to say he can't have sweet dinner, okay?

Travis: I'll kill you.

Griffin: Alright!

Travis: With my car?

Griffin: Yes, we get it!

Travis: And I'll bankrupt your family.

Griffin: Just—just because you said "Don't put—don't eat a caramel apple with that chicken pot pie."

Travis: And I'll buy...

Griffin: Travis—

Travis: ... your family's stationery store that's been in your family for 200 years, I'll bankru— I'll murder you, and I'll bankrupt your store...

Griffin: He'll fuck you up. He's gonna—

Travis: ... and then I'll buy it, and I'll turn it into a store that only sells sweet casseroles!

Griffin: Yeah. Get `em.

Travis: Oh, they're in the car. Oh, they got on board. Oh, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to [crosstalk].

Griffin: Shit, that is embarrassing. Hey, do you wanna... do you want some Wisdom from the Crowd?

Justin: Yeah, please!

Griffin: I saw s—I saw a bunch of people on Twitter suggest “Wisdom of the Cloud,” which I like quite a bit. Um...

Justin: Ah!

Griffin: I—maybe that’s a good name for it, but you know, I’m in no hurry to, you know, solidify this segment. Um, maybe we should just call it “wikiHow” or “wikiWhy Not,” uh, because...

Travis: [imitates disk scratching] Wiki, wikiHow!

Justin: WikiYow!

Griffin: WikiYow, uh, because this is another one of those. Dylan sent this in.

Justin: Sticky.

Travis: Sticky wiki?

Justin: Stickipedia? [wheezes]

Griffin: Sticky—oh, I thought you were saying sti—I thought you were describing Dylan as Sticky Dylan.

Travis: Sticky Dylan sent this in?

Griffin: This is Sticky Dylan, and the article is “How to Be Cat-Like.” And “Whether you need to learn to act like a cat for an acting role...”

Travis: Mm-hm.

Griffin: ...which is a very limited—a very narrow window, I would say—

Travis: I believe there's literally one show that that applies to. [laughs]

Griffin: Or if you're gonna be like Catwoman. But even she doesn't—I don't think, like, clean her buttole or anything like that, but... "Or you just admire feline behavior. There's several ways you can imitate cats; each cat's different, but many of them share different behaviors. Unlike dogs, cats can be equally finicky and standoffish..."

Travis: Woah!

Griffin: "...as they are affectionate and cuddly." Alright. So—

Travis: How dare you—dogs have a f—like, dogs have—deepen our lives. I won't stand for this.

Griffin: Okay. So doing—"Method one: doing cat activities. Sleep a lot, and take cat naps." Yep. "Do yoga to stretch your muscles out." So far, you are describing... people stuff.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Nice try, though. "Clean yourself often!"

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "At least once a day!" Yep.

Justin: [laughs loudly]

Griffin: "Spend time playing outside, like a cat, or also like a person does it!"

Travis: My cat doesn't go outside.

Griffin: Yep. That's also another thing. "Communicating like a cat. Use body language to communicate your feelings instead of simply your words, like [fluctuating volume] people do it! [normally] Experiment with the tone of your voice." Now we're talking. Now we're getting into it. Um...

Travis: Yeah. I could definitely hiss more. I've been thinking about this lately, like, the amount of hissing I do is not nearly as high as it could be.

Griffin: Yeah. "If you wanna be able to ta—" This is a subpoint. "If you want to be able to talk with cats, mimic their meows and sounds the best you can. Listen to how they talk, and mimic them."

Travis: Huh. Well—

Griffin: Are we talking now?

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: Are we talking now? Um...

Travis: This took a strong turn, I would say, away from—

Griffin: "Talk in an up—talk in an uppy tone when you're happy and content, and incorporate a growl into your voice when you're mad." I've never tried that bef—I've never tried that before. Let me try it.

[forced laughter] I love this jet ski!

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: [deep, seething] I hate this jet ski!

[normally] Yeah, I think I've talked like that—I think I've—have you guys heard me talk like that before?

Travis: Well, I've never—

Justin: I don't think so.

Travis: I've never heard you hate a jet ski before.

Justin: [crosstalk]

Griffin: [crosstalk] Uh, hey, this one's appropriate: have a signature scent. So Juice, you didn't even know that you were on that kitty cat life in a major way.

Justin: Yeah. With my signature scent.

Travis: It sprays that scent directly in your butthole.

Justin: I'm still trying to figure it out, but... I'm kind of in between signature scents right now, but I—this isn't the time to talk about it.

Griffin: No, no, I imagine we'll need to help with a certain [laughs] mall friend to uh...

Justin: Interesting uh—interesting response...

Griffin: [bursts out laughing]

Justin: ...by the way, to Richard Stink. A lot of people said, "I don't want it to ever happen again. Loved it."

Griffin: Loved it, yeah.

Justin: That's how [crosstalk]—"I loved it. Never again."

Travis: Hey, Justin, welcome so much to a very exclusive club that I like to call What it's Like Making Jokes when You're Travis. Hello, come on in! Come on in! One person a—

Justin: I'd rather not.

Travis: No—oh, it's too late! Look at that; you're already in here.

