

MBMBAM 016: Coach

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Justin:

Thank you, Jake Fawley for finally being the one to recognize the true sound of My Brother, My Brother and Me is rap.

Griffin:

It's the sweet sound of the streets.

Justin:

We are...

Travis:

We can all agree that we are—. we are urban.

Justin:

We are— We are nothing—

Travis:

We are street.

Justin:

If not street. Hip hop, R&B. Most of our episodes are about Hip Hop and R&B. I draw most of the things we say from the recordings of Jay Z and Miss Lauryn Hill.

Griffin:

Is it sad that for um, the better part of my entire life I thought that R&B stood for rap and beats?

Justin:

[laughs] What?

Griffin:

I thought R&B—

Travis:

What would R&B be otherwise?

Griffin:

I thought it stood for rap and beats.

Justin:

This is My Brother, My Brother and Me, and it's an advice show for the modern era. We also will teach you that R&B does not stand for rap and beats. [laughs]

Griffin:

What does it stand for?

Justin:

How long... how long...

Travis:

How well do you enjoy that rap and beats music? [laughs]

Justin:

She is the greatest rap and beats singer of all time. Aliyah is the new Princess of Hip Hop and rap and beats. [laughs] God bless you. "Hello brothers McElroy, this is Michael from California and I am wondering, how do you learn better?"

Griffin:

"How do you learn to dress better?" Sorry, it got cut off a little bit.

Justin:

Oh, good typing. That's not your fault Michael. "I'm wondering, how do you learn to dress better? I'm tired of just wearing nerdy T-shirts all the time and I have no idea how to start learning how to dress more mature." Thank you. Griffin's got a great answer. Watch this.

Griffin:

I do?

Justin:

Well, I was going to suggest that you need to watch a hit web series.

Griffin:

Oh that's right. Put This On by close personal friend of the show, Jesse Thorn and Adam Lisagor. Um.

Justin:

Um. Well they, they are sort of friends of the show. You... the name— If you're here thanks to our friends at Maximum Fun, um, dot org, you have

probably heard the name Jesse Thorn. Um. Put This On is— it— There's not enough episodes for my taste. PutThisOn.com. Um. There's just two right now about jeans and shoes, but

Griffin:

That blog—

Justin:

If you read that blog...

Griffin:

That blog is chock full of tips.

Travis:

What do they say about jeans? 'Cause this is a discussion I've been having a lot lately.

Griffin:

Um. Their conclusion is that jeans are—. They can qualify as fancy dress if worn properly. Um.

Justin:

You should watch it, Travis. You'd get into it.

Griffin:

'Cause it's all about finding a good pair of jeans for you and then how to maintain those jeans.

Travis:

Well I- I was talking to Teresa the other day and I made her promise that when I reach the point that I am no longer, like, I am too old to wear jeans, that she is sworn to tell me.

Griffin:

So she can just kill you.

Travis:

I- I- Yeah. And then it's just sweet, sweet death from then on out.

Griffin:

I think jeans— Let's get back to Michael's question. Um.

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

I think you need to expand beyond nerdy T-shirts. Um.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

'Cause those are inherently undressy. Um, Find yourself a nice, a nice polo shirt. Um... A nice, you know, button up. It's not that hard to dress better.

Justin:

It's not, yeah. Just start at the ground up. I- I would also say that you should um, that uh... You could get a T-shirt that's not necessarily nerdy, maybe something more universal, something everyone can relate to.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Like, for instance, um, a My Brother, My Brother and Me T-shirt, available for one day only, this final day at MBMBaM.com.

Griffin:

It may even be too late.

Justin:

It may be too late if you're listening to this on Tuesday. But still go look. We'll work something out for you.

Griffin:

Or just plain— plain T-shirts. That's a classic look.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Just a plain, tight fitting.

Justin:

Plain T-shirt.

Griffin:

T-shirt.

Justin:

Tight.

Travis:

You know what I like? A nice corduroy jacket.

Justin:

You know what? A jacket is a good pro tip.

Griffin:

Oh yeah.

Justin:

Because that could dress up anything. I- I like a— I'll wear a- a- a nice tan jacket at trade shows and things because it, you know, classes up the look without having to buy a whole new wardrobe.

Griffin:

Corduroy's good too though. Go to Target.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Go to Target and look at their jackets.

Justin:

Target? Okay.

Griffin:

They have nice jackets for twenty to thirty dollars, and you'll wear those things for months.

Justin:

A hundred years. "I finally found that," this is from Michael. "I recently found out that my wife and I are expecting a baby."

Travis:

Mazel tov.

Griffin:

Congrats.

Justin:

"This will be our first, so we're a little nervous about what to expect."
Immediate— Well... immediate— Okay. "Immediately things changed my mind about priorities and the like. I'm also a loyal listener to the Joystiq podcast, I love my gaming time. How can I balance my new child and keep the trophies rolling in?"

Okay, first, that sounds dangerous.

Travis:

Yeah. [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

If you're... If you're trying to balance a baby while at the same time, trophies are rolling at you, you may already be a bad parent.

Griffin:

Is the— Is the baby on your head? Is this where you're balancing him? Like a— Like a book?

Justin:

Like a hilarious uh— silent film? Starring Buster Keaton? There's like a baby balanced precariously on your head as trophies roll at you? I think the most important thing about being a parent is knowing where to turn for advice about parenting.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

And you've already—

Travis:

Definitely us.

