

MBMBaM 609: Face 2 Face: Thirty to Forty Ghosts

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Clint McElroy: The McElroy brothers are not experts!

[audience cheers]

Clint: It's been a while! Right?

I don't memorize this shit.

[audience laughs]

Clint: And their advice should never be followed.

[audience whoos]

Clint: Oh, Travis claims his a "sexpert"—

[audience catcalls]

Clint: 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.

[shouts] What's up, you cool baby?

[audience cheers enthusiastically]

[Theme music, "My Life is Better With You," by Montaigne plays]

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Hi everyone!

[audience laughs]

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

[audience cheers]

Travis: I'm your middlest brother, Travis Jedediah McElroy.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: No jokes this time, guys. It's just me Griffin. [laughs]

[audience cheers]

Travis: Yeah, I'm so— I— I—

Justin: Griffin's lackadaisical approach to his introduction mirrors, I would say, his lackadaisical approach to his garments.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Um, I mean—

Justin: We did talk about it, like before, before anybody packed or anything.

Griffin: Yeah...

Justin: I mean I, I went to Skeffington's, myself. I got—

Travis: Yeah, Justin got himself a tuxedo.

Justin: I rented a tuxedo.

Travis: I packed three different jacket, tie and shirt combinations.

Griffin: That must be fun, to travel with.

Justin: It's got a little fur, just a little.

Griffin: Um—

Travis: I know, but they're worth it, Griffin!

Justin: They're worth it!

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: You're worth it! You, back there?

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Hey!

Travis: Yeah, my suitcase weighs 55 pounds, no lie.

Justin: Matt, poor Matt, had a flat tire on the Interstate. You owe it to Matt to dress up!

Griffin: I mean I got, I bought this special shirt!

Justin: Yeah, you didn't rent it.

Griffin: But this is you guys, "Uh, I can't move my body to the— "

Travis: Yeah, that is true.

Griffin: And, can—

Travis: I can't give a sudden hug.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Okay, let's get started.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: This is an advice show.

Audience Member: Woo!

[audience cheers]

Justin: We take your questions and turn them, alchemy-like, into wisdom. After two years of hiatus we have emerged like the Chilean miners—

[audience cheers louder]

Justin: — back from underneath the ground to you. And I don't want to waste any more time in answering these questions, so here we go.

Travis: Now, wait. Before we start—

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Okay, good.

Travis: In the spirit of Fancy Takes Flight, I thought that maybe we could elevate the show a little bit, because it's been a little bit puerile lately.

[audience cheers]

Travis: A little bit juvenile, so I thought it would be nice—

Griffin: Don't—

Travis: — if we maybe elevated things with a little Work of Fart.

Griffin: Yeah.

[Work of Fart Theme plays]

[audience cheering and laughing]

Justin: [laughs] I hope you like bits.

Travis: Uh, this one is all film related. Classic films, I would say.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Uh, a group of teens—

Griffin: God I wish I didn't get so competitive about this.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: But Justin—

Justin: Don't... Hey, don't shout it out because you will probably—

Travis: Yeah, don't shout it out!

Justin: Law of large numbers, you'll probably get it before us, okay?

Travis: Don't shout it out.

Griffin: Also, they're not that clever. So many of you will get it.

Travis: Hey, fuck you!

Griffin: It's not that hard of a thing.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: I've been working on these for three days!

Griffin: [laughs] Okay.

Travis: Okay.

"A group of teens spends the day in detention. Each of them comes from a different social group, but they end up bonding over the fact that they all have boners."

Griffin: Uh, ding ding ding!

Justin: *The Breakfast Chub!*

Griffin: You didn't ding, ding, ding.

Justin: [desultorily] Ding, ding, ding.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: It was clearly, *The Breakfast Chub*.

Justin: Okay, that's a tie?

Travis: No, I'm sorry Justin, you did not ring in.

Justin: Okay, you're right.

Travis: you did not follow appropriate pro—

Justin: No, you're right. You're right. It's fine. It's fine. It's fine. It's fine. It's *The Breakfast Chub*.

Travis: That's one for Justin.

Justin: 'Kay. Wait, I thought...?

Travis: Oh, for Griffin, sorry.

Griffin: Thank you.

Travis: One for Griffin.

Griffin: Doesn't... Couldn't matter less.

Travis: "A rebellious patient at a mental institution stands up to tight-fisted Nurse Ratched when she tries to stop them from taking dumps."

Griffin: Dingdingdingding!

Justin: [snort-laughs]

Griffin: Uh, *One Flew Over the Doodoo's Nest*?

Travis: I will accept it, yes. But we also would have accepted *One Flew Over the Poopoo's Nest*.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Either way works, I guess.

Travis: Okay—

Justin: Or doesn't work, in this case.

Travis: One more.

Griffin: One more?

Justin: One more!?

Travis: One more.

"In this classic black-and-white film, a reporter tries to understand a rich and powerful man's mysterious last words, 'I need to take a crap.' Turns out, it was the name of his sled."

Griffin: I mean—

Justin: I mean, I know the... [laughs]

Griffin: I know the film you're referencing, but there's nothing—

Justin: I can't... I can't imagine...

Griffin: I mean... Okay...

Justin: I mean...

Griffin: Ding ding ding?

Travis: Yeah?

Griffin: It's... *Citizen Kane but the Sled Was Called Rosebutt?*

Travis: No.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Justin?

Justin: Pi-Ci-Ci-I got nothin'.

Travis: The answer we were looking for was *Shitizen Kane!*

[audience cheers]

Justin: Dammit! Motherfucker!

Griffin: That one... That sucks for—

Justin: That sucks.

Griffin: — me and you.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah, I can't believe you didn't get it.

Justin: That was right there!

Travis: Shitizen.

Justin: Did you all know?

Crowd: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, they fuck— Of course they knew, there's a billion of them.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Now, that wasn't everybody though. I would say there was like about 10% of the audience, and you're all terrible too.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Uh, okay. Now we're going to help people.

"I recently got my first job— "

These are all from your region, by the way. So blame yourselves. Take a look in the mirror, this is what you are.

[audience laughs]

Justin: "I recently got my first job since the beginning of the pandemic. It's wonderful! But I've come across a lunchtime predicament."

Travis: Mmm.

Justin: "I'm a messy eater— "

Travis: Ohh.

Justin: "— and I always stain my shirts. When I was quarantining I would simply remove my shirt for meals..."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "This worked well then but obviously I can't continue."

Griffin: Except for the tummy stains!

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Uh, "Obviously I can't continue this. What should I do?"

That's from Running Out of Clean Shirts.

Griffin: Are you here?

[audience is silent]

Travis: Oh, no. Wise.

Justin: Ohhh yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, I wouldn't... I wouldn't fess up to that either.

Travis: I did think about this when we got this one in, like, "You wanted us to say this in front of people?"

[audience laughs]

Travis: You wanted us to read this one, huh? Okay.

Griffin: Yeah, 'cause my gut tells me, eat better.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Just eat differently in a more—

Griffin: Do a better job—

Travis: That's clearly not on the table.

Griffin: Slower? Perhaps? I—

Travis: Or at least drier food. Eat dry food that won't stain.

Griffin: You don't deserve wet food!

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Wet food is for careful boys!

[audience laughs]

Justin: The... Yeah, meal choice is huge. If you don't wanna improve your technique, which, who has the time? Meal choice is huge.

Do you open up your cupboard and there's just a wall of Spaghetti-Os?

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Justin: "Um... You, today, I believe."

Travis: "Oh no! It's Wednesday, rib day!" [laughs]

Justin: "It's rib day! Today I'm having red wine rib gravy."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Delicious.

Travis: "And of course, soup with no spoon!"

Justin: Do you know that it's... You did have the pandemic times and you could have worked...

You know, they say if you come out of this pandemic and you haven't learned to stop eating without spilling all over yourself what have you done?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [laughs] Uh-huh.

Justin: This was your opportunity to learn to work and eat better and I think that the window has closed.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: I mean, there's also lunch smock, right there.

Justin: Lunch smock.

Travis: Lunch raincoat.

Justin: Get a branded lunch smock available at mcelroymerch.com...

[audience laughs]

Justin: You wanna—

Griffin: It says... It says, "I'm a fuckin' mess" on it.

Justin: "I'm a wreck."

Griffin: "I'm a disaster. I don't know how to eat food good."

That's two hard words to say right back to...

Travis: Try it again.

Justin: Yeah, one more.

Griffin: Food... food good. I can do it very easily now, of course.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: 'cause you're focused, you're not on—

Travis: With a runup to it, yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: With a little bit of practice.

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: I... Can you have two... Can you just wear two of the same shirt to work?

Travis: Owwuhh?

Justin: Post-lunch whip it off, you get a clean one right underneath.

Griffin: Oh, but you could... Then you could keep the nasty shirt at your desk. "This is my lunch shirt. Do not smell— "

Travis: Oh, there you go!

Griffin: "Do not smell the lunch shirt."

Justin: "Do not smell— Warning! Do not smell this shirt! Do not open the baggie with shirt in it!"

Travis: You could also, if you have your own office, you could lock the door and take your shirt off to eat.

But oh God, you gotta check that the door is locked.

Justin: It's a great conversation starter.

Griffin: But then you get... Here's my problem with shirtless eating— Well, hold on. Sorry.

My first of 312 problems with shirtless eating, is that you eat the SpaghettiOs, you do get the wet red stuff on your tummy, and then you put the shirt back on, it's still gonna get the wet red stuff on the shirt.

Travis: I assume you have a towel. You have a lunch towel.

[audience laughs]

Justin: You know—

Travis: A classic office lunch towel.

Justin: It's weird how if you, as an adult, and I've done this a few times, if you take the napkin—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: — and you stuff it into your shirt?

Travis: Sure.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: People make fun of you. And it's like, I'm trying to be elegant—

Griffin: This is for you.

Justin: This is for you! I want you to enjoy a clean shirt.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I don't have to see my dirty shirt, you do.

Travis: Here... Oh, what about this? A cape, right? And then at lunch, flip that bad boy around and now it's on the front.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Oh!

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: That's good. And then after lunch, stained cape.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Can you just... Wait. Can you just save a step, turn your shirt backwards?

Travis: There you go.

Justin: After you stain the front of it.

