

MBMBaM 598: Chocolate That Helps You Fudge

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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 plays]

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

Travis: And I am Travis the Smooth.

[beat of silence]

Griffin: Uh. And this is Griffin McElroy, the sweet baby brother. But that's not important. What is important is happy birthday to all the presidents.

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: Happy birthday to all of the presidents who all got together and said, "Wouldn't it kick total ass if we all had the same birthday and we called it President's Day and we just ripped shit up and had ourselves a good time because..."

Travis: Just a time to put partisan politics aside and rip shit up!

Griffin: Rip shit with party-san politics.

Travis: Yeah, there it goes. The only political parties I want to hear about are the ones with beer and babes.

Griffin: And we got a big pile of living presidents to fucking rock out with their cocks out today.

Justin: Oh, no!

Travis: All of them great. No notes.

Griffin: Yep. Well, no, there's lots of real dookie shitheads in there, but, I mean, we're out here. They know how to party unlike any other person on Earth because they know they've had the nuclear codes and so they don't—

Travis: They partied with the aliens at Club 51.

Griffin: They've got it all, baby. Who's all still alive?

Justin: I bet it was weird for Abe Lincoln when they gave him the nuclear codes, and he's like, "What the fuck are these for?"

Griffin: "What am I supposed to do with this?"

Travis: You'll find out.

Griffin: Uh, but—

Justin: And they told George Washington, "Here's the football." And he's like, "What is football?"

Travis: "What does that even mean in this context?"

Justin: "I don't understand any of the words in this—"

Travis: "I'm going to be honest. I'm confused by the case it's in. Is this metal? What the fuck?"

Griffin: Anyway...

Justin: Metal wasn't invented.

Travis: Well, they definitely weren't making briefcases out of it, Justin.

Justin: If metal wasn't invented yet, why has he got wood teeth?

Travis: Thank you. He could have metal chompers like Jaws.

Justin: That's a little, um, presidential trivia. It's for me—

Travis: You know what it is? At that point, Justin, metal teeth were unprecedented.

Justin: You know what's funny about the president—

Travis: Hey, Justin? What the fuck? Un-president-ed? Because he was a president.

Griffin: You didn't have to stop the flow.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, but Justin just went right over it.

Justin: Okay? There's two different kinds of bits in this world, Trav. There's the ones that you drive by and wave at, then there's the ones where you park and you have a little picnic outside of them. But that was not a picnic joke. That was—

Travis: Yeah, but you didn't even— You didn't even huff at it or nothing.

Justin: But if I stop and park the car at your joke, it's going to make people think that you don't have those all the time, but with your rapidity, you know what I mean? Of...

Griffin: Quantity.

Justin: The quantity.

Griffin: Of jokes.

Justin: The quantity. And quality and quantity.

Travis: I mean, they're all good.

Justin: They're all good! Baseline, you know?

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: This fucking Wikipedia article with all the presidents in it doesn't tell me which ones have beffed it, which ones have...

Travis: You can't guess?

Griffin: Who is beffed and who is unbeffed? And it sucks because I want to talk about this. I want to talk about this stuff. I know Ronald Reagan famously beffed a little while ago.

Travis: Can I tell you the one that always gets me? Jimmy Carter.

Griffin: Jimmy Carter. Unbeffed!

Justin: Unbeffed, battling hookworms, building houses.

Griffin: Beating ass.

Justin: Beating ass.

Griffin: Beating ass!

Justin: It's all this worm ass. You know the good thing about— You know the thing that I like about the US presidents?

Travis: What's that?

Griffin: What is it, Justin?

Justin: It's that they've all been good.

Travis: Yeah. No notes.

Griffin: Yeah, I would say—

Justin: No notes, el presidente! You're getting it done.

Griffin: I would say and maybe— You know, their shared communal birthday is not the best date to sort of pass judgment on him, but I would say a couple of them have been real stinkers.

Justin: The other thing about them is that they're all from Ohio.

Griffin: That's fucked up.

Justin: Did you hear about this?

Travis: You guys heard this? You hear about this?

Griffin: Old Cincinnati Joe.

Travis: Cincinnati Joe is one of the greatest traveling presidents.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Justin: Yeah. We have a president of the rails and then the home president. And there's one president that gets out there and gets it done.

Travis: It's like, the— You know how baseball teams have like home uniforms and away uniforms? We have a home president and away president. But our away president never gets talked about enough.

Justin: Some of these guys, I'd like to— I wish they would get away.

Griffin: Oh, wow.

Travis: Boy, Justin, it's their birthday.

Griffin: It's their birthday, dude. And was that a threat?

Justin: Some of these guys, I wish they'd get away from me and my family and my guns.

Travis: Wait, are they near your family? What president is near your family currently?

Justin: I'd just like him to stay out of my business. I'm a citizen.

Griffin: You know, some of this is fucked up guys. I'm still looking at this Wikipedia article. We've had like a group of presidents and most of them are— Most of them are dead.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah, statistically, yeah.

Griffin: So, it's like, maybe this is the most dangerous— I know cops is always out there saying like, "Oh, our job is the most dangerous." Uh, looking at the stats, I think it might be presidents because we had almost 50 of them and like 45 of them beffed a long time ago.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Yep, yep, yep. Some of them pretty quickly in office. I'm just saying that's eerie, right? What are the odds?

Griffin: So embarrassing. "Yeah, I'm finally president!" Dead.

Travis: Oh, man.

Griffin: Oh, no. That sucks for you, bro.

Travis: Beffed it.

Justin: Um...

Travis: I'd like to be president someday, but...

Griffin: Yeah, Trav? Do you think you'd do a good job?

Travis: But my birthday is not that day, so like, I can't do it.

Justin: But you are— You have been in Ohio for quite a while, so—

Travis: That is true. That is true. I do appreciate— Thank you for that vote of confidence, you guys, saying I would make.

Justin: Well, that's the only vote you'd get from me.

Travis: Oh, what the fuck? You're my brother! You're my blood, Justin!

Justin: I would be such a good president brother. Don't you think that I would be a good, like...

Travis: First brother?

Justin: Black sheep, like, "That's the one that makes beer or grows peanuts or whenever these guys are doing now."

Travis: Hey, how dare you assume that if any one of us became president, I wouldn't be the black sheep brother? Even if I was president, they'd be like, "He's also the black sheep brother." Thank you very much.

Griffin: God...

Travis: I have purple hair, Justin. I'm edgy!

Griffin: [laughs] Okay, fucking, Jughead.

Travis: I'm the edgy one!

Justin: "I'm a weirdo."

Travis: I'm a weirdo! Don't you see that my hair is not a natural human color?

Griffin: It's not a normal color!

Travis: This isn't a color I was born with out the womb, Justin. I chose this. I'm a guy who makes choices, I'm Angie!

Griffin: Anyway, happy birthday, everyone. I do think it is fucked up that this holiday did start off as a celebration of George Washington's birthday, which is February 22. But then at some point, people were like, "Sorry, George, you got to share it. You got to share it with everyone."

Justin: [as George Washington] "It's not fair."

Griffin: "What are we doing this year? When are we celebrating?"

Travis: [as George Washington] "I'm not going to lie. This fucking sucks."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "It sucks shit."

Griffin: Missed it by a day this year. We're almost on top of it again, Georgie boy. I'm so sorry.

Travis: Happy belated birthday.

Griffin: Happy belated birthday to all the presidents. William McKinley.

Justin: Oh, yeah.

Travis: Oh, yeah. Our McKinliest president.

Griffin: [imitating Grover] "Grover Cleveland?"

Travis: That was pretty good!

Griffin: Yeah, I do a pretty kick ass Grover.

Travis: I do an okay Elmo.

Griffin: I do an okay Rutherford B. Hayes.

Travis: Let me hear it—

Griffin: Can we start— [as Rutherford B. Hayes] "I'm Rutherford B. Hayes and I—"

Travis: Hey, yeah!

Griffin: "I'm the president that, um, hold on. Hold on."

Travis: "Let me Google."

Griffin: "Just a moment, please. Uh-oh, I didn't do... [laughs] Let me see."

Travis: "Oh, no!"

Griffin: "How did we do? Just looking over this. Mm. His critics deride his leniency toward the former Confederate States and his withdrawal of federal support for African Americans voting and civil rights. Okay, never mind. I'm a big shit head."

Travis: "I'm a real piece of shit."

Griffin: "I'm a real dick. Anyway, happy birthday to me!" Can we start the show now?