Justin:

Yeah [laughs], you've already cracked the case with the first, biggest, problem, which is where to turn for parenting advice.

Griffin:

I've seen Three Men and a Baby. I've seen Four Men and a Baby.

Travis:

I've seen Father of the Bride part one and part two.

Griffin:

I've seen Two and a Half Men. I've seen Baby's Day Out. I've seen—

Travis:

Dunston Checks In.

Griffin:

Dunston Checks In! Which isn't exactly about parenting, but—

Justin:

I've seen Most Valuable Primate! [laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

I've seen Air Bud. [laughs]

Griffin:

I've seen Most Vertical Primate. Um.

Justin:

[laughs] We got off subject right now. I saw Milo and Otis.

Travis:

[laughs] Land Before Times part one, two, three and four.

Justin:

Land Before Time. Land of the Lost.

Travis:

Listen.

Justin:

Anchorman.

Griffin:

Michael— The truth is—

Travis:

[laughs] Here are some other things I've seen.

Griffin:

The truth is I think—

Justin:

Fire, rain—

Griffin:

In order to be a good parent, you have to not do the things that you used to like doing.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I think that there's a— I think there's a ratio. An inverse ratio between the sacrifices of your— your fun time, uh, to the relative health of your child.

Travis:

Let me give you a trophy to reach for. An achievement to try to gain, and that is: Didn't raise a serial killer.

Justin:

[laughs] It's a real-life achievement.

Travis:

One hundred gamer score.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

One hundred gamer score for not raising someone who murders you in your sleep. Uh. The way it works is, when you grow up— When you have a child, it's that child— You've been doing cool shit your whole life, now it's your child's turn to do cool shit.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

And it's your job to do bumner shit. Forever.

Griffin:

It's like the Highlander. There can be only one person who's enjoying their life. At one time.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

And guess what friend, it's not you anymore.

Griffin:

"I'm 30 years old and have recently made a friend in World of Warcraft who I've been playing with regularly. Last week I found out he's a fifteen-year-old boy, and when I told my girlfriend she freaked out and said it was weird and that I should stop playing with him. What do I do?"

Justin:

I can't tell you the number of times my wife has walked in on me playing with a fifteen-year-old boy and she's like, "Oh no, I'll call the cops, I'll leave you. Blah blah blah blah blah." It's like, chill out lady.

Travis:

What a prude.

Griffin:

He's our neighbor.

Justin:

How am I gonna get better at recording pop music— well— pop influenced by rap and beats, like Michael Jackson, if I can't play with fifteen-year-old boys?

Griffin:

Someone's gotta teach this kid to shave. It's not gonna be his deadbeat dad.

Justin:

[laughs] You got him in front of the mirror with like whipped cream on his face and a spoon.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Like, it's easy, it's just like this.

Griffin:

It's real like— slower, slower.

Justin:

Slower, slower.

Griffin:

So much slower.

Travis:

Here, let me do it.

Justin:

Slower. Daniel!

Griffin:

This is such a problem of the modern— the modern age. That—

Justin:

Yeah it is.

Griffin:

You know— I imagine someone twenty years ago reading this question would think it was written in a different language. I think—

Justin:

Are you—

Travis:

We talked about it—

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

When we talked about the question about kissing your dad square on the lips.

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

If you don't think it's weird, then it's not weird. Like if you're—

Griffin:

It is pretty fucking weird though.

Travis:

No—

Justin:

It's weird though.

Travis:

There's no sort of weirdness going on. Like, I assume that you guys are just like, raiding people or whatever people do on that World of Warcraft jam. Um. But—

Justin:

There's nothing you can do in World of Warcraft with a fifteen-year-old boy that doesn't make you sound like a gay pedophile.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

That's life. We're just raiding. We're just pounding the dragon. [laughs]

Travis:

We were just working on our sewing.

Justin:

We were just teaching him some leather work.

Travis:

We were grinding.

Justin:

We were just [laughs] grinding. I was grinding with a fifteen-year-old and my wife flipped! [laughs] Um— This is— This is something where— Just pretend you don't know it. Just— Are you sure it's not Chris Hansen on the other end?

Griffin:

Yeah, [laughs].

Justin:

Saying he's a fifteen-year-old boy?

Griffin:

That's the future of to catch a predator.

Justin:

I— Why are you hanging with him? Maybe find someone your own age also playing World of Warcraft.

Griffin:

Or, switch to Second Life. 'Cause that place is just a— Just ripe for the harvest of just sweet, sweet succulent teenage fruit.

Justin:

Eww.

Griffin:

Hanging low on the tree.

Travis:

Ranch, ranch!

Justin:

You know there's Marshall in second life now?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

There is?

Griffin:

Yeah, I saw that. Marshall University, my alma mater and Justin's alma mater now has a virtual college in Second Life. Um—

Justin:

Am I allowed to— I haven't discussed this with my wife. Am I allowed to go to virtual Marshall and do the things that I did at real Marshall without fear of repercussions? Is that how that works?

Griffin:

Um, well, give me an example of some of these things.

Justin:

Like— So— Like, if I go to Second Life—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

And I— Can I set a dumpster on fire—

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

And then blame it on a pizza guy that walked by earlier? Is that okay?

Travis:

Yes.

Griffin:

Um.

Justin:

Virtually.

Griffin:

It depends on if the programmers have enabled that option for you to do in the game.

