

MBMBAM 624: Reince Your Priebus

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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 song, "My Life Is Better With You" by Montaigne 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: I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm the sweet one, Griffin McElroy.

Travis: Oh, yeah. So, I remember this, guys. So, right there, Justin had done a kind of different like me. And so, I was feeling a little different. I just had a sip of coffee. And I was looking at Griffin in his tank top. I remember that, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: [laughs] What?

Justin: Yeah, I'll bite.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah... Explain it.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Oh. So, we do a lot of episodes. And I was thinking about it, I mean we've done over 600 at this point. And like, I'm worried now that someone will ask us to like go back and do commentary on them. And like I don't remember it at all. Like, I couldn't tell you what we talked about last week.

So, I figured it would be more efficient to just record the commentary during the whole show.

Griffin: Yeah, Travis' intros usually like require you to stick with it pretty hard. And they're not always great. They're not always great. And sometimes, he tells us like, "Oh, I've got the intro." And you get really worried. But this one I remember thinking was like pretty fucking funny. Like, I was busting up inside.

Justin: [laughs] Inside. Not on the outside. It's very important.

Griffin: Justin started laughing for no reason whatsoever—

Justin: Sorry, Griffin. You were cracking me up talking about... [impersonates Griffin in low monotone voice] "And then other thing happened with my kids..." Sorry, you were cracking me up. I can talk over myself, it's fine. [mumbles] [laughs] Uh... So, um... [laughs]

Travis: I could tell Justin was having a really good time with it. Justin was really enjoying himself and I appreciated that.

Justin: This intro seems like a pretty good way to send people's brains straight to hell, right? 'Cause I'm barely hanging in there.

Griffin: Now, what did you think, Travis? What did you think of Justin when he kind of like... you could tell he didn't actually understand what the bit was, but he was like trying.

Travis: Yeah, I could tell that. But I mean, he was having fun.

Griffin: And then there was complete silence for like 20 seconds.

Travis: Oh, yeah. I remember during this commentary that Griffin and I were talking about Justin not understanding the bit.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: And like... it just was clear that Justin wasn't fully—

Justin: [in old man voice] I don't remember Travis' commentary about our commentary—

Griffin: He started talking like a grandpa. Do you remember when he started talking like a grandpa?

Travis: I don't remember that. When did that happen?

Griffin: Further evidencing the fact that he did not understand the bit, 'cause he started being like an old man.

Justin: [through laughter] No, I'm doing the bit. I'm in the future, doing commentary on it. I get it, it's just not very funny.

Travis: No, he was really over complicating it, if I remember correctly.

Griffin: He was trying really hard. That's why we love Justin, is 'cause he tries his damndest every time.

Travis: He tries so hard. He has a good heart.

Griffin: He has a great heart and a wonderful beard.

Travis: Yeah. He quit the show right after this, if I remember correctly.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: This it, guys. I'm quitting the show!

Travis: Yeah, yeah, I knew it.

Griffin: Yeah, there it was, Travis. You got it.

Justin: I'm out!

Griffin: You got it right there.

Justin: This is fuckin' stupid. You guys aren't even talking. We've just been sitting in silence. Just me. Solo mish.

Travis: And it turned out he was really mad because his Beanie Baby collection wasn't worth what he thought it was. And like, it was really eating at him. But then, luckily, the market for Beanie Babies, if I remember, a couple days later, really took off.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I think it's so fucking tragic that I put in the effort, day in day out, with my Beanie Babies. Getting all my babies together. Keeping them clean, keeping them fresh, keeping them deodorized. That's a full-time job! I got cats that love to hunt Beanie Babies. And I just simply do not have the time or bandwidth—

Griffin: When he got in to making sort of like cat slash Beanie Baby pornography...

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And he talked about it on the show a lot.

Travis: And he acted like it wasn't his choice.

Griffin: He like explicitly talked about—

Justin: ... First generation Dutchess bear. Which is, as you know, a limited edition from when Princess Diana died. And this is the Beanie Baby about it. They're extremely valuable.

Griffin: He really spiraled after this point. 'Cause any time he thinks about Princess Diana, he just starts to get like uncontrollably—

Travis: Well, it's the conspiracy theory talk for me. That's when it gets weird.

Griffin: Yeah, sure. And this is when he outlined the conspiracy theory about Princess Diana. He outlined it in great detail, right now.

Travis: And Seth Rogen was a part of it?

Griffin: Don't talk over him talking about the conspiracy.

Justin: Okay, so, it wasn't a tunnel. This is what everybody misses. It wasn't a tunnel, it was a cave. And it's like, why is there a cave there? Okay...

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Thanks Reince Priebus. [through laughter] Thanks for building a cave there, Reince Priebus. I mean, yeah. Priebus is in it, all the way to the top. [laughs]

Griffin: I did believe the bit about Priebus.

Travis: Yeah, of course. Well, it's a convincing name.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Definitely not just a joke name that Justin pulled from his brain.

Justin: I really miss the days where we could talk a lot about Reince Priebus. [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah...

Travis: Is that his first name? Is that his first name? You keep saying a name...

Griffin: Rinse... I think Justin's not entirely sure and he just kind of takes a run at it every time.

Justin: Reince Priebus...

Griffin: It sounds like what the parent of a toddler would say during bath time. Like, hey, "Rinse your Priebus."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: And I remember Griffin said this thing about rinsing your Priebus, and it cracked me up really good.

Griffin: "You're old enough now. You can rinse your own Priebus, you're old enough now."

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "No one's gonna rinse your Priebus for you once you get to kindergarten."

Travis: "Hey, leave your Priebus alone while you're at school. Right? It's just, we've gotta be gentle with our Priebuses."

Justin: So, nobody's gonna talk. None of you are gonna talk... Well, that's just great. I guess we don't have much of a podcast today, 'cause it's just me flying solo. Unless my brothers would please, just to help me out a little bit. A few jokes. One or two jokes, that's it. Don't make me carry the whole thing on my shoulders.

Travis: Sorry, Justin. I'll jump back in.

Justin: Thank you, Travis.

Travis: Sorry, I was just so distracted looking at the news today.

Griffin: Uh-oh...

Travis: Now, just in general. It's just mostly local stuff. Back to school...

Griffin: Yeah, school's abuzz. And gas prices have changed.

Justin: That's absolutely true.

Griffin: Should we do questions?

Justin: Yes. I remember that we have a list of them here. And I would be happy... Whoa... Guys, I just went to look at the email list. And I wanna tell you, I got a very real email from Dick's Sporting... and there's an ellipses... Goods. Dick's Sporting... Goods?

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: And the subject is, "You've been chosen."

Travis: [gasp]

Griffin: Whoa... Juice!

Justin: And that feels so good.

Griffin: You're an athlete now.

Travis: "Hey, we know you've been putting in the sweat equity on the courts. You're in."

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: It says, "Your name came up for a YETI Hopper M20 Cooler custom gift."

Griffin: Fuck yes!

Justin: Whoa. It says it's the newest model yet.

Travis: Whoa.

Justin: "Hurry up, the number of prizes to be won is limited. Confirm now."

Griffin: Do we need to delay this recording?

Justin: Whoa, I can join their loyalty program for free?

Griffin: Oh my god, Juice. You would be an idiot to not do this.

Travis: Yeah, no. Stop the podcast.

Justin: Oh my god. At the bottom it says, "If you no longer wish to receive these emails, you may unsubscribe by clicking here. Or writing to..." And then there's an address in Las Vegas. Can you imagine a world where like, "I'm tired of these spam emails! Someone get my pen. And stamps. And an envelope and paper."

Travis: "Fetch me my quill!"

Justin: "I'll tell these people exactly what I think of them."

Travis: [in Victorian British accent] "Dearest Dick's Sporting Goods. I have appreciated your info for the last several years. But now, I find it tedious. And so, I must unsubscribe. Sincerely, Justin McElroy Esquire. P.S. I would like that tumbler, please."

Justin: I get this spam email every week, guys. I searched for YETI and there's 30 emails about a fake Dick's Sporting Goods telling me about this YETI Cooler that I've got to come get.

Travis: They want you to get this cooler.

Griffin: You've been chosen, Justin.

Justin: I've been chosen.

Griffin: They can't just pick someone else.

Travis: Would you guys say this is our best episode of My Brother, My Brother and Me yet? Or just top 10?

Griffin: I would say it's probably like number six for me.

Justin: I was actually thinking before we started like—

Travis: Oh, yeah?

