

## MBMBaM 587: How Travis Got His Woof Back

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

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

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

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Travis, Big Dog! Woof woof! McElroy.

**Griffin:** He's back. He's back on that horse. Good job, Trav. This is Griffin McElroy, the youngest one of them.

**Travis:** Guys, we've gotta watch, I'm really excited. Big budget rom-com movies are back.

**Justin:** They're back.

**Griffin:** It's back.

**Travis:** Coming Valentine's Day 2022—

**Justin:** Like, if I could say, just like movies for adults, you know what I mean?

**Travis & Griffin:** [simultaneously] Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yes, finally.

**Travis:** Adult films.

**Justin:** Finally, adult films.

**Griffin:** Not... kid shit.

**Travis:** Are back. They're back.

**Griffin:** When?

**Travis:** *Marry Me*, starring Jennifer Lopez, a.k.a. J-Lo, and Owen Wilson, a.k.a. O-Wil, and I'm so excited.

**Justin:** The classic pairing.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Oh my god you guys, let me tell you. This is a by the book, right down the line—

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Travis:** — classic story. Right.

**Griffin:** Uh-huh.

**Travis:** So here it is. J-Lo—

**Griffin:** Can I guess? Can I guess, actually?

**Travis:** Yeah. Yeah.

**Griffin:** Just based on the title, not knowing. Okay, *Marry Me*. Story of Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson. They are at a wedding venue in Vegas. Like, uh, a Cineplex of wedding venues, and they're getting married, but then they look across at the other venue, like across the hallway, and they see each other and they're like "Wanna switch?" And so they switch marrieds— This is starting to feel like a... Stanley Kubrick psycho-sexual...

**Travis:** Yeah, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Sort of experience.

**Travis:** In your version of this, are their partners also cool with this?

**Griffin:** Yeah, they love it.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Griffin:** They're cool with it.

**Travis:** Nice.

**Griffin:** They definitely like it.

**Justin:** Hmm...

**Travis:** That's actually less, um, less than the actual *Marry Me* plot.

**Griffin:** Well then, but then Owen Wilson and J-Lo, they were originally gonna get married. They switched, and now they have to find their way back together.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Griffin:** Right?

**Travis:** Oh, they were originally going to get married?

**Griffin:** Yeah, but then they have to go through two, very messy divorces, and that sort of legal battle is what occupies most of the runtime of the film. It's like *Kramer vs. Kramer vs. Kramer vs. Kramer*, which is the alternate title for the film.

**Travis:** No, screenwriter John Rogers of *Leverage* and *Magicians* and a lot of other fame, wouldn't deliver such a, uh, let's say milquetoast plot as you've just outlined, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Okay...

**Travis:** The *Marry Me* plot—

**Justin:** Is it gonna— are you— You know that he's a fan of the show, right?

**Travis:** What? Yeah, I did. No, I know. He and I talked about this movie last night. I'm legitimately excited about this.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** So... Here's what happens. Hear me out.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** J-Lo. Big famous musician. Biiiiig, like famous, famous, famous. And she is gonna get married to her fiancé, on stage. In front of, like, the crowd and a live stream of 20 million people! While they debut their new song, "Marry Me". But just before the concert... Oh, also, cut to Owen Wilson, single dad. His friend, Sarah Silverman, convinces him to take his teenage daughter with him to go to the concert, right?

Just before the concert, J-Lo discovers that her fiancé's been cheating on her, so she goes onstage by herself, and she's like "I was supposed to get married, but you know, sometimes things happen". She sees Owen Wilson holding a sign that says "Marry me", and she goes "Okay, yes". And then they get married onstage!

**Justin:** Wait, what? Just like right then?

**Travis:** Just right then, baby, and that's the beginning of the movie! That's the beginning of the movie!

**Justin:** What happens next?

**Travis:** Then they have to fall in love.

**Justin:** Oh, marriage before the love.

**Travis:** But see here's the thing, Justin. Here's the thing. She's super famous, and he's like a math teacher of some shit. So he's not—

**Justin:** Boring. He's like a boring zilch, no-one cares about.

**Travis:** Exactly! And he's not ready for it! And then people are live streaming and they're like "He looks like he's in math club" and he's like "I am in math club", 'cause he's a fucking dork!

**Griffin:** Um... Why not call this movie *Notting Thrill* instead?

**Travis:** Oooo!

**Griffin:** Like, she leads this thrilling, you know, rockstar lifestyle, and then they get *Married At First Sight*, another real television show on the *Lifetime* network, thank you very much. For that gift. So like, this sounds like an exciting film but I've seen about 11 seasons of it.

**Travis:** Well, here's the thing, I assume that they haven't given everything away in the trailer, which is a very good trailer, by the way.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** So maybe there's, I don't know. There might be like a zombie attack of something in it, or something?

**Griffin:** Oh! Can I give you a different, just to spin it a little bit. Um, she looks out and sees someone in the audience, and she's like "Fuck it. Yeah, let's get married, you". And Owen Wilson's like "Yeah!" And he gets up on stage and she's like "No, not you!"

**Travis:** Ohh, twist.

**Griffin:** "The big, the big hunky boy right behind you."

**Travis:** And it's Vince Vaughn.

**Griffin:** And then who should walk— It is the [laughs] the hunkiest boy, Vince Vaughn.

**Justin:** Classic. Current movie heartthrob! [wheezes]

**Travis:** Yeah, and they're back together. Him and Owen Wilson. The dream team.

**Griffin:** Fuckin' Doctor Hardbody, Vince Vaughn.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Um... And that's gonna be— But then Owen Wilson's so embarrassed. But there's another person in the audience that sees sad Owen Wilson onstage and is like "I'll marry you". And then we're getting closer back to the plot of my original pitch for *Marry Me*.

**Travis:** Can the person who is like "I'll marry you" be a bigger, like, more famous star than J-Lo?

**Griffin:** Or stronger, harder-bodied. Yeah.

**Travis:** Even stronger, harder body?

**Justin:** No-one's stronger or harder...

**Griffin:** Than Vince Vaughn, yeah.

**Travis:** Oh my god, you're right. Maybe it is also Vince Vaughn. It's Vince Vaughn's twin brother, Twince Vaughn.

**Justin:** No.

**Griffin:** Yeah?

**Justin:** Hey, real quick, I can up with a new bit. It's just called "Lightning... Round Impression Times".

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Oh, of Owen Wilson?

**Justin:** No, yeah, it's like we all go round, we have to go in a circle, and anybody can call this at any point, right? But it's a lightning round.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** I'm only explaining the rules once. Okay?

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Lightning round.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** You just call it, and then everybody has to immediately do their impression of the person in order.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** I called it, so I get to go last.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** Griffin?

**Travis:** Who are you calling? Is it Owen Wilson or Vince Vaughn?

**Justin:** Owen Wilson.

**Griffin:** Can we— Let's start with a neutral Owen— Oh, okay. You want me to start?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** [slightly imitating Owen Wilson] "Oh, uh, oh me? I'm a Royal Tenenbaum."

**Justin:** No, you're not even trying. Travis?

**Travis:** Alright, here's mine. [imitating Owen Wilson] "Oh, wow! It's me, Owen Wilson. I'm marryin' J-Lo. This is so weird."

**Griffin:** Oh fuck, I was doing Luke Wilson in *Royal Tenenbaums*.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Oh, can you try again? Can you take another run at it?

**Griffin:** Yeah, okay.

**Justin:** [cackles loudly]

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Travis:** And then I'll do my Luke Wilson doing an Owen Wilson impression, which I'm pretty proud of.

**Griffin:** Okay, okay. [imitating Owen Wilson] "Come on, Big Blue. It's old school time."

**Travis:** That's pretty good. Here's mine.

**Griffin:** That was— fuck. I did Luke— I did fuckin' Luke again. What's Owen Wilson look like? What's his deal?

**Travis:** He's the one with like the blonde hair.

**Griffin:** Ohhhhh, right. From *Bottle Rocket*.

**Travis:** Right right right right right. Most well-known from *Bottle Rocket*.

**Griffin:** And, uh—

**Justin:** Okay, can I do one now?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Okay. [shouts] "Damnit, Dennis! Get off of my petunias!"

**Griffin:** That was pretty good.

**Travis:** No, that's Mr Wilson.

**Justin:** That's Mr Wilson. Okay.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** That's Mr Wilson from [wheezes]—

**Travis:** "Please, Mr Wilson is my father. Call me Owen."

**Justin:** Let me try, let me try one more. I'm sorry.

**Griffin:** Okay. Yeah sure sure sure.

**Justin:** I'm so sorry. God, idiot. Stupid. "Well, Tim. I'll tell yah what yah gotta do differently."

**Griffin:** No. Okay.

**Travis:** I don't—

**Justin:** "Is you have to love your wife, and your kids."

**Travis:** "Hey, Tim. Stop being a complete dipshit all the time."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Let me try one more? Real quick?

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Sure.

