

## **MBMBaM 416: Face 2 Face: Haunted Doll Cinematic Universe**

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

[theme music: "(It's a) Departure" plays]

**Griffin:** This is the energy you want?

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** You're not illuminated by light at all!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** It's kinda like, "Welcome to my show—" [laughs]

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** I'm just saying! I saw this mic here, and I was like, "I've never talked into that one."

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** I mean, if you want to see how long you can make that last, I'm all for experiment— we've done this like, a hundred times now, if you want to experiment...

**Justin:** It— we've done it a hundred times but we've never done it [yells] in Space City! What's up Houston!

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Do...

[Audience continues cheering]

**Justin:** Keep it going, Bayou City!!!

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** Let me hear you, Hustle Town, come on!!

[Audience cheers again]

**Justin:** You look at me like I don't know Clutch City! These are my people!!

[Audience cheers louder]

**Justin:** What's up!! So excited to be here, welcome to My Brother My Brother and Me, and advice show for the modern era—

**Griffin:** [laughing] Yeah...

**Justin:** I'm your oldest brother, Justin! McElroy!

[Audience cheers]

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy!

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** ... Yeah.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** [quickly] I'm your sweet baby brother, Griffin. I...

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** I didn't— okay.

[Audience continues cheering]

**Travis:** I want Justin to do his tight five.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Okay! Is it—

**Griffin:** Justin is standing at a— at his own microphone.

**Justin:** Wait, do yours first, do yours first.

**Griffin:** Uh. I'm... My name?

**Justin:** Your— yeah, your name.

**Griffin:** I'm Griffin McElroy, 30 under 30 media luminary, baby brother Griffin.

**Justin:** Thank you.

[Audience cheers loudly, several people scream]

**Justin:** Alright, so anyway. So happy to be here. This is just how my brain works, people. Listen. When you go on an airplane, and they give you food. And you eat it. Sometimes it's different....

[Audience laughs and cheers]

**Travis:** Wait, Justin, I think we have something that'll help.

**Justin:** [distantly] Okay.

**Griffin:** Can we get him a bottle of wa— here, Justin, Justin, Justin! Take this bottle of water too!

**Travis:** [distant from microphone, unintelligible]

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Well, you don't sit, you don't actually sit, the stool's just there—

**Travis:** No no no no no— he's hit a— he's hit—

**Justin:** So listen.

**Travis:** A meaningful part.

**Griffin:** No, this is great. So now Justin— okay, Justin's doing a lot of prop comedy, sometimes people listen to this later. He's got his own stand microphone, and he was just holding it about one foot off the ground, which looked really natural and very comfortable.

**Justin:** If I'm... if I'm sitting—

**Travis:** Do the thing where you take the mic off the stand and kinda lean the stand a little bit while you talk into the microphone.

**Justin:** [laughing] Listen.

**Griffin:** No, not that! You're not seducing the mic stand!

**Justin:** If I sit on a stool, like this—

**Griffin:** Then, you're a storyteller.

**Justin:** All I wanna do is sing Fast Car. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It's like...

[Audience laughs and cheers]

**Justin:** Alright. Listen. We've been living in this moment for a while, and we can all agree it was a mistake.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] I'd like to come back to my seat now.

**Griffin:** You are welcome to come back to the table.

**Justin:** Thank you. Thank you.

**Travis:** Welcome, Justin McElroy!

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** I didn't— I didn't realize that part of the pre-show prep involved going on Wikipedia to learn all of the Houston nicknames, [laughing] and now I feel like a bad person.

**Justin:** I'm a native son! Like, I—

**Griffin:** You're not even at all!

**Justin:** Houston, [stumbling] am an I'm a native son!? [Am I a native son?]

[Audience cheers, several shouts of "Yeah!"]

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** That's how we talk in Houston, Griffin. Don't even make fun of my stumbling. On the words. I'm still very nervous from over there, I felt very put on... put on the spot. Literally.

**Griffin:** The table hides... a lot. The table hides...

[Several audience laughs, one person cheers]

**Griffin:** A whole lot. Like maybe my zipper's down! But it's not, I checked it. I always check it while I'm walking onstage.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] Me too!

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] That's the god honest truth!

**Justin:** [crosstalk] Me too.

**Griffin:** Yeah if you pay attention you'll see all three of us just real quick, just go like... blep! Oh, good.

**Travis:** That's— that's like our little ear pull to the—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Except it's, "Eh? Okay."

**Griffin:** [sighs] Oh, so... God, I forget what we were even gonna do for an intro, 'cause what Justin did was just so good!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** History will be the judge of that.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Okay. We were backstage. Justin was looking at Houston nicknames, [laughs] I was on my phone, I saw a news story, and I started talking 'bout it to the boys, and we all sort of realized, "No, hold on. We gotta talk about this in front of the folks." And we never do this on this show, but it was so important and so... I think, could be a launch pad for some of our... twisted skewed advice.

**Travis:** It's time for us to talk about Topical News.

**Griffin:** Yes. Well... There's a nature photographer.

**Travis:** Topical, or... tropical?

[A few audience members vocalize appreciation]

**Griffin:** He was in a rainforest in Indonesia, so. Close, I guess? He has—

**Travis:** I'll take it!

**Griffin:** He's taking pictures, ch-kch-kch. And he leaves his camera out. This is now a segment called "What Griffin Remembers of the News Story He Read 30 Minutes Ago."

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** You would think— he has a computer! I assumed he had it pulled up.

**Griffin:** Nah, better like this. Taking pictures. Goes, walks away from his camera for a little bit, which is like, Cameraman 101, you don't do that! Photographer, you gotta leave it out there! But— don't leave it out there, because what happens next is, a monkey comes down from a tree, takes a selfie with it. It's very good, this image.

[Several audience members laugh]

**Griffin:** The photographer says that's my image. Wikipedia puts it on Wikipedia, says "No, it's creative commons, because you didn't take it, a monkey did." ... This is the first of eight layers. Of this story.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Photographer tries to get it taken down from Wikipedia, Wikipedia says "No, a monkey took it, you didn't take it." He gives up. [pauses] PETA sues the photographer... for including the image in a book that he printed and sold, saying, "That's not your image, you are violating the monkey's trademark."

[Audience laughs, several shouts of disbelief]

**Griffin:** Or copyright. Not trademark.

**Justin:** Copyright.

**Griffin:** This is what Griffin remembers of the news.

**Travis:** The monkey mailed the photo to himself, and didn't open it.

**Griffin:** Okay. PETA and the photographer get together, they talk about it. Uh... apparently there's some precedent, where people representing ALL dolphins ever, sued the Navy for using sonar. And the dolphins lost, so PETA was like, "We don't want to establish precedent by bringing this to court. Let's settle." That's pretty wild. And—

**Justin:** So if you've wondered why dolphins have been—had a little spring in their step, a few extra bucks in their wallet, that's why. Nice, nice class action.

**Griffin:** They decide to settle. PETA and the photographer decide to settle. The ninth circuit court of appeals says, "No, we're gonna hear this one fuckin' out."

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** The ninth circuit court of appeals says, "Actually, we're gonna get into this one."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "We wanna find out—"

**Travis:** "This far, no farther. [crosstalk] Line in the sand."

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] "We've had a lot boring ones lately, and we want a fun one."

**Justin:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Griffin:** About monkey photographers.



**Travis:** We wanna have our own Scopes Monkey trial.

**Griffin:** The reason why they wanted to take it to trial...

**Justin:** That was very good.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] Thank you.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] It was very good. The reason they wanted to take it to trial is because PETA agreed to settle; the photographer agreed to settle; the monkey did NOT agree to settle.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** That's a great point!

**Griffin:** That's—

**Justin:** If the monkey has the right to claim a photograph as his own, the monkey has a right to legal representation!!

**Griffin:** This is all true, by the way, as is this last delicious layer on the onion. The monkey's name is... Naruto.

[Audience laughs and cheers]

**Travis:** Now— [laughs]

**Griffin:** So much! So much bad news this week! Was in some small part, counteracted by Naruto the photo monkey!

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** And we've got him here tonight! Naruto, come on—

**Griffin:** Come on out!

**Justin:** No, he's—

**Griffin:** Aw, he's attacking us!

**Travis:** I do want to— I do wanna change your verbiage just for a second. The monkey has been named Naruto. The monkey was not like, "Hi, I'm Naruto, I took the photo... [laughs] Please credit me appropriately."

**Griffin:** "You owe me some royalties, I believe." Ah.

**Travis:** "Would you like it in the form of banana?"  
"No, I want fucking money!"

**Griffin:** Money!

**Justin:** Money!

**Griffin:** "I have a mortgage!"

**Travis:** "This is Earth! [laughs] I have a mortgage!"

**Justin:** "Do you have bananas, by the way, while we're on the subject?"

**Travis:** "But also, banana wouldn't hurt."

**Justin:** "A banana would be nice."

**Griffin:** I have a Yahoo here, if you would allow me to...

[Audience cheers and whistles]

**Griffin:** Somewhat, now that I'm reading it, similar to our opening topic. Uh, sent in by Carl Vincent Body, thank you Carl. It's Yahoo Answers user... sorry, something's gone wrong. On Yahoo!?!?

[Audience members shouts]

**Griffin:** Uh oh! The website disappeared.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Before I could read it... Gonna jack back in to the web...

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Are you guys... Do you guys have spotlights on you? 'Cause it's sweltering.

**Griffin:** It's pretty warm.

**Justin:** Are we all equally very uncomfortable right now?

**Griffin:** Alright, it's by Yahoo Answers user... it's just not gonna fucking load!

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** This is a trash website.

**Travis:** Yahoo Answers user Naruto!

**Griffin:** Naruto the Photo Monkey asks...

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** "Can you make a Doritos commercial without copyrights?"

[Audience members laugh]

**Griffin:** "My friends and I were planning to make a Doritos commercial, and show it to the school. My dad pointed out that there might be copyright issues." Fucking dad of the year!

**Justin:** Yeah.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** That's a clutch play from that dad.

**Griffin:** Clutch. "We are not planning—"

**Justin:** Clutch City recognizes a clutch play.

**Griffin:** "We are not—" Okay!

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** And that's just gonna buy us ten seconds, every time. "We are not planning to post it, or make money off of it." [blows raspberry] That's not how copyright law works! We actually saying the word "Doritos" up here is probably against the law.

**Travis:** Yep.

**Griffin:** We will call them... Stinky Tortilla Chips.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Faux-ritos.

**Griffin:** That... still don't... not gonna hold up. I think if you land in the "-rito's" family, I think they can still getcha.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Dorit-No's.