Justin: ... What if this was the best one ever?

Travis: Oh, wow.

Justin: There's still time.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: "My mother-in-law has repeatedly and seriously expressed interest in buying my car when I'm ready to buy a new one. Which I'd typically be more than happy to do. The problem is, a long-forgotten lunch box in my trunk has created a bit of a... 'stink' problem." They have stink in quotes.

Griffin: Oh, no...

Justin: Like, I bet it's just a stink problem.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "I've removed the lunch box, but a light funk lingers. And I'm not confident in my ability to un-stink this thing. How do I convince my mother-in-law she really doesn't want my otherwise great car without having to explain to her the embarrassing reason why?" That's from What's That Smell in Wisconsin. This is what I'm talking about.

Griffin: And this is one of those things that I feel like... and I don't watch the television program, but I've just kind of like absorbed through osmosis, that there has been somebody on Shark Tank who's been like, "My special car destinkifying gel, you rub it in..." And then four of the people are like, "I'm out. It's bad business." But then usually Mark Cuban's like, "I wanna be your best friend on this."

Travis: "I got a stinky trunk. I love it."

Griffin: "These guys have never driven a car a day in their—they've never had to computer with their lunch box in the back. I know the struggles of the real humans. Of which I am one, Mark Cuban."

Justin: [laughs] "Just like you."

Griffin: And so, this gel exists somewhere. And you can apply it to the fabric, and it will make the smell go away. I can't tell you where it is.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: But I can tell you that your search for it would not be in vain.

Travis: Now, I have to say. If there's one thing you take away from 624 episodes of My Brother, My Brother and Me, and we've talked about this so many times. This is why you don't put your lunch box in the trunk, right? We talk about this at least once a week. You gotta keep your lunch box—at best, I strap it in. Buckle it in the passenger's seat. Now, if someone's taking up the passenger's seat, well, then it's gonna go on the center console. Or I strap it into one of the kids' car seats. This is the number one stink problem

causing issue in America today. Don't put your lunchbox in the trunk. There it is.

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Justin: We moved so fast past Mark Cuban, I didn't get to say my great thing about Mark Cuban.

Travis: Oh, please do.

Griffin: Go ahead, Juice.

Justin: Do you know what Mark Cuban's first job was? [laughs] He sold trash bags, door-to-door. That's nothing, Mark. That's what he says his first job was. Selling trash bags door-to-door. That's made up. [laughs]

Griffin: That's not a real job.

Justin: Imagine a four-year-old Mark Cuban bangs on your door and he's like, "'Ey! 'Ey, 'ey! You need trash bags? I'm your guy."

Travis: This isn't a question I think anyone should have to ask the door-to-door salesman, but I think I would. Like, "They're new, right? Like, they haven't been used, right? These aren't like—"

Justin: "'Ey! They're trash bags. They're convenient, they're here. What does it matter?"

Travis: "Aah... Mark, I don't know about this."

Griffin: Christ alive. Okay, I did just Google Shark Tank car stink.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I Googled Shark Tank car stink.

Justin: Oh, the FBI is at Griffin's door. [through laughter] They've come to reclaim his computer.

Griffin: There was a product called Pure Ayr, with a Y. That was one season 2, episode 203. That was listed as, "It can make the car stink go away." But it was also the world's only safe and natural product on the market. And the gentleman who was pitching the product—

Justin: Wait, end of sentence? It's the world's only safe and natural product on the market?

Griffin: It's world's only safe air freshener on the market.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: And he demonstrated this by spraying it in his mouth. You have debased yourself. He left without an investment, unsurprisingly. No clown man can walk in front of those hungry beasts and be like, "This is my stink-go-away spray. I put it in my mouth before the hotdogs make a bad smell." Like, no one's gonna give you money for that, sir.

Travis: Maybe some baking soda? Put some baking soda?

Justin: Nah. No, no, no, no.

Travis: It works on the refrigerator?

Justin: You just get an air freshener.

Griffin: Okay?

Travis: Well, but they point out... Okay, in the email, in a P.S., they point out like even if we did a really good job cleaning it, what if like in the heat, you know, you turn on the heat in the winter...

Griffin: It evaporates.

Travis: Boom. There's like a lingering smell.

Griffin: And it just... it's been waiting. It's like a sarcophagus and it just like cracks. The seal cracks and all the mummy stink comes out of the...

Travis: Could you like sell it to her and say like, "Oh, fair warning. Someone left their lunchbox in there at some point and it went bad. I wouldn't do that. I'm a responsible adult, of course. But someone."

Justin: But somebody. I'd blame my kids. You could just blame my kids.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "Justin's kids were in there and they left a bunch of fuckin' nuggets all over."

Travis: Justin's kids!

Griffin: [laughs] "Justin's kids were in your trunk. They were playing a hiding game."

Justin: [through laughter] Like on that one episode of Punky Brewster.

Griffin: [laughs] You could also just knock like \$100 off the price, you know?

Travis: "Hey, mom-in-law. I don't usually do this. You seem like a real nice lady, and this is a real stinky trunk. So, I'm gonna take—"

Griffin: "This trunk smells like absolute nuggets."

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "You are going to need to deal with this. And let me facilitate that."

Travis: "Now, do you need the coating on the undercarriage? 'Cause that's gonna raise that price right back up."

Justin: Oh, oh, oh! You put your key in your trunk. Snap it clean off.
[laughs]

Travis: Ah, okay.

Griffin: Okay...

Justin: "One thing you gotta know about this car, this is a problem, you can't open the trunk."

Travis: "The trunk is for ballast only, purely decorative."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah... Fuck me, I'm watching a video of this man spraying it in his mouth and it's like...

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: It makes me bummed out.

Justin: We've lost Griffin.

Travis: You think that would be a selling point. But if someone did that in front of me with a cleaning product, I'd be like, "So, it doesn't work."

Griffin: "So, it's not real."

Travis: Just say like, "It doesn't work. This is water."

Griffin: Hey, to continue the as seen on TV trend, you could just get some Flex Seal spray and spray it all over the trunk.

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: And it will trap the stink particles.

Justin: I love that. Like lamination. You're just laminating it into the trunk.

Griffin: Laminate the inside of the car, yeah. Okay, so, I have a wizard for us.

Justin: Okay, great.

Griffin: His name is s—

Travis: Were you about to say Squidward? Or did I just... Okay.

Griffin: Malphobeansis...

Travis: Oh, I know him! I went to collage with him.

Griffin: The wizard of the cloud referred me to him and it is—

Travis: He ate pennies on dares. It was the weirdest thing.

Griffin: Yeah, that's where he got his powers.

Travis: Yeah. And then one day, he had a really bad bathroom and he had to make a change.

Griffin: Yeah. So, Deli sent this one in. And this one—

Travis: 'Cause he ate pennies. Change.

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah...

Justin: Yeah...

Griffin: This one really affected me on like a deep and nostalgic level. And I'm really excited to take us back. This is how to relive the 2010s.

Travis: Oh, thank god.

Justin: Aagh!

Griffin: The 2010s were known for a lot of important events. The rise of social media, Brexit, heated politics, LGBTQ+ activism and unique fashion defined the years from 2010 to 2019. And those 10 years are where we contained and sort of like fulfilled all of those different topics.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Right. 'Cause those all got started and wrapped up now.

Travis: And solved.

Griffin: All solved. Better, fixed 'em. So, this article will show you a couple ways to relive the 2010s.

Travis: You just described, besides the LGBTQ+ activism... which, nice... There wasn't a lot of great stuff in there. Why would I wanna relive the 2010s?

Justin: Yeah, it doesn't sound like a choice period.

Griffin: The early 2010s were kind of fun, right? Like, 2010, 2011? Like, we were having some fun with it?

Travis: Yeah. And you know what will be a good indicator to this? I'm gonna look up like the top grossing movie from '10, '11, and '12.

Griffin: Well, honey, we'll get to that in this article.

Travis: Oh! Okay.

Griffin: So, why don't you not do that. And ride with me. Why don't you just ride with me?

Justin: Ride with him.

Griffin: You're grabbing the steering wheel right now and you're trying to jerk it away from the wizard's hands. And when you do that, he puts a bug spell on you.

Travis: Well, but the wizard's doing that thing where he pretends to close his eyes and he's like, "I don't know... huh..." And I frickin' don't like it.

Griffin: But he doesn't need his eyes to see, Travis. He's a wizard. He's gonna do a bug spell on you, you're gonna turn into a big bug.

