

## **MBMBaM 29: The Quickening**

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### **Intro (Bob Ball):**

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

[theme song, "Take A Chance On Me" by ABBA plays]

### **Justin:**

[singing] Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to me, happy birthday dear Travis and Justin, happy birthday to us.

### **Griffin:**

So unfair.

### **Justin:**

Best day of the year.

### **Griffin:**

Why couldn't they... Like, our, our parents are intelligent people, why, why couldn't they have, you know, timed it out so that I w— I would have come out on a... I have to wait another like six months for mine, and you guys get—

### **Justin:**

I know. Today is Travis and Justin's birthday. Justin, that's me. Me and Travis, it is our birthday, um, and—

### **Travis:**

When—

### **Justin:**

... we're celebrating in style.

**Travis:**

I always kinda found it weak that when we were growing up and, you know, Griffin was still a small, wee babe he would get presents on our birthday, because he couldn't—

**Griffin:**

Shit, yeah, I did.

**Travis:**

... be the only one of the three that didn't.

**Justin:**

Right, he didn't understand.

**Travis:**

It was some weak sauce.

**Griffin:**

Do you know why that happened? Because I would've—

**Travis:**

Because you were a baby?

**Griffin:**

I would have cried if I didn't.

**Justin:**

Yeah, because he had a baby Cro-Magnon brain. Baby brains and Cro-Magnon brains are basically the same thing. But it is our birthday. We're celebrating in the only way we know how, by taking your, uh, ignorance of certain topics, and turning it, alchemy-like, into wisdom. Uh, this is *My Brother, My Brother and Me*. It's an advice show for the modern era. Uh, let's just get right into it. I wanna cut through, uh, all—

**Travis:**

The red tape.

**Justin:**

The red tape. Cut through all the business, and just really get down into this, deep. Uh, so let's start off with an email. Uh, it says, "Uh, I, uh, I have a cat who is generally a bit stand-offish. She doesn't snuggle, doesn't much like being picked up. The only time she wants to get on my lap is when I'm in the bathroom, tending to secondary biological output. I have always enjoyed her company as an alternative to reading or staring blankly at a wall. My husband, however, thinks the whole thing is weird, and that I should leave the door shut, ignore her plaintive meows, and get on with my business myself."

**Griffin:**

Hmm.

**Justin:**

"She seems so sad when I don't let her in, though. Please give me some guidance here."

**Griffin:**

Who is that from?

**Justin:**

That's from Poop Lap. Um—

**Griffin:**

Sorry?

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Can you slow it down a bit?

**Justin:**

Just, uh, it's, it's, uh, Poop, Poop, [laughs], Poop Lap?

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

I'm trying to imagine, um, what the, the sad meowing of a cat sounds like when it's behind the door of a bathroom where you are defecating, uh, and that cat, all it wants, oh, all it wants is to just come in and just chill with you while you do your business? I'm trying to imagine—

**Travis:**

I, I'm, I—

**Griffin:**

... what that sounds like.

**Travis:**

I'll tell you, Griffin, it sounds exactly like *Purple Rain*.

**Griffin:**

Uh—

**Justin:**

Uh, I'm trying to make a concerted effort here to not take this into scatological territory, so I'm gonna talk about the ethics of what's happening here.

**Griffin:**

Okay.

**Justin:**

In this modern society, in this society in which we live, we are so connected. Eh, you know, every moment, you're on the 'book, you're on the FB, you're on the Google, you're googling, you're, uh, tweeting? Twoto? On all the services. Formspring—

**Griffin:**

Tumble, Tumblin'.

**Justin:**

Tumblin'? You're on the Tumblin', [laughs]. You're on the Tamblyn. You're on the—

**Travis:**

You're krumping.

**Justin:**

You're krumping. Eh, just so many different outlets for, for people to stay connected to you. The, the B-room is really the one time of the day when you get to just be you. That's for nobody else. Not for your cat. Not for Facebook.

**Griffin:**

What you're, what you're ignoring, though, is that your cat's not on Twitter. Your cat's not on Facebook—

**Justin:**

That you know of. That you know of.

**Griffin:**

... it's not Tumblin'.

**Justin:**

That you know of.

**Griffin:**

It's not Smenging.

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

I, I, I'm pre— pretty sure no cats are, are on my Facebook friends. Um, so, usually—

**Justin:**

I see a lot of people who use their—

**Travis:**

I actually, I actually have a couple.

**Justin:**

Yeah. I have people who use their cats as their pictures, which, by the way, that's not you. Stop lying.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Get your baby off there too, while we're at it. It's not you. Your baby is not you. You are you. Don't confuse me.

**Travis:**

Also, pictures of you holding other people's babies? Not cool.

**Justin:**

Not cool.

**Travis:**

It's confusing.

**Justin:**

Get off, you're putting your baby on the grid already. It's just a baby, he's on the grid. Um, uh, I think that I've... I have to be pretty steadfast in this, Griffin. I understand what you're saying, but it's a, it's a... it's about your mental state. It's not about your cat can't track you on Twitter, so now you're gonna let it in the b— be in the bathroom with you.

**Griffin:**

Eh, but the thing is, like, this is, it sounds like it's good for her mental state. She enjoys the cat's company while she's, um, while she's making business. Like—

**Justin:**

What does it say about the cat's relationship? Like, the only time she likes to be with you, you're—

**Griffin:**

Oh, the cat's a fuckin' freak. Like, don't get me wrong.

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Travis:**

That is, as long as we can all agree on that.

**Justin:**

Okay, the cat's, like, dirty, right? Like—

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

That cat is a dirty-ass cat. The cat is, is some sort of reincarnated scat pervert. Like, fuck that cat. Your cat's a, your cat's a freak.

**Travis:**

Your cat is a pervert. Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Your cat is a pervert. Um, but, I mean, if you enjoy her company, then, then more power to you. I say poop away, cat on lap.

**Justin:**

I hate it when you just—

**Travis:**

I don't think, I don't think it's okay. Let's take a vote, is it okay?

**Justin:**

It's not.

**Travis:**

It's not okay.

**Justin:**

Is November 8th the best day of the year? Yes.

**Travis:**

Yes.

**Justin:**

Yes. Okay. Majority rules. It's the best. "I work at the most monotonous job ever, and your podcast brightens my Mondays. I was wondering if you could recommend any other podcasts or activities to make my workdays more exciting? Thanks."

**Griffin:**

Are we gonna, are we gonna recommend any competitors?

**Justin:**

Yeah, right.

**Griffin:**

Get real, Formspring.

**Justin:**

Nice try. Sorry, Former—

**Griffin:**

Maybe like—

**Travis:**

Like, who does this?

**Griffin:**



... does McDonald's, does McDonald's talk about how tasty Whoppers are?  
Never.

**Travis:**

They probably do.

**Justin:**

Probably.

**Travis:**

You never know.

**Justin:**

Probably in secret, at meetings.

**Griffin:**

"Our burgers are wack, and I got you some. You know who's got those dope burgers? Don't—"

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

"... tell anybody, BK."

**Justin:**

"BK."

**Griffin:**

"BK and DQ." No.

**Justin:**

"Me and all my billion buddies, we always like to go to just hit the BK at the late night. You gotta get that BK."

**Griffin:**

"Our chicken select strips are bullshit!"

**Justin:**

[laughs] "You get that strip at BK, they got that shit in the shape of a crown!" Uh, so, first off, maybe get some McDonald's and Burger King. That's fun food, fun to eat, and, uh, that can really help to make the days pass.

**Griffin:**

[laughs] Just eating fast food?

**Justin:**

Just eating, [laughs], fast food.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Just kill the lonely times, kill the sad times with the taste of salt and fat. Oh boy. Oh, now you see, now I'm hungry. Oops! You did it again, McDonald's advertisers.

**Griffin:**

I think, uh, whatever recommendations we could give you depends entirely on what your job is. Because if you're a surgeon, you need to fuckin' look sharp. You need to s— put down the iPod.