[Several audience members laugh]

**Griffin:** ... Dorit-no's works, actually.

**Travis:** Thank you!

**Justin:** Yeah.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Whew!

**Griffin:** This dad! You're gonna... "Yeah, we're gonna make a Dorito's commercial, and show it to the whole school and they'll remember it forever!"

**Travis:** Ehhhh!

**Griffin:** [imitating Dad] "Ah, you... uh... copyright! You can't! Copyright!"

**Justin:** "Content, copyright—!"

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** "They'll take you to chip jail! And... "

**Griffin:** Chip jail! Where...

**Justin:** "You're my beautiful child, and I can't watch you go down like that. You're too talented, at movies, mmm."

[imitating internal conscience] "Alright Cliff, you oversold it. Listen, Cliff, you oversold it."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [imitating Dad/Cliff] "I know, brain, I know! I was trying—I got greedy!"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Pull it back in, Cliff. You've got this."

**Griffin:** Uhh. I mean, if Dorito's doesn't find out, you're probably okay, right? But you never know...

**Travis:** But they WILL find out.

**Justin:** They will find out.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] You never know who the secret Dorito's spies are...

**Travis:** [crosstalk] That kid in your class who's like, the coolest kid, who's just like, [blows raspberry] "Dorito's Police!"

**Griffin:** Yeah! If there's a kid in your class, who skateboard... who...  
[laughs]

**Travis:** Crunch?

**Griffin:** He crunch! Uh...

**Justin:** His name is Ranch, but he's very cool so everybody calls him Cool Ranch.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** His name is Xavier Streme...

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Ohhh...

**Travis:** [crosstalk] So they just call him X. Streme.

**Griffin:** One sure fire sign. The breath and fingers.

**Justin:** [laughing] Yes.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Check the breath, scope the fingers. That's how you know if it's a secret Dorito's Cop.

**Travis:** That's why he's always wearing gloves.

**Justin:** A zest... a zest unbelievable. At his age? And when he eats chips that aren't Dorito's, they turn to ash in his mouth.

**Griffin:** [laughs sadly] Noo! We just mixed our metaphors. I was talking about a secret cop employee of Doritos, and you did somebody who suffered a terrible Doritos curse.

**Justin:** No, I said that chips that aren't Doritos turn to ash in his mouth.

**Griffin:** Again, a terrible— I guess, Doritos curse!

**Justin:** Why would he want to eat any— he would have a chip in his body...

**Griffin:** You're right.

**Justin:** That made it so he could only eat Doritos!

**Griffin:** You're right. I'm the wrong one.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** What... ah... unless...

**Travis:** Unless?

**Justin:** Unless?

**Griffin:** What if it's a very good Doritos commercial, that everybody in your school likes a whole lot? And! Makes them go buy Doritos. And! Gets you hired as the new Doritos Super Bowl commercial person.

**Justin:** Officially.

**Griffin:** Official.

**Travis:** That's the thing, is, copyright law, the tiny tiny loophole is: Unless it's good!

**Justin:** Unless it's good, and we like it!

**Griffin:** [laughing] It's true.

**Justin:** You know, you hear a lot of game designers get their start making, like, Doom levels. Maybe this is how you get your start making Doritos commercials, [laughs] is you make your own, sweded... [laughing] You can't even afford Doritos, you just have to write it on a plastic bag.

**Griffin:** [bursts into laughter]

**Justin:** [through laughter] Fill it with dirty chips.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Can you make your own Doritos at home??

**Justin:** [cracks up] Can you swede Doritos? They're chips, not for commercials, just—

**Griffin:** I— I know where to get tortilla chips. I know where to get pizza. Can I find some way— do they just grind that shit down, and just rub it?

**Travis:** And then just throw it into a fan with the chips hanging in front of it.

**Griffin:** Yes! Sell those on the playground, 25 cents a bag.

**Travis:** Oh no, word's gotten out, Cool Ranch is comin'! [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Shut it down!

**Justin:** I have—

**Travis:** I got chips!



**Justin:** I have a gallon sized Tupperware container that my grandfather passed down to me, that's labeled "zest." So just mix those together.

**Griffin:** Uh, how 'bout a regular question? Yeah, it's very warm.

[Audience cheers]

**Travis:** Woooo!

[Audience whistles and cheers]

**Justin:** If you're listening later, I just pulled my shirt off very cool. And everybody was so excited about how smooth it was.

**Griffin:** And like—

**Justin:** Like I've taken off a shirt before.

**Griffin:** Like, five of his muscles popped out.

**Justin:** Uh. How 'bout a question from our beloved audience? Here, on MBMBaM, we take your questions and turn them alchemy-like into wisdom. This is our first question. Um. "My girlfriend and I have been da—" Nope. Wait. Nope. That's— yes that's right. "My girlfriend and I have been dating long distance for almost a year now, and recently I went to visit her and her family. Upon arriving, I found out my girlfriend's dad is a pro Wii Sports Bowler."

**Griffin:** Mmmm.

**Justin:** Mmmm.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** "He goes to tournaments—"

**Griffin:** Thank you. To him. From us.

**Justin:** [laughs] "He goes to tournaments weekly, and takes it so seriously, that he stays up until 2 a.m. some nights to practice."

**Griffin:** Fuck, yes!

**Justin:** It's actually...

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** It's actually not healthy. You have to take care of your body, as pro [crosstalk] Wii Sports Bowler—

**Travis:** [crosstalk] But he sleeps 'til 2 p.m.

**Justin:** [crosstalk] [laughing] He does.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Well— I'll tell you this. He's got one super healthy appendage. And it's the—whichever one he holds the Wii remote with.

**Justin:** [crosstalk] ...holds the Wii remote with. Yeah.

**Travis:** [high pitched voice] Weekly tournaments!?? Where?!!

**Griffin:** Is that scene still that hot!?

**Travis:** [even higher] Weekly?!

**Justin:** Uh. "I—"

**Travis:** Cash?! Weekly cash tournaments!?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** That he has gone PRO?

**Justin:** Uh. "I'm not great at bowling, virtual or reality. But I want his approval. What can I do to impress him, or at least show that I appreciate

his virtual technique?" And that's from Hopping For A Strike, in Houston, Texas.

**Travis:** That— I mean— Are you here?

[Several audience members cheer]

**Travis:** Sure.

**Justin:** Sure.

**Griffin:** Are you— wait. Are you here?

[One audience member yells "Yeah!" and several others cheer]

**Travis:** Are you Legion!??

**Justin:** Yeah, why is your question about your girlfriend's dad, and not about how you're a hive mind? [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** I mean, if you just want to prove that you appreciate, like... his ability. Just watch him and go, "Nice."

**Justin:** Nice.

**Travis:** "That was real good, Doug."

**Griffin:** There are very few reactions you can give to watching somebody Wii Bowl that don't feel like you're full of shit, I feel like.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I feel like, "Oh nice," is about it. And then anything like, "AHH YEAH!" They're just gonna assume you're being an asshole.

**Travis:** The right reaction is this: “Shhh! [inhales] Nice. [Exhales]”

**Griffin:** [laughs] Oh.

[Audience laughs, some clap]

**Justin:** [laughing] Why are you getting high in front of bowling Dad?

**Travis:** I mean, it’s 2 a.m., he’s Wii bowling.

**Justin:** Yeah, he is high, isn’t he. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [cracks up]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It takes— [laughs] Yeah. Also, my girlfriend’s dad loves cocaine. That’s another thing...

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] Is... mounds of that good white stuff. Crazy about it.

**Travis:** Well, that’s what happens on the pro scene.

**Griffin:** Yep.

**Justin:** That’s the pro scene—

**Travis:** Ah, it gets—

**Justin:** That’s the pro Wii Bowling scene, it gets nasty out there.

**Travis:** Pro?! He doesn’t have another job?

**Griffin:** Is this what Esports is?

**Justin:** Yeah.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** I've worked in the industry for a literal decade now, and I'm still not sure what people are talking about. I think they just misspelled the word "sports" and I don't think that's that unreasonable.

**Justin:** They take— it's, Esports is when you take the hard part of doing the thing, and make it easy.

**Travis:** That's true, because if you think about like, the difference between, like, playing football versus playing a Madden game. It's a big, big physical difference.

**Griffin:** Or, murdering a bunch of people...

**Travis:** Right.

**Griffin:** In a shooting game.

**Travis:** But the difference between real bowling and Wii bowling is just removing the—

**Justin:** It's about mass.

**Griffin:** It's about eleven pounds.

**Justin:** Eleven pounds, yes.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** About eleven pounds.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Otherwise... pretty much the same activity.

**Justin:** Pretty much the same thing.

**Travis:** What if you glued a bowling ball to his Wii-mote, and said "I got you this."

**Griffin:** That'll really just... fuckin' fuck his TV right up!

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Are you kidding me?! That'll fuck the drywall behind the TV up!!

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** That'll fuck up the TV in the next house over...

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** I do like that, though.

**Justin:** You've gotta—

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** I mean, you gotta beat him! Right? You have to beat him!

**Griffin:** Oh! ... You're not gonna.

**Justin:** You're not gonna.

**Griffin:** Unless...

**Justin:** Unless?

**Travis:** Unless?

**Griffin:** [sheepishly] I don't think I actually had one.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** No, actually what you have to do for this to work. You have to almost beat him.

**Justin:** Yeah, yeah yeah yeah.

**Travis:** You have to like, eke out a close loss. Right? Of like, you're one point behind him, so it's like, "I respect your game... but I'm the Pro here." Right? So then it balances out.

**Griffin:** Okay—

**Travis:** Because if you beat him—

**Justin:** He's gonna smell that— taking a dive, with the bedding, in that scene, you think he's not [crosstalk] gonna see someone taking a dive?

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] No, there's no way...

**Travis:** [crosstalk] That's true.

**Griffin:** Okay, hold on— Unless. I got it now.

**Travis:** Unless?

**Justin:** Unless?

**Griffin:** I thought of one! This isn't how it usually works, but. Uh. Unless you wait for him to get, like, sick. And then you play him.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Like the flu or something.

**Travis:** Ohhkay.

**Justin:** Okay, got it.

**Griffin:** And then you just crush him. [laughing] 'Cause his weak body can't handle... the sports you're bringing! And you put super heavy batteries in his controller, too.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs with dastardly satisfaction] Yes!!

**Justin:** [laughs] "Hi, uh, is this Circuit City?"  
"Yes it is."

**Travis:** [laughs] Why are you still open?

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [as Circuit City employee] "We're the last one, I bought this store... I—"

**Travis:** This is the Circuit City, I'm the mayor.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** "Welcome, thank you for calling the last Circuit City, how can I help you?"

"Ah, yes. I need some verrrrry heavy batteries. And... "

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** "Of course, sir!"

**Justin:** "Is this— is this for—?"

"No, before you ask, this is not for a Dad prank."

