Still Buffering 008: How to Movie

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Rileigh:

Hello and welcome to *Still Buffering*: a sister's guide to teens through the ages. I am Rileigh Smirl.

Sydnee:

And I'm Sydnee McElroy. Rileigh this is a very exciting week.

Rileigh:

It is.

Sydnee:

Next week is too.

Rileigh:

Next week is too.

Sydnee:

This is just the beginning of a very exciting week.

Rileigh:

It's the beginning of the, the special season of the year.

Sydnee:

That's right. What season is it?

Rileigh:

Max Fun Drive season.

Sydnee:

It's Max Fun Drive! We're gonna be talking a lot about, this is our annual pledge drive-

Rileigh: Hmm.
Sydnee: that, that the network Maximum Fun, who has been so kind as to host our show for the last three months-
Rileigh: So great.
Sydnee: um, there's the annual pledge drive that, that is held and that we are now thrilled to be a part of-
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: for the first time. Well-
Rileigh: It's my first one.
Sydnee: well, I mean, I have, I have been a part-
Rileigh: Okay, Sydnee.
Sydnee: of it.
Rileigh: Okay.
Sydnee: I'm kind of an expert-
Rileigh: Uh-huh [affirmative].

... in this arena.

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative]. Well, it's my first one.

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

It's also the week before my spring break. So I just engineered this whole thing going on spring break, same time we're doing Max Fun Drive.

Sydnee:

Was that so that you could like spend your spring break driving to every person who donates to our show-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... who, who donates to the network-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... and then mentions our show.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Drive to every one of their houses to personally thank them, right?

Rileigh:

Yes.

Sydnee:

That's what you're gonna do.

Rileigh: Give them a hug, handshake-
Sydnee: [laughs].
Rileigh: um, pat on the back-
Sydnee: Explain-
Rileigh: tell them they're cool.
Sydnee: explain to them any rules of current social media that they may-
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: still not understand.
Rileigh: Right.
Sydnee: Right. That's what-
Rileigh: And leave.
Sydnee: that's what you're gonna do, right?
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: Okay.

Everyone.

Sydnee:

All right. I assumed. [laughs].

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

But we're gonna be talking a lot, a lot more about the Max Fun Drive, uh, as we go through the episode, but, um, you know, Rileigh-

Rileigh:

Yes.

Sydnee:

... someone had made a really interesting request-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... on the Facebook group. Uh, you may remember, um, requesting that you watch a movie-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... sort of something that would be like typical of the 90s. I know people talked a lot about *The Princess Bride*, not that, but people-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... started mentioning more movies that were kind of the movies I grew up with.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

The movies that I saw as, as cultural touchstones for, for my youth-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... and to see what you would think of that.

Rileigh:

Okay.

Sydnee:

So we planned to do that, right?

Rileigh:

We did.

Sydnee:

We did. We had a whole get together.

Rileigh:

Has a whole all get together. Skittles Joe was there.

Sydnee:

Skittles Joe was there true to his name. He brought-

Rileigh:

He brought Skittles.-

Sydnee:

... so, so many, Skittles.

Rileigh:

Also Sour Patch Kids, also Jelly Beans, also chocolate.

Sydnee:

Also Cadbury Mini Eggs.

Sydnee: Lots of those.
Rileigh: Lots of everything.
Sydnee: Skittles Joe ruins my diet every time I see him.
Rileigh: But it's great.
Sydnee: Yes. We love him for it. So, so Skittles Joe was there and some of our other family members were there and, uh, we, we sat down and we were going through Well, we searched for movies-
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: based on the year.
Rileigh: By year [laughing].
Sydnee: So we just kind of started everywhere from like '95 to '99.
Rileigh: To 99.
Sydnee: And I mean, earlier 90s would counted too, but this was really like the peak years for Sydnee.

Rileigh: Yeah.

Rileigh: Right.

These were the [laughs] ...

Rileigh:

The Sydnee years.

Sydnee:

The Sydnee years. You know, I hate to say that though 'cause it sounds like I wouldn't claim those as like my best years.