Justin:

How's your tech? How is the tech on this if I can't burn a dumpster? Um—

Griffin:

I don't know. I would love to see if I could get kicked out of Second Life Marshall though.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

I would love to see what it takes to do.

Travis:

When you do—

Griffin:

I would love to.

Travis:

You have to walk out screaming, "That's it, I'm starting Third Life!"

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

On one hand, you have it as a recruitment tool. That's what they built it for so that they can take students on a virtual tour. So, I'd love to show up as a prospective student and walk around that group and cause all kinds of shenanigans.

Justin:

I'd just like to sit on the quad and play my guitar. That's it.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Just don't bother me.

Griffin:

Just run into the middle of a group, "You guys trying to sack?"

Justin:

You guys wanna sack?

Griffin:

"We're gonna sack over at the student center in fifteen. Meet by the Jamba Juice."

Travis:

"Me and my fifteen-year-old friend, we're just sacking together."

Griffin:

"We're gonna go play some disc. You guys like Dave Matthews?"

Justin:

"There's a crazy game of poker today, right?"

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Oh...

Justin:

Alan writes, from Gmail, "I'm starting my senior year of high school, and my parents are increasingly pushy about telling me I need to decide where I want to go to college."

Travis:

Oh—

Griffin:

Marshall.

Justin:

I'm at the— Have you considered Marshall University?

Griffin:

Have you considered virtual Marshall?

Justin:

Have you considered V-M-U? Um. [laughs] "I'm at the top of my class and should have no problem getting a scholarship. The problem is, I have no idea what I want to do. I'm equally good in all subjects at school, but I don't like any of them enough to give up four to eight years of my life to study them. Furthermore, I cannot think of any real job I would enjoy. How can I find out what to do with my life?"

Justin:

Oh Allen. Alan, Alan, Alan. It— That's a great question. I mean, you're asking, maybe— The only person who really can provide— Well, I guess, Travis and Griffin are both better at this than I am. I went to school on an acting and directing degree. And I um— And I uh— am now I write about video games, so. I don't know. I think— I heard someone say that if um— That if college only teaches you what you want to do with your life than it's a good investment, but I don't know. What do you guys think?

Travis:

I think that there's two kinds of people. There are people that have like, known what they've wanted to do since they were eight years old. There's people that are going to figure out what they want to do at twenty-two and like, are handed a diploma. And, you know, both of those people end up knowing what they're going to do. So. It's about the journey not the destination—

Griffin:

And there are people like Alan who will—

Justin:

Griffin? You were saying?

Griffin:

There are people like Allen who will never find out what they want to do and will die purpose— purposeless.

Travis:

Purposeless—

Justin:

You know, I'm glad you were trying to cut Travis off to tell Alan that he was going to die without purpose.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

That was really a great reason.

Griffin:

Not completely without purpose, just—

Justin:

That was great use of the— the— time.

Griffin:

Just without a fulfilling purpose.

Justin:

Speaking of Travis, if I could just—

Travis:

Do you think he'll be on his deathbed and he'll look back and say, "I wasted it?"

Justin:

"I wasted it all, you were right Griffin." Excuse me Travis, can I cut in what you're saying to remind one of our precious listeners that his life is a shell?

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Alan, listen. I hate to add to your burden, but this is the most important decision you'll ever make. So, you need to spend the last few months you have left in high school doing as much shit as you possibly can. Um. Extra curriculars, uh, join the— Join the theater community and choreograph their upcoming production of Oklahoma. Uh, go join your school newspaper. Play some football, do some sports commentating. Um, anything you can to try and find your calling. 'Cause it's out there.

Justin:

Uh—

Griffin:

You just gotta stumble upon it.

Justin:

And I would suggest Al— This is such a hard decision because it's a weird system we have where we ask people to choose what they want to do with their lives before they have a chance to actually do anything. Um. My— If I might be so bold, why don't you try talking to some people— Pick some careers you might be interested in and talk to some people who are currently in those careers, and see how they like it. Um. Because that's a pretty good barometer of whether or not, you know— If it's making them happy, then—

Griffin:

I actually make my decision to go into journalism because I did it a bit in high school and I enjoyed it, but I was a theater major in high school. But I watched Justin in college go from having this theater degree that he didn't want to use in his professional life and making a last-minute change to journalism and I was like, man I don't want any of that. I don't wanna do that.

Justin:

Right.

Travis:

I don't want that life—

Justin:

Cool.

Travis:

That's for certain.

Griffin:

Sure.

Justin:

That is great, I'm so glad that my life could serve as a negative example for how not to live your life.

Griffin:

No, not a negative example.

Justin:

I'm glad I could provide that trailblazing guidance for you, you piece of shit.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Formspring asks, "Is it considered cheating if I make out with a gay man?"

Griffin:

Assuming that you're a woman.

Travis:

Are you a man?

Justin:

Okay, wait, there's so many— People, you gotta give us enough context to answer these questions. Are you dating the gay man? No. Then it's not cheating. Are you dating a girl? Is she there?

Griffin:

I think it's a girl who's dating a guy. Is it cheating if she makes out with a gay man?

Justin:

Oh!

Travis:

God that's such a good question.

Griffin:

And the answer is yes, of course.

Justin:

Of course it is. You know— Do you know how you know it's a sin? Would you do it in front of Jesus? Not counting masturbation. Which isn't a sin.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

So you probably—

Travis:

Because I would totally—

Justin:

Out of decorum—

Travis:

Do that in front of Jesus.