[Audience laughs]



**Griffin:** Also, if you roll the bowling ball on the side of the bowling alley where the wall is and get it to go on top all the way to the end, all the bowling pins fall over and there's a big explosion. That's a cheat code! And you can use that!!

**Travis:** Is it—

**Griffin:** It's the truth! I didn't make it up. Roll it on the top. [laughs] I beat so many kids at Toys R Us with that. And they were like, "What? That's cheating!"

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** And I was like, "It's in the game!"

[A few audience members laugh loudly]

**Travis:** Just fuckin' take him real bowling.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** There's no way... on earth... [crosstalk] He would never—

**Travis:** [crosstalk] What if he doesn't know about real bowling!?

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [crosstalk] He would be so excited!

**Travis:** [crosstalk] What if he got Wii Bowling, he was like, "Oh I love this!"

**Justin:** "I love this!"

**Travis:** "Who came up with this, this is great!" And then you were like, "Hey—" Oh shit, take it one step further, "I know how much you love Wii Bowling, so I built this space for you."

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] “It’s like my game! Valerie, it’s like the game you got me, it’s like the game I love!”

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** “Bowling!”

**Travis:** I call it, Dougsball.

**Griffin:** There is no real bowling, how’s the ball even supposed to come back! It’s a video game! You think— you think there’s a little plumber running around, stomping on mushroom men!? Get it together.

**Travis:** [laughing] It’s in the game.

**Justin:** Bowling’s imaginary. Um. How— Griffin, how about another Yahoo Answer question here.

**Griffin:** Yeah, absolutely. This one was... this one was sent in by Adrian Cows, thank you Adrian. It’s Yahoo Answers user... Canabeej... canna... cannabi... No. It’s just some letters.

**Travis:** [snickers]

**Griffin:** Asks: “If you were part of a construction crew, and while digging the foundation you stumbled upon ancient gold coins, what would you do then?”

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** “Would you report the find to the archaeology department?” Of the construction company!???

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Legally they have to have one, and usually they're very bored.

**Travis:** Yeah. "What did you find? Spark plug? Cool."

**Justin:** Cool.

**Griffin:** How qualified is that position, have to be?

**Justin:** [as archaeologist] "I'm gonna— I'm gonna go back to practicing Wii Bowling."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** [as construction worker] "We found like, a hundred skeletons."  
[as archaeologist] "Shit. Uh."

**Justin:** [as archaeologist] "Okay, that's my day. Alright."

**Griffin:** [as archaeologist] "Human— uh, human skeletons? Or not?"  
Uh. [reading question] "If you report it to the archaeology department, or would you and your colleagues share the quote-un-quote 'bounty.'"  
[himself] I don't know why you needed a quote-un-quote bounty on that!  
That's a— that's a bounty you got there, my son!

**Justin:** [laughing] Yeah.

**Griffin:** "After reporting, would you stuff some in your pocket, take home, and sell them online? Or would you turn them all to the government?"  
[laughs] Hey!

**Travis:** "Hey, is this City Hall?"

**Griffin:** "Is this City Hall?" [laughs] "Is this Government?"

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs] Okay. Correct me if I'm wrong. This question in two parts, right? 'Cause it's "would you keep them for yourself, or would you report" and "IF you reported, would you still [crosstalk] steal some... "

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Would you still steal a little bit...

**Justin:** That's the wild part to me. Like, you— why do you need that heat? Like, you just want to feel it? You want to feel something—

**Travis:** Right.

**Justin:** So you need to steal, when they know they're watching you?

**Travis:** Like, you don't think that MIGHT pop up, if you're on the Ebay, and they're like, "Hey you know that big box of coins you gave us? Some of those also showed up over there!"

**Justin:** "Isn't that weird?"

**Travis:** Uhh! I wouldn't touch it. It's cursed.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Nah...

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** It's clearly cursed.

**Travis:** It's cursed! I've seen Pirates of the Caribbean Black Pearl twelve times!

[Audience laughs and cheers]

**Travis:** ...Today! [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** He watches it on six TV's twice.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] So don't worry.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] I watch it at 1.5 speed. [laughs]

**Justin:** If you ssssss... I don't think you can just steal it and sell it. Because you don't know... how much it's worth. And if it's very good gold coins, or if they're just okay gold coins, you don't know.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** You don't know what the minimum bid should be. [crosstalk] So you can't just Ebay them.

**Travis:** Yeah, you don't wanna walk into a pawn shop, and hand them—like, "These are all Chuck E. Cheese tokens."

**Griffin:** Right.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** You need an expert, to evaluate them, like the experts at Pawn Stars. To look at them, and say, "Alright. These are very good. Congratulations. You're going to be a very rich person."

**Travis:** "Two hundred dollars."

**Griffin:** Ehhh!

**Justin:** Two hundred dollars.

**Griffin:** Two hundred dollars. Yeah.

**Justin:** [clears throat] I have another question. “When I’m walking, I love to skip. The—”

**Griffin:** [laughs] Okay!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** “The problem is that I’m 31 years old. I’ll glance around furtively to check that no one’s around to see, and then off I go! The wind in my hair. The floaty bounce down the street. It feels great. But, if someone sees, they look at me like I’m batshit. And the moment is ruined. At some point between child and adult, skipping becomes taboo. And then everyone loses out. Hey brothers, how can we bring skipping for adults out from the underworld, and give everyone the freedom to have a little bounce in their step?”

[Audience cheers and applauds]

**Justin:** That’s from Can’t Stop the Skip, who I... bet just got a lot more affirmation than they expected.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Can we all agree that, like, skipping rules?

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Okay, okay, okay, okay! [crosstalk]

**Travis:** [crosstalk]It’s so much more efficient!

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Okay, okay, okay! We have a lot of fun here, and sometimes, y’all I feel like are pressured to agree with anything we say.

[Audience laughs, someone yells indistinctly, then someone cheers]

**Griffin:** The— it's great. No, it's great. [incredulous] What was the last time you skipped, though!?

[Audience members shout]

**Travis:** We're getting a lot of actual answers!

**Griffin:** Okay, yeah.

**Travis:** [shouting, imitating an audience member] "Three weeks!"

**Justin:** I— I wrote it on my calendar, because I had so much fun doing it!

**Griffin:** [cracks up]

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Nine days, thirteen hours!

**Griffin:** [laughing] When I knew I'd be tested at some point in the future!

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** It's— it's just, it is that it's weird, because I don't know exactly where the point is, but I see a six-year-old skipping, I think "Ah, Americana, beautiful, freedom, go for it."

**Griffin:** [snorting] Yeah.

**Travis:** I see a sixteen-year-old skipping, I'm like "What is going on!"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** What is—

**Justin:** What did they steal?

**Griffin:** What did they huff?

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** [laughing] They're on that skip!

**Griffin:** [laughing] They're on that...

**Justin:** [laughing] They're on skip!

**Griffin:** They're huffin' skip!

**Travis:** "Aw, but I tell ya, the worst thing of all, Chief, the worst thing of all? There's a counter on that ball. Noooo!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Okay.

[Audience member cheers]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** There was a toy called... Who in here is forty? [laughs]

[Audience members laugh, and some cheer]

**Griffin:** [laughing] There was a toy in the seventies, called— okay, anyway. Um. It IS faster.

**Justin:** It's faster, you can truck.

**Griffin:** You can fuckin' blaze when you're skippin'.

**Justin:** Yeah.



**Griffin:** You got a meeting you're running late for? You see the train pull up? You walk— [vocalizes steps] bem, bom, bem, bom, GONE. You missed it.

**Justin:** Missed it!

**Griffin:** Skip it! ... You run into the back of the train because you got in it so fast and hard.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** You maybe can't even stop. [crosstalk] You gotta good head of steam.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] Yeah! You pass the train! The train has to catch up to you!

**Justin:** That's the— that's the problem. If you're of a certain age, the problem becomes stopping skipping. Because that don't... it doesn't look cute, folks.

**Griffin:** [cracks up]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Like if you... [laughs] As an adult, the motions to stop a skip...

**Griffin:** [breathless] Okay...

**Justin:** There's a lot of kinetic energy—

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** That you're having to work against...

**Griffin:** Then— here's this. I think we can sell skipping as: everybody's fast paced lifestyle, on the go, Houston especially, like, gotta get to...

[Audience cheers as McElroys continue]

**Justin:** Fourth largest city in America! Yeah, you gotta skip around!

**Griffin:** Yeah, you gotta skip around, I gotta get— I got places to be, I got appointments, I gotta skip. But—

**Travis:** Justin, what's the annual import/export? [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughing] But... stopping is embarrassing. So, on the front of every business, will be a little human stable. That you can kinda just st— like a human garage, that you can kinda... You skip, when you're outs— like, Hey hey hey! And then you hit the human stable, and you're like... [grunts]

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** [laughing] And inside the stable is just one wall of a bounce house, that you can run into...

**Justin:** Run into.

**Griffin:** Just fully stop. And now, and now you're gonna walk.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** 'Cause you're in a bank, now.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** And... you're in a church. And this is a respectful place.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** You should not skip in front of Christ.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** You know they're gonna find a way to charge you, though!

**Griffin:** Yeah...

**Justin:** You know they're gonna find a way, they're like, uh, skip skip thummp! "That'll be three dollars, please."

**Travis:** Well I mean that's the problem, is that adults tend to just ruin everything? And so I think if we all started skipping, eventually it would become competitive.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** It would be a sw— and then people would start marketing, like, skipping shoes.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Special skipping equipment.

**Justin:** Where can buy it? Now I'm interested.

**Travis:** Right. And then it's just like, where's the fun? Where— I thought this was about the love of the sport.

**Justin:** Wait, what about the skipping shoes? Take me back, where'd you get 'em, Travis, don't leave me hanging, come on!

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** I— I made them at home. [laughs] I glued several other pairs of shoes together.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Pieces of them! Not just—[laughs] shoes...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** You... I don't think you necessarily want skipping to be socially acceptable, because I think that's what you like about it.

**Griffin:** Ohhhh! That is dirty!!

**Justin:** It's dirty and wrong. And you're...

**Griffin:** You know what you're doing! You're making, like, this face, like...

**Travis:** Mmhmm! [laughs]

[Audience laughs loudly]

**Justin:** If you're listening later, Griffin just made a face like he was skipping.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** And... [laughs] getting away with it.

[Audience laughs and cheers]

**Travis:** But he's giving it kind of a "shh, I'm a naughty boy" face.

**Justin:** Kind of a naughty face.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Can I say something? Even just sort of bouncing up and down in my chair like that felt kinda good! Hey guys!?

**Justin:** Hey everybody, can we just bounce for a second?

**Griffin:** Moving kinda feels nice!

**Justin:** Yeah! I don't see you bouncing! Come on!

**Griffin:** This has turned into a fucking Wiggles concert, and we're done.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Ahhh!

