

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 plays]

Justin:

It's time for the reckoning. You don't get anything for free in this world [laughs]. And this is-

Griffin:

We are... we are cutting you off.

Justin:

This is no exception. This is-

Travis:

44 episodes in, the bill is due.

Justin:

The bill is due, bitches. It's My Brother, My Brother, and Me [laughing], and advice show for the modern era. Welcome to our-

Travis:

You gots to pay the piper [laughing].

Justin:

Time to pay the piper, sluts. Welcome to the great-... welcome to the greatest pledge episode ever [laughing]. This is the best little... the best little pledge episode in Texas is what we're calling this one [laughing]. And this is... this is My Brother, My Brother, and Me, it's an advice show for the modern era. I am Justin McElroy, your oldest brother.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy and we want your money [laughs].

Griffin:

If you wanna know my name, it's gonna cost you like two bucks.

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

It's actually, it's Griffin.

Justin:

It's Griffin.

Griffin:

But if you want that last name, for real, two bucks.

Justin:

So, we've got a big episode for you, lots of fun.

Griffin:

Juicy.

Justin:

Uh, juicy.

Griffin:

And it's- it's- it's ripe.

Justin:

Rich.

Griffin:

It's sagging with- with- with-

Justin:

Rich with content.

Griffin:

... juices.

Travis:

Let's dump this melon.

Justin:

Let's dump this melon [laughs] like Gallagher II on a bender [laughing]. "I live with my boyfriend. When I get home from work, I like to pretty quickly change into comfy at-home clothing, pajama pants or yoga pants and a t-shirt of some sort. Usually this comfy clothing is baggier and less flattering than what I wear for being out in public. That's why it's comfy. Am I slowly but surely ruining my relationship and killing my boyfriend's attraction to me by spending so much time, probably the majority of our time together, in slouchy clothing? Thanks, Sweats in the City."

Griffin:

That's the best.

Justin:

That's a good one. Um-

Justin:

I- I mean, of course you are, right?

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

But it... No, I- I have good news, I-

Justin:

It's an expectations game you're playing right now. You're lowering the bar.

Travis:

Exactly. I think that if you came home every day and like got more dressed up-

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

... like it's gonna lose a lot of the effect. But if you sit around in like scuzzy clothes like for 100 days and then one day like put on some jeans and a t-shirt, you're gonna look awesome.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

And you don't want him to... you don't want him to have the pressure of trying to continually outclass you at home and then, uh, uh, you know, hi- uh, it culminates with him wearing a tux and you emerging from a clam shell when he gets home from work [laughing], like you don't want that.

Griffin:

Um, do you guys remember what my jam used to be?

Justin:

What was your jam?

Travis:

Taking your pants off as soon as you got home?

Griffin:

Like oh my... I- I would cross the threshold of our childhood home and my pants would just disintegrate off of my body.

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Like they would just vanish.

Justin:

Our parents went through so many pants bills, you have no idea.

Griffin:

As if by magic, my pants would vanish into the luminescent ether. Um-

Travis:

Griffin actually invented tearaway pants for that very purpose. This-

Griffin:

I actually, I- I had this trick where I could just like... I could stand narrowly, I could stand with my frame narrowly and my pants would just fall off of my body.

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

That's not a joke, that was a real thing I- I could do. Um, so maybe that's a good thing, because no pants is about as comfortable as humans get and, uh, you know-

Travis:

And kind of sexy.

Griffin:

Kind of sexy.

Justin:

A little sexy, a little hot.

Griffin:

Sure.

Justin:

Uh, listen young lady, uh, t-... I wanna make two really important points. One, he loves you. He's gonna think that the things that you wear, you know, just around the house or whatever, are- are adorable, because he loves you and this- this is part of-

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

... being in a loving relationship. He likes to be cozy too, he gets it. Th-... two, if you're worried about the attraction thing, he's a guy sweetheart and you're a girl.

Griffin:

Yep.

Justin:

You flash... you flash a boob, a- a one boob-

Travis:

Like half a boob.

Justin:

Like half a boob.

Griffin:

Ta- take him to [laughs] to the [crosstalk 00:04:23].

Travis:

Like even like a quarter of boob.

Justin:

You get like a quarter boob and he's down. He's DTF, and that's short for down to fuck. And that is not... and that is not something that- that you acquire over time. For guys it's a very instantaneous, so like, "Oh, there's a boob."

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

"Time to go. Wiener, wake up."

Travis:

You know what's always sexy?

Griffin:

What's that?

Travis:

A robe, 'cause it's mysterious.

Griffin:

Is it?

Travis:

What's underneath?

Griffin:

That's a good point.

Travis:

Kind of sexy, right?

Justin:

I'm robed right now. I- I'm wearing a robe.

Travis:

Yeah. Teresa and I, like we often have robe dates where it's just like we get home from work-

Justin:

Oh.

Travis:

... and we've had... we've had a long day and it's like, "Let's robe it up," and then we watch David Attenborough specials.

Justin:

I never disrobe before a gunfight. That's just me.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

I don't know... I don't know where you guys are. Anybody else see Drive Angry? That is a good flick.

Travis:

No.

Griffin:

Yeah, that was a- a good reference to say.

Justin:

Yeah, that was a good- good- good picture.

Griffin:

I don't like... I don't-

Justin:

Everybody enjoys that.

Griffin:

I can only wear my robe for about an hour or two in the morning, 'cause I always feel like I smell really bad when I'm wearing a robe.

Travis:

Oh, yeah, it's a cocoon of stink.

Justin:

Like- like stink lines coming off of you [laughing].

Griffin:

Yeah, but it's- it's like a second skin that you wear outside of your normal sweaty stinky skin that absorbs your stuff-

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Griffin:

... and then, I don't know, there's something about the way that I... it- it just, it hangs on my body. It just seems to funnel, it seems to funnel like the smell like up and out and in my- my nose. It's really bad.

Travis:

Do you bathe?

Griffin:

Yeah, I- I bathe.

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

I- I mean I bathe.

Justin:

Did you say you bathed, or you bathe? Like what- what's- what's our tense? Let's take a tense check.

Griffin:

I'm f-... I'm familiar.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Right, uh...

Travis:

I'm terrified.

Justin:

"I- I have this friend who's been dating this guy on and off four different times now. Every time by the end they seem to hate each other, but then two months or so they're dating again. How can I tell my friend to just give up on him? P.S., my friend's a girl." That's from Brandon. Ugh, uh...

Travis:

I used to have the theory that like once a couple broke up—

Justin:

They're kind of broken up. They're done.

Travis:

Yeah. Like there's no coming back from that. Now everybody listening is gonna say, "But I know this one guy-..." Great, yeah, you know the exception.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

That's awesome.

Griffin:

Cool.

Travis:

But I'm saying as a rule, like once you break up, how do you come back from that? Like especially after two months it's like, "Oh hey, you want a go at this again?" "Oh, it didn't work out this time either. Whoops." It's like forgetting the ending of a book and then rereading the book and going, "Oh fuck, they die. That's right." Your relationship sucks. Don't get back into it.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

I think Tra- Travis makes a great point, because one time I... the- the first girl I ever dated, we dated for a couple months and then we split up for reasons that aren't exactly clear, and then later I married her.

Travis:

Yeah, that's right. You're the exception.

Justin:

What are you doing you fucking mons-... like I'm on the [inaudible 00:07:05], not the exception.

Travis:

You're the exception. Blah.

Justin:

I'm the other guy on the thing. I'm the thing there. I'm the guy here. I'm not the exception, I'm telling you you're crazy.

Griffin:

You're the exception, Travis.

Justin:

You're the exception.

Griffin:

I'm-

Travis:

I'm the exception?

Justin:

Griffin- Griffin, have you ever dated a girl twice?

Griffin:

Oh, yeah.

Justin:

Okay, so just Travis then. Travis is out- out [laughs] on his own on this one.

Griffin:

And- and let me tell you man, I-

Travis:

And look how well Griffin turned out.

Griffin:

... my retail really [laughs]... well, yeah.

Travis:

I would say that we're 50/50/50 here [laughing].

Justin:

I think that that's fair.

Griffin:

I- I- I don't know, I think that, I don't know, it- it can really go either way, 'cause maybe sometimes... maybe sometimes you break up and that- that breakup period, that brief breakup, makes you realize, you know, that- that, you know, you need that person and that you've changed and that, you know-

Justin:

You've grown.

Griffin:

Yeah, you've grown and evolved.

Justin:

Have you grown?

Travis:

Okay, but we're giving advice to the person breaking up and getting back together. This guy's asking-

Griffin:

Four times is a little excessive.

Travis:

Yeah, and this guy's asking how does he tell his friend to end it? I don't think you can, um-

Justin:

I don't think you do. What do you care? Why are you s-... why do you care?

Griffin:

You've got [crosstalk 00:08:09].

Travis:

All you could do is be really passive aggressive and like when they come back and be like, "Oh, I got back together with him." Just go, "Oh, really? Huh."

Justin:

"Huh, huh. That's- that's weird."

Travis:

That's all you can do.

Justin:

"We broke up." "Aw, did you break up? Oh.

Griffin:

So treat it like it's not a thing at all, and then he's probably just doing it for the attention, or she is, you know?

Justin:

That's a good... yeah, that's good. Just don't-

Griffin:

Like, uh, "We're back... we're back in it now."

Justin:

You've got to di-... you've got to disengaged.

Travis:

It's a four times, sounds like they're like 15.

Justin:

Um, dude, you've got to disengage from this relationship, from their relationship. You gotta say like, "Oh, whatever. She's doing this with this guy. Uh, it- it has no bearing on me." That- that is what you should say. Um, because it's... that way lies madness. Like getting all up in other people's cream, like you don't need that. You don't need that.

Travis:

Also, you run the risk of really sounding like an asshole. Like, you know what I mean?

Justin:

It's in the way.

Travis:

Like if your friend's not looking for the advice there, then you just wanna stay out.

Justin:

It's a loser. It's- it's a... it's a real loser. You don't... you don't need it. Um-

Griffin:

Speaking of loser, um-

Justin:

Speaking of loser, let's talk about winners.

Griffin:

... how about a... how about Yahoo [laughs]?

Justin:

Yes.

Griffin:

Uh, this one was sent in by Vikram Murugavel.

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Griffin:

I pray to Jesus I said that right. It's by Yahoo Answers user, Dragon One-

Justin:

Not that... not that Vikram Murugavel likely believes in Jesus. He sounds like a heathen [laughing].

Griffin:

Okay [laughs].

Justin:

He sounds like a... he sounds like a pagan. Is he a pagan? I think he's a pagan.

Griffin:

He- here's that... here's that one racist thing we say every episode I have to edit out [laughing]. This- this one's, uh, this one's by Yahoo Answers user Dragon 101 who asks, "I'm a dragon-

Justin:

Okay [laughs].

Travis:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Griffin:

... but I don't know how to summon my special skills. I can do some things unordinary. Anyone have ideas?

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

This is kinda new, uh, and also confusing, for my age that is. I can tell you right now that I'm under 21. Anyone have ideas on what I could do because I'm a dragon, please?"

Travis:

Well, this is the age-old question of is it a mental thing, is there a muscle that you flex, is there an incantation? It- it's age old questions, you know?

Griffin:

I mean it... and- and really it's different strokes for different folks. Like for me, uh, I... for me it's all muscular.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Griffin:

It's... I- I've had to tone, um, I've had to develop.