Travis: And then when someone's like, "You have a stain on the back of your shirt", be like, "Someone must have been eating messy behind me!"

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Oh no!"

Travis: "Aw, man!"

Justin: "Why do I sit in front of messy people all the time?"

Travis: "Aw I bet it was Doug! I would never stain my shirt, but Doug, the person who's in the job above me, would."

Griffin: "Yeah. Dougie Meatballs who works in the upper cubicle..."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "I recently turned 21 and I am learned that every time I consume an alcoholic beverage or engage in [sotto voce] the Devil's lettuce, I am overcome with— "

Travis: Iceberg.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: “— a profound and insatiable vegetable lust. I’m talking, I take three sips of a gin and tonic and I am on the floor of my kitchen eating whole carrots from the bag.”

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: No—

Travis: Time out real quick? For future reference, question asker, vegetable lust—

Griffin: Not—

Travis: ... might be confused for something else.

Griffin: Not how I would have phrosed it.

Justin: Yeah... Uh, “No tomato, leafy green or tasty plant of any kind is safe from my monstrous desire.”

[audience laughs]

Justin: “Why the fuck does this happen? What do I do? How do I mitigate this hog-wild behaviour with the fact that I drink with friends who are not immediately overcome with my same veggie-related needs?”

That’s from The Veggie Vagabond. Are you here?

Veggie Vagabond: Whooaiieeee!

Justin: Hey!

Griffin: Oh, you're very close!

[audience laughs]

Justin: Okay. Hello.

Travis: Are you as—

Justin: you're not normally this close when we do these, but we're gonna roll with it.

Travis: Are you asking us how to stop eating vegetables?

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Because you've come to the right place.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah. Yeah.

Travis: Just to sum up, your problem is, "Whenever I get drunk or high, I make healthy choices"?

Justin: You're not—

[audience laughs]

Travis: "What do I do to stop this?"

Justin: You have a superpower. You don't have anything that needs fixin', like, imagine—

Griffin: Do you know that when you get high you can eat loose pepperonis out of a bag?

[audience laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Have you—

Travis: You can eat your child's leftover Halloween candy in April.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Have you... Have you heard of Cadbury Mini Eggs in the freezer? Like that's what they're there for.

Travis: You could hear your wife say, "This box of Girl Scout cookies was full yesterday!"

[audience laughs]

Travis: And you go, "Oh, Lily the dog!"

Justin: There's not a—

[audience laughs]

Travis: It was me!

Justin: You don't have a problem. This is a great habit.

Travis: Unless...

Griffin: Unless...

Justin: Unless...

Travis: Your like, vegetable budget, is through the roof. That's the only thing—

Griffin: [explodes into laughter]

Justin: That's true. You know, in this country we don't subsidize produce as much as we should and we don't have the sort of fresh, local—

Griffin: Here he... Here he fucking goes.

[audience laughs/cheers]

Justin: It can be very expensive. Because they're not shelf-stable, we gotta... there's food deserts. It's a whole thing.

Griffin: You thought they'd keep clapping when you said "food deserts", huh?

Justin: *Seaspiracy*, look it up.

Travis: No.

Griffin: Um—

Justin: Read a book.

Travis: Read a book.

Justin: It would irritate me if I ate all my good roastin' broccoli.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: Oh, yeah!

Justin: And then the next day I wanted to eat some roasted broccoli—

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: — and I didn't have it. I'd be like, "Ah, High Justin you got me again."

Travis: Yeah. I guess—

Griffin: Yeah, 'cause High Justin ain't gonna roast that broccoli.

Justin: High Justin is eatin' it right off the stalk. And now Sober Justin has to order crinkle fries from Arby's—

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: — because I don't have another side dish!

[audience laughs]

Justin: This is a gift that keeps on giving, there's no bad part of it! I'm trying!

Travis: This is— It's a weird twist on *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, if Dr. Jekyll is like, "I gotta get rid of Mr. Hyde! He paid my taxes on time and called my mom on her birthday! Ahhh!"

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: [As Dr. Jekyll] Ahhh!

Travis: [As Dr. Jekyll] Curse you Hyde!

Griffin: Is there such a thing as too much fiber?

Travis: Oh yeah.

Justin: Oh yeah.

Travis: Oh yeah baybee!

Justin: Oh yeah! [laughs]

Griffin: I think it probably gives away the fact that I'm not getting enough fiber that I have to ask that.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: I've never even come close to that threshold.

[audience laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: What if you... What if... Okay. What if they just really don't like vegetables?

[audience laughs]

Justin: No, think on it. You get a craving, but you don't like them. But your body wants them.

Travis: Ohh.

Griffin: Do you like— Sorry, hold on. This is ridiculous. Do you like vegetables?

Veggie Vagabond: Yeah!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Loves vegetables.

Justin: 'Kay, they do like vegetables.

Travis: I mean, one time when I was on shrooms I ate a whole pizza. But that was because it made my mouth taste like a party, so—

Justin: [laughs hard]

Griffin: Sure, sure.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: That's because it was a time pizza and it was starting to slip through the cracks of the universe.

Travis: You get it.

Justin: [laughs] You get it.

Travis: You get it.

Justin: You get it. Every pepperoni had Don Knotts' face on it.

Travis: You understand—

Justin: And you had to consume all of it.

Travis: And the pizza was taunting me.

Justin: Okay. Well, have you bragged enough? May we move on?

Griffin: [giggles]

Travis: Now I will... Here's what I can picture, right? You're getting drunk and high with friends and you're like, "Oh, you know what I could really go for?"

And they're like, "Oh, a hamburger."

And you're like, "Some broccoli rabe."

And they're like, "Get the fuck out."

[audience laughs]

Travis: I could see where that might be socially uncomfortable.

Justin: Yeah. But like...

Travis: Bring it with you.

Justin: Bring it with you.

Travis: And then have it in—

Griffin: It wouldn't—

Justin: Put it in your pocket. Just have loose carrots in your pocket.

[audience laughs]

Travis: I cannot think of a worse thing to do to a high friend than you're sitting there and you're talking to them and you just slowly sneak a little baby carrot.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "Aw, yeah, man!"

Justin: "Yeah, yeah."

Travis: "Crunch, crunch, crunch."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah.

Travis: [As High Friend] "What!?"

Griffin: And also—

Travis: [As High Friend] "Are those Cheetos? Give `em?"

[As self] "Well, they're Nature's Cheetos."

Griffin: And the disappointment they'll feel when they cash the bong and they're like, "Anybody else holdin' any good green stuff?"

And you're like, "Hoooh yeah! Rutabaga."

Uh, what color is rutabaga? I genuinely—

Justin: It's pale.

Travis: Rutabaga's gotta be red, right?

Justin: Man, you know what's weird? I now have a real serious craving for vegetables.

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: Yeah. I'd love to eat— No. Not... No. [laughs]

Travis: No. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: No. I can't—

Travis: You got me good.

Justin: I can't get that drunk during a show. C'mon.

Uh, "My girlfriend and I have been living in our apartment for about two years now. And our upstairs neighbor is quite obviously a gamer."

Travis: Hashtag.

Justin: "He has..." You say it... I think you have to say it before.

Griffin: [sarcastic] No, gamerhashtag.

Travis: Oh, fuck. Okay.

Justin: Uh, "He's a very nice guy, welcomed us when we moved in and everything but he has always been very loud when he plays games with his friends, stomping on the ground, shouting et cetera."

Travis: Standard gamer.

Justin: “However— ”

Griffin: [sarcastic] Just regular old gamer stuff.

Travis: Playing a game.

Justin: Classic gamer stuff. “However— ”

Travis: Textbook.

Justin: “— that’s not the issue. A month or two ago we noticed he hasn’t been loudly gaming anymore.”

[pause]

Griffin: [bursts out laughing]

[audience laughs]

Justin: That’s right, you guessed it, he died!

Travis: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: Controller in hand! Just like he always dreamed.

Justin: How he woulda wanted to go!

Travis: Him and Master Chief, Thelma and Louise-ing it.

Justin: The loving embrace of *Fortnite*. “We act— ”

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: A choir of Sonics sing thee to thy rest.

Justin: "We actually got kind of used to his noise. It was just sort of comforting and funny to hear someone else around, and now it just feels too quiet."

"My question is: How do I approach my neighbor and ask him to go back to his noisy gaming for our normalcy without sounding like a freak?"

That's from A Little Too Quiet. Are you here?

A Little Too Quiet: [laughs incredulously]

Travis: What!?

Griffin: How did that happen?

Justin: you're right behind the other person that was here too. Hello.

Griffin: That's...

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: That's...

Travis: Hi.

Griffin: Do we have some sort of promotion where if you sit in the first three rows we answer your...? Okay, anyway.

Travis: Maybe they had a falling out with their gaming group. With their *Fortnite* squad.

Griffin: Ohhh.

Justin: Yeahhh.

Travis: Oh, you gotta patch things up.

Justin: You have to patch it up rom-com style like a little—

Travis: Oh, this game has another patch, and this time it's friendship.

Justin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Patching up your relationship. You need to do sort of a game—*Parent Trap*, but for gamers.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: *Gamer Trap*?

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: And you like, lure them in to like, a raid? Maybe like one of the hard ones and you're like, "I need help."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And then they all do it together? And then—

Travis: Ohh.

Griffin: [sarcastic] Yeah man, that all sounds like definitely real gamer opportunities.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah! It's like gamer stuff, you guys get it.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: More a books person, myself.

Griffin: Maybe they've become a books person. There've been a lot of—

Travis: Ohh.

Griffin: Listen! There have been a lot of good books lately.

Justin: [snort-laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: Wait—

Griffin: Everyone's always talkin' about how good books are right now.

Travis: Well, it's just that book graphics keep getting better and better.
[laughs]

Griffin: Right?

[audience laughs]

Justin: That's true. You need to go up there and just take all their books away.

Travis: Aww, yeah.

Justin: 'Cause if they—

Travis: And burn 'em! Wait!

Justin: No! What?

[audience laughs]

Justin: God!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: On to—

Justin: No!

Griffin: “On to DVDs.”

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Is what he was going to say. [laughs]

Travis: And then melt those in a fire.

Justin: No!

Travis: What? No! Dammit.

Justin: Maybe they’re just waitin’ for a new game that’s really fun and maybe you could make—

Griffin: Oooohhh.

