

## ***Wonderful! 203: Into the Honey Hole***

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**Rachel:**

Hello, this is Rachel McElroy.

**Griffin:**

Hello, this is Griffin McElroy.

**Rachel:**

And this is Wonderful.

**Griffin:**

We're just buzzing in here like a couple of sweet little honeybees.

**Rachel:**

Yeah, here we are. Buzz buzz.

**Griffin:**

We've— buzz, buzz, poking at, poking at some flowers—

**Rachel:**

Uh huh.

**Griffin:**

Bringing back the sweet honey that we are going to drizzle now into your ears—

**Rachel:**

Ooh. Ooh.

**Griffin:**

In podcast form.

**Rachel:**

This is a bad combination of words.

**Griffin:**

I think what drizzle into your ears—

**Rachel:**

I don't want anything drizzled into my ears.

**Griffin:**

[laughs] I would, I would let, I would, hmm—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

If it was part of some sort of treatment or, um—

**Rachel:**

Ooh.

**Griffin:**

Like spa day and they're like, "And now we're gonna drizzle wild honey right into your ears."

**Rachel:**

Ooh.

**Griffin:**

And I was like, "Into my ears or onto my ears?" And they were like, "Right the fuck in there."

**Rachel:**

Yeah. No, that sounds terrible.

**Griffin:**

It doesn't sound good when I say it that way.

**Rachel:**

Mm-mm.

**Griffin:**

I think there's only one hole in my body that honey goes into—

**Rachel:**

Okay [laughs].

**Griffin:**

And I think we can all agree about that.

**Rachel:**

Okay [laughs]

**Griffin:**

Have you ever seen honey go in a different hole?

**Rachel:**

No [laughs]

**Griffin:**

No, it's my mouth.

**Rachel:**

But what if somebody is listening to this five years from now when the hot new trend is, uh...

**Griffin:**

Butt honey?

**Rachel:**

Butt honey [laughs]

**Griffin:**

[laughs] Butt honey is probably already a trend.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Let's not pretend like you and I would know—

**Rachel:**

It's true.

**Griffin:**

If butt honey— we would hear about it in like 2029. And we'd be like, "Have you guys heard about butt honey?" And they'd be like, "We learned about butt honey from TikTok in 2020."

**Rachel:**

Yeah [laughs]

**Griffin:**

We'd be like, "Shit!" Anyway, hey, you have a small wonder?

**Rachel:**

Oh man, you really ran up on me on that one.

**Griffin:**

You want me to go?

**Rachel:**

Uh, yes.

**Griffin:**

Uh, We're Here on the HBO network.

**Rachel:**

Oh my gosh.

**Griffin:**

It's not TV, it's HBO, uh, features—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Uh, RuPaul's Drag Race, like sh- show stopping all-stars-

**Rachel:**

Bob the Drag Queen, Eureka.

**Griffin:**

Bob the Drag Queen, Shangela and Eureka.

**Rachel:**

O'hara.

**Griffin:**

Yes.

**Rachel:**

I think is the last name

**Griffin:**

Yes. And they are, they go to small towns.

**Rachel:**

They do.

**Griffin:**

And sort of, they plan a drag show there for like, people in the community, but what they also do in kind of the background every episode, is like give a booster shot to the LGBTQ—

**Rachel:**

Yes.

**Griffin:**

Like, communities in these small towns where maybe they don't have this kind of magnet to pull them all together.

**Rachel:**

Oh my gosh, I do so much crying when I watch this show.

**Griffin:**

It's breathtaking. It's a very good, it's a very, very good and loving show.

**Rachel:**

It's, it's so well put together because you meet the people that are going to be featured in the episode and they talk about how like isolated and lonely they feel in this small-town community.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

And then the end of the episode has this big show and there's always tons of people there.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

And it's just incredible, and you just feel like these people aren't as lonely as you thought they were.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Sure.

**Rachel:**

It's very nice.

**Griffin:**

It's very, it's a very nice show.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. Uh, that gave me a lot of time, huh?

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Um, I will say, you know, the trick or treat?

**Griffin:**

Experience, just the whole of it?

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

I think this was the first year— Henry's about to be five and this was the first year where I felt like, like he gets it. He knows what it's about. He's

very thoughtful about his costume and what is supposed to happen, and it just felt like, oh, we, we're in it now.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. We are parents.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. We have to push around our little baby in the stroller and it just felt like, it felt like this is, this is what Halloweens could be like.

**Griffin:**

It's when, when the real deal... Yeah. That's been happening to us a lot lately.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Where we've just kind of been realizing like we are done creating children.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Now we are about to go down that, that very fast slope of like, oh, now this is, we're just it, now we're—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

We are parents to as many kids as we're gonna be parents to. That's, that's wild.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. I think that's something that we may have referenced but you know, Griffin and I, I think had two children in our head when we thought about having children, but we were not really sure if that was gonna happen for us. And then of course the second happened during the pandemic, which made it seem all the more surreal.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

And so now a lot of times we look at each other and we think, "We have the two."

**Griffin:**

We have the two that we're gonna have.

**Rachel:**

This is the two.