Justin:

So, if you're— Okay, so if you're a girl that— that— This is the whole thing. This is how you determine cheating. Would you do it in front of them? If you wouldn't do it in front of them, then it's cheating. If you would do it in front of them, then they're cool with it and you're fine.

Travis:

It's one of those things—

Griffin:

How would you feel—

Travis:

Where it's cyclical. Like, if you have to ask, then it is.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

How about it's not cheating if you make out with that gay man if I go over here and make out with this lesbian. That cool?

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

We cool? Nice.

Justin:

Hire her to make out—

Griffin:

This is a real healthy relationship we got going on here.

Justin:

With Portia de Rossi, is— Are you cool?

Travis:

Are you cool with this?

Justin:

Is this cool for you?

Griffin:

Because it's fact. It is stone cold fact that every girl, freshman year of college, is going to make out with a gay man. That's one hundred percent— I think— It was actually part of the Marshall plan. You couldn't graduate from three of the twelve schools at Marshall unless you had made out with a gay man. It was a prerequisite.

Travis:

And that same gay man will flamboyantly squeeze one or more of her breasts.

Justin:

If they honk—

Griffin:

It was just one—

Justin:

You gotta say honk.

Griffin:

It was just one gay man. It was Marshall's gay man and everyone had to make out with him in order to graduate.

Justin:

[laughs] His name actually, funny enough, Marshall Gayman.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Um. That— It— Is it cheating is really easy to answer because it's all about your partner's perception. If they think it's cheating, it's cheating. If you can't ask them like, is it cool that I made out with a gay— Or— I guess if you should feel guilty? I don't know. Guilt fades. Are you going to do anything about— You're not going to start a relationship with this guy. So— I don't think you should tell the person. Like, especially if it's going to create—

Travis:

Let me—

Justin:

I mean, if you can let it slide, then don't tell them, because it's just going to hurt their feelings. Especially because that's not a sexual preference. Like, girls who are in to gay dudes is not like—

Griffin:

[laughs] That's not an option.

Justin:

Maybe it is, I don't know. Maybe it is.

Travis:

Well let me ask you this, turn around—

Justin:

There's probably a Katherine Heigl movie about it.

Travis:

This is a straight girl asking this question. If she makes out with another straight girl is that cheating?

Griffin:

There are so many layers to that question.

Justin:

No, it's— it's— it's irrelevant. It has everything to do— It has nothing to do with what, um, the planet's leading advice podcast says, and more about what— It has everything to do with what your dude thinks.

Travis:

So if he's cool—

Justin:

If he's cool—

Travis:

Like, this doesn't bother me at all.

Justin:

It's not cheating. If he's not cool, it's fully, fully cheating.

Travis:

And also be prepared for him to say he's cool but he's probably not. Just don't do it. How about you just don't make out—

Justin:

Just don't do it.

Travis:

With gay dudes anymore.

Justin:

You already did it didn't you?

Griffin:

But using that metric like, any— Like, your boyfriend could think that splitting a pizza with another dude is cheating. Like— There— there has to be—

Justin:

But if he thinks that— But if you— if you— Presumably if you're asking what is cheating, you're doing it because you're worried that your partner will dump you if they think you've been cheating. So, it has everything to do with what they consider cheating, and— I mean, like, if they're the sort of person— If they do consider splitting a pizza with a dude cheating—

Travis:

Then you need to break up with them.

Justin:

Then A, find— You need to break up with them. B, are you sure that's not the name of some crazy new sex thing? Kids today—

Travis:

“You split a pizza with him? That's disgusting!”

Justin:

“You split a pizza with him? Gross. And I kissed you. I just kissed you.”

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

“I'm going to go vomit and then cut my tongue off.”

Griffin:

Um, I think just as a good ground rule, don't make out with anyone that's not your significant other. Just to be on the safe side, don't make out with anybody else.

Travis:

Unless they're famous.

Griffin:

Unless they're famous.

Travis:

Then that's always cool.

Griffin:

Uh, just for the story.

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

Uh, Yahoo Answers user Jake Sully asks, “Would you book an international flight on nine eleven? Some people are superstitious and won't. What about you? I wanted to book a flight to London in September

and I see that on nine eleven some flights are a bit cheaper. I am wondering why.”

Justin:

Jake Sully was not, as you might imagine, booking a flight to Pandora. He would— He would do that on nine eleven if that was the only day it was available. Is that international travel? Flying to Pandora on nine eleven?

Griffin:

Is that the guy from— I still haven't Pandora. Is that—

Justin:

Yeah, Pandora by James Cameron. What? No. It's called Avatar.

Griffin:

Oh, right. Uh, again. Uh. Was that a— Was that the 3D one?

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I don't—

Justin:

It's the one with Brendan Frasier and he goes to the core of the earth and he finds Smurfs and they're giant. Giant Smurfs. Man eating Smurfs. And he and Native Americans uh, fight to defend the core of the Earth.

Travis:

Justin, how did you get into my dream last night?

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

God, that— Now that's a movie, James Cameron. Either that or T-4. That's [laughs] That's what I want from you. Or is it T-5? I guess—

Travis:

T-5—

Griffin:

Jake Sully listen. Jake Sully.

Justin:

Jake.

Griffin:

Lighting don't strike twice in the same place. I think I would—

Travis:

That's actually not true. [laughs]

Griffin:

I think I would only fly on nine eleven.