**Griffin:** Hey... I got a Yahoo here.

**Justin:** Yeah, Griff.

**Griffin:** That was sent in by Nick Potter. Thank you, Nick. It's Yahoo Answers user Jenny. Thank god. Who asks: "What can I do to make a trash can really smelly!? That's right!!"

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** The best shit about Yahoo's is not the questions, it is the, like...

**Travis:** The accessories.

**Griffin:** The interjections around it. "I have these obnoxious kids that play basketball every day/evening, right behind my townhouse, and occasionally hit my home." I'm assuming with the basketball, that's not some way that they, like, keep score, is by punching the shit out of your townhouse. Anyway, "It's annoying as hell and I need to do something that will prevent them from playing basketball lol. I have a trash can that is right next to where these kids play basketball, so I figured I'd make my trash can unbearably smelly, lol!"

**Travis:** What a weird use of "lol!" Like, I'm hatching an evil scheme, ha ha ha ha ha!

**Griffin:** What a weird use of...

**Justin:** All.

**Griffin:** Your brain.

**Justin:** Yeah. [crosstalk] Of your time.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] To generate this...

**Justin:** If you... said to your friend, "Hey, I love playing basketball here with you. But I'm starting to suspect that the person who owns the townhouse next to our basketball court is intentionally making their trash can more smelly to prevent us from playing." Your friends would lock you in prison!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** They would put you in mind jail. For being so buck wild.

**Griffin:** But that just makes this the perfect... crime!

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** It is a crime, yeah. I think it's dis... dis... disrupting the peace or something.

**Travis:** Okay, there's two things—

**Justin:** The smells.

**Travis:** There's two things I want us to think about, parameters that I think are very important. One: it is an outdoor area.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** So the level of smell you will have to achieve...

**Griffin:** Oh!!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Holy shit!

**Justin:** Rough!

**Travis:** And two: the level of smell you will have to achieve so that some teens, playing basketball, will be like, "Wait. Hold on. What is that?"

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Well that's the thing, Travis. They can't just be distracted by it. I don't know that I've ever been playing basketball...

**Justin:** Period!

**Griffin:** And I can end the sentence, pretty much...

**Justin:** [laughing] End the sentence! Yeah!

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** I don't know... I don't know that I've ever been playing basketball, and smelled something that made me want to stop playing basketball.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** That is a wild... connection to make.

**Travis:** This person's going about it—

**Griffin:** Except for! A pie on my neighbor's windowsill!

**Justin:** Yes!

**Travis:** That's what— Okay! This person is going about it all wrong! Not smell bad. Smell good!

**Griffin:** Smell good! Far away.

**Travis:** Yes!

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Smell good, unplaceable.

**Justin:** Make their homework smell very good.

**Travis:** Or, or— or just like a similar— just kind of a scent, where they're like, "What is that?" Well, you made it smell like their grandmother's attic, and they're having [laughs] such strong sense memory, they can't play basketball anymore, 'cause they're thinking about the beautiful times they had in Grandma's attic, looking at old photos.

**Justin:** Thank God you found the world's only nostalgic teenagers to play—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** To play basketball at your home! Here's an idea. Instead of—

**Griffin:** We're not gonna solve this one.

**Justin:** No, I can solve it!

**Griffin:** We can have fun— okay.

**Justin:** I can solve it. Don't make the trash can more smelly. Put the trash can under the hoop.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** So they go for a nasty dunk, and then all of a sudden, there's coffee grinds all over the ding-dang ball. [laughs]

[Audience laughs]



**Justin:** Nobody wants to play when there's a bunch of peanut butter and lemon juice on their favorite basketball! Game over!

**Travis:** "I— I can't make nasty dunks with this nasty ball!"

**Justin:** "This is too nasty for me! There's jelly all over it!"

[Some audience members cheer]

**Griffin:** Here's the...

**Travis:** [laughing] "I didn't see that trash can there when I dunked it!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] You have to put it out there fast! Or put a Roomba on it, that can automatically...

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Okay, that was gonna be my point, is that they could just move the garbage can. But—

**Justin:** Not when there's a Roomba on it!

**Griffin:** Yep. But...

**Justin:** Yo, don't program a Roomba for something so hateful. [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Don't program a Roomba to transport stink around, that's the opposite [crosstalk] of what the Roomba wants!

**Travis:** [laughing] [crosstalk] That's the opposite of what a Roomba's supposed to do!

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** No no no no—

**Travis:** With a Roomba's—

**Justin:** [laughing] What a perversion of a Roomba's programming!

**Travis:** They're so near sentience. Please.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Just let them develop on their own!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I—

**Travis:** Don't teach them about evil! [laughs]

**Griffin:** Even if there's a Roomba on the bottom of it, I think they could still move it. Like, a hundred feet away. And then they have a little while to play basketball before the Roomba comes back, and that's an issue. What you have to do... is go out there, and say, "Aw, this game looks like fun, what's it called? Basketsball? I would love to try playing it." By the way, you're very good at basketball, and you're totally putting them on. Also, YOU stink like shit.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [cracks up]

**Griffin:** You stink like... dog. Shit. And you are gonna be... doing some deep coverage.

**Justin:** [laughs] In the paint!

**Griffin:** [laughs] In the paint, you are going to be... technical fouling. You'll lose the game...

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [wheezes with laughter]

**Travis:** But you'll win the day.

**Griffin:** Yeah. But they'll lose the game, by which I mean, not want to play it again at your...

**Justin:** And you won't— at that point, why can't you just hustle them? Like, if I win, you never play basketball here again. Something like that.

**Travis:** That has nothing to do with smell, Justin.

**Justin:** Oh, fair.

**Griffin:** Also because we already did a hustling joke, I feel like, in this episode.

**Justin:** Yeah, we...

[Unintelligible overlap]

**Griffin:** ... Don't wanna do a second one.

**Justin:** We already did one hustle.

**Griffin:** Do we have another question?

**Justin:** Yeah, let me see if...

**Griffin:** We're gonna do audience questions, by the way, we're not taking—

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Not right now, but...

**Justin:** Not now!

**Griffin:** That's something we do. Um.

**Justin:** We do do that.

**Griffin:** We just wanted you to get very excited and then [cracks up] disappointed really fast...

**Justin:** Uh, Griff, why don't you start another Yahoo?

[Pause]

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** Go ahead and just start another Yahoo for me.

**Griffin:** This—

**Justin:** [imitating a siren] Boo-boo-be-doo! Boo-boo-be-doo! Boo-be-doo-be-doo-be-doo!

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** It just popped up. This just popped up.

**Travis:** Hot in from HQ.

**Justin:** The spooky lighting that matches the temperature of the lights that are currently giving us a nice deep tan. It's a Haunted Doll Watch.

[Audience cheers and applauds]

**Justin:** This is a very good one. "Haunted Doll: Magical. Amazing Power. Unique Spirit. Powerful White-lighter."

**Griffin:** [laughing] It's so much so fast!

**Justin:** Yeah. That's a lot.

**Travis:** My favorite out of that whole thing: Unique Spirit.

**Justin:** Unique spirit!

**Travis:** Not one of those bland, boring, like, nickel and dime spirits!

**Justin:** [crosstalk] A special one.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] This one!? Mmmm.

**Justin:** This is... I... This is one of the only haunted doll descriptions I've ever read where— this is directly from Ebay by the way, you can go buy this doll if you want. By the way, we did a Haunted Doll Watch last night; somebody bought the doll. [laughs] Like, immediately...

[Audience laughs and cheers]

**Justin:** Tweeted it at us, that they bought it, so that was a mistake on their part. This is the only one I've ever read where it—

**Travis:** Unless! It works.

**Griffin:** Unless— oh. Yeah.

**Travis:** Works? That's not the right word.

**Justin:** Here... is... this is the only one that I've ever read that it— it seems more like song lyrics than a...

**Griffin:** [cracks up]

**Justin:** "Here is Sandy. She's a magical doll." Period.

**Griffin:** Is she— hold on! Is she a magical doll [crosstalk] or a haunted doll?

**Justin:** [crosstalk] Is she a magical doll or a haunted doll? Don't fucking get your mythology mixed up. "Magical dolls are wonderful spiritual entities!" Exclamation point! ...Okay. "Sandy is somewhat of a white-lighter, slash dark spirit." Interesting, isn't it? How we only got white-lighter in the headline, and then we find out later she's kind of a dark spirit also? I hope you already clicked buy it now.

**Travis:** What does that mean!?

**Justin:** It means...

**Griffin:** Oh, oh oh oh oh. Uh, I can answer this: nothing.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** It means she's not all negative energy, just very powerful. And—

**Travis:** And she's—

**Justin:** And isn't afraid to use the power. She's empowered. She's strong. She knows her place in the world, I love this doll.

**Travis:** So she'll watch a marathon, of like, HGTV with you,

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** But she might be a little snarky about it during.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** Also, the TV's gonna float off the entertainment center!

**Justin:** "She is more than a white-lighter. She is an energetic spirit, with boundless energy. She has been used in some dark magic... "

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Just... right when I'm ready to click!

**Justin:** "But... she remains a white-lighter." See, that's like hot and cold!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Uh—

**Griffin:** Of! Complete dookie nonsense words.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** This is the next sentence, I'm gonna read this verbatim. "Seances? Ohhhh, she loves seances."

**Griffin:** [cracks up]

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** [cackles] Don't get me started on seances!

**Justin:** Ohhh, this kid and seances... Very next sentence follows it up: "Crystal balls are another of her favorites." Okay! Just keep those around. "She telepathically has told that she has done some very dark questionable things."

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** What!?!

**Justin:** "But, through those experiences, she has acquired knowledge of magic, through all of her previous owners. This has made her very powerful. She said that she only became a dark spirit when necessary." They pushed her into this.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** She didn't want— have you seen Prison Break? Hold on.

**Travis:** I haven't. Is it about a doll?

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] "I just let her tell me what she wants to do, and she tells me a lot! She loves to telepathic conversations."

**Griffin:** [incredulous] She loves to telepathic conversations!?

**Justin:** "The twinkle in her eyes show how willing she is to please. Sandy—"

[Audience groans]

**Justin:** Come on! It's a little kid!

**Travis:** It's not!

**Griffin:** [cracks up] It's—

**Justin:** It's a dead little kid!

**Travis:** It's NOT!

**Justin:** "Sandy has been used by some very powerful witches and warlocks. She's lived with witches, shamans, wizards, fortune-tellers, warlocks, and sorceresses."