**Justin:**

Wait, was that a, was that a pun?

**Griffin:**

Oh, I didn't... It didn't mean it to be, but I'm, I'll take it.

**Justin:**

Uh-huh [affirmative], [laughs].

**Griffin:**

Um, you, you, need to not be distracted when you're cutting into humans. Um, if you, I don't know, scan medical documents into a computer for eight

hours a day, then you're gonna need, uh, you're gonna need some help, some assistance.

**Justin:**

Yep. Um, I—

**Travis:**

Uh, my suggestion, um, a clipboard. I know it seem... But it'll let you get away with literally anything. You can put Sudoku on there, you can put some crossword on there, or just carry it around so no one will speak to you.

**Griffin:**

How did you, how did you just pronounce the word Sudoku?

**Travis:**

[laughs], I think I said Sudoko.

**Justin:**

[laughs] Sudoko. No, Griffin, you're confused, Sudoko's that new joint. It's where—

**Griffin:**

Hey, have you guys played Sedaka?

**Justin:**

Have you played Neil Sedaka?

**Griffin:**

Well—

**Travis:**

I was actually thinking of the gas station, Sunoco.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

"Did you get, did you get that new John Secada record? Wow."

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

"And the game included inside the CD notes? Really fun. I... We play it all day." Sudoku is that, is that new Sudoku where it makes a picture at the end.

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative], [laughs].

**Travis:**

And then the cards bounce around the screen. It's really awesome.

**Justin:**

An erotic picture.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Like, a sexy picture.

**Travis:**

Sudoku!

**Justin:**

It kind of looks like a boob made in a box. Um—

**Griffin:**

We have given this person zero advice.

**Justin:**

Okay, we gotta get seri—

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

I think the best thing to do is to just, you've got to shut your brain off and let it take you to another faraway place. Like, maybe you can do something obvious, like read, or, or, uh, ride a moped, or something, when nobody's there. You gotta take your mind and let it take you on a journey.

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

No one is your boss in your head, at all.

**Travis:**

And another fun game is to play little games with yourself, like, "How many times can I slip this word into a conversation before someone notices?" And, "How often can I mispronounce words like Sudoku until someone notices?"

**Justin:**

[laughs] See how long it takes you... Walk around all day next Monday, and walk around saying, "Sou-döm-kyum." And wait 'till someone—

**Griffin:**

[laughs].

**Justin:**

... wait 'till someone corrects you.

**Griffin:**

Now, now, Travis, I have to ask, do you play that game when you're doing the podcast with us? Because you, you did just say Sudoku in a, a, a strange manner.

**Travis:**

Of course not, Griffin.

**Griffin:**

I'm gonna be on the lookout now. Um, let's do a Yahoo Answer.

**Justin:**

Yeah, that would be great.

**Griffin:**

Uh, this one is sent in by Art Santana.

**Justin:**

[laughs] That's not his real name—

**Travis:**

Great name.

**Justin:**

... but wow, it's a good name.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Travis:**

Oh my god, that's awesome.

**Griffin:**

Have you guys noticed how many people with, like, totally fresh names listen to our podcast?

**Travis:**

Yes.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

It's, uh, it's—

**Justin:**

Like Max Jackman?

**Griffin:**

Like Max Jackman.

**Travis:**

Oh, God.

**Griffin:**

Uh, it's really flattering. Uh, anyway—

**Justin:**

Anna Fur Laxis?

**Griffin:**

... uh, this Yahoo Answer is from Thomas Slicher.

**Justin:**

What?

**Griffin:**

Almost certain—

**Travis:**

Not a good name.

**Griffin:**

... I said that wrong.

**Travis:**

Not a good name.

**Griffin:**

Yeah, that's a bad name, but he doesn't listen to the show, so we're fine. Uh, he asks, "How do I tell my mom, dad, friends, et cetera, that I am a furry? I have a huge problem. I'm 13 and furry."

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

"My girlfriend is also 13 and furry. But, I told my mom about it and she told me that furry fandom is one of the, quote, 'most disgusting and horrific things she has ever heard,' end quote. My dad's reaction was almost the same, but he took it better. Now, though—"

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

"... I don't know what to do. Please help."

**Justin:**

I—

**Griffin:**

What do you think that dad's reaction was like?

**Justin:**

[laughs] "But, you're what?"

**Griffin:**

... "Hey son, I'm... This isn't my jam, but—"

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

"... you know, I think your mother really went overboard—"

**Justin:**

I—

**Griffin:**

"... with her reaction to this news."



**Justin:**

So, yeah, I don't—

**Travis:**

"Do you need some money, or...?"

**Justin:**

I don't understand what all the hubbub is about. He's just furry, like he's going through puberty—

**Griffin:**

Mm, well...

**Justin:**

... and starting to get hair in weird places, and that's normal, but it happens to the best of us. Um—

**Griffin:**

Uh-huh [affirmative].

**Justin:**

... i— i— furry—

**Travis:**

I'm, I'm almost certain he means he wants to dress up like a raccoon and bone down.

**Griffin:**

Here's what's troubling.

**Justin:**

Wait, what?

**Griffin:**

I—

**Travis:**

Yeah, I'm, I'm almost positive that's, that's what the furry means.

**Justin:**

Wait—

**Griffin:**

So—

**Justin:**

... not, not like, puberty?

**Travis:**

No, not, not like puberty, Justin.

**Griffin:**

I feel like we've... we covered this on last week's show, that animals are fucking sexy, yo!

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

They're getting sexier every year. Um, and he's just trying to capitalize on, on that movement by, you know, dressing himself in furs and pelts, and just—

**Justin:**

Yeah, and get... Like ca— try to capture that sex wave—

**Griffin:**

Uh-huh [affirmative].

**Justin:**

... you mean, before it passes all of us by?

**Griffin:**

If I were to give this, this kid some real advice, which I'm not, because, yuck, um, you just gotta wait it out, because pretty soon, furies are gonna be the new vampires.

**Justin:**

Yeah, right. Yeah. Is this about a trend for you, or... Hey, by the way, uh, your g—... The odds against you, being a 13-year-old person who likes to dress like a raccoon and have sex, meeting, falling in love with a person, and then discovering that they, too, enjoy that s—

**Griffin:**

Oh, man.

**Justin:**

It doesn't happen.

**Griffin:**

Fucking astronomical.

**Justin:**

Also, marry her.

**Travis:**

H— he met her on a, on a furry website, and they hooked up on the furums.

**Griffin:**

[sighs]

**Justin:**

What?

**Griffin:**

Don't.

**Travis:**

Like—

**Justin:**

Why—

**Travis:**

But, like forums, but, uh, um—

**Griffin:**

Just, don't. Don't, don't, don't. Don't, don't. Don't, don't, don't, don't.

**Justin:**

No, wait. What?

**Travis:**

Like forums, but with fur.

**Justin:**

Furums? [laughs], I like it.

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

I like it.

**Travis:**

Thank you.

**Justin:**

I'm gonna start calling ours that.

**Travis:**

I've been working on that for a week and a half.

**Justin:**

[laughs] Furums.

**Griffin:**

Uh, have you guys... Eh, whenever I read a question like this, that has anything to do with the furry community, um, eh, it... I think that I'm an incredibly, like, open-minded—

**Justin:**

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

**Griffin:**

.... person. Like, uh, you know, I w— I'm color-blind, I'm age-blind, I'm gender-blind. Like, I don't know, my patience wears kind of thin with furies. Like, I, I'm not one to hate on any particular group of people because of whatever sexual stuff they're into, um, and I'll, like, defend those people and their right to do that, but I just don't have that for furies.

**Justin:**

What... The thing is, what you are seeing right now is, like, this... Furies, the most valuable service that furry provides us is they let you see inside the head of like a conservative republican minister. And like the way he feels about pretty much everybody outside of his immediate family is the way that you feel about fur— furies. So, like... And Furbies. But, main— mainly furies.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Travis:**

I think this falls under, uh, a game I like to play, called: "Daddy, how did you meet Mommy?" And I think any story that says, "You know, I looked across the conference hall and saw the sexiest raccoon I've ever seen—"

**Griffin:**

I was gonna say raccoon, too!