Justin:

Uh, you've had a kegel.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

I've had to kegel my dragon muscles, um, to the... to the point where I can, uh, you know execute my- my unordinary abilities. But the thing is, 21, that's a... that's kind of a- a little late to the game.

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

You are. That you're getting a late start to learning your- your drachen, as in the old tongue, uh, your-

Griffin:

Your dra-... your draconic, uh-

Justin:

Your draconic abilities.

Griffin:

'Cause I mean that's a... that's a weird age, dragon puberty.

Justin:

Yeah. Uh-

Griffin:

Like, um, I had mine in... I hit mine in middle school. I was kind of an early bloomer.

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]. I hit mine in the-

Travis:

You know, something's just hit me-

Griffin:

What's that?

Justin:

... third age, but it- it was a long time ago.

Griffin:

Right, okay.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Travis:

I'm... I just become... I just became so terrified, because I just realized that dragons have learned to use the internet-

Justin:

Holy shit.

Travis:

... and we've lost our one vantage.

Justin:

The one thing [laughs]-

Griffin:

Travis, I don't know... I don't know-

Justin:

... we had that they didn't.

Griffin:

... I don't know how to break this to you, but one out of every four people you talk to or meet on the internet is a dragon.

Travis:

[makes some ungodly screeching noise]

Justin:

Holy shit. Is that a velociraptor noise?

Griffin:

Travis [laughs], oh, shit, Travis is one of them. I didn't know this was a dragon cast.

Justin:

If dragons aren't using the internet, then explain TMZ? You can't. It can't be done.

Griffin:

You can't.

Travis:

Uh, fuck.

Justin:

Made my... made by dra-... gossip by dragons for dragons.

Griffin:

Perez Hilton, half dragon.

Justin:

What does a dragon keyboard look like? Do you think it has runes? I think it has runes.

Travis:

I think it has ruins.

Griffin:

I think it's very runic-

Travis:

I think it's made out of like loot. Just like-

Griffin:

It's made out of what [laughs]?

Travis:

Made out of loot, like dragon lot. Dragons have hordes, right? Just full of like jewels and gold.

Griffin:

Travis, a lute... oh, L-O-O-T, not L-U-T-E.

Travis:

Yeah. No.

Justin:

You think he me- meant several little stringed instruments, like that's what this keyboard was made out of?

Griffin:

I couldn't... I couldn't... I couldn't-

Justin:

Like Sting... like Sting plays?

Griffin:

Yeah [laughing].

Travis:

Sting's a dragon?!

Justin:

Sorry, Travis, I- I... sorry. I didn't... I didn't mean to, uh, to do it like that.

Travis:

I'm sending out an SOS of sadness.

Justin:

Awe.

Travis:

Awe.

Justin:

Don't be sad, it's just Sting.

Travis:

I know.

Justin:

I don't like him anyway.

Griffin:

How do you... I can't remember how I dealt with the pressure of being a teenage dragon.

Travis:

I made a Disney movie out of it.

Griffin:

And it was called How to Deal with the Pressure Being a Teenage Dragon?

Travis:

Yeah, it wasn't very popular.

Griffin:

Yeah?

Justin:

Speaking of dragons, uh, it's... we need your fire for the Maximum Fun pledge drive. It's pledge week. We want you to rush- rush My Brother, My Brother and Me. Pledge our frat, our fraternity of- of chuckles. Um-

Griffin:

Can we ha-... can we haze our listeners? Can we-

Justin:

I think this is a hazing... every week's a hazing here [laughs] at My Brother, My Brother and Me. Uh, so this is our pledge drive for 2011. Uh, we're gonna talk a little bit about the network and- and some of the- the benefits of donating here in a sec, but first just to let you know how this works. There's a network, it's a family, and like a family-

Griffin:

I like family better.

Justin:

... daddy's got to get paid [laughing]. So, and daddy, in this case our daddy is the Maximum Fun Network and you, uh, fine folks who enjoy the- the programming here, uh, pay... uh, for us to make it, you pay to help us buy, uh, equipment, you pay to help us run our website, and you pay to help us host our shows. And you're paying for it, you're... it... I like to think of it like a- a medieval patronage. Like, uh, here- where, uh-

Griffin:

How's that's? How's that work?

Justin:

We're like kept... we're like kept people, like-

Travis:

We're- we're like serfs.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Yeah, I was gonna say, I feel kind of serfish.

Justin:

It's more like... it's more like how, you know, the king would want M- Mozart to write a piece for him.

Griffin:

Okay.

Justin:

This is not medieval times of course anymore, but, uh, uh-

Travis:

So- so, we're like Da Vinci?

Justin:

We're like Da Vinci basically.

Travis:

And this show is like our Sistine Chapel.

Justin:

We're- we're like Da Vinci but better at drawings I think-

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

... I think is an accurate way to put it. So, Griffin, can you tell them a little bit about, uh, why they should donate? Why it's so important?

Griffin:

Well, I'm working on this helicopter, like kind of a whirligig helicopter made out of, uh-

Justin:

Yeah [laughs].

Griffin:

... uh, parchment-

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]

Griffin:

... and- and wood framing, and it's expensive project.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Um-

Justin:

I wanna make a man fly [laughing] is what he's saying.

Griffin:

Can you help me make a man fly with wood framing?

Justin:

I'm making parchment wings.

Griffin:

Parchment wings. Um, no, it's- it's-

Justin:

Eureka.

Griffin:

... we- we have do- donations from listeners, is- is our- our main, you know, lifeblood. It's our lifeblood. It pumps through our veins and it gives us strength and energy to- to do this thing that we do, and- and all the other Maximum Fun Podcasts too. Listen, podcasting is kind of, uh, it's still in its infancy, you know? It's- it's still fresh, it's still new. The- the rule book hasn't been written yet.

Griffin:

Um, and so Maximum Fun, uh, and one of the main reasons we joined Maximum Fun is because they're- they're doing awesome things. We're doing awesome things, I guess, 'cause we're part of that family. But, you know, we- we cover topics that aren't really covered in other places and, you know, we- we do it in a way that a lot of other forms of programming don't

do. Um, and we fostered this community of, well, we didn't fos-... you know what I'm saying. Maximum Fun has fostered a community of probably the best community on the internet.

Justin:

I would say I think that especially after they fused with My Brother, My Brother and Me, the- the Mbmbaminos, I think that they really, uh, it- it really is a- a top flight-

Griffin:

We give them [laughs] that spice, that picante-

Justin:

We're that- that, [chef's kiss] "Mwah, what a delicious flavor."

Travis:

We're that last like dash of like pepper where you go-

Griffin:

Exactly.

Justin:

Yeah. You know, it's funny, Griff, we- we... you- you watch so much stuff on TV and in so many movies that- that is supposed to be funny and you think, "Wow, this doesn't really get me," you know?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

"This isn't really up my alley," and then you listen to stuff on Maximum Fun and it is, it is sort of, you know, uh, uh, when you find something that you- you really like, um, you- you, you know, you wanna support it and show that- that you're out there listening. Um, and we enjoy that chatter, what's up.

Griffin:

It really is [laughs]... got to get that chatter. No it's- it's a cool thing, because I mean, uh, you can... you can see it in the way that My Brother, My Brother and Me community has sort of meshed into the Maximum Fun community, is that you... it's basically just like a big group of friends. It's like... it's like finding this new big group of friends, uh, but also that group of

friends does- does, you know, shows and they're- they're all... they're friendly shows? I don't know, I lost my train of thought there.

Justin:

No, no, you were doing great. Trav, why don't you tell us, let's get... let's get to what people really wanna know, what- what's in it for me?

Travis:

What do you get?

Justin:

What do you get?

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Obviously like the most obvious thing is 44 episodes man, time to pay up.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Time to pay [laughs] the piper.

Griffin:

Yeah. You can... you can alleviate your guilt.

Justin:

You... I know your gui-... I hope that every week you laugh and you feel guilty [laughing], and after this you can only... you can narrow that down, you can whittle that down to one of those.

Travis:

And not only that, but now you can laugh and feel superior to all those people that didn't donate-

Griffin:

Oh yeah.

Travis:

... and you can start talking about those freeloaders and like hating on the- the lower class.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

It's pretty awesome.

Justin:

It's all about classism on this show.

Travis:

But also you get... you get tangible gifts.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Um, there's many different levels of donation, um, for the two-

Griffin:

Bust it out, Travis.

Travis:

Well, for the two dollar or five dollars a month level of donation, you get the Max Fun membership card and access to exclusive episodes of JJGO, uh, My Brother, My Brother and Me, John Hodgman, and Stop Podcasting Yourself. Um, so they're all special episodes that you only get access to if you're a donor. Um, and also we've done some, uh, rift movies kind of, you know, uh, hilarious old-timey 1950s instructional videos. Um, and we did one, Stop Podcasting Yourself did one and, uh, Jordan did one, and Jesse I'm sure was in there as well.

Justin:

We recorded-

Travis:

And so there's that.

Justin:

We recorded that.

Griffin:

Those two also get you stickers-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... I mean that come with the membership card that you can, you know, apply to a Lisa Frank Trapper Keeper, um, if people are still... I was a... I was an all-star or a five-star man, um, but I'm- I'm sure that the- the Trapper Keeper is still a hot- hot ticket item.

Travis:

You- you could also... you could also apply those stickers to a sleeping friend.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Travis:

Um-

Justin:

We recorded our, uh, special episode yesterday, our pledge drive episode, your bonus episode yesterday, and it is-

Griffin:

Probably the best. I hope-

Justin:

... it's a barn burner. I mean you were really-

Travis:

And I would say star studded.

Justin:

Yeah, we got some s-... can we tell them about the stars? Or should we-

Griffin:

It's... yeah, please.

Justin:

Yeah. Oh, we've got, uh, uh, you want Jordan, you want Jesse Thorn from Jordan, Jesse, Go!? You got him. Dave Shumka and Graham Clark from Stop Posca-... Podcasting Yourself? Yeah, sure, why not? You want Clint McElroy-

Griffin:

Let's just toss them in there.

Justin:

... you want Clint McElroy? You want Clint McElroy?

Griffin:

Who?

Justin:

That's right. Clint McElroy.

Travis:

McElroy scion.

Justin:

You want... you want Clint McElroy? No problem. How about... how about John Hodgman? Yeah, I think you might wanna go get that up, and you can only get it by donating to the Maximum Fun, as little as two dollars a month. I know... I know you can afford that. But if you wanna bump it up, let's say you wanna get up to 10- \$10, you say, "I can afford \$10 a month [crosstalk 00:19:19]."

Travis:

Ooh, if they wanna go to \$10, then you get-

Justin:

Yeah, \$10, you get a tote bag. You're gonna get a tote bag. Uh, we would... you can get it for any Maximum Fun show. There's only one right answer, of course.

Griffin:

We all... we all have our own designs. Ours was done by Mr. Justin Russo whose work you're probably familiar with, because it's, uh, it's- it's pretty much the best work on the planet. Like have you guys seen the Constitution of the United States?

Travis:

He's like Da Vinci's Da Vinci.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

He- he did the layout for the Constitution is what I'm saying.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

He did all the [crosstalk 00:19:52]

Travis:

And those tote bags come from the fine people... those tote bags are from the fine people at Ecobags. Uh, thank you so much fine people at Ecobags.