Justin: — that game.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Maybe base it on them?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And something you know about `em?

Griffin: And maybe you make it out of like, a cardboard box, that you cut some holes in. And then it comes with a little ball and they have to get the balls into the holes from far away or something.

Justin: [laughs] This is good!

Griffin: Oh, and the look on his face! Oh, the delight!

Justin: [wheeze-laughs]

Travis: [as neighbor] "Thank you, I ran out of games!"

Griffin: And you can hang over his shoulder the whole time like, "This is Sergeant Bloodmash! Yes! We need you to get the enemy base. They're in the hole number 4 with the blue circle around it!"

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: [As Sergeant Bloodmash] [explosion noise] "Kill... Kill streak! Achievement points!"

Justin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [As Sergeant Bloodmash] "Uh-oh! Here comes a... babe. But you gotta have DLC for it!"

That's a second box, they have to pay \$5 for it.

Justin: [laughs] Oh yeah!

Travis: "The Babe Box"

Griffin: The Babe... The Babe Box you get for winning the Box War.

Justin: [laughs] And then your—

Griffin: I think the three of us are the only ones who like this bit.

[audience laughs]

Justin: You don't... [laughs] But you don't have a second box, so you have to make an announcement like, "We're so sorry to let down our many fans..."

Travis: "We gotta delay..."

Justin: "We do have to delay *Box 2: The Babe Box*..."

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "We just want to take all the time to make this—"

Travis: "But good news, it's gonna be *Babe Box 3D*, when it's done."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: [as neighbor] "Hey, wait a minute, this ball is too big to fit through this hole! They rushed this through QA, man!"

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [as neighbor] "This is bullshit!"

Travis: [as neighbor] "This box only has three flaps! What the fuck?"

[as *Box* developer] "Uh, the third flap, we're finishing the fourth one! Uh..."

Griffin: [as *Box* developer] "It's art. You wouldn't get it."

[audience laughs]

Travis: [as *Box* developer] "That's part of the experience! It's supposed to be challenging."

[audience laughs]

Justin: [sighs] [Makes *Haunted Doll Watch* Alert Noise]

[audience cheers loud and long]

Justin: That's weird.

Travis: Before we start *Haunted Doll Watch*, I do need Paul to bring me another White Claw.

Justin: Woah!

Griffin: Thank you Paul. Let's. See. This. Beauty.

Justin: Let's. Meet. Our first contestant, Justina!

Travis: [excited] Ohhhh!

[disappointed] Ohhh...

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [Frightened] Ahhh!

Travis: Now—

Justin: Justina is uh... Well, you see, is in a purple outfit with some rainbow sleeves and some face paint, which you'll find out, she comes by honest.

"You are purchasing the doll pictured above. Please— "

Griffin: Are those two fingers holding her around the waist or is that some sort of finger— ?

Travis: Hoh, boy!

Justin: Oh, god!

Griffin: Holy shit.

Justin: That sucks. I didn't even notice that. That sucks. It looks like E.T.'s trying to make a few bucks.

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Sucks.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Meet Justina. Justina was in her late teen— "

Griffin: "Hold her like this! Do not use more than two fingers." Holy shit.

Travis: [singing in a Meatloaf style] "Meet Justina!"

Justin: Normally, I- I should warn you—

Travis: [singing in a Meatloaf style] "I can't wait to— "

Justin: Normally I leave out the ones where they have the description of their deaths, but I have two that I do include that, because... You'll see.

"Meet Justina. Justina was in her late twenties, working at a full-service laundromat."

Travis: Oh.

Justin: "In her off time she was a face-painter for children's birthday parties."

Griffin: Not a very good one, it looks like.

Travis: She was gettin' high on her own supply.

Justin: Yeah. "She was happy, but always anxious to see what was in store for her."

Okay?

Griffin: Did she break something in this picture?

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Is that a bulb of garlic on the bottom?

Justin: Yeah, it looks like... It looks like prop bread.

Um, "One day, while at work, a very strange and potent smell came on fast. It caused her and her coworkers to go unconscious."

Travis: Oh.

Justin: "Around 10 minutes later it had built up in the building, causing an explosion. Justina likes to watch soap operas and loves Slim Jims."

[audience laughs hard]

Justin: That's the way it's written.

Griffin: [As Haunted Doll Seller] "The other... The other people who worked there didn't get dolls."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "It caused an explosion. Justina likes to watch soap operas and looooves Slim Jims."

[audience laughs]

Justin: Do you... Okay, do you try to—

Travis: That may seem unrelated but...

Justin: Trust me, you'll see. Um...

Griffin: Does she love them from an aesthetic point of view? 'Cause it doesn't look like she has the apparatus—

Travis: [As Justina] "I eat! I eat the Slim Jims Griffin!"

Griffin: How?!

Justin: "She- She communi— "

Travis: [As Justina] "With my mouth!"

Justin: "She communicates with dowsing rods, pendulum and balloon lights."

Travis: What?

Justin: I don't know.

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Please do not adopt her if you have ill intentions." Like trying to get free face paint.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Please a— "

Griffin: "Do a- Wake up! Do a Spider-Man to me!"

Travis: [giggles]

Justin: "Please— "

Travis: "No! I said symbiote suit Spider-Man!"

Justin: "Please ask questions before purchasing." I don't think you have that kinda time.

[As Haunted Doll Seller] "Oh yeah, don't even act like she's not 12 inches tall."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [As Haunted Doll Seller] "I have the proof."

Travis: [As Haunted Doll Seller] "Also, if you need any loose sequins, I have a couple bags of them."

Justin: "I am selling a doll, not an experience."

Travis: Oh.

Justin: "I am not responsible for any experience you may or may not have."

Griffin: That's a fun way of putting that.

Justin: "Please realize, by adopting Justina, you are potentially inviting a spirit into your home. They are not toys and should only be handled by adults."

Griffin: Like this.

Justin: "Light a— "

[audience laughs]

Justin: With their two glowing fingers.

Travis: That's a great 180 from like, "I'm selling a doll. It's not a toy."

Justin: [laughs] "Light a white candle to welcome her spirit. You will receive the doll pictured above. Anything else is a bonus."

Travis: What?

Griffin: Whoa, I don't want... No! I see what you have. What kind of bric-a-brac you're working with.

Justin: [sarcastic] Hubba hubba!

Griffin: I'm good.

Justin: "I ask only adults purchase my dolls. I don't accept cancellations or issue refunds."

[whispers] I can't imagine why not.

[audience laughs]

Justin: So that is Justina. Thanks for comin' to the show, Justina. What a pleasure it was to have you.

Travis: [As Justina] "Happy to be here!"

[Audience applauds]

Justin: Hey, can I just tell you all? I don't wanna overhype it, but you're gonna love my new boy. Li'l Spitz!

Travis: [laughs very hard]

[audience laughs]

Justin: Let's meet Li'l Spitz!

Travis: [laughs] Oh yeah!

Justin: That's Li'l Spitz, baby!

Griffin: Heck yes! Only \$150?! I'm gonna watch this shit go up in real time.

Justin: Little Spitz!

[audience laughs]

Travis: [As Little Spitz, cockney accent] “Ey, what’s up, guv? I’m Li’l Spitz innit I?”

Justin: Hey, they’re... They’re startin’ to have some fun over here on Metaphysical eBay, okay?

“Li’l Spitz was a kid who wanted to be a rapper when he grew up.”

[audience laughs]

Travis: No he did not!

Justin: Yeah he did, that’s just the doll his spirit’s in, idiot.

Travis: Oh, good point.

Justin: “He listened to all the classic rappers all the time, like Tupac and Eminem. He wrote his own raps.”

[audience laughs]

Travis: [laughs] [As Haunted Doll Seller] He made his own arms!

Griffin: [explodes into laughter]

Justin: [explodes into laughter] [As Haunted Doll Seller] “He wrote his own raps. He made his own arms. And he would hang out—”

Travis: [As Haunted Doll Seller] “What can’t Li’l Spitz do? Except clap.”

[audience laughs]

Justin: "He wrote his own raps and would hang out with older kids who thought he was cool because he rapped."

We've all been there.

"This ultimately got him killed. As he was— "

Griffin: [laughs hard]

[audience laughs]

Travis: [laughs hard]

Justin: "This— "

Travis: Didn't see that comin', did you?

Justin: "— got him killed, as he was with his group of friends and they decided to sneak out and go to a real rap battle."

[audience laughs]

Travis: Are these three separate pictures? All posed like, to give you a full idea.

Justin: "They thought it would be like *8 Mile*. While they— "

That's not me editorializing, that's what it says.

"They thought it would be like *8 Mile*. While they were there on the edges of the crowd though, a car rolled up and a window rolled down— "

[audience laughs]

Travis: What are you sayin'? No, keep going.

Justin: Hey, hey y'all? An 8-year-old rap prodigy lost his life. If you could have a little decorum?

[audience laughs more]

Griffin: [laughs hard]

Justin: "While they were there on the edges of the crowd though, a car rolled up and a window rolled down. A barrel of a gun came out the window and someone from the car yelled, 'Joy road, bitches!'"

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [incredulous] Joy road?!

Justin: "'Joy road, bitches!', and sprayed the crowd."

Presumably with bullets.

Travis: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [As Haunted Doll Seller] "With Axe body spray."

Justin: "Li'l Spitz was among the first hit with the bullets, not even understanding what happened. Now he is in this vessel, looking for someone cool and laid back, he said."

Travis: That's me!

Justin: "Also someone who listens to rap music or will at least play it for him." That's Li'l Spitz.

Griffin: God almighty.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Um, this is our last item up on Metaphysical eBay, and we are branching out a little bit.

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: Alright.

Travis: Tell me more, I've been in the market for one of these bad boys.

Justin: Well, this is a high-ranking Illuminati Freemason cobra ring—

Travis: Oh, yeah!

Justin: — silver antique vintage metaphysical.

Griffin: Wait, how is it metaphysical?

Justin: It's a—

Travis: Well—

Justin: Well it's... 'cause you're gonna “accept this ring into your life and experience wealth, comfort, power, influence and all the very best things in life.

“Romance, love, comfort and so much more. You truly can have it all. That's why items like this exist.”

Travis: What's on either side of the snake?

Justin: Well Travis, “being offered is a very rare, very powerful Freemason's ring that comes directly from the highest ranks of the Illuminati, those who are the real heavy hitters.”