Justin: Oh my God, it's—was built around me. You've constructed it around me. I'm a prisoner.

Griffin: I—I'd trade that for fucking... seven years later, "Eat a banana again, idiot!"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: No, I went back and treated myself to the video of you eating the banana, and Griffin, I do—I do wanna point one thing...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: ...is that the crunch is extremely loud.

Griffin: It's pretty loud. Uh, "In the chance that you want to repel someone, make a point to cook with garlic and onions, or handle other foul-smelling materials, and don't wash them off." That's pretty cool.

Travis: Wait—cats—cats are not cooking with garlic and onions.

Griffin: No, but they do, I guess, put a bad stink on 'em to scare bad cats away. But regardless, guess what else you're gonna do? You're gonna scare good cats away, with your bad smell.

Travis and Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Hey, this one's wild. Now we're getting into it. Now we're getting into actionable... cat... activities. Cativities.

Justin: Thank goodness.

Griffin: "Blink slowly to show you like someone. Real—"

Justin: [crosstalk]

Griffin: It says here, "Real fucking slow."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "Make your eyelids make a noise when they goosh against the bottom eyelid."

Travis: Yeah. Make them clap.

Griffin: Make those eyelids clap, baby. And then they will know, "Ooh, wow, is something wrong with your eyes, or do you like me a whole lot?"

Justin: New TikTok challenge: film yourself doing this with your significant other, and see how they react to it. 'Cause I think they're gonna really love it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah. They're gonna definitely get that you're into them.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Well it does say here, "Some people may not recognize this behavior, and it may look more like glaring, considering—consider batting your eyes slowly instead, to be less intimidating."

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: That's not anything. "Swat someone who's irritating you... d... Swat someone who is irritating you to warn them." Okay. Hit 'em.

Travis: That's more like assault.

Griffin: Yeah, this one just says "hit 'em." A warning swat doesn't have to be hard, Travis.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: Just swift and sharp enough to get someone's attention.

"[grunts] Puh! Hey, what was that?"

"I punched you. Not very hard, though!" Yep, that's right.

Travis: Use your words!

Griffin: "If a cat—if a real fight does break out, cats will bite and scratch their opponents. Just be cautious, and consider the consequences of using these methods in a real fight with someone." Hey, this escalated pretty fucking quickly, I would say, wikiHow. And I would say...

Justin: A little bit.

Griffin: I would say, someone who follows this and then accidentally um, you know, beats the shit out of somebody and goes to court, and the judge is like, "What are you doing? Why are you blinking so slow at me?"

And you'd be like, "No, wikiHow told me that this is how I was supposed to ward people off. You know how I have a bad smell? That was supposed to do the job, but fucking Derek kept coming around, so..."

Justin: It's hard—it's hard, 'cause you're so deep at that point.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: You're already kitty cat at that point, yeah.

Travis: You're gonna have to read a wikiHow about how to act like a human.

Griffin: Yep. Uh, okay, so here's "Behaving like a cat around other people."

"Stay alert and aware of your surroundings." Yeah.

Travis: Yup.

Griffin: "Reacting erratically and jumping at things that startle you is another way you can imitate cats."

Travis: Hm!

Griffin: That's—sure. "Be shy around people you don't know, but warm and welcoming once you've met!"

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Again, just sort of standard operating procedure. "Ignore people, then request attention when you want it." So now we're just being shitty humans!

Justin: [laughs] Now it's just being shitty to—about cats.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Basically.

Travis: Anywhere in this article, does it say "Bury your poop in some sand"?

Griffin: No, it says "Bring people presents."

Travis: Well.

Griffin: You can consider—"Cats also hunt and leave their kill to provide food to their owners. You can take care of the people you like by feeding them, such as cooking them full meals, or sharing part of your lunch."
WikiHow, I am pot committed at this point! I am going to kill a bird, and give it to my wife! Because that's what I need to do, in addition to gently headbutting and nuzzling to people I like. Mm.

I think at this point, once you're gently headbutting and nuzzling people you like while blinking at them slowly, you've passed the point of denying the fact that yeah, I am pretending to be a cat.

Last one is "Be mischievous."

Justin: Oh, too late!

Travis: Uh, yeah.

Griffin: That's good. "Make little messes by knocking things off counters, sit on people when they're trying to work on something, or be nosy—"

Justin: This has gotten so stra—like, you have just absolutely overshot your goals, I feel like, at this point.

Griffin: Yeah, this is the last thing wikiHow leaves you with, is "Be obnoxious. If someone asks you to stop, don't respect their space, and don't dial back the cat mimicking." Don't dia—no matter what!

Justin: [laughs] Because if you dial back the cat mimicking, what are you doing?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: You know what I mean? Like, what are you even doing?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You're never gonna get cast at that point, you know what I mean?

Griffin: Never. Because you are—this is for the role. Don't forget. You gotta be Skrimblehanks.

Justin: [snorts]

Griffin: You need to be Skrimblehanks. You were born for this!

Justin: You were born for this role.

Griffin: Here's some questions. "I have a cat collar that I made myself, and sometimes I wear it. Is that *too* catlike?"

"Not at all. You could even go to the extreme and get a real cat collar. Just make sure you can get it off!"