**Travis:** And Adam Sandler. [laughs]

[Audience laughs]



**Justin:** And Adam Sandler! [laughs] “For a brief time, she lived with Channing Tatum in his beach house.”

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** “She is sought after because she enhances their spells to they’re very powerful.”

**Travis:** If she’s sought after, why is she on Ebay!?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Thank you! By the way, the uh—

**Griffin:** Yeah, give me that price?

**Justin:** You can place a bid on good old Sandy for \$11.99 currently.  
[laughs]

**Griffin:** [cracks up]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** So if you—

**Travis:** Highly sought after!

**Justin:** So if you’re a warlock or a sorceress, good news— [laughs]

**Griffin:** Hey it started at one penny, but there’s a bunch of warlocks and fortune tellers just running it up! One penny at a time.

**Justin:** Okay, this one is a little perplexing for me.

**Griffin:** Oh. This is the first perplexing...

**Justin:** "She has been used by the very experienced in the magical realm by those who value her many gifts. She has said telepathically, and she has many stories she can tell you." She's kind of a tale spinner, Sandy.

**Griffin:** Have we...

**Justin:** "As for—" hold on, hold on. "As for mortals, only the very experienced, or those who have some form of seventh sense, are recommended for her."

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** What's the seventh one!?

**Justin:** The seventh sense?? We got... we found another one?

**Travis:** I think that's taste supreme.

**Griffin:** I think it's— I think sixth is umami.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Seventh is spidey.

**Justin:** "Sandy is a white-lighter, connected to the other world—"

**Griffin:** [yelling] Jesus Christ, we get it!!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** "—Something of a guardian, who protects and guides witches, mortals with magic gifts, to protect and nurture them as their powers evolve. However, she is also Dark Sandy."

**Griffin:** [yelling] Ahh!!

**Justin:** "Will cast spells, [laughs] or put curses on those who've betrayed you."

**Griffin:** Which is she mostly though, Ebay!?

**Justin:** "She will make it her goal to even the score." Okay!??

**Griffin:** Holy shit!

**Justin:** "You will have to tell her when you think they have had enough. Then she will stop." [yelling] What!!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** No!! Are you kidding me? Who is looking at this, like, "\$11.99, though."

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Are you serious!

**Travis:** Sandy, please! [through laughter] Sandy, they've had enough!

**Griffin:** We are—

**Travis:** Have they??

**Justin:** Have they!?

**Griffin:** We are fifteen paragraphs in, and I still have no idea what this fucking doll looks like, Ebay. Any kind of description— No, I can see the image, it's just like, you've given me her biography...

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** Just a one sentence—! The doll is also very good.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] "She is very hyper... "

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** “And will transfer some of her energy to you. You will be able to feel it, as it is electrifying, and tingling. You... [laughs] will just need to tell her where to put that energy into. You make the decisions!”

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** “You make the decisions! With her around, things start to get better. Good luck, happiness, financial, and wellbeing. She also—”

**Griffin:** [laughing] Financial!

**Justin:** “She offers an open door for you to wish for what you want, and see it come to you. She is very helpful with money, too.” [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** What? Okay, now do you mean magical, or is she, like, [disapprovingly] “Ehh, spent a lot on gas this month.”

**Griffin:** She’s—

**Travis:** Have you diversified?

**Justin:** You should—

**Griffin:** She’s helpful with money, starting now. After you’ve bought the haunted doll.

**Travis:** I really like the next line.

**Justin:** Oh. Okay. “I hate to see her go. She has been—” [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughing] But I love me some twelve dollars!

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** I'm— I'm out of enemies to smite! She killed all of my enemies! Even Brenda, who was mean to me at euchre.

[Audience laughs in surprise]

**Justin:** Um— that's— I made that up. "I hate to see her go. She has brought me a small windfall of \$400."

**Griffin:** [laughs] Four hundred and twelve dollars!

**Justin:** Just when I [wheezing with laughter] needed the most...

**Travis:** How!?

**Justin:** [coughs]

**Griffin:** This is im— [laughs] Okay! You have said, this doll is in your possession, you said this doll will make you good at financial. You said this doll made you four hundred dollars. You're selling them for twelve dollars. You are still pretty bad at financial.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Alright, this is where this one starts to lose me. "I have en—" [laughs]

[Audience laughing]

**Justin:** "I have enjoyed her immensely. She has told me telepathically not to get too attached to her, as she is just visiting."

**Travis:** [laughs loudly] I'm a rambler!

**Justin:** Hey listen, I'm a loner, a rebel.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Uh. "Her owner, who is a witch, said Sandy told her telepathically it was time to go to her next owner, who is waiting for her... to let her go!"

**Travis:** Wait. What?

**Justin:** So you're a broker? At this point? You're selling the doll for a witch you know? In the meantime they gave you four hundred dollars. Anyway. So that's Haunted Doll Watch. It's a...

**Griffin:** Good lord.

[Audience cheers and applauds]

**Justin:** That's...

**Griffin:** That...

**Justin:** You only have five days and sixteen hours at this point, so you want to get on that.

**Griffin:** That one was like its own cinematic universe.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Which I appreciated.

[Theme music plays]

**Travis:** Hi everybody! It's Griffin and Travis, of the present.

**Griffin:** [giggles] Hi— hello!

**Travis:** Hi— didn't see ya come in there, stranger!

**Griffin:** Oh, stranger, kick off your boots, stranger, ol— nope, you got the stink feet! [crosstalk] Aw, did you hear me razz `em, Trav?

**Travis:** [crosstalk] Oh, no.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Did you hear me razz our listeners?

**Travis:** You got `em. Yeah. That'll teach them, for listening to our show.

**Griffin:** Justin's in a— toilet again. And I'm sorry that that's what I say every time Justin's not here, but it's never not true. Um...

**Travis:** Yeah. I mean, statistically speaking...

**Griffin:** For sure. So thank you for listening to our Houston live show. Justin is on— a— on a toilet vacation, this week, and so we miss him very much, we hope you enjoy our Houston show. One note, before we forget, before we get into the Money Zone, is that... the next part you're gonna hear in the Houston show is actually— this is an older episode, so this was before we did our new way of doing audience questions. They're still good, but... I didn't want you to think that we'd stopped this bold new innovation in question solicitation technology. Um. But yeah. That's coming up soon, but first off, Travis is gonna tell us all about fuckin' Squarespace.

**Travis:** I also wanna say, real quick, before I get to fuckin' Squarespace, I wanna talk about real quick: thank you to everybody who came out to all of our book events for the Adventure Zone graphic novel which is out now, in fine bookstores, and you can find different places to order it online, at [TheAdventureZoneComic.com](http://TheAdventureZoneComic.com). Thank you to everybody who's bought it so far, and everyone who will buy it in the future. And I really appreciate everybody who came out to all the ComicCon events; it was just lovely. So!

Let me tell you about Squarespace! Listen. I love Squarespace very much. I use it for a lot of projects, including [McElroyShows.com](http://McElroyShows.com). You can turn your cool ideas into a new website. That's the most wonderful thing! If you have a spontaneous website? Boom! You hop on there, you can have it up in like, thirty minutes. It's like, take your idea, make it into a website, in... a half hour. Showcase your work, announce upcoming events or special projects.

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**Griffin:** Yeah. But— this e-commerce function has got me thinking, Trav, I think I'm gonna make a website to sell my hat.

**Travis:** ... Okay. Just the one hat?

**Griffin:** Yeah, you know that hat I have, and I've been looking to get rid of it for a while...

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Griffin:** And raise some funds for a new... a different hat, a new hat?

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Griffin:** So, I'll get that up online and make sure to tweet the link out. And... someone buy my— someone buy my fuckin' hat.

**Travis:** You know, I've got a lot of those, uh... I got a lot of movies in HD format, like when you could buy the HD disc, before Blu-ray?

**Griffin:** The HD DVD, yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, when it was unclear which one it was gonna be. And I have about... let me do a quick check... four hundred and seventy-five HD DVDs.

**Griffin:** [strained] Yeah, they're all *Patch Adams*, too. Um. But where can I get Squarespace?

**Travis:** Well, head to [Squarespace.com/mybrother](https://www.squarespace.com/mybrother), for a free trial, and when you're ready to launch, use the offer code "mybrother" all one word, to



save 10% off your first purchase of a website or domain. That's Squarespace.com/mybrother, and enter the code mybrother, all one word.

**Griffin:** And if you use a promo code "mybrother" on BuyGriffin'sHat.bis, the Squarespace website, you will get, as a free sort of promotional item with the hat, four hundred and seventy-five HD copies of *Patch Adams*.

**Travis:** That is correct.

**Griffin:** I wanna tell you about Stamps.com too, 'cause they are—they have been sort of really very vital to me, in this project of shipping four hundred and seventy-five DVD— HD DVDs of *Patch Adams*.

**Travis:** Mmhmm.

**Griffin:** Because what they do is they make it much easier to ship all the stuff you want to ship! Because these days, listen. You can get pretty much anything on demand, like our podcast, you listen whenever you want, when it's convenient for you. So why take trips to the post office to mail letters and packages, when you can do all that stuff with postage on demand at Stamps.com? They let you access all the amazing services of the post office, right from your desk, 24/7.

Buy and print official US postage for any letter, any package, using your own computer and printer— it's easy, come on! So, Stamps.com is very very, uh— a very very good service. I always get sort of um... anxious whenever I have to leave the house for any reason? And so... not, you know, losing one reason to leave the house, with Stamps.com is very valuable to me. And you can sort of share in my... her... hermetic? Is that the word? Hermitic?

**Travis:** Yeah! Sure.

**Griffin:** Whatever, hermitic nature? If you use My Brother for this special offer, it includes \$55 dollars free postage, a digital scale, and a four-week trial. I should say, that's a code, "mybrother," and— don't use Travis or Justin.

**Travis:** Don't— yeah. Yeah. Please.

**Griffin:** But also, don't wait! Go to Stamps.com and before you do anything else, you click on the radio microphone at the top of the home page, and you type in "mybrother," all one word. That's Stamps.com, enter "mybrother."

**Travis:** Griffin, I just had a terrible realization, 'cause from time to time we'll make a goof about, like, some obscure movie title, or... weird format of something, and then people will like... bring it to us at live shows, or ship it to us?

**Griffin:** Hm.

**Travis:** And I'm just picturing someone right now listening to this episode, looking to their right, seeing that HD DVD copy of Patch Adams—

**Griffin:** Oh, sure.

**Travis:** And thinking "Oh, oh finally, I can be freed from this curse, and hand this off." Please do not. I've already got four hundred and seventy-five of them.

**Griffin:** [sighs] Ah, Jesus, what was the... movie? That somebody sent us a full box of VHS copies of?

**Travis:** I believe it was... *You, Me and Dupree*.

**Griffin:** Uh, I don't think that was right.

**Travis:** You don't think that's it? Was it *Nutty Professor* on VHS?

**Griffin:** I think it may have been *Nutty Professor*... Jesus, that was a long time ago. But it's exactly the kind of thing that you're talking about, Travis, and we should be more responsible.