Justin: We already did, bud. This is—

Travis: Yeah, this is it. Your whole Rutherford B. Hayes bit is in there.

Justin: I wanted—This is not a bit. I saw this earlier this morning on Facebook and I wanted to share it.

Travis: Thank you for clarifying that this isn't a bit, Justin, because sometimes—

Justin: This isn't a bit, I don't have a whole bunch of funny things to say about it. I literally just wanted to tell you two and if the listening audience enjoys it, that's their business. It's not mine. I just want to share with you guys, I saw the most West Virginia— Well, one of the most, like, West Virginia headlines on Facebook today.

"Breaking. 13 news has learned that the current and former owners of the Charleston Town Center in the city of Charleston are being sued by the developer of the future hotel in the old Sears building."

Travis: Oh boy!

Griffin: Awesome.

Justin: It's just— That's us there, baby.

Griffin: That's the battleground.

Justin: Everybody's suing everybody in the future hotel of the old Sears building.

Travis: Yeah, buddy. Love it.

Justin: I wish it was a futuristic hotel in the old Sears building.

Travis: I was just thinking the same thing, Justin.

Justin: That'd be so sweet.

Travis: I'd move back.

Griffin: Just a big cube.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Oh, that'd be badass.

Travis: I love that. May I— Permission to speak from the heart, fellas.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: So last week I did a riddle me piss.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [sighs]

Travis: And some folks made me cognizant of the fact that I had used that in the past, episode 511.

Griffin: Oh, really?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Episode 511? That's not even that long ago.

Travis: It's not that long ago. I was flabbergasted to find that out. And honestly, it made me moist, and I don't want to obfuscate the point...

Griffin: Oh, no, no, no.

Travis: I'm feeling very prosodic...

Griffin: [crosstalk]

Travis: ... and I want to postulate before you, um, listen. Honestly, I'm feeling very perspicacious right now. And a little bit ornery...

Griffin: Justin, is there a way to mute him through...?

Justin: [crosstalk]

Travis: ... I bring you this corduroy and this oubliette, and I hope that you accept this ephemera as my sincere globular.

Griffin: Okay, let's—

Travis: Listen, I'm spaffled over here. You know what I mean? And I hope that you all can widdershins me...

Justin: Widdershins!

Travis: ... that we can, uh, you know, move past this.

Griffin: Can we just— As long as we are lifting the fucking riddle me piss jersey up to the rafters, which is what we—

Travis: Oh, we're not. Oh, no, no, no.

Griffin: No, no, no, sorry, sorry, sorry—

Travis: I'm going to lower it back down. [imitates squeaking]

Griffin: You actually— I locked it up. I super glued it to the fucking ceiling. So as long as we got those sort of—

Justin: I just shot it down with a crossbow.

Travis: Hell, yeah.

Justin: It's falling...

Griffin: As long as we got the rig out that we use for lifting jerseys up to the rafters, can we go ahead and just hook sad libs up on there, too? And...

Travis: Oh, my God, that was a sad Libs. I didn't even notice, Griffin. Oh, wow.

Griffin: Please—

Travis: You know, I guess it just— It comes so naturally.

Griffin: You know what sucks is we actually have a real announcement, which is that in our sad sack state last week, crying about Smartless beating

our asses up and down the street, we didn't talk very much about our live show that we have coming up this week.

Yeah, yeah, it's this week. You can get tickets at bit.ly/mbmbamvirtual. It's February 26 and tickets are \$10 a pop and we'll have a video on demand for two weeks after. So come out and do— and join us. We haven't done one of these in a couple of months and it's a very fun time.

Justin: It's like they're— Ask anybody who's been to one, Griffin did very good sales job—

Travis: No, he really beefed it.

Justin: Uh, he beefed it. I want to say that these things are always wild. They're always fun. The more people that are there, you feel the energy in the crowd. It gets trending. People are tweeting about what they're seeing.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: We'll have lots of great surprises that Travis has been working on and, uh...

Travis: What?

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Aw, fuck. I got to go, guys.

Griffin: I'm going to do a fucking backflip.

Justin: I'm not doing any— No characters. There won't be any Richard Stink. So if that's a plus for you, you got that to look forward to.

Travis: Oh, you know what I could do? I could do with musical guests and have the video clips play and we could watch them.

Griffin: Oh, cool. Yeah, I like that. Bit.ly/mbmbamvirtual is the link.

Justin: Please come.

Griffin: Please come. Please.

Justin: Please.

Griffin: Amanda got mad at us because we didn't talk about it last week when there were only two weeks to push it and we fucked it up so bad and we feel really guilty. So if you could buy a ticket or two, that would be badass. Anyway.

Justin: So, uh, this is an advice show. I mean, I don't know how else to say it.

Travis: Yeah, there it is. You know what I mean?

Griffin: You don't have to apologize.

Justin: This is an advice show.

Travis: Let's lay all our cards on the table. What does it say? It's an advice show across all the cards. Gin.

Griffin: Begin.

[silence]

Travis: When you're ready.

Justin: I— [laughs]

Travis: Now, Justin, in your own time. If you would do your slate, please announce who you are and what pieces you'll be doing.

Justin: [nervously] Hi, my name is Justin McElroy. I'll be doing, um, a—

Travis: Please don't say you'll be doing it. That makes it sound a little bit perverted. If you could use a different word please.

Griffin: Yeah, it makes it sound like you're going to try and have sex with the question.

Justin: I'll be humping this question.

Travis: Mm. That's a little bit worse, but not much.

Justin: "So I work at a fancy legal office and I have to commute by bus."

Travis: Just say Boston Legal. We get it.

Griffin: We know where it is.

Travis: You work with Denny Crane. Why do I know that? I've never seen a goddamn episode!

Justin: [laughing] Shut up!

Griffin: There's so much shit you don't know, Travis.

Travis: I know!

Griffin: And that's the one that you do.

Justin: I'm failing—

Travis: It's because the other day I was talking about how Boston Legal and Boston Public are in the same Boston verse. But Boston Common is not. And that makes me really mad. Sorry. Go on.

Justin: [laughing] Shut up, just shut up.

Travis: Just go on!

Justin: "I'm fairly new and not used to the eight to five grind yet, so I find myself staying up far too late to be waking up at 6:45 every day and then

getting to work exhausted." Now, I haven't finished this question, but so far there's a pretty good answer for this. Let's keep going.

"I have an hour lunch break and really want to take a nap. Would it be inappropriate to stack boxes in my cubicle to hide in and get some sleep? I worry that someone might see me in there, but I'm just so tired right now, IDK if I can make it through the day, please help." That was from Pooped in Portland.

Travis: Now, listen, as Justin pointed out, obviously, obviously we could say go to bed earlier, but that's not— One, that's not fun. And also, like, when you reach a certain age, no amount of sleep is enough to get you through the day, right?

Griffin: Yes, that's a good point.

Travis: Yeah, you could go to sleep right after you got up and you'd be tired.

Griffin: And it's also completely arbitrary because you'll also have days where you sleep for 5 hours and you wake up and you feel incredible. And then you'll have days where you sleep 9 hours and you feel like some sort of corpse person.

Travis: Because the weird thing is, your body has these weird cycles, but you don't fucking know when they are and you're in no control of it. And it's like, "Oh, you woke up in the middle of one," and I'm like, "Okay, well, whose fault is that?"

Justin: This is why— This is why so many people have endorsed polyphasic sleep.

Griffin: Yes!

Justin: Where you'll chunk it, chunk it out. You get some 90 minutes— Polyphasic sleep is my favorite thing to talk about and never do. So you do, like, sleep for 90 minutes, and then you're up. Who's that creeping around the house at 4:30? Well, it's Justin who's that taking a nap at 11:30 during

the morning meeting? That's Justin. He sleeps for 90 minutes and he's up for a while. Polyphasic sleep.

Travis: Now I'm of two minds, in the actual question here, and I want you guys to check where you're at. I don't think there's anything wrong with taking a nap on your lunch break. That's your time. I think the problem is location, location, location.

Griffin: Right?

Justin: Yeah, right.

Travis: I think you need to find within any office or warehouse or— I don't care where it is. There's a location that somebody knows about that's, like, the comfy spot where everyone sneaks away to nap.

Griffin: Well, I wouldn't want to nap in the spot where everyone goes to nap. Do you know— Like, that's not necessarily something I want to share with my peers.

Travis: Mm. That's fair.

Griffin: But at the same time, I feel like if somebody is ever, like, reorganizing the office and they move a file cabinet and then there's like a fucking Shawshank Redemption hole in the wall with some pillows and newspapers in there, that is no good, man.