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: “The real power-holders of the Freemasons. Those who make up half of the sacred inner circle of the New World Order.”

Travis: Okay.

Justin: So Trav, let me tell ya—

Travis: Oh, and it’s adjustable, which is nice.

Justin: That is nice.

Travis: You would think that they would have them fitted, but no. Who has the time? Also, nice to see that they’re hollow in the back so you can store stuff.

Justin: “From the very moment you touch this piece you’ll realize you’ve purchased something truly extraordinary that will forever reverberate incredible power into your life.

“The aggressive power of this amazing ring has been created with forces of magic— ”

Travis: What?!

Justin: “— and otherworldly technology known only to but a few of the most powerfully connected men on Earth.”

Griffin: If only Li'l Spitz had been wearing this ring when that drive-by happened.

[audience laughs]

Justin: He would be... He would be protected.

Travis: And otherworld technology couldn't make it fit?

Justin: Fascinating sidebar, “You may not know this, most do not, but the government of the United States possesses a memory copying technology.”

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "A medical device, of sorts." Of sorts?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Which is held at an underground nuclear metropolis in Roswell, New Mexico, long before it became Area 51."

Travis: Sure.

Justin: "The machine accesses parts of the brain that never dies but rather simply shuts off when one dies."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "This unusual technology turns it back on, like a light switch."

Travis: Oh.

Justin: "And then siphons those memories— "

Travis: Huh.

Justin: "— creating a memory archive— "

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "— for that particular individual."

Travis: Oh.

Justin: "This wipes the memories of the brain so no matter what medical, technological or metaphysical may arise in the future— "

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: “— nobody will ever be able to access the secret information within their memories, except for them.”

Travis: Cool.

Justin: “This is then encoded within the memory archives of its Illuminati masters— ”

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: “— the three men that make up half of the sacred inner circle of the New World Order at the time of its creation.”

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: That was an interesting sidebar!

Travis: Yeah.

[audience cheers]

Justin: This goes on for... literally two pages.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Um, “There are no rituals or binding spells needed once your talisman arrives.”

Travis: Cool.

Justin: “This is completely ready for use. All that’s needed is you accept this small magical offering into your life, to keep it with you as much as possible.” I mean, within reason.

Travis: That’s how I felt when my first daughter was born, too. It’s nice.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Um, "You will have the know-how to anyone or anything that stands in your way of wealth and success. No level of magic will be able to hold you back in life."

Travis: I mean, yeah.

Justin: "And it's a hundred percent guaranteed satisfaction and fast delivery." So that's huge, you don't need to wait for this and it's available for just \$80."

Travis: Just \$80, really?

Justin: That's half the price of Li'l Spitz! I mean...

[audience laughs]

Travis: Imagine if you had both Li'l Spitz and the Illuminati ring.

Justin: Yes.

Travis: Fuck, dude!

Griffin: You would become an unkillable rap god.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Hey, we are gonna go use the bathroom. You should use the bathroom and we'll be right back with more jokes. We love you very much, bye!

Travis: Bye!

[audience cheers]

[theme music plays]

Justin: Hello my friends, I hope you're enjoying the episode. I don't know what one they decided to run, but I bet it was one of the good ones, not that one.

You know, it was kind of a dud. You probably heard a lot of people talking about it.

I'm just kidding. They're all sevens, because we're professionals.

I want to tell you for a second... I want to talk to you about Imperfect Foods. You know, food waste is a big problem and we could all be doing a little bit more.

But what if you could do more about the food waste problem and also help yourself too, my friends? That is what I like to call profitable altruism, which is a phrase I just invented but I think it's really going somewhere.

Imperfect Foods is the best route I can think of to do that. You can also save time in your grocery shopping. You can eat more fresh and delicious food, and you're helping the planet. It's a slam dunk!

It's a grocery delivery service that offers a whole line of sustainable groceries that embrace the natural imperfections in food. You know, we're all a little imperfect, by definition. We're human beings.

Don't you want that same value in your produce? This is fresh. It's delicious. It's just not exactly the perfect fit for the store shelves. But it may be the perfect fit for your home.

And, Imperfect delivers weekly by neighborhood, which is a unique model that produces 25 to 75 percent fewer emissions. Could this get any better for you or the planet? I think not.

Imperfect Foods got me hooked into some really cool produce that I can't even get in my area, things that are not available around here.

And some products I haven't heard of before but have become absolute staples in my house.

Try the croissant toast. Cannot recommend it enough if you want one easy slam dunk.

Right now, Imperfect Foods is offering our listeners 20 percent off your first four orders when you go to imperfectfoods.com and use promo code mybrother.

Again, 20 percent off your first four orders. That's up to an \$80 value at imperfectfoods.com, offer code when you use the promo code mybrother.

Join the movement at imperfectfoods.com and use code, mybrother.

While you're enjoying all your imperfect foods you're gonna be looking for some new hobbies. You just have so much free time; you're not going to the grocery store anymore.

Why not try picking up a new language? I have been learning Japanese recently, because some day I'd like to go to Tokyo Disneyland. There's other reasons, obviously, but... [sighs] I'm sorry. I am who I am.

Babbel has 15-minute lessons that make it the perfect way to learn a new language on the go.

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Quick bit of housekeeping. Thanks, by the way. Thanks, obviously, thank you for listening. Thanks to everybody who joined and upgraded during the MaxFunDrive.

Just a reminder, we are in the midst of the *Fancy Takes Flight* Tour to celebrate 20 Rendezvous. Tickets for all the shows are on sale now at bit.ly/mcelroytours. M-C-E-L-R-O-Ytours.

There's a virtual *Adventure Zone* next week on May 20th at 9PM ET. the game is *Dread*, it's gonna be wild. Tickets are 10 bucks and the VOD, that's video on demand, is available for two weeks after the show.

You wanna see us live, in person? Well then, you're gonna head out to Boston on June 17th to see *TAZ*. We're also in Boston June 18th, with *MBMBaM*.

And then on the 19th we are in Mashantucket at the Foxwoods Casino, June 19th, with *My Brother, My Brother and Me*.

We're also coming to Salt Lake, Portland, San Diego, Washington, Detroit, Cincinnati.

Now, mask and proof of full vaccination or negative COVID test within 72 hours of event start are required.

Hey, our Dad also has a book coming out this week or now. I mean, it's out on Tuesday May 10th.

So uh, if you would like to have a great children's book to share with a kid in your life, or just for yourself, you just want to enjoy it.

It's called *Goldie's Guide to Grandchilding* and it is available in bookstores. We're gonna be doing some appearances with Dad throughout this great nation of ours. Go to [linktree/goldiesguide](https://linktree.com/goldiesguide).

That's L-I-N-K-T-R-dot-E-E-slash-G-O-L-D-I-E-Sguide, to check in on that.

Oh, this is fun. I don't wanna spoil the surprise, but we are in a podcast with Batman. It's us and Batman fighting crime together. It's called *Batman Unburied*.

It's a new podcast that drops new episodes Tuesday and it's exclusively for free on Spotify. It's made by Spotify, Warner Brothers and DC and is a thrilling take on the Caped Crusader and we are in there with him, fighting alongside of him, basically.

We have new merch too. You can check it all out, mcelroymerch.com. And 10 percent of all merch proceeds this month are gonna go to NARAL.

That is a group that fights for access to abortion care, birth control, paid parental leave and protections from pregnancy discrimination.

That's all at mcelroymerch.com... And do I have to do a celebrity impression now? Okay.

See if you can guess this one, I've been working on it.

"What's..." [sighs]

"What's the deal... with hummus? It's just mushed up beans. And spices."

Speaker: Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this year's MaxFunDrive. If you're a member who wants to purchase additional patches, our annual shop is now live.

The proceeds for this year's sale will be going to Trans Lifeline. Any time is a good time to donate to Trans Lifeline, but this year it feels particularly important.

Trans Lifeline is a non-profit for the trans community by the trans community.

We're grateful that with your support we'll be able to help Trans Lifeline connect trans folks to the support and resources they need to survive and thrive.

The sale will run until Friday, May 20th. Folks at the 10-dollar monthly level and above will have access to all of the patches from the drive.

We also have a special network patch starring Nutsy that all members can purchase.

For more information on Trans Lifeline, visit translifeline.org.

And for more information on the patches head to maximumfun.org/patchsale.

[chord]

[*Mission to Zyxx* theme starts]

Alden Ford: Hey, this is Alden Ford.

Moujan Zolfaghari: And Moujan Zolfaghari.

Alden: And we're here with all the other creators of *Mission to Zyxx*.

All The Other Creators: Hello! Hi! Hey! You're not gonna say our names too?

Moujan: No, no, it's a short promo.

One of the Other Creators: Okay.

Alden: 'Cause, yeah, sorta speed through it.

Moujan: Now, with the end of our fifth and final season just a few weeks away, we wanna say thank you to Maximum Fun and to every single one of you who's listened to and supported *Mission to Zyxx*.

Alden: Thank you. And if you haven't checked it out, well, *Mission to Zyxx* is an improvised space opera with blockbuster quality sound design, a score performed by an actual 60-piece orchestra and hilarious guest comedians on every episode.

And as our final episodes air, now is the perfect? Time to jump on board?

Moujan: Mm-hmm. That's Mission to Zyxx, Z-Y-X-X on Maximum Fun.

[Mission to Zyxx theme ends]

[ad break ends]

Justin: Uhh...

Travis: So, in the past—

Justin: How can I interest you, gentlemen, in a wager?

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: It's time to play Minion Quotes.

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience cheers]

Travis: But this time... with a twist!

[audience laughs]

Justin: So, if you've never played this game, here are the rules. I, Justin McElroy, am going to read to you an inspirational or hilarious quote.

That quote is attached in the memetic image that has been shared on Facebook by your aunt and it is connected to a cartoon character.

That cartoon character will have to be guessed by my other two brothers. If they guess it correctly, I will have to post this image, apropos of nothing, on my Facebook page.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Now, what makes this more interesting tonight is we are passing it around. We have each selected one quote so the stakes are higher than ever, because all three of us are participating in the game.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Oh, also I just realized this second, another twist, I've been locked out of my Facebook for the past like three weeks because of like, I dunno, because I haven't logged in long enough and they're worried about it.