**Travis:**

"... and knew she was the one..." Yeah.

**Justin:**

It's all about raccoons, yeah. I think it's because you don't see raccoons a lot in your day-to-day, so you don't have a lot of personal connection to them, but—

**Travis:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

... so they're, like, exotic and sexy? But—

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Let me, let me ask you guys—

**Travis:**

"I looked across the room and saw the sexiest marmot I've ever seen."

**Griffin:**

No, that doesn't work. Yeah, all right, in th—

**Travis:**

No marmot?

**Griffin:**

... in 30 years—

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

... after the furry civil rights movement, am, uh, uh, uh, [sighs] I mean, am I gonna be like the bigot of history?

**Justin:**

Like, the back against the wall? Like, "I'm sorry, I don't care how far society has come, I refuse—"

**Griffin:**

I w—

**Justin:**

"... to recognize the rights of furrries."

**Griffin:**

I will never, ever be okay with this.

**Justin:**

I w—

**Griffin:**

There is a 0% chance of me ever, ever, ever—

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

... being cool with this.

**Justin:**

I would, at this point, endorse state-mandated castration for all furrries. How, how does that taste? [laughs] What's up? I'm raising the stakes—

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

... on our comedy program to endorse the castration of human beings.

**Griffin:**

Okay, let's go... Let's get—

**Travis:**

Get on it, politicians.

**Griffin:**

Let's get deeper in... Let's inception what you just said.

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Is that, is that, um—

**Travis:**

Is that—

**Griffin:**

... a punitive measure? Or is that more of a, a population control? Like, you don't want them sp— passing the furry gene—

**Justin:**

It, it is abs—

**Griffin:**

... that, that aberration onto their, their children?

**Justin:**

It is absolutely—

**Travis:**

M— might I suggest spokesman Bob Barker?

**Justin:**

It is, [laughs]... It's absolutely both. It, it—

**Griffin:**

If—

**Justin:**

... it works both ways.

**Travis:**



[laughs]

**Griffin:**

S— Okay. Now, let's keep... One more level.

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Um, if, if two people dressed up as raccoons fuck—

**Justin:**

Hmm.

**Griffin:**

... what are the odds that they'll give birth to a raccoon?

**Justin:**

Oh my God. What? Thi— this is the kind of future that I'm protecting you and yours against? Uh, my bigger fear is, is, like, a half-man, half-raccoon. The mancoon, if you will, uh—

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

... tha— that's really terrifying. And, uh, th—... And it's totally possible.

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

Ask any scientist. My wife's a doctor, I'll ask her.

**Griffin:**

You just look at—

**Justin:**

She says yes.

**Griffin:**

... look at, look at, look at Steve Buscemi—

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

... those big rings around his eyes?

**Justin:**

Had to come somewhere. What's up, Mancoon Buscemi? Uh, castrated also, sorry.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Um, the... I would... Here's the... Here's a bigger question, I think you get into the problem of logistics. Uh, what's the most efficient way to do it? I would suggest that all, uh, all furry costumes would come, like legally, would have to come with a small patch of genital burning cream. That when, uh, when you put the costume on, it would just singe them away like a, like a hair that got too close to a campfire. That's what I would, that's what I would like to see happen.

**Griffin:**

Final question on this subject, um—

**Justin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Griffin:**

... do you think furies watch *Space Jam* and just jerk it so right?

**Justin:**

[laughs] Just get that good, clean jerk going. Uh, probably, yes.

**Griffin:**

A lot of anthropomorphic animals in that one.

**Justin:**

Uh, problematically, though, there's also a lot of sports, which they are not big on, I've heard.

**Travis:**

Nope.

**Griffin:**

You don't know that.

**Travis:**

Well, unless they're mascots.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

They like that. They don't see why the basketball has to keep interrupting the mascot show made just for them.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Boy. You know what el— you know what else they can't watch? *Banana Splits*. I think they love that jam. I saw, I saw—

**Travis:**

*H.R. Pufnstuf* is really disturbing for them.

**Justin:**

Yeah. I saw, I saw a local furry, uh, get so sexually crazed that he, uh, pushed Beeper down to the ground and just had his way with him.

**Griffin:**

[laughs] Just got on it.

**Justin:**

Yeah, I know.

**Griffin:**

Which is weird, because Beeper's not an animal by any, by any—

**Justin:**

He's anthropomorphized nightmares. Like that's—

**Griffin:**

Uh, it's true.

**Justin:**

... that's something, it's a furry costume. Those people don't care, they'll eff anything.

**Griffin:**

They just want something with fur.

**Justin:**

They just want something with fur. Um—

**Griffin:**

Don't, don't let them near a shag carpet—

**Justin:**

Yeah. Watch—

**Griffin:**

... 'cause they'll just work it.

**Justin:**

Watch your back, Tom Selleck.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

"Hey Three Amibros," [laughs], I like it, "uh, I work in retail, and I'm next in line to be manager. Uh, my boss always complains about hating his job, but he just won't leave. How can I get him to quit? I want him... I want a promotion." Griffin, you know what it's time for? [yelling] *Highlander*, what's up?

**Griffin:**

Yeah. You gotta—

**Justin:**

[enthusiastically] There can be only manager of this Denny's, what?

**Griffin:**

Don't cut off his head. Whatever you do, that's gonna be more trouble than, than you want in your play.

**Justin:**

I, I rule the Gap!

**Griffin:**

Um, [laughs], it will be pretty cool when lightning strikes you in the Gap—

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

... filling you with powers—

**Justin:**

I'm folding my last sweater!

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Now I make the schedules!

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

[high-pitched] Here we are. Um—

**Justin:**

[singing, high-pitched] Born to be kings of this Gap that I now can run.

**Griffin:**

You, [laughs], you should quit.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Wait, wait, how can he quit? He just killed his manager, [laughs].

**Griffin:**

Before you kill your manager—

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

And by before, I mean don't... Just don't—

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

... do that. Um—

**Justin:**

Well, don't do it and quit, that defeats the whole purpose.

**Griffin:**

I think you should just quit.

**Justin:**

Wait, why?

**Travis:**

Because retail blows.

**Griffin:**

It, it just doesn't sound like it's right for you.

**Justin:**

Uh, uh, I think we've all worked our, our fair share of retail jobs, and I've had a manager or two that I would like to cut their head off.

**Griffin:**

Sure.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

I, I, uh—

**Travis:**

Well, yes.

**Griffin:**

I mean, I've only worked one, but it... I mean, that was a pretty pleasant experience overall.

**Justin:**

If you are like 100% sure—

**Travis:**

You got mugged, Griffin. You got robbed. What are you talking about?

**Griffin:**

I did get robbed, but that was—

**Travis:**

You got robbed at gunpoint.

**Griffin:**

... that was a growth experience that taught me about myself. And I'm sure it taught that person a little bit about themselves, too.

**Justin:**

Yeah, [laughs], I'm positive. Or, at least, now that they're in jail.

**Griffin:**

Now that they're in prison, yeah.

**Justin:**

Do you know that if there is a quickening after a murder, you cannot be legally tried for it? That's true.

**Griffin:**

I did not know that.

**Justin:**

Yeah, if you're 100% sure there is going to be a quickening after you cut someone's head off with a katana.

**Griffin:**

I guess that explains why in, in *Highlander*, the series, I mean, Duncan kills a lot of dudes, right? But he never has to face any litigatory pressure.

**Justin:**

I, I would never watch something like that. I don't, I don't know why you would—



**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

... reference that. I have... What? No. What? No.

**Griffin:**

On, on USA?

**Travis:**

That show was awesome.

**Justin:**

It's all good... It's all fun and games to talk about cutting a manager's head off with a katana, but when you're talking about actually watching *Highlander*, I don't know, like the series, I... it goes a little bit too far, I think.