**Griffin:**

Yep. Uh, we say that. If we do accidentally make a third—

**Rachel:**

No. No.

**Griffin:**

Well I don't want, you know, little, you know, Barry to hear this and be like—

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Shit, they really didn't want me, huh?

**Rachel:**

No.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Um, I go first this week.

**Rachel:**

Okay, great.

**Griffin:**

Both our kids are back in school which is very exciting and life has gotten back to normal a little bit, but I feel like this week everything kind of piled up that we have been storing up for our, our, you know, convalescing with



children phase. All that said, this is gonna be a really short one. But Halloween got me just psyched for it. And I can't believe I haven't talked about it before. I wanna talk about Skittles.

**Rachel:**

Oh my gosh. Taste the rainbow!

**Griffin:**

You do taste the rainbow. No, it's a spammer is calling my phone I read my notes off of. Probably like, "Hey Prop A, get there."

**Rachel:**

I know, I already got one of those calls.

**Griffin:**

I've got like 15 Prop A calls before.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Damn it, this episode's coming out tomorrow, when today is election day.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

Boy, I hope you voted against Prop A, Austin friends.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Okay. Um, so Skittles, if I had to eat one type of candy, like one archetype of candy, it would of course be fruity, like chewy candy. Like you know this about me, yes?

**Rachel:**

I do. Yeah.

**Griffin:**

We have different feelings about this. I like a fruity chewy you like a chocolaty yum yum, right?

**Rachel:**

Yeah. I mean, if both were on the table, I would choose the chocolaty yum yum. That's not to say that. I, I—

**Griffin:**

You enjoy a Swedish Fish.

**Rachel:**

I do. I enjoy a Skittle as well.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

It's, it's like—

**Griffin:**

Just one. It's the cutest thing. She just takes one Skittle and nibbles on it.

**Rachel:**

I like the green ones. I like the green ones.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Green, yellow. Yellow is my second.

**Griffin:**

Do you know what's funny is to this day, no one seems quite sure if the flavors are different. Isn't that kind of preposterous?

**Rachel:**

It says on the package.

**Griffin:**

It says on the package what the colors are, but if, are the flavors different?

**Rachel:**

Yes.

**Griffin:**

Nobody knows.

**Rachel:**

Yes. Do you have a favorite?

**Griffin:**

Do I have a favorite? I, you said that and my mind immediately jumped to purple. I love grape anything. Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Wow. See grape is like the flavor that the medicine comes in. So it's hard—

**Griffin:**

I like that too. That, that's probably why I associate that good flavor with good health. Anyway, if you told me I had to eat one type of candy for the rest of my life, I would, I would say why? Because that's a preposterous thing to ask somebody to... why can I only eat? What are you going to do if I eat two different types of candy?

**Rachel:**

[laughs] You go to jail.

**Griffin:**

Do I go to jail?

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

You can't do that to me. I know the laws. Um, but if somebody like continued to prod me, I would say with enthusiasm, well, Skittles. Skittles it is then, uh—

**Rachel:**

Now are you gonna talk about the different varieties of Skittle?

**Griffin:**

I have prepared every different variety of Skittles—

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

That has ever been released. So we'll get to the, that, uh—

**Rachel:**

Okay. Good. Good.

**Griffin:**

For the background. But I'll just do a quick, like, uh, like go down the list and see if you think it's a good tasty flavor or not.

**Rachel:**

Can I guess one?

**Griffin:**

Yeah, sure.

**Rachel:**

Skittles After Dark.

**Griffin:**

I think that's probably on there. There's, I'm not kidding—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

There's like 50 of them. I haven't even looked at them all. Uh, fruity chewy candies are my favorite and Skittles are the best one of those. You get that crunch of the shell, you get that almost taffy like consistency of the stuff on the inside. It's got a great chew.

**Rachel:**

If your mouth is not watering while you listen to this description, I don't know who you are [laughs]

**Griffin:**

It's got a great chew. It's got just the right amount of sweetness. It is one of the most unhealthy candies that you can eat. They are very rich in sugars and fats and—

**Rachel:**

Yeah. It feels like if you have a Skittle, your dentist will know.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Like—

**Rachel:**

You just will be able look at your teeth and approximate how many Skittles you have had.

**Griffin:**

That, my dentist actually installed a little like meter—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

In my, uh, left gum so he can look in there and be like, "Looks like you've had 458 Skittles—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Since last time I saw you."

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

Oh, do you remember— when I was— I said that about the taffy like interior, when really it's just like palm, kernel, oil and sugar and just like regular candy bullshit.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Do you remember when Claire, uh, Saffitz tried to make Skittles on Gourmet Makes?

**Rachel:**

Oh yes.

**Griffin:**

It was like the hardest thing imaginable?

**Rachel:**

Yes.

**Griffin:**

So respect to the Skittles brand for like devising this, this very tricky—

**Rachel:**

Well, anything, anything that has a lot of chemicals in it, like gets to be kind of complicated to reproduce, I think.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Hey, do you eat— this is another a side, this segment's gonna be full of aside cause it's not very long.