And I was like, "Aw, cool. I don't ever have to go on Facebook again." So if I lose, I have to figure that out.

Griffin: Your grand re-emergence.

Travis: Yeah. Okay.

Justin: Okay. Are you ready to play Minion Quotes?

Griffin: I'm so fucking ready.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Oh, mine? Okay, great.

Justin: Oh, Travis is first. I thought you said I'm first? Travis is first. Travis is first. Okay.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: I'm not looking at your phone.

Travis: The quote is, "I don't care how difficult 2019 has been, but the fact we woke up every day means that God isn't finished with us."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [painfully] Ooooh.

Travis: Which I think is supposed to be inspirational, but could also be horrifyingly threatening.

Griffin: Yeah, knowing what happens in 2020 it does sound like God is threatening us [singsong] from a distance.

The religious ones are tough, because usually it is not who you would think of as being—

Travis: Also—

Griffin: — a particularly religious cartoon character.

Travis: And I would argue, the highest stakes one to pick—

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: — as the picker. Yes.

Justin: Yeah. oh, wow, I really wanna get this right.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Um...

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: I live life on the edge!

Justin: Can I get... Can I have a hint?

Travis: No!

Justin: Maybe just one hint?

Travis: Oh, okay. It's a cartoon character.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Dammit.

Justin: It's a cartoon character...

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: Can I ask a question, yes or no, and you have to answer honestly?

Travis: oh. Uh, you can ask the question and we'll see.

Justin: Is it a Loony Toon?

Travis: That's a big swath...

Griffin: That's a huge—

Justin: Tweety Bird! I'mma saying Tweety Bird, Tweety Bird, Tweety Bird!

Griffin: I'mma say Bugs Bunny. It's a classic.

Travis: I'm sorry. Uh, Paul, if we can swap it?

It is *Moana*.

Griffin: [explodes into laughter]

[audience laughs]

Justin: I should have considered the coconut. That was my... That was my bad, as I didn't consider the coconut.

Travis: Well, you know how Moana has a close and personal relationship with a Christian deity.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: You know how famously that's what the movie is about.

Justin: Okay, now wait. Now hold on, now I'm mad! She literally meets a god of a different religion... Like she meets a god!

Travis: Correct. Correct.

Justin: A demi-god, but still!

Travis: Well, I mean then... Te Fiti? It's a huge part of the movie.

Justin: Yeah, like she's interacting with religious figures outside of the Christian experience.

Travis: Yeah. But, our God's not done with her.

Justin: [sarcastic] Our God, the one, true God, father of Abraham...

Travis: 'Ey, do you ever have a moment where you're like, "Aw, all the Southern Baptist isn't out yet"? Oh no!

Griffin: No!

Justin: The Lamb of Judea. Okay.

Griffin: Could beat the shit out of the Rock's mouth.

Justin: Alright. Um, let's—

Travis: [wrestler announcer voice] Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!

Justin: Okay, this is Justin's Minion Quote.

Griffin: 'Kay.

Justin: Um, Paul it would be easier if you could just put the quote on the screen and I could just read off of that.

"Remember how when you were little you could just rip off your diaper and run around naked and everyone thought it was so cute and funny? Anyway, I need bail money."

Griffin: [sarcastic] Fuck that's funny. God.

Justin: So, I am going to, because it occurs to me that I slightly cheated. So I am going to tell you it is not a cartoon character.

Travis: [surprised] Ohh.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Huh.

Justin: But it is a children's character, not a cartoon character.

Griffin: Is it Moana again?

[audience laughs]

Justin: Now, bud. Bud. That's a cartoon, remember? We just saw it.

Griffin: You're right.

Travis: I wanna say Blippi, but I know you wouldn't do that to us.

Griffin: I don't think Boomers know who Blippi is, and this has buh-buh-buh-buh-buh-big Boomer energy.

Travis: This is a children's...

Griffin: A children's character, for childrens. But not a cartoon.

Justin: Family character. Everybody can enjoy this character. God, I've said too much. Okay. I'm going to shut up now.

Griffin: Is it a Hugh- Can I ask one yes or no question?

Justin: I have already given you all the clues you need, Mr. Policeman.

Griffin: Is it a— Is it a human character?

Travis: Also, we reference that *Snowman* movie a lot for three people who haven't seen it.

Griffin: Never seen it.

Justin: I barely have seen the poster. Um... Uh... Is it a human character? Hm. I mean, it's an interesting question.

Griffin: That you'll answer now. Come on, it won't be funny if nobody gets it.

Justin: Yeah, but of the people on this stage, I think I have the least appropriate tribute... The least appropriate sacrifice, as I am the only one who has had to do this.

No, it is not a human character.

Griffin: Yes!

Travis: Okay.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Mm.

Griffin: That's tough. Uh, do you have a guess, Travis?

Travis: I'm going to say Paddington!

Justin: You really need- Okay, Paddington? Interesting.

Griffin: It's not fucking Paddington.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: I'm trying to think of the other deep wells that we usually draw from, and by we, I mean, Boomers who put up memes on Facebook.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Think really hard. I think you can do it.

Griffin: [disbelieving] Really?

Justin: A live-action, non-human, that Boomers would know.

Griffin: Is it Kermit?

[slow laughter from audience]

[air horn sounds]

Justin: Yes!

[huge cheer from audience]

[more air horn]

Justin: [shouting] Yeahhhh!

Travis: I knew you could do it. Now, Justin do you want to wait—

Justin: No.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Do you wanna wait until—

Justin: No.

Travis: ... Griffin's?

Justin: No. No.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: We're gonna sit right here everyone, I'm just gonna put it on my Facebook right now, 'cause it's not fun unless I do it right now!

Travis: And I will then immediately comment on it! Oh, no, my Facebook's locked!

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Do you wanna load mine up while Justin put- Oh, really? You got that hair trigger over there.

Travis: He already had the image loaded.

Griffin: [sighs] Okay.

Justin: Hold on, I want to put a link to Sydney's website on here.

Griffin: Yeah, I'm sure she'll love that.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Oh, he's doing it!

Griffin: Okay. Here is my Minion Quote.

Travis: Oh boy.

Griffin: "Hold on Devil, not today. Or any other day! Feeling blessed and covered under the blood of Jesus! Like, share, and type 'Amen'!"

Travis: Wow. Now this is your first time playing, right?

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Cool.

Griffin: I also, in full disclosure, I don't know where you find these. But I was looking around for Minion Quotes and I found one on the MBMBaM Reddit that somebody posted on there.

So, uh, thank you for doing that hard work.

Travis: So, same question, is this... this is a cartoon character? From an ani—

Griffin: This is a cartoon character.

Justin: Is it a Loony Toon?

Griffin: That's such... That's so... That's—

Justin: You- I gave you... Mmm.

Griffin: It's not a Loony—

[audience laughs]

Griffin: It's... It is a—

Justin: You see this, right? You see this.

Griffin: It's a cartoon character. You're right. You should be able to get your revenge. It is a cartoon character, it is not a Loony Toon. I will not give you anything else.

Travis: Bart Simpson?

Griffin: No.

Travis: Hooh, he gave us nothing there. That was a cold, dead stare from Griffin.

Okay, Justin.

Griffin: Not a Simpson character. It's not a Ralphie.

Justin: Okay. Let me hear your guesses.

Griffin: No-What?!

[audience laughs]

Justin: 'Kay.

[random audience guesses]

Justin: Alvin, from *Alvin and the Chipmunks*.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: No. I do want the audience to keep yelling though, because I honestly have—

[random audience guesses]

Several Audience Members: Scooby-Doo!

Travis: Scooby-Doo, I heard, which would be wild.

Griffin: No. I haven't heard it.

[random audience guesses]

Audience Member: Shrek!

Griffin: Shrek! [laughs] Just reveal it.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: It's fuckin' Fred Flintstone.

Travis: Woah!

[audience cheers]

Griffin: [Fred Flintstone voice] "Now Devil..."

Travis: Wow.

Griffin: Pretty sure the... the *Flintstones* universe is like, wicked BC.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Like, super-duper-duper BC.

Travis: Back in the time when man and dinosaur lived together.

Justin: Really Amanda? Amanda's already commented on my Facebook page.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Don't you have work to do, Amanda!? Antici—

Travis: You're getting a raise!

Justin: Anticipating our needs?

Um, so that's Minion Quotes.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Oh, boy.

Alright. So we asked you all to send in questions that we could answer live and we have some people picked out. Where's the microphone at? I was in the bathroom during the soundcheck so I don't actually know.

Travis: Um, so we're gonna call down two at a time so—

Griffin: Can we get the house lights up just like, 20 percent?

Justin: And could we go back to the part where Griffin said he was in the bathroom for both soundchecks? [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: 'Cause I feel like that you didn't let it sink in.

Griffin: Alright.

Justin: Where is it?

Griffin: It's right there.

Justin: I'm playin'... I'm playin' *Where's Waldo?* with this microphone.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Okay!

Justin: Yes! Hello!

Travis: Hello!

Justin: [Clint impression] Hello and welcome!

Taylor: Hi!

Griffin: Hi!

Taylor: [laughs] I'm Taylor.

Griffin: Hi Taylor!

Travis: Hi Taylor!

Justin: Hi Taylor!

Taylor: [laughs] Uh—

Griffin: Uh, Taylor, your question [bursts into laughter] I can't believe we picked this one.

Taylor: [laughs nervously]

Griffin: [laughs] Taylor... Taylor asked, "Who are you? I'm just here 'cause I bought the tickets."

Taylor: [continues laughing nervously]

[audience laughs and cheers]

Justin: So—

Taylor: [laughs]

Justin: So, I guess, we were actually... We read this backstage and we thought, "I wonder how it's going."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: So we wanted to ask you, Taylor, what do you... What do you think so far?

Taylor: I—

Griffin: And really give us the real shit.

Justin: Please be honest with us, Taylor. Like, what do you think so far?

Taylor: I think it's pretty good so far, you know?

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Yeah!

Taylor: There've been laughs and stuff, so, okay.

Travis: Now, Taylor, I've a follow-up question. When you say, "I'm just here 'cause I bought the tickets", on accident?

Taylor: Uh, no. My sibling's actually here with me—

Travis: Ohh! Okay.

Taylor: — and they really love you guys.

Justin: What's your sibling's name?