**Travis:**

Formspring, let me give you some real advice here.

**Justin:**

Uh-oh.

**Travis:**

I know. Here's what you need to do, the next time your manager doodles something or makes something out of a straw paper, act like it's the greatest thing you've ever seen, and encourage him to become a famous artist.

**Justin:**

Ooh!

**Griffin:**

That's pretty good.

**Justin:**

I like that. Le—... Like, tell, tell him that he's too good for retail, and he needs to get out?

**Travis:**

Exactly.

**Justin:**

Uh—

**Travis:**

And then after he quits, be like, "I was just kidding, that's dumb. Haha."

**Justin:**

Yeah, and then be like, "I'm the manager now. *Highlander!*" Like, say that, though.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Um, I... Uh, here's another option, or ask him to come back to the warehouse and look at something for you while there's a bunch of people in there, and then just, like, as soon as you get back there, shout, "No, you can't touch my wiener!" Like that.

**Travis:**

[laughs].

**Justin:**

Like, "You can't rub it and t— touch it."

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

And then, like, run out screaming with your pants around your ankles, and people will, they will call for his head. And then—

**Travis:**

Hmm.

**Justin:**

... after they call for his head, natch—

**Griffin:**

You cut it off.

**Justin:**

You cut it off.

**Griffin:**

Quickening.

**Justin:**

Quickening.

**Griffin:**

*Highlander*. Yep.

**Justin:**

*Highlander*. Yeah.

**Griffin:**

[laughs], and I'm with... I think, um, I know what the theme of this episode is.

**Justin:**

Uh, a *Highlander*-style quickening, after, uh, an empty, uh, uh, accusation of sexual misconduct.

**Travis:**

[laughs] There can be only one appropriate response.

**Justin:**

[laughs] "I'm 20... I'm a 28-year-old dude, and my boyfriend is 52. Uh, my friends are all cool with the gay thing, but how do I approach the age gap? He's a pretty cool guy and not at all a granddad. Cheers."

**Griffin:**

Oh.

**Justin:**

And this comes to us from Yes, I Know It's Weird.

**Griffin:**

Listen—

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

... the... Okay, listen. Are you listening?

**Justin:**

I am.

**Griffin:**

It kinda sucks that he's not at all a granddad.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

I'm... I am not—

**Travis:**

You'd always have Werther's Originals—

**Justin:**

Yes.

**Griffin:**

If I was a, a homosexual, I would totally want a granddad boyfriend.

**Justin:**

Yeah, totally.

**Griffin:**

Think of the benefits.

**Justin:**

Many.

**Griffin:**

Too many to name.

**Justin:**

Yeah. Uh, there's, there's, uh, uh, using denture cream as a lubricant. That's all I got.

**Griffin:**

See, there, I was gonna make—

**Justin:**

That's not... Were you gonna go around that region, or...

**Griffin:**

Um, around, [laughs], that area, uh, involving dentures and the options that that provides.

**Justin:**

Whoa, I didn't even think about that. Yeah, take those dentures out, Papa.

**Griffin:**

Yumma, yumma.

**Travis:**

I was just thinking about like—

**Justin:**

[laughs] Yumma, yumma, indeed, [laughs].

**Griffin:**

Um—

**Travis:**

I was just thinking about how awesome it would be to roll up to like a hardcore gay club with like a dude who looks like Andy Griffith in a sweater vest.

**Griffin:**

Or a dude that is Andy Griffith.

**Justin:**

[laughs] What's nice is that you can, uh, you get to eat dinner at like 4:30, [laughs], which is good. That's a—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

I guess that's g— gay banter in different... Right?

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

Like, uh, either way, I mean, you—

**Travis:**

Yes.

**Griffin:**

I could date a grandma and still get that treatment.

**Justin:**

Oh boy.

**Travis:**

Yeah. What is age gap these days? We're livin' to like 130, 140.

**Justin:**

That's a good... a great point, Travis, science.

**Griffin:**

Uh, th—... I mean, this gu— this guy's got 25 on him, though. I mean, that's a, that's a significant chunk of change.

**Justin:**

Yeah. Um, I, uh... 24, but...

**Travis:**

You know, who's counting?

**Justin:**

Who's counting? [laughs] Who can do some simple subtraction? [laughs]

**Griffin:**

Clearly not me.

**Justin:**

Not Griffin. Uh, well, it's not his birthday, cut him some slack. Um, uh, uh, I think that if your friends are already cool with the gay thing, you gotta understand that like, th—... Uh, I mean, it's not that they're not understanding, it, it's that... And you might love this grandpa very much, but y— your f—... It's still like bringin' an old guy around.

**Travis:**

Oh, get him a T-shirt that says "World's Best Grandpa"—

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Travis:**

... but mark out "Grandpa" and write "Boyfriend."

**Griffin:**

[laughs] No, come on. No, come on.

**Justin:**

[laughs] I was gonna go with lover, but, um—

**Travis:**

[laughing quietly]

**Griffin:**

Come on, let's, let's help thi— this—

**Travis:**

Here's, here's the important thing, when it comes to an age gap it's not the age that's important, it's the interests. If you share the same interests, if you're into the same things, if you get along well, age doesn't matter. But if you don't connect on that level, like if you wanna go out all the time and he wants to stay home, if you have different interests and you're not interested in the same thing... And this applies, you know, for anyone entering in a relationship with an older person, or, you know, in any relationship, if you don't have similar interests, if you don't agree on things, it's not a good match. If you do, then who the fuck cares?

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Well, and that's, that's—

**Travis:**

You know, if you guys agree, if you're happy together, then—

**Justin:**

Yeah. And, and they will get... Your friends, I think that if you continue in this relationship, and you continue to bring him around, your friends will get acclimated. Like, they really will.

**Griffin:**



Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

I mean, they, they, they will adjust to, to this guy, and maybe it won't seem so weird to them, uh, eh, after a while. I mean, we're all just people, right? Underneath the skin.

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Um, eh, they'll get along—

**Travis:**

And the—

**Griffin:**

... really well with him, especially once he keeps giving them like, really old, dry pieces of chewing gum. No, but on the serious though, if you have similar interests with him, and you have similar interests with your friends, they're gonna get along great.

**Travis:**

Yeah, um, um—

**Griffin:**

You gotta, you've just gotta prove it to 'em.

**Travis:**

That being said, be, be prepared for the fact that you will get that initial, like—

**Griffin:**

So much.

**Travis:**

... "Who is that guy?" And, and you just have to be braced for that. You know, I, I have a lot of friends that are in relationships with, you know,

people much older than them. And, I mean, it's one of those things where you just have to be ready for that initial, like, "Wow, he's a lot older than you."

**Justin:**

Oh, [laughs].

**Travis:**

And you go, "I know, but I love him."

**Justin:**

Oh my God, oh my God. Have him show up and say he is your granddad, and then, ha— halfway, ha—

**Griffin:**

No, this is—

**Justin:**

No, wait. Now, wait. Now, listen. Hear me say... Hear me out.

**Griffin:**

This is the worst thing you've ever said.

**Justin:**

Hear me, [laughs], hear me out. Have him come and say he is your granddad, and then halfway through the night, just, like, you two just tongue kiss like crazy.

**Griffin:**

Uh-huh [affirmative].

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

And then he'll be like, and then he'll be like, "What up, fuckers? Mind blown!"

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

And everyone will be like, "Wow, you're the coolest guy ever!" And then you say, "But no, we are seriously in love."

**Travis:**

And then he breaks into a great guitar solo.

**Justin:**

[laughs], "We're very much in love, uh, really."

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

And they will be so punked—

**Griffin:**

So, w—

**Justin:**

... that they will l— love it when you do that.

**Griffin:**

When you're looking for the best way to acclimate your group of friends—

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Hmm.

**Griffin:**

... to your older boyfriend, the best thing you can do is pretend he's your grandpa.