Griffin:

Who did the printing on those? I believe it was VGKIDS. I've seen their work before, it's- it's- it's equally exquisite.

Justin:

Um, so that would be... that would be awesome. If you wanna get that tote bag, and make sure you do request My Brother, My Brother and Me tote bag, it's the best one. It makes the other ones look like a dookie bag [laughing] that's all I'm saying. That's all I'm saying. I don't wanna judge them.

Griffin:

You also... you get the, uh, you get the Max Fun pack and the- the donors only episodes with the \$10 a month. Go ahead. Uh, each of these levels you get the shit in the last level, the- the previous levels as well.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Which is... it's just the values, the value, it's out of this world.

Justin:

Uh, and then at \$20 a month, if you go, you go 20, you're gonna be a part of the diamond friendship circle. I'm gonna tell you, \$10 you're a friend of the family, \$20, diamond friendship circle. My knee is bleeding [laughs]. I don't know why I mentioned that, but it is happening. Uh, at \$20 you-

Griffin:

Is it because of all the... is it because of all the special feelings you're feeling right now? Or-

Justin:

I- I feel so emotional that my knee is bleeding. For \$20 you're gonna-

Travis:

That's a... that's love. That's love coming out of your knee.

Justin:

... you're gonna get a special Max Fun USB drive. So cool. It's made of wood-

Griffin:

Huh?

Justin:

... and it has the, uh, Maximum Fun-

Griffin:

How does it keep the- the... how does it keep all the technology inside?

Justin:

Dryads. Uh, it's a-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

... it's a special USB drive [laughs] made of wood, emblazoned with the rocket to the stars Max Fun logo. It's full of Max Fun shows. You delete them, I don't care. Wholesale [laughing].

Travis:

I don't care.... I don't care, screw you.

Justin:

Put porn on it, do what you like. Tote bag, got it, Max Fun pack, you know it.

Griffin:

Dryads, sure.

Travis:

You can porn in the tote bag.

Justin:

Exclusive, uh, uh, access to donors only episodes of podcasts and three short films. Yeah, I should say so.

Travis:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Justin:

Um, we'll tell you about the other, uh, some of the other donation levels here in a bit, but, uh, we really, really could use your help here. If you wanna go to, um, maximumfun.org/donate, you'll see all the- the different levels, um, uh, you- you know right there. If you don't have the internet how the fuck are you listening to this you wizard?

Griffin:

You silly bitch.

Justin:

You silly bitch wizard. Um-

Griffin:

Look, I just... I just wanna say this is... this really is a- a really cool way for you guys to invest in the show. You guys have been nothing but- but warm and receptive to us since we started, um, and- and this thing just keeps growing. Uh, and we want it to keep growing, uh, and we could use, you know, we could use whatever help you could give us. Because, uh, yeah,

just- just get involved, get, uh... you're- you're gonna feel so good if you... if you donate and every time you listen to the show or any of the other fine shows on the Max Fun network, and you'll know that it's because of you that we can... we can keep doing this awesome thing that we absolutely love doing.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Think about it like buying stock in My Brother, My Brother and Me-

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... and pretty soon you'll be part owner of My Brother, My Brother and Me.

Justin:

The minority stake, but still.

Griffin:

We're- we're the Green Bay Packers of- of podcasts.

Justin:

Okay, I like it. And we're Super Bowl champs.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Griffin:

I'm the Clay Matthews of- of audio broadcasting.

Justin:

I'm the Vince-

Travis:

And I'm the other one.

Justin:

... I'm the Vince Lombardi of taking it downtown for the three-point goal.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative] [laughing].

Justin:

So- so donate right now. Don't wait, don't hesitate. Go get on your computer. I know you have the internet. Stop playing. Go to maximumfun.org/donate and get on board. Moving on, "I met this girl at a party on Saturday and she asked me for my number."

Griffin:

Ooh.

Justin:

"I requested hers in return. What is the correct number of days I should wait to call and ask for a date as to not seem too eager or dismissive?" I love this. "She's really pretty. Waiting for Get Down [laughing]," is the name of this one.

Griffin:

Well, um-

Justin:

I don't believe in, I mean I-

Travis:

I don't either.

Justin:

... I don't... I don't believe in the waiting period and I'll tell you why. First off, you're not in Swingers, fuck you. All right, this is real world [laughing]. I'm sorry you're no... you're no Vince Vaughn. You're- you're barely a Jon Favreau. Uh, and even if you are Jon Favreau, you're Jon Favreau in Rudy carrying an extra 50 pounds or so.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Whoa.

Justin:

You- you.. if you like somebody, had a good time, you're gonna wake up the next day thinking about that person guaranteed, and they're gonna wake up the next day maybe thinking about you, maybe they're not. Like you've got to guarantee, you've got to close, you've got to ask for the sale. You got to get- get on the horn and- and make contact. I say no waiting.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

I don't believe in it.

Travis:

I think that's a great point. If you call someone and it's "too early" to call them, news flash, they weren't that interested.

Justin:

If you tell me that you're gonna wait three days to call a girl that you are really into, you're gonna have to convince me that you are not gonna get hit by a bus tomorrow.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Because if you... if you can't prove that, then pick up the phone and start dialing. That's all I'm saying. Live like we were dying.

Travis:

And anyone that tells you you should wait, you shouldn't listen to their advice. Like that's the kind of thing like it's just the beginning of like a mind game. Like you don't wanna do that, it's stupid. If you like think this person is real pretty and you're actually interested in them, why wait? Like it- it doesn't make any sense.

Griffin:

There are no... there are no laws to love. Throw that rule book out.

Travis:

Well, there- there are laws like age-

Griffin:

There are no laws for-

Travis:

... age limits.

Griffin:

There's no laws when it comes to age of love. You can't put a legal age on love, that's what I always say.

Travis:

No.

Justin:

You can't.... You always say that [laughs]? You do, we have, we already did that as a society, I think. Put an age on love.

Griffin:

Just love with reckless abandon.

Justin:

Within reason, definitely.

Travis:

Well, yeah.

Griffin:

Nope. You can't put a reason... you can't rea-... love ain't got no reason.

Justin:

Well, love don't cost a thing. I- I learned that from American idol, miss Jennifer Lopez.

Griffin:

Don't need money.

Justin:

Don't need money.

Griffin:

Don't need fame.

Justin:

Don't need fame.

Griffin:

You don't need a credit [laughs]-

Justin:

What about credit- credit cards?

Griffin:

I'm almost certain, um-

Justin:

Where are we at on credit cards?

Griffin:

You can ride this train without any form of credit or debit card.

Justin:

Uh, incidentally a credit or debit card is a perfect way to donate to Maximum Fun. If you just wanna go ahead to maximumfun.org/donate right now, you can just get it.

Travis:

I... and I wanna throw out just in case this wasn't implied, you should wait at least 12 hours.

Griffin:

Before donating?

Travis:

No, before calling. If you get her number-

Griffin:

Okay [laughs].

Travis:

... do not call her on the way home. Like-

Justin:

Yeah, yeah, that's weird. "Hey, listen... "

Travis:

... excitement is one thing, stalker is another.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Let's- let's make this more relevant for the now generation, um-

Justin:

For today. You don't tweet them.

Griffin:

Yeah, it's Facebook. You got... you... what's the... what's the ruling on Facebook, sending a Facebook friend request? 'Cause I always feel weird-

Travis:

No.

Griffin:

... like if I meet somebody. I mean so I'm gonna be like, "You seem like a cool person I can be friends with," but if I Facebook them as soon as I get home I'm gonna seem like a fucking weirdo that was like, "I can't wait to put you in my collection."

Justin:

You, uh-

Travis:

Here's what you need be aware... if she's giving you her number and then you Facebook friend request her, you're taking a step back.

Griffin:

You think?

Travis:

You've already got the number. You need to move forward. Also you shouldn't text her until you call her first.

Justin:

And if you do tweet, make sure you remove the location. Especially if it is in her bushes [laughing]. That- that's really important. "Where is this coming from? This tweet is coming from my bushes outside?"

Travis:

This tweet is coming from inside the house.

Justin:

It's coming from inside the house [laughs]. He's tweeting.

Griffin:

Is that a Marcus shaped topiary?

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Nope.

Griffin:

Nope, Marcus is in my bushes.

Justin:

It's just... it's just big M stalking again. "Lately I've noticed something, my girlfriend's unable to keep quiet when we're trying to indulge in any sort of recorded media. Even when it's something we're both interested in, movies, podcasts, uh, TV shows et cetera. I can count on it being interrupted by a story that lasts forever. I'm the kind of guy that likes to catch every second of what I'm watching or listening to. I've given up listening to your show when we're together, because I'll hear an explosive laughter from Travis and have no idea what I just mished. What's the most..." what I just mished, that's what I said.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

What's the [laughs]... that's what he typed I swear. "What's the most polite way to say shut up? Talked out in Toronto."

Travis:

Um-

Justin:

Hey, dawg, there's not [laughs]. You- you just got to pick and choose your media, my friend.

Travis:

If you... if you wanna end your relationship real quick, the best thing to do is as soon as she starts talking pause whatever you're listening to or watching, let go of a deep sigh and turn towards her and go, "No, please go on."

Griffin:

Oh, God.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

That's brutal.

Justin:

That is really brutal.

Travis:

I know.

Justin:

Yeah, that will pretty much-

Griffin:

Or you can als-... you can also [laughs] end that relationship real quick just by saying, "Shut up, shut up, shut up, shut up."

Justin:

"Niet! Niet! Niet! Niet!" just keep saying that till she stops. She'll get the message. Uh, I think the- the- the- the best way to deal with this is to before you indulge in the... in the recorded media, um, talk her out. Just let her get it all out. Tell her about... let her hear about everything that's been going on in your life, in her life, so she feels that like sated. Like she's obviously got a need to connect with you, um, and- and you know what? There are some shows that you can be sort of understanding about this with.

Like Sydney and I have shows that we watch, that we watch watch, um, but there are other shows that we like to watch just because it kind of starts conversations and you can talk. You know, like we- we don't sit there mum while we watch, uh-

Griffin:

Sister Wives.

Justin:

... to-... Sister Wives or Top Model.

Griffin:

Top Sister Wives [laughs]. I'm the best sister wife there is.

Justin:

Yeah. Ezekiel's Next Top Sister Wife [laughing]. Yeah, we talk though that.

Griffin:

I think we all... I think we can all agree that Robin is the clear winner this season.

Justin:

Yeah, she is... she's a beautiful, homely, strong woman.

Travis:

I think it's Omarosa.

Justin:

[laughs] She's back on TV.

Travis:

She is on everything.

Justin:

Man, I love New York, and she is doing a great job on Ezekiel's Next Top Sister Wife. Um, so, you know, pick- pick your battles.

Travis:

Let me... let me give you this. I'm gonna give you some zen advice.

Justin:

Uh-oh.

Travis:

Yeah. Um, in this modern age of technology, um, that's what TiVo is for, it's what pause and stop buttons are for, and like there is nothing in this world that's so important that you need to tell her to shut up.

Griffin:

Except-

Travis:

You can re-watch something, you can catch a rerun of it, you can listen to it again. Or if it's a podcast, you could delete it and then download it again just several times until you get your fill of it [laughing].