Travis: Oh, like metamorphosis?

Griffin: Like... Yeah, exactly like him. So, "Dressing like someone from the 2010s. Wear a combination of athletic and formal clothing. In the late 20th century, people began wearing leisure clothing—"

Travis: My lord.

Griffin: "... like T-shirts, jeans and shorts."

Travis: This is not the late... okay.

Justin: That kicked off? You know what? It's weird, it feels like we've had shorts much longer, doesn't it? You forget!

Griffin: Yeah, "In the 2010s, people did this too." [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Is that what it says?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Wow.

Griffin: "2010s fashion is a bit different from 2000s fashion because it is called athleisure. It is a combination of leisure clothing and fancy accessories."

Justin: "That's where we get the name." [laughs]

Griffin: "That's where we got it." Hey, how about, "Wear festival fashion. Festival fashion was revived in the 2010s when people like Vanessa Hudgens wore flower crowns and boho inspired clothing, were accessories the hippies wore in the 1960s."

Travis: Oh, lord... Oh lord...

Griffin: I think we can do all these. Get some hoop earrings and just... head to the Coachella in your mind. "Wear millennial pink. Millennial pink was a trend starting from 2016, when celebrities wore varying shades of muted pinked. The pink ranged from salmon pink to rose quartz, and other shades of pink. Wear clothing that is muted pink."

Travis: People weren't wearing pink before 2016? I didn't know that.

Justin: Forget 'Lady Bird' Johnson. No, no. It started in 2016.

Griffin: Also, speaking of 'Lady Bird' Johnson, "Put on large sneakers."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "Large, chunky sneakers, made by brands such as Balenciaga, were a trend in the 2010s."

Justin: Ooh...

Travis: Not now.

Griffin: Not now or before. Reading this is just making me realize, in the 2010s people were like, "It's so shitty out there right now. Can we just wear, and act, and be and live like it is other time periods, all kind of at this nexus."

Justin: Next together.

Griffin: Moosh it. Moosh it. I want my Balenciaga festival fashion, like Vanessa wears. "Wear skinny jeans!" Okay... Viewing media from the 2010s.

Travis: Okay, here we go.

Griffin: And this is what really fucking takes me back. "Listen to songs from the early 2010s. The early 2010s were the start of modern pop songs."

Travis: What?

Griffin: What?!

Travis: What?!

Griffin: "The start of modern pop songs was the early 2010s. Pop, hip-hop and dance songs were the most popular in the 2010s. If you were a teen or a young adult in the years 2010 to 2014, you probably listened to these trendy songs. Plenty of these songs were popular with teens in the 2010s. Many 2010 songs were about empowerment and courage."

Travis: Get to the damn songs! You just said the same sentence eight times.

Griffin: *Just the Way You Are*, Bruno Mars.

Travis: Ah, so empowering.

Griffin: July 2010, *Teenage Dream*, Katy Perry. July 2010, *Rolling in the Deep*, Adele. Hey, 2010 was a pretty good year, musically.

Travis: I don't know. *Teenage Dream* creeps me out.

Griffin: 2011, we got *Born This Way*, we got, *Super Bass*.

Justin: Aah! Don't get me started.

Griffin: *Super Bass*, an 11-year-old song. *Gangnam Style*, we've been doing for, as of last month, one decade.

Travis: Yeah! That song rules.

Griffin: Yeah! *Roar*, by Katy Perry. *Wrecking Ball*, *Happy*, all dropped in 2013.

Travis: Hey, here's what's wild. Can I tell you something? Two of those, *Roar* and *Wrecking Ball*, constitute I would say two of Bebe's top five favorite songs on Earth.

Griffin: She is in an old soul.

Justin: Sydney was in Africa when *Gangnam Style* happened. And so, I got this great delight of like... She comes off the plane and she goes to hug me. And I'm like, "Wait! No!"

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: And I just hold up my phone in front of her like, "Watch this! This is everywhere. We're all obsessed."

Griffin: And then, next step, listen to songs from the late 2010s. And folks, these are gonna take you right back.

Travis: To three years ago.

Griffin: I'm talking about *Baby Shark* by Pinkfong.

Justin: Aah!

Griffin: Ever heard of a little golden oldie called *Despacito*?

Travis: Oh, okay.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Do you know that one? Do you know *Bad Guy* by Billie Eilish?

Travis: I'm gonna have to dust off these albums.

Justin: I actually don't know *Despacito*. And at this point, I'm too afraid to tell people.

Griffin: You don't know *Despacito*? [sings] *Despacito*.

Justin: No. I just heard *Bad Guy* for the first time in the Sam Rockwell animated picture, *Bad Guys*.

Griffin: Great flick, by the way. A lot of fun, that flick. I had a great time.

Justin: Yeah, that was the place I heard the song *Bad Guy* by Billie Eilish.

Griffin: That's pretty wild.

Justin: I searched it out before the end. And then I heard it and I was like, this is pretty good. I get it.

Griffin: Hey, let's talk about some nostalgic 2010s kids cartoons. If you're a member of Generation Z, which I—

Travis: Am I? I'm not, right?

Griffin: "People born from 1997 to 2012." So, I'm like a rising Gen Z.

Travis: Yeah, you're on that 10-year bubble.

Griffin: Like, I'm so close. I'm so close to '97. I'm on the bubble of it. "Specifically younger Gen Z members, 2006 to 2012." Okay, that is significantly younger than I am. "You can watch these childhood cartoons to experience your 2010s childhood again." Now, hold on a second. I have umbrage with the very first one on here. It's *Arthur*. What? I claim *Arthur*.

Travis: *Arthur's* been running for 73 years.

Justin: Yeah, *Arthur's* wild. It's so old. Yeah, it's extremely old.

Griffin: *Arthur's* been running from 1996 until still, now. God, *Arthur*, they are squeezing so much... They have wrung that sweet ant eater family dry, huh?

Travis: That episode where they wrung them dry is one of my favorites actually. It really hits.

Griffin: It's a weird one. So, we got *Adventure Time*, *Jake and the Neverland Pirates*, *Amazing World of Gumball*, *Wild Kratts*, *Gravity Falls*, *Steven Universe*. A lot of really like retro shit is on here.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: *We Bare Bears, The Loud House, The Magic School Bus Rides Again.*

Travis: Really old school, man.

Griffin: And then like, we can go back with some 2010s kids' movies. Like you know, *Frozen* or *Moana*, or *Coco*. Or *Toy Story 4*, which is three years old. Hop in the time whip, and let's go watch *Toy Story 4*, and remember a simpler time.

Justin: Ah, the old days.

Travis: Once again, *Toy Story 4* was like the fourth movie I took Bebe to see in theatres. Not the best way to introduce a child to the *Toy Story* franchise.

Justin: Now it's kind of wrapping it up there at the end, hey?

Travis: Yeah, not that one that's mostly about retirement. [laughs]

Griffin: I got a fun game that I bet you Justin is going to absolutely crush, 'cause the next one is take out your 2010s toys. I'm going to read a few of them, but I'm gonna add a fake one in there. And we will see if you can pick out which one is the fake one.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: ZhuZhu Pets.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Zoobles. Don't laugh. 'Cause this is someone's childhood. ZhuZhu Pets.

Justin: [sneaky snort laugh]

Griffin: Zoobles. Squinkies. Scramblers. Shopkins. Hatchimals. Squishmallows.

Travis: I only know the last three are real. I have no idea about the first four.

Justin: Yeah, I don't know the other ones. The last three I knew, but I don't know the other ones.

Griffin: ZhuZhu Pets. Zoobles. Squinkies. Scramblers. Shopkins.

Travis: I think Squinkies is fake.

Justin: I would say Scramblers is fake, if we're guessing.

Griffin: Scramblers is fake. Well done, Justin.

Travis: Fuck, man. Squinkies?

Griffin: I knew of everyone, it would be you. Man... "Really hang up the trappings of modern life, as you play videogames from the 2010s."

Travis: Oh, boy....

Griffin: I'm talking about *Destiny*. I'm talking about *Fortnite*. I'm talking about *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* and *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*. I'm talking about [in old-man voice] *Minecraft*. "Back in my day..."

I played *Minecraft* this morning, with my son. "And use 2010s videogame consoles when you do it." Of course, I'm talking about Play Station 4, Xbox 1, Nintendo Switch. You gotta emulate it on your computers... I'm gonna end the media part of this now. But I am gonna jump to, "Use 2010 slang."