Travis: It's not good now! Now it's been discovered.

Griffin: Your little squirrel nest.

Travis: Your Bruno nest has been discovered, you can't stay in there.

Griffin: Your Bruno nest, yeah. It's inappropriate, but I think if you just go to sleep on your fucking desk, head down, and if anybody walks in and it's like, "Hey, wake up!" Leave that job.

Travis: Oh, you know what? We haven't done this in a while.

Griffin: What?

Travis: Would a sign help?

Griffin: Oh! "Seeping. Seeping, try later!"

Travis: Because that's the problem, right? They come by, they see you laying down, they're like, "Ah, shirking their duties." But if you have a sign that's like, "This is my lunch break. This is how I choose to use it, Derek." Right? Like, what are they going to do?

Griffin: Yeah, "I ate so fast, Derek and I have to sleep."

Travis: "I eat while I type out my reports so that I can have a snooze arena." And it says all of this. There's like eight pieces. It's a daisywheel printer, just like printed out all lined up, and they're still reading it by the time you wake up.

Griffin: That was my shit. I would eat lunch while I had, like, library duty during third period in middle school. And then when lunchtime came around, I could keep hanging out in the library.

Travis: Yeah—

Griffin: Oh, that's a sad story.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Anyway. Um, hey, do you guys want to approach the wizard?

Justin: Yes.

Travis: Whatever you do, don't nap in the break room.

Griffin: Well, no—

Justin: Just don't nap. Just stop napping.

Travis: No, what?

Justin: Yes, don't nap.

Travis: Get out of here.

Justin: You're up to— Okay. You're having trouble going to sleep on time, so it hurts to wake up at 6:45. You take a nap, you're continuing that terrible cycle. Break it! Just be tired and then go to bed at night.

Travis: No!

Justin: Yes!

Travis: Mr. Polyphasic sleep, who then turns around and says, "You know what, though? Hey, forget everything I said. Don't nap."

Justin: No, don't nap!

Travis: Justin, polyphasic sleep is just grown up nap time.

Justin: No, I don't endorse polyphasic sleep, it just—

Travis: It sounded like you did!

Justin: Go to bed at a normal time. If you see Jimmy Fallon you've gone too far. That's it! Go to bed at a normal time, wake up at a normal time. Just—

Travis: Okay— Just go to sleep at a normal time.

Justin: Stop napping your day away.

Travis: Oh, my God.

Griffin: If the digital clock has four numbers on it, you need to be unconscious.

Justin: My brothers love napping. And it drives me fucking—

Travis: I love napping!

Justin: They'll be at my home having a family visit, and they're like, "Well, that's the cuckoo clock on the wall says it's time for me to get my jammies and have a little nap nap."

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: And it's like, come on!

Travis: But—

Justin: We're together. We're having fun. Stop fucking napping.

Travis: But you're willful refusing to do it so that you can be unhappy for the rest of the day—

Justin: No, you do it one time. One time! And then you're on a good schedule.

Griffin: I think it's pretty fucked up whenever we're partying, and then you're like, "We need to eat. We haven't eaten in 14 hours because you won't stop partying." And I'm like, "Rude much?"

Travis: Right.

Griffin: "Trying to fulfill your body's needs while I'm trying to fucking party with you?"

Travis: Also, when we're all hanging out as a family and you're like, "Well, 7:30 PM, time for beddy-bye." And I'm like, "What? What are you talking about?"

Griffin: Justin's favorite game to play when we're all hanging out family is he waits until somebody is on their phone and then gets to really slam them

for it. Like, "Oh, man, we're only together so rarely." I think that's what gives him power.

Justin: That's because you guys are addicted to your devices. You're just constantly—

Travis: Well, I'm just talking to my real friends and the babes.

Justin: Yeah. Okay. Uh, so you're going to do a Wizard of the Cloud. I think we should definitely do that.

Griffin: Okay. All right, so this one is sent in by a lot of people, so thank you to everybody for your contributions. It's like they built a human staircase leading up to the wizards.

Travis: The wizard would love that.

Griffin: Pyu-ppet. Pyu-ppet.

Travis: Yep. What's the—

Griffin: Pyu-ppet the pul-pul—

Travis: No, pyu-ppet. That's where he turns into byu-tterfly.

Griffin: So this is how to prank in school. "School gets boring sometimes. So if you want to liven it up with a few pranks, who could blame you?"

Travis: Thank you.

Griffin: Someone who catches you doing it?

Travis: Well, no, even that, man— Okay, the question is, Griffin, and we haven't gotten into it. I'm sure we will. But when it comes to, will they blame you, are they lovable pranks or are they, like, "What have you done?"

Griffin: Oh, that's interesting. Well, they run the gamut, Trav. Using your school supplies is a fun way to get started. Or you could just prank friends with food tricks or electronic tricks.

Justin: Electronic tricks!

Griffin: That's great.

Justin: Like Mysterio.

Travis: Yes!

Griffin: Whenever—

Travis: Are drones involved?

Griffin: Whenever Anonymous is in the news again, like, "Oh, shit, they leaked all the Pentagon's shit." I'll be like, "What an electronic trick they pulled."

Travis: That's a great electronic trick.

Griffin: They— "Oh, no. Someone stole my identity and took all my bitcoins. What a brutal electronic trick. Bunch of stinkers."

Travis: Actually, Griffin, with blockchain, it would be really difficult for someone to steal your bitcoin.

Griffin: Yeah. Damn, you're right, Trav. That's a good enough reason for me to put all my money into cyber coin. Just like LeBron said to do.

Travis: LeBron said it?

Griffin: Yeah. Super Bowl. "Using school supplies, replace correcting fluid with lip tint."

Travis: What?

Griffin: There's some fucked up— Yeah, white out with lip tint, I guess.

Travis: With lip smackers.

Griffin: Lip smackers. "Thoroughly clean out a bottle of correcting fluid and snip off the brush. Glue in an old lip tint applicator and pour lip tint into the bottle. When your friend tries to borrow it, they'll be really confused." I mean...

Travis: Now, hold on. That seems like a lot of work for a little payoff.

Justin: Mm.

Travis: Now a better pay off would be like, while your friend is looking, pull out the white out and apply it to your lips.

Griffin: Oh?

Travis: Like, then when your friends like, "What the fuck are you doing?" That's way better than your friend being like, "Okay, I guess this isn't white out."

Griffin: The best part about that electronic trick is that it definitely is worse for the friend who sees you put white out on your mouth than you, the person who just put almost certainly extremely poisonous white out on your mouth. That's funny.

Travis: No, I'm saying if you're going to go to the trouble of cleaning out the bottle to put your lip tint in there, use it as lip tint.

Griffin: Anyway, "Make edible school supplies from sugar paste to confuse your friends." Yeah, man. And then you start chowing down on your eraser or paper clips and your friends won't know what's happening.

Travis: And they won't be your friends anymore.

Griffin: Probably not once they find out that you have been cooking pencils.

Justin: I've seen a lot— Guys, I've seen a lot of these types of suggestions in Troom Troom vids.

Travis: In what?

Justin: My kids are obsessed— Troom Troom. You know, they're like Eastern European pals and they make videos about how to, like, sneak candy into school.

Griffin: Or one where you have to sneak a superhero into a movie theater. And it's like...

Justin: Yeah, exactly. Or like, I can only eat orange things all day. You know, Troom Troom.

Travis: Okay. My kids just watch a lot of educational stuff, so...

Justin: Oh, yeah, this is educational because if you want to sneak candy buttons in, you can make a jacket, decorate it with candy buttons, and then the teacher won't know that the blue-eyed girl...

Travis: You could be teaching your kids about cost-benefit analysis to realize that that's a stupid thing to do. But go on.

Justin: They know cost-benefit analysis— They know that the cost of snacks in the movie theater is ridiculous.

Griffin: So high.

Justin: So they got to farm more beforehand and they make a little like a beret out of Razzles.

Travis: Okay, yeah sure.

Griffin: [singing] A Razzle Beret...

Justin: Close, close. There's something there.

Griffin: It was pretty close.

Justin: We'll never come back. This is a drive by joke.

Griffin: Yeah. Vroom! "Use clear nail polish to make a pencil useless. Paint the tip of a pencil with clear nail polish and let your friend borrow it; when they try to use it, it won't write."

Travis: That's perfect. I like that one.

Justin: That's a good self-own, too.

Griffin: A good what?

Justin: Self-own, 'cause it's your pencil and you—

Griffin: I thought you said cell phone.