**Justin:**

And then?

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

And just bone down on him.

**Travis:**

Then kiss him [laughs].

**Griffin:**

Right.

**Justin:**

Yeah, turn and kiss him right in the middle of the night.

**Griffin:**

[sighs]

**Justin:**

I hope our dad, [laughs], who is three years older than this guy, does not listen to this show, and us saying that a 52-year-old man is like pretty much—

**Griffin:**

Grandpa age.

**Justin:**

Pretty much dead, [laughs]. He's pretty much like a dead guy. It's like, it's like the Crypt Keeper followin' you around, [laughs]. "Uh, I, [laughs], I need, I need help." And you've turned... come to the right place. "My friend has a crush on me, and has asked me out on numerous dates. I keep politely saying I'm busy that weekend, or I have no money, hoping he'll take a hint, but he keeps persisting. Is there a way to let him know there's no way me and him could ever be together without ruining our friendship?" Fr— That's Friend Troubles, Gmail. Yeesh!

**Travis:**

Bad news, your friendship's ruined.

**Justin:**

Yeah, [laughs], it's already ruined.

**Griffin:**

But don't, don't worry about it, because that's not on you. That shit's not on you. That shit's on him.

**Travis:**

Oh, yeah.

**Justin:**

He made things weird. He's the weird one.

**Travis:**

He, he is attacking your country. You just gotta defend yourself.

**Justin:**

That's right. That's right. He's the aggressor.

**Travis:**

Now, straight up, though, cut out this head bullshit, and you just need to be like, "Listen, my friend, my friend, that's it."

**Griffin:**

You need to roll up a n— roll up a newspaper and smack him right on the tip of his nose.

**Justin:**

Yeah, precisely.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh, no—

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

... no joke. Like, you gotta be stern with him, and be like, "Listen—"

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

"... if we're gonna keep being friends, you need to fuckin' cut this shit out, because I am not into it."

**Justin:**

Yeah, the longer this goes on, the less of a chance you have of salvaging the friendship. You've gotta just really straight up say, "Listen, I don't want this to be embarrassing or weird, but, uh, uh, it's not gonna happen with you and me. I just don't feel about you that way, and I really like you, and I wanna keep hanging out with you and being friends. And who knows, maybe if we're friends long enough, I'll come around." And then just, like—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

... let it go at that. There you go, kid.

**Griffin:**

"You gotta, you gotta trust me, I will get over it." I mean, he will get... Aw.

**Travis:**

Aw.

**Justin:**

Aw.

**Griffin:**

A happy birthday to not me.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

It feels like everybody's birthday but Griffin's today, doesn't it? It's weird.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Um—

**Travis:**

That's how I feel every day.

**Justin:**

You got... You've gotta give it to him straight. Don't leave him any hope. Like, seriously, I know it seems cruel, but there's nothing crueler than what you're doing right now, [laughs], I promise. Because when you say these excuses, what he hears, what the guy's brain, what the male's brain translates that into is, is nothing. He doesn't translate it at all. He hears exactly what you're saying, [laughs]. Like—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

... we don't take hints. That's—

**Travis:**

"Oh, she doesn't have enough time. Okay, great."

**Griffin:**

Oh yeah.

**Justin:**

[laughs], "I will wait until she's more free—"

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

"... She has more free time."

**Travis:**

Yeah. Of course.

**Griffin:**

Hey, I have a, I have a Yahoo Answer.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

It was sent in by JRegal21, which is pretty cool.

**Justin:**

God, that's a good one.

**Griffin:**

Um, it's, uh, it's by Yahoo Answers user Omgitssal.

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

All right. Um, and it's one of those answers that's n— not particularly... Uh, or the question itself, rather, isn't particularly, um, huh, highly—

**Justin:**

Could it be OM— OMG, It's Sal?



**Griffin:**

It might be what it is.

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Um—

**Justin:**

And I don't wanna defend this anymore.

**Griffin:**

Thank you.

**Justin:**

I'm not talking anymore.

**Griffin:**

You're so much better at translating internet speak than I am. Uh, but it's, uh, it's one of those great questions where the comedy doesn't so much come from the, uh, the question itself, rather that it comes from the answers. Uh, OMGitssal asks, "Need help with my story title? Hi, I'm writing a story about a young woman who has three children, and one day she gets into a horrible accident and the three children die. Her life changes forever from that moment on. She ends up falling in love with a man whose brother was driving the car that killed her kids. Do you have any ideas for a title? Thanks." Smiley face. So, that's the question.

**Travis:**

I would call it Yakity Sax.

**Griffin:**

Um—

**Justin:**

Isn't that, isn't that what *Family Matters* was about?

**Griffin:**

Yes. Uh, *Family Matters* would be an appropriate title for this book. That's—

**Justin:**

What about *Perfect Strangers*?

**Griffin:**

*Perfect Strangers*?

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

"Empty House"? All of these, um—

**Justin:**

"Empty..." Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Three Was Enough, But Now We're Back Down to Zero. Guys, fucking trust me, there is nothing we can say, uh, that's gonna be funnier than the questions that the real internet turned out.

**Justin:**

[laughs], okay. The answers, you mean? The ans— the answers to the—

**Griffin:**

Here's one from Nina, who's, who replies, "Riding Waves," parenthesis, "[whispering] Emotional Waves." Um, Grace says, "The Painful Reminder, or The Reminder, because he reminds her about the kids and the painful loss."

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

"Source: my mind."

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Fuck you.

**Griffin:**

It's—

**Justin:**

It does not say that.

**Griffin:**

Didn't plagiarize that one. That one came right from her dome piece.

**Justin:**

[laughs] No, right from the noggin, [laughs], "This is noggin cream that I made just for your problem. Here."

**Griffin:**

Sakura Shaunnessy has a, a bunch of really good ones. Here we go.

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

"Loving the Dead."

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Travis:**

Argh.

**Griffin:**

"The Day They Die, The Day They Died."

**Travis:**

No.

**Justin:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

"Wispy Memories."

**Justin:**

Wispy Memories.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

I'm trying to solidify this memory in my head, but I can't, it's just ephemeral. It's right there. It's wispy.

**Griffin:**

"Coping with the Pain."

**Justin:**

Coping, Coping—

**Griffin:**

"The—"

**Justin:**

... Coping with the Pain. I like it, it flows.

**Griffin:**

"The Day They Never Saw Night." Huh?

**Justin:**

[laughs] Bwuh?

**Griffin:**

"Grieving Mom." That's pretty straightforward, I guess.

**Justin:**

[laughs] "Book."

**Griffin:**

"Grief..." [laughs].

**Justin:**

Book, Book.

**Griffin:**

"Grief, Tears, and Love?" There is a question mark.

**Justin:**

[laughs] That's like, that's like, uh, [laughs], that's like, "They're best friends, but one of them's a cat?"

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Like that guy that—

**Griffin:**

Lynne Di—

**Travis:**

She sits on her lap?

**Griffin:**

Lynn Diane asks... or replies, [laughs], sorry, "Fatal Crossing. Maybe the children are killed crossing the street, or at a crosswalk, or at a railroad crossing." Bitch, don't try to rewrite this book before it's wrote.

**Justin:**

[laughs] "This is coming from my heart, [laughs]. Source, my mind. Trust me."

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

"Trust, trust on the fact that I... you're not gonna help me in the edits. This is a titling project only. I am creative enough to come up with a whole book, but not a title for the book."

**Griffin:**

Percyjackson127, who is a top contributor to Yahoo... Uh, we haven't seen one of those in a while, uh, responds, uh, "Taming Soul." Ugh. "Taking Flight. Burning Memories."

**Justin:**

Why? Okay.

**Griffin:**

"Love with the Murderer—"

**Travis:**

I'm thinking that maybe they died in a plane crash.

**Griffin:**

... "Love with the Murderer's Boy." [laughs]

**Justin:**

What?

**Travis:**

[bursts out laughing]

**Griffin:**

[laughs], "Love with the Murderer's Boy."

