

MBMBaM Ep 12: The Last Frownbender

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Justin:

[singing]. Welcome to the Ipecac edition of My Brother, My Brother, and Me. This is a great idea that Travis— [throwing up noises] Travis had, where we would all... A lot of podcasts do, like, drunk editions.

Griffin:

Do a lot of podcasts do that?

Justin:

All podcasts legally do that, and—

Travis:

I think at some point they all—[throwing up sounds]

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

Ooh, oh god.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

People might be eating. I he- I hear that, eh, a lot from our community, where people like to eat while they listen to our show.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

And I think that this might... this particular edition might put them off.

Justin:

You didn't take an ipecac, did you?

Travis:

What kind of things do they eat?

Griffin:

I-

Justin:

You bailed on us.

Griffin:

I didn't.

Justin:

You didn't take any?

Griffin:

No. I've got a delicate stomach. If I take, if I take that stuff I'll be out for a week.

Justin:

Okay, well then we'll just do the usual thing where we, eh... where it's an advice show for the modern era.

Griffin:

We'll vomit mad advice.

Justin:

Vo- we'll spit wisdom. Um, uh-

Travis:

And also vomit.

Justin:

And also vo-, [laughs], uh-

Travis:

I wish you guys would have told me this before I took all the ipecac.

Justin:

Oh, I'm Justin McElroy, by the way.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm Griffin McElroy. Hey, can you guys hear me over there?

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Can you hear me-

Justin:

Griffin-

Griffin:

... all the way out on the East Coast?

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Griffin's in the... rockin' it Midwest style these days. He's, he's moved to—

Griffin:

Oh, I'm up in that bread basket, dawg.

Justin:

... Chi-Town.

Travis:

He finally got his piece of pie.

Justin:

Yup.

Griffin:

I did. It's so nice out here.

Justin:

Yeah?

Griffin:

No.

Justin:

No? Scary?

Griffin:

Can I come back, please? It is-

Justin:

Have you seen any gangs?

Griffin:

It's so hot all the time. There are gangs. Gangs and the wild dogs just, just right across the street and I, I don't like it here anymore.

Justin:

Oh, man. Okay. So, here we go. Um, hmm, this is our first question, is from Formspring, "My university flatmates have gone home for the summer..." What are you? Where are you from? Flatmates?

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

"However, I have a summer placement. What can I do to stop becoming toward or going slightly crazy?"

Travis:

Um-

Griffin:

I don't understand half of the words in this question.

Justin:

I don't speak the same language as you.

Griffin:

I-

Justin:

A summer placement? Flatmates? I got a-

Griffin:

I think that means they have summer classes.

Justin:

I have... I know what you can do to help, to help pass the time. Get an English dictionary and memorize it-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

... so you call things the right names.

Griffin:

Uh-

Travis:

Or maybe just move to 'Murica.

Justin:

Move to 'Murica..

Griffin:

This would be the best day to do it.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Oh yes.

Griffin:

America's birthday.

Justin:

Greatest day.

Griffin:

How old is-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... how old is old Lady Liberty?

Justin:

60? 70 years old? Who can keep track?

Travis:

I believe you mean 70 years young.

Justin:

70 years young. Um, uh, you know, being bored, eh, uh, being bored, I wish... I remember those days. I remember when I would worry about being bored. Who has time to be bored anymore? Are you sleeping enough?

Griffin:

Um-

Travis:

You know what? Set yourself up some kind of random project. Like, you know, "This summer I am going to read 16 books. I am going to build a cabinet. I am going to-

Griffin:

Oh, open a lemonade-

Travis:

... paint the flat."

Griffin:

... stand.

Justin:

A lemonade stand, for grownups.

Griffin:

Only Mike's Hard Lemonade.

Justin:

Yeah, what's up?

Griffin:

Oh yeah, [laughs].

Justin:

Oh, that'd be good.

Griffin:

That's gotta be legal, right?

Justin:

Refreshing. Um, yeah, tha- that's a good... I like Travis' suggestion. Do, um... Say, like, by the end of the summer you're gonna be like, really kickass at, at photography, or kung fu, or something. And, uh, and use your time that way. 'Cause come-

Griffin:

Or street-side... and street-side bartending.

Justin:

Or just treasure these days, because soon you won't be bored-

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

... ever again. Um-

Griffin:

Soon you'll be, soon you'll be dead.

Travis:

It's the best time to go exploring too, 'cause if e-

Justin:

Go exploring?

Travis:

... if you're in a college town and everyone's gone... Yeah. Like if you're in a college town and everyone's left for the summer, you can go to all sorts of places.

Justin:

A little hobo knapsack over your shoulder and just-

Travis:

What?

Griffin:

You can just... Or you could just go on a rampage. Just go on a looting rampage, because nobody's there.

Travis:

Yeah! Start by, say, "By the end of the summer, I'm gonna break into 16 houses."

Justin:

Goals are so important.

Griffin:

And open a lemonade stand.

Justin:

Goal-setting is so important. Um, so I got a problem.

Griffin:

Oh no.

Justin:

"I go... I'm in a situation. I love this girl, I work with her. Also, I'm a-

Griffin:

Great.

Justin:

... I'm a random person on Formspring. Um, but she has a boyfriend-

Griffin:

That is a problem.