Taylor: Rhiannon.

Justin: Hi Rhiannon. Hello.

Travis: And... And Rhiannon knows who we are, right?

Taylor: Yes. [laughs]

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: Okay.

Taylor: It's a very early birthday present for them.

Justin: Oh!

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Happy early birthday! Now, have you picked a favourite yet?

Travis: Ooh, good question.

[audience laughs]

Taylor: Well, I'm a little biased because I'm on Tumblr a lot, so I see uh, Griffin's face a lot.

Griffin: [triumphantly] Yes!

[audience laughs]

Taylor: So...

[audience cheers]

Justin: Oh my god. I will be feasting off the memory of you hesitating to remember his name for a week.

Griffin: Yeah, that was decadent.

Travis: But you did pull it, Taylor, so don't feel bad.

Taylor: Yay!

Justin: Yeah, you did pull it. Yeah, you did pull it.

Travis: [As Taylor] "Uh, Garfbowl? What is it?"

Justin: Garth Maul!

Taylor: I'm like, "It starts with a G."

Griffin: This is gonna—

Justin: Garth Maul, that's a Garfield dressed as Darth Maul. Garth Maul.

Travis: Yes.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: This is gonna be a... a completely unnecessary self-own, but uh, which of my many incredible memes that have made it onto Tumblr?

Taylor: Um, the main one I see is like, you holding a blank piece of paper and people edit stuff, like text on that.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Travis: Yes.

Taylor: I think my favourite one is somebody saying, "I'm too afraid to... I don't know who the McElroy Brothers are and I'm too afraid to ask", with your face on it.

Griffin: Did you make that one or...?

But no! You weren't too afraid to ask!

Travis: But no! Taylor wasn't afraid!

Griffin: Yeah.

Taylor: I saw that one.

Travis: Taylor asked!

Taylor: I did not make it.

Justin: You did ask who we are.

Taylor: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah. and that's what's... That's all that's important.

Justin: So that's our deal, we're kinda like three brothers and we do like, advice. That's the show, basically.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And we do like... And like, we do like...

Travis: Skits.

Griffin: Do like, strong, like, we're strong.

[audience laughs]

Taylor: Very strong. Alright. [laughs]

Travis: We're strong and capable fellows.

Justin: We're strong and we have normal digestive systems.

Taylor: Okay.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Those are two things...

Taylor: That's exactly what I got from everything you guys have said so far.

Justin: You're getting that? Okay. Perfect.

Taylor: [laughs]

Griffin: We eat bananas, totally normal.

Taylor: [laughs]

Griffin: And um...

Justin: Well, we... Taylor, we've embarrassed you enough. Thank you so much for being a good sport.

Taylor: Thanks.

Justin: Thanks for comin'!

Taylor: Thank you!

Justin: I hope you're having fun.

Travis: Yeah!

[audience cheers]

Lauren: Hi.

Griffin: Hi. Who...? Who are you? We've called so many names down.

Lauren: Okay, I'm Lauren.

Griffin: Hi Lauren.

Justin: Hi Laruen.

Griffin: You asked us, uh, "Failed my driver's test today."

[audience says "Awww"]

Griffin: "How could I impress the examiner next time?"

[audience laughs sympathetically]

Lauren: Yeah.

Travis: How bad did you fail?

Lauren: I drove on the wrong side of the road. [laughs]

Travis: Woah!

Justin: I mean that'll—

Griffin: Hey, Lauren.

Travis: Very [English accent] British!

Griffin: [English accent] Very British Lauren.

Justin: I know the first impressive thing you could do next time, Lauren.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: For like a long... time?

[audience laughs]

Lauren: No.

Travis: Well, Griffin, [laughs] how long do you think it needs to happen before it's a no?

Justin: Hey. Hey Lauren? Uh, can you replicate what they said to you in exact replica?

Travis: Like, tone of voice too.

Justin: Yeah.

Lauren: Um. She waited until I was done with my test and then she was like, "Unfortunately, you drove on the wrong side of the road, which is an automatic fail."

Griffin: Damn. She shoulda—

Travis: Woah, she made you keep going?

Griffin: Yeah. She shoulda said something way— "You ran over like, eight people."

Justin: When you were doing it was she just like, "Hell yeah. Fuck. Let's go! Yes! Yes! This is how I do it! Yes! Go!"

Travis: [As Driving Examiner] "I'm feeling something for the first time!"

Justin: [As Driving Examiner] "This is living! I'm alive!"

Travis: [As Driving Examiner] "Hold my hand, Lauren!"

Justin: [As Driving Examiner] "Lauren, are you feeling this?!"

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Um, the word that I feel like made us select this question was, "How could I impress the examiner next time."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: And... I'm not sure you understand what the examiner is looking for. It's not *America's Got Talent: Driving Edition*.

Travis: You already tried stunting.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: So let's mark that one off.

Justin: They can't—

Travis: Next, oh, super cool car? Hm?

Justin: They can't flunk you for knowing all the words to Barenaked Ladies' "One Week."

[audience laughs]

Justin: They can't... They legally can't flunk you if you sing the fast part from "Hook" by Blues Traveller.

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: On loop.

Griffin: Um, was that it? Was it just the driving in the wrong lane that they didn't...? 'Cause that's an easy fix.

Justin: Is that not enough?

Lauren: [laughs]

Griffin: No, I'm saying you just don't do that next time and you should be good. Or were there other rules? 'Cause we're real, like, gearheads.

[audience laughs]

Lauren: Um—

Travis: Oh, you know what? Everybody does parallel parking on their test. Do some perpendicular parking.

Griffin: Yes!

[audience laughs]

Lauren: Woah.

Travis: That'll blow 'em away.

Lauren: But—

Travis: I'm doing concentric parking.

Griffin: [laughs]

Lauren: My parallel parking actually went really well, but that's not good enough, apparently.

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Now, Lauren—

Justin: I think- I think it sucks because like, they shouldn't fail you because like, what are the odds that you'll do that again?

Travis: Yeah. and also the fact that you did that and they knew you'd failed and they were like, "And you still have to parallel park."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, that sucks actually.

Travis: Whooh.

Justin: They should have let you go home.

Travis: Did they keep writing stuff down on the paper?

Lauren: I—

Travis: 'Cause that's a wild part of the grift.

Justin: Yeah, did you see them [laughs] — Did you see them [laughs] casually put the clipboard on the floor after you did that?

[audience laughs]

Lauren: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [As Driving Examiner] "I won't be needing this."

Lauren: No. But there were just like, some random scribbles on the paper, so I think she was trying to like—

Griffin: Make it look—

Lauren: — make me think I had some hope.

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Woah.

Griffin: Uh, how long do you have to wait before you can take it again?

Lauren: A week.

Travis: That's not that bad.

Lauren: One week!

Griffin: That's not very long. That's—

Justin: [singing to the tune of "One Week" by the Barenaked Ladies] It's been, one week since I failed my test! Drove on the wrong side of the road!

[audience cheers]

Travis: If... If when you go back you have the same tester, spend the whole time any time you're on the right side of the road, and say like, "I don't know if you've noticed..."

Griffin: [As Lauren] "Enh?"

Justin: [laughs] [As Lauren] "Many people would choose that side of the road, but not me!"

Travis: [As Lauren] "An obvious mistake. Clearly."

Griffin: [As Lauren] "I'm not zooming into the front of the other cars!"

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [As Lauren] "Notice how me and the other traffic pass by each other without incident! You're welcome."

Justin: Um. Does that... help?

Lauren: I think it...

Griffin: You're gonna do it next time.

Justin: Yeah, you got it.

Travis: [simultaneously] Yeah, you got it.

Griffin: We all know.

Justin: We believe in Lauren, right?

[audience cheers]

Lauren: Thank you.

Griffin: Uh...

Ellie: Hey, my name is Ellie.

Travis: Hi, Ellie.

Ellie: Uh, my—

Justin: Griffin, you're really puttin' yourself through a lot of struggle to not burp right there.

Griffin: Sorry.

Ellie: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Contortions.

Ellie: Great job.

Griffin: Hello, Ellie.

Ellie: Hi.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Hi.

Ellie: How ya doin'?

Justin: Good.

Griffin: [simultaneously] Good.

Travis: I'm doin' great, thank you for asking.

Griffin: Great. Yeah.

Ellie: Yeah.

Griffin: Uh, you asked, "I work at a haunted cave that is said to have 30 to 40 ghosts, but I haven't had a ghost experience yet. How do I trigger one?"

[audience laughs]

Ellie: Yeah. I work at the Wabasha Street Caves in Saint Paul.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Wooh!

Travis: Yeah!

Ellie: There's friends! Um, and every tour guide has had like, things move. They've seen people, they've heard bands.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Definitely

Ellie: Not... Noth—

Griffin: They've heard what?

Ellie: Bands. We have big bands that play, and uh they—

Griffin: Ghost bands?

Ellie: Yeah.

Justin: Wait, big bands or big bands?

Ellie: Big... The... I don't know the—

Travis: Like big names or...?

Justin: Like Glenn Miller Orchestra-style bands? Or just like large bands?

Ellie: Like... Like Cab Calloway.

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: Ooh!

Ellie: Like Betty Goodman and stuff and like—

Griffin: Wait, hold on.

Justin: Wait... Shut... You... Wait...

Griffin: What?

Travis: Your caves are pulling Cab Calloway?

Justin: Yeah, that's a huge ghost get.

Ellie: Yeah. Apparently.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Can I say if I was gonna have a ghost experience that was totally legit, I would also experience a Cab Calloway concert.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah. Hey—

Ellie: Apparently John Dillinger is also around sometimes. So...

Travis: Wow. Okay.

Justin: Yeah. Wow.

Ellie: But I've never seen him.

Travis: When he's not busy haunting other places.

Griffin: Hey, what's so... What's so dope about your caves that makes every ghost wanna be there?

Ellie: Um, three... three people were murdered there.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Well then there should be three ghosts.

Ellie: Yeah.

Travis: Maths!

Justin: Ellie, do these other sightings that the other tour guides have had, are these things that they've told you in confidence or are these things that they say when they're giving tours of the caves?

Ellie: So both. And they have pictures to prove it.

Travis: What!?

[audience gasps]

Travis: Wait...