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Do you eat one Skittle at a time or do you just jam a fist full?

**Rachel:**

Aah, one at a time.

**Griffin:**

All right.

**Rachel:**

This is another difference between me and you.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

I feel like you, you'd get your whole paw in there.

**Griffin:**

Well, I take the logo, the, the catch phrase, what's it called?

**Rachel:**

Taste—

**Griffin:**

Slogan.

**Rachel:**

Oh.

**Griffin:**

I take the slogan very seriously. It's not saying taste the individual colors of the rainbow.

**Rachel:**

See, I think this also goes back to the fact that I very firmly believe they have different flavors.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

And I wanna experience each flavor one at a time.

**Griffin:**

That's interesting. I like to mix 'em up.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

I'm kind of more of a gourmand than you are, I suppose.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. You're kind of more of a Dharma.

**Griffin:**

I'm a little bit more of a Dharma in this one specific—

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Should we start a Dharma and Greg recap podcast where at the end of every episode we evaluate one another for whether we are Dharma or Greg in this—f

**Rachel:**

Yeah. We have a, like a tally going each week.

**Griffin:**

Looks like I've got, oh no, 300 Greg points.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

And only two Dharma points, both based on Skittles and how I like to enjoy them.

**Rachel:**

I feel like that would influence our topics. I feel like if I was really trailing in my Dharma. points—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Then the next week I would bring like, you know, incense.

**Griffin:**

Uni— unicycling. Yeah sure.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**



Um, brief history on Skittles, cause it is very brief. Nobody knows who to them. They were first made, uh, commercially by Mars, a Del— a British confectioner, uh, who you may have heard of.

**Rachel:**

I think it's funny that you said commercially as if people were doing like Skittle stands in front of their house.

**Griffin:**

Well, that's the thing, they don't attribute the invention of this candy to Mars. Who do they—

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Who, who did it then? I don't know. Probably some like traveling medicine, you know?

**Rachel:**

Mrs. Skittle.

**Griffin:**

Mrs. Skittle came around selling it. Um, it was just a slam dunk right away. People were like, crazy about these little guys. Uh, that was 1974 they were first made available and then they were named Skittles. After the game. Of course. The delightful— I think I've talked about Skittles on here. It's like a lawn bowling game.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

One of, one of many that exists.

**Rachel:**

But, but are, is there a piece, a game piece that looks like the candy?

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Absolutely there is. Um, in 1979, 5 years later, North America started importing them and they were like, "Hey, these are fucking great." And so three years later they started to produce them domestically here in North America. And then the rest of the history is they made about a billion fucking flavors of it.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

And they make some pretty wild Super Bowl commercials.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

That's about it.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

That being said, let's see what, let's see what, let's figure out the best type of Skittles now.

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

The three main ones of course are original, where you get your grape, lemon, lime, orange, strawberry.

**Rachel:**

Uh-huh.

**Griffin:**

There was a limited edition one in the UK that was cherry cola, which was blue.

**Rachel:**

Ooh.

**Griffin:**

They, the blue dye for food is like kind of more expensive to make than other colors—

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

For reasons that are way beyond my comprehension. So blue has only showed up in—

**Rachel:**

Oh yeah. And also like what color would you do for Cherry Cola that wouldn't get it confused with-

**Griffin:**

Br— brown?

**Rachel:**

Or yeah. Or a, like a red fruit you know?

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Brown isn't, brown's different from red. I think brown is the way to go here. But I think we, we missed the boat on that.

**Rachel:**

See people would think chocolate though I think when they—

**Griffin:**

Yes. The other main ones are the berry, what are they called? Wild berry where you get your berry punch, melon berry, raspberry, strawberry, wild cherry. Any thoughts on those?

**Rachel:**

I don't know that I've had those.

**Griffin:**

That's bonkers.

**Rachel:**

For me, like if I wanna Skittle, I wanna Skittle, you know?

**Griffin:**

What about tropical flavor? Banana berry, kiwi, lime, mango, tangelo, pineapple, passion, fruit and strawberry straw strof— straw—

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Strawberry star fruit. Strawberry star fruit.

**Rachel:**

I think if I want a Skittle, I want a Skittle.

**Griffin:**

My Gosh. Does there, is there any point in me continuing the rest of this?

**Rachel:**

Well, I mean the sour, I love the sour.

**Griffin:**

There is sour.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

Uh, there's Tart and Tangy which were those that represent the sour Skittles that were released after these were discontinued with slight differences on the flavors. Huh? Okay. So that's basically sour Skittles. I don't like sour Skittles. I think they are abrasive to the tongue.

**Rachel:**

Oh man. I feel like I've purchased these for you several times.

**Griffin:**

You have and I've eaten them politely.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] I thought, "Oh, Griffin loves Skittles. Griffin loves sour. Here are his two favorite things in one candy.

**Griffin:**

I could sharpen a knife on a sour Skittle.

**Rachel:**

Yeah, they are—

**Griffin:**

So abrasive is their grate.

**Rachel:**

I agree.