**Justin:**

That... This guy has a fundamental misunderstanding of what this story is about.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

Not like we do. He didn't get it. I wanna—

**Griffin:**

That's a—

**Travis:**

Here's my title, uh, A Book About A Woman Who Falls In Love With The Dude That Killed Her Kids.

**Justin:**

Let me hit you guys with, There Can Be Only None. What do you th—

**Griffin:**

Ooh.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Uh, we've gotta have a better title than these people. I do like Riding Waves of Emotion.

**Griffin:**

[whispering] Emotional Waves.

**Justin:**

[whispering] Emotional Waves. Source?

**Griffin:**

There's no source on that one, but I'm gonna go ahead and assume it was also her mind.

**Travis:**

No, that was her heart.

**Griffin:**

How about, how about Movin' Out?

**Justin:**

Whoa, I like it, [laughs]. Um—

**Travis:**

The Music Man.

**Justin:**

Eh, what about My Hero?

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh—

**Justin:**

The... Are we... Am I to believe that this story, that this story is that she falls in love with the brother of the guy who accidentally killed her kids?

**Griffin:**

Yes.

**Travis:**

[laughs]



**Justin:**

This is not—

**Travis:**

Call the book, Sorry About My Brother.

**Justin:**

That's not a very good book, [laughs], it doesn't sound like.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

It doesn't sound like a very good... like a very interesting story. Like, uh, it seems like that conversation would kinda be like, "Isn't that...?"

"Yeah..."

"Oh, well..."

"Yeah, I know."

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

"What can you do, right?" Oh, that's a good title! What Can You Do?

**Griffin:**

What Can You Do?

**Travis:**

[laughs], Oh Well.

**Griffin:**

How about, um—

**Justin:**

That one's fun.

**Griffin:**

How about just, Uh-Oh?

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Whoops.

**Justin:**

Oops.

**Travis:**

My Bad.

**Griffin:**

Also—

**Justin:**

Uh, uh.

**Griffin:**

... Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants.

**Justin:**

"I had college class that got out early. I ended up asking the girl I have a crush on, and who I usually talk to during class, out to grab something to eat. I don't consider it a date, but I wanted to get a sense of where I stand with this girl. Overwhelmingly, I kept her laughing and entertained, and she kept telling me how funny I was. I consider myself a handsome gent, and I have good manners, and there was never any breaks in conversation or awkward pauses. My question for you, is keeping being the funny guy enough to give me a viable chance with this girl? Sincerely, Pagliacci the Sad Clown."

**Griffin:**

I like it.

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

I like that very much.

**Travis:**

Yeah, that's the dopest, dopest of all the name we got.

**Justin:**

That is a really dope name.

**Griffin:**

College, huh?

**Justin:**

[laughs] What do you mean?

**Griffin:**

That's my official, [laughs], that's my official response to this question.

**Justin:**

I'm really weighing this one out. I'm trying to, I'm trying to piece this together. I, I think if I was a girl, the number one thing I would look for is to be continually surprised.

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

So, maybe tomorrow you go in all business.

**Griffin:**

Is that the opposite of funny to you? I would say, I would say like just depressed. Like really sad.

**Justin:**

Oh, you mean like—

**Griffin:**

[sobbing] "Love me."

**Justin:**

Not like that. Not needy.

**Travis:**

No, don't, don't do that.

**Justin:**

Not needy.

**Travis:**

Hmm.

**Justin:**

Not needy. Just like, just like, look at her, and be like, "We're all just walking dead people. Think about it."

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

And then look at your desk.

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Justin:**

Like, and she'll be like, "Wow, you are multi-layered. I'd like to have some sex with you, please."

**Griffin:**

And then the next emotion—

**Travis:**

"I'd like to peel that onion."

**Griffin:**

... you could be, um, you could be like really envious of things. That's a, that's an emotion.

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

I'm not sure how to—

**Justin:**

"I saw you talking to that guy at the coffee shop today. [crosstalk] I thought we were, we were, we were exclusive."

**Griffin:**

It wouldn't even have to be about her. It could be like, "Ugh, that guy's backpack is better than mine. Want it."

**Justin:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

The next day, you could be listless. I j— I just, yeah, I think that you need to, to mix it up. Go on LiveJournal, right? They have a big list of emotions there—

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

... whenever you're feeling out just like, "Oh, today I'm quixotic."

**Justin:**

"Today I'm *Highlander-ey*."

**Griffin:**

[laughs] God damn it.

**Justin:**

"Today I'm quickening." [laughs]

**Travis:**

This, just being funny, no.

**Griffin:**

Being funny is not enough, so—

**Justin:**

It's not. It's not enough.

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

But what do you have to be?

**Travis:**

Um, it's w— it's one of those things where, you know, you always... When... If, if you ask any woman what's the number one thing they look for in a guy, the answer is always a sense of humor.

**Justin:**

Big penis.

**Griffin:**

Penis, penis, sweat and—

**Travis:**

And penis. And penis diameter, [laughs].

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Travis:**

And the matter—

**Justin:**

There's actually a sliding scale of penis diameter versus sense of humor, [laughs], though, if you've actually got some time.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Let's just put it this way, I'm very funny.

**Griffin:**

That's, that's your, [laughs], that's your BMI, right? That's, that's—

**Justin:**

Yeah, that's your B—... That's what BMI is.

**Travis:**

Uh-huh [affirmative]. But the problem is, with that, is like, that is the first thing women look for, but not the only thing.

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

That's true.

**Travis:**

If that's the only thing women look for, then every guy who writes in and says, "I like my friend, I wanna ask her out," would totally be dating that friend.

**Griffin:**

Sure.

**Justin:**

I think there's—

**Travis:**

But you have to have a sexual edge to the relationship.

**Griffin:**

[laughs], I'm sorry.

**Travis:**

Do not just be the funny guy.

**Griffin:**

[laughs] I'm sorry. I didn't mean to laugh when you just said sexual edge, [laughs]. That's a, that's a powerful turn of phrase, Travis.

**Justin:**

[wheezing laughter] That's a linguistic challenge you've put up there, I think. Uh—

**Travis:**

Th— that's actually the name of my erotic sword company.

**Justin:**

[laughs] Why did you even start that? It's floundering, you know? "I mean, did you hear about—"

**Travis:**

I know.

**Justin:**

"... Travis' sword company? It's not doing well, [laughs]. It's all erotic."

**Griffin:**



They have a, [laughs], they have a very nice selection of novelty, uh, of Bonar Katanas, but, [laughs], I don't know.

**Justin:**

Uh, it's, it's a good... I mean, like, his business plan was good. I, I don't know why the guys from, uh, Shark Tank invested, [laughs], so much in that part.

**Travis:**

Well, our, our clothing line, Horny Highlander, is really not working out.

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

I'm putting a, a blockade on any more *Highlander* references this episode.

**Justin:**

Okay, sounds good.

**Griffin:**

I'm putting an embargo on them.

**Justin:**

The... I think the, uh, uh, being funny, I think it shows confidence, which may be more at the source of, uh, the attraction, it's, it's... And it, and it makes the, the girl feel, um, safe. Because if you're joking about that, then... If you're joking about anything, then, you know, you're, you're feeling confident and secure in the situation. I think you need to bring... The— there, there's a, a fine line between funny and goofy. And I think once you get too goofy, you're in a weird place where you are just, uh, an entertaining thing. You're not like, you're not showing stability or, uh, pardon the phrase, sexual edge. And—

**Griffin:**

That's the th—, eh, eh—

**Travis:**

That's a great place.

**Griffin:**

Can you, eh, can you be goofy and have a sexual edge? Can you be like a wacky, sexy clown?

**Justin:**

Uh, uh, it seems like Gallagher—

**Travis:**

Yes, you can.

**Justin:**

... has been doing okay for himself all these years.

**Travis:**

It just, it depends on her. Like, what is she looking for? Like, maybe she is looking for a sexy clown.