**Griffin:** And I promise I won't fuck this one up. [silent pause]

**Justin:** That's Wilson the bowling ball from—

**Griffin:** So that's Wilson from, yeah.

**Justin:** *Castaway*, thank you Griffin very much.

**Griffin:** [laughs loudly]

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** You know what, Griff?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I had it in my heart, and I didn't think it would land, so I thank you for going there.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Because it did put me in the headspace to scoop you up.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure. Uh, who gets to pick the next one? This is fun. I like it.

**Travis:** Now I—

**Justin:** No, that's it.

**Griffin:** Oh.

**Justin:** It's just if somebody comes up in conversation.

**Travis:** Oh, right right right.

**Griffin:** Right, okay.



**Justin:** Anybody can call it, whenever. 'Cause if like— I feel like if we're gonna start referencing these people, we have to prove [laughs]

**Travis:** Our bona fides?

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** Yeah, some expertise.

**Travis:** Or else we're ju— Or else what are we even doing?

**Justin:** What are we doing here?

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Well, I'll tell yah what we're doing here, friends. It's an advice show.

**Travis:** Really?

**Justin:** We help— Yes.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** We help you, the lipseners.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** We help you, the listeners.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You know?

**Travis:** Do we?

**Justin:** We, the people.

**Travis:** Woah!

**Justin:** "Hey brothers, I live at the end of the hallway in my apartment building. Next to each door is a wall socket. Someone put one of those plug-in air fresheners next to my door, but no-one else's." [laughs]

**Griffin:** Aw, man.

**Justin:** I— Wait, hold on. "But no-one else's. I don't think my apartment stinks." [wheezes]

**Travis:** Mmm...

**Justin:** "There's no trash or unkempt kitty litter or anything, and the hallway and building doesn't smell bad, so I'm at a loss here. Do I leave it, and have everyone think my apartment stinks? Do I remove it? Did the landlord put it there? Was it a rude tenant? Help me." That's from Putrid 'Partment in Portland. P.S., if it matters, thank you for this.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, always.

**Justin:** Hey, thank you for this.

**Travis:** 'Cause you could've just kept that quietly to yourself and been worried about it, like, internally like "I don't know". But instead you chose to tell us, and tell the world. Thank you.

**Justin:** You need to pretend like we're the doctor and you're like "I do have this weird— When I move my arm like this, it makes me barf". You know what I mean?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** And then you don't wanna leave the room like "Should I have told him about that one with the barfing thing?"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** If you're gonna tell anyone about moving your arm and it making you barf, it should be a doctor. Just to be clear.

**Justin:** Yes. "If it matters, it's a generic flower smell."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** You know what fucks this up for me?

**Travis:** What?

**Griffin:** Is— By the way, I remembered another Wilson impression. [singing "Hold On" by Wilson Phillips] "Some day somebody's gonna come around and make you wanna say goodbye."

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** Is that Wilson Wilson?

**Griffin:** That's Wilson Phillips.

**Justin:** Wilson Phillips.

**Griffin:** Wilson Wilson?

**Justin:** Wilson Wilson.

**Griffin:** Alright. So, um, what fucks this up for me is that they live at the end of the hallway.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** If it was the middle of the hallway, you could say "Oh, they just placed it there for maximum dispersal of the flower scent." You live at the end of the hallway. That is covering, at best, you know, 10 feet? It's like just for you. It's only for you. There's no other argument.

**Travis:** I tell yah what—

**Griffin:** It has to be because of something you did.

**Travis:** I'll tell yah what I'm worried about. What I'm worried about; smell acclimation. Where you get in there and you're like "Woo, something smells bad!" Right? Then like, 20 minutes later you're like "Oh, I guess it went away", but didn't go away! It's just faded into background smell for you, right?

**Griffin:** Oh, I hate that. Yeah.

**Travis:** And then somebody else comes in and they're like "What smells so bad?" and you're like "What? Oh no!" Right? Like this is what I'm worried about is, this might not even be your fault. You might have an inherently stinky apartment that this landlord knows is a problem, right? That they were hoping you wouldn't notice when you rented it. That's why when you came in, all the windows were open. Right?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** When you first moved in? 'Cause he knows it's stinky in there, right? There's some kind of like smell poltergeist and that smell's never going away. And now he's just trying to give you a big boost of smell as you walk in, so you won't notice it every time. And complain. 'Cause he's not gonna open up the walls and get whatever is in there out.

**Griffin:** No way.

**Justin:** I'm such a old man. When I read this, all I could think was like "Who's paying the bill for those outlets out there?"

**Travis:** Oh boy.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Those unattended outlets. Who's picking that up? Are you? Are you paying the electric bill for the... air freshener someone saddled you with? That seems wild.

**Travis:** Hey, wait. Hey, just life hack. If each apartment's paying for their own, just plug in an extension cord in someone else's outlet and run it into your house.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Power everything off of one power strip.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** My dude.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Free power. Off. The. Grid.

**Justin:** Yeah. Yeah, you could power the hot plate your parents sent you, and your guitar amp.

**Travis:** Hell yeah, dude.

**Justin:** And the whole— everything, dude.

**Travis:** Yeah, man.

**Justin:** Throw your keys down to the people waiting by the payphone.

**Travis:** Even better, dude. Just, uh, rewire an outlet so it goes out the wall instead of into the wall, right? And then move out of the apartment, park your van right next to the apartment building. Run an extension cord up to that outlet. Boom! Free power.

**Justin:** Boom. It couldn't have been easier. [chuckles]

**Travis:** It couldn't have been easier.

**Justin:** Nothing is more simple than that.

**Travis:** That's what they won't tell you. I know this hack. They don't know I know this.

**Justin:** You don't know how your place smells, yah know?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** They say that, I heard a life hack that if you're gone on vacation for a while, when you, um, get back, pay really good attention to how your house smells because that's how it smells to guests.

**Travis:** Where'd you hear that life hack, Justin?

**Justin:** Probably on TikTok.

**Travis:** Yeah, probably.

**Justin:** And it's like, okay, but what do I do with that? You know what I mean?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It's just, my house has a smell. Everybody's house has a smell.

**Travis:** Well, that's why I have—

**Justin:** I remember JW Neil's house had a great smell, 'cause he was the richest kid I knew, growing up.

**Travis:** [chuckles] Yup.

**Justin:** And, like—

**Griffin:** Oh yeah.

**Travis:** That was me with Ryan Baker.

**Justin:** That house smelled so great.

**Travis:** Man.

**Justin:** His house smelled great, and then he would come to school and his clothes would smell like his house.

**Travis:** Oh yeah.

**Justin:** Just seems like "How do you smell rich? That's amazing."

**Travis:** It smells so good.

**Justin:** "What does your Mom do with— "

**Griffin:** That's awesome.

**Travis:** That's like—

**Griffin:** I mean, for me, it was if I smelled Gushers, and like "You guys got Pringles?"

**Justin:** [wheezes]

**Travis:** Oh, you could smell it on the rich kid?

**Justin:** [laughs loudly]

**Griffin:** Yeah, if they had like Gushers. Maybe it was just like a psychosomatic thing, where like I saw them have Pringles and Gushers in their lunchbox, and I was like "Damn". So whenever I go to their house, I'm like "Oh, this is the Pringles and Gushers kid. It smells fucking great in here."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** "It smells so good."

**Justin:** "Oh, I got a knock off Star Crunch in here."

**Travis:** Yeah. I've got—

**Justin:** It's just like "It's labelled 'Crisp Disc'. This isn't appealing."

**Travis:** "I've got Prongles and Gooshers in here. Oh no."

**Justin:** [laughs] "Mom sent us with Gooshers."

**Travis:** "Hey, do you wanna trade?"

**Justin:** "I got sent to the principal's office because I just said the name of my snack treat out loud."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "I exclaimed 'Gooshers', and I got a pink slip."

**Travis:** "Go to the school psychologist!"  
"What? I just!"

**Justin:** [wheeze] "Go to the guidance counsellor! You're going to JROTC."

**Travis:** "But it's called Goosher—"  
"Not again."

**Justin:** "They're called Gooshers! It's a brand!"

**Griffin:** "They're really good."

**Justin:** "They're really good!"

**Griffin:** "If you try `em. You get used to `em!"

**Justin:** [wheeze] "That's what it says on the box! `Gooshers; you get used to `em!'"

**Travis:** "After a while."

**Griffin:** "Fuck yeah, I got a Hot Pocket, Pringles, and Gushers. What'd you get, Griffin?"  
"Um... An uncooked raw egg and Prongies."

**Justin:** [quiet laughter]

**Griffin:** "And Gooshers."

**Justin:** [through laughter] "And Gooshers."

**Griffin:** [in a pleading voice] "If you eat `em all toge— If you get it all in one bite, it's pretty good. Raw egg and Prongies and Gooshers."

**Justin:** "Have of `em are liquid-filled, and no-one knows why."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "They don't leave the factory that way. That's a surprise that keeps you guessing."

**Griffin:** Can you go to your landlord and say "It's a medical stink, and you can't do anything about it. This just makes it worse. You upset the medical stink when you tried to get rid of it, and it comes back in full force, and it feels bad."