Travis: I thought that, too.

Griffin: I also thought that.

Justin: I mean, if you had a pencil... [laughs] If you had a pencil and you start talking to it like it was a cell phone?

Griffin: That's funny.

Justin: I mean, come on.

Travis: Or you could paint clear nail polish all over your friend's cell phone.

Griffin: That's cool.

Justin: Oh, that's good, too.

Griffin: Touch screen won't work.

Travis: Because then they try to put their finger to it and it won't work.

Griffin: Yeah. Or they put it to their face to make a phone call and then they immediately huff it and pass out.

Justin: You could put clear nail polish on your nails.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: [laughs] Your friend's, like, "Oh, your nails look healthy."

Griffin: "Shiny."

Travis: "Ha! Got you, stupid."

Griffin: "Use hot glue—"

Travis: What if you put clear nail polish on your friend's nails and they're like, "Oh, thank you."

Griffin: "Add hot glue to your sharpener before letting someone borrow it." Do— We're done with pencils and sharpeners and...

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Right?

Travis: Add hot glue to your tablet that is school supplied or whatever these days, probably.

Justin: You remember those, like— You used to have to, like, crank them. They'd be on the wall.

Travis: Oh, yeah. I used to crank it all.

Griffin: Yeah, I remember, I loved that.

Justin: You had to crank— I loved that.

Travis: Oh, with pencils? Yes.

Justin: Manual pencil sharpeners. That's what we had to deal with.

Travis: I used to have— I had a sharpened piece of obsidian that I would use to sharpen the pencils.

Justin: Ah, yes.

Travis: And my teacher would be like, "Where the fuck did you get that?" And I'd be like, "Back off!"

Justin: "Back off! I got it from Minecraft."

Griffin: [laughs] "Time to take out your test."
"Oh, shit. Hold up. I got to go Minecraft myself a pencil."

Travis: What?

Griffin: Yeah. "Got to dig down deep for the flint and make myself a pencil from my—"

Travis: "Oh, shit, a Creeper!"
"No, that's the janitor. Don't say that."

Griffin: Don't say that about the janitor. "He's cubey and green!"
"Yeah."

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: "He's made of cubes!"
"Yeah."

Griffin: "Now give him a hug—"

Justin: There before the grace of God go thou.

Griffin: "Give him a hug—" I don't— I don't really—

Justin: [imitates Creeper hissing]

Travis: Even if he wasn't made of cubes and green, I wouldn't do that.

Justin: Hug your exploding janitor!

Travis: No!

Griffin: Hug your exploding— [imitates Creeper hissing] I hate that noise he's making!

Travis: I'm not doing it! I'm not doing it.

Griffin: "Make a crayon eraser for a pencil. This one is—"

Justin: If you kill the janitor, you get feathers and it's worth it.

Travis: That is worth it.

Griffin: I mean, Creepers drop gunpowder, not feathers, but it's okay.

Travis: What the fuck, what?

Justin: Sorry, what?

Griffin: "Create a retracting pen with a spring." Isn't that...

Travis: That's been invented.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: You get those wonderful toys.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: That's a great prank because your friend will then be like, "Hey, your pen's broken," and you'll be like, "I know, I broke it."

Griffin: So confuse your teacher. This is step two pulling pranks in the classroom.

Justin: Uh— Mechanical pencils. Let's just do it.

Travis: Yeah, fuck it! I wanna—

Justin: Let's rip the bandage off. Why did someone invent a pencil lead destroyer? Because that's all they are. They don't write. They just break and then you put more out and they break again.

Travis: They made that shit so thin.

Justin: It's so thin and pointless!

Travis: It is good for pretending like you're giving yourself, like, I don't know, an injection or something.

Griffin: Yeah, that's a—

Justin: Hey, that's a good prank.

Travis: But you got to make sure you push the stopper down or it fucking hurts.

Griffin: We're getting into the good stuff now. "Confuse your teacher by changing their wallpaper to a screenshot so that when they try to click the icons, it doesn't work." But I'm sorry if you get caught doing anything on your teacher's laptop?

Travis: Yeah. You're going to prison.

Justin: You're going down.

Griffin: Fucking— You're done.

Travis: You're downtown.

Griffin: "Ink your sleeping friend. If they fall asleep in the library or class dip their fingers in an ink pad or makeup. You can also use a highlighter, then tickle their nose with a feather or tissue. When they go to scratch their nose, they'll get ink on their face." Why not just—

Travis: Just put it on their face.

Griffin: "If you want to help them get it off, try a little hand sanitizer." That's a great point, Travis. As long as you're— Cut out the middle man of the finger and just put ink on your friend's fucking face.

Travis: Unless you're trying to convince that they got fingerprinted while they were asleep, that would work 'cause, like, "Oh, man, you've been gone for so long, they took you downtown, and then, like in Matrix, they just dropped you back off and I think that there's some kind of mechanical worm in your tummy. We got to get it out."

Griffin: Yeah. "Use a coffee cup to spill water on your teacher."

Travis: What?

Griffin: That one's going to go over great.

Justin: That is good.

Griffin: There's a description here of how to create a prank cup using cling wrap, several layers of cling wrap, and a rubber band and the more I read it, the more my brain rebels against itself because it's a feat of engineering that I do not think is possible. But I—

Justin: What do they suggest?

Griffin: What? I'm not going to read it. That's why I'm saying is why?

Travis: No, we don't want to endorse it.

Griffin: It's too much.

Travis: Can I just say, a lot of these sound like something, like, middle school Travis would do? Not because he was a creative prank genius, but because he had impulse control issues. Not so much like pranks, but just more like, "Oh, why did you do that?"
"I don't— I don't know."

Griffin: Yes. I don't think spilling water on your teacher is a great prank, but I do love the little tip they've added at the end here, which is to keep your teacher in a good mood after pulling this prank. Have a towel and a real cup of coffee on hand for afterwards.

Travis: "Sorry, Dolores. Here you go."

Griffin: "Sorry. Here, dry yourself up. You look fucking ridiculous."

Justin: "I have access to coffee, so..."

Griffin: "Anyway, take this real coffee—"

Travis: "You take it with two creams, one sugar. Am I right?"

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "How about a back rub?"

Griffin: Who's going to take a cup from you ever again when they see you do this? When they see this feat of engineering that you have used to soak your teacher?

Travis: You have just done an incredible prank, you have undermined any trust that teacher had for you for the rest of the year. You're gonna— Next parent teacher conference, your teacher's going to be like, "Listen, they're getting straight A's because, of course, rule number one, keep your grades up. But..."

Griffin: "They're like fucking Loki in here." Actually, you know what's fucked up? It doesn't say anything about keeping your grades up.

Travis: Oh, yeah? Then, guess what? Wikihow is playing a prank on you, right? Because they're going to have a hard time expelling you when you're valedictorian.

Griffin: Yeah. "Cover your teacher's desk in candy. This prank will actually make your teacher smile. You can even use candy to make a picture or spell out something for your teacher." Fuck you, Mr. Dennis!

Travis: But also enjoy this Mentos.

Griffin: But it's Mentos, baby. Fuck, that's Travis—

Travis: That's not a prank, is that a prank?

Griffin: It is Mentos in the picture. In the picture—

Travis: Yeah, I wrote this one.

Griffin: Oh, okay. Hey, "tape two textbook pages together so your friend can't find them. Use double sided tape to stick the front page of the chapter to a page before your friend will be able to find it when they open their book." Which is fun. They could be like, "Man, why are these two pages stuck together?" And be like, "I got really excited while reading about trigonometry and busted one, and I'm sorry for that. I apologize. Trigonometry just does it for me. I know how big that triangle is, and I just get my noodle going."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "Put balloons everywhere!"

Justin: [laughs harder]

Griffin: "Put them in hallways, classrooms, cafeterias, you name it. You can even fill a whole room with balloons. People won't be able to move without running into balloons!"

Justin: Everywhere!

Griffin: Everywhere!

Travis: "Hey, Jimmy, my son. You seem so tired—"

"I have a lot of my plate, Mom! You don't understand the pressure. It started simple. It started simple! I put some clear, nail polish on a pencil, and everyone was like, 'You're the prank King, Jimmy.' And then I had to keep escalating. And now I'm blowing up millions of balloons so I can, what? Put them in the class— in the hallway, everywhere? Mom, what have I done? We need to move. I need to move schools, Mom."

Griffin: "I promise I'm not angry. I just need to know— I have a \$2,500 charge from Party City on the credit card."

Travis: "Yeah. It's out of control, mom."