**Justin:**

Hey guys, can I just suggest something here, and just like lay it out there? Maybe this will be revolutionary. Maybe this will start a huge wave that will sweep procrastination. Just be yourself. How about that?

**Griffin:**

Ooh, yes.

**Justin:**

And if she doesn't like it, uh, you, you are cool enough to listen to *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, and right in with the name Pagliacci the Sad Clown. I think you're pretty cool. So, maybe she should just get, get on with it. Get it. Get down with it. I don't mean like sexy. I mean, like get the hint that you are really dope. You're a really dope guy.

**Griffin:**

Yeah, just have her listen to this episode of the podcast. Have her listen to this right now, uh, if she doesn't believe how dope you are. And, and, you know, I think it'll do a pretty good job of convincing her.

**Justin:**

You might wanna fast forward past the part where we cut off a bunch of people's heads.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. And also the parts about fucking raccoons, uh—

**Justin:**

Uh-huh [affirmative], hmm.

**Griffin:**

... the part about fucking grandpas—

**Travis:**

Sexy grandpas.

**Justin:**

Sexy grandpas, that part. Pooping.

**Travis:**

We talked about pooping with a cat in your lap, [crosstalk].

**Justin:**

Don't... Not this show. Don't play the... our podcast for her, [laughs]. I wanna—

**Travis:**

Uh, not necessarily this one.

**Justin:**

I wanna re—... Well, any of them. I just wanna rejigger that advice real quick.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Or recalibrate. Griffin, "Um, I'm a professional songwriter—"

**Griffin:**

Okay.

**Justin:**

I don't know if you knew. "Uh, by professional songwriter, I mean I play often-empty clubs with my band for free. Uh, I've been having a hard time writing songs lately. Can you give me ideas for things to write about? Yours Truly, Musically Constipated." There's... It seems like one right there.

**Griffin:**

I, I really, [laughs], I, I wish I could, but I, I've... I, I can't write songs. Like, I—

**Justin:**

Hmm.

**Griffin:**

... I love playing guitar and I love listening to songs.

**Justin:**

Hmm.

**Griffin:**

I have never... I actually, I wrote one song in college, but I swear there's nothing you guys can say that would make me talk about it on the show. Don't even... Like, not joking, don't even try to make me talk about it on the show. 'Cause it was, it was the worst thing ever. And it was for a girl. Uh, it may have had references to Superman, and that's all we're gonna go into about it.

**Justin:**

Okay, go ahead. Just give us a few, few chords. A few words.

**Griffin:**

No, I can't. Justin, uh, but, uh, Justin, I think that you are a more prolific songwriter than I am.

**Justin:**

Yeah. I, I, I think you gotta write about... Here's, here's what you do. You take the... You gotta take out your songwriter's microscope.

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

If you, if you pull it out all the way back and you look at everything, then, then it's more of like a magnifying glass, or, or a telescope. And you see real, real general things, like, like love—

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Justin:**

... um, and the sun. But everybody's written about those things. So what you have to do, you have to take out that microscope and just get really deep, and find the things in your life that you think that no one else does. And I bet that you're gonna find some honest stuff there, things that you don't think happened to every— everybody, just to you. And those are the things that when people hear 'em, they really relate to `em.

**Griffin:**

[singing] Jerking off to *Space Jam*...

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

[laughs] I wasn't going to say that, but yeah, I mean, for example.

**Travis:**

Can I, can I counterpoint that? Is it possible that maybe all the songs have been written?

**Justin:**

Oh.

**Griffin:**

I think that's totally po—... Every, every idea has been thought, every song has been written.

**Justin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Travis:**

There's no more room for any more music in the world.

**Justin:**

Maybe—

**Griffin:**

So what you gotta... You gotta find a song that you like and then write the opposite song of it.

**Justin:**

Right.

**Griffin:**

Do you know what I'm saying?

**Travis:**

Yes.

**Griffin:**

Like take a song like... Let me think.

**Justin:**

"Good Sunsetting," how about that?

**Griffin:**

"Good Sunsetting," and write "Bad Moonrise."

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Travis:**

Ah.

**Justin:**

Take that.

**Griffin:**

Son of a bitch.

**Justin:**

[laughs] What's up? Who there now? [laughs] Uh, I think that... I, I think that the, the greatest, uh, uh, thing you can do musically is not write a song, and then tell people that. Say, "I'm a songwriter, but I'm making a powerful statement by not writing any new music."

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

**Travis:**

"This is my song, four minutes of silence. Enjoy."

**Griffin:**

Why don't you go the [unintelligible] route and, and write songs in a gibberish language? I mean—

**Justin:**

No.

**Griffin:**

... there's—

**Travis:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Eh, it's still challenging, you have to write pretty chords. Is that what you're asking? Maybe it's not asking about lyrics. Maybe he's actually asking about chord progressions. And if that's the case, E, E diminished, F sharp minor, F sharp minor diminished. [whispering] You're welcome.

**Justin:**

[whispering] You're welcome. [normally] It's a recipe for success. You know, uh, you can set yourself up a project. John Linnell, i— uh, has a project called "State Songs," where he just goes to the states and writes songs about each one of them. You can set yourself up something like that. Like do the periodic table of elements, or something. Um—

**Griffin:**

Oh, that would be good.

**Travis:**

Oh, I like that idea.

**Justin:**

Wouldn't that be good? Well, I would listen to that album.

**Griffin:**

How about the food pyramid? That's a, that's... That's like a—

**Travis:**

Ooh, that's another good—

**Griffin:**

That's a six-song EP, if you sum the [crosstalk].

**Travis:**

What about if it's "Organs, The Organs of the Body?"

**Griffin:**

Well—

**Justin:**



Ooh, I like that. What about an EP about the different levels of terror alert that we could be in?

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

I like that.

**Travis:**

What about the different levels of hell?

**Justin:**

[laughs] That's not bad either. See, it's just more of a structure like that. I think you're gonna do real well. Um—

**Griffin:**

Uh, I'm gonna read this Yahoo Answer. Uh, it was sent in by Louie Dog, who has sent in a few things before. Thank you, Louie Dog. Uh it's by Yahoo Answers User Michael Jean, who asks, "Should I tell my wife that I want to join a nude men's yoga group? I have been interested in learning about the benefits of practicing nude yoga. I have been practicing it at home in the nude for a year now. Online, I have read about nude yoga groups practicing in a heated room and I would like to do it. These groups are generally filled with men. I'm not sure I should give my wife all the details of what I wanna do. I'm not gay, but I like the idea of being nude with other men."

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

I don't know. I'm... I... I'm not so sure you know what gay means.

**Griffin and Travis:**

[laugh]

**Justin:**

Maybe that is a bigger... It's not—

**Travis:**

Maybe we need to define some terms here—

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Travis:**

... um—

**Justin:**

I, um—

**Travis:**

... if you like being nude with a bunch of other dudes?

**Griffin:**

Is it, is it fucked up that like I totally don't... I wouldn't have seen this as like a gay thing at all if the room wasn't heated? There's, there's something ab—

**Travis:**

You know, you know who I feel bad for?

**Griffin:**

Who's that?

**Travis:**

I feel bad for the one dude in the group that rolled up like, "Nude yoga, yeah, I wanna check out those girls bending around!"

**Griffin:**

Oh, no!

**Travis:**

He rolls up and it's just a room full of dudes.

**Griffin:**

One—

**Justin:**

Uh—

**Travis:**

But he's already committed, he can't leave.

**Griffin:**

I mean—

**Justin:**

Uh, I, uh, uh, I am... I, I, [laughs], I am... Can you read through the part where he says, "It's, it's..." These classes are usually what?

**Griffin:**

"Uh, these groups are generally filled with men."

**Justin:**

"Filled with men."

**Griffin:**

[laughs] "Hmm, open a window—"

**Justin:**

There's not like—

**Travis:**

[crosstalk].