**Justin:** My wife would flip if somebody did this, `cause she's got allergies. You know?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** [imitating Borat] My wife!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** She hates Richard Stink, our friend Richard Stink, because it bothers her allergies— I told her she didn't have to worry about that until our first episode of winter, when he'll be back.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** That's a warning, as much as a promise.

**Griffin:** Right. Oh god, it's—

**Travis:** Yeah, he comes back kind of like, um... like Frosty the Snowman? You know? "I'll be back someday."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** About every season.

**Griffin:** Only quarterly, yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, it's quarterly appearance.

**Griffin:** Um... Hey, can I read—

**Justin:** He does our financials, so he'll do like a financial report with investors. Um, talk about EBITDA and uh, some of the other, um... You know, ROI and stuff.

**Griffin:** Some of the big names.

**Justin:** You know, the big academics.

**Griffin:** Hey, can we— Can we supplicate ourselves in front of the Wizard's throne just for a second. I've got a good one from here.

**Travis:** I'm kinda saving myself for marriage.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** Okay. Well, Guillaume sent this one in. Thank you. It's a good one. It's a wikiHow article. It was— There's always a thing that says "author info", but it never like actually says who the author is. It's just



sort of a collaborative team effort on behalf of... Anyway, this is "How to be perfect—"

**Travis:** Ooo!

**Griffin:** "— (kids/teens)."

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** And it makes me feel bad, this article does, because pretty much everything on it, I didn't... do. Or even attempt to do. So that makes me think that I was a real stinker of a kid/teen. Um... Because these steps would never be stuff that I was just never interested in. Like "Step one: Make your bed as soon as you wake up."

**Travis:** Okay, now wait. Hold on, hold on, hold on. When you say—

**Griffin:** "Many children— Many children don't often do this, so it will be a nice present for you and your parents."

**Travis:** So you're saying how to be perfectly behaved for your parents, not how to be the, like, perfect like quintessential—

**Griffin:** No, we will get to more stuff, but like, you gotta have a launchpad, and making your bed immediately in the morning, the second you wake up, um... Like you're frightened of the bed and you must clean it to leave no trace of yourself, which including the last line in this little article, uh, this part of the article, "Check for any stains or lingering odor from your pillowcase, bedsheet or blanket and toss them into the washing machine." Oh, so, every morning then!

**Travis:** Huh.

**Griffin:** Every morning then! I can't make my bed immediately in the morning because I have to wash pretty much all those things. Pillowcase, bedsheet, and blanket. The whole set.

**Travis:** "Derek, are you washing your bedding again?"  
[in a squeaky teen voice] "Yeah, I'm perfect!"

**Griffin:** [in a squeaky teen voice] "Yeah, I'm doing a perfect job. I left a small stain. I left a small, stinky stain, and you guys shouldn't have to interface with that, Debra and Mike. You guys have a lot on your plate!"

**Justin:** I'm not washing my bedding a lot.

**Travis:** Now—

**Griffin:** Yeah? Is that how you should be doing it?

**Justin:** Washing your bedding is like a promise you make to yourself that you're worth it. You know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** 'Cause you could go a long— No-one will ever say anything.

**Travis:** This is a life hack. They don't know I know this.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** No-one will ever say anything about it, you know what I mean? But you must, as a gift to yourself, wash your bedding.

**Travis:** Yeah, that's true. None of my friends are coming over to hang out and being like "Oh man, is that a new glass? And did you wash your bedding?" Like, nobody's enquiring.

**Justin:** People notice almost all other laundry you do, right? If you don't do any other laundry. But this is the one where it's like, it's for you, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Like, this is laundry for you.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Travis:** Like, when I wash my toilet paper and put it back out, everybody appreciates that. Like "Did you wash the toilet paper? That's nice." But no-one ever notices when I change the bedding, you know. 'Cause then I put the duvet over it anyways, right?

**Justin:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Travis:** You know, sometimes I just leave the sheets off there and I like to rub around on that weird, silky feeling top of the mattress.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Hey, you guys are... not perfect kids or teens yet.

**Travis:** Sure.

**Griffin:** Like you have only covered a single facet of it. I wish you guys would let me uh—

**Justin:** You're right. I'm so sorry.

**Griffin:** Get to the very next one. "Number two: prepare a nutritional breakfast."

**Travis:** Hmm.

**Justin:** Oh.

**Griffin:** Um, on the— there's a picture and it looks like just a slice of uncooked bread? With... it looks like a hundred basil leaves spread across it, with a sunny-side up egg on top of the basil leaves. Yum yum! Good morning! Mmm, vitamins!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Um, "Whip up a bowl of porridge with plump, juicy berries."

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Griffin:** "Cinnamon, nuts, and whatever you like on top that will keep you full until lunchtime. Don't be tempted to eat those sugary cereals! Not a big fan of porridge?" You fucking idiot.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "No problem."

**Travis:** "Get on the bus."

**Griffin:** "There are plenty of other healthy breakfast options to choose from." Like egg bread leaf toast.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** I always—

**Griffin:** Like leaf toast egg. Egg leaf toast. Yum yum.

**Travis:** One of the biggest disappointments of being an adult, and there's so many of them, but one of them is I really thought that when I became an adult, I would just know what a quote unquote "balanced breakfast" was.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** 'Cause it seemed like a thing that everybody talked about on TV, all the time? And then, I'm 38 now! And I'm still like "Does that mean like bread and fruit? Does that mean I gotta have some OJ in there?"

**Griffin:** They only used that phrase when talking about Coco-Krispies or whatever.

**Travis:** True.

**Griffin:** 'Cause then they could be like "Make sure you eat it as part of a healthy balanced breakfast!" My Coco-Krispies?!

**Travis:** What is balancing out? What's the other side?

**Griffin:** Right. "Counteract that by eating just a fistful of Metamucil."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "And ride that shit right to school. You are gonna be high as a kite all fucking day, Derek."

**Travis:** "You gotta balance the highs and lows, man. You can't just do the Coco-Krispies. You gotta hit that with some, uh, Quaker Oats."

**Griffin:** "You gotta bring yourself down, with uh..." Uh, "Clean up after yourself. Wash the bowl, spoon, and cup and put it in the dishwasher." Again.

**Travis:** "Leave no trace."

**Griffin:** You cannot— When your parents' friends come over, they need to be able to say "Where is Derek?"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And your parents should be able to say "Who is Derek?"

**Justin:** [laughs loudly]

**Travis:** [chuckles] So far, this article could've also been titled "How to live in someone's walls without being discovered".

**Justin:** [cackles]

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yes. Alright, uh... God. "Get ready for school. Head back upstairs." This is literally a checklist that you teens and kids should be following. "Head back upstairs. Grab a toothbrush, squeeze out some toothpaste, and brush away."

**Travis:** "Then dry toothbrush thoroughly. Replace."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** "At the same angle."

**Justin:** "Destroy toothbrush." [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Disassemble toothbrush and hide it back in the light."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Um... "Set a timer for two minutes and don't forget to use floss and mouthwash. Use a gentle facewash." Literally.

**Travis:** "Hurry. Barry will be up soon." [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yes. "Do something cute yet simple with your hair, like pigtails, messy bun, et cetera." Uh... and then it's— "In winter, wear some nice warm pants and jeans." It's just like... Get clothes on. "Nothing with inappropriate messages, since you'll most likely get in big trouble." Duh. I'm trying to be a perfect human being. Of course I'm not gonna wear like a "Fuck Mondays!" sweater or something.

**Travis:** What if it has like an asterisk instead of a "u".

**Griffin:** Oh... Weeeell...

**Travis:** Bit of a gray area here.

**Griffin:** I don't know. There's more perfect stuff. Uh, "Pack everything you need in your backpack, et cetera. Uh... Pack a healthy lunch." Okay. Just make it— "If it's a lunch you like, but it's unhealthy, make it healthier by using less salt, oil, fat, and adding more veggies."

**Travis:** "I'm twelve!"

**Griffin:** Yeah, when I'm— Yes, when I make a pepperoni and mustard sandwich, it's tough to, mmm... healthify that, my friends.

**Travis:** "Hey, Mom. I gotta pack my lunch. Can you run this pepperoni through the dishwasher real quick? Just to get some of that oil off there?"

**Griffin:** [laughs] "Can you dehydrate this? Before tomorrow, Mommy? Thank you."

**Travis:** "Who are you?! How'd you get in my house?!"  
"Oh, right right right right right. Oh, I blew it."

**Griffin:** Um, "Participate in class. Raise you hand. Don't fiddle with things on your desk." I don't wanna see that kid.

**Travis:** What if you sneeze in class and you play the fiddle?

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, another great point, Travis. Thank you. "Do you homework." This is the second time that it has mentioned doing your homework for the day. "Number nine: Go to your room and change out of your school clothes. Hang it up in a place that's nice and tidy in your closet."

**Travis:** [chuckles] "Fart into a bag, seal it."

**Griffin:** Wait, what?

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Wait, what are you talking— "Seal up— A bag and seal all of your farts! You must do this. Bury them. In the backyard, at night."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "So no-one sees."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Eat your dinner. Make sure it's floppy, sloppy hog slop."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Just kidding! It needs to be vegetables."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] What is this— Remind me what we're trying to achieve with this one?