Ellie: Like not— Like not just orbs, like actual pictures of—

Travis: We've gotta fuckin'—

Griffin: Not—

Travis: — scoot.

Griffin: Hold on. Wait. Not just orbs.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: As if someone came to me and was like, "Yeah, I work at this cave. Check out this fucking orb I saw."

I'd be like, "Meh. [fart noise] [burp noise] Just an orb? Meh."

Ellie: Yeah.

Travis: So you're saying they have a picture of like, them and Cab Calloway...

[audience laughs]

Justin: Hey, Ellie, like, you... If your coworkers have pictures of ghosts, that should be all your sorta thinking and talking about.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Like, in your life your question should be like, "My fuckin' coworkers have pictures of ghosts."

Ellie: [laughs]

Justin: "What do I do with that?"

Griffin: And not just fuckin' bullshit orbs. Real, human-shaped ghosts.

Justin: Juicy, three-dimensional ghosts.

Ellie: Like, we have one of an old lady walking through a table.

Travis: What!? Ellie! Why are you here and not at like, CNN?

[audience laughs]

Ellie: [laughs] I don't know! But I—

Travis: Is this what's happening in the world when people are like, "I don't know if there are ghosts." It's because the people who have pictures are like, "Enh, I dunno. I'm not gonna do anything with these."

Ellie: Apparently—

Travis: "What am I gonna do, show these to people? Buh!"

Ellie: Yeah, I guess. I guess so, I don't know. But it [laughs]—

Griffin: We have not even glanced—

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: — across the surface of the question.

Justin: Yes. So you go to the cave and you loudly announce, “Well, I’ve finished all of my business. I wish there was more business to finish.”

Ellie: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: “Is there... I wish there was somebody else with business they had not finished, on this Earth, that I could assist with that particular issue. 'Cause all my business is finished.”

Ellie: [laughs]

Travis: Hey. You also... You have the benefit, Ellie, of apparently there is a ghost there who is well-known for call and response songs.

[audience laughs]

Ellie: [laughs]

Travis: You could walk into the cave and just go-

“Hidey-hidey-hidey-hi!”

Justin: [simultaneously] “Hidey-hidey-hidey-hi!”

Audience: Hidey-hidey-hidey-hi!

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] But there’s also—

Justin: I—

Griffin: ... there could just be a echo.

Travis: [laughs] Dammit! You're right.

Ellie: Oh. I could try that, I guess?

Griffin: Does the cave got Wi-Fi?

Ellie: Yes?

Griffin: Really!?

Ellie: Yeah. Yes? We... We had electricity installed into it like in the 1990s.

Griffin: That's—

Travis: Wow.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: That was your mistake. The ghosts wouldn't like that, I wouldn't think.

Ellie: They don't like change, is what we've heard. But—

Griffin: Can you roll—

Travis: From who?!

Griffin: They don't know how cool it is out—

Justin: I gotta get to this cave!

Griffin: If the ghosts say they don't like change it's 'cause they don't know how cool shit is outside the cave. Like, we've got a lot of stuff goin' on.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: I think you could roll up into the cave and plug into cave Wi-Fi.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: On your computer, and just turn on Netflix—

Justin: Ooh, but what if—

Griffin: — and then just kind of wait and be like, “Anybody want to watch some new dramas?”

Justin: Now, wait a minute. Hold on. We don’t know how Wi-Fi and ghosts interact. Maybe they’re all fuckin’ flipped out, because they’re experiencing the Wi-Fi.

Like, when you switched it on the ghosts experienced all of the internet at once.

Ellie: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: Imagine—

Travis: A ghost in the machine, if you will.

Justin: A ghost in the machine, if you like. Um...

Griffin: You gotta get the Wi-Fi outta there.

Ellie: [laughs] Like—

Travis: Step one, Ellie, go in there tonight under cover of darkness, remove that Wi-Fi single-handedly. Get a bucket, scoop up that Wi-Fi and carry it out. I don’t know how Wi-Fi works!

Ellie: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: Um... Does that... Does that help? It helps.

Ellie: It does, it does for sure.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Perfect.

Justin: Yeah, I thought it helped. Yeah. Thank you so much, Ellie.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Y'all look so great, I have to say. I should have thought a long time ago to tell people to dress nice and fun—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: — at our shows. 'Cause y'all—

Travis: What were we thinking?

Justin: — look nice and fun. Hey, what's up?

Jacob: Hey, my name's Jake.

Griffin: Hi Jake!

Travis: Hi Jake!

Justin: Hi Jake!

Griffin: Are you sure it's not Jacob? 'Cause that's what you put in the email.

Jacob: It is... It is...

[audience laughs]

Jacob: It is—

Griffin: Fib alert!

Travis: Catfish! Catfish!

Justin: Okay.

Jacob: It is Jacob. I was trying to be playfully short with the name.

Justin: Okay, yeah.

Griffin: [laughs] Right, and it, it registered.

Justin: The one thing we won't tolerate here is fun.

Griffin: Uh, Jacob, you were talking about a pancake-eating challenge, and I wanna know all about it.

Justin: Yeah, this one we... We didn't know if it was fun or not, but we did need more details, so go on.

[audience laughs]

Jacob: Alright. An hour north of here is the best place on Earth, Merlin's Family Restaurant, in Princeton, Minnesota.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Jacob: They got a big stack.

Travis: Everyone knows that, yeah.

Jacob: Yeah. They—

Griffin: Not as hot as that cave was!

Jacob: No, not... I'm—

Travis: Did you think you were gonna get cave levels of reaction, Jake?

Jacob: I kinda did.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Although, I gotta say, if I'm gonna go to one of those places, I'm pretty intrigued by this big stack of pancakes.

Travis: How big?

Jacob: Approximately five inches by 18 inches across.

Travis: Woah!

Justin: Holy shit!

Griffin: Jesus Christ!

Travis: A real chode of pancakes!

[audience laughs]

Justin: That's... That's a hundred—

Jacob: An order of pancakes is one pancake.

Justin: — square inches of pancake! If my math is correct.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Heh!

Griffin: Uh...

Justin: Well, I guess cubic... Well, I gotta run the diameter. 'Ey, somebody figure that out for me, how much pancake is it?

Griffin: So what is, uhh...

Travis: Pi, um....

Griffin: What's the pancake diameter?

Justin: No, it's not pie, it's pancakes.

[audience laughs reluctantly]

Griffin: God Almighty...

Jacob: So the stack, being five inches, but it's comprised of four pancakes.

Travis: Uh-huh. Wow.

Jacob: And when you eat them, when you eat 'em, you get—

Travis: Sure. Yeah.

Jacob: You get your—

Griffin: Yeah, that's the way I traditionally—

Jacob: Yeah, when you eat 'em—

Griffin: ... interact with pancakes.

Justin: [laughs]

Jacob: When you eat 'em, you get a shirt and your picture on the wall of fame. If you lose, you gotta take a picture and put it on the wall of shame as well.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Ahh.

Griffin: So either way you get a picture up on the wall.

Jacob: Yeah, it's pretty sick.

Travis: Is it a time challenge, or just like, take your time, if you can eat 'em at all, it's great.

Jacob: That's the trick. You can stay for hours and fill yourself.

Travis: Ohhh!

Justin: Ohhh!

Travis: They don't know I know this hack. Okay, go on.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Pancake restaurants hate this hack!

Jacob: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Jacob: But, my issue—

Travis: And, when you finish it, you still have to pay for it?

Jacob: No, no! Actually you get it for free. But it's like 10 dollars anyway. It's just pancakes.

Travis: Wow!

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: Wow. Okay.

Griffin: Any... Any dressings on `em? Any syr-syrups or fruit?

Travis: Butters?

Jacob: One could go nuts, but I don't... I don't... I don't like syrup or butter on `em.

Griffin: Yeah, any—

Travis: What's your preferred—

Griffin: — thing you add to that is just more—

Justin: More, yeah.

Griffin: — content that you're putting on.

Justin: So what's your question?

Jacob: My question is, so, every time I got there- I've gotten very good at this challenge. I'm on the wall of fame six times.

Travis: Woah!

Griffin: Fuck yeah, Jacob.

[audience cheers]

Justin: *My Brother, My Brother and Me*, heroes only!

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Heroes only here tonight.

Jacob: And whether that be just for the party trick of the morning, or to update, to get a more updated photo on the wall.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: Yeah.

Jacob: Um, and—

Justin: So wait, they keep swapping out? They don't add additional Jakes?

Jacob: It... No, it rotates through. My ones from freshman year are gone. But—

Justin: Awww!

Travis: You wanted to stack it, so that you could have a flipbook of you experiencing—

Jacob: Exactly.

Travis: Yeah.

Jacob: But, in my training, I've found I can now eat—

Griffin: [incredulously] Your training!?

[audience laughs]

Travis: Yeah, Griffin! You don't go into a pancake big stack challenge cold!

Justin: You don't want Jacob to eat pancakes at home?! Come on!

Travis: Clearly Jacob loves pancakes!

Justin: He does pancake challenges!

Travis: You would deny Jacob home game pancakes?!

Griffin: Okay, fine. Yes.

Justin: What if your first time you ate them was at this restaurant? Like, "What is this!?"

Travis: "Where can I find these in the wild?!"

Justin: "What's... Hey, what's... Excuse me, my crepes are fucking so thick, take 'em back!"

[audience laughs]

Travis: "These are the weirdest fucking waffles I've ever had!"

Justin: "Your toast is flat and round!"

Griffin: [laughs] So—

Justin: "My... My Doritos are stale and flavourless!"

[audience laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Sorry Jacob, what's your question?

[audience laughs]

Jacob: So... So now that I've trained to eat two big stacks, this will be accomplished. Am I good if I bring my own photo to be presumably be put above the wall of fame?

[audience laughs and cheers]

Griffin: Fuck. Yes. What's—

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Yes. I'm glad we wasted so much time during the actual question because the answer is yes, obviously.

Griffin: Obviously you have to bring your own.

Justin: What are you thinking, boudoir?

Griffin: [laughs]

Jacob: I don't—

[audience laughs]

Travis: Champion belt, I assume.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: I will say that if I had just finished two heaping helpins...

Travis: That's 10 inches by 18 inches of pancake.

Griffin: Then the last thing I'm going to want to do afterwards is a fucking photoshoot.