Travis: Hell yeah.

Griffin: "Each decade has its special phases and slang. The 2010s was no different." And this will be, I think for a lot of us, sort of an Oscar ceremony in memoriam. As we realize that we need to raise these terms up into the rafters. Where they will stay to bring us great shame for the rest of our days. Humble brag, is one of them. And on fire, amazing or awesome.

Justin: That's my jam! Like, come on. You guys can't have that one.

Travis: Yeah, I don't think that's...

Griffin: Yeet.

Travis: I'm fine with that one going away.

Justin: Yeet.

Travis: Although, I will say. If it sticks around long enough, it's gonna become a crosswords answer. And I think would be really useful because of that double E.

Griffin: That would be... yeah.

Justin: I do get a kick out of my kid using it in common place ways.

Griffin: It's good, yes.

Justin: Like, she asked me to give her towel. And I threw one to her, and it landed on the floor. And she said, "Christ, you just yeeted it right over here." [laughs]

Griffin: It's a good word.

Travis: Yeah. I've heard Henry use it. Unironically, I love when Henry does it.

Griffin: Henry uses it a great deal.

Travis: Henry will like pick up a toy and say like, "I'm gonna yeet this over there." [laughs] I love it.

Griffin: And then there's 2010's trends. Which, I mean... What's wild is that Harlem Shake is on here. Which does feel like it is about 60 years old.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: But then also, flossing.

Travis: That's eternal.

Griffin: I feel like people are still learning how to floss. So like, I'm not ready to hang that one up.

Justin: Yeah, until everyone knows how to do it, it's not fair to like retire it.

Travis: I feel like some of these are like... Like when someone says... it's like somebody said... "Did you know, we're actually closer to the time when people started doing the Harlem Shake, than we are to the birth of Cleopatra?" And you're like, "What? No way! Get the fuck out."

Griffin: "Wow, no way!" But then you look it up and it's like... it's right.

Travis: Wow.

Griffin: 'Cause she was born in 1971.

Travis: Yeah. A different Cleopatra.

Griffin: Listen, it's a complicated time for us. And I like to go back to when things were streamlined, simple, black and white. You knew when you woke up in the morning exactly what you were in for, for the day.

Travis: Yeah. I mean, also in 2010, I was 25 years old. And now, I'm 38. And it's worse. It's worse now.

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah, sure.

Travis: You know? Like, if I could go back in time to 2010, to be 25, I would do it. You know?

Griffin: Yeah. And one of my favorite trends was waking up in the morning and being able to get out of bed within like a minute of waking up.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, right, right, right? I remember when it wasn't... Like, it'd hit two o'clock and I didn't have to diagnose everything I'd done for the first like eight hours of the day, to see if that's why I felt like shit. You know what I mean? I remember that.

Griffin: That was my favorite trend.

Justin: Yeah, like go through the laundry list of body experiences you've had, to see what ruined you.

Travis: "Was it 'cause I had cereal instead of like real food? Like, what's wrong with me?"

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "Was it too much coffee? Not enough coffee? Why do I feel like shit?"

Justin: Another question or a break? Where are we at?

Griffin: Let's go on a break, let's take a quick one.

Travis: We've worked so hard.

Justin: All right, let's take a quick break. We've earned it.

[theme music plays]

Travis: Hey, Justin?

Justin: Ble-ble-ble-ble—

Travis: What are you talking about? I don't understand you.

Justin: Ble-blu-blu-blu—

Travis: You know... yeah. Thousands of years ago, humans built the tower too tall. Too tall.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: God didn't like it.

Justin: They did it too tall.

Travis: God didn't like it. But now, guess what?

Griffin: We popped up through the clouds on our very tall tower. And God was like, "What are you guys doing up here? Like, you shouldn't be up here."

Travis: "Whoa, Jack. Get off that beanstalk. Get the fuck out of here, dude."

Justin: This is actually what happened...

Travis: Okay, yeah. Go on?

Justin: Listen. We all built a big tower.

Travis: Sure.

Justin: God was like, [through laughter] "Don't do that, please."

Griffin: "Don't do that, guys."

Justin: "That's too tall. I'm up here. Like, you're getting in to my personal space. Please don't build the tower too high. You know what? I don't want y'all to ever work together again. I'm gonna tell everybody to speak different languages. Now you can't communicate. Everybody go away."

Travis: Makes complete sense.

Justin: Babel is an app and software platform and service that stands in defiance of the Christian God!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And that was when I knew we would have to do a refund on this ad.
[laughs]

Justin: They call it Babel 'cause it was the tower of Babel that God did... to the different languages. And now Babel stands in defiance of the Christian God, giving you these precious gems that our lord and savior, Jesus, keeps from us to keep us fighting.

Travis: You know... Is it possible, Justin, that God got frustrated with the big, tall tower. And he was like, "All speak different language!" And then like a couple of years later he was like, "Ah... I regret that. I acted... I was angry. I hadn't had my coffee."

Justin: No. Babel stands in defiance of the Christian God by teaching you the language that you need. In just 10 minutes, you can complete a lesson and thwart the omnipotent beings' designs. And you can start having real life conversation in a new language in as little as three weeks.

Other language learning apps use AI for their lesson plans. But Babbel lessons were created by over 150 language experts, who have damned themselves to eternal hell.

Travis: Other language apps fear God. [laughs] But not Babbel.

Justin: Other language apps fear God. Babbel stands in defiance.

Travis: Babbel laughs in the face of eternal damnation.

Justin: Why do some people skip ads? Right now, save up to 60% off your subscription when you go to babel.com/mybrother. That's babel.com/mybrother for up to 60% off your subscription. Babbel, language for life.

Hey, listen. This is the new bar, okay? 2022, I'm sorry, advertisers, we're getting weirder. And you can start backing down, you can call our bluff if you want to. But I'm going to get aggressively weird in this year. This fall.

Travis: I'm gonna go further and say the new bar is, we're only gonna accept advertising from companies that spit in the eye of God. Like, unless you act in defiance—and it doesn't have to be a Christian god. Whatever you wanna do. As long as it challenges some kind of all-powerful being.

Justin: No. Christian God did the Tower Babel stunt.

Travis: Gotta be Christian God? Okay.

Justin: Other gods may be fine with it, I don't know.

Travis: Might be too.

Griffin: No one knows.

Travis: Maybe there were other gods who were like, "Man. Cool tower, dudes. Guys, I love that tower."

Justin: "Hey. Hey, dudes? Can I come kick it at your tower?"

Travis: "And here comes God, like an angry five-year-old, knocking over my blocks."

Justin: "Now, you hola and you say hello."
"Ah, dang. Thanks, God, for nothing."

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Anyway... What else we got going on? Somebody else do this next one. Just get like raunch. [laughs]

Griffin: Okay...

Travis: Yeah. Hey, I wanna talk about Stitch Fix. You know how God said like, you all have to be naked now?

Justin: No, no, no. You need your own thing.

Travis: Well, God said you had to be naked.

Justin: No, no, no. Yours is good, actually. Go ahead.

Travis: We all ate the apple. And God was like, "Well, now nudity's bad and you fear nudity, and you're aware of how nude you are." And Stitch Fix said, "Fuck that. Here's some cool clothes, my dudes." And so, now we can put on clothes in defiance of God, not be afraid of our nudity anymore. And in fact, be proud. Proud of the clothes that we cover our human forms with. Take that, God.

Griffin: All right...

Travis: So, whatever your style, now more than ever, it's time to rock it. First, take a few minutes to set up your Stitch Fix style profile. Answer a few questions. Smile at your defiance. And what you don't wanna wear, they won't give you. It's great.

Griffin: Can I tell you what I like about Stitch Fix?

Travis: Sure.

Griffin: I just did this today.

Travis: Yeah?

Griffin: Is Stitch Fix has introduced me to like, brands of clothing that look good on my body.

Travis: Mm-hmm?

Justin: Oh, yeah?

Griffin: And so, I still do the Stitch Fix. But when I need to like re-up my T-shirt collection, then I have this like catalogue of clothing brands that I know that I like and look good in. That's a valuable service they provide.

Justin: Most of my clothes are Stitch Fix.

Travis: Yeah, 100%.

Justin: You know it at this point, come on.

Travis: So, check it out. Stitch Fix will send you five pieces to try on at home. You keep what you love, you send back what you don't. Shipping, returns and exchanges are easy and free.