Justin:

That is a problem. "Uh, she has told me she likes... " I'm gonna start at the beginning, 'cause I feel like we've gotten confused. "I'm in a situation; I love this girl I work with, but she has a boyfriend. She has told me she likes me and wants to date me, but she doesn't want to lose what she has with her current boyfriend, [laughs], but I really-

Griffin:

What? [laughs].

Justin:

... wanna date her." What? "What should I do?" Wait, okay-

Travis:

That's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard.

Justin:

Tha- okay. So, all right, [laughs]. She will-

Travis:

I w-

Justin:

She' she's with... Okay, you love Girl A. Girl A is dating Girl B, or Boy-

Travis:

Guy B. Wait, what?

Justin:

Guy B. Wait.

Griffin:

Lesbian Apocalypse-

Justin:

Yup.

Griffin:

... it's coming so quickly.

Justin:

It's coming. It is a... Is it a girl? I don't know. Um, so, [laughs], s- dude, dude, dude dude, dude, dude. Um-

Travis:

I have a bigger problem with this question-

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

... and it's that he starts with, "I love this girl I work with."

Justin:

Yikes.

Travis:

Yeah, dude, whoa.

Justin:

You are rushing, [laughs]. Um, ge- here, here's what... here's, here's the thing. Um, i- if she is with this guy, and she also wants to be with you, then they are hopefully gonna self-destruct. But you need to tell her that if she wants to be with you, you're better than that. She needs to drop, drop the proverbial zero and get with the proverbial hero, but don't let her string you along like this. If she, if she wants to be with you, she needs to dump that dude.

Griffin:

I-

Justin:

I know it sucks.

Griffin:

Um-

Justin:

I know he's gonna cry and send her shitty mixtapes for a week, sorry.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

That's life.

Travis:

What it sounds like she's setting up is she wants a little booty on the side.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

'Cause if she's making the statement, "Yeah, I wanna be with you, but I don't wanna lose what I have with my current boyfriend-

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

..." A, that's a really shitty thing to say. B, what she's setting up is, "But we can still hang out," and then you guys occasionally hang out.

Justin:

Do you want... Is that what you wanna be, Formspring?

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

You wanna be a side-booty?

Travis:

You know, I knew a guy with a side-booty once.

Justin:

It's really tragic, I shouldn't joke about it.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Travis:

Yeah, it's a problem.

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

It's a serious medical problem.

Justin:

"What's that stain on the side of your pants?" "I'm sorry, I have a side-booby, and I have no control over it, [laughing], because my intestines aren't wired properly, 'cause I have something."

Griffin:

"I absorbed, uh, I absorbed one tenth of a twin-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... and I just got one of his butt cheeks."

Travis:

So he has... Wait, let's jump back. Did... So he has two butts? One on the back, one on the side?

Griffin:

It's more-

Justin:

I'm not-

Griffin:

... one, a one-and-a-half situation.

Justin:

Yeah. The one on the side doesn't count as much. It's like a side-butt, but it's only like half a butt, because you don't have room for a full butt on, [laughs], the side of your body. God, Biology 101, Travis, [laughs].

Travis:

I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

They can fix that.

Travis:

I wasn't paying attention that day.

Griffin:

They can fix that with a pretty simple outpatient procedure, so-

Travis:

Or you can just get-

Griffin:

... ask your, ask your doctor wife about it.

Travis:

... specially designed pants.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Um, Jacob, via Gmail, asks, "Recently, at a campout with a couple friends in my backyard-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... in the Canadian woods, I got really close to a girl my friend has been chasing for a while and ended up hooking up with her without anyone else noticing." [laughing].

Travis:

That is utter garbage.

Griffin:

"Should I tell, should I tell my bud or keep it a secret?"

Justin:

Tell your bud?

Griffin:

Jacob-

Travis:

What can I say?

Griffin:

... do has the ability-

Travis:

Nice ninja-hooking up, first of all.

Justin:

Yeah. Jacob-

Griffin:

Jacob has the ability to turn invisible-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... like a chameleon, whenever he's fully aroused. [laughing].

Justin:

Jacob, I think that this story is so cool that you just need to ride it out, 'cause you don't wanna taint it by telling your friend. I think you need to keep this a secret in your heart, and when things are down, just think about

that time that you covertly s- snuck into a girl, [laughing], and, and slept with her, [laughing]. Did she... Hey, here's my question, did she notice? [laughing]. Because if not, I mean-

Griffin:

Oh no.

Justin:

... you have a sincere problem [laughing].

Griffin:

Um, yeah, I think you should go ahead and tell him, because if you were that stealth about it, then he probably won't believe you, and he'll just turn into a joke, and it'll diffuse the whole situation.

Justin:

Yeah. Uh, I would never tell anybody.

Travis:

Um, yeah. Keep it to yourself. Um-

Griffin:

And keep up the discreet love-making-

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... 'cause that's a skill that you're gonna, you're gonna exercise more often than you might think.

Justin:

This is one, this is o-... What? [laughs]. This is one situation where I kinda wish this guy would start an advice podcast where we can ask him about, [laughs], his secret love-making.