Travis: Now, hold on, though. Because I would argue it is not very catlike, in that cats are not out there making collars for themselves!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Like, if we're—if we're going by, like, the letter of terminology... I think that is very human-pretending-to-be-cat like...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: But I have owned several cats in my life. Not a single one of them was like, begging me for a collar.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: If anything, quite the opposite!

Griffin: And this is—this is maybe the toughest one. “How do I know when to stop acting like a cat and begin acting like a human? People keep calling me weird, and my cousin says that taking naps is for toddlers.”

Travis: Well, that’s not true. Hang on.

Griffin: That’s wrong, yeah. That’s incorrect.

Travis: I’m 37; let me tell you: taking naps is for winners, my man.

Griffin: Uh-huh.

Travis: If I get to take a nap, it is, to me, the sweetest—that is, for me...

Griffin: It’s really good.

Travis: ...like happy hour. You know? It’s the nappy hour.

Griffin: Let’s not focus on that. Let’s focus on... you’ve been undercover for so long...

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: ...that you will cross a threshold where it’s no—it’s more normal for you to be a kitty cat than a human, and at that point, like you can’t—

There is an event horizon that, once you cross it, you’re a cat now. Do you know what I mean?

Travis: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

Griffin: And not a—but not a person. And you would need to find a wikiHow article that would need to reverse the spell, and that—I don’t think they have that one for cats.

Travis: I'll tell you—here's the number one problem I have with this wikiHow article. No one in here—like, it should be – probably near the beginning, is like, sit your family and friends down, tell them you've made a big choice, and you're going to start acting like a cat, right?

Griffin: Mm...

Travis: Because otherwise, it seems like throughout here, there's just kind of a growing, uh, underlying concern from people around you, as it's like, "Has he been cursed by a wizard?"

Justin: You need a—you need a clean break...

Travis: Right.

Justin: Where it's like, "Tomorrow, I'm cat."

Travis: Right. Right. So that way every—

Justin: "Tomorrow, I'm cat."

Travis: "Tomorrow, on, I'm cat." So that way, everyone's on the same page, and they're not worried that you're cursed. Right?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Because if I saw—I'm thinking more in a *Shaggy Dog* situation, right? I'm seeing Griffin act more and more like a cat; I think Oh he's ignored his family, and he's learning a lesson. Somewhere out there, there's a cat with Griffin in it, and here is a cat in Griffin...

Griffin: Right.

Travis: And Griffin's learning a, like, a lesson about, I don't know, how to not sit on people's laptops or whatever.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: And I need to rescue Griffin, and bring him back to his family, and maybe stop a wizard. You know?

Griffin: So... [sighs] You all remember that kid in your class that whenever the teacher was giving you an assignment, they would like, raise their hand and ask a question that they knew the answer to, just to like, get on the radar.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Like, "Oh, and Ms. Trambulls, is this—do you want MLA citation on this?"

"Oh, yes, Derek. Of course, thank you. Yes, please use MLA citation; thank you, Derek."

That's what the energy that this—uh, this person asks. "I own a cat. Do you think observing him will help me?"

Fuck off.

Justin: Come on.

Griffin: Fuck off. Well, who's gonna be like, "No"?

Travis: "No."

Griffin: "It's not. Looking at a cat and studying how it moves, and then trying to act like that, will not help you act like a cat after seeing how it moves."

Travis: Come on, grow up.

Justin: You're not bringing anything to this. Would you guys like being cats?

Griffin: Um...

Travis: Um...

Griffin: Depends on a—

Travis: It seems like a lot of work.

Justin: I actually—I don't—I actually don't care. Let's go to the Money Zone. [wheezes]

[theme song plays]

Travis: Stamp it! That's what I like to do whenever I have a package that I need to send. I stamp it. Now, I know—

Justin: What things can you lick that is fine? The number one? Stamps.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: But you don't wanna have to go to the stamp store.

Griffin: Mm-mm.

Justin: To get these beautiful licking opportunities. No, you can do it right from the comfort of your own home. I don't even know if you lick these bad boys—

Travis: You don't!

Justin: —[crosstalk] from stamps.com. What?

Travis: You print—no!

Justin: It prints, but you gotta adhere somehow! What, you got special unlickable paper? Come on, Ray Bradbury.

Griffin: [bursts out laughing]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Cut me some slack. You don't wanna pay full price for postage. Stamps.com is gonna save you time on trips to the post office, and it's gonna save you money on postage. Stamps.com, you get discounts up to 40% off the post office rates and up to 66% off of UPS shipping rates.

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You know, I have to go to the post office sometimes, because I have a PO box. Uh, PO box [crosstalk]—

Travis: So you're calling stamps.com a liar.

Justin: Listen, PO box 5400, West Virginia, 25706. And um, I have to go to the counter, and be like, "Can I have the mail for this box?"

And they know what it is. They know what this deal is, and it's like stuff from listeners. And sometimes, um, uh, he'll just come back and just stare me in the eyes and be like, "You have nothing." [laughs]

Travis: Oh, no.

Justin: It's like, aw, man. And he knows. Like, he knows. It's like, "I guess it's over," is what he says sometimes. "I guess it's over, the magic's over, you've peaked."