Justin: [laughs]

[audience laughs and cheers]

Travis: Jake—

Paul: This is tour manager, Paul. Right here I put up a slide that said this is 1,272.35 cubic inches of pancakes.

Travis: Can I say—

Justin: No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Paul. Paul, I love you. You're a dear friend. That can't be right.

Jacob: I will say, I will say: no timer. They're not watching the bathrooms. That's it.

Travis: Oh, what?

Jacob: They let you poop.

Justin: So you can poop whenever you want.

Travis: A loophole!

Justin: Okay.

Jacob: Yeah.

Travis: Jake, let me say. I just want to say, thank you for representing what I think is maybe human beings' most enduring quality.

Which is once we've accomplished something, say one big stack, we must continue to challenge ourselves.

Jacob: Yes.

Travis: Even if others do not.

Jacob: Yes.

Travis: So you've finished the big stack?

Jacob: Yes.

Travis: Six times. You went on the wall, six times. And you said, "There has to be more in life than this."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Yeah.

Jacob: Right.

Travis: I know—

Justin: You're gonna finish two stacks and weep because there are no more stacks to conquer.

Travis: But good news, Jake, I'm here to tell you, three stacks.

[audience laughs]

Justin: No, let... No, do two stacks and do send us a picture of that Jake, I've gotta see it.

Jacob: I—

Justin: Does that help?

Jacob: Uh, yes it does. The encouragement will help me join my brothers in syrup, thank you.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Yes.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: Could we call one?

[cheering continues]

Griffin: Hello.

Justin: Hello.

Andy: Hi, brothers.

Griffin: Hi.

Justin: Hi. You got—

Travis: For a second there I thought the mic wasn't working. Okay.

Andy: No.

Justin: You got this. You got this.

Question Asker: No, I... I was just scared. I'm Andy, they/them. Hello.

Griffin: Hi.

Travis: Hi Andy!

Justin: [simultaneously] Hi Andy!

Travis: Andy, you're great, and I'm glad you're here. Go on.

Justin: Yeah, you got this.

Griffin: You asked—

Justin: Relax.

Griffin: You asked, uh—

[audience cheers]

Justin: Breathe through it.

Griffin: Andy—

Travis: You're as powerful as someone who just finished two big stacks.

[audience cheers and laughs]

Griffin: I don't know that powerful is the adjective I would use to describe—

Travis: [laughs] You're as sleepy as someone—

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: — who just finished two big stacks. You're ready to hibernate through the winter.

Griffin: Andy—

Justin: Okay, Andy.

Griffin: Andy asked, "How do I enforce my workplace's 'No touching the dinosaurs' rule, while still letting people know that I'm cool and I would also like to touch the dinosaurs?"

[audience laughs and cheers]

Justin: So give me a little context here, Andy.

Travis: "I work at a dentist's office."

[audience laughs]

Andy: Yeah. Um. Yeah, just a really cool shoe store, actually.

Griffin: Yeah.

Andy: No. Uh, no, I work at a science attraction where we do have real original fossil dinosaurs displayed.

Griffin: Woah.

Andy: And they're... It's very cool, you get to be very close. It feels... You're immersed in the science. And also, the barriers are like exactly sort of at toddler forehead height, and that's kind of it.

And there are a lot of children, and you know, adults, who really, really want, you know, to touch the dinosaurs. Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: Yeah, yeah.

Andy: I mean... I mean—

Travis: I would like to touch the dinosaurs.

Justin: I too would like to touch the dinosaurs.

Andy: Yeah. I... I would like to touch the dinosaurs.

Griffin: I would like my finger grease to destroy a dinosaur bone over time.

[audience laughs]

Andy: Yeah. Yeah, and that's the—

Travis: I mean, listen. If time and Earth couldn't do it, what are my Dorito fingers gonna do that's so bad?

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah. Yeah. If they can't hang...

Travis: Yeah. Don't put 'em out if you don't want me to touch 'em.

Justin: So Andy, what's the problem?

Andy: Ugh. Um, well the... Hm. The problem is that I really, really wanna touch the dinosaur.

Griffin: All the time, for sure.

Andy: And it feels... All the time.

Justin: Hey Andy? Andy. Andy. Andy.

Andy: All the time, constantly.

Justin: Andy. Andy. Andy? Have you touched the dinosaurs in there?

[audience laughs]

Justin: Shh!

Griffin: 'Cause I noticed earlier you said, "A science attraction", and not the name of the business, because there would be a revelation you've touched the dinosaurs.

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Andy?

Travis: No, Andy!

Justin: Andy, have you touched the dinosaurs?

Travis: Not even an accidental like, "Whoa! Ho-ho! Wh-huh."

Justin: Shh! The more we talk the less Andy has to admit their crime.

[audience laughs]

[pregnant pause]

[audience laughs again]

Justin: Okay, moving on. [laughs]

Andy: [laughs]

Justin: Andy refuses to incriminate themselves. Andy takes the fifth.

Griffin: But how do you let them know it's a normal and natural impulse in life to wanna touch the dinosaurs?

Andy: Yeah.

Griffin: They're not perverted in any way...

[audience laughs]

Andy: Yeah. I... I really want to be, like supportive?

Griffin: Sure.

Andy: But firm, you know?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Andy: And as dads I was hoping you could like, help.

Travis: That... Okay, you're gonna wanna do a heavy sigh and then, "I get it."

Justin: [heavy sigh] "I get it."

[audience laughs]

Travis: That is... The number of times I have said to my five-year-old who is a carbon copy of myself when it comes to impulse control, I get it. Hey buddy? I get it.

Justin: I get it.

Travis: I also sometimes wanna see what sound a thing makes when I throw it at the wall.

[audience laughs]

Travis: I get it!

Justin: That's so on brand.

Can you... Andy, can I suggest this? Um, could you have one dinosaur bone that's, like, kind of bad?

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: And it's like—

Griffin: A burner.

Travis: Yeah, an extra one!

Justin: It's kind of like, a burner.

Travis: "We got... We got three legs, we don't need it."

Justin: "Hey listen, you wanna touch the dinosaur? I get it. Hold on, let me open my locker, I got one back there for you."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "That you can touch all you want, no big deal."

Griffin: Can you memorize the speech that Sam Neill gives at the beginning of *Jurassic Park* where he scares the boy very badly...

Travis: [laughs]

Andy: [laughs]

Griffin: ... with the velociraptor claw and just deliver that whenever a child wants to touch the bone?

Andy: [laughs]

Griffin: Or really, runs afoul of any kind of rule.

[audience laughs]

Travis: "Uh, excuse me, did you just drop that litter on the ground? Uhh...—

Griffin: "Um..."

Travis: "Let me tell you a little bit about velociraptor."

Griffin: "Well, that's not how the velociraptor gets you. Here, come here. I'm gonna scratch your tummy with this."

[audience laughs]

Justin: Andy, could you sell dinosaur bone touching gloves for 5 dollars a pop?

Griffin: Ooh.

Andy: Ooh.

Griffin: On the side.

Travis: How—

Justin: [laughs] Yeah, a little private—

Griffin: This would not be an official—

Andy: Sure, sure.

Griffin: — piece of merchandise. This would be... Yes, you would produce them from your jacket.

[audience laughs]

Travis: How strict is the security here? Could you... charge people to touch the bones when no one's looking?

[audience laughs]

Andy: Probably for a little bit.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Okay!

Andy: Maybe not a long time.

Justin: Alright.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Does that help, Andy?

Andy: It does help, thank you.

Griffin: Thank you Andy.

Travis: Thank you.

Justin: Thank you.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Okay.

Travis: And thank you.

Justin: And thank you. Make them go away, please, I'm so intimidated. Thank you, goodbye!

Travis: Yes. Make us more—

Justin: Yes.

Travis: — make them less.

Justin: Yes. Hey, you all been... outrageously fun. Thank you so much.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Yes, thank you all.

[audience cheers]

Justin: We've done so much stupid bullshit tonight, and you all have been there for all of it. And I really, really appreciate—

Travis: Even Taylor. And Taylor didn't know what was happening.

Justin: Yeah. Taylor was... Even Taylor was into it. But you all have buoyed us. You lift me up, so I can climb on mountains. So thank you.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Uh, we wanna say thank you to you. Thank you to the beautiful Orpheum Theatre.

Griffin: Mm!

Travis: Uh, it feels like we tricked our way into here, which we kinda did.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Sorry you guys didn't get to see Jim Gaffigan tonight, I know you were expecting it, so sorry.

We wanna say thank you to Paul, for helping us run the show.

[audience cheers]

Thank you to Amanda, and thank you to Rachel, for helping to run the show and doing the recordings and all of that stuff.

Thank you to our dad, Clint.

Griffin: Thank you Clint.

Justin: Clint McElroy.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Buy his book.

Travis: Thank you to our families for uh, supporting us here. And let me think... Anything else?

Griffin: Thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, "My Life Is Better With You."

[audience cheers]

Justin: Sydnee McElroy is not with us. Dr. Sydnee McElroy is not with us, but I really appreciate her just being her, I guess.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Now, we don't do a final Yahoo! anymore as you know. And it's brought a really fun energy because we get to ask you, our beloved listeners, what celebrity impression you'd love to hear Griffin McElroy attempt.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Okay, so—

Justin: On upcoming episodes you can look forward to—

[audience yelling random suggestions for impersonations]

Justin: — Nicolas Cage and Gilbert Gottfried. So um, what... What celebrity impression would you like to hear?

Travis: First... First five rows... Oh wait, hold on!

Justin: Shh, shh shh!

Travis: First five rows so it doesn't just become...

[first five rows yelling random suggestions for impersonations]

One Loud Dude: Christopher Walken!

Justin: Oh, do you have a Walken, Griff?

Griffin: A Walken?

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, I guess.

[audience laughs and cheers]

Griffin: [As Christopher Walken] "Awww..."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [As Christopher Walken] "I'll... Uhh..."

What kind of shit...

[As Christopher Walken] "I like... I like to eat a... The... I like to eat the... The spaghetti."

That sucked shit!

Justin: [laughs] My name is Justin McElroy!

Travis: [laughs] I'm Travis McElroy!

[audience cheers]

Griffin: I don't deserve to say my name.

Justin: [laughs] This has been My Brother, My Brother and Me! Kiss your dad square on the lips.

[audience cheers]

[theme song plays]

[chord]

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