Rileigh:

Were they?

Sydnee:

No-

Rileigh:

They weren't.

Sydnee:

... no, it wasn't. I, I think I've said that before. No.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

No, no. My high school years weren't my best years, but uh, but these were certainly years that I think were very critical to me, you know-

Rileigh:

Becoming an actual person.

Sydnee:

... pu- pupating-

Rileigh:

What?

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Like a butterfly.

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Rileigh:

You're not Sydnee. You're a person.

Sydnee:

[laughs] you know what I mean? Metaphorical butterfly.

Rileigh:

I'm sure that would've made you way cooler when you were in high school. You just been like, "Guys, we're all pupating together. Look at this-

Sydnee:

Right [laughs].

Rileigh:

... isn't it beautiful?"

Sydnee:

I probably said something like that at some point-

Rileigh:

I wouldn't be surprised.

Sydnee:

... it was very, yeah, smart. Yeah. Um, I was always very aware that we were having like seminal experiences. Like-

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... this is, oh, this is important. This is a touchstone for me.

Rileigh:

Were you like documenting it-

[laughs].

Rileigh:

... in your diary?

Sydnee:

Just mentally. Just, no, I was never very good at ... I had a diary and I just forgot it a lot.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative]. You, so you say.

Sydnee:

No, it's true. It's really true.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I was not, I was never good at that. But, uh, so we were flipping through all these different movies from the nineties and part of the reason, 'cause I know specifically, a lot of people had mentioned *Can't Hardly Wait*. Um, which is a great movie and I am gonna make you watch at some point.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

It's not what we settled on 'cause we, we had a lo- a lot of different people there.

Rileigh:

We did.

Sydnee:

So we were kind of trying to find something that would be instructive to Rileigh as a movie from the 90s, but also everybody would enjoy [laughs].

Rileigh:

Also family fun.

Yes. Also, also not too ... Which I mean, I think *Can't Hardly Wait* would've been fine. But, but we went back and forth on all these different movies. I was, I was really pulling for *Josie and the Pussycats*. Although I hardly think you can count that [laughs] as a landmark movie of like teenagers in the 90s, um-

Rileigh:

I read a lot of Archie comics about them.

Sydnee:

So yeah. So it's a great movie and I am, you are gonna watch it by the way.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

But we finally settled on Mallrats.

Rileigh:

Which was great.

Sydnee:

So Rileigh had never seen Mallrats, right?

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

Had you heard of *Mallrats*?

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

You'd never heard of it?

Rileigh:

Never ever.

Never even heard of it?
Rileigh: No.
Sydnee: Okay. Wow. I didn't realize you'd never heard of it.
Rileigh: No.
Sydnee: This makes me feel old.
Rileigh: When you asked me if I'd seen <i>Mallrats</i> , I was like, "What now? Is that a movie? Is that a show? Is that a book?"
Sydnee: As in like rats in the mall?
Rileigh: As in rats in the mall? I mean, yes. I've seen rats in the mall before [laughs].
Sydnee: I hope not[laughs]. There are rats in the mall?
Rileigh: There are.
Sydnee: Oh.
Rileigh: It's a secret.
Sydnee: Okay. That's a problem.
Rileigh:

[laughs].
Sydnee: Uh, okay. Riley never heard of <i>Mallrats</i> . Had you ever heard of the Kevin Smith movies? Kevin Smith-
Rileigh: No.
Sydnee: at all? No?
Rileigh: Never.
Sydnee: You had heard of <i>Jay and Silent Bob</i> ?
Rileigh: No.
Sydnee: No?
Rileigh: Ever,
Sydnee: I, none of this?
Rileigh: Never [laughs].
Sydnee: So Clerks?
Rileigh: No.
Sydnee: No. Okay.

The only reason I've heard these names is because you asked me if I'd seen them the other night we were watching this movie.

Sydnee:

But before that, no Clerks?

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

No Chasing Amy?

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [negative].

Sydnee:

No Dogma?