Griffin:

Just keep deleting and downloading our podcast.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

'Cause it's gonna be... it's good for our numbers and it's good for your love life.

Justin:

[laughs] Well, it's- it's good for our numbers at least.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Do you think that she talked during the finale of Lost, because fuck that noise.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Oh, then you throw her out a window.

Justin:

Yeah [laughs].

Griffin:

Yeah, it- it's got to have limits. Like-

Justin:

"Hey, where's Debbie?" "Oh Debbie, I threw out a window."

Griffin:

She talked during the finale of Lost and I threw her out a window.

Justin:

No court-

Griffin:

We live on the first floor, but she still went aw-... like she went away, 'cause-

Justin:

... no court will convict you for that crime. There's not a court in America, not a court in the land that would, uh, that would bust you for that. Griffin, I need a, uh, a Yahoo Answer. It's pretty important.

Griffin:

Sure, let me see if I can do something for you in that department.

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

This one was sent in by R. Gayheart. Thank you R. Gayheart. It's by Yahoo Answers user Alexis who asks, "What should I call my boyfriend? My boyfriend and I joke around and call each other by fun pet names like chump and punk [laughing]. What are some names I could call him, or what have you called boyfriends or girlfriends?" I usually call my girlfriends chump or punk, so I'm fresh out of solutions.

Travis:

You could... you could combine it and call him chunk.

Griffin:

Yeah. Or- or pump.

Travis:

Pump. Chunk pump.

Justin:

Sydnee in... S- Sydnee insists on Commandant. Is that normal [laughing]?
Is that okay?

Griffin:

This is my girlfriend... this is my girlfriend chunk pump.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

I love her very much.

Justin:

She's very sweet. This is my girlfriend The Captain, I really love her very
much [laughing]. She's a... she's a real sweetheart.

Travis:

Chunk pump makes me think of like the old-timey way that pioneers used to
get cream corn up out of the ground [laughing].

Justin:

Got a deep vein here. This is a nice vein.

Griffin:

Ooh, it's rich. Let me get out my- my creamed corn dowsing machine.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

It's made of creamed corn. Why wouldn't it be? Just- just like fossilized
cream-

Griffin:

I just... I hold a scoop of creamed corn in my left hand and it leads me home [laughing].

Justin:

... or creamed corn.

Griffin:

I- I think we can find some, um, uh, elucidation in the answers that have been provided.

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

Okay.

Justin:

That's good.

Griffin:

Yahoo Answers user PB responded, "Names I've called him, sap, sweet-

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

... sweet boy, his middle name, dumbo, loser, or just L.

Justin:

Wait, is his middle name Dumbo?

Griffin:

I- I-

Justin:

Reginald Dumbo Bevens [laughing].

Griffin:

Uh, killer-

Justin:

Ew.

Travis:

Ew.

Griffin:

... cop-boy, or his occupation hyphen boy.

Justin:

Cop boy [laughs].

Travis:

Unemployed-boy.

Griffin:

Hey, cop-boy.

Travis:

"Hey, accountant-boy, get over here and have some sex [laughs]."

Griffin:

"Taco Bell cashier-boy, I need you [laughing]." Cutie, nuts, wiener, tiger, slug, sloth.

Travis:

Hey wie-... hey wiener tiger.

Griffin:

Penis. "Hey, slugcop-boy."

Justin:

"Hey, sluggo. Come on over here."

Griffin:

Names he has called me. Baby, my initials, PB-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... lover-

Travis:

Restraining order [laughs].

Griffin:

... lover, baby dolly, blonde dumbo. Oh.

Travis:

Hey.

Justin:

Hey.

Griffin:

Hey, blonde dumbo.

Justin:

Hey, blonde dumbo, over here.

Griffin:

Fly over here with your big ears.

Justin:

The zebra cake can't open itself [laughs].

Griffin:

Angel, goody, kitty as in, "Here kitty, kitty." Uuuuuuuuuuuugh!

Travis:

Ugh. You had to clarify that one? Gross.

Griffin:

And my favorite darlin'.

Justin:

I'm pretty sure that your boyfriend likes you more than you like him.
Answerer.

Travis:

Ah.

Justin:

You call your... you call your... you basically call your boyfriend-

Griffin:

I'm just... there are so many of the answers, I'm not gonna say who- who gave them.

Justin:

The worst, just the worst things you can come up with. Punk chunk, punkin chunkin, and he- he seems really into you, except for blonde dumbo, that seems a little out of line.

Griffin:

Well, yeah, it's a little mean.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Anastasia responded, Mr. Sweetsie Pooh.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Uh, lovey-lovey snookums, cuddlykins, huggy bear, love muffin, snugly pie, boo boo bear, bon bon sugar lips [laughs].

Justin:

Hi, I'm Bon Bon Sugar Lip. I'm professor Bon Bon Sugar Lips.

Travis:

I'm Bon Bon Bon Sugar Lips [laughing].

Griffin:

The next... the next thing is the best thing I've ever read, b'doodly kitten [laughing].

Justin:

What? What? B'doodly kitten. Say that one more time.

Griffin:

Badoodly kitten.

Justin:

Can I get one more, just take me to the bridge?

Griffin:

A b'doodly kitten.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

That would be B apotrophy... doodly kitten.

Justin:

[laughs]. B'doodly kitten.

Griffin:

I didn't know that we can just like say sounds and like mash them together, like b'krancha like for b'kwanja? Like that's-

Justin:

B'doodly kitten.

Travis:

B'doodly kitten.

Griffin:

Kissy kissy sweetheart, love and lovey poo, sexy-

Justin:

Hey.

Griffin:

... sexy yum yum cupcake.

Justin:

B'doodly kitten.

Griffin:

B'doodly kitten [laughs]. Sweety kins.

Travis:

These are starting to sound like the names of like really bad Japanese anime [laughs]. Sweetie yum yum cakes.

Griffin:

It was sexy yum yum cupcake, which-

Travis:

Excuse me.

Griffin:

... probably sounds-

Justin:

Excuse me. Pardon me. But B'doo- [laughs]... sweetie pie cutie cake was your last girlfriend. I know... I know what you've been doing behind my back. Don't you confuse me with her. I'm not your B'doodly cake anymore.

Griffin:

I- I don't think I've ever been in any relationship where I had nor distributed pet names.

Justin:

Really?

Travis:

I don't think you should have more than like two, then it just becomes like a game and kind of stupid.

Justin:

A little... a little stupid [laughs].

Griffin:

Justin, you sounded surprised by my- my- my assertion. Do you... do you and your- your wife have-

Justin:

Well, I think... I think employing pet names is fine. I- I think assigning them is probably- probably a little much. Uh, a-

Griffin:

I mean what's the... what the-

Justin:

... a- as I'm sitting here having a f-... a- a memento sort of flashback moment, I'm realizing that my wife has, to my knowledge, never employed a pet name when speaking of me. So, maybe I'm off base, or maybe this is a one-sided type thing.

Griffin:

But you have one for- for her? Are you gonna keep it secret like a power word?

Justin:

I don't have like a- a- a specific pet name for her.

Griffin:

Okay, you- you yell down the stairs at her...

Justin:

I just use various-

Griffin:

... what- what-

Justin:

I don't know, just- just honey or sweetie, you know, different malleable nouns. Like I'll just swap one of those in, it doesn't really matter.

Griffin:

Here's an... here's an action item.

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

For this... for this week, I want you to only refer to your wife by one of the names I've mentioned, um, in this- this line of questioning.

Travis:

May I recommend b'doodly kitten?

Griffin:

May-... perhaps b'doodly kitten, uh, maybe kissy kissy sweetheart. uh, I think it's gonna work out really well for you.

Travis:

Sexy yum yum cupcake.

Justin:

No, that was my... that's my last girlfriend. Uh, so, you know, the- the... we've been having a lot of fun here, uh, and I know that when I am having a lot of fun what I always think is, "I wish I could pay for this."

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

The good news is you can. This is pledge week for Maximum Fun and, uh, we are, uh, we- we wanted to go over some of the other donation levels. But I- I- I- I wanted to thank you in advance, um, and just record... if you haven't donated yet, just go ahead and skip this and then come on back.

Justin:

But, uh, thank you in advance for- for donating, 'cause it's not just for us. We're part... we're part of a family here and we, uh, we use this money for a lot of really cool stuff. We're going to use it for, uh, you know, it goes to- to meetups, is- is something that- that your money goes towards. Um, help- helping us get together with- with you guys. Um, it- it goes, like- like we've said before, hosting fees, to pay, uh, artists who help create stuff with us, um, and-

Travis:

And things like merchandise, you know?

Justin:

Merchandise, yeah. I- I mean it's a really positive, uh, way to spend your money, 'cause we, uh, what Maximum Fun puts into the world is goodness. I'm gonna s-... I'm gonna s-

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]. It's- it's- it is- it's unadulterated joy, is-

Justin:

Just pleasure. You're donating to the creation of pleasure, and if there's a finer way to spend your money, I haven't heard about it. I don't know of it.

Griffin:

And if there's a finer level for you to donate at than \$35 per month-

Justin:

There are, there are many higher levels [laughs].

Griffin:

... thi- this... these rewards, I mean there are, but these-

Justin:

There are [laughs], but-

Griffin:

... the rewards for \$35 per month is-

Justin:

Griffin, hit me with it. Tell me.

Griffin:

... it's almost... it's un-... I feel like I'm in some sort of dream state.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Like I've been in a dream state since I first saw it, because it's too incredible to be real.

Justin:

Judge John Hodgman Post-Apocalyptic Justice Squad. Friend of the show, John Hodgman.

Griffin:

Bwoom. I feel like I need to make that sound.

Justin:

Yeah, can you make it one more time? I might have stepped on a little bit.

Griffin:

Bwoom.

Justin:

Awesome. So, what do you get?

Griffin:

You get Judge John Hodgman's and Maximum Fun's completely collectible, completely proprietary nerdmergency kit.

Justin:

"What's in a nerdmergency kit," he asks.

Griffin:

That felt good to say. Um-

Justin:

Yeah, did it?

Griffin:

The... I would say the centerpiece, the cornucopia in the middle of your Thanksgiving dinner table is an Eton self-powered AM/FM weather radio with flashlight, a solar USB power station for your phone, and that's it. I sa-... I kept adding onto that sentence like there's something else on it [laughing]. But how much more shit do you need? It's a radio that gets AM, FM weather band, it charges s-... both solarly and with a crank. It has a flashlight on it and a USB power station for your phone. If your shit... if- if earth's shit gets fucked like in 2012, if- if we experience a 2012 scenario, everyone who doesn't donate \$35 per month is gonna die on earth-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... I'm sorry \$10 and \$20 and two and five dollars, like you guys are great. Good job, thanks for all that, but you're fucking dead. You're fucking dead.

Justin:

You're in heaven [laughs].

Griffin:

You're in heaven.

Justin:

You're in heaven and you're dead. You did go to heaven though, unlike the people who paid nothing who went to hell.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

That's just... that's just Religion 101.

Griffin:

Two dollars, five dollars, \$10, \$20, heaven.

Justin:

It's also-

Griffin:

\$35, don't even fret about heaven or hell yet, 'cause you've got a long long time left to live, because you have this sweet ass emergency kit that will keep you alive forever.

Justin:

Until the vegetables die out, then it's like-

Travis:

An-

Justin:

... every man for himself.