**Griffin:**

Uh, I like the flavor. I used to dump them in water and then sort of decant them through a strainer.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

And then I would eat the wet gritless Skittles.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]. And that's cooking ladies and gentlemen.

**Griffin:**

And I'm kind of a gourmand, like I've said.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh, so yeah, I mean, you got Crazy Cores where they were basically, the colors were different on the outside.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Those flavors were supposed to be on the inside, similar thing was Skittles Confused, which I don't think came out in the United States of America, cause that's a pretty bonkers name for a candy and I would remember that.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. Did they ever do big Skittles?

**Griffin:**

Oh honey! Did they do big Skittles? That's actually the last one on the list here. Uh, they were called Skittles Giants.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

And they was big Skittles.

**Rachel:**

Love it. Love it.

**Griffin:**

Uh, all right, I'm gonna go down and just kind of pick out the ones with the best names, cause, they're, I'm not kidding, they have made so many different kinds of these bad boys. Extreme, you had two flavors in one Skittle, green apple, watermelon, red apple, watermelon, green apple, grape lemon, lemon, watermelon, lime, lemon, green apple. This, that is too extreme. It's so extreme I can't even understand it.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

I just said the name of a bunch of fruits and people at home nodded pretending to understand.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh, let's see, you got Crazy Sours—

**Rachel:**

Wow.

**Griffin:**

Which, which were the former Tart and Tangy.

**Rachel:**

Okay. Okay.

**Griffin:**

So they loved, they, they had to have two different kind of sour Skittles—

**Rachel:**

Is, are there, uh, less grit particles on the, the...

**Griffin:**

Crazy Sour? I would imagine the crazy sours are like, you're eating granite at that point.

**Rachel:**

It's like a winter coat on this.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Smoothie Mix I've had before, those were quite pleasant.

**Rachel:**

Oh.

**Griffin:**

You had your lemon berry, mixed berry, orange mango. They had a bit more of a creamy, um, mouth feel.

**Rachel:**

Huh. Makes me think of a Starburst.

**Griffin:**

Um, yeah, Starburst are okay. Ice Cream Treats, caramel ripple, chocolate. [blows raspberry] I'm outta here, bye. I don't even wanna read the rest of the flavors.

**Rachel:**

That's strange.

**Griffin:**

Nobody wants that. If people wanted chocolate Skittles, they would eat M and M's.

**Rachel:**

You know what's funny? Is that for me like if I made you close your eyes—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

And I put an M and M in one hand and a Skittle on the other, do you think you could immediately just by touch identify the difference?

**Griffin:**

No.

**Rachel:**

See, I think I could.

**Griffin:**

Really?

**Rachel:**

I feel like Skittles are a totally different shape than an M and M.

**Griffin:**

Skittles are a little bit thicker.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. Okay.

**Griffin:**



I'll say that. They got a fi— a sturdier build.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh, let's see, uh, there's carnival flavors, bubble gum candy, apple, cotton candy licorice, blugh, green slushie. Some of those sound good.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Uh, Skittles Unlimited.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

These were a, uh, limited edition Canadian, uh, brand of Skittles.

**Rachel:**

Wait, Skittles Unlimited and it was limited edition?

**Griffin:**

Yeah that's a good point.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh, sold in Canada. The flavors were bubble gum, jam donut, popcorn, toffee apple.

**Rachel:**

Oh my God, that's so Canadian.

**Griffin:**

Is it?

**Rachel:**

I don't know. It just seems really Canadian to me.

**Griffin:**

Canadian are known for their love—

**Rachel:**

Was there jam in there?

**Griffin:**

Jam donut.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. See, there you go.

**Griffin:**

But bubble gum, popcorn and toffee apple. I don't know. I would mess with— uh, I don't want the bubble. Uh, I don't really want bubble gum flavor or popcorn. That toffee apple though, I would destroy. Double Sour. This is covered with a double portion of very sour citric acid crystals.

**Rachel:**

Ooh man.

**Griffin:**

You joked earlier.

**Rachel:**

I did.

**Griffin:**

You didn't know about double sour.

**Rachel:**

I didn't.

**Griffin:**

Uh, they made gum for a while. Did you ever have any of that? It was fine.

**Rachel:**

No.

**Griffin:**

You can't break your like reflex of like hmm, Skittles flavor, boop! Down it goes.

**Rachel:**

Can you speak to the kind of candy tourism that occurred in the McElroy household? Because I feel like anytime we talk about a particular product that was available for a limited time—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Maybe in nineties, early two thousands, the McElroys have tried it and they have an opinion about it.

**Griffin:**

You are maybe thinking about cereal, which is definitely more of a, I don't know, a pillar of our household. I will say my mom loved, like Shock Tarts and—

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Sour Skittles and like a lot of sour candy, a lot of fruity candy.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

So I think a lot of it came into our, our house, uh, via, via my mom. Um.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. Maybe I'm, maybe I'm thinking of cereal. I just feel like anytime we talk about a particular product that doesn't exist anymore—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Y'all have tried it and, and you know—

**Griffin:**

Definitely.

**Rachel:**

You know the experience.