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: "Mom, I pranked myself, Mom!"

Griffin: It's okay—

Travis: "The ultimate prank was on Jimmy!"

Griffin: You pranked your future. You pranked your way out of that big scholarship.

Travis: Oh, no!

Griffin: This one kicks ass. "Bring watermelons to school."

Travis: Yeah, Gallagher.

Justin: Got them.

Griffin: "This prank doesn't sound that crazy, but try to get a lot of people to bring at least two watermelons to school. Then have them leave them all over the school. Your school will be covered in watermelons."

Travis: Now, this assumes that you're of an age to purchase your own watermelons, right? Because this prank carries the much more difficult step of convince your parents you need to take two watermelons to school.

Griffin: Yeah— Well, home ec.

Travis: Yeah, okay, but play that out, Griffin.

Griffin: "Mom, I need to bring two watermelons to school for home economics."

Travis: "What are you guys doing in class? What are you using them for?"

Griffin: "Chubby twins. Chubby twins."

Travis: Oh, this is we're taking care of babies and— I got it.

Griffin: We're taking care of two extremely heavy babies at the same time.

Travis: Our teacher wants to teach us a very specific lesson about responsibility.

Griffin: Yeah, and—

Travis: And we have to provide the watermelons.

Griffin: They're working— They're in cahoots with gym teacher who wants us to get fucking yoked. So we got to carry these two big watermelons around.

Travis: "Well, then what do I pay taxes for? Shouldn't the school provide the watermelons, young Jimmy?"

Griffin: Travis, that's— I mean, we know the state of things.

Travis: Oh, God, that's a good point. You're right. If you bring that up to your parents, like, "Well, I just know that when Miss Doris asked, she was in tears because she was like, 'I'm sorry we can't provide the melons.'"

Griffin: I'm sorry, that makes me so sad. "Wrap your principal's car and plastic wrap," whatever, whatever, whatever. "Use toilet paper to cover the front of your school for a classic prank." That's awesome.

Travis: Fuck, what? That's a lot of toilet paper.

Griffin: Yeah, well, this one, "Get your friends to help you cover the football field in plastic forks." The most trouble I ever saw anyone get in at my high school was a group of kids who forked the football field and they forked it fucking good. And they had to miss, like, the team had to miss a practice that day.

Justin: Oh, worst thing that could happen!

Travis: The worst thing that could happen at a high school. Not the 15 person fight I saw on the first day of my freshman year.

Griffin: Well, that's how you— I mean...

Justin: How'd you count that fast?

Travis: What?

Griffin: How could you even count that fast?

Travis: Well, five of them were teachers who waded in and then, I think, got caught up in the moment.

Justin: Yeah. Everybody knows that if you get the opportunity to pop a kid, it's like...

Griffin: Uh, so...

Travis: And then the prince showed up and said, "Noble blood breaks to new mutiny!" And he separated the houses. It was a whole fucking thing.

Griffin: It was awesome. Hey, here's just one quick question in the community Q and A. Could I go into the bathroom and go on my phone and call 911?

Travis: Ooh. Um...

Justin: Ooh.

Travis: Oh, could you? You could?

Justin: You could.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You could do a lot of things.

Travis: Way better. Go in the bathroom and then call your teacher from the bathroom and say, like, "Oh, I'm the principal and you're fired."

Griffin: Oh, that's fucking—

Travis: "And put on Aladdin and let them watch Aladdin."

Griffin: That's awesome.

Travis: "Hey, do you still have that copy of Jumanji in Spanish? Just put that on. Anyway, I'm the principal and I got to go fart in a cup and smell it."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [wheezes, laughs]

Griffin: That's all time. That's all time. You could do, like, Mission Impossible diarrhea poison and put that in the principal's cup. And then

when he's like, "Oh, I got to go, I'm so sick." You go into the principal's office...

Travis: "I was just going to smell my farts, but then it turned into diarrhea."

Griffin: Yeah. And then you get on the secret, like Mikey has, like it's on the PA, and you're like, "Hey, everybody, it's me, Principal Stink..."

Justin: I swear, growing up what we did, where the only way you understand the product Exlax, as a magical chocolate that makes people poop. Do you know how many times we saw Exlax growing up as kids being snuck into teachers mugs and babysitters sandwiches, and it instantly made them just like, poop their brains out?

Travis: That's not how it works?

Griffin: I never saw anyone in incredible gastrointestinal distress because of, like, horrific constipation and then they take Exlax, and then they're like, "Oh, thank goodness. I'm glad I took that Exlax intentionally. Fantastic."

Travis: Do you think there was ever, like, important business meeting at Exlax HQ where they're like, "Do we need to get out in front of this? Do we need to start— We need to start, like, a public health campaign, right? Where we're just like, "Listen, I know what you all think, right? Exlax is the diarrhea medicine. But that's not true. There's a lot of benefits—"

Justin: More specifically, it's the chocolate that makes you shit forever.

Travis: Yeah, right?

Griffin: There needs to be, like, a Tide Pod Make Good campaign where the Tide got in trouble because they made the most delicious looking candy shaped objects ever and then had to come out and be like, "It's not— It isn't candy. I know we're having a lot of fun here, but you could die," and just have Exlax to get out there and be like, "Look, I know we even made it chocolate, the most delicious thing..."

Travis: We get it, we get it.

Justin: We get it.

Griffin: But please, no more jokes. This is serious diarrhea medicine. It's serious! Stop laughing!

Travis: "Dad, I just got home from school, and when I told them what you did for a living, they all laughed."

"It's not funny! My job helps people. I'm like a doctor!"

Griffin: It's extremely serious...

Travis: "I make the dookie medicine that helps people who can't dookie!"

Justin: "I make the chocolate that helps you fudge!"

Griffin: Anyway...

Travis: I've been trying to pitch that as a new slogan, but so far it's not getting any traction!

Justin: ...helps you fudge!

Griffin: This has not been our brightest hour.

Travis: [cackles]

Justin: That's pretty sad considering we're only 35 minutes in.

Griffin: Oh, no. Okay, well, let's go to the money zone. That's usually a good palette cleanser.

[theme music plays]

[ad break]

Travis: All right, let's shake it off. Let's get back into it.

Griffin: ...the jimmies out.

Travis: We've had a lot of wiggles. Now it's time to focus up. We're back into it and it's time to deliver the goods. Justin, take it. Don't think about it. Just go! Take the rock!

Justin: Okay! A lot of people use Squarespace these days and they want to use it to make a great website. I personally, Justin McElroy, have been using Squarespace for the past couple of weeks to build a website for my wife, Sydnee, who is running for the House of Delegates here in West Virginia. And I built her website with the help of a trusted friend, mainly to tell me if the things looked bad. But he built it and I've been editing— Editing it.

Travis: Well, now, Justin, I'm sorry, but the story keeps changing.

Justin: Yes, I feel like there is a shifting— The point is, I could have done it!

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: So that's where I got myself into trouble is once I started fool around with it, I shouldn't have been intimidated. It's easy to do. You can adjust the things, you make a great looking at website.

Travis: So just to be clear. The fault is not with Squarespace. It is with Justin.

Justin: My own confidence.

Griffin: And in our stars.

Travis: And in our stars, yes.

Justin: And I've built Squarespace websites before. I guess I just had the yips because I wanted it to be really good, you know what I mean? I wanted it to look great, but I should have trusted that Squarespace's simple tools would make everything look fantastic.

Griffin: That is what they do.

Justin: So I asked Michael from Drunks and Dragons to, like, help me to build it.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And he did. I could have done it on my own, but I appreciate— Do you understand?

Griffin: Yeah, sure, sure, sure.

Travis: Like, you could have done it, but you got scared.

Griffin: Yeah. Don't get me—

Justin: I got scared!

Griffin: Don't get me wrong, in the ad copy does want us to talk about how easy it is and that you could do it yourself.

Justin: I could have! I should have trusted that is what I'm saying.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Justin: But at the same time, I really appreciate Michael's help.

Griffin: Yeah, and—

Travis: Just to be clear, they offer 24/7 support, but not 24/7 emotional support.

Justin: Thank you, yes.

Travis: Which is what Justin needed.

Justin: They don't tell you that the magic was inside you all along.

Travis: So Justin could have used Squarespace, but he second guessed himself. And that's why he's here now, to tell you, don't make his mistakes, right?

You be better than Justin, use Squarespace yourself. Right? This is your chance to prove that you're a better person than Justin. Make your own partner a website to run for West Virginia House of Delegates.