Travis:

... another- another awesome thing about that radio is it comes, uh, with the Red Cross logo emblazoned across it-

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Travis:

... um, because every portion of what you donate goes to help the Red Cross in, uh, you know, those- those catastrophied countries.

Griffin:

You're donating to joy both here and abroad.

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

The Maximum Fun USB drive is also in there. Uh, you're going to get a really cool book called Role Models by Mr- Mr. John Waters.

Griffin:

He was very, very kind to- to include... let us include this- this book in the- the Nerdmergency Kit. Okay-

Justin:

Okay, we're not even done yet. We're not even done yet. This is the craziest thing. You ready?

Griffin:

There's so much more shit.

Travis:

This is what I'm really excited about.

Justin:

Oh, there's a credit card survival tool that's a can opener, knife edge, screwdriver, ruler, cap opener, four position wrench, butterfly wrench, saw braid-... saw blade, direction ancillary indication, and a lanyard hole.

Travis:

Aw.

Griffin:

You get a saw braid [laughs]... a saw braid and a saw blade.

Justin:

Yeah, both of those [laughs] things are in it. Pad of graph paper? Sure. A mechanical pencil? Why wouldn't you? White surgical tape? Don't mind if I do.

Griffin:

Wait, what would that be for?

Justin:

20-sided die. What?

Griffin:

What's the white surgical tape?

Justin:

For taping up your glasses.

Griffin:

This is the best kit ever.

Justin:

All right, 20-sided die? Sure, let's have some fun. It's the apocalypse.

Griffin:

I heard that that 20-sided die only rules 20s.

Justin:

[laughs] Flat 20s.

Griffin:

Nothing but critical hits for you and your friends.

Justin:

Uh, dinosaur band-aids [laughs], astronaut ice cream, powdered Tang, and you're gonna get the Ecobags tote bag and, uh, and the, uh, the- the access to all the shows, um, that w-

Griffin:

And the stickers and the members cards.

Justin:

And the stickers and the membership. Holy shit guys-

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

... \$35 a month, I- I feel like you should include extra money in there just for how great that is.

Griffin:

This year alone I have bought a piecemeal, an Eton self-powered AM/FM weather band radio with all that chargey shit, uh, and a- a- a USB drive, and that book, and that tool, and some paper, and a mechanical pencil, and white surgical tape, and a 20-sided die, and dinosaur band-aids, and astronaut ice cream, and powdered Tang. You know how much it cost me all together?

Justin:

How much?

Griffin:

\$400,000 [laughing].

Justin:

Griffin is so deeply in debt and there's only one way to get him out and that's to go to maximumfun.org/donate. Uh, and- and-

Griffin:

You can't argue the value of this fucking Nerdmergency Kit. It will blow your face off with value.

Justin:

And- and pledge right now. Do not hesitate, because we need it now. Griffin's so broke, they're coming-

Griffin:

I'm so- so-

Justin:

... they're coming for him.

Griffin:

... so broke.

Justin:

Why did he buy buy so many astronaut ice creams [laughs]? That's the question.

Griffin:

Um, also this is... this is worth mentioning for the first year, uh, Maximum Fund has switched its- its donation method off PayPal, 'cause PayPal had it snoot so deep in the teller [laughing]. PayPal was cutting a- a lot, a significant amount of money out of your donations. Not no mo'. We have a new donation system, so all... like I think it's basically 99.99% of all the money you donate goes to Maximum Fun and- and goes to supporting great shows like us and- and Jordan, Jesse, Go! and Judge John Hodgman and Stop Podcasting Yourself, and- and The Sound of Young America, just, you know, we- we need your help to stay alive, because you guys are the only.. the only source of- of revenue that- that the Maximum Fun network has. So, please-

Justin:

Well, that's- that's-

Griffin:

Also-

Justin:

... that's not true, but-

Griffin:

Well, you're pretty much, you're 99.99% [laughs]-

Justin:

A- again with these numbers that I think you're just making up. We also have-

Griffin:

Also, there's- there- there are challenge donors, uh, which are people who have, uh, who have donated, who- who have agreed to donate a certain amount of money, uh, for every new donor that- that Maximum Fun gets. So, your donation is basically a double donation. Uh, the final tally for challenge donations [laughs]-

Justin:

It's the double down of donations.

Griffin:

... it's- it's five dollars and 60 cent... six and a half cents.

Justin:

I'm gonna meet that guy when... who donated one point five cents and I'm gonna high five him some day.

Griffin:

[laughs] He's the coolest guy ever. So, for every donation, your donation also nets Maximum Fun an additional five dollars and 66 and a half cents.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Um, so there's like... there's double incentive for you to give. Um, so- so go donate- donate, 'cause you're gonna feel so great and we're gonna feel so great because we can... we can keep growing and keep expanding and keep, uh, you know, keep this show floating.

Justin:

Making you laugh. Keep bringing you joy. Pleasure, I would say.

Griffin:

We wanna please you.

Justin:

Uh, wha-

Griffin:

We wanna touch your- your deepest pleasure centers.

Travis:

Blaargh.

Justin:

What is... what is [laughs]... what up with that pleasure center, if you don't mind? Uh, listen guys, "I have trouble waking up in the morning, uh, uh, but especially on weekends. Recently I woke up at nine, which is when my alarm was set, and went back to sleep. I woke up later at three in the afternoon, meaning a good portion of my day was already gone." Ah, man.

Travis:

Wow.

Justin:

That sucks. "I don't really have this problem on weekdays when I have school, but it happens nearly every Saturday and Sunday. What can I do to help myself wake up earlier?"

Griffin:

I have a suggestion.

Justin:

What?

Griffin:

Get in like a really bad car accident-

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

... or fall down a manhole, or almost drown, or get in like a plane that almost crashes. You need to... you got to come face to face with your own mortality, Neil. Uh, and only then will you realize how precious every second you spend on this earth is.

Justin:

Wow. Griffin, that's beautiful.

Travis:

You're deep Griffin.

Justin:

Just like the movie Fearless. If Fearless was a podcast it would be My Brother, My Brother and Me.

Griffin:

You have two options. You come face to face with your immortality, or you buy one of those CD players that will start playing a certain track at a certain time, and just put whatever, just reach into your bag of Black Eyed

Peas CDs and put in any one that you want. 'Cause there is not a track on there that won't wake you up. Boom, boom, boom.

Travis:

Okay, well, you kind of... you skewed off there.

Griffin:

Boom, boom, boom.

Justin:

Yeah. You... I thought you were really on point and then that happened.

Griffin:

They keep on copying my swagger. Like oops.

Justin:

You know-

Griffin:

I'm awake.

Travis:

Neil, I'm worried about you, because waking up at nine and then falling back asleep and accidentally sleeping for another six hours-

Griffin:

That's the whole [laughs] sleep. You slept twice.

Travis:

... you had a whole nother night's sleep [laughs]. What time did you go to bed? Did you go to sleep at 8:30 and wake up at nine, and then sleep for another six hours?

Justin:

"Hi, I'm coma Neil. I don't know if we've met, but I go into coma sometimes [laughs]." Um, maybe you should just get up and go to school [laughs].

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

I mean I know it's Saturday [laughs], but just go to your school and sit there. You'll be up at least. I bet you'll meet some interesting people.

Travis:

You know what I do, 'cause I really like snoozing, um, but what I do is as soon as my alarm goes off, don't even think about it, just sit straight up in bed. Like 'cause if you lay there for a minute and like let the alarm go and think about it, you're gonna talk yourself into hitting the snooze button and turn off the alarm. But if you just like spring up out of bed, you're up. Like you're good, just get going, don't lay there and moan.

Justin:

I've got another- another good one, is to put your, uh, alarm clock on the other side of the room.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Don't put it right next to you, put it on the other side of the room, 'cause then you're up and out of bed.

Griffin:

Well, maybe-

Justin:

And once you're out of bed, half the battle is already won, you know?

Griffin:

... maybe Neil's got a tiny Chicago bedroom where it's impossible [laughs] to put your alarm clock at a place you can't reach while supine.

Travis:

We- well then, if you have a phone and an alarm clock, set your alarm clock and then set the alarm on your phone for one minute later so you're-

Griffin:

And then tape them both to the ceiling [laughing].

Travis:

And then put them in your roommate's room.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

I still say Neil, guess what? You're gonna die. Hey Neil, [whispering] you're gonna die. It might be today, might be tomorrow, it might... No, it's probably today or tomorrow. Um-

Justin:

Yeah, it's definitely this weekend. I'd get out there.

Griffin:

Every second counts. 127 hours.

Justin:

Shatner says ca-

Griffin:

Every second counts.

Justin:

Shatner says start living like you're gonna die, because you're gonna. So, think about it. That's what Shatner says.

Griffin:

Boom, boom, pow.

Justin:

That- that- that's from Bill Shatner, founder of the Black Eyed Peas. Griffin-

Griffin:

I've got a feeling that tonight you're gonna be dead.

Justin:

Yeah. I got a feeling you're dying tonight. Griffin, Yahoo Answers, I need a taste.

Griffin:

Um-

Justin:

I need a sliver, I need a slice, I need a chunk.

Griffin:

Okay, I actually I have something. It's not a Yahoo Answer, I'm flipping the s-

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

Whoa.

Griffin:

... I'm flipping the script right on its ear.

Justin:

Whoa. Whoa.

Griffin:

Uh, I mean we- we're on the topic of death, which is serious and- and- and, you know, it's hard to deal with. It's a... it's a-

Justin:

But sexy. Serious, but sexy.

Griffin:

It is kind of sexy, but it's- it's hard to wrap the old noodle around. Uh-

Justin:

Ooh, yeah.

Griffin:

So, this- this topic, I guess, is the best thing to call it, was sent in by Uber Anthony. Thanks Uber Anthony. It's an eHow article, which, uh, I- I'm sure you all know is the world's leading source of- of information [laughs]. Uh, it's- it's by eHow contributor Nancy Hendrickson who has pinned an article, a helpful article, titled: How To Talk To Dead People In Dreams.

Travis:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

The difficulty of this article [laughs] is moderately challenging, which is if you're looking for an easier nighttime activity, maybe go find something else. Uh, because this is moderately challenging.

Justin:

This is not like a relaxing way, uh, 'cause-

Travis:

You stroll through the park talking to dead people, this is like really getting in there and getting it.

Griffin:

Thanks to the popularity of psychics such as John Edwards and Lisa Williams, more and more people are interested in communicating with the dead. You can spend years in training to become as accomplished as professionals, or you can use your own dreams as a way of communicating with loved ones who are no longer on the earth plane.

Justin:

Hmm, the earth plane, got it.

Griffin:

Prepare your sleep space to begin your quest to communicate with the dead [laughs] via dreams. Your bedroom should be dark and without the possibility of interruption.

Justin:

W- w- wait. You mean before I go to sleep it should be dark and shouldn't be interrupted?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Go on, I'm listening.

Travis:

Ah, okay.

Griffin:

Hey Tommy, what you doing? "Hey, shh."

Justin:

Fuck, I'm trying to my peepums, will you please leave me [laughs] let me be?

Griffin:

Play relaxing meditation music that helps you, uh, relax quickly into a dream state. If you choose to play music be certain that the music has no dramatic spikes in sound or intensity as these may wake you up.

Travis:

And we suggest Black Eyed Peas [laughing].

Justin:

Play Black Eyed Peas backwards and you'll fall right asleep [laughs].