Travis:

I was in the middle of a group of friends, but I really wanted to bone down this girl-

Justin:

And su- and then one of my-

Travis:

... what should I wear?

Justin:

[laughs], one of my friends is like, "But, uh, did you feel a breeze?" Then, and the other one said, "No, but I just had... I made love-

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

... for an hour, and you were unaware."

Griffin:

[inaudible].

Travis:

This is the guy who like set up the popcorn dick-trick, you know, kinda hole-in-the-bottom-of-the-popcorn? I like this guy.

Justin:

What's up with that language?

Griffin:

Yeah, can we, yeah-

Travis:

What? I can't say popcorn?

Griffin:

It's America's birthday, could we maybe-

Justin:

[laughs], cheese it a little?

Griffin:

... keep it down a little?

Justin:

Um-

Griffin:

Uh, Yahoo use-

Travis:

The popcorn use?

Griffin:

Yahoo Answers user, Jessica, asks, "Can I hit American men?" [laughing]. She expounds, "Hi, I am Jessica, from France, and this fall I will be going to college in the U.S. I just wondered if dirty American boy tries to hit on me, can I slap him hard in the mouth with clenched fist so his yellow teeth breaks? Only French man can touch this. Will this get me in trouble?"

Justin:

No, I think that's fine.

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Yeah, I don't know much about the law but, um... I mean, if you make his yellow teeth breaks then you could, you know... he could make you pay for it. The operation.

Justin:

Right.

Travis:

Listen, on this America's birthday, I feel like I have to be the one to say, um, Jessica? You would be lucky, lucky to have some American penis. Go on.

Justin:

What are you-

Griffin:

Again, with the language.

Justin:

Again, with the language.

Travis:

I said penis this time. How is that not better?

Griffin:

Uh, it's still the concept.

Justin:

It;s like weirder. It's grosser.

Travis:

Is it grosser?

Justin:

It's grosser to hear you s-

Travis:

Like, American wiener?

Justin:

No, like American wieners is what I'm gonna be-

Griffin:

Still, you're making me more and more uncomfortable.

Justin:

I'm gonna eat some American wieners later, [laughs], but those are called Freedom Franks, because we can't say, um, French dogs anymore. So they're Freedom Franks these days.

Travis:

Like we all used to.

Justin:

Yeah, like we used to.

Griffin:

If Jessica comes to the U.S. and hits an American man in the mouth, I'll go to war with France.

Justin:

Oh yeah.

Griffin:

It'll be my own private campaign.

Justin:

Your own private campaign. Do you think Tri-

Griffin:

It's-

Justin:

Do you think Tristan would come help you out with that?

Griffin:

Tristan's gonna come-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... and he's gonna fuck Jessica up.

Travis:

Right now, I, I can picture-

Justin:

Right?

Travis:

... Tristan listening to this podcast and hearing that question, and just like smearing on warpaint and tying a bandana around his head like, "Well-

Justin:

Yep, it's on.

Travis:

... now it's time to go meet Jessica too." Jessica bin Laden, he's gonna check you.

Griffin:

He's gonna hogtie Jessica, he's gonna hogtie Jessica, and use Jessica to beat Osama to the death.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

It's gonna be totally awesome.

Justin:

[laughs]. Oh, uh, I think Jacob just had sex with me, [laughing]. Wow, I did not see that coming, [laughing]. Um, uh-

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative], there's a joke in there somewhere-

Justin:

It's a joke to-

Travis:

... not seeing something coming. No, go on.

Justin:

Oh, I've ha-... You monster.

Travis:

Oh, yuck.

Justin:

On America's birthday, Travis.

Travis:

I know. I really-

Justin:

Um, I was wo-, [laughs], "I work with many interesting people..." This is not true of me, this is Dan from Gmail, "I work with many..." Eh, it is true of me,

I'm just not the one talking. It's not, it's not my question. "Uh, one in particular, has a disturbing mustache, that looks like he would drive an ice cream truck and have a basement full of children, [laughing]. How do I nicely inform him that his mustache is a sad and failed attempt to having facial hair?" Oh, the pedo-stache, that's tough.

Griffin:

I don't understand. So, it's like he is a part-time ice cream truck driver and, and part-time like daycare attendee?

Justin:

Um, dead children, um-

Griffin:

He has like a... I'm sorry?

Travis:

Or maybe the children are manufacturing the ice cream for him.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Work.

Travis:

Like he has a slave labor thing going on in his basement.

Justin:

It's all-

Griffin:

I don't think we should jump to pedo conclusions.

Justin:

Oh, okay. You think-

Griffin:

Let's give this guy the benefit of the doubt.

Justin:

Okay. All right. So, you think that he's worried because the guy that he works with is interesting, but looks like he might run a small business-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

... and also employ local children, and be infusing cash into the economy, that's what you think?

Griffin:

Yeah, and the-

Justin:

You think that's what he's worried about?

Griffin:

... the American economy.

Justin:

Right. Happy birthday, America.

Griffin:

Thank you.

Justin:

Um-

Griffin:

Thank you, America. Thank you, America, for everything. Uh- Thank you, America.

Justin:

Uh, [laughs], it's so good. It's such a good country. Um, I think that you... This would be such an awkward conversation, that what you need to do is sneak into his house when he's asleep, uh, shave it off when he's not paying attention. And then just say, "What happened?" the next day. Um, eh-

Travis:

If I might suggest, get Jacob's help.