Sign up today at stitchfix.com/mybrother, all one word, to get \$20 off your first purchase. That's stitchfix.com/mybrother to get \$20 off your first purchase. This is a limited time offer. Purchase within two days of signup.

[Triple Click theme music plays]

Maddy: It could happen to you. You're all grown up now. A professional adult with diverse interests and hobbies. And one of those hobbies is video games.

Jason: You just can't help it. They're so good now.

Kirk: If that's you, we're here to tell you, you are completely normal.

Maddy: I'm Maddy Myers.

Jason: I'm Jason Schreier.

Kirk: And I'm Kirk Hamilton. And together, we form Triple Click. A podcast about videogames.

Maddy: If you think you might be a person who likes video games, we hope you'll give Triple Click a listen.

Kirk: Triple Click. New episodes every Thursday on Maximum Fun.

[Triple Click theme music concludes]

Speaker 1: Hey, kid. Your dad tell you about the time he broke Steven Dorff's nose at the Kid's Choice Awards?

[crowd laughs]

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

Speaker 2: When I was a kid, I had to spend my Christmas Break filming a PSA about angel dust. So yeah, being a kid sucks sometimes.

[crowd laughs]

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

Speaker 3: You know, the show you like. That hobo with a scarf who lives in a magic dumpster?

[crowd laughs]

Speaker 4: Doctor Who?

Speaker 3: Yeah!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "My roommate went to cut off a slice of their baguette as a snack, and found out their baguette had gone stale."

Travis: Oh, man. The worst.

Justin: "After wielding it like a sword for a hot second..." You must. "... They next thing they wanted to do is see what happened if they threw the baguette against a tree in their backyard. To see if it would explode or make a cool noise or something." I get it. "They went outside and successfully threw the baguette against the tree, but unfortunately it bounced off the tree, over our fence and in to the neighbor's yard."

Travis: I'm really glad that you included 'successfully' in there. 'Cause my assumption would have been you missed the tree. But I like that you were like, listen, they hit the tree.

Justin: No question.

Griffin: "And the noise was amazing."

Justin: "Brothers, do we have to go retrieve this baguette? And if so, how do we do this without ruining our relationship with our neighbor? For context, he's a very scary old man, who already doesn't like us very much. And we're worried he might've seen the baguette tossed." That's from *Breaking Bread and Entering*, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Griffin: Oh, wait. We have another question. Can I read the next question?

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: It says, "Dear brothers, I am an old man. And a lot of people think that I have a scary demeanor. But really, the way I react to people is based entirely off of their actions toward me and my property. Anyway, our neighbors—"

Justin: [through laughter] "For example, if someone were to, say, throw a baguette into my backyard..."

Griffin: "My sick wife woke up to the sound of a loud thunk, and she got scared. And so, I went outside—"

Travis: "She's been dealing with a severe bout of gluten intolerance. So, you can imagine my frustration."

Griffin: "My neighbors, who are bad people because of the food issues that they bring to the world, they did throw a bread at a tree. And I don't know how to—"

Travis: "And listen, he hit the tree successfully. Don't get it twisted."

Justin: "And the sound was..."

Griffin: "And I will say this, the sound was wonderful."

Justin: Okay, you guys think of more jokes. I'm gonna take everybody to the dad zone for a second. 'Cause I have been a dad the longest.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: Don't do this with a baguette. A stale baguette? That's beautiful.

Griffin: There's a lot you can do.

Justin: I like more things made from stale bread, than I do things made from fresh bread.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Here's what you should do next time. Cut it in to cubes, melt some butter, mix it up with some seasoning salt, some different spices. You toast that. Oh! That's a crouton, baby.

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Justin: You know what? Maybe on top of a nice French onion soup.

Travis: Oh yeah, baby!

Justin: Ooh...

Griffin: Ooh...

Justin: Ooh... Really good bread crumbs? Have you heard of these things? They go on lots of great stuff. Bread crumbs. Grind it up.

Travis: This is—

Griffin: Bread crumbs, grind it up. That's the—

Justin: Anyway, don't waste stale bread. There's lots of great stuff to do with stale bread.

Travis: Okay, now back to jokes.

Justin: French toast? Oh. French toast made with stale bread is the best.

Travis: Have I ever told you guys about the best French toast on Earth? Use just use panettone, the Christmas cake.

Justin: Oh my god, that's good!

Travis: Oh, fuck yeah. It's amazing.

Justin: God, it's good. That says holiday to me, right there.

Travis: It's so good, dude.

Justin: That's taking me to a brunch with my family. And who's that? All my favorite celebrities, they're here too.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Whoa.

Justin: This is a beautiful brunch.

Travis: "Michael Keaton?"

"Yeah, I made this for you."

"Whoa!"

Now, here's the thing. Listen, I'm not always the best at reading these. And so, you guys tell me if I'm reading the situation wrong. But I look at this as either... Either this old neighbor saw the bread throw and knows you're responsible for it. Right?

Griffin: Uh-huh.

Travis: Or, they don't. And if they already know you're responsible for it, what are you gonna do? Go over and say, "Hey, we need our old bread back." Right? Like... And if they don't—

Griffin: I mean... you're—

Travis: If they don't know you're responsible for it, why out yourself?

Griffin: I don't know that your neighbor is going to need the fuckin' CSI ballistics team to come out and track the origin of this baguette.

Justin: [laughs] "There's one dumb shit that lives next to me. I have a baguette in my backyard. They've solved the crime."

Travis: No, no, no. I would say between those two things there are wavy equal signs of like, I'm pretty sure, right? But, oh the difference... oh, the difference between the wavy equal sign and the solid equal sign, my friend. "I'm pretty sure that baguette came over from there." Versus, "Hey, my actions resulted in that baguette coming over there, no question."

Justin: [whispers] Guys.

Travis: What?

Justin: I have a great idea. This is really actually really good. Get three baguettes.

Travis: Okay?

Griffin: Oh, wow.

Justin: And put 'em in your back yard. And then go over and knock on your neighbor's door. And then just be like, "You see this? What is happening in this neighborhood?"

Griffin: "What's going on?"

Justin: "What is... Did they get you too?" It's a bonding thing now.

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And then you're like, "Oh, they got you too? I'm sorry. What has happened to this neighborhood where kids are just throwing baguettes into people's yards?"

Travis: Now, Justin, I thought you were gonna say get three—

Justin: "This is how we get ants!" If you talk about getting ants, that's gonna get old people *fired up*.

Griffin: They hate those little guys.

Travis: Yeah, yeah. Get three other baguettes, like Justin said. Carry 'em with you over there and say, "Hey, juggling accident. I need that back." Right? And he's like, "What?" And like, "I'm practicing juggling baguettes for my new act."

Griffin: And then your neighbor's gonna be like, "I like that."

Justin: That's good!

Griffin: "I like that, and you."

Justin: "Thanks for doing that near my home. Excellent."

Travis: Well, if there's one thing your elderly neighbors can understand is the need to practice to get better at something. Right? He's been around the block, he knows. And the best part of this is if he's like, "Oh, show me the

juggling." You can say, "Well, clearly, I'm not very good at it yet. I am not ready. If one of the baguettes made it all the way over here? Ah, my man... I still have work to do."

Griffin: You could also just get one baguette if you're on a budget. And then lay down on the sidewalk, in front of his house, and put the baguette like near your head and then pretend to be unconscious. And then when the neighbor comes out and finds you, nurses you back to health, and you'd be like, "Ah, bread boy got me. Bread boy got me."

Travis: Yeah, then you're like, "I think the paper boy has turned a corner. I don't know what he's doing anymore. I don't know what his whole deal is. He used to deliver papers."

Griffin: "Now it's mostly bread..." Do you have a Munch Squad, Justin? 'Cause there's something... Yeah, okay.

Justin: What?

Griffin: [laughs] Go ahead.

Justin: No, what were you gonna say?

Griffin: There's just... I saw something in the tip line that felt very Munch Squad worthy. And I didn't know if you were gonna bring it up or not.

Justin: On the tip line? We have a tip line?

Travis: We have an email address?

Griffin: Yeah, on the MBMBaM Munch Squad hotline.

Justin: Um...

Griffin: On the news wire?

Travis: You know.

Griffin: The Munch Squad news wire.

Justin: Oh, coming across the news wire.

Griffin: Yeah...

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs] I will go ahead and mention this briefly. This is not a Munch Squad. I'm experiencing this as you are.