Travis: That's so weird, 'cause my box is always full.

[pause]

Travis: So Stitch Fix is pretty cool. Uh...

Justin: Speaking of boxes that are full...

Travis: Yeah! Stitch Fix comes with clothes that you can lick, if you want to. I wouldn't recommend it, but there's nothing stopping you. Because—

Griffin: What are you gonna do, Ray Brad—what are you gonna do, Ray Bradbury? And you guys seemed to laugh at that last time.

Travis: "I'm gonna lick all the clothes, Griffin. Thank you so much for asking."

Griffin: [laughs] I don't know why he does that. That dude's fucking weird.

Travis: Ray Bradbury, get out of here!

Griffin: Oh, he passed—

Justin: Come on, Ray.

Griffin: He did pass away almost 10 years ago.

Travis: "I know, I'm a ghost."

Justin: Dirty ghost.

Travis: So here's how it works.

Justin: [snorts]

Travis: You have a personal stylist who is going to say, like, "Hey, do you like this shirt? Do you like these pants?" Because you went through, you picked up some stuff that you like, you said, "This is my style. This is my size, and this is my budget." And then that personal stylist sends those pieces to you at home. You try them on. If you like 'em, you keep 'em! If you don't, you send 'em back. And whatever you send back, you don't pay for.

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[audience cheering]

Announcer: Macho Man to the top rope!

[banging sound, audience cheers]

Announcer: The flying elbow! The cover!

[audience cheers]

[bell rings]

Announcer: We've got a new champion!

[sweeping music plays]

Lindsey: We're here with "Macho Man" Randy Savage after his big win to become the new world champion! What are you gonna do now, Mach?

Macho Man: I'm gonna go listen to the newest episode of the *Tights and Fights* podcast, oh yeah.

Lindsey: Tell us more about this podcast!

Macho Man: It's the podcast of power, too sweet to be sour, funky like a monkey, woke discussions, man. And jokes about wrestlers' fashion choice, myself excluded. Yeah.

Lindsey: I can't wait to listen!

Macho Man: Neither can I! You can find it Saturdays on Maximum Fun. Ooh, yeah, dig it!

[music and advertisement end]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: What's wrong, Justin?

Griffin: What happened?

Justin: [imitates rock guitar]

Griffin: Okay. [laughs]

Justin: [imitates rock guitar] I forgot about this. [continues guitar] I wanna munch!

Travis: Squad!

Griffin: Squad!

Justin: [imitates guitar] I want to munch!

Travis and Griffin: Squad!

Justin: Welcome to Munch Squad. It's a podcast within a podcast profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. Uh, a couple of people sent this one in. Um, uh, so thank you to uh, I know Steven and Emily um, for sending that along. I very much appreciate it.

Um, yeah, so Heinz in Canada... if you're in Canada and you're in Heinz, there's this new promotion called the Heinz Bottleneck. Um, this is only a Canadian promotion. Okay?

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: I am shuddering—when Heinz—when Heinz gets in the scene...

Justin: When Heinz gets in the scene...

Griffin: ...Heinz gets so fucking nasty.

Justin: They make their presence known.

Travis: Yeah. Sometimes they skin Ed Sheeran, so I can't wait to see what they've done now.

Justin: Yeah. Being stuck and exhausting in never-ending traffic, Heinz is a fan—a really amazing brand, by the way. I've been watching *Foods that Built America*. Did you ever see this one? It got Campbell Scott narrating it, and it's these very intense stories of, like, the Domino's brothers versus the Pizza Hut brothers, with—they—and it's got reenactments.

Travis: Ooh, I love the reenactments.

Justin: It's like—if you enjoy Munch Squad, I just want to give you the hardest possible plug for this show, which is like, “We have to make the crust thicker! The people in New England hate it!” It's like—uh, it's amazing. Amazing stuff.

Uh, anyway, but this is about Heinz. “Through a partnership with Waze and Burger King, Heinz will be identifying those stuck in traffic, driving at the same speed as a slow pouring ketchup, which is 0.045 kilometers per hour, and satisfying their tastebuds with Heinz ketchup and an Impossible [trailing off] Wobber from Burger King.”

Travis: What?

Griffin: Say that? Say that one—that last one again.

Justin: They're gonna be “Satisfying their tastebuds with Heinz ketchup and an Impossible Whopper from Burger King. 80 percent of Canadians say they will travel in 2021.” And I would love to chill with the [laughs] remaining 20 real quick. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: No, no, no! I have my year mapped out, and I will be a-staying put!

Uh, “But most won't cross international borders. Summer traffic is expected to be worse than usual this year, which is why Heinz is turning traffic into a good thing!”

Griffin: Mm.

Travis: So wait, the idea is, if you're in traffic and you're moving slowly, Heinz has a way to identify that?

Justin: “From June 3rd to July 4th, those stuck in traffic who are driving as slow as Heinz ketchup, will be served traffic-activated ads in the Waze app...”

Travis: What?

Justin: “...and select slow-moving Canadians will be provided [holding back laughter] with this tasty summer combo of [through laughter] Heinz ketchup—”

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: What the fuck?

Justin: “—and an Impossible Whopper from Burger King!”