**Travis:** Perfect child/teen!

**Griffin:** Oh sure, Justin. We're— "How to be perfect (kids/teens)".

**Justin:** [laughs loudly]

**Griffin:** This one's gonna cover you—

**Justin:** So, so far we've got "bury your leavings in the backyard."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] This is gonna cover you from like age four to 19. This is a good 15 years of your life that you need to be doing all of these steps.

**Justin:** "Live off the bacteria the accumulates on your parents, like a plankton."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah, Can we agree— We're all parents, in this call. If one day, my child started doing these things, I'd be like "Oh no, they killed someone. They're flying as low off the grid as a child possibly can. They did some fucked up shit."

**Griffin:** Yeah. The best part of eat your dinner is "If you can't eat your dinner anymore, give it to one of your siblings and take smaller portions next time."

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Awesome. Cool. "Hey, does anybody want my, um... My veggie pile? 'Cause I only got through like a third of it. If anybody's feeling like cauliflower, broccoli, and peppers. Um... I want you to have this from me now. And for the next 15 minutes."

**Travis:** I have to say. Once again, I've got two kids. If Bebe tried to pull that shit and was like "I'll just give this to Dot", I'd be like "Uh, that's not perfect. Eat it!"

**Griffin:** "That's not perfect at all. You must eat this. You must have this." Uh, and then "Read a book for a while if you can't go to sleep. Set an alarm to go off an hour before school starts, so you can get ready." Huh.

**Justin:** Hmm.

**Griffin:** I feel like my entire like primary school going career, I made a game out of how little time—

**Travis:** Oh yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah. How close you can cut it.

**Griffin:** — I can give— How close I can cut it.

**Travis:** I wanted to make sure I left a window so I could watch a pop-up video in the morning, before catching the bus. But other than that, yeah, absolutely.

**Justin:** I had a— When I was in college, I invented a class before my world history class that I could be pissed off at every time I showed up late to world history class.

**Travis:** Ohhh.

**Justin:** Like [irritated] "Oh, this fucking guy! You wouldn't believe it."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Again with this fucking shit, this guy!" And the fi— the literally like, probably tenth time I did it, the teacher was like "I'm gonna need his phone number. I'm gonna call this teacher. This has gone— this is ridiculous." And I'm like "Oh no. He wa— You don't know this guy. He's a maniac." [chuckles]

**Travis:** "I'll take care of it."

**Justin:** "He'll cut you down. [chuckles] In the streets. You don't wanna mess with this.

**Travis:** "The last teacher? That did that? Dead."

**Justin:** Yeah. "His name's Carl Realguy."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]



**Justin:** "He's a real, real son of a bitch."

**Griffin:** There's some real cool extra tips on here, but the best one is "Magazines and TV are fine in moderation, but you should try reading novels or other non-fiction texts."

**Justin:** Jesus...

**Griffin:** "Truth can be stranger than fiction. It's true!"

"This is my perfect son. Uh, he's gonna play with you guys today."

"Cool, we're watching Pokémon."

[in a high-pitched kid's voice] "Oh, you don't— Does anybody wanna read *Infinite Jest* with me?"

**Travis:** "You know what I've got here?"

**Griffin:** [kid's voice] "It's strange than Pokémon, and better."

**Travis:** "I've got a copy of the *Autobahn's Guide to Birds* and that's kinda like real life Pokémon."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "Yeah, it's like nature's Pokémon."

**Griffin:** "We're playing Fortnite, you idiot!"

[kid's voice] "Um, actually, I'm perfect."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [kid's voice] "Sooo... Huh, that's weird."

**Travis:** "Maybe you're the idiot, idiot! Oh no!"

**Justin:** "What have I done?!"

**Travis:** "That's mean!"

**Justin:** "I'm corrupted!"

**Griffin:** [kid's voice] "What'd you have for breakfast this morning, huh?"

"Uh, chicken nuggets and pudding."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [kid's voice] "Fuck, that does sound pretty fucking good though."

**Travis:** [laughs] "Nooo!"

**Justin:** [chuckles] "Oh nooo! I've wasted my youth! I've been corrupted!"

**Griffin:** [imitates a series of high-pitched beeps] [kid's voice] "Oh, hold on, I gotta go change clothes and hang these up."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "I gotta slip into something a little more comfortable that I can get—"

**Travis:** "And then I have to burn my old clothes so Mother must not wash them."

**Griffin:** [kid's voice] "I have special clothes that I'm allowed to sweat into." Uh...

**Travis:** [chuckles] "They're rubber."

**Griffin:** [kid's voice] "They're special rubber sweat-free clothes." [normal] There is— There are no community questions on this. The community read this article and they're like "Mm, yeah, got it."

**Justin:** "Sounds good to me!"

**Griffin:** "That all sounds good. Yup."  
"Don't expect to be perfect in one day. It'll take time." Well that's a shitty, like, excuse. I need to start being— You can't tell me how to be perfect, and then I knowingly continue to be imperfect. I have to immediately switch over and get on the right track.

**Travis:** There's nothing on this list that you couldn't just, like change. In a day. Right?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** There's nothing complicated here. But I do like, Griffin, this article because it now begs the question, what the target audience is? Because if there's a child who wishes to be perfect, they're probably already doing these things. And so is there an imperfect child out there who's like "There's gotta be a better way. Every morning I just eat some absolute dogshit, and I'm wearing these stinky old clothes for six days in a row. This can't be it."

**Griffin:** This whole article was written by an incredibly over-bearing parent to relieve other incredibly over-bearing parents, who like get on Google one day, and they're like "I mean... Jimmy's got straight A's, and the body of an Olympic athlete, but... Is he perfect though?"

**Travis:** "Is he perfect?"

**Griffin:** "Am I doing a perfect enough job?"

**Travis:** They should have titled it like "How to be the super coolest kid, and then that one kid with the really nice haircut will think you're cool."

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** And it's just all these things, and it's— Because that's the only way a kid is every gonna buy into this.

**Griffin:** Absolutely. "How Connor can become the [chuckles] the basketball captain and get a hundred dates."

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Read it up, Connor! Check it out. Someone wrote an article just for you, bud! Yeah, you gotta stop smoking, Connor. That's on there.

**Travis:** Yeah, says it.

**Justin:** Yeah, sorry bud.

**Griffin:** That is on there, sorry.

**Justin:** Well, I think that it's high-time that we take a break.

**Travis:** Thank you. We've been working so hard.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** Yeah, it's hard work. And it's time for us to earn our money.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Justin:** And it's in the Money Zone.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Come on.

**Griffin:** Good place to do that.

**Justin:** Get into the sidecar.

**Travis:** That works. Hmm? I'm in.

**Griffin:** There's two of 'em, one of either side. Makes it a look like a boner ca— boner bike.

**Travis:** Whatcha want? It's cool.

**Griffin:** I like it. It's cool.

[theme music plays]

**Travis:** Stamps!

**Justin:** I don't know if you've noticed when the— Shut the fuck up.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I don't know if you've noticed, friends, when you're— Hi! It's me, family-friendly comedian, Justin McElroy.

**Travis:** [laughs loudly]

**Justin:** And when I'm coming up with great skits to entertain my family-lovin' fans, I love to go to the post office. But if you're anything like me, you'll have noticed the lines are getting a little bit longer. People are starting to do some of that, ah... You know, huge pile of sweaters to mail. But there's a way around the crowds and all the mess. You just go to stamps.com. You got selling online, you got a little side hustle.

**Travis:** I do.

**Justin:** You're a businessperson, going to the post office a lot. Stamps.com can save you a lot of time, money, and stress during the holidays. You get discounts there you wouldn't find anywhere else, like 40% off USPS rates, and... Get this, 76% off UPS.

**Travis:** Well, that's more than 75%.

**Justin:** Yeah. If you spend more than a few minutes a week dealing with mail and shipping, stamps.com is a live saver. I mean literally, right? 'Cause you're gaining back these precious minutes that you need to run your small business. Or...

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm...

**Justin:** Watch... *The Curse of Oak Island*.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Save time and money this holiday season with stamps.com. Sign up with promo code "mybrother" for a special offer that includes a four-week trial, free postage, and a digital scale! No long-term commitments or contracts. Just got to stamps.com, click on the microphone at the top of the page, and enter code "mybrother".

**Travis:** You guys know what? The other day, the other day I went to the store to buy a website, and oh my God it was so expensive at the store! Right? I was paying such a high mark-up! At the website store! And then I thought "I'll just do this myself". And then I thought "I don't know how to do this myself. Ugh. Why did I say that out loud in front of the website store guy? And now he's looking at me like 'Oh, you're gonna design a website yourself?'" And I said "Yeah, smart guy! I am!" And so then I went home and I listened to a bunch of podcasts, and I heard about Squarespace! And then we reached out to Squarespace and said "Hey, you've changed my life. Will you sponsor *My Brother, My Brother & Me*?" And they said "Yeah, absolutely".

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**Justin:** Now wait.