Travis: Folks, this is just come to our desk. I've just been handed this.

Justin: This is coming in hot. I have something else to talk about.

[sounds of paper rustling]

Justin: Sorry, this has just come in.

Griffin: You're on video...

Justin: Oh no, you guys can see I'm just holding up a picture of a flower my kid drew. Okay.

Travis: Wait, which one drew that? That's really good.

Griffin: Hey, show me that. Yeah, that's a really good picture. Wow.

Travis: That's top-notch detail. Who drew that? Was that Cooper or Charlie?

Justin: Yeah, it's Charlie. This is her flower style.

Griffin: It's beautiful.

Travis: It's her flower style?

Griffin: What else we got?

Justin: This is like her flower style.

Travis: I love it. It's like an iris.

Griffin: Oh, she likes to draw flowers. That's good. Anyway...

Justin: I was recording audio for [in low monotone voice] *cartoon name redacted*. And uh, she sat across from me and did some art while I... This doesn't matter. Tony the Tiger is gonna be a VTuber.

Travis: What?

Justin: No one says that. Do people say that?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: VTuber?

Griffin: Yeah... Sorry, grandpa. It's pronounced v'tuber.

Justin: V'tuber.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: V'tuber.

Justin: Uh...

Travis: Is that a vampire YouTuber?

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Kellogg's mascot, Tony the Tiger, will become an interactive virtual YouTuber, or v'tuber. The first show will air on Friday, August 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 ET. As Tony the Tiger takes on well-known streamers and competes on Twitch. He's going up against... these names mean nothing to me.

Griffin: No, they're not real.

Justin: And it says they're gonna be playing a popular battle royale game. So, I guess that deal hasn't closed yet...

Griffin: Not quite, they are bringing it down to the wire. I am going to watch this tiger be like, "I'm Goku now. Suck my dragon balls. [fake laughs]"

Travis: I hope Tony the Tiger kicks their asses. Right?

Justin: Whoa...

Travis: Like, there's nothing better to me than this idea of like... "Well, originally this was supposed to be like a one-off thing. But then we couldn't stop 'cause Tony was undefeated. Tony the Tiger just won like 1.2 million dollars in a videogame championship. We don't know what to do. He's not real!"

Griffin: He doesn't work for Frosted Flakes anymore.

Justin: Yeah, the box is empty. It just says flakes. [laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [through laughter] It's a plain, blue box that says flakes on it.

Travis: He took the frosting with him when he left. He owned the frosting. "We didn't even know his contract is so old, he owned the frosting."

Griffin: "No one knew."

Travis: “He made the frosting himself. He exuded it from his pores.”
[laughs]

Justin: “This innovative concept taps into the growing popularity of v’tubing on Twitch, where we saw v’tubing content increase 467% year-over-year, last year,” explained Adam Harris, the global head of Twitch’s brand partnership studio.

“Together with Kellogg’s Frosted Flakes, we’re producing a made-for-the-Twitch-community live experience that introduces a beloved character to well-known Twitch streamers. Fostering a healthy dose of competition and encourages viewers to interact with Tony the Tiger in real-time chat.”

And he doesn’t say this but I’m gonna assume it’s just implied. Inviting some various corners of the internet to come and get so horny.

Griffin: I was about to say...

Justin: That you will not believe it.

Griffin: How refreshing.

Travis: The mod team must be extensive. [laughs]

Griffin: How refreshing it will be for the internet to see a virtual Tony the Tiger, where he does not have just the biggest hog, just out.

Travis: You assume.

Griffin: Well, yeah. I guess I have not looked at much erotic Tony the Tiger art. But I—

Travis: No, sorry. I meant you assumed that during this Frosted Flakes sponsored stream, Tony the Tiger wouldn’t have his hog out.

Griffin: Oh. Fair, yeah. Well, it is virtual, right? So, someone would have to go deep into the options... Some deep hot bars on Blender, to really whip up this tiger hog.

Travis: Now, I also want to say... The reason I love it so much, to talk about the 2010s... For a long time there, Tony's whole deal was like, "Get out there and play some sports. Let's do soccer and basketball. You're great! We are the mighty, mighty tiger." And now he's like, "This chair is pretty comfortable. I'm just gonna stay here and enjoy some Baja Blast for a while." [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] At the behest of this MBMBaM listener that sent this question in, I ducked in to Tumblr, just to see how it's going over there. [laughs] There's a lot of like, "It's my time to shine. Yes, yes. We have to tell the furies. Yes. Post entire pages of Tony X Grinch fanfic in the chat."

Travis: [laughs] Yes!

Griffin: Fuck yes, let's go.

Justin: "Yes, yes. We need to bring that you-can-give-me-a-yoghurt-enema-anytime-Tony energy." [laughs]

Griffin: Whoa... Gosh.

Justin: Yeah... "You can frost my flakes, Tony." Thank you...

Griffin: There's so much...

Travis: A yoghurt enema is like a Victorian era cure for wanting to masturbate, in case anyone was wondering.

Griffin: Yeah, Trav.

Travis: We just talked about it on Shmanners this week.

Griffin: Duh, everyone knows that.

Travis: Do they?

Griffin: There's so much of the internet. And I like that. There's so much of it.

Travis: Oh yeah.

Griffin: Anything you could want, it's always there. And I'm grateful for this.

Justin: This is a question about the picture, "Where the fuck are his ears? Tiger ears are big. Those headphones would not cover them."

Travis: That's a good point.

Griffin: Thank you.

Justin: You know what? Hold on, I think I can add an image. If y'all would like to see?

Travis: Yes, please.

Griffin: It's important for me to know which channel you're going to put this in.

Travis: Yeah. Live, laugh, love, baby.

Griffin: 'Cause I don't want it to be our public company chat. Because that will raise—

Justin: No. I'm gonna put it into this... into this... Into this.

Travis: Oh, boy.

Justin: Yeah... There he is.

Griffin: That's just... Okay, when you said you were about to drop a pic, you told us that you were on the deep web and that you had found a Tony the Tiger picture... Okay.

Justin: No, this is just the picture of the thing.

Travis: I just wanna say, man. It's a good setup, Tony. It's a good streamer setup.

Griffin: I don't know if you guys noticed this, his PC is milk cooled.

Justin: That's so cool.

Griffin: That's fuckin' funny.

Justin: That's so cool.

Griffin: I love it.

Travis: Now, I will say, not a great microphone, Tony. You could do better.

Justin: Yeah, do better, Tony. You got a lot of money. [mouths Munch Squad riff and sings] I wanna munch.

Travis: Squad.

Griffin: Squad.

Justin: [continues riffing and sings] I want to munch.

Travis: Squad.

Griffin: Squad.

Justin: [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad. It's a podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. I know we've been doing it for a little, but I didn't do the intro—

Travis: This feels like munch fraud.

Justin: No, I didn't do the intro so it was irritating me.

Travis: Oh...

Justin: I wanna tell you guys, very quickly, very quickly about this. KFC Thailand is introducing a modernist Mother's Day gift idea. The KFC Chicken Pop Garland. Celebrating national Mother's Day with a twist.

Travis: No.

Griffin: Cool.

Justin: All right, y'all... Normally, I would build to the picture of it. But I'm just gonna show you the picture. Okay? Here we go. Okay, so this is the KFC Pop Garland.

Travis: Huh...

Griffin: I like this. Just for the record. I wanna go on the record and say before I know anything else about it, that I do like it.

Travis: What... Is it...

Justin: "KFC Thailand is helping you celebrate like never before. Introducing our Mother's Day gift idea, KFC Chicken Pop Garland. The Colonel's crispy, edible blooms were crafted in partnership with Heartmade, one of the most coveted floral studios. This unique creation combines the assortment of mom's beloved items. Like her favorite menu, KFC Chicken Pop, flowers and vegies she cooks for the family."

Travis: What...

Justin: "Everyone can create their own unique Heartmade Chicken Pop Garland for ma."

Travis: Well, that's nice. First of all, the customization is nice.

Griffin: I appreciate it.

Travis: I guess I don't know what a garland is.

Justin: Yeah, it's fascinating. I mean, I know what a garland is here and how we would use that. But I think we're up against... It's interesting to see the sort of like cultural... like... I wanna say ruining. Like ruining cultures that I don't even... I haven't even gotten a chance to understand what this actually is, before KFC has gotten to it. And kind of ruined it. You know what I mean? It stunts on it.