**Travis:** I just— I already have so many HD DVD copies [crosstalk] of *Patch Adams*, please...

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Please don't send us Patch!

**Travis:** Please.

**Griffin:** You wanna read this first jumbotron?

**Travis:** I do! It's for Andy, and it's from Sadie. And Sadie says, "To my good good husband Andy: I hope this fills your heart with love and joy as we celebrate first one year of marriage. Our April first wedding was in fact no joke—" Oh, that's good. "But I know the rest of our lives will be filled with fun and adventures. Walter and Doug say they think they should vote." I assume those are dogs. "Also, I'm a clam, you idiot. Thunder up! Always and forever, love Sadie." Now that was supposed to be for April first, April fools Andy! Your wedding message is three months, four months, whatever, late.

**Griffin:** [laughs] We got you, sucker!

**Travis:** Got you!

**Griffin:** What a— what a good prank! Uh, here's a message for Greg, and it's from Jeff Goldblum—

**Travis:** Whoa!!

**Griffin:** Big fan of the show, big supporter of our art. Jeff Goldblum says to Greg, simply: "Soon."

[pause]

**Griffin:** So, Greg, look out! Jeff Goldblum has lots of sort of ways and means, lots of crafty sort of devious machinations and...

**Travis:** And the time's coming.

**Griffin:** And the time's coming! And he knows... he knows all your passwords and stuff, so...

**Travis:** I'm so sorry. I'm so— I'm so sorry that this is the last time we get to talk to Greg—

**Griffin:** Yep.

**Travis:** But it's been great...

**Griffin:** Head on a swivel, Greg, stiff upper lip. And...

**Travis:** Sorry about your Goldblum-ening.

**Griffin:** Yes, it's happening. How 'bout this final jumbotron?

**Travis:** Yes, I would love to, it's for Dan W. and it's from Suzanne. "Congratulations to Dan from Suzanne, and her clones, on getting your—" Whoa. Whoa, okay. From Suzanne and her clones...

**Griffin:** Did they all pay us for...

**Travis:** I guess.

**Griffin:** For this message? 'Cause I didn't know that that was a sort of a benefit to clone technology. I thought it was just like, more sheep.

**Travis:** Okay. Uh. "On getting your first real job at 36!" Wow, that was a good streak, Dan! "Hope you enjoy shooting lasers at brain tumors for many years to come. [crosstalk] We're very—

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Yeah, fuck 'em up!

**Travis:** Yeah! "We're very proud." I hope you enjoy starfoxing tumors...

**Griffin:** Hell yeah.

**Travis:** For many years to come. "We're very proud that you are so close to making all of second grade dance dreams come true. Love, Suzanne, Helen, Jane, and a daughter to be named later, or possible already, if after March." Yup.

**Griffin:** Yep. Probably a lil bit after March. Is this the only job where you get to use... I... you know, killing lasers? Against you know, bad stuff like brain tumors, but I can't think of too many other jobs where you get the, you know, laser technology.

**Travis:** I don't know, I'm trying to think... I guess... I mean, there's, like, Men in Black. Of course.

**Griffin:** Yeah, but there's— [sighs] hard to get a Men in Black job.

**Travis:** Aw, tell me about it.

**Griffin:** Yeah, in this economy?

**Travis:** So yeah that's gonna be it, we're gonna hop back into the show. Uh... in case we don't say it in the show, thank you to John Roderick and The Long Winters for the use of the theme song, Putting— uh, "It's a Departure" off the album Putting the Days to Bed. Go to AdventureZoneComic dot— TheAdventureZoneComic.com or just look at your local bookstores. Umm... what else, Griffin?

**Griffin:** Uh, thanks, thanks to Maximum Fun, I'm pretty sure we cover all this in the live show. But just thank you all for supporting our stuff that we do, it really means a lot. I always get very sentimental after a tour like we just got back from. That we get to live these very very weird cool lives, and that's a hundred percent because you all have supported us, for, you know, like... nine years, going on nine years now? So, um. We really appreciate y'all and... we'll be back next week with a regular episode...

**Travis:** Uh— you— no, Griffin, real quick, you mentioned MaxFun, I just wanna say, I got to spend a lot of time with the cast of Bubble this week, at San Diego Comic Con, and I'm all caught up on it, and it is so...

**Griffin:** It's very good.

**Travis:** So very good! You should check it out on MaximumFun.org. Bubble! It's great.

**Griffin:** Um. But that's it. Here's the rest of the episode, and we'll be back next week. Bye!

[Music plays]

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**Mallory O'Meara:** Wow, that was good!

**Brea Grant:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Uh, we're gonna do audience questions now. Some ground rules:

[Audience members shout indistinctly]

**Griffin:** No bummers, [crosstalk] is a good one.

**Justin:** [crosstalk] You can go ahead and lay it out for `em, I just gotta check my stocks.

**Travis:** Justin's going to the bathroom.

**Griffin:** Justin's using the restroom.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** There's one right offstage, it's so convenient.

**Travis and Griffin:** [simultaneously] Hello.

**EJ:** Um, my name's EJ.

**Travis:** Hi, EJ.

**Justin:** What's up, EJ?

**EJ:** She/her/hers. Uh, my question is: I work for a mattress company, [laughs] and, uh...

**Griffin:** You're— we've gotten in trouble in the past, don't say which one. [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] [laughing] We've had— we've had two different times where somebody emails us the day after a live show, like, "can you delete it?"

**EJ:** [crosstalk] I— I— no, no, no, no— I’m not gonna say anything about your sponsors, it’s fine...

**Griffin:** No, not that, we just don’t want you to get fired, if you’re like, “Anyway, they all stink!”

**Travis:** [laughs]

**EJ:** No, no, no!

**Travis:** “All the mattresses are full of farts!”

**Justin:** [laughs]

**EJ:** Not at all! No, not at all! This is a question about... my customers, actually.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Oh, okay.

**Travis:** [laughing] “All of my customers are full of farts!”

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [wheezes with laughter] [crosstalk] Hold on, EJ—

**EJ:** [crosstalk] I’m sure that’s not untrue, but...

**Justin:** [crosstalk] EJ, one second. I have to say, this is a beautiful sort of symphonic space, and we went down— the green room is on a level called Musicians, and when I went and sat down on the couch, Griffin said, “Hey Justin, how many cellist farts do you think you’re—” [laughs too hard to continue]

[Audience laughs, several cheer]



**Justin:** My brother's funny. Alright, sorry, EJ, what we got?

**EJ:** Um. So... a lot of folks will ask me, kind of casually, I think most of them are probably joking. Most of my customers are pretty chill, but like... they'll ask me, like, what beds are the best to kinda like bone down on?

**Justin:** Sure.

**Griffin:** Uhh! Strangers ask you this!?

[Audience laughs]

**EJ:** And, uh... I... like, I don't wanna get... fired?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**EJ:** [laughs] But... like, it's a super inappropriate question—

**Justin:** Yeppp.

**EJ:** But I got— I thought, like, what's a good way to answer that question?

**Griffin:** [laughs] Okay, for a second there—

**Travis:** Cool.

**Griffin:** I thought you were gonna say... "And I'd let them know, like, there IS an answer... "

**EJ:** laughs

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Okay!

**Justin:** EJ, here's what I would do if I was you. Say, "Well, that all depends. Can you please stand on this bed and show me how you do it?"

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** And then you turn on the camera and leave the room.

**EJ:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** If everybody—

**Travis:** And it's Tom Brady! He's come to have sex with that mattress.

**Griffin:** Travis, you gotta drop the Tom Brady had sex—

**Travis:** [yelling] Tom Brady's gonna have sex with that mattress! So here's what you do. The next time someone asks you that question, you say, "What do you mean?"

**EJ:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** And you just keep asking them to explain, over and over again, til they leave.

**EJ:** So good. [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** [demonstrating] "No I'm sorry, I must be missing something. Bone down?? What...?"

**Justin:** [laughing, also imitating employee] "Start from the beginning... "

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** It just— okay, here's your answer. "Ewww, on a bed!?!"

**EJ:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs loudly, applauds, and cheers]

**Justin:** "Where you sleep!?"

[Audience continues laughing and clapping]

**Griffin:** I think... I think... I think there is a correct answer, and I think to punish these... fucking despicable people, who would come in and ask a stranger this, you point them to the worst possible answer.

**EJ:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs, someone cheers]

**Griffin:** [demonstrating] "Oh, you want the sex bed? It's the, uh, the Nasty Rusty Spring-tron 2000."

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** "Why do we sell that one?"

**Griffin:** They take that—

**Travis:** "Just for sex."

**Griffin:** They put that one on the box spring, and they're like, "Alright lets get busy." [imitating creaky spring] Eee-uhh! Spring shoots out, stab stab stab! "Oh no!"

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** And you say, "I guess you weren't doing it right."

**EJ:** [laughing]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You gotta know how to handle it. If you weren't ready—

**Griffin:** High risk, high reward, with the Spring-tron!

**Travis:** You asked for the best!

**Justin:** [laughing] It's the best.

**EJ:** [laughing]

**Justin:** Does that help?

**EJ:** [laughs] It helps a lot. Thank you!

**Justin:** Thank you so much, EJ.

**Griffin:** Thank you.

[Audience cheers and applauds]

**Griffin:** Hey, what's up?

**Tom:** Uh, hi, I'm Tom. They/them.

**Justin:** Hi Tom.

**Travis:** Hello.

**Griffin:** Hi Tom.

**Tom:** [laughs] So...

**Justin:** Thanks Paul!

[Unintelligible shout]

**Tom:** [cheers, laughs]

[Audience cheers and applauds for Paul]

**Griffin:** Jesus. Do NOT touch me with that rag after it's touched these two other boys.

[Audience laughs]

**Tom:** [laughs loudly] Um. So, I'm dating two people. Um. Not in like, a cheating way.

**Justin:** Oh. 'Kay. [laughs]

**Tom:** We're in like a—

**Travis:** I—

**Griffin:** What if— Hold on—

**Travis:** We were pretty, like—

**Tom:** No! No no no!

**Griffin:** Wouldn't it have been funnier though if we'd been like, "uh what!!!" [imitating the sound of heads exploding in cartoonish shock]  
Boing-oing-oing-oing-oing...

[Audience laughs]

**Tom:** [laughs] No, no...

**Justin:** Or, it would have been funnier, if two people in this audience just sit up and spin, like, "What!?"

[Audience laughs]

**Tom:** [laughs] Actually—

**Travis:** [laughing] And they were sitting with [crosstalk] an empty seat between them...

**Justin:** [crosstalk] Ah— an empty seat between them!?

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Yeah, okay.