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** Hold on. [laughs] I don't think that's on the copy.

**Travis:** Oh no, sorry. That's just for me 'cause I'm a premium platinum digital member.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Uh, which is actually only available to me and one other person, Zac Braff. So, analytics that help you grow in real time, free and secure hosting— Because after *Alex, Inc.* got cancelled, he needed hugs real bad, and Squarespace was like "We got you, dude".

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[music fades out]

**Justin:** "I was on a Zoom meeting with my boss and around five other people and my boss was sharing her screen. She clearly forgot, as I watched in horror as she pulled up a chat window to me and started talking smack about another person on the call." Oh my god. [heavy sigh] "Nobody mentioned anything and the meeting just awkwardly ended with nobody saying anything about it, but my boss still seems completely unaware that her screen was live.

My question is: do I mention this to her after the fact, so she can make amends with this other person? Or do I just let it go? I have to work with this other person and I'm pretty sure it's gonna be awkward now, even though I didn't respond in the initial chat while everyone was watching."

**Griffin:** [strained, from a distance] Irrelevant.

**Justin:** Hmm. I think very relevant, but also shameful. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [from a distance] Yeah.

**Travis:** I would say semi-relevant.

**Justin:** Well, it is your boss, right? You don't want to be like "Actually... Victoria is a friend of mine."

**Griffin:** [laughs quietly]

**Justin:** “And I think that she does not have a silly first name, and I think that you’re being rude.”

**Griffin:** Yeah. No, I’m saying the fact that you did not chat back is irrelevant. Because in Victoria’s mind, she’s like “Oh, so they gaff about me all the time.”

**Travis:** Oh, absolutely. Yeah.

**Griffin:** “Behind my back. Okay, cool.”

**Travis:** No-one sees that, especially while a meeting is still going on, and thinks “This is the first time they’ve ever done this.”

**Justin:** [winces audibly]

**Griffin:** Um.

**Travis:** I think you have to go to Victoria and be like “That was pretty fucked up. What was that all about? Does she— does she talk bad about me to you?”

**Griffin:** Yeah. This is gonna have to be like when you play your parents to go to a sleepover, and you kinda gotta play both sides of it. Like when I used to go to Mom, and then I would go to Dad, and both times I’d be like “I wanna go to a sleepover”. And that didn’t work, because it was nothing. So maybe this isn’t— [laughs]

**Justin:** [wheezes] You hadn’t got an invitation. You were just expressing to them that you wished you had been invited to a sleepover, and there’s very little they can do about that.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I would go to Dad and I would be like “Mom said I could go to a sleepover”. And then I would do the same thing to Mom, but then both of them would talk to each other and be like “Son, you didn’t get invited to a sleepover”. And then I would have to be like [defensively] “Yeah, I did. A real cool one.”

**Justin:** [wheezes]

**Griffin:** So this is gonna be more or less just that exact same play.

**Justin:** Hmm... I— [sighs] I think you’re probably lucky that no-one is ever paying attention to a Zoom meeting, ever.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** That is a good point.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** What's the hit point on this?

**Justin:** No-one is looking. Like, if someone starts sharing their screen with me, that is an open invitation to go to another tab and check my... Fantasy Football... scores.

**Griffin:** Right. [laughs]

**Travis:** This is— okay. Abso— okay.

**Justin:** Sorry, I'm tryin' to make the show more relatable to a broader audience.

**Travis:** Absolutely.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** I'm trying inserting— Everyone just heard a different, uh, activity that I could have been doing. It's, uh, algorithmically generated for you.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's awesome.

**Justin:** It's a cool tact.

**Travis:** If nobody said anything, right? Nobody even like reacted. Then no-one was paying attention. Because if that had happened and pe— anyone was— They would have done like a "Uh... Um..."

**Griffin:** No. No no no no no.

**Justin:** No, they would have stayed completely motionless.

**Travis:** What?!

**Justin:** 'Cause they're not getting dragged into it. They're not gonna become a party to it.

**Griffin:** Yeah. This is a— We're playing Werewolf at this point, because there's like— there's no way of knowing... who knows what. But for me, it's more about percentages. There's six people on this call, right? Oh no no no, wait. The question asker, the boss, and five other people.

**Travis:** [low whistle]



**Griffin:** So there's seven people in this call, right?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Don't think about yourself or your boss; there's five other people that could have potentially seen this, and you know— I mean like if Victoria saw it, it's game over, whatever. So there's four other people that if one of them saw it, you know they're going to tell Victoria.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Right?

**Travis:** Ohh, ye— Okay. Okay. Okay. The next time you see Victoria, you need to do some leading like "Huh, what a meeting. Huh? Oh, that meeting, huh?"

**Griffin:** But if Victoria knows, like if Victoria knows it was your boss chatting to you, she is going to be aggro crag from the start of that conversation.

**Travis:** But then maybe you can just be like "Oof, that meeting." Right? And like—

**Griffin:** Yeah. Do you have— This is why HR does exist, though. Like, this is— It shouldn't be your job— Unless you are HR.

**Travis:** Ooo... Or if your boss—

**Griffin:** This is a whole 'nother kettle of—

**Travis:** Or if Victoria's HR!

**Griffin:** Oh, that's a big pile of beans, right there.

**Travis:** "Hey, Victoria! I just wanted to complain about—" [laughs]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] "Um..."

**Travis:** "I have an issue I've been meaning to bring to you about this person I work with, let's call her Victoria. No, wait!" [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] Um... Jesus, this is a bad— You gotta— Okay. Take it to HR, assuming one of the three of you is not HR. If you're HR... [sighs]

**Travis:** Then just consider it resolved!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah. You have to— You have to get a different job or address this.

**Travis:** [cackles]

**Griffin:** I think those are your two options.

**Travis:** Ho, in this economy?

**Griffin:** I know. I know. Try not to fuck it up next time so bad.

**Travis:** [laughs quietly]

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I guess. This is a learning experience? Maybe?

**Justin:** Good luck with your new employment.

**Griffin:** Yeah. But then you get the different job, and you're in a Zoom meeting.

**Justin:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** And then the boss of the new job is talking to one of his flunkies, and he's like "Phew, man. Gregory sure sucks shits, huh?"

**Justin:** [chuckles] "I heard he quits whenever he sees some dank shit."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "On a screen share."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "He doesn't the guts for the competitive world—"

**Travis:** "A real coward."

**Justin:** "The competitive world of auto-detailing."

**Griffin:** "This dumb shit just can't keep his mouth shut, huh."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And then there's no winning in that one!

**Travis:** If this ever happens again, and God forbid it ever does, when you get that message sent to you, you respond something along the lines of "Uh... Who is this?" Or "I think you sent this to the wrong person". Or "What? Good joke. Ha ha ha." That's another good one.

**Griffin:** "Ha ha ha ha ha. Love it."

**Travis:** "Oh, is it sarcastic day again?" That's a good one. Oh! Oh! Go to Victoria and say like "Pretty funny, huh? Did you buy it? Did it seem—" Like, that was a prank.

**Griffin:** That was a prank. Okay.

**Travis:** "That was a hilarious prank we did. I can't believe— We've been waiting for you to say something."

**Griffin:** You're gonna have to get your—

**Travis:** "So we could be like 'Ah, prank time!'"

**Griffin:** But then you're gonna have to get your boss in on the like "it was a prank", and there's no way they're gonna be able to like pull that off. Like [in an old man voice] "Yeah, I'm into pretty transgressive stuff."

**Travis:** [laughs] [old man voice] "I think—"

**Griffin:** [old man voice] "Some real— I'm on some real Andrew Dice Clay shit over here."

**Travis:** I think once you introduce them, like "Hey. You fucked up. Real bad. But we can turn this around, I just need you to stay with me on this one, okay? Follow my lead, we can fix this!"

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm. That's good stuff.

**Travis:** 'Cause I'll tell you whose fat is really in the fire here; it's your boss!

**Griffin:** Whose?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Justin:** It's not your problem to fix. Just let it be. [wheezes]

**Travis:** 'Cause yeah, listen, Victoria might be a little pissed at you, but a much bigger issue is the person in charge just like "Hey, this fuckin' girl over here, am I right? Baaah!"

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Travis:** In front of the like entire Zoom call. Your damage is minimal.

**Justin:** You could just be— You should've— If it had been—

**Griffin:** [laughs quietly]

**Justin:** If you had been thinking quickly, you could've been like "Hahaha, what a great joke, boss. I love saying that about a person that we really care about."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [chuckles] "Just as a goof."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** "About a person we respect so much. 'Cause we'd never say that in front of 'em on a Zoom call."

**Griffin:** [laughs] It's a... It's past that point though now, right?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** So now you're gonna have to get help of all of your other coworkers. And we're reaching, yes, pretty gaslighty territory at this point, that is probably a bridge too far, but if you can get the rest of your coworkers to casually drop in conversation like "Oh! Derek and the boss? Yeah, they're the real like Hardy Boys of the, uh, of the—" Oh, not Hardy Boys. Fuck.

**Travis:** Yeah, I don't think the Hardy Boys were always pranking people. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Right. "They're the real Jerky Boys of the Skype generation."