Travis: How?

Griffin: This is going to—this is going to destroy the Canadian infrastructure as we know it. ‘Cause if people know this, people are going to start... collaborating.

Justin: It sets up this thing where, like, you’re driving slow—and then it’s like, you’ll be driving slow, but not slow enough as ketchup. You know what I mean?

Griffin: And you’ll—and you’ll—

Justin: And then it’s like—

Griffin: Guys, slow it down just a little bit. We almost got the ketchup, guys!

Justin: It—[sighs] They have a mockup of what this would look like, and it’s just a car with, you know... and the Waze app is there... and it just says

at the top, "We are giving you free ketchup for driving as slow as ketchup."
Which I guess is how it'll really go.

"Surprisingly—" This is a quote. "Surprisingly, many people don't know that Heinz pours out of our glass bottle at 0.045 kilometers per hour. That's a surprise to this—"

Travis: Oh, you don't know that?

Justin: No, a lot of people don't know that.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: "And with more Canadians potentially on the road this summer, whether within their own cities or for weekend getaways, traffic is going to be a pinpoint that we all need to get used to again. We wanna help our fans see that going slow isn't always a bad thing, and award them with the delicious, iconically slow-pouring Heinz ketchup for those terrible traffic jams."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Huh.

Justin: Says Daniel Gotlib, associate director of brand building and innovation at Kraft Heinz Canada. These are the same maniacs, by the way, that made uh, pumpkin spice Kraft dinners, so I think this whole company needs to reevaluate what's going on up there.

Travis: I—

Justin: Up north.

Travis: Okay, so there are two very strong feelings.

Justin: I need to finish the quote real quick.

Travis: Okay, please.

Justin: “We are thrilled, *thrilled*, to team up with Waze, and also Burger King, to bring Canadians and the meal synonymous with summer, and after sitting in weekend traffic, we know there’s nothing more satisfying than a delicious burger with Heinz ketchup.”

Now, why is it an Impossible Whopper?

Travis: Great question.

Justin: I don’t know.

Travis: [crosstalk]

So here are the two overwhelming feelings I’m having. One...

Justin: Okay. Take me inside.

Travis: ...is very much, like... you know, people talk about has technology gone too far, and the idea that... my phone can communicate the information not just of where I am, or what’s happening; I’m used to that. But also that I’m going as slow as ketchup?

Griffin: Mm.

Travis: And someone would be like, “Hey, Travis is going as slow as ketchup. Send him that ad.” That feels like too much.

But more than that...

Justin: Mm-hm?

Travis: ...it sounds like... Kraft Heinz Canada has put a lot of work and capital into this, and I'm not 100 percent sure that they've thought about the return on investment... of this.

Justin: This is what I actually think is—I think—this is my theory about it, right? I think that Heinz was like, "Guys, we have a really fucking good idea, but if we tell you, you have to promise not to cut us out of it."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [through laughter] "Because we are not essential to it at all. But please—it's such a good idea, but you gotta promise not to steal it and kick us out of it and just do it together, okay? 'Cause it's really good."

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah.

Justin: I guess the "speed of ketchup" thing is kind of the hook on the whole...

Travis: Yeah, but for what?

Justin: So they needed—they needed the iconography of ketchup. They needed—[laughs] I wish there would've just been "winner of ketchup." 'Cause that's what they have said—they—every time it's like you win ketchup – and I guess a burger, if you want that – but you win ketchup...

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: ...just go to the drive-thru at Canadian Burger King, and be like...

Travis: And they'll give you ketchup, which is already free at Burger King! I don't pay—

Justin: Just open your pocket, and goosh it to the top, baby.

Travis: You don't pay extra for the ketchup packets. [laughs] It's not—there's no deal being made here.

Justin: Well, that's how—that's why it's so hard for the Heinz company right now. Think about it, Travis. They've set up an expectation that their shit's always free, and you don't—it has no value.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: They should do the other—this should be a punishment. If you got clocked going as slow as ketchup, from now on you have to pay when you go to Burger King and you want ketchup. Now it's incentive to *not* have traffic jams.

Justin: Can we just, like—I just—like, Heinz Canada is absolutely unhinged.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I just wanna go—we're just gonna go—you know what? I got a couple more that I just found for the past—is that okay by you guys?

Travis: Sure, sure, sure.

Griffin: Take me on a journey.

Justin: “After searching through decades worth of old posts on forgotten blogs and scouring old tweets and forums, Heinz is releasing three new—” This is from March 15th. “—releasing three new sauce creations inspired by Canadians. Heinz [laughs] Tarchup... [laughs]

Travis: What?

Justin: [through laughter] Wasabioli, and Hanch!

Travis: Hanch?!

Justin: [bursts out laughing]

Griffin: Say all—say all that shit...

Travis: Was that Snarchup?

Griffin: Say all that shit.

Justin: I'm gonna say that one more time. Heinz Tarchup.

Travis: Tarchup.

Justin: Wasabioli.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: And Hanch.

Travis: Hanch! Hanch!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: [howling with laughter]

Travis: Hanch bothers me.

Justin: [laughs] Hanch!

Travis: Han—this is my new boyfriend, Hanch!