**Tom:** No, um, my girlfriend is here.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Hello.

[Distant cheer from the audience]

**Tom:** Yeah. Um. So, we're in like a polyamorous triad.

**Justin:** Okay.

[Someone in the audience cheers]

**Tom:** Yeah! [laughs] Um, so...

**Justin:** Drawing on our expertise. [laughs] Go ahead.

[Audience laughs]

**Tom:** So, my—

**Griffin:** Triad sounds so much fucking cooler than couple, by the way.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Tom:** Yeah! Yeah, that's the... that's the word for it!

**Justin:** That's fucking dope!

**Tom:** Yeah!

**Justin:** Okay, sorry, go ahead.

**Tom:** Um. So, this is a healthy happy relationship, I'm... I've been with my girlfriend for two years. She, I, and our boyfriend are going on two years as well.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Tom:** Um. My family's cool with me being... gay, and all that. But um, how do I explain to people that... I am dating two people and it's not like cheating, and also how do I explain it's not a sex thing?

[Several audience members speak]

**Griffin:** ... Yeah. I imagine the same people—

[Audience laughing]

**Griffin:** I imagine the same people who would ask you about that, are the same people who would walk into a fucking mattress store and ask which ones the sex mattress.

**Tom:** [laughs loudly]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** We need to start installing traps in the ground every twenty fucking feet.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** And any time anybody says some bullshit—

**Justin:** You're just like, "Hey, can you follow me over here for a second?"  
[laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** If you're— if you're cool, you get an app on your phone, and you press the button, and one of the every-twenty-foot traps falls, and if you hear somebody say, say "which one's the sex mattress," or, "Ooh, for sex?"

**Tom:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Bam! Shhonck.

[Audience laughs, several clap, someone cheers]

**Griffin:** And there's not spike in the pit, but it t— it's hard to get out.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** And eventually they'll learn.

**Travis:** There's not spikes, but it's just like, everyone that they respect at the bottom going, "What did you say?"

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** "What got you here?"

**Griffin:** Man... shit's bad right now.

**Travis:** I— I—

**Justin:** Hey, can I ask you a question, serious question?

**Tom:** Yeah.



**Justin:** When you— if you encounter a person that is like, unfamiliar, or like unexposed, to people who are living a polyamorous lifestyle. Do— are you the sort of person who like, minds sort of taking the time to educate the people, or are you like, fucking over it?

**Tom:** Um, I don't mind really. Like... um... I remember I started telling people when I was in... high school. And honestly, a lot of people there were just like, "You're dating two people!? That's sick."

**Travis:** [laughs loudly]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** That's like, the other response you don't want... [laughs] like...

**Tom:** No! No—

**Griffin:** It's probably better than...

**Tom:** It's actually flattering, because like, the idea that, like, their minds are blown, like whoa! Two of `em!? You can have two of `em!??

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** That— I get the same thing when I tell people I just ordered two dinners at a restaurant.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** He always does. Every day this tour. And by the way, it's not equating these things—

**Travis:** No, it's not the same!

**Justin:** [crosstalk] No, it's not equating— I'm sorry—

**Travis:** [crosstalk] I just get the same response!

**Tom:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "You got two!?" [laughs] I did. Except usually it's a lot more concerned, when they say it to me.

**Tom:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "You got two?"

**Tom:** "You got two?"

**Travis:** "Oh no."

**Griffin:** What's the split— what, if you do not mind me— my asking. What's the split like these days, when you tell somebody? Like fifty-fifty, like, "What?" To like people who are like, "Oh I get it."

**Tom:** Um... Well. I think it depends on who I'm talking to?

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Sure, yes.

**Justin:** [crosstalk] Absolutely.

**Tom:** Because when it's people my own age, a lot of the time they'll either get it or if they don't know, they'll just be like, "Oh, that's a thing." But compared to like, if I started to tell my fifty-year-old...

**Justin:** Sure.

**Tom:** ... Republican Christian mother... [laughs nervously]

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yes. Yes. Yes.

**Griffin:** Then it doesn't... then it doesn't...

**Justin:** Understand—

**Griffin:** You didn't finish the sentence, but it doesn't go good, I imagine...  
[laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Tom:** But it's like, [sighs] Um. It really does depend on who I'm talking to, and so when I get the vibe from someone that, like, maybe they— their views don't match with mine, I'll try to avoid it.

**Griffin:** Let me—

**Travis:** Well I'll tell you the...

**Justin:** We're... Go ahead.

**Travis:** Kind of the same thing about the mattress question—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Of like, if—

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** So— okay, so here's some other things Travis is going to compare your relationship to... [laughs]

**Travis:** No, no, no, no, no, I—

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] Two dinners.

**Griffin:** [laughing] Tom Brady having sex with a mattress.

**Travis:** [good-naturedly] No...

**Tom:** [laughs] Oh yeah, and I forgot to say, my boyfriend is a body pillow.

**Griffin:** Oh— good!

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Okay, well.

**Travis:** I mean specifically if someone... makes like weird sex joke comments about it. That... the impetus is then not on you to make that okay?

**Justin:** Yes.

**Tom:** Mmhmm.

**Travis:** That's them— so like if somebody says something, I think you're in a position to go "What do you mean by that." They're putting you in a position where you have to explain yourself.

**Tom:** Mmhmm.

**Travis:** No no no! You don't have to do that. Make them explain themselves.

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** I have a position you could put them in, now.

**Tom:** What is—

[Interrupted by audience still cheering for Travis' suggestion]

**Griffin:** I have a better position you could put them in. And it is... ten feet immediately below where they were just standing.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [cackles loudly]

**Tom:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I'm just saying! [crosstalk] It doesn't have to be every city!

**Justin:** [crosstalk] Trap doors!

**Griffin:** We can get these in San Francisco. Houston.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** The nice things about— [unintelligible overlap]

**Justin:** [unintelligible overlap] infinite hyperloop.

**Travis:** You would only have to establish a hundred trap doors across America, but no one knows where they are.

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** And then the threat is there.

**Justin:** The threat is there. Alright, Tom, you understand how deep—again, like, I don't... [stutters] I've never had a challenge like this in my life, so we're kinda out of our lane right now.

**Tom:** Mmhmm?

**Justin:** But I would say this. The fact that you are willing to take the time, to explain your lifestyle, which is such a personal thing, is... deeply unfair that you have to do that, but. Super cool of you. [crosstalk]

**Tom:** [crosstalk] Thank you.

**Justin:** Because, what I would keep in mind when you're doing that, is that you're making it literally one hundred percent easier for the next person behind you. And over and over and over again. And it's a shame—

[Audience applauds and cheers]

**Tom:** Thank you.

**Justin:** But I think it's so rad that you're doing it, because you're making life better for everybody else. So, thank you, from me, [laughing] a straight white dude, that... has to explain nothing other than his, like, t-shirt choices.

**Griffin:** [cracks up]

**Justin:** So...

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** But thank you, Tom...

**Griffin:** Wow. [laughs]

**Tom:** Thank you.

**Justin:** For your... for your work.

**Tom:** Should I just... like, if they ask if it's a sex thing, should I just be like, "Wh— what is sex?"

**Justin and Griffin simultaneously:** Yes!

[Audience laughs uproariously]

**Griffin:** Yes, that—

**Justin:** Yes, exactly.

**Griffin:** I think that's gonna get us out of a lot of situations [crosstalk] tonight.

**Justin:** [crosstalk] [laughing] A lot of jams! It's— [stutters]

**Travis:** [crosstalk] Sure.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Yeah.

**Tom:** Explain to me, what is a sex?

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** What is a—?

**Justin:** [laughing] In detail!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Tom:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Tom:** I... birds, bees? What do those have to do...?

**Griffin:** What they— are these two things having sex with each other??

**Justin:** Take it back to the beginning!

**Travis:** What kind of horrible cross breeds are we getting from birds and bees!?

**Justin:** Why are the birds and the bees—

**Griffin:** No wonder the bees are disappearing, they're [crosstalk] getting crushed by the birds—!

**Tom:** [crosstalk] I'm not dating a bird or a bee!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Anyway, Tom, does that help?

**Griffin:** Did I switch those? I did, didn't I. Birds aren't disappearing, bees are. But have we checked on birds!?

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] Everybody, bird count! [laughs] Tom, does that help?

**Tom:** Yes, it does! Thank you.

**Travis:** Okay, cool!

**Griffin:** Thank you, Tom.

**Justin:** Imagine my surprise, [laughing] thank you.

[Audience cheers and applauds]

**Griffin:** Alright. We're gonna do one more.

**Lindsey:** I'm Lindsey.

**Justin:** Hi Lindsey.

**Lindsey:** My question revolves around my dog. So, my husband and I rescued a dog, when we moved down to Houston. [crosstalk] And she...

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] From like a burning building, or, like a...?



[Audience laughs]

**Lindsey:** [laughs] I mean, we moved and then pretty immediately adopted her, so I'd say it was pretty important part of the move.

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure.

**Travis:** Or would you say maybe, your dog rescued you?

**Griffin:** Awww!

**Justin:** Awww!

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** I like that, Travis!

**Travis:** ... From a burning building? [laughs]

**Lindsey:** Yeah. I think that's fair to say. Uh. But... I have a thing where I really really like to buy toys for her, because she very much appreciates them...

**Unidentifiable McElroy:** Mmm!

**Lindsey:** Because she had a hard life before...

**Unidentifiable McElroy:** Mmmhmm.

**Lindsey:** Um. The problem is, she has probably over a hundred toys by now. And...

[Audience shouts with surprise]

**Travis:** Is that bad?

**Lindsey:** So, I guess my question is, what is a socially acceptable amount of toys for me to purchase for my dog?

**Travis:** I have a very important follow up question that I think will determine... the long answer and the short answer. Um. And it's very important. ... Is she a good girl?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs, some cheers]

**Lindsey:** Of course she is! [laughs]

**Travis:** Yes she is!

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Alright...

**Lindsey:** She is the best.

**Griffin:** Alright, [laughing] we'll come back to that.

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Hey.

**Joe:** Hi.

**Justin:** Hello.

**Joe:** I want to make this very clear up front, because it's important to the story, my actual name is Joe.

**Griffin:** 'Kay.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Joe:** Now. I started working at a new job here in Houston, about six months ago? And before I started working there and moved here, I got an email

from my boss saying, "Hey, just want to let you know, there's been two other Joe's before you, and it's been kind of iffy with them when they left. So we're gonna call you Max from now on."