Justin:

That is the safest day to fly.

Griffin:

That is the safest day fly.

Justin:

I would say at this point.

Travis:

Everyone knows that if there's one thing terrorists are afraid of, it's cliches. So.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Nine eleven, been there, done that.

Travis:

Over it.

Justin:

I was in— Yeah— I was in to nine eleven before it was cool.

Griffin:

[laughs] Nine eleven was so 2001.

Travis:
[laughs]

Justin:
Ever since they used nine eleven in that episode of The OC it was like everybody was in to nine eleven. I was like well, kind of over it. Um.

Griffin:
Nine twelve is what I think you need to be worried about. 'Cause one of these days.

Justin:
That's the day man. Or nine ten, where like, everybody is just getting psyched for nine eleven. And then it's like, what happened?

Griffin:
Pre gaming.

Justin:
Um, although—

Travis:
Actually, what you need to be afraid of? Three twelve. Just trust me. I've got a bad feeling.

Justin:
Really?

Travis:
Yeah, three twelve.

Justin:
Oh God.

Travis:
March. March twelve.

Justin:
"I have a question. I hope- [laughs] I hope you can help me with." In 2012 you mean.

Travis:
Yes.

Justin:

"My wife and I have two kids. A two year old girl and a five year old boy. Ever since my son could speak my wife and I have been in disagreement about one thing, what to call his private area. My wife—" I would just call it his bedroom, but—

Travis:

Uh huh.

Justin:

"My wife, being a traditionalist refers to it as his penis. I, being a little more hip, call it his junk. [laughs] Now when he refers to it as his junk, my wife cringes and gives me dirty looks. What— what do you guys think? Where do you stand on the matter?" I think you need to think about what's creepier. That? Or a little three year old kid saying, excuse me Papa my penis is having some trouble. Ew.

Travis:

Ew.

Griffin:

Ew.

Justin:

What happened to wiener? What— Why can't kids call it their worm?

Travis:

You know what I— Yeah. There it is.

Griffin:

Wormy was my option until um—

Travis:

Yesterday.

Griffin:

Sophomore year of high school.

Justin:

Sophomore year of high school. Until then it was your wormy.

Griffin:

Then it just got awkward. Once the intimate times started up.

Travis:

Yeah. I—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs] Like, at a high school dance—

Justin:

Yeah, because Griffin was having intimate times in freshman year. This is—

Griffin:

Can you feel— Can you feel my wormy poking through these dress pants?

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs] Oh man. My slacks.

Griffin:

Here comes the wormy.

Travis:

These fashionable slacks.

Griffin:

The early bird gets this wormy.

Justin:

[laughs] What— “Which one of you girls is going to be the early bird?”

Travis:

I think you should teach your son to be ashamed of his sexuality and not refer to it at all.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Just every time he brings it up, hose him down.

Justin:

How do you consider my shame?

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

My shame, my evil. My pants evil.

Justin:

Now— What is— What is— How— What is— What's going on in your five year old's life that this is a recurring problem for you?

Griffin:

“Yo Pops!”

Justin:

Excuse me—

Griffin:

“What do I call this thing?”

Travis:

[laughs] “What's the deal with my dangle?”

Justin:

Hey Pops can we talk about— [laughs]

Griffin:

Jim-

Justin:

Can we talk about my junk?

Griffin:

“Jimmy at kindergarten says to call it my cock and balls. Teach gets mad when I calls it thats, whats do I calls its?”

Justin:

[laughs] Well— Well Ali G, I don't know [laughs] uh, how you got in place of my son, can I suggest maybe you let him name it.

Travis:

I just came up with—

Griffin:

Hey Dad!

Travis:

The best name for it.

Justin:

Oh God.

Travis:

His wiener machine.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

His wiener machine. What about something nice and non-specific like coach?

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

I think coach is good. Coach is good 'cause he like, tells you what to do.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Um—

Travis:

Plus he's got a whistle.

Justin:

He's got a whistle.

Travis:

Do you guys not have that?

Justin:

[laughs] And I dump Gatorade on him whenever I need—

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Oh. Call yours coach and call his assistant coach.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

And one is your special team's coach.

Griffin:

Um.

Justin:

Special team's coach—

Travis:

That's your b-hole.

Travis:

I think the real problem you're faced with is your two year old girl will eventually need to have this same conversation—

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

And my advice to you is, you just want to get out of it.

Justin:

There's going to be a house word for this, and you've gotta be careful because some day your little girl is going to be married and she's going to be like— Uh— Never mind. But, you see the problem here. This has gotta be a nice non-specific word. You know what I mean?

Travis:

Like, vagina flower.

Justin:

No that's—

Griffin:

No.

Justin:

Don't call the penis the vagina flower.

Griffin:

That is the exact opposite of what we were doing.

Justin:

That is not going to teach him anything. How about— How about this? How about. What about penis?

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

I think, I think if everybody's calling it a penis you're going to take the power away from that word. You know?

Travis:

And plus, you set up that really great moment in sex ed in high school where she just slowly raises her hand. She's like, um, I'm very confused.

Justin:

What about pistol? And tell your girls hers is called a stamen.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Just really mess them up. Um.

Griffin:

That one was from Scott, by the way. We didn't say his name and I—

Justin:

Yeah. We want to make sure we get that out there.

Griffin:

Scott. We don't want you to get confused, that one was from you.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

That wasn't some other guy.