Griffin:

See, I used to listen to the soundtrack to Carl Sagan's Cosmos, uh, but I- I can't do it anymore, 'cause once it gets to Mars it's like, "Oh shit, like I'm up now. I'm up." [crosstalk 00:50:49] I was talking to peepums about the- the great war. Place a dream journal, pen and night light next to your bed. Date the journal entry and create a list of questions or topics you hope to discuss in your dream. The purpose of this exercise is simply to set your intent, the intent being clear communication with a specific person who has passed from the living to the world of spirit.

Travis:

Oh, god.

Justin:

Is spirit an acronym for something [laughs]? The way you said it made it sound like it's like S.P.I.R.I.T.

Griffin:

Super Pathetic Internal REMcycle Inside Timothy.

Justin:

Timothy [laughing].

Griffin:

And- and since it- it's inside Timothy, you have to be inside Timothy for this- this exercise.

Justin:

I'm a member of S.P.I.R.I.T [laughing].

Griffin:

We're be the world's most prolific crime fighting team/dead people talker toers.

Justin:

This is my boss, your peepums. [laughing].

Griffin:

This po-... oh my fuck, you guys, this step is so important.

Travis:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Say a simple prayer of protection before drifting off to sleep [laughs] and ask the person with whom you wish to communicate to appear in your dreams. Be open to receiving communications in varying ways. For example, your dream may be filled with a conversation with a dead person, or the dream may be filled with images, colors, or symbols.

Travis:

I had this dream where I ate a giant sandwich. What do you think Hitler was trying to tell me?

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

It was very colorful, the sandwich, and symbolic in- in a way.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

As an example, the dead person may say to you, "I can't get through to your mother, she isn't picking up the phone."

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

So, hold on, let me try that again.

Travis:

Could you try her for me? Maybe send her a text.

Griffin:

Let me try.

Justin:

Have you tried her earth phone?

Griffin:

As an example, the dead person may say to you, "I can't get through to your mother, she isn't picking up the phone."

Justin:

Hah, hah, hah.

Griffin:

Obviously there is no spirit phone, you dumb fuck [laughing].

Justin:

You dumb shit, [inaudible 00:52:46].

Griffin:

Hey dummy, but it's the dead person's way of saying that they're coming to you because the other person isn't open to communicating with the dead.

Travis:

And rather than say that, they brought up the complicated idea of a phone.

Griffin:

Travis, listen, there's imagery, there's colors, and there's symbols. The spirit phone is a symbol.

Justin:

Your mom moms don't talk to ghosts [laughs]. Tell your moms to talk to ghosts more [laughs].

Griffin:

Tell your mom to stop being such a prudish bitch. I'm trying to get communal.

Travis:

So, if I have a dream in which I'm in Pee-wee's play house-

Griffin:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Travis:

... and all of the talking furniture sounds like Charles Nelson Reilly-

Griffin:

Yep.

Travis:

... what's going on?

Griffin:

Ghost of Charles Nelson Reilly.

Travis:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Griffin:

Yeah, is he still alive?

Justin:

He's trapped at Paul Reubens house. He's buried underneath Paul Reubens house.

Griffin:

Paul Reuben killed Charles Wilson Reilly [laughing]-

Justin:

Everybody knows that.

Griffin:

... and buried him in the cellar.

Justin:

Yeah, and now he makes the corpses of Charles Nelson Reilly watch him, um, watch him eat dinner. He's... it's really weird, uh, it's a really weird arrangement they have.

Travis:

Mystery solved.

Justin:

Mystery solved. And he would have gotten away with it too [laughs] if it weren't for us meddling kids.

Griffin:

Guys, listen-

Justin:

I- I don't think Paul Reubens killed Charles Wilson Reilly.

Griffin:

He probably didn't.

Travis:

Not yet.

Justin:

Not yet.

Griffin:

Is that libel? I can never tell.

Travis:

No.

Justin:

Uh, I just said he didn't. It's cool.

Griffin:

It's only if you say, yeah, it's only if you... if you express doubt in your assertion, is it not libel. So, I'm gonna say a... with 100% certainty that Paul Reubens killed Charles Nelson Reilly [laughing]. Um, that's definitely true. I believe it and I have facts to back it up. Uh-

Justin:

That's the law.

Griffin:

Listen, give yourself the opportunity to develop this new communication vehicle, as they say Rome wasn't built in a day. Like all new things, communicating with the dead in dreams takes practice.

Justin:

You don't believe it, ask Julius Caesar [laughs].

Griffin:

Hey, how do you get to Carnegie Hall?

Justin:

Dead people.

Griffin:

Practice.

Justin:

Practice.

Griffin:

Talk to dead Mozart, he'll give you tips, he'll give you pro tips.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I'm gonna try this tonight. I don't know about you guys, but I'm ready to start developing this communication vehicle.

Justin:

Uh, if you... I- I- I'm already doing it, um-

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

... uh, every night, but it- it has yet to work out for me, um-

Griffin:

Who are you... who are you talking... who are you chatting up? In the... in the dream space.

Justin:

Oh, uh, Rock Hudson.

Griffin:

Really?

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

I mean that's-

Justin:

I asked him if he had any other secrets, you know what I mean?

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

You know who I talk to is Betty White. Now, stay with me [laughs], uh, she's actually been a hologram for the past couple of years.

Griffin:

Holy shit [laughs].

Justin:

Yeah, I know.

Griffin:

I just knew it.

Justin

Yeah.

Griffin:

`Cause human beings can't be that sexy.

Justin:

Uh, here's a... here's- here's a fact, uh, this is a stone fact, if you search for eHow moderately challenging to try to find other tasks that are of the same difficulty level-

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

... here are the top three.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

How to become a journalist.

Griffin:

Yep.

Justin:

How to become a screenplay consultant, and how to overcome an octopus phobia [laughing].

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Those are the top three things.

Travis:

But aren't those three things basically the same?

Justin:

I'm writing a screenplay about the news story about how I overcame my fear of octopi [laughs]. Octopods.

Griffin:

Guys, listen, I'm a journalist, that's my job. I can talk to dead people in dreams, and I know a shit ton about screenplays and their submission. I am scared fuckless of cephalopods. Get them out of here.

Justin:

Can't overcome it. You'd think... you'd think my- my skill level of moderately challenging would enable me to- to overcome that, but-

Griffin:

I can't even play with Nerf guns, because those suction tips remind me of the- the cold slimy feelers of a cephalopod that just wants to drag me down to the briny deep.

Justin:

Man, I... oh, eHow. Maybe- maybe that's a new vein for us to tap, I don't know.

Griffin:

Maybe.

Justin:

Uh, well, everybody keep your... keep your eyes out on that. "I have a problem when it comes to girls. It seems I lose interest after I get a girl to like me. It's almost as if I'm addicted to the thrill of the chase. Uh, this really sucks because I've missed out on being with some really nice girls. Any advice?" It's from Formspring. You're gay. No, wait [laughing], hold on. Now wait, what if he's gay? What if he just likes winning girls over and then he

realizes like, "I'm not that into it, because I'm a little... I'm- I'm kind of gay." Maybe is that possible?

Griffin:

I think it's... I mean anything's possible in this big, blue world.

Justin:

I'm fucking story boarding this one, Griffin. I'm just asking if it's possible.

Griffin:

I- I think you're waterboarding this one [laughing].

Justin:

I've known guys like you, Chase. Is that his name?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

That is now [laughs].

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Chase is actually what he was doing. The- the thrill of, um, but if we can just call him Chase [laughing].

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

No, and then he could refer to himself as the thrill of the Chase.

Justin:

Lady, are you really ready to experience the thrill of the Chase [laughing] for the next three to four days of your life?

Griffin:

That's good. We have to have least one listener named Chase, and if that's... if that's your name, congratulations, we just gave you the best pickup line ever.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

I- I would say that anyone who like the way you describe this whole situation, granted it's three short sentences, but you say like you missed out on being with some really nice girls and you're just interested in the thrill of the chase, it doesn't sound like you're really interested in these girls. You're interested in their interest in you. Um, so maybe you need to slow your roll and be a little bit more choosy about the- the women that you pursue-

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Travis:

... and not just, you know, go for-

Justin:

Yeah, I think that maybe you need to take a break from that whole situation. Like maybe- maybe you need to take a break from, uh-

Griffin:

Chase, listen-

Justin:

Chase listen.

Griffin:

... come kick it with me in my lady siesta [laughing].

Justin:

Now there's a... there's definitely a, um, a point at which that sort of falls off. You think like, "Okay, I'm not gonna do that anymore."

Griffin:

Yeah, sure. Your- your lady siesta turns into like a-

Justin:

Lady coma [laughs].

Griffin:

... a lady-

Travis:

Lady coma.

Griffin:

... a lady shipwrecked, uh, marooned on an island by herself with no survival skills and- and no hatchet with which to fashion... Man, do you guys remember that book Hatchet [laughing]?

Justin:

I feel like you're changing the subject, but- but yes.

Griffin:

Have you guys ever read Hatchet by what's his name? Paul Reubens?

Justin:

Reubens [laughing].

Travis:

Hatchet, the story of how I chopped up Charles Nelson Reilly.

Justin:

An erotic adventure.

Griffin:

And ironically... ironically he- he-

Travis:

A goose-... a goosebumps classic [laughing].

Griffin:

He actually used a credit card survival tool to- to chop up. Gary Paulsen, that's his name.

Justin:

But you know what? He's a donor so he's still going to heaven.

Griffin:

Yep.

Justin:

Uh, uh, so basically Paul Reubens killed Charles, is that the... is that the supposition we're working under?

Travis:

Yep.

Griffin:

It's not a supposition, it's a 100% stone cold fact.

Justin:

Oh, 'cause- 'cause the libel worry. I gotcha. Uh, listen, we've had a lot of fun here today.

Griffin:

You can't [laugh].... you ca-... you always... you always start it with that.

Justin:

What? Is that-

Griffin:

I mean people know how much fun they're having.

Justin:

That... I don't [laughs]... I find I don't really enjoy things unless people tell me that I'm enjoying them.

Griffin:

You're having a great time right now.

Justin:

That's how I learned how to eat kale. Uh, people just told me like, "This is delicious," and eventually I bought it, 'cause I'm a sucker that way. Hey, and if you're a sucker, why not give us some of your money? No [laughs]. Um, we have... we have... we've talked to you about the amazing \$35, uh, donation level for Maximum Fun. Uh, you're helping all these great shows and- and you're- you're helping us out. Um, what we... what we haven't really hit home yet, and it's- it's what I really wanna- wanna hit home, uh,

uh, this- this break, is that we need you guys for us to look good. We need you to, uh, donate and tell them that you're a Max Fun... you're- you're an MBMBAM listener, because we wanna bring you guys into the fold. We want this... we want, uh, our- our new, our new overlords, our new family, uh, to think that we're a valuable contributing member of the team. So, we need you.

Griffin:

Listen-

Justin:

We're- we're relying on you. We count on you.

Griffin:

... this- this is our first year on Maximum Fun, it's also just Judge John Hodgman's first year at Maximum Fun, and he's like wicked famous.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

He was on Battlestar Galactica. I don't know if you guys know that. Uh, he was kind of on Battlestar Galactica and, you know-

Justin:

I- I wasn't. I don't know if you guys were?