Travis: Yes. Because to me, this picture looks like a tiny wreath, or maybe something I would put on a doorknob?

Justin: It's looks like a tiny wreath of popcorn chicken.

Griffin: I mean, a garland can be a wreath.

Travis: Now, can I also tell you guys what's fucking with me?

Justin: Yeah?

Griffin: What, Trav?

Travis: How is it held together that I can still eat it, right?

Justin: Barbwire, weirdly.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Sharing the aromatic, crispy, juicy fried chicken ensures quality family time. And the scrumptious bites just speak louder than words."

Travis: Is it like a candy necklace kind of thing?

Griffin: That is what it seems...

Justin: "You'll get to reminisce about the school days when you get to craft your own gift for mom. Most importantly, do not drool over the garland. Just hash tag, save chicken pop for mom. And let her enjoy the moment with this scrumptious, Heartmade treat from the Colonel's Kitchen."

Travis: You know what I love about that? That's a hash tag that applies to so many different situations. So, it's gonna catch on outside of this. You know what I mean?

Griffin: In a big way.

Travis: Like, that's gonna be like the new #blessed.

Griffin: I'm looking at this and I do want a ring-shaped fried chicken experience.

Justin: I would like to have it.

Travis: It seems like it would be easy to take on the go.

Griffin: Yeah, you could have one in each hand like you're fuckin' in Tron or something. I like that.

Justin: Wear it like a bracelet.

Travis: Yeah, man.

Griffin: Yeah, wear several like a bracelet.

Justin: Their garland tutorial and giveaway activity are on Facebook and TikTok Live.

Travis: Wait.

Justin: By Up Poompat Iam-samang, a famous Thai young actor, is the one doing it. Now if you look, I wanna show you a picture of this cat. And tell me if you think that the crafts that this person is able to do, you would be able to replicate it in any way.

Travis: No.

Justin: Like, they look so much more capable than me.

Travis: No, absolutely not.

Griffin: That looks absolutely beautiful.

Justin: Look at how they dress themselves. Like, I would never be able to keep up with that person. They'd be like, "[imitates sounds of a hyper active person]" I'd be like, "Wait. Slow down. Please."

Travis: It also occurs to me, is this a full DIY? So, this isn't like...

Justin: Yes. I think you are getting the components for this. It's not clear in the thing. But I think you're getting the components for this—

Travis: Which is the popcorn chicken. I think all you're getting is the popcorn chicken?

Griffin: Right.

Justin: What they're saying is, "Here's chicken."

Griffin: "Here's chicken. Make it a ring."

Travis: "Here's some chicken. Do what thou wilt."

Griffin: Because here's the thing, they can't sell you a chicken bracelet.

Travis: No.

Griffin: Like, legally they can't sell you a chicken bracelet.

Justin: No, they can't.

Griffin: 'Cause you're gonna chomp into that and get the wire or twine or thread or whatever—

Travis: Best case scenario.

Griffin: That's best case scenario, that is holding that ring together. And that's just a lawsuit waiting to happen. It's not even waiting. That's just going to be a lawsuit pretty much day one, there will be a class action sort of... "Yeah, I ate the thread."

Travis: "I ate the thread."

Griffin: "I ate the wire. I did eat it."

Justin: "Sorry..."

Griffin: "I thought it was food."

Justin: Why would they sell it if it's not part of the thing?

Griffin: "KFC, our relationship, historically, is that I give the money and they give me food in exchange. And I eat all of it. I eat everything they give me. I know about the bucket. Like, I'm not an idiot."

Travis: And I've always been up in the air about bones, frankly. 'Cause dogs eat 'em. Right? So, I don't know. But I don't think dogs are supposed to eat 'em. Right? So, isn't that... oh...

Griffin: I am easily tricked.

Justin: Another quick question?

Travis: Yeah, let's do it.

Justin: Y'all, my tabs right now are a blasted land.

Travis: Mm-hmm?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I'm trying so desperately to find something that I recognize. It's just Tony the Tiger and chicken bracelets, all the way down.

Travis: Read that last question there, J-Man.

Justin: Okay. "I ride a very distinct E-bike for transportation and fun. I love my E-bike. However, there's a skate park on my usual route. There's often a group of teenagers that yell at me. Just full-on scream." [wheezes laughing] "One of these teenagers is my girlfriend's younger brother. He definitely knows me." [laughs] "I haven't told my girlfriend yet, but should I tattle—" [laughs] "Should I—" [laughs] "Should tattle on him? How can I get them to stop screaming at me?" [through laughter] That's from Bothered by Brother-in-law.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: The image of somebody just riding past a park on a bike and then just like 6 to 10, like teenagers just like, "Aaagh!" Just shouting.

Travis: Turning in unison, like something from American Horror Story. Just all of them, "Aaaugh!"

Griffin: Like invasion of the body snatchers. Just like, "Aaaueegh!" I think her little brother got body-snatched, for sure. For sure, for sure. He's pod person now.

Travis: If the decision is, let them keep screaming at me, or go tattle on the brother... There's a third option. Which is get in that skate park and do some sick tricks on your E-bike.

Justin: Oh!

Griffin: Those dumb-dumbs are using probably skateboards and maybe bikes, that do not have that electric power coursing through them, allowing you to do stunts, the likes of which these children could not imagine.

Travis: Yes!

Griffin: You'll go down a half pipe and they'll be like, "He's going really slow." And then you kick on... the electricity, I guess.

Travis: Yeah, and you scream, "By the power of Zeus!" And you launch off the top.

Griffin: And you zip up there and do like a 900.

Travis: Yes!

Griffin: Just like Nikola Tesla did when he invented the E-bike. You'll shut those kids up. Maybe they're screaming because of how awesome your electricity powered bicycle is. Did you think about that?

Travis: This is what I'm saying. If they're doing this consistently, I don't think it's to fuck with you. Right? They'd vary that up. If they didn't get a

response the first couple of times, they'd vary it up. I think this is very much a like, "There he is! Our hero!" [laughs]

Griffin: "Our hero, the E-biker!"

Travis: Get in there, man. Show those kids what you can do. Now, don't fuck this up. I can't stress enough, if you do get in there and you eat it in front of `em, that's gonna be the rest of your life.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Or maybe that's their game plan, is they shout at every non-skater who goes by, thinking that they will be threatened into coming in. And then they fall on their butt, and then the children get a good laugh.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: But then they're done with you.

Justin: We're agreed that if this person tattles to their girlfriend on the little brother, that will be the end of their relationship as they know it. Right?

Travis: With the little brother, or with the girlfriend, or both?

Justin: With the girlfriend. You can't, like... you're... think about the words.

Travis: Right.

Justin: Like, you gotta think about the words. Like, "Your brother has been bullying me while I try to ride past him on my fast bike. And I slowed down long enough for him to bully me, and then I leave."

Travis: "What do you mean?"

"Well, they scream at me."

"What do they scream?"

"It's just noise."

"Okay?"

Justin: "Just like bike-guy, or like there's the bike, or Mr. Bike."

Travis: "So, what do you want me to do about this?"

"Tell your little brother not to bully me."

Griffin: Please don't.

Travis: You do need to think about when you get in there and you land a sick trick, what is gonna be your like motivational statement when you land it. And you like come screeching up them in like an Acura slide or something. And then you pop up and you need to say like...

Don't say don't do drugs. 'Cause there are some drugs that are kinda cool. Like, you wanna pop up and be like, "Don't fall for ponzi schemes." Or whatever your thing is gonna be that these kids will like—

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. "Look out of MLM."

Travis: ... "Whoa, that was amazing!" And then you're like, you know, "Don't forget..."

Griffin: And you tear a phonebook in half.

Travis: Yeah! You pop up from and Acura slide, you tear the phonebook in half. And you say, "Make sure to invest wisely." And you have a Roth IRA. And then you peddle out of there.

Griffin: Yeah, "I can set that up for you kids right now. Right now. Who's got money? Which one of you kids have money?" I don't know when the last time you all screamed was, it sucks. It hurts.

Justin: What, screaming?

Griffin: Yeah. It sucks to scream.

Travis: Well, you have to find your natural pitch. And you have to do it with ease.

Griffin: Okay. But I'm talking about if they scream at you the whole time that you are biking by them. Next time, just stop and look at them. And then they will scream and scream and scream. Until, I guess, they stop because they get too tired. And then you just bike away.

Travis: Nah, dude.