**Justin:**

... five or six—

**Travis:**

It turns into a big game of Twister.

**Justin:**

[laughs] You are... Eh, listen, I, I don't care, gay, straight, bisexual, Travis, you are gonna see some fat—

**Griffin:**

What?

**Justin:**

You're—

**Griffin:**

And you're not even gonna... It's, if... And if the room is literally filled with men, this heated-ass room—

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

... filled with men—

**Travis:**

Just wall-to-wall, but floor-to-ceiling.

**Griffin:**

... it doesn't matter—

**Justin:**

Doing yoga.

**Griffin:**

... if you're not, if you're not gay, like first sunrise salutation that you do, you're gonna get it. You're gonna get it.

**Justin:**

It's like a furry quilt made of stinky pretzels.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

It's just a nightmare.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

It would just, [laughs], be the worst.

**Travis:**

I am... I, I have a couple of gay friends that I'm pretty sure would describe that as the gayest—

**Griffin:**

[laughs] The gayest!

**Travis:**

... they ever heard.

**Griffin:**

Like, and, and that's cool. Like, just, like, accept that. Just accept it. That you were the first down— downwards facing dog, you're gonna get a loo—

**Justin:**

That's not... No, no, no.

**Travis:**

You're gonna be downward facing balls.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

I'm a s— I'm a straight guy, I don't say, "God, I wish there was just a big swimming pool filled with vaginas, that I could jump into." Like, that's the... that's what you're equating it to.

**Griffin:**

Right.

**Justin:**

It's, you could be gay and like, it's not gay or straight... It's not a gay or straight issue. It's, it's the fact that—

**Travis:**

It's just gross.

**Justin:**

... it's just gross.

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Like, it's gross! It's not like gay, like, I, "I'm attracted to other guys, which means that I wanna stretch it, it around with them, [laughs], and have them... s— some guy spreading his butt cheeks in front of me." [laughs]  
Like, I don't think—

**Travis:**

Let's, let's, let's redefine terms here. Instead of calling it a nude yoga class, let's say you're walking down a hallway and you turn to your friend and say, "Hey, Bill, do you wanna go into that heated room filled with naked guys?"

**Griffin:**

"It's heated. It's so hot in here."

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

[laughs] "I am sweating so much."

"I would say glistening."

"Yeah, thank you."

**Griffin:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

"You're a very gay man, and it's come with that—"

"I'm uncomfortable with the fact that I am so very gay."

Thi— this is weird, because it's like the, um... It's, it's like a, a scorched-earth policy to being gay. Like, [laughs], you can't have sex, [laughs], with guys because you're married, so you do something gayer than have sex with men. It's like—

**Griffin:**

[laughs] We, we found it. We just broke the world.

**Travis:**

[bursts out laughing]

**Justin:**

Well, eu— eureka!

**Griffin:**

[laughs] Oh, Christ.

**Justin:**

Oh, shit.

**Griffin:**

Uh, now—

**Justin:**

Uh—

**Griffin:**

Now, if you did yoga in a heated room with a bunch of people dressed up like animals—

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

... how does that rate on this scale that we've created?

**Justin:**

It rates on the scale of, uh, why did Justin go to jail? Did you hear he burned that building down? He burned a building full of other people in it to the ground, but I heard they were furies, so it was okay. Uh, I... Okay. I do wanna hear Griffin's last question. I don't know how he's gonna top that last one.

**Griffin:**

Yeah?

**Justin:**

Uh, but we got a couple of quick housekeeping things. Uh, the site MBMBaM, mbmbam.com is live and new. If you like new sites, check out annafurlaxis.com. She's a fan of the show. She's a burlesque [unintelligible]. She just relaunched her site. Um, we are gonna have new gear—

**Travis:**

And it's, it's fresh, by the way. I checked it out, it's fresh.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Travis:**



It's awesome.

**Justin:**

Uh, new gear is gonna be up... uh, gear? God.

**Griffin:**

No, I like it.

**Justin:**

Okay. New gear, new MBMBaM gear is gonna be up—

**Travis:**

New, new equipment.

**Justin:**

... probably the next week or so. Got the coffee mug, got a girl's shirt, got a "Pack Your Bags and Move Away" shirt—

**Griffin:**

Not, not a girl's size shirt. We just, we got a girl's shirt.

**Travis:**

[laughs]

**Justin:**

Yeah, we're—

**Griffin:**

We got it.

**Justin:**

... we're auctioning it off to the highest, loneliest bidder.

**Griffin:**

It's smells so great.

**Justin:**

Wow.

**Travis:**

It still smells like girl.

**Justin:**

Smells like a girl. Uh, we vacuum sealed it. Um, uh, so, so do that. Get on those forums. Uh, there's great discussions going on there constantly.

**Griffin:**

Really is. I'm, I'm seeing a lot of people talking about like, books that they like, and music that they like, and other podcasts that they listen to. Like, it's a community. It's a real community.

**Justin:**

It is a community. And it's such a specific, uh, uh, uh, thread. I'm gonna have... Uh, you know what? I'll just tell Craig now, we need a thread for people to introduce themselves where everybody can go—

**Griffin:**

No, that exists. It's stickied, what's up?

**Justin:**

It's stickied, is it? What's u—... God, I don't know if that was Craig or not, but good on you, Craig. Um, and I know we've got some new, uh, new designs coming up. Actually, I just got them in the mail. They look dope.

**Griffin:**

Ooh, I didn't know that.

**Justin:**

Um, yeah, I know, I'm a showoff. And then, uh, [laughs], and then, uh, you know, just ge—... Eh, oh, Twitter, you can tweet about us. Uh, use the hashtag MBMBaM.com. Uh, don't do, don't do .com. Just use #MBMBaM.

**Travis:**

Oh, I was just going to say we started something on Twitter in the middle of this week, that if you go on and, uh, and on iTunes and review and rate the

show, I'll give you a personalized compliment. And I'm enjoying it way more than you are. So, do it, 'cause I like complimenting people.

**Justin:**

So, basically, you review the show... Uh, either the show or the appspereience, and then you tweet about it. Make sure you use either the #MBMBaM hashtag, or @Travis. Um, well, don't just @Travis, 'cause we want everybody to see that, your, your dedication. But, um, h— Travis will give you a personalized compliment, just for you. Um—

**Griffin:**

And, uh, tell a friend. Tell a friend. Give 'em... Burn a CD—

**Justin:**

Tell a friend.

**Griffin:**

... with a couple of shows on it.

**Justin:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

'Cause you know what? Next week is our 30th episode. And I think that the best way that we could celebrate is by reaching out to a, a whole new generation of listeners. If you listened to the first 29 eps, you are officially on the ground floor. I know we keep pushing that bar back, but you, if you're listening to this now, congratulations, you're on the ground floor. It's time to, to evangelize.

**Justin:**

Awesome. Okay, guys. Well, uh, Griffin, hit me with that last big question.

**Griffin:**

Sure. And this one was sent in by Jonathan Bartram, who's got a two-show streak going. It's by Yahoo Answers User Arianna, who asks, "Poll, should I get high today?"

**Justin:**

[laughs] It's Justin McElroy, I'm, I'm voting yes.

**Travis:**

[laughs] This is Travis McElroy, I'm voting yes.

**Griffin:**

I'm Griffin McElroy, I'm gonna say no.

**Justin:**

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

[end theme song plays]

**Griffin:**

The best answer on that last question, uh, it was by, uh, Yahoo Answers User Geeks Are Freaks, [laughs], who responded, "Um, if you do this might happen," with a link to Afroman's "Because I Got High"—

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

... his video. Um, and then she adds, "LOL, listen to the lyrics."

**Justin:**

[laughs]

**Travis:**

The cautionary tale that is Afroman's "Because I Got..."

**Justin:**

Why would you—

**Griffin:**

Hey, don't just... Don't just absentmindedly play this in the background, you gotta listen to those lyrics.

**Justin:**

You gotta listen to 'em.

**Travis:**

[laughs]