**Griffin:**

There was just chocolate. So it was hot chocolate, milk chocolate, mocha chocolate, nutty chocolate, wild chocolate, disgusting. No offense.

**Rachel:**

It so confusing to me. So does it have this Skittles texture but it's chocolate?

**Griffin:**

I guess? Nobody wants that.

**Rachel:**

No.

**Griffin:**

Uh, Skittles Fizzled Fruits, uh, those had a fizzing powder coating.

**Rachel:**

Can you say that again?

**Griffin:**

Fi— Skittles fizzled fruits?

**Rachel:**

Skittles fizzled flue?

**Griffin:**

They were introduced in 2010 and quickly discontinued in 2012 because everybody looked at those and said, "Fucking gross. Bye."

**Rachel:**

Skittles, fizzled fruits. That's a good vocal warmup.

**Griffin:**

Uh, Skittles Riddles.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

That's the same as confused Skittles. They just had different and colors than the flavors.

**Rachel:**

Oh, So it wasn't like—

**Griffin:**

Uh, I will give you this instead of Skittles after dark, they did have Skittles Dark Dide.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Which had wicked pomegranate, black cherry, forbidden fruit, sweet strawberry, midnight lime, dark berry, and blood orange.

**Rachel:**

You know what Skittles Riddle should have been is that, instead of the signature S on each one, you had a bunch of different letters and it was your job to put together the riddle a la Survivor puzzle, you know?

**Griffin:**

That's fun. I tried to find the font that is on the, not the font of the logo of Skittles—

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

But the font that is actually on the candy.

**Rachel:**

Of the S, yeah.

**Griffin:**

I could not find it. Could not find it.

**Rachel:**

Huh.

**Griffin:**

I apologize. Uh, the rest of these are pretty boring. Uh, a lot of them are just like mixing up the colors to the flavors and they're called things like Skittles Trick Plays.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Um, and then let me see, Skittles love mix. That was a Target only release from 2018, big ups to Target, keeping the brand going. Uh, Sweet Heat that had your picante passion fruit [laughs], your sizzling strawberry, uh, another UK original. Zombie Skittles, Skittles Imposter, Skittles Freeze Pop, Skittles Sour Wildberry, I never saw those. They were exclusive to Dollar General.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Oh my gosh.

**Griffin:**

Why didn't nobody tell me? Fuck! And then, uh, Skittles, Skittles Chewies which, it doesn't—

**Rachel:**

Well, if I know Dollar General, they probably still have some.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Probably.

**Rachel:**

Somewhere.

**Griffin:**

And Skittles Giants. That, that ends my Skittles segment.

**Rachel:**

It was very well done.

**Griffin:**

Thanks. It went very long. I was like—

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

“This is gonna be short,” and then we talked about Skittles for 20 minutes. Can I steal you away?

**Rachel:**

Yes.

**Griffin:**

Cool.

[musical stinger plays]

[ad break]

**Griffin:**

We got a couple gumbobabies for you but before we do those, I do wanna tell you, if you do want purchase your own bremplepop you can do that by entering into our drawing.

We are going to be opening up spots, uh, for the first half of 2022, and as we've been doing it for a while now, uh, we are going to be holding a drawing for personal Jumbotron spots. If you'd like to enter the drawing for a chance to purchase a Jumbotron on Wonderful, head to [maximumfun.org/jumbotron](http://maximumfun.org/jumbotron) drawing. The drawing closes on Friday, November 19th. Uh, if your name is drawn, you'll have the option to purchase a personal Jumbotron message for a hundred bucks. I know that sounds wild. “You think if I get pulled, that should be free, right?”

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh, we have much more demand than we do supply.

**Rachel:**

Yeah it's true.

**Griffin:**

And we only do a couple of the, these, these per episode. So that's, that's why we've been doing it this way. Once again, we're only accepting personal messages at this time and the air date is estimated, not guaranteed, for complete details please visit [maximumfun.org/Jumbotron](http://maximumfun.org/Jumbotron) drawing or email [Daniel@maximumfun.org](mailto:Daniel@maximumfun.org) if you have any further questions. With that out of the way.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

Let's see, let's give a sample of the kind of product.

**Rachel:**

Ooh, okay. Okay.

**Griffin:**

That we offer.

**Rachel:**

This is a hundred dollars worth right here.

**Griffin:**

Here comes a big hun— a big Benjamin flavored message.

**Rachel:**

Okay. [laughs]

**Griffin:**

And it's for Joel Davis and it's from Aaron Alter. Who says, "Joel, I am so grateful to have spent these past 12 years doing life with my best friend. No matter what we're doing every day is the best day when we're together. I can't wait to see what adventures we will have in the next 12 years. This time with our cats, Boo, and Bennesh by our side. I love you bud."



That's from Aaron. That was sweet, a sweet one.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Those are two good names.

**Rachel:**

12 years.

**Griffin:**

12 years.

**Rachel:**

It's a lot of time.

**Griffin:**

I think that warrants dropping \$100.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

To let your loved one know what they mean to them, and also your cats' names.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]. Uh, can I read this next message?

**Griffin:**

I wish you would.

**Rachel:**

This is for Eliza, it is from Jacob.