Justin:

If someone else had written it we might have given it a different answer, but right now I think we're— What's our, like, final decision on this?

Griffin:

Coach and pistol.

Justin:

Coach and pistol.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Or coach pistol. "I have conflicting views about pornography," says an anonymous writer from Gmail. "I love it."

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

"But I realize that most of its forms are degrading towards women." Okay. "Also my girlfriend commanded I quit watching it, and I hate to have to lie to her because I still watch it anyway."

Travis:

Quit watching it!

Justin:

Should I try— Quit watching it! "Should I try to resist these animal impulses and live a life of celibacy only jerking off to my imagination? Or am I blowing this out of proportion? Should I try to find feminist porn? Does it exist?" Um. I'm sure it exists.

Griffin:

Are you listening to it right now dude? Are you? Click that off. Get that off there.

Justin:

Turn it off. Turn it off and let's just talk for a— for one second. No, off. Don't just mute it. Off. Thank you. If there is foot crush porn, there's probably feminist porn. Like—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

I don't— I don't think that's up for debate. Um. I think you could probably Google it, though I— Be careful.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Um. 'Cause you could end up with fema-piss porn. That's not good.

Griffin:

Mm-mm.

Justin:

Of fema-mist porn, and that's really weird. Um.

Travis:

And listen, buddy. We understand where you're coming from, and we know you better than this, but the next time you have this conversation with someone, leave out the phrase animal impulses.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

It sends a bad message that I don't think you want to—

Justin:

A weird direction.

Griffin:

Put out there.

Griffin:

Listen, Anon- Anonymous here is hungry like the wolf.

Justin:

[laughs] Yeah.

Griffin:

For sweet internet porn.

Justin:

He's on the look-out. I think he just wrote us to get recommendations on sites.

Travis:

Oh is that what he means?

Justin:

What are the— What are the hot sites you guys are into these days for feminist porn? Um. First off, thank your girlfriend for— Porn can so quickly uh, turn kind of stale, so thank your girlfriend for making it dirty and illicit.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

And sexier than ever. Um. By foreboding you from looking at it. Yes, the danger.

Griffin:

The trick is something he brought up. Um. Which is, his imagination. Let me tell you something.

Justin:

Ooh.

Travis:

Imagination.

Griffin:

The scenarios you can invent up in your noodle? Up there? Way better than anything on the nets.

Travis:

Well hello, Miss Ellen DeGeneres. [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs] Um, but to answer your question, really, um, don't— don't be a— don't be a sicko. Shit's unhealthy.

Travis:

There is nothing sick about watching porn. Throwing it out there.

Justin:

Yeah, it's not good. You should never watch porn.

Travis:

Oh, you guys.

Justin:

I'm trying to make it dirtier—

Travis:

You guys are so uptight.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

I'm trying to make it dirtier for him. Oh, My Brother, My Brother and Me and my girlfriend—

Griffin:

So—

Justin:

Say I shouldn't be doing this.

Griffin:

Listen here, naughty boy.

Travis:

[laughs] It's so bad.

Justin:

It's so bad.

Travis:

Oh God, it's gross.

Justin:

Take off those dungarees and let's get you punished.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Um.

Griffin:

No!

Travis:

That wore me out.

Justin:

Oh no! Benjamin writes to us from Gmail. Um. [laughs]

Travis:

Good luck. [laughs]

Justin:

[laughs] Who put this in here?

Griffin:

That may have been me.

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

Hey Benjamin, this one's for you.

Justin:

"I love your show, I'll be thirteen on August 20th, Griffin is my favorite person on MBMBaM, but I love Justin and Travis."

Travis:

Oh.

Justin:

"I would really like it if you just randomly said pig chicken rules." Okay. Pig chicken rules! "Thanks, oh yeah, I also follow you guys on Facebook and Twitter and I'm dry as a popcorn."

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

I imagine that's "as a popcorn fart", but I can't be certain.

Justin:

It's hard to say.

Griffin:

His twelve year old Hotmail account automatically censors that word. So.

Justin:

Ah. Fart.

Griffin:

Benjamin, pig chicken rules, and thank you for listening.

Travis:

Pig chicken does in fact rule.

Justin:

Pig chicken does rule.

Griffin:

Yahoo answers user Duke Powerhand— [laughs]

Justin:

[laughs] What? Hold on.

Griffin:

That's awesome.

Justin:

My whole day is about that name now. What is it again?

Griffin:

Duke Powerhand.

Justin:

Duke Powerhand.

Travis:

That sounds like the greatest peripheral ever.

Griffin:

He asks, "Obama implements a white only tax?" He explains, "Tanning beds, doesn't this tax fall disproportionately on Caucasians?"

Justin:

Yes, that is the mayonnaise tax. But you don't see—

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis

This Kenny G tax is killing me.

Justin:

This is killing me.

Griffin:

I gotta tell you guys, I was on Yahoo today and it was a hotbed of political and religious discussion.

Justin:
Was it?

Griffin:
I can't like, it— Just people going back and forth like— God doesn't exist. God totally exists. Obama is a Muslim. Like.

Justin:
And— and he's taxing whites.

Griffin:
Usually it's such— it's— You know, people helping people. That's the point of this website.

Travis:
Or people mocking people.

Griffin:
Today it was— today it was just— I don't know. It really brought me down.

Justin:
People waging war on each other.