**Travis:** No, the Jerky Boys were the ones who solved crimes.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I got them flipped and switched, just a little bit.

**Justin:** Uh... [imitates rock guitar]

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** I was wondering.

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

**Travis:** Squad!

**Justin:** [imitates rock guitar]

**Griffin:** I hope it's a burger, 'cause you just said "burger" a lot.

**Justin:** Got nothing to do with burgers. [sings] I want to munch!

**Travis:** Squad!

**Justin:** [imitates rock guitar]

**Griffin:** Squad!

**Justin:** Welcome to Munch Squad, it's a podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. I wanted to wait until we did a second question because I have so much fuckin' shit to go through.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** This Mu— This segment is back and better than ever. And I— Normally, I would not burn this many things in one episode, but there's so much to cover. Honestly.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Did you guys hear that DJ Khaled is doing a wing... thing.

**Travis:** He's doing a wing thing?

**Justin:** [shouts] "Another Wing!" [normal] Is what it's called.

**Travis:** Wait, what?

**Justin:** Yeah, DJ Khaled's doing a wing store of a chicken wing restaurant. It's a virtual concept called [shouts] "Another Wing!" [normal] And it's, um, it's a DJ Khaled, um... wing store. [wheezes]

**Travis:** Is it a— wait. But I'm— The ti— The name...

**Justin:** DJ Kha— I don't understand why you're confused, legitimately. It's DJ Khaled does wings. I mean—

**Travis:** No, I get that. That's not the thing. I'm trying to figure out if "Another Wing" is a play on words, or some kind of—

**Justin:** It's a, it's play on "Another one".

**Griffin:** Of course it is.

**Justin:** Come on.

**Travis:** Another—

**Justin:** "Another one!" DJ Khaled.

**Travis:** Okay, but does it— But it's more like "another thing" than that.

**Justin:** No, Travis, it's— DJ Khaled says "Another one".

**Travis:** I know that.

**Justin:** That's—

**Travis:** But then it's just—

**Justin:** One of his great sayings.

**Travis:** But then you just switched one whole word— That's not a play on words. You just changed one word to a different word. Like [sighs]

**Justin:** Just real quick, I have so much other shit to go through. This is not even the story this week. I just wanted to tell you guys the flavors. Uh, "Un-un-unbelievable Buffalo".

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** "Don't Quit Nashville Hot."

**Travis:** Huh?

**Justin:** "You Loyal! Lemon Pepper. Honey! Honey! Hot Siracha."

**Travis:** That's good, I like that one.

**Justin:** And the signature, "They Don't Want You To Win TRUFFALO".

**Travis:** Oh...

**Justin:** [wheezes]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I'm a little lost on that one. Okay.

**Justin:** "You can order any— [laughs] You can order a la carte! Or choose from combos like the 'All I Do Is Wing'". [laughs]

**Travis:** See! Now, that's good!

**Justin:** "Or 'Major Key Meal'".

**Travis:** "All I Do Is Wing" is amazing play on words!

**Justin:** [shouts] "Another Wing!"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "All I Do Is Wing" maybe would been a bett— Yeah, but I'm not here to get in DJ Khaled's head. I don't know.

**Travis:** I bet "All I Do Is Wing" was the first thing they came up with. Like, before even the concept of a restaurant.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah. He just said it wrong one day, and they were just like "Well, hey, let's do wings."

**Travis:** Oh, hey.

**Justin:** "Did you— Excuse me, Khaled? Did you just say 'All I Do Is Wing'?"

"Uh... Yeah." [chuckles]

"It's, um..."

**Travis:** "A combo..."

**Justin:** "A rest— It's a restaurant I'm doing."

"You're doing it?"

"Yeah yeah yeah." [wheezes]

**Travis:** "Yeah yeah yeah."

**Justin:** "Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah, it's a re— I didn't misspeak! It's a restaurant!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Um, I wanted to just tell— walk you guys through some of the, um, Thanksgiving offerings from brand eating, 'cause you knooooow they're not content to let you eat at home with your family.

**Travis:** Nope.

**Justin:** Um, and there's a, kind of, different varieties. There's like, some people are doing like... stuff for you to eat— If you wanna bring the flavor of fast food to your dining table, a lot of people have that for you this year.

**Travis:** Oh, thank god.

**Justin:** "7-Eleven is celebrating the season with a Thanksgiving turkey sub."

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Justin:** "It's packed with Butterball turkey, sharp white cheddar cheese, and cranberry mayo."

**Griffin:** I'd fuck that up.

**Justin:** "It's the... debut of 7-Eleven's signature stuffing-flavored roll!"

**Travis:** Huh?

**Justin:** "You read that right, the roll is stuffing-flavored."

**Griffin:** What's the roll? Is it like a bread roll?

**Justin:** The roll of the sandwich.

**Travis:** The bun.

**Justin:** It's a sub. It's a sub, the bun.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** The bun is stuffing-flavored. And it's the debut of it, and I would have to also imagine it's the finale. The grand finale.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Woah, well, is it?

**Justin:** 'Cause like what are the applications beyond this Thanksgiving sub?



**Travis:** Stuffing is 90% bread and like rosemary and sage anyways.

**Justin:** Yeah, so they put some of that in there.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** Whatever. It's branding, bud.

**Griffin:** Whatever, man.

**Justin:** "There's a lot to be thankful for this year," says Vareesha Shariff, 7-Eleven fresh food product director. "We know how much our customers look forward to our seasonal offerings."

**Griffin:** [snorts]

**Justin:** "And we're delighted to contribute to the fun and spirit of Thanksgiving with satisfying food that reminds our customers of those comforting holiday moments."

**Travis:** So, uh, so just a quick reminder, the spirit of Thanksgiving is like coming together with those you love and, be it family or found family, to share an experience together. And so here is a sandwich you bought at 7-Eleven.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah, if you ever wanna be reminded of better Thanksgivings, while you're sitting in the passenger seat of your Ford Fiesta.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Because there's— Because the driver's seat is too stained, then this is the sandwich for you. And it says here, "What would a Thanksgiving turkey sub be without a side of chips?"

**Travis:** Huh.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [wheezes] [laughs] Well, now you fuckin'—

**Griffin:** Now, hold on, Justin!

**Justin:** You fuckin' tell me!

**Travis:** What is it with a side of chips?

**Griffin:** Now hold on just a minute.

**Travis:** It's a whole new experience.

**Griffin:** If we are trying to normalize... My son hates all Thanksgiving food, so if we want to start normalizing throwing some...

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** ... chips? On the table too? Have your stuffing, have your corn, you know, salad, and all of your other wild, not ordinary foods on Thanksgiving. Put some chips in there. For the rest of us.

**Travis:** And have some dino-shaped chicken nuggets.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** Oh my god, yes!

**Justin:** Uh, uh, uh—

**Travis:** Hey, why aren't there turkey nuggets?! Get my five-year-old in the mix!

**Griffin:** Don't— Oh, we're very close to the beef nugget discourse again—

**Travis:** Oh, you're right.

**Griffin:** — which I would rather take 10 steps away from.

**Justin:** The Honey Baked Ham Company is rolling out some holiday meal options.

**Travis:** Wait, for Thanksgiving? 'Cause— Stay out of this, Honey Baked Ham.

**Justin:** No, are you kidding me? They're in the bizz.

**Griffin:** No, I've had Thanksgiving hams.

**Justin:** You can't find turkeys, except for Honey Baked Ham knows how to get 'em.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** Yeah, it's like a turkey shortage? But Honey Baked Ham, they know a guy who knows a guy. There's different options here, um, "And for the seasoned host, there's a signature ham and turkey feast that will feed all guests, with leftovers to follow. And you can choose from some fine sides, like a cranberry-walnut chutney."

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** "Or a green bean casserole."

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** And then it says here—

**Griffin:** My mouth is literally watering right now.

**Justin:** The second option here is "For a small party of ham-lovers."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "That's not what we call ourselves!"

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Honey, honey, what should we put on our wedding RSVPs?"  
"Um... Uh, we want it to sound pretty casual. Can we call it a small gathering for ham-lovers?"

**Travis:** "No, Doug! Doug! I said we like to pork. To pork!"

**Griffin:** "Different."

**Justin:** "For a small party of ham-lovers, try Honey Baked Bone-In Quarter Ham Meal."

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** It's a quarter ham. Imagine if you got a small party of ham-lovers together on this— on the agreement that you were all ham-lovers, and you unwrapped a delicious quarter of a ham for everyone to enjoy.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Travis:** As the four of you huddled in the darkness, lest you be exposed, as you enjoy your quarter ham.

**Justin:** Yeah. "Meet at the sign of the ichthus, and there we—" [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] "We shall consume! Our beloved ham!"  
"For the traditional holiday host, take a—"

**Travis:** "Wait, what's that? Is that— There's a fleck of something in the corner of your mouth. Is that— Is that turkey?!"  
"What, no!"

**Justin:** "No! No!"

**Travis:** "No, I would never!"

**Justin:** "No! I'm a traditional ham-lover!"  
"For the traditional host—"

**Travis:** "He's wearing a wire!"

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] "Get him!"