Griffin: [laughs] This is Hanch.

Justin: Hanch.

Griffin: This is my other boyfriend, Wasabioli.

Justin: I can't eat it, there's too much Hanch on it.

Travis: Hanch is your new daddy.

Justin: I put it in Slack, if you guys wanna see. I got...

Griffin: Hanch. [laughs] It's Hanch.

Justin: [crosstalk]

Griffin: [crosstalk]

Travis: ... the respect Hanch deserves!

Griffin: We're—we're over here, having a good time with Hanch, while like, my boy, clowning over here, Tarchup is also pretty deep in the set.

Travis: Hanch!

Justin: Tarchup is a mixture—okay. "Tarchup is a mix of tarter sauce and Heinz ketchup.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: "And was shared in a decade-old late-night tweet by condiment mastermind Arianne, from Toronto. Emma from Toronto turned an online wedding form to remove wasabi and garlic aioli stain on her mother's vintage dress, annoyingly releasing the recipe for Wasabioli."

Griffin: Right.

Justin: "Four years ago, while looking in subreddits to spice up his pizza order, Deep, from Vancouver, unsuspectedly shared Hanch..."

Travis: Okay.

Justin: "...which is a combination of hot sauce and ranch."

Travis: Okay, but here's the thing. Okay. I love a portmanteau.

Justin: Sure, yeah.

Travis: But if you look at Tarchup—you look at Tarchup, right? It's the T-A-R...

Justin: Very powerful.

Travis: ...of tartar sauce, and the "chup" of ketchup. You look at Wasabioli. Oh, yeah, that's a lot of wasabi in there, and some -oli in there. There's a lot. There's only, like, one letter cut off of each.

Hanch...

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: It could be H off of hot sauce picante...

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And the rest is all ranch!

Griffin: Yeah. It's not—it's not fair.

Justin: Yeah. Ranch is most of the sauce, I bet, too, in Hanch.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: But Hanch—you wouldn't—you would look at that, and be like, "I'm gonna guess ranch and *hands*? Like, there's no..."

Griffin: [laughs] It's ham-ranch? It could be anything!

Travis: I don't know!

Griffin: It could be hoisin ranch. It's—

Travis: [laughs] I hate it!

Griffin: You can shit all over them and their big ideas, but I would love to hear how you would mash these two bad boys up.

Travis: [sighs]

Griffin: Hot—hot-nch? Hot—hotch? Hot-nch?

Justin: Here's the ad—I got a ad for this. One of those happened.

[whimsical music plays]

Speaker: Millions of people post online every day...

[firework sounds]

Speaker: And some of them post about sauce. But little do they know, Heinz Ketchup is watching! We dug deep across the entire internet to find your old posts...

Travis: Oh.

Speaker: And we turned them into condiments. Introducing three new sauces, sourced from the most random corners of the internet.

[music swells]

Speaker: Heinz Crowdsauced. Hanch, from the 12th post in an archive subthread of people arguing about pizza.

Justin: [laughing in background]

Speaker: Wasabioli. Discovered on the advice page of a wedding fashion forum.

And Tarchup, posted on social media over 10 years ago.

Justin: [continues laughing]

Speaker: Then we shared the sauces with the actual people who unintentionally created it. Now you can try them too. Careful what you post. Big Ketchup is watching.

[music and advertisement end]

Griffin: Uh-huh. Alright.

Justin: Like, what is—what are you trying to establish about your [laughs] brand?

Griffin: It's—

Justin: So they're clocking your shit 24/7? Because yeah, just a couple months later, you'd reveal to me that they're watching the speed at which I'm driving, and offer me free plant hamburgers in exchange.

Griffin: Yeah. I love this company. They're good, they're—they've—this is one of those rare cases where, like, yeah, go ahead and invade the shit out of my privacy. You have—I will give you access...

Justin: I trust 'em.

Griffin: I will give you access to my children's birth certificates if you keep cranking out the hits like this. Hanch! They need to change their names from Heinz to Hanch today. And if they—

Justin: This is the new company, but it's called Hanch.

[pause]

Justin: Their—their uh, their last one that we did was they asked people to draw ketchup, and then they turned what they drew into custom ketchup bottles.

I'm telling you, Can—Heinz Canada is—is all over it. They got things—

Travis: Okay, I think I'd got with Hot Saunch.

Justin: Hot Saunch is not good.

Griffin: Oh, have you been thinking about this the whole time?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: That would explain your lack of contributions to the entertainment.

Travis: I've been working really hard to think about it!

Justin: Let me give you a twist on that, Travis. Let me just twist it a little bit. Hanch!

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: [laughs] Okay. Um—

Travis: Did they pay the people that we stole these ideas from?

Griffin: Definitely not.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: 100 percent no.

Justin: They made their dreams a reality; that's a payment, right? That's a payment greater than money, if you think about it.

Griffin: I wish Nerf would come out and be like, "As we all know, Nerf bullets leave the guns at 95 miles an hour. So get out there, and if we, uh, see that you're driving 95 miles an hour, baby, we're gonna send you some Nerf." And then just see how—how long it takes.

Justin: [laughs] Um, how about another question? How would that be? Would you guys like that?