Justin: Go to McElroyForWV.com and you'll see this website built in SquareSpace. You'll be like, "Fuck, this is professional."

Travis: Yeah. I made an equally important website to celebrate my dog called ButtercupIsAVeryGoodGirl.com. You can go to that one. I used Squarespace to do that, too. They're websites of equal importance.

Justin: Anyway, go to Squarespace.com/MyBrother for a free trial. And when you're ready to launch, use the offer code MyBrother to save 10% off your first purchase of a website or domain.

Travis: Hey, I want to talk about DoorDash.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Are you afraid, like Justin is, of doing the wrong thing? Then let DoorDash do it for you. From now on, all of my ad reads are going to be about Justin being afraid because I think fear is a powerful motivational tool. But I don't want to make it about our listeners being afraid.

Justin: Hmm...

Griffin: That's good.

Travis: So I'm gonna use it about Justin. Sometimes Justin is afraid that he'll forget things at the store, and then he's like, "What am I going to do now? Or what if everyone finds out that I forgot the snacks and the drinks and the household essentials? Oh, God, they're all going to be so mad at me."

Well, good news, Justin. You can use DoorDash and they can have household essentials, drinks and snacks delivered in as little as 30 minutes right to your door. And Justin, don't be afraid...

Justin: I'm not afraid.

Travis: ... about not being able to connect with the restaurants you love. DoorDash, they can connect you with the restaurants you love. So fear no more Justin. And Justin, Justin, no fear, right? Live free, die hard. Now you can get the grocery essentials you need with DoorDash, too, like drinks, snacks, household items, everything you need not to be afraid.

Like a night light or a comfy blanket, or if you need something like relaxing tea and like a cozy mystery that doesn't have any blood or violence in it, good news!

Griffin: A huge knife!

Travis: No. Well, is that for Justin to wield or the DoorDash deliverer to bring?

Griffin: I don't know that we should say that DoorDash deliverers bring a huge knife to your door when they come to...

Travis: Well, if they do, they won't wield it. They won't have it in their hands.

Griffin: Yeah. I mean, that would be ridiculous.

Travis: Yeah, would it be in a bag of sorts? So for a limited time, our listeners can get 25% off and zero delivery fees on their first order of \$15 or more when you download the DoorDash app and enter code MBMBAM.

That's 25% off up to \$10 value and zero delivery fees on your first order when you download the DoorDash app in the App Store and enter code MBMBAM. One more time, don't forget that's code MBMBAM for 25% off your

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Justin: Wow. That's—

Travis: It's what they wrote.

Griffin: It's what they wrote.

Justin: Yeah. Doesn't it feel a little targeted?

Travis: I mean, it could be any Justin. It could be Justin Thoreau.

Griffin: They could be talking about Justin Thoreau.

Travis: Yeah. So don't worry about it, man.

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Janet: Jameela Jamil.

Jameela: I watched television probably every waking hour during that time when I was [censor beep]faced on medicine.

Janet: And Dave Holmes.

Dave: We talked and talked, and then everybody left. It was just us two and I was like, "I love you."

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Travis: Hey, Justin, speaking of Justin Throeu, do you want to apologize for when we talked about *Smartless*? You talking about how *Smartless* had the Prime Minister of Canada on, Justin Thoreau.

Griffin: I don't see any problem with that.

Travis: Well, Justin Trudeau is the Prime Minister. Justin Thoreau is an actor who has been in many wonderful things...

Griffin: Nobody— Nobody at home caught that, Trav.

Justin: Several— Several people... Let's say a couple things. One thing is, it passed without comment from the two of you...

Travis: Correct.

Justin: Because if you had realized the error, you instantly would have— I mean, that would have been the rest of the episode.

Travis: Yeah, absolutely.

Griffin: Probably.

Justin: Jennifer Aniston's ex husband. Or current husband?

Travis: Ex-partner, definitely. Well, I think she wants to get back together with Brad Pitt, last I read.

Justin: I don't want to talk about this anymore.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Me either.

Justin: He was on Parks and Rec.

Travis: Oh, yeah. He was so good. Good turn on Parks and Rec. A good turn.

Justin: They had— It's not wild, though. They had Kamala Harris. So it's like not wild.

Travis: It's not wild. It's just that they're two individual human beings, right?

Justin: Yeah. No, I know, man. I know. I get confused with Justin McElroy all the time.

Travis: If they had Richard Harris on and you were like, "They had the vice President of the country on!"

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: It's just half their name is a different name.

Griffin: It's a different word.

Travis: They have one name in common.

Justin: Thoreau and Trudeau is very similar.

Travis: I mean, yeah, you could rhyme it in a poem. Absolutely.

Griffin: Hey, let's do another question, maybe?

Justin: Yeah, sure. Travis, I cannot believe you put this next one in.

Travis: What?

Justin: "I love listening to your show, however..."

Griffin: Awesome.

Justin: "Sometimes you fellows use large or unique words that I have to look up because I don't know the meaning."

Travis: Oh, irony.

Justin: "I always tell myself I'm going to remember those cool words and use them when I can. However, after I close my dictionary, I almost immediately forget those words and have failed to use them. Brothers, how can I get a cool vocabulary like you?" That's from Vocabulary Vexed in Vermont.

Travis: Yeah. Sometimes, you know, we're trying to do the show and you feel that truculence and you're like, "Oh, I don't remember—" Those words can be such ephemera, you know what I mean?

Griffin: [overlapping] Hey, buh-buh-buh-buh, stop, stop, stop. You can't actually do that twice per episode. It's illegal.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah, I don't want to be persnickety. You guys are right.

Justin: I mean, my recommendation would be to get a job where you have to talk about everything all the time.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And then eventually you start to hate the way that you say it and you think there must be a new way of saying these things because I hate the way I do it. So you inspire yourself to get some new vocabulary. You know, you look for opportunities to use it in your day to day life.

Travis: You don't even have to know what it means. That's the beauty of it, if you say it with confidence? We live in an ever shifting lingual society now. And so sometimes you can just say a word with confidence and someone can be like, "I don't think it means that."

And you're like, "It does now, actually, because somebody used it on TikTok," and they can't disprove that. It's amazing. Oh, to be alive in the world today. Oh, nothing means anything anymore.

Justin: You should change your life to use the word. So, like, if you learn a new word, like...

Griffin: Can't even— Think of any word. Juice. Think of any word, pal.

Travis: Come on, you can do it. I used so many early in the episode. Come on.

Justin: Verisimilitude.

Travis: Ooh! From downtown!

Griffin: I thought it was versus-militude.

Travis: No, that's when you fight militude.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: There is...

Justin: Then you should do things where verisimilitude would be part of the... You know what I— I know it because Richard Donner used it when he was talking about the Superman movie. So, like, if you're making a...

Travis: Really? He used 'verisimilitude' like 'truth' to be like, "I wanted to seek out verisimilitude in the Superman movies, a movie about a man who flies backward around the planet."

Justin: Um, it's— Here, Travis. Okay. You're going to feel like a real horse's patoot when I send you my— This is my Twitter banner. Okay?

Travis: I'm not on— I'm never on Twitter.

Justin: It's in Slack.

Travis: Okay. I see. Okay. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: It's Superman holding a banner that says, 'verisimilitude.'

Travis: Yeah. Okay, great.

Justin: So, I'm saying, like, find a time and a place in the world where that concept would be important and shift your life to meet your vocabulary. You know what I mean?

Travis: Yeah, but sometimes those big words are, like, fucking overrated. Because there's a word, pulchritudinous, means, like, very beautiful and beauty and shit. It's an ugly-sounding word. It's a gross word.

Griffin: Sounds super gross.

Travis: Who needs it? Just say bodacious. Way better. Way better!

Griffin: I think we could—

Travis: You're not going to say, like, "Check out that pulchritudinous ass!" Right? You're not going to say that.

Griffin: I also wouldn't say, "Check out that bodacious—" Who would I be saying that to?

Travis: You wouldn't say, "Check out that bodacious ass?"

Griffin: But who would I be saying that to, Travis, in my life?

Travis: Well, your son when he's older, Griffin.

Griffin: Yeah, I forgot. [laughs]

Justin: It's so important to build your kids up.

Travis: Like when— Hold on. Sorry! [laughs] I was saying you'd say it to have a bonding moment with your son about a bodacious ass.

Griffin: Yeah, like we saw a babe at Target.

Travis: Yeah! And you want to talk about that bodacious ass? No, but Justin, what you're saying is, he's ready for his first homecoming dance and you're like, sniffing. You're like, "I'm just so proud of you. Look at that bodacious ass." And he's like, "Dad, don't. Come on. You're going to get me crying."