Griffin:

I certainly wasn't. I have seen Battlestar Galactica.

Travis:

I was, but they cut the scene.

Justin:

Ah, that's too bad.

Griffin:

Thi- thi- this fucking industry, man-

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Man.

Griffin:

... it'll get you.

Travis:

I know.

Griffin:

Anyway, it's both our f-

Justin:

Casting couch, right?

Griffin:

... it's both our first years-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... the pressure's kind of high for both of us.

Justin:

We- we need to crush him.

Griffin:

We wanna... we wanna take him apart. He was super nice and- and gave us a- a question-

Justin:

[laughs] A real sweetheart. We do wanna-

Griffin:

He was a real sweetheart, and gave us a question for our- our donors only episode, but we wanna destroy-

Travis:

We want to destroy him.

Justin:

Yeah, we wanna disembowel him. Um-

Griffin:

We wanna make him tear up.

Justin:

Now, if you... if you wanna make it, like if you wanna make it count, if you wanna go deep, you wanna say like, "I wanna crush John Hodgman in an authoritative way."

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

Not like in the- the wimpy way that some of these other people, you can get... you can get hectic on it. We have three other donation levels. For \$50 a month, you're gonna be part of the Thorn family blondie brigade. You... okay, Jesse and Theresa Thorn, sweethearts, uh, future parents, will bake you a homemade batch of their signature blondies and Fedex them to your door.

Griffin:

Oh.

Travis:

What?

Justin:

Can you imagine how delicious that tastes? You know what it at- tastes like? Generosity.

Griffin:

Maybe throw them in the microwave first to get them soft and moist again. Are these... I- I've heard story, I've heard tell of- of the Thorn's cooking prowess. Do you think they've discovered some sort of ever gooey, some sort of ever gooey, you know, formula?

Justin:

I think they- they probably just don't call them ever gooey blondies, 'cause it's the worst-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

... the grossest... the grossest thing you could say, but for... you're also gonna get the, uh, the Nerdmergency Kit, which is amazing as we've already covered. Uh, you're gonna get a USB drive with all our shows, you're going to get the- they, uh, Eton self-powered AM/FM weather radio that's part of that Nerdmergency Kit. You're going to get Role Models by John Waters, you're going to get an, uh, Ecobags tote bag with My Brother, My Brother and Me, uh, really cool art emblazoned on it. It's probably at maximumfun.org right now if you wanna go look at it and we'll tweet it and stuff like that, but it's a great Justin Russo design. He really out did himself.

Griffin:

It's- it's also worth mentioning that these blondies, they have a half-life of 65 years-

Justin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]. Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Griffin:

... so they're gonna... they're gonna go with you into the apocalypse with the Nerdmergency Kit and- and they'll... they're rich in nutrients and flavors.

Travis:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Griffin:

So, they'll- they'll s- sustain you for... until- until the mutiny subside.

Justin:

If you're... if you're rich in nutrients and also money, you can be one of Jesse's Golden Eagles for \$100 a month. That will net you all the things we've talked about before plus homemade blondie delivery, Nerdmergency Kit, Max Fun drive, tote bag, Max Fun pack with the stickers, exclusive access to all these episodes and an invitation to the Max Fun dinner, which is a special dinner the night before MaxFunCon with staff, performers, and friends of MaxFunCon. If you can't make it, Jesse will personally take you to lunch when you're in LA. Uh, so go to LA, Jesse will take you lunch. It'll be a lot of fun.

Justin:

For \$200 a month, that's the biggie, that's the big guy. Jordan's Platinum Angels. Free registration at the next MaxFunCon-

Griffin:

Hot damn.

Travis:

Yep.

Justin:

... come to the dinner, gonna get the blondies, Nerdmergency Kit, USB drive, tote bag, Max Fun pack, exclusive ex-... episodes to all the podcasts. I know that not everybody is gonna be able to give \$200 a month. Like I- I wish I had \$200 a month to- to donate. I don't. But if you have been with us over this past year, you've enjoyed the show, and you're looking for a way to- to support us in what we're doing and support some of the great Max Fun shows, I think if you can't do, you know, you can't maybe do, uh, \$200, maybe you can do 50.

Justin:

Maybe you can do 35 and get that- that amazing Nerdmergency Kit, but \$20 a month, you know, the diamond friendship circle, just think about what... the kind of entertainment you're getting from- from our show and the other shows and- and what it's... what it's been worth to you.

Travis:

Justin, may- may I say something?

Justin:

No. Yes, okay.

Travis:

People-

Griffin:

Oh, shit.

Justin:

Uh-oh.

Griffin:

Shit's about to get real.

Justin:

This is gonna be real everybody batten down the hatches.

Travis:

I'm gonna be straight up with you. I- I- I can't lie. I love you.

Griffin:

Oh, man.

Justin:

Whoa.

Travis:

Yeah, there it is. I said it, I love you.

Griffin:

Are you in love with them?

Travis:

And if you... I- I may be. I may be. They're pretty wonderful people.

Griffin:

To soon to tell.

Travis:

And as I look out upon you people imaginarily in front of me, I see some beautiful faces out there. I see some average faces, but no ugly faces.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Travis:

So, good work.

Griffin:

Our-

Travis:

And I would like to look each one of you in the eye in my imagination and say, "The bills come due [laughing]."

Justin:

[burts out laughing] Some of this money goes to pay the staff of Maximum Fun, which does include your friends at My Brother, My Brother and Me. Uh, last night I put... I put on a suit-

Griffin:

Okay.

Justin:

... and I went and ate a steak-

Griffin:

Ooh.

Justin:

... and I brought a flask of whiskey and filled... I poured out half of my diet coke and filled the rest up with whiskey.

Griffin:

This sounds like a classy evening. What- what could you have possibly-

Justin:

I went and saw Drive Angry 3D.

Griffin:

Oh.

Justin:

Like that's what I do with my money. You don't wanna support that? Fuck you. I-

Griffin:

Justin, I think... I think you meant to say Drive Angry shot in 3D. Um-

Justin:

Drive Angry, comma, shot in 3D.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

That's what... that's what we're doing with your... and- and I need your cash to do that. It doesn't pay... Nicholas Cage doesn't pay himself. This is an ecosystem you're supporting here, it's not just me. It's not just about us. It's about the family.

Travis:

Do you know how much it costs to maintain my collection of baby ducks?

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Why would you-

Travis:

Jesus Christ.

Griffin:

He has to... he has to kill them, first of all, when they turn one. Uh-

Justin:

Yeah [laughs].

Travis:

Well, yeah.

Justin:

Thanks.

Travis:

That's what I'm saying, and then to replenish-

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... like it's a constant stream of baby duck and baby duck corpses out the door.

Justin:

I'm- I'm- I'm gonna tell you the most exciting part-

Griffin:

Ooh.

Justin:

... if you flash your Maximum Fun membership card at any of us, that comes with the Max Fun pack, that is at any donation level, you are owed a hug from any of the three of us, all three of us, however you wanna break it down.

Griffin:

We'll- we'll give you a hug.

Travis:

Ooh, if we're all three there, yeah, we can do like a triangle hug if all three of us are present.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

Yeah. You-

Griffin:

There's no touching, we just... we cover you in our energies.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Just get our energy, get our chakras up in you. Uh, but if you flash your card, you... we will give you a hug.

Griffin:

The best fucking hug you've ever seen.

Travis:

Also, you- you earn the right like the massive, massive Twitter bragging rights. You get to go on Twitter and lord it over every other My Brother, My Brother and Me fan that you have donated and they have not.

Justin:

Make sure you do, make sure you flaunt it, 'cause we wanna know who the real... the real heroes are, the real special people. And- and I'm sure we'll be retweeting those as people donate and- and- and- and helping to spread the word there. And- and if you know a buddy hasn't donated, get on him. Say, "Hey jerk."

Griffin:

"Hey, dummy."

Justin:

"Jerkwad." "Hey, stupid."

Travis:

Hey chunk pump.

Justin:

"Hey chunk pump [laughs]. How about s-... how about putting up some dough? Just go to maximumfun.org right now. Don't wait."

Griffin:

Slash- slash donate.

Justin:

Slash donate, and pledge. Pledge what you can. And you have no idea how much we- we appreciate it. It really means a lot to us, and you're gonna get some really cool... some really cool gifts. I actually asked- asked Jesse if it's okay if I if [laughs], or if it's weird if I donate, 'cause I want the... I want the post apocalyptic justice podcast [laughing]. What- what's so... And I wanna try his blondies. What's so weird about that? There's nothing weird about it. I mean when I said it just now-

Travis:

I- I want a membership card so that I can finally get a hug from my brothers.

Justin:

[laughing]

Griffin:

Um, one- one more thing, um, one of the coolest parts about us joining Maximum Fun, or for- for me, one of the coolest things that happened was, uh, when- when we joined up and a- a lot of people in the Maximum Fun community said, "This is so awesome, uh, because I already listened to this show, uh, before I joined the Maximum Fun, and this is just kind of a reaffirmation that- that Maximum Fun knows- knows what I like, knows how I do." Um, and- and to those people and the people who are already Maximum Fun donors, like thank you a fuck ton. Thank you so very, very much. Um, maybe you wanna bump it up this year. I've seen a few people on the forums talking about, you know, kicking it up to notches unknown. Um, well I guess the notches, they're pretty well established.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

But- but if you... if you wanna do that, that would be, you know, absolutely incredible, because our family is getting bigger. You know, we got more responsibilities, but figuratively.

Justin:

Yeah, all you got to do, we can wait, we won't be funny for the next 30 seconds as you go to maximumfun.org, that's the site. maximumfun.org and click, you see a button there that says donate. Or you can just skip it, skip the rigmarole, go to maximumfun.org/donate and, uh, and- and make sure you tell them we sent you. Um, and- and seriously, it means so much to us. A- also, if you have an old donation in the PayPal system, uh, go to that page too so you can, uh, so you can get a new, you know, get on this new system and- and email teresa@maximumfun.org and she can get rid of your old subscription.

Griffin:

And s-... and email PayPal a picture of you just farting, like farting out of your butt hole-

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

... and say, "This is you." Yeah, but have an arrow pointing to your fart and have it say, "This is you PayPal," because PayPal [laughs] is a fart.

Justin:

You're really [laughs] turning this from like a pledge show into like an anti-PayPal show, I feel like.

Griffin:

PayPal banned my account and that's true.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

PayPal once banned my account 'cause I bought some Pokemon cards [laughs].

Justin:

Oh, good.

Griffin:

Oh, no, no, I'm sorry, I sold some Pokemon cards, uh, and I didn't pay like the eBay fee or whatever, 'cause that's some bullshit, I'm not gonna pay eBay to sell my shit. Uh, and they- they shut my account right down [laughs]. There's a hologram Blastoise in there [laughing].

Justin:

I'm just letting you go. [crosstalk 01:10:55]

Griffin:

I had a holo foil blastoise.

Justin:

Yeah, holo foil blastoise.

Griffin:

Listen, all my Pokemon cards are gone. I need a new source of income [laughs]. Please donate.

Justin:

Uh, please donate. Uh, "Hey guys, I live in New England with my super hot wife. I was just offered a great job in Southern California, SoCal," he doesn't say that, I said that [laughs]. "But my wife needs to stay here in New England to finish two more years of law school. We think we're gonna do the long distance thing until she can join me out west. We'll have the means to fly back and forth for school between breaks and vacay, so it doesn't seem like it'll be that bad. Even so, most people tell us we're making a mistake. We're in our late 20s, we've been married for about eight months. Is this a very terrible idea? Tim."