[Audience laughs for a long time]

**Joe:** At first... this was okay. Until it got to the point—

**Travis:** [very high pitched] Was it??

[Audience laughs]

**Joe:** New city, new me, man! I had to start new!

**Travis:** This is how someone enters a fugue state.

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** This is how Tyler Durden spawns.

[Audience laughs]

**Joe:** It gets— it gets a little better. Um. So, I started working—

**Griffin:** They stopped. Bye!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Joe:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs] Anyways, just wanted to brag about this cool thing that happened!

**Joe:** I started working, and like the paperwork started getting drawn up for payroll and healthcare and all that stuff. And I was walking with my boss and one of the people from HR, and they were, like, "Yeah, this is Max, blah blah blah," And they're like, "Oh, Max, we're gonna start doing all your paperwork and all your social security stuff," and I was like, No!

**Justin:** [muttering] No... I'm Joe...

**Joe:** That won't match up with the number that's on the card!

**Travis:** But then it did. What's going on!?

**Griffin:** What!?

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Um.

**Griffin:** Um, so—

**Joe:** It's even gotten to the point where the CEO didn't even know my real name at the Christmas party when he called me in—

**Griffin:** Well why would they?

**Justin:** Why would they?

**Joe:** He knew me by Max!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [sadly] Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, uh, listen, hey folks who— Somebody who tries to call you by a name that you don't wanna be called? Tell them no, actually, in fact— I will be Joe. [laughs] I will be Joe today and all other days. For I am Joe.

**Travis:** That's the thing, if they're like, "Hey we had some bad experiences with Joe." You say, "I can fix that." [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** This is the new—

**Travis:** "I'm a good Joe!"

**Justin:** This is the new Joe!

**Griffin:** Or— another thing you could say—

**Travis:** There's a new Joe in town!

**Griffin:** Another thing you could say, is if they say "we don't want to call you Joe because we've had bad Joe's before you," You could say, uh, a very reasonable thing, which is, "What the fuck are you talking about!?"

**Justin:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Joe:** We— they TOLD me!

**Griffin:** No no no no— if that— if—

**Justin:** That's nothing!

**Griffin:** You are— yo! Joemax, you're in way too deep.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** You're buying THEIR bullshit now!

**Griffin:** This is— this is fucking nothing!

**Travis:** This, by the way, is a con that businesses are running on you, where they have had a fake account, set up in the name of Max Whatever...

**Justin:** [laughing] You're taking the fall!

**Travis:** Yeah, dude!

**Justin:** No question!

**Travis:** They're cooking the books under your name! And they're like, "We're gonna call you Max from now on," so they can pin it on you—

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** You've gotta Shawshank your way outta there, take those books with you...

**Griffin:** Or just—

**Justin:** When you walk in there tomorrow, there's gonna be a big sign up front that says "Max's Place!" [laughs]

**Joe:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] "All legal inquiries, please, to Max. It's his place."

**Griffin:** Does that help?

[pause]

**Griffin:** I— we didn't say anything, so I don't know how...

**Joe:** ... No? [laughs]

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Okay, that's fair. [crosstalk] That's fair, Max.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] Quit— quit that fucking job!

**Justin:** But you know what, Max? You having the strength—

**Griffin:** Joe.

**Travis:** Joe!

**Justin:** And courage— Joe,

**Joe:** [shrieking] It's Joe!

[Audience laughs]

**Joe:** You made it worse!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughing] Not like this!

[Audience continues laughing]

**Justin:** Joe, there's no excuse for what I've just done.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** It's very hot up here, and as you can see... I'm sorry, Joe.

**Joe:** It's...

**Justin:** And isn't that... [long pause] what we're here for?

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** You didn't say anything!

**Justin:** [through laughter] Joe, does that help?

**Joe:** Yes.

**Justin:** Go in tomorrow. [pause] And... quit.

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** [laughing] 'Cause you've...

**Joe:** No!!

**Justin:** It's over, it's over!

**Joe:** It's been six months, I just moved here from Virginia!

**Travis:** I've got it. Next time someone calls you Max, say, "Oh, it's actually pronounced Joe."

[Audience laughs, many applaud]

**Joe:** The M-A-X is silent.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah! And just— [crosstalk] keep that going for a while.

**Justin:** [crosstalk] [cracking up] The M and the A and the X is silent...

**Griffin:** The Joe's invisible. Uh.

**Justin:** Joe, take...

**Griffin:** Does that help, Joe? Set us free, just say yes.

**Justin:** [crosstalk] Joe, take—

**Joe:** [crosstalk] Yes, it does, it helps.

**Justin:** Go back and take your name back, Joe, you're Joe, take it back!

**Joe:** [crosstalk] I'll take it back! Thank you!

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] A hundred toys! For one extremely good dog...



**Lindsey:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Sounds like the perfect number to me.

**Travis:** Fuckin' right!

**Lindsey:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Are they small toys, big toys? We talking 'bout little tonka trucks?

**Travis:** [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Lindsey:** Uh, no, mostly stuffed animals, like Tigger, or Stitch, or...

**Griffin:** How do you get... a hundred... continuously functioning toys in your house, [crosstalk] that don't get destroyed?

**Travis:** [crosstalk] That is true...

**Lindsey:** She does not tear apart toys.

**Griffin:** [emotionally] Oh, she is a good girl! Awww!

[Audience laughs]

**Travis:** What does she do with them?

**Lindsey:** She nibbles on them.

**Travis:** She what?

**Lindsey:** She nibbles on them.

**Justin:** [laughs with gleeful delight]

[Audience members collectively "aww"]

**Lindsey:** [laughs]

**Travis:** You got any pics?

**Lindsey:** Yeah, uh... I mean my phone's over there...

**Justin:** Just tweet `em at us later.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** It's fine.

**Lindsey:** Okay, sounds good. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Do you have room for one more toy?

**Lindsey:** Say that again?

**Griffin:** Do you have room for one more toy?

**Lindsey:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** I don't have any... my wallet?

[Audience laughs]

**Lindsey:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I thought you were going to volunteer.

**Griffin:** No, it— just sounds like a good dog! [crosstalk] I wanted to do something nice.

**Travis:** [crosstalk] Sounds... really good dog.

**Justin:** What you could do is take some of the older toys, and give them to dogs that need them.

**Griffin:** Aww!

**Lindsey:** That's a good idea.

**Justin:** Because—

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** The thing about that is, what you like, and I get it because I have a three year old... it's the same thing, no question. [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** Um. Wh— I get a new toy, and she's like, down—she's so excited to see it, and she's down for like fifteen minutes, and it's like, on to the next thing. Then you just take that to Goodwill, give that toy to them, and then you can get more toys! And not feel guilty about it, because you have plenty of space.

[Audience member cheers]

**Lindsey:** That's a great idea.

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** Whoaa!!!

[Audience continues cheering, and applauds]

**Griffin:** We got one at the buzzer!

**Travis:** Swish!

**Justin:** So, you're saying that helps?

**Lindsey:** Very much so.

**Justin:** Alright!

**Travis:** There!

**Griffin:** Alright, we'll take it.

[Audience cheers]

**Travis:** Alright, so first... first, thank you Jones Hall.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** Thank!

**Travis:** You are amazing.

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** Thank you to—

**Travis:** Thank you Houston!

**Justin:** Thank you Bayou City! Thank you Clutch City! Thank you Space City!

[Audience cheers and whistles]

**Travis:** Uh, can we get—

**Justin:** Thank you Magnolia City! Which is not used as much anymore but it's a historical one, look into it.

[Audience laughs, someone whistles]

**Travis:** Can we get a big thank you for Paul Sabourin?

**Griffin:** Thank you Paul!

[Audience cheers]

**Justin:** Uh— how 'bout a big thank you for—

**Travis:** Well hold on! Paul Sabourin has a band, called Paul and Storm!

**Justin:** Yes!

**Travis:** Which you should look up!

**Justin:** PaulandStorm.livejournal.com. You can hear all of their tracks. Uh, thank you to Shmanners [crosstalk] for opening act performance.

**Griffin:** [crosstalk] Justin does that running— that running gag.

**Justin:** If you google Paul and Storm, you will find their music!

**Griffin:** I know but you— here's what you gotta understand, a running gag between live shows on a tour doesn't work! It's different people!

[Audience laughs]

**Justin:** I just thought they would laugh because it's so irreverent.

**Griffin:** [sighs] Thank you to...

**Justin:** I'm assuming Paul and Storm dot com. Paul, is that right?

**Paul:** [very distantly] Yeah!

**Justin:** Yep!

**Travis:** Yep!

**Griffin:** Thank you to Shmanners.

**Justin:** Yes.

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you to our— thank you to our daddy.

**Justin:** Thank you, daddy!

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you to John Roderick and The Long Winters, for the use of our theme song, “(It’s A) Departure” off of the album Putting the Days to Bed. Very good.

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Thanks to MaxFun for having us, and thank you for donating to the MaxFun drive, [crosstalk] which just wrapped up.

**Justin:** Thank you!

[Audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Anything else before we wrap up this Texas-sized tour! Which is to say, three shows... [laughs]

**Travis:** Two cities! Three shows! Texas size!

**Griffin:** Four different naps! Just for me!

**Justin:** We—

[Audience laughs and shouts]

**Justin:** We thanked you all for coming, but I do wanna say. I’m assuming there’s at least a few people who decided to come just because we whined so much about people not coming to this show.

[Several audience members cheer]

**Justin:** Because you thought it would mean something to us. And I just wanted to say, you were right. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] Thank you.

**Justin:** Thank you so much! For doing that. It's very sweet of you, [crosstalk] we love you very much.

**Griffin:** And to those— and— but— and to the folks who bought tickets the minute they became available...

[Many more audience members cheer]

**Justin:** You're all very important to us!

**Griffin:** You're all important to... us in God's eyes. What??

**Justin:** What?

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Here's a final Yahoo.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** It was sent in by Bill Morrison, thank you Bill. It's from Yahoo Answers user Jones... Nate. Asks:

**Justin:** [coughs]

[pause]

[Someone in the audience laughs]

**Griffin:** What...

**Travis:** That got you?

**Justin:** Jones Nate? [laughs]

[Audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Jones Nate asks:

**Justin:** It's their name.

**Griffin:** "What... was the name of the book about the giant hero dog?  
[yelling] Not Clifford!"

**Justin:** [cracks up]

[Audience laughs]

[Theme music begins to play]

**Justin:** My name is Justin McElroy!

**Travis:** I'm Travis McElroy!

**Griffin:** I'm Griffin McElroy.

**Justin:** It's been My Brother My Brother and Me, kiss your dad square on  
the lips!

[Audience cheers]

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**Cash Hartzell:** Yeah.

**Neil Mahoney:** Yeah, we'll be here.

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**Jonah Ray:** [quietly, under music] God, I hope this one goes.