Justin:

Yeah, get Jacob's help. He's really good with stealth. Um-

Griffin:

Um, uh, I don't, I don't... I can't grow hair in the area underneath the corners of my mouth, which makes it hard to go with a full goatee, and sort of ends up with a half-Van Dyke half-pedostache, so...

Justin:

It's a no, it's a no-tee, [laughs].

Griffin:

It's a no-tee.

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Griffin:

And I, I sympathize with this guy. 'Cause it's every man's right to have facial hair, um, only some people are better a- at it than others. Travis has a full, luscious beard that you could hide Skittles and Jolly Ranchers in-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... and to recall on, uh, for later snacking but I, I can't get that going.

Travis:

Dan, if I might suggest, start posting pictures in your cubicle of men with these pedostaches.

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

Like Jeffrey Dahmer, guys like this, until eventually this guy-

Justin:

Right.

Travis:

Now, this will reflect poorly on you, so you need to be ready for that. I think that's the only way to do it without just saying, "Hey, creepstache, how's your creepstache?"

Justin:

The best, the best way to deal with a creepstache is say, at any opportunity, say, "God, your mustache looks so good." [laughing]. And like really let him know. And then say, "You know what? I love your 'stache." And if he's into it, if he's feeling you, the... Okay, if he's not feeling it, he's like, "Oh man, this guy is hitting on me for my 'stache, I'm gonna shave it." If he is into it, then say, "God, you know what though? As much as I love your 'stache, you would look so good with like a little beard. Just a little beard coming down off of it." And then he'll grow it, or he'll cut it off.

Griffin:

Or just, what if you had a mustache but it was made of skin? Like, a skinstache?

Justin:

Oh, a skinstache.

Griffin:

There wasn't any hair there, and it was just skin that blended with your other skin.

Justin:

That would look so good if you had a skinstache.

Griffin:

I would look so, so good.

Justin:

So, I hope that helps. Brendon, from Gmail, says, "I was walking with probably best friend. She has made it clear that I am in her friend circle, although the way she said it also said that to who is not... " Okay, nope.

Griffin:

Nope, [laughing].

Justin:

Sorry, Brendan, maybe get, get that stuff right.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

I can't be... I can't do this with you. All right, Tyler, from Gmail, writes, "My friend and I live in LA. Whenever he-

Griffin:

We love it. [laughing]. I'm sorry.

Justin:

"Whenever he talks about going to any place outside the city he refers to it as, 'going down to Whateverberg,' regardless of the town's location, north or south of Los Angeles." Does he also say that regardless of the name of the area you're going to?

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

It's going to out-

Travis:

Going down to Whateverberg, [laughs].

Justin:

Uh, that is, that tells me nothing. There is no information in that sentence. You say that every time we go anywhere. Uh, "Likewise, if we're heading into the city from someplace north, he says, 'heading up to LA.'" So, to-

Griffin:

I love LA.

Justin:

"So, to recap, he thinks that if you're going to a bigger city, then you call it going up to that place, even though the largest city may be located more southern on the actual globe, even on the same latitude. He listen to the show, and his name is Mark, [laughs]. Please tell him he's wrong, so I can

have this one trivial but incontrovertible moment of being right to lord over him for all of time. Help me, MBMBaM. You're my only hope. Tyler, from Gmail." Okay, let me think about this.

Griffin:

I c- I... Tyler, I'm sorry, but I feel, I feel what Mark is s- spitting. I understand it, because it's a... it has nothing to do with geography. He's talking about moving up and down the socioeconomic ladder, right? So, if you move from, from Shitsville to LA, that is an upward move on the ladder. So you're moving on up to LA. Or vice-versa. I know what this person is talking about.

Justin:

Now, where, where... what is this ladder that there are places, uh, below Los Angeles?

Griffin:

Yeah, but, I mean, I'm s- figuratively speaking.

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

Have you guys been to Whateversberg.

Griffin:

If we're talking on the soul, the soul-crushing ladder, LA is like the bottom rung. 'Cause it's the most oppressive city on the planet. But, but I understand what he's-

Justin:

Now, uh, no, uh, no, you don't mean that, Las Vegas still exists, [laughs], Um, Lo- Los Angeles, uh, uh, you're a fine city. You need to, to get a little smaller, and make it so the traffic isn't so bad, and, and then we'll talk again.

Griffin:

And make everybody s- less hateful.

Justin:

I think people were nice to me there. Do you think it's because you're white?

Griffin:

That probably, pro- maybe? I don't know.

Justin:

Um, uh, everyone there is very friendly, I think, in Los Angeles.

Travis:

To, to get back to Tyler's actual question, I have to agree with your friend Mark. Um, I think that up and down are interchangeable and have nothing to do with actual location.

Griffin:

Would you prefer if he was like, "I'm gonna head up north on California 1 for 364 miles until I reach my destination, which is LAX."? Is-

Justin:

I always use the right words.

Griffin:

Is that... You would?

Travis:

Like, like directionally?

Justin:

I always say, "I'm heading... " If I say I'm going to Cincinnati, I say, "I'm headed north northwest."

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

You don't do that.