Griffin:

Is it fucked up that like in my mind you... there's no such thing as a long-distance married relationship? That seems like it's-

Justin:

Like you're just married.

Griffin:

Yeah, you're just like married.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

I think that this is totally doable. I mean it's totally workable. Is it a mistake?

Travis:

I-

Justin:

... like I don't... I don't... I- I mean it will probably be a stress on your relationship.

Travis:

Yeah, it's gonna suck.

Justin:

It's gonna suck, yeah.

Travis:

But it doesn't sound like it's really like a choice. She's in law school and you got offered a job, it's not like one of you was like, "I'm gonna go check out what it's like on the other coast." Like you're in a situation in life that dictates that you may need to be apart for a little while. You're eventually gonna be back together, so it's not like a permanent sucky thing. You just gotta put up with it for a year or two, and-

Griffin:

There is a problem. Have you seen the ladies in Southern California?

Justin:

Oh, man.

Griffin:

You see those SoCal honeys, those SoCal shawties.

Travis:

They all look like Katy Perry.

Griffin:

They all-

Justin:

All of them.

Griffin:

... all of them look like Katy Perry, it's- it's like an invasion of the body snatchers thing going on down there.

Justin:

Yeah, it's weird.

Griffin:

Uh, they're... it's... I mean I've only... I've never... have I been to Southern California?

Justin:

Sure.

Griffin:

That's like... that's like LA, right? Is that Southern California? Does that count?

Justin:

Fundamentally, yeah.

Griffin:

Um, it's... so just so many showties.

Justin:

I don't know.

Griffin:

I've watched a lot of OC, a lot of banging beauties.

Justin:

Too much... too much OC some people would say.

Griffin:

A lot of [crosstalk 01:13:00].

Justin:

Some would say.

Travis:

I think Tim has a rock solid will. I think he's gonna be all right.

Justin:

Can I t-... can I tell you guys the truth?

Griffin:

What's that?

Justin:

Can I disagree with you guys? I'm gonna disagree with you guys, and this is me stepping away from Justin, giving you advice for what's best for your life, and this is just my honest like from the heart, this is... this is the case. I don't... I don't think you should move away from your wife for two years. I- I mean I understand your career and I understand that... I- I understand that that's important, and maybe this is like a once in a lifetime opportunity, uh, and- and you're... and you're gonna and- and- and it's totally worth this.

But you've been married for eight months and the- these first couple years are some of the best like in terms of learning about each other and kind of forging your relationship and growing as a couple, and you're gonna... you're gonna miss out on those. I mean, uh, you're gonna... you're- you're gonna miss out on some stuff. And maybe this job is like so worth it and it's... and you know you need to do it, it's like going to, uh, you know, America from the old country to try to build a life for- for your family. If there's that sort of situation and this is a question of necessity, I get it, but if it's-

Griffin:

If you're on the run from religious persecution-

Justin:

Yeah [laughs], exactly, then, yeah, sure, I get it.

Griffin:

He wants to be a-

Travis:

So Justin, it sounds like you're saying the answer to this question is it's time to do a lot of soul searching.

Justin:

Yeah, I really think and I'm not saying like, "So you guys should break up," like that 'cause you're married and that's not really an option, but I mean really think about why you're... not- not in my religion, Griffin [laughs], uh, I- I... really think about why you're doing it, because you love this girl and you guys just got married and you are... and I'm not saying it's gonna jeopardize your relationship, I'm just saying you're gonna miss out a lot... on a lot. And- and I know with technology and stuff it can be very tempting to say, "Well- well, you know, we'll Skype every night." And-

Griffin:

I'll just tweet, yeah.

Justin:

... and that's probably true. I'll just... I'll get at her on Formspring, ask her anonymous questions about what she did that day. But I- I- I don't know, really think about it, Tim. I think it'll be... I think you'll- you'll make it, but I... you love this girl and you just got married, you're newlyweds, and- and

that's a great period and I... and I hate for you to miss out on it. That's just me. That's not advice Justin, that's just from the heart Justin.

Travis:

Yeah, if- if it's from the heart Travis, I- I wouldn't do it either, but if you're dead set on doing it, a- advice Travis says, "Do it, but it's gonna suck [laughs]."

Griffin:

Your wife is... your wife is super hot. That's all I got. Just thought I'd comment on it.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Your wife is super hot. That's gotta... that's gotta put- put some, you know, English on the ball, right?

Justin:

Little English on the ball.

Griffin:

Little english on that ball, 'cause your wife's super hot, so maybe don't leave her for two years. Because you're gonna go to SoCal where all the honey bunnies are smoking piping hot, oop, don't touch, that plate's hot.

Justin:

[laughs].

Griffin:

Also, so is your wife and she lives in New England and she's gonna have all kinds of... Tom Brady's gonna come up to her and try and throw a touchdown on your wife.

Justin:

Yeah [laughs]. You know how guy's in New England-

Travis:

He's gonna throw a touchdown at your wife [laughs].

Griffin:

Listen, you got to be careful, 'cause Tom Brady will scoop up your wife and you're gonna scoop up, you know, all the Marissas and Summers-

Justin:

Katy Perry.

Griffin:

... you can handle.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Just be sm-... just don't do it.

Justin:

You don't want... listen, you're gonna.... she's gonna be in New England-

Travis:

We've [laughs] really turned around. Some guy in overalls is gonna come up to her and be like, "Oh, you want to go to the old butternut tree? You wanna go have a smootch?"

Griffin:

Some-

Travis:

And there's a nor'easter blowing.

Griffin:

... some founding father-

Justin:

There's a north nor'easter blowing. Come check out my orchard.

Griffin:

... some founding father [laughs] is gonna sign some parliamentary actions on- on dat ass.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Tim, just don't do it. Not worth it.

Justin:

Tim- Tim, we flipped [laughs].

Griffin:

Someone's gonna... someone's gonna crack her Liberty Bells, and that- that's in New England, right?

Justin:

Dawg, where do you think New England is?

Griffin:

It's like-

Justin:

You're making me so mad [laughing].

Griffin:

... it's like up... it's like up-

Justin:

You're referencing Philadelphia-

Griffin:

Philadelphia is part of New England, isn't it?

Justin:

... and I don't understand why. What?

Griffin:

Is- is Philly not part of New England?

Travis:

No.

Justin:

No, dawg, no.

Griffin:

It's always seemed sort of ambiguous to me.

Justin:

Has it to you? It's like-

Griffin:

Once you get north up, and there's trees and shit, you- you made it.

Travis:

Can I just say, Griffin, chances are that it seems ambiguous to you, but to the rest of the population it's probably pretty clear.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Probably will be [crosstalk 01:17:17].

Travis:

Like I'm almost certain there's a set amount of states that exist within New England.

Griffin:

Now, Tom Brady, he plays for the New England Patriots, right?

Travis:

Yes.

Justin:

Right, that- that one was good. That's why we were all kind of laughing and playing along-

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

... 'cause that was like-

Griffin:

Listen-

Justin:

... 'cause that like made some sort of fucking sense.

Griffin:

... listen, everyone who's listening, let's keep-

Justin:

Listen

Griffin:

... continue to listen.

Justin:

We need to buy Griffin-

Griffin:

I- I got to go to some fucking night classes. I need to get my Rand McNally on [laughing].

Justin:

That's so bad. It's gotten really serious over here. It's- it's, you know, they say that, uh, ignorance isn't a problem unless it interferes with your broadcasting, and this is seriously getting to be an issue.

Griffin:

I made two jokes that didn't make a goddamn lick of sense.

Justin:

Griffin was like... Griffin is like, "And then go to [laughs]... go to see, uh, the Rushmore-

Griffin:

Where is the Alamo? I don't know.

Justin:

... and Mount Rushmore-

Griffin:

Please help me out.

Justin:

... you guys want to hit up an Indian reservation?

Griffin:

Just-

Travis:

Guh.

Justin:

Uh, uh, Tim, in closing, don't do it [laughs].

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

That's- that's me, that's where I'm at. Seriously, I and it's not because like I think you guys will wreck your relationship, I just think you're gonna miss a lot, and I don't think you should do it. But if you do do it, um, I'm sure it'll be fine and you'll get through it. I just... I hate for you to miss out, that's all.

Griffin:

I hate for Tom Brady to scoop your... scoop your snoot.

Justin:

I hate for your snoot to be scooped by Tom Brady, as they say. I want to get t-shirts, "My snoot done been scooped by Tom Brady [laughs]." Footballer, popular footballer, Tom Brady. Uh-

Griffin:

A known leatherhead [laughing]. That's what they call footballers.

Justin:

Yeah, that's good. See, now you're back on, you're just 50 years in the past, maybe even 100.

Travis:

[laughs].

Justin:

Uh, so do you want to move on to our- our last question? We wanna wrap this... wrap this production up.

Travis:

Let's do it.

Justin:

Uh, I- I... before we do that, real quick 'cause you guys have been, uh, so indulgent to listen to our- our, uh, our, uh, our requests for your help, our pleading if you will. Uh, My Brother, My Brother and Me is the name of this podcast, mbmbam.com is our website. You can go there and you'll find our email address, uh, there. It's mbmbam@maximumfun.org. Uh, you can also find us on Formspring, it's formspring.com/... is it formspring.me/mybrothermybrotherandme?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Or MBMBAM? Is that right?

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

Uh, formspring.me/mbmbam. Uh, we love to see on Twitter quotes, things like that, you know, just encouraging people to listen. You guys have helped us spread the show, uh, so much and- and the only reason we're still doing this is because of the great reactions from- from you all. Uh-

Griffin:

Speaking of... speaking of Twitter, if you... if you do donate, uh, let us know on Twitter. There's... listen, I- I'm- I'm- I'm usually not down with those people who are like, "I just gave, you know, 25 bucks to Save the Children." Like fuck those guys.

Travis:

But this is way better than children.

Griffin:

This is 100 times better than Save the Children. If you donate, let us know on Twitter and we'll, uh, you know, we'll shout you back. We'll say, "Thanks.

Thanks for your love and support. Would you like a foot massage? Is that something that you'd be into?"

Justin:

Would you like some ever gooey blondies?

Griffin:

We will ever goo your blondies.

Justin:

Ugh.

Travis:

Whoa. Ugh.

Justin:

Uh, and- and- and, uh, please, if you... if you can, if you are at all able to, and I like to think that everybody is, uh, if not, why are you spending so much time listening to podcasts?

Griffin:

Go get a job.

Justin:

Go get out there and get a job [laughs]. Uh, \$35 a month, \$50 a month, \$10 a month, \$20 a month, five, two, whatever you can give, uh, maximumfun.org/donate. Right now, don't wait, don't hesitate, just do it, and then let us know so we can love you forever. We already will, but- but we'll love you more.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Justin:

We don't love you equally.

Griffin:

You'll be our favorite.

Travis:

Very favorite.

Griffin:

This one was sent in by Dr. Woofles. Thanks Dr. Woofles. It's by Yahoo Answers user James Walker who asks, "How can I walk up a wall? I want walk up a wall."

Justin:

[laughing]. Oh god. I'm Justin McElroy.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin:

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

[theme music plays]