Griffin: Yeah, please.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Sounds good.

Justin: "I was recently invited to my friend's surprise birthday party."

Travis: Okay.

Justin: "The only caveat was that the party falls on my birthday. I also found his actual birthday is a few days before the surprise party is. I really wanna celebrate my friend's birthday, but I also don't wanna miss my own birthday. I'm afraid to say anything to them, for fear of taking the celebration away from my friend. Should I just lay low and ignore my own birthday? Almost no one at this thing would know it was my birthday too, so it may be possible." That's from Befuddled Birthday Boy in Chicago.

And that—that seems like a surface-level question, but as I kept trying to form sentences to curtly respond to it, I actually wasn't coming up with a lot.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's actually kind of challenging.

Travis: I tell you, the one thing – hearing you say it out loud, one of the things that jumped out on me was, uh, the word “almost.” Because what that implies is this is not a perfect secret, because if you went to this party, there is a chance that someone would say “Hey, isn’t it your birthday too?”

Griffin: Oh!

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Aw, man. Okay, you’re gonna need a collaborator.

Justin: That’s what I’m saying—this is why I am saying it. This is why it’s so tough, ‘cause someone could very well be like, “Wait a minute, is it your birthday?”

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And that’s gonna be an absolute moodkiller.

Travis: Now it’s a—yeah. Now that’s a—‘cause “Oh, oh. Oh, no.”

Justin: Now you made it about you.

Griffin: You need a co-conspirator, though, who’s gonna be in this room, who can look out the window, and when they see *you* coming – not the birthday per—the, you know, person who’s having a party. They say “Oh, oh! Here they come, here they come!”

And then everybody hides and turns the lights off, and then the door opens, and it’s you, and everyone hops out, and says “Surprise! Aw, it’s just Michael,” or whatever your name is.

And then you can be like, “Yeah, it’s—it is my birthday.” And now...

Travis: What a surprise!

Griffin: And now It's their fucking problem. 'Cause now they're gonna have to take your birthday party away from you. They just gave it to you...

Justin: Right.

Griffin: They have just Christened it your birthday party, and now they are going to have to explain to you "I'm so sorry, we're actually celebrating another person's birthday who it's not really their birthday; it's three days before. And not yours." Fuck you. Get out of here.

Justin: That's just so rude.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Sorry.

Travis: I—yeah, I—the thing is, is I'm assuming you're an adult, um, and that this isn't like—at least 18 or older. And I would say at that point, birthdays much more become, like, an excuse to do something.

Justin: Incorrect. Not at that age. At—at 25.

Travis: 25. I'll take that. If you are 25 or older and you're asking this question, I think you just dropped the knowledge, because the fact of the matter is, and I'm sorry to be the one to reveal this, it will not change the event at all, right? Except that people will say "happy birthday" to you, and that's really all you want at that point. Probably no one's gonna bring gifts.

Justin: Yeah, but if you say it beforehand, people are gonna wonder why you're saying it. Like, "Why are you saying—"

Travis: Oh, well, that—to go back to Griffin's thing, you do need a plant.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You need to tell somebody who's gonna tell the organizers, like, "Did you know that it's also Michael—" if that is your name "—that it's also Michael's birthday?" Right? And now—

Griffin: I'm sorry to get that stuck in everyone's head. It's probably not Michael.

Travis: Yeah, you've done it. But now that's folded in... you can't do it. Oh, let's be clear: you can't be like...

Justin: You can't do it.

Travis: "Oh, Derek—" if the other person's name is Derek "—is having a birthday party?"

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: "Oh, it's my birthday too." Yeah, no, that's—ooh, that—ugh, can't do that.

But you could have Steven, if the other person's name is Steven—

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: —say "Oh, Derek's having a—" assuming it's Derek "—is having a party?"

"Well, it's Michael—" assuming it's Michael's "—birthday" too...

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Let's just make it one big thing, right? Now that's all fine. That's all fine and dandy. But if Susan — just assuming you have a friend named Susan—

Griffin: Right.

Travis: —finds out that you told Der—or you told Steven—wait.

Griffin: Do—let’s just not—let’s just drop the names.

Travis: Okay. If A finds out that B told C to tell D that it was their birthday ‘cause of E, then... uh—I—uh—I’m lost.

Griffin: This—no matter what, this situation’s gonna end with nobody ever throwing a birthday present—or birthday party for anybody else in this group ever again. So just put—be careful, ‘cause birthday parties are great. Uh, I love all the cake and games.

Travis: Cakes and games are great.

Griffin: Yeah, they’re the best.

Travis: What you don’t wanna do is get there, and then someone finds out your birthday, and they hastily, like, scrawl your name onto the cake, or...

Justin: Yeah, try to fill it.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: They put a Post-It under the sign that says—

Travis: [singing] Happy birthday to Derek – and Michael! Huh?

Griffin: Uh-huh.

Justin: Would—that would be the moment, too, if you were gonna reveal it on your own.

Travis: [laughs] “[singing] And me!”

Justin: “[singing] And also me, why didn’t you remember?”

Travis: [normally] As you’re holding up your driver’s license.

Justin: [laughs] [normally] “For real, though, and also even more, ‘cause it’s today.”