Justin:

For... Yeah, I do, sure. As the crow flies, of-

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

... of not even... Yeah.

Travis:

You know what I would like to hear? I- those ones that are like on the same, like plane, the same latitude, say like, "I'm heading left to someplace."

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

Or, "I'm going up north, down south, left, right. I'm going right."

Griffin:

Yahoo Answers user, Steph P., asks, "Is it possible to bend air, water, fire, and earth like in Avatar? If so, please help me learn how to." Sub-question, "Like in the show Avatar." [laughing].

Justin:

Um, hmm-

Griffin:

Yes, the answer, of course. Yeah.

Travis:

It's also possible to bend sadness, and you've got that down, [laughing].

Justin:

Yeah. You've bent, you've bent my-

Griffin:

She's the last of the sadness benders. A bender.

Justin:

You've bent my mouth into a frown, a disapproving frown, [laughing].

Griffin:

Steph P., the Frownbender, [laughing]. I can't wait to see M. Night Shyamalan ruin that franchise.

Travis:

Aw, don't say that.

Griffin:

I'm not sure, but-

Travis:

I hope it's so good.

Justin:

What?

Griffin:

It's not. It's got like a 6% on-

Travis:

Have you seen The Last Airbender? That shit rules!

Justin:

Shyamalan. Shyamalan. Shyamalan.

Travis:

Shya- shyam- Shyamallama. Shya.

Griffin:

Shyamalian. Um, Formspring-

Travis:

Shym- Shyamillionaire.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Chamillionaire asks, "What are your guys' stance on the changing of last names when people get married? My current girlfriend just told me that if we ever got married, she would be keeping her last name. She claims it's a sexist tradition. Should I be offended?"

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

Just say, just say, "You know what else is a sexist tradition? Me paying for dinner, so pony up."

Griffin:

Yep.

Justin:

Say that, and then she'll be like, "Well, we always do that." You'll be like, "God, I'm sorry, [laughs]. I'm such an asshole, [laughing]. Can you forgive me?" Um, uh, it... I mean, i- is it a sexist tradition? Uh, I, I don't know, uh, if it is or not.

Griffin:

Isn't everything?

Justin:

Isn't everything? [laughs], what? Isn't every tradition inherently sexist? [laughs], um, like, you bring a Christmas tree in, that's just a phallus. Everybody knows, [laughing].

Griffin:

Just one, a big, green, leafy-

Justin:

Just a big, green, leafy phallus. Um-

Griffin:

See, that's the words we use, Travis.

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

A phallus? I mean, phallus is less creepy?

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

That's the least creepy, what did you-

Griffin:

It's... That's scientific.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

It's hospital talk.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

I think wiener is pretty scientific.

Griffin:

Oh my god.

Justin:

Oh my god, [laughs], he's saying it again. Um, uh, I mean, eh, th- the... her preference is the most important thing, right? So i- if... I don't think she's the sort of lady who is independent about not changing her name until, um, two gu- three guys who are brothers and record a podcast tell her differently. So I think you're just gonna have to ride this one out. That said, if you were gonna do a compromise, see, my wife's name, she took her last name and made it her middle name. And then took my last name so we'd have... I think it's nice that married couples have the same last names, 'cause I think it's-

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

I think beyond being a s-... Eh, whether or not it's a sexist tradition, I think that it is nice for them to have... if they're starting a family, they wanna be The Whatever's. Um-

Griffin:

Sure. I, I think this issues really boils down, ultimately, to what the last name in question is.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Because if it's, if it's like, uh, JP Garglestench, like, [laughing], I can understand you not wanting. But if it's like Hogan, if your last name's Hogan, like what woman wouldn't wanna have that as their last name?

Justin:

Right.

Griffin:

Um-

Travis:

And I think you should also explain to her that she should be prepared that for the rest of your lives together, you will always be introduced separately, and everything will be addressed to you separately, and there will always be that confusion of, you know-

Justin:

It'd be awkward. Like, "This is Mrs. Garglestench and her husband, Tom Danger." Like, "Well, Mrs. Garglestench, why didn't you..." Never mind.

Travis:

And she can't be mrs. She can't.

Justin:

She can't be mrs.

Travis:

Can you be mrs. if you don't take their last name?

Griffin:

I think so. I think mrs. just indicates that you're married.

Justin:

I'm pretty sure it's pronounced mizzrezz.

Griffin:

Mizzrezz?

Travis:

Mizz-

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Mizz, missus. Myers.

Griffin:

Um, Formspring asks, "I just started seeing this guy, and I feel uncomfortable whenever he tries to take my shirt off-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... I like him a lot but I'm not a skinny girl, and I feel like he won't like what he sees underneath. Do men even care, or do they just want bewbs?"

Travis:

Good news, [laughing].

Justin:

But listen, the doctor just came out of th- of the room, you've been sitting there in the waiting room with, with, with bated breath, waiting for something, and Dr. Travis has good news for you, [laughing].

Travis:

Men like boobs. There you go. Um, it doesn't matter to me.

Justin:

What if there are two, eh... What if these are not two connected thoughts? We're assuming that she means she's a, she's a little, a little bit chunky style underneath, and, and, and that's why she's worried what he'll see. Maybe she's got like a really tragic... maybe she's got like a giant tattoo of, of R-Ray Romano, or something, [laughing]. Like-

Griffin:

Maybe she's got a side-butt, but it's, it's, it's on her torso.