**Justin:** Uh, there's a— Anyway, "But first, brunch." This is the fourth option. "For those who cannot wait for dinner, try the Honey Baked Brunch." [wheezes]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "That comes with a quarter ham."

**Griffin:** Throw it all in, honey baby. Why not?

**Justin:** "It comes with a honey ham, two heat and serve sides, honey baked bacon, and coffee cake. This will have you ready for a nap—"

**Travis:** Yeah. Is that what it says?

**Justin:** "— before the main attraction." It says that. Yeah. "This'll have you ready for a nap!"

**Travis:** Oh, know thy self. I love that.

**Justin:** Yeah. This is perfect— That's the perfect way to gear up [wheezes] for the big show.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Let's see what else— Real quick, Taco Bell unveils a new Friends-giving Party Packs.

**Travis:** Hell yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, so they got, uh, this really actually pisses me off, because to get this one, you had to be a member of the rewards community, and you have to have reached Fire Rewards status, to gain exclusive access. I— Anybody should be able to buy anything! Okay?

**Griffin:** Also, do they give those awards out retroactively? 'Cause I'm pretty sure I could qualify.

**Justin:** Yeah. From your college years.

**Travis:** A lifetime achievement award?

**Griffin:** Just based solely on 1995 and 1996.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** There's, uh, they got Cinnabon Delights Candied Yams.

**Travis:** Hey, Taco Bell, if you're listening. Lifetime A-cheese-ment Award. That's all yours.

**Justin:** Thank you. Um, "The Cinnabon Delights Candied Yams. It's sugar, spice, and everything nice. This decadent holiday dish is just like your mom's classic recipe, with a Taco Bell twist."

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It's just like it. "Rolls, with hot sauce packet butter. Is butter a carb? Who cares, when it's blended with—" Can I stop you there?

**Griffin:** [cackles loudly]

**Justin:** Its— It's not. It's not.

**Travis:** Also, if you're having rolls with it, you're worried about the wrong thing being a carb or not.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, you've just— You put in a placeholder sentence there and didn't really— "Green bean casserole supreme; it's got all the cheesy and craveable components from the Taco Supreme. The classic side dish just got upgraded to your favorite guilty pleasure."

"Oh, my favorite guilty pleasure? Green beans with garbage."

**Travis:** Wait. Does it include green beans?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Yip.

**Travis:** 'Cause it just says it includes all the ingredients of a Taco Supreme."

**Justin:** Nope, nope. It's a classic side dish, it's reheatable. It comes in Taco Bell Bakeware, which is like so fucking cool.

**Travis:** Oh my god, I love that.

**Justin:** Furious.

**Griffin:** But it's—

**Travis:** It's literal fiesta bakeware.

**Griffin:** It's not a taco with green beans in it though.

**Justin:** Yeah, thank you Travis. Uh, yeah, it's a green beans casserole, but the stuff that makes it a casserole is like taco stuff. You understand?

**Travis:** Nasty. I love it.

**Griffin:** Yeah yeah, I understand. It sounds fucking bad.

**Justin:** "Build Your Own Dessert Nachos. Chocolate and caramel sauces, plus unique Taco Bell crunchy toppings, for your pals to drizzle over triangle-shaped shortbread cookies."

**Travis:** Yes!

**Justin:** "These— These—" This is the last sentence of this. "These flips on the tradish..."

**Griffin:** [snorts]

**Travis:** Oh nooo!

**Justin:** "... were created by Ta— Ta—" Come on...

**Travis:** You were so close! You lost it at the end!

**Justin:** You were so close. Okay, last one, real quick. Krystal Restaurants. You know the Krystal ones.

**Travis:** Oh yeah!

**Justin:** It's when you can't eat and don't wanna go to White Castle.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You go to Krystal, they got these tiny hamburgers. Um, and that's the brand there. [sighs] They're bringing back their signature secret stuffing.

**Travis:** Yes, finally.

**Justin:** "Krystal Restaurants, the original quick service restaurant chain in the South, is bringing back their stuffing recipe, just in time for Thanksgiving and the holiday season. The recipe features the popular Krystal burgers, with a unique spin on an already classic dish. [shouts] 'Look! Stuffing is the star of the Thanksgiving table!'"

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** [loudly] "'And this recipe ensures that your start shines brighter than them all' says Alice Crowder, CMO."

**Travis:** Hey, Alice. You know that's not true!

**Justin:** No, the star is stuffing and this is the brightest one in the galaxy!

**Griffin:** [laughs quietly]

**Travis:** But kids don't like sit around in kindergarten, tracing their hands to make stuffing pictures. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] They probably could.

**Travis:** They could, and now that I've said it, I kinda would love to see it. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Just a five-pronged, like splatter of stuffing.

**Travis:** Yeah. No, make a fist and then just trace the fist. Boom, stuffing.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** “We’re encouraging everyone to bring this classic back their table this season, or be delighted for the first time.” And this is the last sentence here. “You won’t even need a turkey!”

**Travis:** Wow! Going hard on this!

**Justin:** Going hard!

**Griffin:** Usually, like... people who comes up with Thanksgiving food, it’s sort of a rising tide lifts all ships situation, and not a “Hey, what’s up? It’s us. Stuffing. Fuck turkey.”

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** “Like, you guys work together with me.”

**Travis:** Whoever wrote this hates turkey and assumes everyone else quietly does too.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And we’ve all just been looking for an excuse to like pull the ripcord and get out, but everyone’s been too afraid to lead the way. But not Alice Crowder! Alice Crowder’s like “Hey, let’s all fuckin’ say it! We all know stuffing’s the star, right? For too long!”

**Griffin:** “We’re all just waiting for stuffing.”

**Justin:** [sighs] Um, the last thing it says here.

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Justin:** Um, “This Krystal recipe was introduced in 2014 and has been a fan favorite over the holidays. To create this—” Now, get some paper. “To create this stuff—” And a pen.

“To create this stuffing recipe, guests should purchase one steamer pack of 24 Krystals.” If you can imagine that, it’s like a small, they’re like sliders, basically. “The recipe serves between 10 to 15 people, and requires 20 of the square burgers. Your calculations aren’t wrong! There are intentionally an extra four Krystal burgers for the chef.”

**Travis:** Ooo!



**Justin:** "So they can enjoy a little treat."

**Griffin:** Awesome...

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** That's just standard practice. Go to any restaurant and like if a chef makes you a steak, they cut off just a little bit of the steak and eat it themselves.

**Justin:** Just enjoy a little treat, for their work in the kitchen.

**Griffin:** Yeah. And that's awesome because like your family's gonna be like "Oh, hey Tommy. When's, uh, when's Thanksgiving food gonna be ready?" And you can be like [makes loud chewing noises] "Five minutes ago, idiot!" [more loud chewing noises]

**Justin:** [laughs] Um, the recipe is great, 'cause it says, uh, the directions are "Enjoy four Krystal burgers now."

**Travis:** Oh, boy. Okay.

**Justin:** "Then place the remaining 20 Krystal burgers, [loudly] without cheese or pickles, and oh god, we should've mentioned this earlier!"

**Travis:** "I already bought 'em!"

**Justin:** "Oh no!"

**Griffin:** [laughs] "Oh, god!"

**Justin:** "Oh no! Don't put cheese or pickles in the stuffing!" You put 'em in the refrigerator, you let 'em cool overnight, and then you brush a casserole dish with butter or cooking oil or spray with— It says "Spray with non-stick spray. Tear the burgers into bite-sized pieces." [chuckles]

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Justin:** "And place in a casserole dish, and then yah pour chicken broth over 'em."

**Travis:** "Hey, Mom? Are you okay?"

**Justin:** "Yeah, honey. I'm just tearing the Krystals apart."

**Travis:** "Well, it's just—"

**Griffin:** [grunts aggressively with effort]

**Justin:** "For dinner!"

**Travis:** "Look, we would just love it if you would just come in and spend some time with the family. You've been in here a really long time?"

**Griffin:** Hold on, this next part in this recipe says "Barf a hundred times".

**Justin:** [wheezes] [whispers] God, these look really good. [wheezes]

**Griffin:** Oh, no.

**Travis:** Of course it does! It's tiny hamburgers covered in chicken broth! [laughs]

**Justin:** [whispers] Hey, guys, just hold on one second. Guys. Oh no. [laughs loudly] I was trying— I was trying to drag the sa— [wheezes] [cackles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I was trying to drag this image of stuffing over in the Slack, so you guys could see it, and I accidentally dragged it into my recording interface [wheezes]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] I accidentally dragged it into my DA.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] And so now there is a track there— [cackles]

**Travis:** Wait, what?! [cackles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** There's a track on this episode! That says "Stuffing 252 pixels".

**Travis:** Huh!

**Justin:** Why did you let me do that?!

**Griffin:** That's cool.

**Travis:** So now we have a secret message hidden within the file.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah, it'll show up in the iTunes metadata. Oh fuck. Is it— That's weird, Juice, because in the middle of this episode, it ju— I heard a fourth track going "Burger mess. Burger mess. Burger mess. Burger mess." It did it like 20 times, and I thought it was a... a possession.