Griffin: [singing] "If I could say bodacious ass..."

Travis: [laughs] "You get it from me, son."
"I know, dad. I love you!"

Griffin: "I love you so much, dad."

Travis: "I love your bodacious ass, too, dad. I know that bodacious ass is the way you say 'I love you' because you were raised in a different generation. You're wildly uncomfortable, and every time you compliment my bodacious ass, it means you love me."

"Bodacious ass, son."

"Bodacious ass to you, too, Daddy."

Justin: [imitates guitar riff]

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: Interesting.

Justin: [continues imitating guitar riff]

Griffin: Yes?

Justin: [imitates the Batman theme] Munch Squad!

Travis: Ooh!

Griffin: Okay?

Justin: Little Caesar's...

Travis: Not Batman related.

Justin: ... is a pizza restaurant where you can get things at a drive through and you drive up and you say, "Give me a pizza, please."

Travis: Can I also just say real quick? Little Caesar's is a great example of a restaurant where I have no idea where we're at culturally as to have they turned their shit around? Is it still viewed as, like...

Justin: It was the cheap pizza because you get two and that's what we had at church all the time. It was always Little C's.

Griffin: I love Little Caesar.

Travis: But have they turned it around because Domino's did a thing...

Justin: No, no, now this is interesting, see, that was my supposition, right? When I would get Pizza Hut or Domino's, I would think, "Oh, I'm really treating myself now" because I'm naughty or God forbid, like a backyard pizza...

Travis: Oh, my God, who has the money?

Justin: Who has got the money?

Travis: In this economy?

Justin: And I thought, let the common folk have Little Caesar's. But then I tried it recently. It's been maybe a decade. Great. Great quality food. I really enjoyed it.

Travis: One of the best sausages in the game, frankly.

Justin: One of a great sausage. Not like you're going to get over at Monty's Pizza on 7th avenue, that kind of crumble...

Travis: [simultaneously] No, no, no, you get that crumble? Ooh, no, no, that's the shit. They cut the circle into squares? Love it.

Justin: Oh, come on.

Travis: Oh, forget about it. You throw some barbecue chips on there? You're living the dream.

Justin: Oh, now you're snacking!

Travis: Living the dream. Oh, boy, boy, boy...

Griffin: You guys are narrow-casting to the people on this show.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: To each other.

Travis: Sometimes I forget there's other people listening. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: Little Caesar's unveils a new superhero offering. The Batman calzone.

Travis: It is Batman!

Justin: Yeah, that's why—

Griffin: That's why he did the Batman theme.

Justin: Yeah, but the Batman calzone. I saw a sign for this at the Little Caesar's across from Fantastic Sam over near the—

Travis: Oh, yeah, I know that one.

Justin: And I was like, I literally stopped my car to take a picture with my phone because I was like, "What?"

Travis: Huh.

Justin: It just said, "Batman calzone, \$7.99."

Travis: Now can I just say that, one, does not look like a calzone. Two...

Justin: It's not a calzone, you idiot. It's a calzone.

Travis: It looks more like Mothman than Batman.

Justin: Okay, well, maybe next time you make a half calzone, half pizza, you'll make it look more like Batman.

Travis: I'm just saying that is not the shape of either the Batman or his symbol.

Griffin: No.

Justin: That looks like the bat symbol! It looks—

Travis: It does not look like the bat symbol! The bat symbol is much more oblong. This is a pizza that someone fucked up.

Griffin: This is—

Justin: Okay, so I— Can I just talk about it for a second?

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: It's the Batman calzone. "The bat signal has been spotted in Detroit, but not the way you'd expect." This is from MLive.com, which is a Michigan news source, I think. "The bat signal has been spotted in Detroit, but not in the way you'd expect. Comes courtesy of Little Caesar's, which unveiled a super new food item on Monday, introducing the Batman calzone. It's a bat shape product."

Travis: It's not.

Justin: "The bat shaped product is a buttery tasting calzone crust filled with garlic, white sauce, cheese and julienned pepperoni combined with a pepperoni pizza and served with a side of crazy sauce."

Travis: I'm staring at this and the picture you have sent us, Justin, the pepperoni are arranged in such a way that it feels like a magic eye poster, and I'm, like, transfixed by it.

Griffin: I mean...

Travis: I'm trying to find— But they're perfect. They're perfect!

Griffin: They are geometrically sort of aligned.

Justin: Yeah, I think they knew they were going to take a picture of this one so they made it look good.

Travis: You think? Okay. Because it's also really shiny and red.

Justin: It's \$7.99.

Travis: That's a good price.

Justin: And it says it's going to be available for a limited time starting on Monday. Now, normally that would stress me out, but in this case, I think that's probably good because I would hate to go into Little Caesar's four

years from now. And I'm like, "Why do you guys have something called a Batman calzone?" They'd have to look at me dead in the eye and be like, "I absolutely have no idea."

Travis: Well, you say that...

Justin: "We've just always had a Batman calzone, so we just always have it."

Travis: What about Superman ice cream at Baskin Robbins?

Griffin: That's different. That's different.

Justin: It's different. It's different.

Travis: Mm. Okay. Alright.

Justin: Makes so much more sense. "Anyone can now bring superhero vibes to pizza night..."

Travis: Oh, boy.

Justin: "... by trying the new Batman calzone, said Jeff Klein, chief marketing officer at Little Caesar's. It's the most delicious part of our partnership with the upcoming film The Batman."

Travis: What are the other delicious part? What's the least delicious part?

Justin: Yeah, what else you got? Yes, what's the least— Probably all the—

Travis: Try the Batman sweat soda that tastes just like the inside of his cowl after a hard night's patrol. It's fucking gross! But Pattinson insisted!

Justin: Try the Riddler Piss freeze!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: The only question you'll have is, why did I get this? "The Batman, which will feature the Caped Crusader uncovering corruption in Gotham, finally next to his own family while facing a serial killer known as the Riddler—"

Griffin: The who!?

Travis: I've heard of this. What?

Justin: A serial killer known as the Riddler will be released on March 4th.

Griffin: "What's happening with this crime wave?"
"There's a serial killer named the Riddler."

Travis: "Did we name him that, or did he name himself?"
"Unclear."

Griffin: Do you guys think if you get killed by the— If you live in Gotham City and then there's, like, an explosion and you're like, "Oh, shit, it's a Batman level crime that's happening!" And then the Riddler comes out and kills you, you're like, "fucking—"

Travis: "Fuck!"

Griffin: "The riddles guy is killing me?"

Travis: "Couldn't even be, like, the Penguin or somebody?"

Justin: That's got to be a really stressful thing about being Batman is when you are fighting the Riddler, you're like, "Please don't let me die fighting—"

Travis: Yeah, it can't be like this, right?

Justin: Please.

Griffin: "Who killed Batman? Who finally killed Batman? Who got him?"
"Uh, Bane."

"Oh, okay, that actually makes sense. I thought you were going to say the Riddler, and I was going to be like, what'd he do? Riddle him to death?"

Travis: Yeah, he riddled him with bullets and he laughed the whole time. But then we were like, that's not anything.

Griffin: That's not— That's not how the name—

Justin: I'm so excited that I get to watch Paul Dano fight, uh...

Griffin: Robert Pattison.

Justin: My dear friend Robert Pattinson. Who will win that fight? I have an answer. Me.

Travis: I'm just glad that we're finally, finally bringing the Batman to the big screen.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Let his story be told. How did he get where he is? What's his whole deal? Does he have some sort of butler man who helps him? I don't know these things.

Griffin: Are his parents cool?

Travis: Are they cool? What do they do? Right? Does he connect with other human beings in an easy way, right? Is he cool in social situations? Is he at all haunted by some sort of dark past? I don't know!

Griffin: What's his financials like?

Travis: Yeah. Where's he at? Is he barely getting by, fighting in his free time, he's going to fight some villains, but also got to pay the bills. I don't know!

Griffin: I don't know.

Justin: Now, it is worth noting that, um, we're having a lot of fun here. But of course, any permutation of Batman that comes up, like maybe in podcasts or whatever, is great. We're, just, the more Batman stories the better out there.

Travis: More Batman please.

Justin: Thank you.

Travis: Yeah, we do love that, uh— But here's the thing. Audio Batman? That's where it's at, man.

Justin: That's where it's at.

Travis: Let me picture my own Batman. And he's got— Oh, he's got long, curly blonde hair. Hey, guys. What's your perfect Batman?