Justin:

Oh my god, a torso side-butt.

Griffin:

Her torso, yeah.

Justin:

And you're embarrassed that he'll see it! He, he... Listen, if he loves you, he's gonna have to deal with the fact that you have half a butt on, [laughs], on the side of your body.

Travis:

And a tattoo of Ray Romano.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

I understand you were attached to it, maybe have it surgically lowered so it'll just look like you have great child-bearing hips.

Griffin:

That's a good possibility.

Travis:

Why would having a tattoo of Ray Romano lower make it look like you have, [laughing], great child-bearing hi— I'm really confused.

Justin:

Um, it's, it's about, it's about perspective. It's hard to explain. Okay.

Travis:

Um, if he loves you, it won't matter. And if he doesn't love you, don't give it up.

Justin:

Pff, there it is, man. That's-

Griffin:

Lock it up, lock it down.

Justin:

... truer words never spoken.

Griffin:

Protect that carnal treasure.

Travis:

That's right, that's your flower.

Griffin:

"Does anyone here find Michael Cera really attractive?" [laughing]. Sorry, that was a Yahoo question, and I-

Travis:

Uh, you need to preface-

Griffin:

I didn't wanna sh-

Travis:

... shit like that, Griffin, [laughs].

Griffin:

I didn't wanna dedicate too much time to it, so I just dropped it like it was hot.

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

Um-

Griffin:

"I don't know why, but I really, really like him. I just think it's his amazing personality, LOL." [laughing].

Justin:

LOL. Um-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

... no creepo, you're the only one.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

Nah, I think he's cute.

Travis:

Just you.

Griffin:

Yeah, he's a cute, he's a cute little guy.

Justin:

Cute.

Griffin:

Cute little guy-pie.

Justin:

He's... The thing is, he's 50, [laughing].

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

So that's, it's getting a little old, a little tired. He needs to bust out of his shell a little bit. Um, "Ye three brothers-

Travis:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Justin:

... my best friend is a bit of a dick." Oh, again, with this talk. "He takes the piss out of... " Ugh.

Griffin:

Oh, come on.

Justin:

"He takes the piss out of everything I say and bitches about... " Ugh.
"Bitches about-

Griffin:

This is-

Justin:

... me constantly. How can I put him in his place?" Okay, w- welcome back to fuckin' o- class 1000; a continuing series on My Brother, My Brother, and Me called Are You My Friend? [laughing]. Class one was, of course, if you wanna really have sex with your best friend's girlfriend really bad, so you have sex with her, [laughs], that's not your friend. You're not friends, that's not what that means. So, and, eh, class two, if your best friend makes fun of everything you say and bitches about you, he's not your friend. Find a new friend.

Travis:

What, what kind of confidence issues do you have where this guy that's picking on you all the time and makes fun of you and bitches about you, you're like, "That's my best bud. That's my guy."?

Justin:

"That's my bro. A lifetime bro, forever."

Travis:

"He has, he has my best interests in mind. I know that he, he pees all over me-

Justin:

[laughs].

Travis:

... and sets my stuff on fire and kicks me in the face, but, god, I love him."

Griffin:

"Hey, Tony, you're a pussy." "Thanks, Mike. [laughs], that's my best friend."

Justin:

How much-

Griffin:

"My best friend in the world."

Justin:

"How many more boxes do you think we have to move to your apartment?"

"I'll tell you-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

... when you move those boxes, gay!" [laughing].

Travis:

"That's my best friend-

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

... "That's my man."

Justin:

Your best bud. "Who's that man abusing you? Do you want me to call the cops?" "Nah we're bros. This is how-

Griffin:

"We're best friends."

Justin:

... we sorta pal around." That said, um-

Griffin:

"Hey Jerry, I fucked your dad!" "Oh, Mike-

Justin:

No, what a burn.

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... I mean, thanks."

Justin:

[laughs], "Why'd you do that?" My dad's dead. Um-

Travis:

How, how about you just tell him to stop being a dick?

Justin:

"Just stop being a dick." Why don't you just slug him once? Just slug him once, and see-

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

how the tenure of the relationship changes.

Griffin:

It's gonna be real-

Justin:

I bet it'll be drastic.

Griffin:

... real good for that friendship.

Justin:

"You guys are so chipper and gleeful, you're never down. How do you do this?"

Griffin:

Speed.

Justin:

This is Dove- this is Dovetails, it's Dovetails with another question, that's from Matt, Gmail, "The three of you seem to be great terms as adults. Were

you always good friends, or does the amicable nature of family just naturally reveal itself after you no longer have to share a living space?"

Travis:

Yep.

Griffin:

[laughs]. No, that's, that's not it.

Justin:

These, these questions are tied in, because whether... You don't know us.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

We're ani- we're monsters.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

This, uh, this, this, this show is our ticket to the big time, to the big money, and we know that we're the only three people we know that will be on it with us. So we, so we act chipper, um, but usually, we're hateful and misanthropic.

Travis:

This, this question reminds me of people who are like, "That Matt Lauer seems so nice." Well, that's his job. That's what he gets paid to do.