Griffin: And they'll probably not wanna do it again 'cause they're like, "There's that guy. It's your loser brother-in-law who we all hate so much because of how electric his bike is."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: "But I can't keep screaming at this dude 'cause I have choir practice at church tomorrow."

Travis: But okay, Griffin, counter point. I don't want escalation from screaming.

Justin: There's no counter point.

Travis: I don't want escalation from screaming. If screaming's the worst thing they're doing and it's just noise? And that's the worst thing they're doing?

Griffin: Oh, okay. They're gonna say, "I'm tired of screaming at this dude. He did stop. Let's go hurt him. Let's take his bike. Let's use his bike to charge our vapes."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: "We'll rip the battery from his bike, charge our vapes with it, blow our vape in his face."

Travis: "Plug it into our iPad so we can play more Roblox, while we vape."

Griffin: Yeah, "Roblox to each other..." And can I tell you the saddest part? Then you're just gonna have a bike.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And you may as well just push that down the nearest storm drain because it's not—

Travis: Give it right to Pennywise.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Give it right to Pennywise, he'll have fun with it.

Justin: [impersonates Pennywise] "You kids have a bike?"

Travis: [impersonates Pennywise] "I thought this was electric. This sucks ass."

Griffin: How fucking dope—

Justin: [impersonates Pennywise] "Georgie... Do you have a Razor scooter? [laughs] It takes so long for me to get around down here."

Griffin: How fucking sick would a remake of IT, set now, be? When like a kid is walking in the rain and Penny's like, "Hello, little child." And he's like, "What the fuck is your deal?"

Travis: [impersonates Pennywise] "I've got Fortnite skin certificates. You can cash these in to get Boba Fett!"

Griffin: No, he would not be that up to trends. He would be like, [impersonates Pennywise] "Do you want a little boat?" And they'd be like,

"I'm playing Subway Surfers... Ah, and you made me lose, Pennywise. I'm gonna come to—"

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "Hey, friends!"

"What do you have in your hand?"

"It's a cellphone. Shut up, I'm not talking to you. Friends, come on and we beat this clown's ass."

Travis: [impersonates Pennywise] "I've got balloons down here."

"Fuck, balloons? I'm 12, dude. What the fuck are you talking about?"

Justin: "I have my own balloons."

Griffin: It took four kids to beat that clown's ass. And they were like 1970s, '80s kids.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And they had a slingshot. I'm saying that like all these kids could get pepper spray at a nearby gas station and fuck this dude. That movie would be four minutes long.

Justin: [laughs] They hire someone on TaskRabbit to come murder him.

Griffin: Come murder his ass and rip him apart. Anyway, that's um...

Justin: Anyway, that's the story with Pennywise. [laughs] That's how we're gonna get Pennywise, in case y'all are wondering. That's how we're gonna get him.

Griffin: A YouTube popped up on Henry's cursed feed. And Pennywise was in it, and he's like, "Ah, man. Shit. I'm afraid of this clown now." And I didn't know how to tell him like, "You and your preschool friends could massacre this clown." It would not even be close. He would open his mouth real wide

and do his like silly dance. [pretend dancing sounds]. And then you would just like throw a Tide pod in his mouth.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Then he would just fall over and die.

Travis: He'd be like, "I've seen some pretty cursed Roblox, obvies. This isn't doing shit to me, dude."

Griffin: "This is nothing."

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: "I saw a thing where I was in a butcher's mouth for a while. I don't care about any of this, man."

Griffin: "I don't get it."

Justin: [laughs] Thank you so much for joining us on our program. We hope you've enjoyed yourself, and hope you've had a good time.

Travis: Maybe you've learned a little something.

Justin: Maybe you learned a little something about that, you know? I don't know. Maybe.

Travis: Probably not.

Justin: Probably not. But maybe.

Travis: Who knows?

Justin: Who knows? Maybe. Thank you so much for being a part of our show. Trav, you got anything to tell the people?

Travis: Hell yeah, I do. We got new tickets for shows in San José, California and Denver. We're doing Adventure Zone, September 29th, in San José. And My Brother, My Brother and Me, September 30th, in San José. And then we're doing another My Brother, My Brother and Me, October 1st, in Denver. Tickets for those shows are on sale now at bit.ly/mcelroytours. Now, admittedly, those tickets go on sale... when we're recording this, tomorrow. So, we have no idea. Maybe they're already sold out. Bummer, sorry about that.

Justin: Sorry.

Travis: Sorry. Sorry...

Griffin: Sorry.

Travis: Sorry. And then we got November shows coming up—

Griffin: We messed up.

Travis: ... In Washington D.C., Detroit and Cincinnati. You can grab those tickets at bit.ly/mcelroytours as well. Same with... Oh, I should say, mask and proof of full vaccination or negative COVID test within 72 hours of event start is required for those tours.

We also have Dragon Con coming up next week. We're gonna update all the schedule and everything, where you can find us there at bit.ly/mcelroytours. But we will see you at Dragon Con.

If you haven't checked out the merch for this month, you gotta go over there 'cause we got a Garyl plushie that's so cute. 'If God's not dead, how do you explain these gains?' shirt that is sure to confuse your friends that don't listen to the show.

Justin: It confuses me!

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: It's designed by Lucas Hesperheide, though. And it's absolutely beautiful. You gotta check it out. And 10% of all merch proceeds this month go to the Center for Reproductive Rights. Find all of that at mcelroymerch.com.

Preorders for TAZ: The Eleventh Hour are open now. It comes out February 21st, 2023. Go to theadventurezonecomic.com to preorder. And we talked about Twitch. I'm on Twitch, [twitch.tv/thetravismcelroy](https://www.twitch.tv/thetravismcelroy). I'm hoping to partner with Tony the Tiger soon.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Do a couple *Five Nights at Freddy's* runs with Tony the Tiger. So, if you can go subscribe, that will help boost my numbers so I can go—

Griffin: It'd be huge.

Travis: ... And convince Tony the Tiger to play *Five Nights at Freddy's* with me.

Griffin: Thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, *My Life is Better With You*. She has a new album coming out September 2nd, called *Making It*. It looks really dope. It's got some good songs on it. Got a new David Byrne track.

Travis: And it was just her birthday. So, go like get it.

Griffin: Go get it.

Justin: Yeah, they're the best in the business.

Griffin: Go get that album. I preordered the album and shirt last night for it. It is like the wildest designed ever, I can't wait. September 2nd is when that one drops. And thanks to Maximum Fun for having us on the network. So, then... What do we do now as the end of it? 'Cause we need to really...

Justin: Yeah... We've really been struggling with this.

Travis: What if this time... Okay, maybe we like harmonize on like *Closing Time* by Semisonics.

Justin: It can't be...

Griffin: Can we just... And here's something I've been thinking about.

Travis: Okay?

Griffin: We've said some really funny shit.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: We've said some really funny shit so far. And I think like... I think people are gonna listen to this episode and they're gonna like it. Does it feel like hubris a little bit to be like, we can generate one more funny shit... Like, the rest of the show we don't sit in silence, starting at each other.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Waiting for the funny thing to just like leap out of us spontaneously.

Justin: You're saying that it should just be like... Maybe we should pivot to—

Travis: Just ending?

Justin: This is too hard. And if we have a bit at the end, that means we left something in the tank, right?

Griffin: Yes. We left something in the tank. And so, two options, I guess then. The first is we just like... dripping sweat just like, [imitates being out of breath] "That's it, folks. We tap out. We can't do anymore. Bye." Or if we say something like super funny during the show, we stop the show right there.

Travis: Oh, we just stop there?

Griffin: And that's the ending.

Justin: Just go out on a high.

Griffin: Yeah. And I don't wanna do that 'cause they have to be a certain length, or the advertisers get even angrier at us than they are... as like a baseline level.

Justin: Which, if you listened to the ads this week, it would be hard for you to imagine this isn't true.

Griffin: Yeah, it's true.

Travis: Maybe we should just end with like an inspirational quote? It's not funny, right?

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: It's just like an uplifting something to think about as we head out. So, Griffin, why don't you give us an inspirational quote?

Griffin: Sure. Tear it up. Get out there and tear it up. Find something beautiful and destroy it.

Justin: This is great. I love this. This is good.

Travis: Then why didn't you end the fucking show, Justin?

Justin: My name's Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: Tear down the bourgeoisie. I don't know what that word means.

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

Griffin: Is bourgeoisie good or bad?

[theme song, "*My Life Is Better With You*" by Montaigne plays and ends]

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