Travis: “‘Cause Derek’s was three days ago, and I put it on Facebook that today was my birthday, and none of you fuckers—[singing] And many more...”

Griffin: Just a quick update; Dad—late night check-in on Trav, checking on his zone and his—the status of his zone. Did not get a response until this morning from Travis said “Doing good, I think,” and Dad just responded now, two hours later, “Good.”

Travis: “Good.”

Griffin: Per—“Good,” period. You think you pissed—I think you pissed him off, dude.

Justin: I think you’ve pissed him off.

Griffin: I think Dad’s PO’d, man.

Travis: Maybe.

Griffin: You gotta—you need to—you need to rebuild this bridge, ‘cause it’s tearing our family apart.

Travis: Should I send him a picture, or...?

Griffin: No.

Justin: Uh, no, ‘cause we’re on the same thread. I don’t wanna—

Griffin: Just FaceTime him later, and go into the same amount of detail that you went into for us on this show.

Travis: Like how it's a radical scrote, and...?

Griffin: Yeah. Do that whole gag for him.

Justin: Yeah, that's gonna do it for us. Thank you so much for listening to podcasts. We've had a great time here with you, and we hope that you've enjoyed yourself. Uh, just a reminder that Heinz is watching you, no matter what you do, you could be driving.

Travis: No matter where you post. Uh—

Justin: Where you post or where you drive, Heinz Canada is watching, and they are always keeping tabs on you. Um, I don't know if American Heinz is doing that, but you gotta imagine, probably worse. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I mean, I—it's a guess, but it's probably worse.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Um—hey, we're gonna be doing a—this is—this is fun. We're gonna be doing a live show.

Travis: What?

Justin: Virtu—that anybody can go to. Anyone on Earth that has the—has the ability to get on the internet can come watch this program. And it's gonna be—I think it's gonna be a lot of fun! When—the last one of these was pretty silly, and I think this one will be equally wild. It's June 25th at 9:00 PM ET, tickets are 10 dollars, and uh, *Sawbones* is gonna be there.

Travis: It's pretty exciting.

Justin: And uh, if you can't watch live, that's not a problem. 'Cause there's VOD that'll be available—that's video on demand.

Travis: Ah.

Justin: Sorry. [laughs] Available for two weeks after the show has ended. [Bit.ly/mbmbamvirtual](https://bit.ly/mbmbamvirtual) is the address, and you can go get tickets right now, and we would really appreciate you doing that. Thank you so much.

Travis: Also, very exciting, uh, it's only a couple weeks until *The Adventure Zone: Crystal Kingdom* comes out. This one, it's a real doozy, folks. If you haven't preordered it yet, what are you waiting on? You can go to theadventurezonecomic.com. It comes out July 13th 2021.

And just announced, uh, this – I think very exciting – on July 13th, we're doing an *Adventure Zone* graphic novel live and virtual event. You can go to bit.ly/tazgnlive2021 for more info. Uh, we're gonna have event-exclusive signed bookplates that are available from our partner bookstores, and more info can be found at that link. [Bit.ly/tazgnlive2021](https://bit.ly/tazgnlive2021). For more info, go check it out! And don't forget to preorder, theadventurezonecomic.com.

Griffin: Thank you to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, "My Life (Is Better With You)!" Uh, coming soon. Let's just say that. Maybe we have—maybe now we've g—we're getting some intel from the uh, industry insiders. I have a uncle who works at Sam Goody. Uh, coming soon. You're gonna—you're gonna love this track, folks. Just wait.

Travis: And don't forget to go to—

Griffin: You haven't even heard—you haven't even heard the third verse. It's got so many—it's got so much foul language in it.

Travis: It's so cool.

Justin: Yeah. This is the one where it's like, too dirty.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: [crosstalk]

Uh, and don't forget to go check out mcelroymerch.com for all the cool McElroy merch. Don't miss your chance to get our pin of the month uh, that is Griffin saying "I also want a sword," from the *My Brother, My Brother, and Me* TV show.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: The proceeds of which benefit the Trevor Project, which provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth uh, at people under 25.

Uh, we also have a "You're going to be amazing!" shirt, which, if you've ever listened to *TAZ: Balance*, you will recognize. And a portion of the proceeds from that also go to the Trevor Project. Check it out!

Griffin: Uh, I think that's it. I don't have a fi—I don't have—I don't think—I don't wanna overdo the final Yahoo bit, so I think maybe we should end—

Justin: So let's—

Griffin: Maybe a prayer—like we end with a prayer?

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: That way, we can just focus on like, "Hey, everybody, great job today." Well, this is more a prayer to us, isn't it?

Travis: Well, okay, well, you gotta s—you gotta—

Griffin: Okay, dear Justin and to dear—oh, sweet Justin and Travis. I think you guys did a really funny job today. Thank you for being my brothers, and I'm so glad that you both of yours vasectomies went good, and thank you for leading by example, and please let me lead by example for my sons, just like you do for me. Your—the son of you.

And thank you for... your gift of the—of your child, the lamb. S—s—

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: See you s—see you later. Love, Griffin.

Justin: [laughs] My—[laughs] My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy, amen.

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

[theme song plays]

[chord plays]

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