Justin:

His job. Our job is to make it seem like we like each other. And that we're chipper. Um-

Griffin:

They're lying, by the way.

Justin:

We're lying.

Griffin:

We're chipper and gleeful because we enjoy talking to each other. Or at least I do.

Justin:

I th- I'll tell you straight up, stone cold, uh... Who wa- who was this? This is, uh, this was from Matt. Matt, I'll tell you something. Man, you only get one go around. You only get one spin on this crazy globe, why waste a moment of it? Not one more moment of it being anything but chipper and gleeful? I have a great reason to be chipper and gleeful, is because I woke up today. And-

Travis:

You know what? I, I have a new thing I've been trying to do for the last year, year and a half, two years.

Justin:

Tell me.

Travis:

And whenever I start to get frustrated about something, or upset about something, I stop and I think, "Is this really worth getting upset about?" And the answer is always no, you know?

Justin:

It's never worth it.

Travis:

In, in two minutes, it's gonna be over, anyways, might as well ride the happy wave.

Justin:

And if you're feeling... If that doesn't work, just go buy something.

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

It's what I do.

Griffin:

I'll go back to my original point, and make that something, just a little bit of speed, [laughing].

Travis:

It's-

Griffin:

Just a little bit of upper.

Justin:

And maybe just one rock. Just one rock of cocaine.

Griffin:

Maybe just one eightball-

Travis:

But it's important that you promise yourself-

Griffin:

... of the sweet, sweet speed powder.

Travis:

... just the one.

Griffin:

Maybe just a little bit of nose whiskey, [laughing], will turn that frown upside down.

Justin:

"As a woman, what is the best way to seduce a man?" I-

Griffin:

You say hi.

Justin:

I can't answer that. Um, as a man, the best way to seduce a man-

Griffin:

It's-

Justin:

... goes a little something like this... [makes techno bass noises with his mouth] And then it's on, just like that. I don't know.

Griffin:

That's all you need.

Justin:

That's all you need. Just make that noise, and the guy's like, "You're down?" And, yeah, then you're like, "I'm down. Clearly, I'm down." As a woman, do you... What seduction... There's no... What do you mean? There's no seduction. There's no... I mean, this, this is a, a, a crazy concept. Men are stupid, just penises attached to brains. I'm sorry, Griffin. Uh, and, and, and it, it takes very little. Ho— what's the best way to seduce a dude, guys?

Travis:

I-

Griffin:

I, I think-

Travis:

What does that mean-

Griffin:

... I think maybe a little bit of, I think maybe a little bit of clarity will come out of this related Yahoo question, which comes to us from Mr. H, who asks, "Exactly how can I get horny?" [laughing]. "I don't, uh, I don't get it. I look at something sexual and dirty, and then what? Do I have to have a specific mindset to get fully horny? I tried-

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... saying over and over in my head, 'Oh god, I want that so badly,' or something like that-

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

Oh my god.

Griffin:

... but that didn't help-

Justin:

Oh my gosh.

Griffin:

... Am I supposed to get a big emotional feeling when I get horny? Is it like my heartbeat changes during horniness? [laughing]. What aspect of the dirty thought is supposed to make me horny? I looked at something that made me horny, but it only worked for a few seconds-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... and then it went away-

Travis:

This is, once aga-

Griffin:

... and sometimes it doesn't work at all. What do I have to do-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... to keep the feeling? Please-

Travis:

This is, once again, something a psychopath says.

Griffin:

... s- so, so-

Justin:

Signed, Kyle age five.

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... some- someone give me a real answer. Nothing like, 'You'll know when it happens.'"

Travis:

[laughs], that's the most-

Justin:

So, this re-

Travis:

... upsetting thing I've ever heard.

Justin:

Clearly dating. Clearly these two are-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

She doesn't know how to seduce a man and he does not understand horny, [laughs].

Griffin:

He doesn't understand how to be seduced. Um, that question, by the way, came to us from Tyler, who sent it in. Thank you, Tyler. Um-

Justin:

That's a good one. Good looking out money.

Griffin:

Good looking out money. I, man-

Travis:

My good gosh.

Griffin:

... dawg, eh, I think this might have been sent to us by Beezbo, or some other extraterrestrial force-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... that doesn't understand how, how horny impulses work. Um-

Justin:

I think, just scientifically speaking, if you've ever said to yourself, "Um, oh, I'm down to bone," then you're probably horny right then.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Like, you don't need to... There's no, there's no horny fairy that comes down and says to you like, "You are on. You are on and ready for game."

Griffin:

[laughs], "Dear Horny Fairy-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... please send me a boner."

Travis:

[singing] "It's all I want. Just one, please."

Justin:

[laughs] [singing] Horny fairy, give me a bone!

Griffin:

[singing] Horny fairy, give just one bone to me!

Travis:

My, my advice to both of these people, the Yahoo people and the, the Formspring person, is it... in my experience, it's all about the atmosphere. And just, you know, you know... And by which I mean, is there a dude present, and is there a girl present? Atmosphere completed.

Justin:

Yeah, just-

Travis:

So-

Justin:

And then just start kissing. Did you try... Try, start kissing.

Griffin:

Did you try kissing?