**Justin:** Guys, look—

**Griffin:** I don't actually— This may be the first time, Juice, actually, where I don't wanna click on your name in Slack to see what image you've sent us. 'Cause it can't be good.

**Travis:** It does actually look good, yeah.

**Justin:** Check it out, man. It looks choice. It looks choice.

**Griffin:** Guys. It doesn't though. That doesn't look good at all.

**Travis:** Well, I haven't had lunch, so...

**Justin:** Okay...

**Griffin:** We're gonna have to put this up to— I also haven't, and I still don't wanna, don't wanna see this JPEG. I can smell this JPEG.

**Justin:** Um, and what does it smell like to you, then? And don't say cheese or pickles, 'cause then I know you've fucked up the recipe.

**Griffin:** Uh, I think I— I'm pretty sure I see pickles up in here. Or unless you have to also cut up celery in there.

**Justin:** I've dropped in, just so you can see, for point of reference. If you had to pick the most delicious-looking...

**Griffin:** I'm not kidding! I would hurt this Subway, this Subway sub, with the cranberry mayo. I think that's quite good.

**Travis:** Okay, and ju— To be fair, Justin, I guarantee that this, uh, stuffing picture, this is a professional photographer right there. Show me a picture of a home baker's.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Uh, show me a home-baker's, uh, hamburger stuffing.

**Justin:** [quietly] Oh my god...

**Griffin:** Yeah, let me see the *Nailed It!* version of that. Also, Juice, I know why you don't like this Subway sub is because I see that cheese.

**Justin:** Yeah. Raw cheese.

**Griffin:** And it is, it is thoroughly raw.

**Justin:** Thoroughly raw.

**Griffin:** It's completely raw.

**Justin:** Nobody wants that. The, uh, I also sent you the picture of the Taco Bell dinner, which looks like they adapted beige into an HBO mini-series. It is literally just...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** *50 Shades of Beige*.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Um, okay. That is your Thanksgiving offerings around the horn there. So whichever one you wanna enjoy, um... You know, you have your choice.

**Travis:** You know what else you could enjoy on Thanksgiving?

**Griffin:** Enjoy is a—

**Justin:** What, Trav?

**Griffin:** What?

**Travis:** *Til Death Do Us Blart!*

**Justin:** Oh god, you're right. This is our last one before— [exhales] Okay. If you've never listened, *Til Death Do Us Blart* is an annual... review podcast that we do of the film *Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2*. We do it with the guys from *Worst Idea of All Time*. We've done it every year for— this is our... Fifth? Sixth year?

**Travis:** I think it's sixth.

**Justin:** Sixth year. Uh, we've been doing it for six years, improbably, um, and this year is very fun. Uh...

**Travis:** For you, the listener.

**Justin:** For you, the listener. We are in uniquely great spirits enjoying this one, um, and uh we hope that you will tune into that. You know, it's wherever you find podcasts. I— we don't even— We don't make any money off of it, you know what I mean? Like, just please listen to it. We have a really good time doing it. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, okay. I just checked guys, I have terrible news.

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** This is our seventh. [wheezes]

**Travis:** Oh, boy.

**Justin:** This is our seventh one. If you don't count the bonus episode that we did when COVID struck last year, this is our, um, this is our seventh episode with us. We've been doing it since 2015.

**Travis:** I mean—

**Justin:** I cannot believe that. That is fantastic.

**Travis:** Here's what I'll say because we don't make money off it, but if you go to [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com), there is a *Til Death Do Us Blart* shirt there, designed by Tyler Reed.

**Justin:** Yes!

**Travis:** Which benefits the First Nations Development Institute, which improves economic conditions for Native Americans through direct financial grants, technical assistance and training, and advocacy and policy. So do check that out.

**Justin:** Um, this is a shirt I'm gonna buy. This is so cute.

**Griffin:** I do— I want it very badly.

**Travis:** Yes, I do as well.

**Justin:** So good.

**Griffin:** Hey, thanks to Montaigne.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** For the use of our theme song "My Life Is Better With You". Just go ahead and search for Montaigne at your... you know, local Sam Goody.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Or, uh, at the library. Maybe.

**Travis:** Or just in Australia, if you're there. She's probably around somewhere.

**Griffin:** Yeah, she's probably around, writing more dope jams. Uh, yeah. Thank you, Montaigne. And thanks to MaximumFun! Thanks to MaximumFun! For having us on the network. There's a bunch of good shows on there. Maybe you found a new one during the block party; go listen to it.

**Travis:** On Wednesday of this week, if you're listening to it, if you listen to it after Wednesday, then it's already out. But the *Zone of Adventure: Imbalance* final episode is out, so go check that out. It's a TAZ mini-series DMed by Aabria Iyengar. Um, that's over on our YouTube channel. Uh, also over at McElroy Merch, we have TAZ dice now, designed by Evewynn, and it's— Oh, so pretty. It's created in partnership with Die Hard Dice. They come in a bag with a Bureau of Balance logo on it, they're incredible.

Do grab that Wizard of the Cloud Pin of the Month, designed by Dana Wagner, uh which benefits Native Women Lead, that revolutionizes systems and inspire innovations by investing in Native women in business. And the Candlenights ornaments over there, designed by Cait May, which benefits Harmony House, and the Candlenights mug, and there's a lot of really cool shit on there that you're gonna love. I guaran-damn-tee it!

Oh, one more thing. My podcast, uh, that I'm executive producing called *Chasing Immortality*, uh we just put out an episode about Lady Bathory, uh who some people consider like one of the like classic examples of vampires. Uh, that she supposedly bathed in blood to stay young. There's a lot of interesting revelations in that episode.

**Griffin:** That— what's, what's— I don't understand what the revelation is.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Griffin:** Like, that is how you, that is how you get there.

**Travis:** That's how you get there. Okay. Alright.

**Griffin:** Hey, do you want the final Yahoo?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Cool... Yeah, this one was sent in by, um... Clint McElroy.

**Travis:** Woah! Hey, thanks for finally listening, Dad!

**Griffin:** Yeah. Oh, he listens, he's just too afraid to send in Yahoos.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Griffin:** Um... yeah. And this one is sent in by Str— ... Strong...

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** This one's sent in by Strong... Michael. Strong Michael asks this one in.

**Justin:** Strong Michael?

**Griffin:** That's what it says. You know how on Yahoo, you don't have to put your name? So he has used the username StrongMichael, which I think is a pretty good one. And StrongMichael asks... [sighs quietly] Hmm...

**Justin:** Griffin, what did StrongMichael ask, bud?

**Griffin:** I'm looking at it. I don't know if I want to read some of these words.

**Travis:** Oh, are they like... troubling?

**Justin:** Yeah, go ahead, Griff.

**Griffin:** Yeah, they're pretty nau— pretty naughty stuff.

**Justin:** Go ahead, just read it.

**Travis:** Yeah, we'll bleep it if we have to.

**Griffin:** Yeah, alright. Um... Yeah. Okay. [clears throat] It says, um... "Does anyone..."

**Justin:** [laughs quietly]

**Griffin:** StrongMichael asks "Does anyone... fuckin'..."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Okay. That's one of 'em.

**Justin:** Yeah, we'll get that.

**Griffin:** “Do any of you assholes—”

**Justin:** [wheezes]

**Griffin:** [laughs quietly] “Do any of you asshole fuckers—” [snorts] “Hey, do you— Do any of you fuckin’ assholes... know how to get a fuckin’... shitty candle that fuckin’ smells like football?”

**Travis:** [laughs]

[sounds of recording equipment being hit]

**Justin:** [laughs loudly]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [wheezes] [through laughter] What?!

**Travis:** [laughs] There were a lot of words in there we did have to beep.

**Justin:** [laughs] [coughs] What the fuck?!

**Travis:** Damn, ShittyMichael.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Sorry, StrongMichael.

**Griffin:** StrongMichael.

**Justin:** [cackles]

**Griffin:** Oh, Travis, he’s gonna beat your ass for that, dude.

**Travis:** I hope StrongMichael doesn’t listen.

**Justin:** [laughs loudly] My name’s Justin McElroy.

**Travis:** I’m Travis McElroy.

**Griffin:** I’m StrongMi— I’m Griffin McElroy.

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

[outro music plays]



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**Ben Harrison:** Do you sometimes wonder whatever happened to the kids at your school who really loved *Star Trek*?

**Adam Pranica:** You might remember a kid like me. The one who read *Star Trek* novels and built *Star Trek* models. I also took music classes to avoid taking gym classes that required showering after, but I don't see what that really has to do with—

**Ben Harrison:** Or a kid like me! I introduced myself to kids at my summer camp one year as "Wesley", but when the school year started and some of those kids were in my new class, I had to actually explain to my friends that I had tried to take on the identity of my favorite *Star Trek* character. The shame haunts me to this day!

**Adam Pranica:** I'm sure some of those *Star Trek* fans from your childhood grew up to have interesting... and productive lives, but... we ended up being podcasters.

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