"Hello my dear Eliza, by the time you hear this, we'll be engaged and living in Chicago. So grateful that I get to share my life with someone so talented, brilliant, and kind. I so cherish our mutual love of all things McElroy and hope this message brings some more joy to your day. I love you. Love Jacob."

**Griffin:**

Oh, Chicago. The windy city.

**Rachel:**

Ooh Chicago.

**Griffin:**

The big windy city [laughs]

**Rachel:**

You know what, the most common Chicago dream I have—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Is that I am entering an apartment building, uh, that in my dream is mine in Chicago.

**Griffin:**

Okay.

**Rachel:**

And I am trying to get the mailbox open.

**Griffin:**

Whoa. What do you think it means?

**Rachel:**

To, to read the mails. I don't know. I think it was just that, you know, when you lived in an apartment, you had a mailbox key...

**Griffin:**

Ooh.

**Rachel:**

And I feel like that was like an added source of stress.

**Griffin:**

Ah, that's not it.

**Rachel:**

To have multiple keys.

**Griffin:**

I think you got a secret locked inside.

**Rachel:**

Ooh.

**Griffin:**

That you aren't telling me or anybody.

**Rachel:**

Wow.

**Griffin:**

And I'm gonna get to the bottom of it by the end of this episode.

**Rachel:**

Ooh, I just got sweaty.

**Griffin:**

You should be, secret haver.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

[music plays]

**Speaker 3:**

Hey kid, your dad tell you about the time he broke Stephen Doff's nose at the Kid's Choice Awards?

[laughter]

**Speaker 5:**

In *Dead Pilot Society*, scripts that were developed by studios and networks, but were never produced are given the table reads they deserve.

**Speaker 6:**

When I was a kid, I had to spend my Christmas break filming a PSA about angel dust. So yeah, being a kid sucks sometimes.

**Speaker 5:**

Presented by Andrew Reich and Ben Blacker, Dead Pilot Society twice a month on maximumfun.org.

**Speaker 7:**

You Know, the show you like that hobo with the scarf who lives in a magic dumpster.

[laughter]

**Speaker 8:**

Dr. Who?

**Speaker 7:**

Yeah.

[laughter fades out]

**Rachel:**

Do you wanna hear my wonderful thing?

**Griffin:**

I would love to.

**Rachel:**

Okay. Give you a hint?

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

It is in this room.

**Griffin:**

Oh gosh. A rowing machine?

**Rachel:**

No.

**Griffin:**

Oh. We bought a rowing machine. No need to brag, but we, are...

**Rachel:**

We row now.

**Griffin:**

Real health nuts.

**Rachel:**

We're basically on crew.

**Griffin:**

Um, is it bupropion?

**Rachel:**

No, [laughs].

**Griffin**

[laughs] AKA Wellbutrin.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] I didn't, I didn't set you up to give a bunch of personal information but here we are.

**Griffin:**

Is it my, um, my butt cream?

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

That I put on? For my delicate heiner? Is it, uh, white boards?

**Rachel:**

No, no. I was gonna give you three guesses so this wouldn't go on too long.

**Griffin:**

Wa— water in a bottle.

**Rachel:**

No, [laughs]

**Griffin:**

Uh, blue wall paint.

**Rachel:**

Do you wanna be done now or...?

**Griffin:**

Yeah. So bad.

**Rachel:**

Okay. It's the "I voted" sticker.

**Griffin:**

Oh, sure.

**Rachel:**

You're wearing one right now.

**Griffin:**

Hell yeah.

**Rachel:**

I thought of this topic today because immediately after voting, I went to the grocery store, as I feel like 99% of people who vote do, and uh, my little sticker fell off somewhere.

**Griffin:**

Oh shit.

**Rachel:**

Cause when I got back to the car, the sticker was gone.

**Griffin:**

I hate that.

**Rachel:**

And I thought, how few chances in my life do I have now to earn a sticker?

**Griffin:**

I know.

**Rachel:**

And now it's gone [laughs]

**Griffin:**

I know. How are people gonna know—

**Rachel:**

How are people gonna know?

**Griffin:**

How virtuous you are for voting?

**Rachel:**

Exactly.

**Griffin:**

And so you decided I will do it on a podcast.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Talk about how much I voted.

**Rachel:**

How hard I voted. Um...

**Griffin:**

I did, when that Prop A came up, I was like, smash!

**Rachel:**

"No!" [laughs] Um, gosh, I hope that when this airs we will have succeeded.

**Griffin:**

We'll know one way or another.

**Rachel:**

Uh, should we, should we reference what it is or—

**Griffin:**

I think we talked about it in the ad break.

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Oh, sorry. The, the police in Austin want double their fucking budget over five years.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. Yeah. They want, they want like two police officers for every thousand people.

**Griffin:**

A very scientific number they've come to there. I think even the police chief was like, yeah, it's, it's an arbitrary number. Like, oh cool—

**Rachel:**

Cool.

**Griffin:**

Let's spend half a billion dollars on it, my man.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Uh, and they really disguise it too. Like did you read the—

**Griffin:**

I read whole thing, it was like, "Do you want police transparency?"