Justin:

[laughs], that's always a good start. Why do you have to jump right to s-
having sex? You have to take your clothes off and kiss.

Griffin:

Nothing makes me hornier than a good conversation.

Travis:

[laughs], which is really awkward when talking to Griffin, [laughs].

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Hmm.

Griffin:

Is it awkward? [laughing].

Justin:

"Help-

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

... Help! I, I need to get my girlfriend back. Any advice, brothers?" This comes from Formspring.

Travis:

Was she kidnapped?

Justin:

Did you... How, how bad was the prank she pulled on you-

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

... that you wanna get revenge for? Is that what he means?

Griffin:

I think so.

Justin:

Like, he wanna get back at her for a prank she pulled? Well, that depends.

Griffin:

Either that, or she was kidnapped.

Travis:

I think she's been-

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

... taken by Colombian drug runners. At which point-

Justin:

Let's, well-

Travis:

... call Kiefer Sutherland.

Justin:

Yeah, he'll get... he'll sort that out. Here's what I would do, I would wait until you know she's gonna walk in her room, then you get a bucket, you fill the bucket with water. And then you put the wa- water bucket, half on the

door jam and half on the door. And then when she opens the door, it, it all tumbles onto her.

Griffin:

She'll be s-... She'll get, she'll get moist from the water in the bucket.

Justin:

And, okay-

Griffin:

That's what you're saying.

Justin:

This, this works both ways. If she broke up with you... Eh, if, if she pulled a prank on you, then you point at her after the water bucket, uh, falls on her and you, and you laugh. If she dumped you, then you point at her, [laughs], and say, "Well, no one will have you now." [laughing]. And then, then, [laughing]-

Travis:

"I'm the best you're gonna do."

Justin:

"I'm the best you're gonna do, Wetty." let's, uh-

Griffin:

Take a picture of her.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Film it, and put it on YouTube, and say, "You've just made a terrible fool of yourself."

Justin:

"That's-

Griffin:

And then walk away.

Justin:

... that's going viral, [laughing]. I'll s- I'll see you this evening, for dinner. We have dinner at Giovanni's. It's, it's a, a reservation, I'll see you there."

Griffin:

"Have you guys seen the bucket ex? Oh, she's so foolish. No one would ever date her." [laughing]. She-

Justin:

Uh, and say, say, "I guess I just put hooking up with me back on your bucket list." And then walk out.

Travis:

Ooh.

Griffin:

That's real good.

Justin:

That's a good one.

Griffin:

That's real good.

Justin:

Oh, man.

Griffin:

Um, no, for real though, you don't need her.

Justin:

She's... You're too good for her.

Griffin:

You're too good.

Justin:

You listen to a great podcast like this? It's, uh-

Travis:

Well, unless it's like a justifiable reason that she broke up with you, like you need to quit doing speed.

Justin:

[laughs], or pranks.

Travis:

Or pranks, [laughing]. Listen, it was funny the first time, but you have done the bucket thing 26 times-

Justin:

You've gotten me.

Travis:

... and it is old.

Justin:

"Until you get a tattoo that says, 'I'm the trixxxter supreme,' I'm not gonna stop pulling pranks." Trixxxter supreme with an X, X, X." I want to hear Griffin's last question, but first, I wanna tell you all the different ways that you can seek help from our show. Uh, there is, of course, an email address. MBMBaM@gmail.com. There's, uh, Formspring, it's Formspring, something, something.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

Uh, [laughing], guys, I think it's like Formspring.me, isn't it? A forward slash, eh-

Griffin:

You really need to nail down that web address, because you do this every week, [laughs].

Justin:

Yeah, don't... I don't know that one. So, just go to MBMBaM.com, and all these methods are on there. We love seeing, uh, retweeted quotes. We have a search, so we always see those, um, and, and those are... those always bring us a lot of joy. If you could, grab a friend the next time you listen to this show, or, or burn a CD for them, uh, is, is... it would be great too. Just

put a couple eps on it and say, "Hey, listen to this. I know you like this... will like this. Enjoy this."

Griffin:

I'll tell you a campaign I'm, I'm gonna try to get started. I was looking at our stats the other day, our statistics, and almost half of the people that listen to our show download it through the web. You gots to get on that iTunes.

Justin:

Guys, get iTunes.

Griffin:

It's so efficient. It's such an efficient way of getting the show. You just put it in, and then you hit the subscribe button, and then you get it automatically every week. It's just waiting there for you.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

And if I may suggest, subscribe and then just download it independently another six or seven times.

Justin:

Just get it as many times as you can.

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative], mm-hmm [affirmative], mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

Um, but tell a friend. Uh, I was talking with my buddy, Slice, who was telling me, uh, all, all the different ways he's come up with to share the show. Um, and I think that's about it. Uh, and I'm, I'm ready if you... Travis, if you are-

Travis:

I, I-

Justin:

... for... to hear.

Travis:

... so am.

Justin:

... our last question, our one to grow on.

Griffin:

Comes to us from Yahoo Answers user, Rick, who asks, "I just got out of jail. When is NWA World Championship Wrestling on?" [laughing].

[theme music plays]

Justin:

Oh god. I'm Justin McElroy.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin:

And this has been My Brother, My Brother, and Me.