Griffin: This calzone does look like a menstrual pad, though. And I don't know...

Travis: [cackles]

Griffin: ... what they were thinking when they did it.

Travis: It's got wings!

Griffin: It's— I supposed.

Justin: Guys, I think I've— Can I tell you something? I had to pause earlier. I'm sure Rachel edited it out, but I had to pause earlier because I had a wave of nausea. And I think that was caused by the incredible hunger that I feel looking at this incredible calzone.

Travis: You look at this and this makes you hungry?

Justin: I want nothing more than to eat this. I would ravish this.

Travis: I find, can I—

Justin: Unspeakable.

Travis: I find the symmetry of the pepperoni very off-putting.

Justin: Why? It looks fantastic.

Travis: Because I know— I know a human being touched this a lot.

Griffin: Yeah, that's a good point. This isn't somebody threw down a scattering of pepperonis. This took somebody several minutes.

Travis: A human being individually touched each of these ronis.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: What on Earth— Why on Earth do you assume that the calzone that you would buy at the Little Caesar's for \$7.99, available without pre order Monday through Friday from four to eight PM, what on Earth makes you think it would look anything like this picture?

Travis: I know that, Justin, but I can believe that is a naturally occurring Batman calzone. Or I look at this and I say, "This is man made. This is a man made—"

Justin: God, I'm so hungry for this calzone.

Griffin: I think that means it's time to stop the show.

Justin: Yeah, yeah, it's calzone time. Thanks so much for listening to our podcast. Uh, boy. Where to start, right?

Griffin: Let's start by, again, we fucked up last week by not telling you all about this great virtual live show we have coming up on the 26th.

Justin: Please come. Amanda'll be so mad.

Griffin: It's, uh...

Justin: Nobody has bought tickets to it. We kind of messed up, okay?

Griffin: It's at nine PM eastern time. You can get tickets at Bit.ly/MBMBAMvirtual.

Justin: It's Friday. It's this Friday.

Griffin: It's this Friday so come on out—

Justin: This Saturday! Fuck!

Griffin: This Saturday.

Justin: God damn it!

Griffin: So come have a good time this Saturday with us. It's weekend fun time with your—

Justin: Hey, but listen, can you just sound a little like— You're selling people on taking in more of you, can you just sound like you're not completely miserable?

Travis: Take me in!

Griffin: I mean, I got...

Justin: Like you're excited to do it!

Griffin: Yeah, I mean, I got some personal stuff going on. But I guess if you need me to amp up the volume a little...

Travis: If you could turn it up and turn it on and turn it loose?

Griffin: Yeah, sure. [overenthusiastically] What's up, sickos?

Travis: [cackles]

Griffin: This Saturday, baby. [Bit.ly/MBMBAMvirtual](https://bit.ly/MBMBAMvirtual), you fucking freaks.

Justin: [giggling]

Travis: Yeah, there it is.

Justin: [giggling] That's great. Uh, our dad wrote a kid's book. It's called Goldie's Guide to Grandchilding. And if you go to L-I-N-K-T-R-dot-E-E that's Linktr.ee, with a dot before the two E's, / goldiesguide G-O-L-D-I-E-S guide, you can see some events that he's doing to promote that book. And you can go preorder the book and you should do it. It's going to be so cute. And our dad wrote a book. We're really proud of him. So go get his book and go to his book events.

Griffin: I love you dad!

Travis: Just when you thought...

Griffin: Oh.

Travis: Just when you thought the best had passed, we went and saved the best for last because we are doing it. The 20 Rendezvous Fancy Takes Flight tour tickets on sale this Friday, February 25th at noon local time, bit.ly/McElroyTours for ticket links and more info. And listen. Yes. Mask and proof of full vaccination or negative COVID test within 72 hours of event are required.

One more time, you got to wear a mask and you got to show proof of full vaccination or negative COVID test within 72 hours of the event. But we're coming to your city. Maybe.

Justin: We're coming live in our own flesh.

Travis: Yeah, we'll be there!

Justin: For real this time.

Travis: Our beautiful human flesh.

Griffin: I will be there.

Justin: We threatened it a few times, but now we're serious.

Travis: This time for real.

Griffin: I will— I do need to say I will have a sort of proxy homunculus that I will be inhabiting.

Travis: But it will look just like Griffin, except...

Griffin: But so small.

Justin: Indistinguishable.

Griffin: Very small.

Justin: Except it can't pronounce Ks.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So that's the only sort of problem with it. But other than that, it's just like Griffin.

Travis: It's just like Griffin.

Justin: And he's about six inches taller.

Griffin: Really— Whoa, he's bigger?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah!

Travis: And a little more muscley.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Travis: He's better than Griffin in every way, except he can't pronounce the letter K. Other than that, though, one more time. Tickets on sale...

Justin: We tell him to think C and just say a hard C.

Travis: Do a hard C or like a Ch, if that helps.

Griffin: His mouth doesn't— Just can't.

Travis: It won't do it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [laughing] We'll get there.

Travis: Tickets on sale this Friday, February 25th at noon local time. [Bit.ly/McElroyTours](https://bit.ly/McElroyTours). So you're going to do that and do the live show and get dad's book and go to McElroyMerch.com.

We got a new besties tiebreaker coin featuring New York Giraffe, the one and only. So that is at McElroyMerch.com. We got the pin of the month. We got the 20 Rendezvous pins and I'm not ashamed of my clan husband sticker. It's all there. Go. Fly, you fools.

Griffin: Go, be free. Thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, *My Life Is Better With You*. It's a track that bumps in the night.

Travis: It bumps and humps and jumps and glumps.

Griffin: In the night.

Justin: Okay. And I think that's the end of the show.

Travis: I'm on Twitch!

Griffin: Yep.

Justin: Okay. And Travis will just say that at the end of the episode.

Travis: That's our new wrap up. I'm on Twitch!

Griffin: Where does that stop, I wonder?

Travis: It stops at [Twitch.tv/TheTravisMcElroy](https://www.twitch.tv/TheTravisMcElroy)

Griffin: Right, right, right, but when will you have achieved enough Twitch success that it doesn't become...

Travis: When I'm up there with some of the greats like Twitch Johnson and Twitch Jenkins and Twitch Jones, when I'm up in that echelon?

Justin: Twitch and Terry Peterson.

Travis: Yeah, when I'm up there I think that'll be the movie starring Will Smith Twitch. When I'm in that realm? I think that's probably where I'll be able to take a year off, I think, so I can come back hot.

Justin: Griffin I was thinking maybe you should try to, like, instead of Yahoo's, which I love, maybe you could try to, like...

Griffin: Just tell a joke?

Justin: You could just workshop a new closer, like...

Travis: Oh, that's good!

Justin: Until you find something that lands.

Travis: Like a new bit.

Griffin: Yeah, I feel like the final...

Justin: Like a new little mini bit, like a—

Griffin: Can I be straight—

Travis: Something that's like, undeniably, Griffin.

Griffin: And can I be honest with everybody now? I've been making them up.

Travis: What?

[Borat 'My Wife' sound clip plays]

Justin: Sorry. That's not the button I meant to press—

Travis: Oh, yeah—

[sleigh bells sound clip plays]

Justin: No, no, no, it's not that.

[MLG horn plays]

Justin: No, no, no...

Travis: Fuck, fuck, fuck.

Justin: Sorry.

[Seinfeld theme sound clip loops]

Justin: No, no, no, no.

Sound Clip: "Oh, that got me good!"

Justin: No, no, no, ignore that!

Griffin: You need to really practice this before you do it.

Justin: No, here—

Travis: You should label them.

Justin: Say it again. Say it again. Say it again.

Griffin: I'm gonna say it again. I've been making them up.

[Inception fog horn sound clip]

Travis: This is an MBMBaM exclusive.

Griffin: I mean, it's not something we should joke about. I've been effectively lying...

[Inception sound clip plays again]

Griffin: ... this whole time.

Travis: Does your wife Rachel know?

Griffin: She's the one that put me up to it.

[Inception sound clip plays again, quieter]

Griffin: Did it get quieter?

Justin: That was a lesser reveal.

Griffin: [cackles]

Travis: That one wasn't as big as the other ones.

Justin: Yeah, well, that'll be the bit for this week. Like that's what we did this week. It'll be different next week. So, you never know what you're going to get. There's no familiarity.

Travis: Griffin...

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: Do you want me to send you a list of words you can use to help apologize?

Griffin: I want nothing less.

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

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

[theme music plays]

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