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

At the cost of half a billion dollars? Like, no?

**Rachel:**

Like "exceptional training," like they, they phrased it in a way to try and get both sides onboard.

**Griffin:**



They've also been doing this really fun thing where, uh, now, unless it is like an immediate danger crime that's happening, they redirect you right to 311. So let's go ahead and double their fucking budget, if they're gonna be the cops now I suppose. Anyway, um, it sucks, but it's either a thing or not a thing by the time this comes out so...

**Rachel:**

Here we are. So, uh, I voted stickers. So I really did think about the fact that when you're a kid, I'm assuming this happened for you too, like you did well on like a test or whatever, and you got a sticker on there.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

You remember that?

**Griffin:**

Love that.

**Rachel:**

Remember the feeling of that?

**Griffin:**

Good feelings.

**Rachel:**

Uh, I feel like it was even in high school, I had a foreign language teacher that gave you stickers, uh, based on your good performance. And there's, it's still, it's still kind of a rush.

**Griffin:**

It's a rush. I remember a quiz I got a hundred percent on and teacher put on a sticker of the blue ranger.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

And they had a little like big 90s font word bubble in front of it and it said, "Awesome".

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Did you like, did you put that on your notebook?

**Griffin:**

I wish I'd had that kind of foresight.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

It might. I mean, I held onto a lot of my notebooks. It might be in the house.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. Um, yeah, I, I don't know what it is. The guy, when I was finished voting asked me if I wanted a sticker, and I thought it was even crazy that he was asking me.

**Griffin:**

I know. Of course.

**Rachel:**

I was like, "Yes, yes I want the sticker." In some places they have like, really personalized individualized stickers.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Like New York has all these New York stickers that you can only get in New York.

**Griffin:**

It's like, "[cheesy New York accent] Hey, I'm voting over here."

**Rachel:**

[laughs] There you go. That's, that's what it is. Uh, so it is difficult to trace the origin of a sticker.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Um, basically when I read articles about it, everybody just talked about, they found articles in newspapers, referencing stickers.

**Griffin:**

Like specifically "I voted" stickers or just stickers?

**Rachel:**

Well, it was, it was different, um, entities that would offer, you know, deals based on you having a sticker.

**Griffin:**

Interesting.

**Rachel:**

Uh, so there was a, like a 1982 article in the Miami Herald talking about how different small businesses in Fort Lauderdale were offering discounts to customers wearing "I voted" stickers.

**Griffin:**

Huh.

**Rachel:**

Um, even before that, there was a 1950 article in the Miami Herald, uh, they talked about, "I have voted" stickers which would be handed out at polls as a reminder to others to cast their vote.

**Griffin:**

I have voted.

**Rachel:**

I have voted [laughs], which-

**Griffin:**

"I voted" is celebratory. Like "I have voted" is such a like declaration. I have voted.

**Rachel:**

It also, there's something, there's immediacy to "I voted", and "I have voted" could reference any time in your life.

**Griffin:**

Exactly.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Um, so the reminder of to others to cast their vote is very true. Like this may not happen to you as much, but for me, a lot of—

**Griffin:**

Cause I don't see people during the day?

**Rachel:**

[laughs] It's fair.

**Griffin:**

Yes.

**Rachel:**

I, I will go to work and I will see my co-workers wearing their stickers and I will think, oh yeah, I gotta find the time to do that today.

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Um, my employer actually offers you like, an hour release time.

**Griffin:**

Huh.

**Rachel:**

Which is a little ridiculous honestly because it's not like I'm logging that in, you know—

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

I just go when I go, but, but I think it's a nice gesture.

**Griffin:**

My "I voted" sticker is the 50,000 texts I've gotten from different, uh, nonprofits in the area saying, "Hey, you gotta vote no on this Prop A thing, it sucks." And then the three or four, like robodials calling me saying, "Like someone was murdered last night."

**Rachel:**

[laughs] God.

**Griffin:**

"And we couldn't do anything about it cause we don't have enough money. Anyway Prop A, get there.!"

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

"Oops. Another murder. I just heard it outside. Oh, I better go do something about it. I'm the police. Bye."

**Rachel:**

[laughs] So stickers, Phoenix Realtors Association started distributing stickers in Phoenix in 1985 and National Campaign Supply Claims it started selling them in 1986. So people like buy these stickers for like a penny and piece.

**Griffin:**

Cool.

**Rachel:**

Uh, to distribute. Um, and it's supposed to kind of build this like sense of community that was once associated with voting.

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm.

**Rachel:**

Like this idea of like, we're all doing it. And look, look around, you can see the people that have done it and don't you wanna be a part of that?

**Griffin:**

I mean yes, every time.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Uh, it's not really necessarily like we think the stickers will make people vote.

**Griffin:**

No.

**Rachel:**

As much as I suggested it, like there are not research teams saying like, let's get a better sticker so more people vote.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. But I mean—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

It's gotta be true that seeing somebody, there are type of people out there who see somebody with an I voted sticker and go, "Oh shit, that's today."

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

Like that's gotta be something.