Travis:
I cannot say it enough, when you want to have an important religious and political discussion, Yahoo Answers is the place to go. It is the place to be.

Justin:
Yeah. It's a hotbed of learning—

Travis:
Philosophical growing.

Justin:
"I graduated last year, and I've been working for the past ten months and saving most of the money." This is from Jens via Gmail. "I am twenty years old and have been planning to go traveling later this year mostly in Asia. My problem is, my friend that I was going with bailed and is going to start studying again."

Travis:

Gross.

Justin:

"As most people my age seem to be doing after getting anxiety for not doing shit and just sitting at home." Note to yourself Alan, this is you in five years, get your shit together. "So what do I do? Since all of my other friends are either studying or just out of cash, it's basically impossible to get one of them to come. So I either go alone, which is kind of scary and not as fun, or I find some random person on the internet to join me. Which seems weird. And you might get sick of him or her pretty fast." Yeah, it is weird Jens.

Travis:

You know what's scarier? A random person on the internet traveling with you.

Griffin:

Yeah, I've never seen Hostel, but this sounds like how that movie plays out.

Travis:

Imagine that moment when you wake up in the train car and they're just staring at you.

Griffin:

With your own eyes that they've pried out of your head.

Travis:

"You sleep so nicely. I just love it."

Griffin:

Jens, don't travel.

Travis:

What?

Justin:

No!

Griffin:

Just don't—

Travis:

Totally travel!

Griffin:

Don't travel. Think of all the things you can spend that money on that you've saved up over the last ten months that you could keep for longer than the duration of your travel.

Travis:

No Griffin, you know what never goes away? Memories. Until you're old.

Griffin:

Except they do if you don't take enough ginkgo. Like, you can easily lose that shit, and then it's like, aw man, I totally should have spend that 2000 dollars on a scooter.

Justin:

Or on ginkgo.

Griffin:

And then you die, purposeless.

Travis:

[laughs] I just need a lifetime supply of ginkgo biloba and then pump it directly into my brain. Um.

Justin:

So, uh, so there you have it, Jens. I guess.

Travis:

My advice is travel by yourself. Um. It seems scary, but think of it like a vision quest, you know what I mean? You'll get more out of it, and you'll feel more self-assured and independent or, you'll get knifed in an alley in Hong Kong.

Justin:

And die alone.

Travis:

At which point, you learned something else about yourself. And that is that you are vulnerable to bladed weapons.

Griffin:

You could go on a real vision quest. Just go into the desert with some peyote. And then, it'll feel like you're traveling in Asia. Because the sky around you will turn into art work from Asia albums.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

[laughs] Um. You, uh— Yeah. It's hard. I would say maybe if you got this money socked away, right? Just, um, just keep it socked away. Like, you can always— Just keep adding to it and soon you'll meet someone who would be down to go with you. I- I- I don't think going by yourself is a great idea. First off, you're going to need somebody to talk to, or you're going to go crazy with jungle madness. Second, you want somebody to be able to take pictures of you. And— or— because without pictures it didn't happen. Christ this next email— We're running long, but this next email is so good.

Okay, let me just read it real quick. "I'm sixteen from Vancouver, Canada and my grandmother moved in with my family a few months ago. Recently she's been trying to connect with me which in her mind means going out to buy gangster clothes, baggy pants and lots of Ed Hardy, bling and lots of rap music. Now she follows me around asking, what's up J Dog and blasting 50 Cent from our home speaker system."

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

"At first it was easy to ignore, but now she's talking about this "G Ma" thing, as she calls it outside, and even approaches my "home dogs" when we're at the mall and stuff." [laughs] "What's even weirder about this whole situation is that I'm more of an alternative guy or even hipster myself, so I have no idea where she got this theme from. It's terrifying." [laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

"Help me, I'm so confused as to what to do. Should I mock her or something?" James from Gmail. Oh Christ, James.

Griffin:

I have to ask James, would it be better if your grandma was a huge hipster?

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Like, dressed up in one of those one piece tunics and was like, "Hey did you hear that new Animal Collective album? It sucks. Nothing's good anymore."

Travis:

I think James' bigger problem is that he's trapped in a Tyler Perry movie.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

What, what Tyler Perry movie is that Travis? Can you come up with a name real quick?

Justin:

What's your favorite one?

Travis:

Uh— Madea. Uh. I haven't seen any.

Justin:

Choked!

Travis:

I've never seen a Tyler Perry movie.

Justin:

You choked.

Griffin:

There's Madea Goes to Jail.

Justin:

I think you just—

Griffin:

Or Madea's Family Reunion.

Justin:

I think you just love— I just— you just love— I think you just need to love you G Ma.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

I- I think that's fresh that she's putting in the effort. I think you should encourage her to just be herself. Unless she's a racist. And a lot of people, old people, are. So. Um. I- I- It's a tough call to make.

Travis:

I say you cherish it, 'cause I think that's badass.

Justin:

I think you cherish it, 'cause I think it's awesome. I think you need to have interviews, pictures taken with her. Um, she could be big on the net, on the web maybe?

Travis:

Oh my god, yeah.

Griffin:

Maybe you need to turn her into an internet celebrity. I think that's your first step.

Justin:

How about this, a podcast. My G Ma and Me.

Travis:

Oh my Jesus.