**Rachel:**

Wouldn't it be something though like if they really did invest in the sticker in an attempt to get the, the youth more interested in voting.

**Griffin:**

Oh, cool.

**Rachel:**

So like a hologram sticker, you know?

**Griffin:**

Yes!

**Rachel:**

Or like a scratch and sniff that smells like polls [laughs]

**Griffin:**

Smells like polls? What do polls smell like?

**Rachel:**

You know like a polling location?

**Griffin:**

Yeah.

**Rachel:**

Like, um, usually like gymnasium [laughs]

**Griffin:**

Yeah. For me I would say for today's it was stale church air.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Did you recognize that?

**Griffin:**

Yes.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Um, so a lot of, a lot of this happened in the 20th century, cause voter turnout rates started to sink.

**Griffin:**

Right.

**Rachel:**

And uh, in particular, the 2000 election kind of dramatized this idea that everybody needs to vote. Like every vote matters.

**Griffin:**

Yeah!

**Rachel:**

Uh, which seemed to make the sticker more visible.

**Griffin:**

Or if you live in Florida, it doesn't matter either way.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

It's gonna kind of go, that train's gonna keep on going without you. So...

**Rachel:**

You, you're so political in this episode.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. I am.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]. He's fired up with that sticker.

**Griffin:**

Yeah I've, I mean, I don't know if you can see my sticker but I did vote today.

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

I have, I have voted.

**Rachel:**

Um, a lot of people have kind of turned away from the sticker just because of the cost and the litter. Um, but uh, the, just wearing the sticker does, does have the effect. Um, it reminds people to do it and that's, I mean, there's, there is valuable in that. Uh, and that when voters feel that they are thanked for voting in a past election, they're more likely to vote in a future election.

**Griffin:**

Huh.

**Rachel:**



So just this idea of like, it's important that you voted and we want you to wear the sticker and you did a good thing. And then this idea of, I wanna do that again.

**Griffin:**

We should normalize then, if you see somebody with an "I voted" sticker, walking right up to them and saying, "thank you."

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

Thank you.

**Rachel:**

Thank you. Um, so I was reading this article and there is a, uh, a professor of political science at Fordham University, uh, that said an even more effective get to vote method than the "I voted" sticker, uh, could be the, uh, "I didn't vote" sticker.

**Griffin:**

Whoa.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Which, I don't know how that would work.

**Griffin:**

That doesn't make any sense to me.

**Rachel:**

[laughs] I don't know how that would work.

**Griffin:**

[laughs] Who's gonna see that and be like, "Awesome. I'm not gonna vote either."

**Rachel:**

Like, we shame them. Yeah. I don't know what that... maybe—

**Griffin:**

Is it like, oh shit, they didn't vote. I gotta get out there and definitely vote?

**Rachel:**

Maybe everybody gets an "I didn't vote" sticker in the mail. And then in order to get the "I voted" sticker, they have to turn in the "I didn't vote."

**Griffin:**

Mm-hmm.

**Rachel:**

And then they have to put it on their shirt.

**Griffin:**

That's good. We could give everybody "I didn't vote" tattoos, like, on their faces—

**Rachel:**

[laughs].

**Griffin:**

And the only way to fix it is every year you have to put the, I did vote, "I have voted" sticker over it.

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

And keep it there for 365 days.

**Rachel:**

Anyway, this is my platform I'm running, uh, in the next election.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. I'd vote for you.

**Rachel:**

Thank you.

**Griffin:**

Wait, what are you running for?

**Rachel:**

Uh...

**Griffin:**

Railroad Commission?

**Rachel:**

[laughs] Oh my God.

**Griffin:**

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**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

Or, um...

**Rachel:**

Jackie and Lori.

**Griffin:**

Beef and Dairy Network.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

All kinds of shows on maximumfun.org. Go check 'em out and have fun on 'em. And, and we have a Taz live show here in a couple days.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

**Griffin:**

We're doing Hootenanny, our space opera, country music jamboree, uh, you can find links, uh, to everything in details at maclayfamily.com.

**Rachel:**

Yeah. And you... Let's say that you're a cool kid and you have plans, uh, you know, Friday night.

**Griffin:**

It'll be VOD for a while after that, baby, you don't have to sweat it.

**Rachel:**

Exactly. Exactly.

**Griffin:**

But you should come and watch it. It'll be lots of fun. And we're teasing, uh, a new, uh, sort of side project for Taz, uh, at the end of that show that I bet everybody's really gonna like.

**Rachel:**

Do I even know what this is?

**Griffin:**

You do. You might not know that it's being revealed at this point.

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Uh, that's it, we gotta go like, like a minute ago cause I double booked for recordings today.

**Rachel:**

Ah, that sounds like you.

**Griffin:**

Yeah. Me and Marin doing our [laughs]

**Rachel:**

[laughs]

**Griffin:**

Doing our jokes.

**Rachel:**

Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:**

Oh shit. He's calling me now.

**Rachel:**

Okay.

**Griffin:**

Stop yelling! He's yelling so loud.

**Rachel:**

Yeah.

[theme music plays]

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