Justin:

Send her to our show. I'll put her on. I'll take— I'll take Griffin off and put her on. Um, I wanna hear Griffin's last question, but first I want to uh— Well— I want to read you an email first and then we'll get to the other stuff. We got this email from our buddy Tristan, the marine. Um, and, it's a little long, but Tristan's a real close friend of the show, so I wanted to read it.

Um, he says, "Hey brothers McElroy, and hello to all you amazing, good looking listeners, Tristan the marine here. I'm writing this email with a heavy heart and a frown on my face, because it pains me to say the following. The next MBMBaM will be the last episode of McElroy goodness I will get to listen to for three long months. Sailing for bootcamp at recruit

training depot Paris Island, August 8th. Other than occasional letters I will have no contact with the outside world for thirteen weeks. I wanted to write to tell the three of you, and again, those of you listening, that what an encouragement you've been to me and how much joy you've brought in my life.

In the time since MBMBaM launched I've had a wild ride getting ready to go to boot camp. While I will never doubt my commitment to serving my country and protecting our precious freedoms, there have been times when the light at the end of the tunnel was very, very dim." Over the last— Um— I'm going to skip ahead a little bit. "Over the last few months, MBMBaM has reminded what I'm joining for. I'm joining for the people of this nation like Justin, Griffin and Travis, and all the listeners who care more about quality of life for other people than themselves. The people who are always willing to tell you straight up you need to pack your shit and get the hell out of your situation because it is the only way. I'm proud to serve my country and even more proud to know that I'm serving for amazing people like you.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Now seriously, pack up your bags, no one wants you around. With all the pride and gratitude, Tristan the marine."

Um, he gives a special shout out to Bob Ball for the encouragement and all the listeners for encouraging him and, um— He says Hoorah and Semper fidelis. So, Tristan, um, much much much love. Safety, continued safety. And I hope that um, once you get a taste of killing you're still able to find humor in situations like our podcast, um, and you don't turn into a murder automaton. Though that is a distinct possibility.

Griffin:

[laughs] So thanks!

Justin:

So thanks, but—

Travis:

Always make sure you murder for America and not against America.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

That is so key. So important. You cannot enforce that enough. So, we love you Tristan, come back soon and safe.

Travis:

Yes.

Griffin:

Good luck Tristan. Get me an ear!

Justin:

Although I think— I don't know a lot about the military— I think boot camp is pretty safe. I don't think we need to worry about him.

Travis:

I still want him to bring me an ear.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs] Bring me a necklace of ears.

Justin:

What do you—

Griffin:

Tristan I want a necklace of ears carved from your enemies faces.

Justin:

Yeah. Um.

Travis:

I don't care who they come from.

Justin:

I do. I want it to be the people who say ill words about our show. Make sure you play it for them. On a boombox held over your head outside. Um. So, that— the— I want to hear Griffin's last question. Uh, couple quick notes. Today is the last day you can pre-order a T-shirt from My Brother, My Brother and Me. Um. After that, after today, you may be able to order them. We have no idea how many are going to get um, made other than our pre-orders. So if you want to guarantee yourself one in the size and the style that you would prefer, you need to go over to My Brother— MBMBaM.com and click on buy stuff and you can buy that. Um. So do that today. Don't wait. Don't hesitate. Don't contemplate. Don't debate.

Travis:

Don't masturbate.

Justin:

Just do it. Don't masturbate. [laughs] Well. All right. Just not to porn. It's wicked. Um. You can also buy our iPhone app there. If you want it. It's two bucks. If you don't want it, it's no big deal. But you can listen to all the shows from there. You can ask us questions from there. We have a little bit of bonus content— Maybe we should put uh— Do you think we should put that rap? That rap tune on there as well?

Travis:

That rap song?

Justin:

Content? That rap tune.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

That rap and beats song.

Justin:

Rap and beats song. Um. And uh— Everything you want to know about asking us a question is available there. MBMBaM.

Griffin:

Thank you guys.

Justin:

Dot com.

Griffin:

A lot. We had our biggest download day last week. Um. And thank you to Maximum Fun for that really awesome review. Thanks everybody who bought T-shirts in the app. And uh— It's really nice.

Justin:

We're— We promise to spend the money on like, microphones and stuff. That'll make the show better.

Griffin:

Just a little bit of blow.

Justin:

Just enough for a bump.

Travis:

Just a bump.

Griffin:

Not an excessive amount of blow. But just—

Travis:

I just want a pile of it on my desk that I can put my face in.

Griffin:

I don't think anything's going to make— Nothing's going to make the show better. Uh. More better, than a quick pregame bump before each episode.

Justin:

Maybe just a bumpette.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Just a little bump.

Travis:

Just a little on the old teeth you know? Just—

Justin:

Just a little snoot. So Griffin, what is our last question?

Griffin:

Yahoo Answers—

Justin:

Something for me to contemplate. Grow on.

Griffin:

I'll be honest, I've got like, three. I'm just going to have to—

Justin:

This one, think about this Griffin, this is Tristan's last episode of My Brother, My Brother and Me, for months.

Griffin:

Oh Jesus.

Justin:

Okay. You gotta nail it.

Griffin:

"Where do I find the new Justin Beaver CD for my teenaged son?"

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

"My son is getting ready to turn eighteen on his birthday and all he talks about is how much he loves Justin Beavers. He has several Justin Beaver posters all over his room and he wants to sing and choreograph cute little cheer dances to his musical stylings. I really want to surprised him with this special birthday CD."

[theme music plays]

Justin:

I'm Justin McElroy.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin:

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