Rileigh:

Nope.

Sydnee:

No Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back?

Rileigh:

Nope.

Sydnee:

So I'm assuming no Clerks 2-

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

We can go ahead and throw that out there. Okay [laughing].

Rileigh:

Actually I watched Clerks 2 but I never watched Clerks 1.

When did you watch Clerks-

Rileigh:

No, I'm just kidding. I'm just kidding.

Sydnee:

Oh [laughs]. I was gonna say, "How did I let this happen?" So once we realized that Rileigh was so unfamiliar with the Kevin Smith world, the View Askewniverse-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... we decided to introduce her to it via Mallrats.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

I guess we could have gone all the way back to *Clerks*, but for, for us in the room, we decided that personally for our taste *Mallrats* was the most fun. Not that it's necessarily the best, I don't know.

Rileigh:

But it was very fun.

Sydnee:

It was a lot of fun. I'm not a movie expert. I don't know what the best one is.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

I probably-

Rileigh:

[crosstalk 00:06:45] seen the other ones.

I probably like *Dogma* the best myself, but I think it's, I think Mallrats is a ton of fun and I thought it would bring up a lot of interesting kind of cultural points-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... that we could contrast.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

And then just kind of talk about movies in general.

Rileigh:

Just movies.

Sydnee:

Just movies [laughs].

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Teens and movies.

Rileigh:

Hanging out out. Get a group hanging going.

Sydnee:

So my first question for you Rileigh-

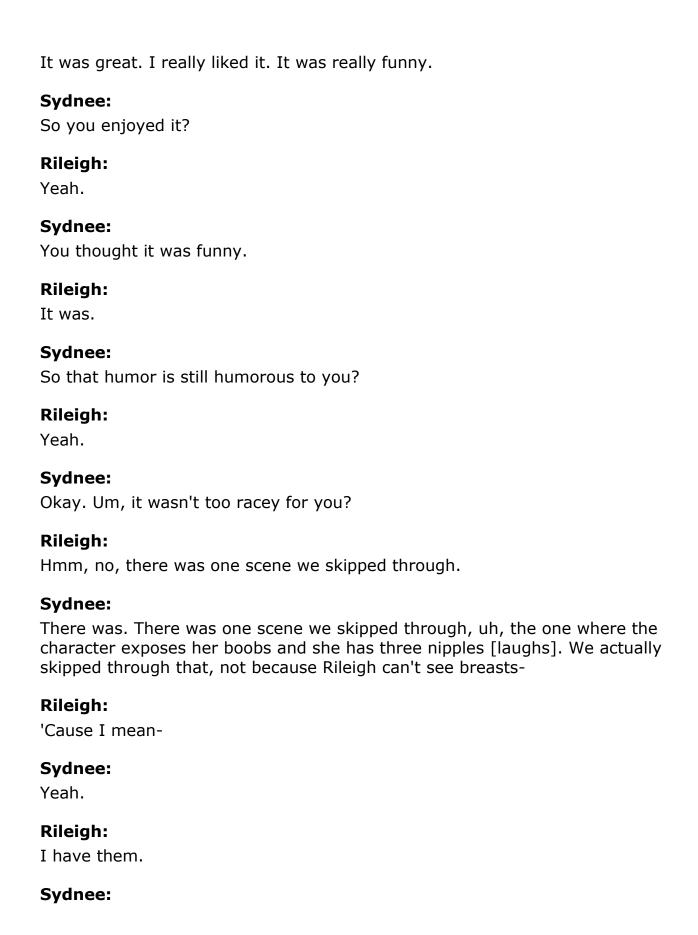
Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

well for ... Okay. First of all, what do you think of the movie?

Rileigh:



And, and I mean, I think Rileigh I've been, she would tell you I've been breastfeeding my daughter Charlie, all of her life.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

She's 19 months old, [laughs] I'm still doing it. So Riley like is now very comfortable with the idea that boobs are made to feed babies.

Rileigh:

Boobs also exist. Like I am aware-

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Rileigh:

... they are there.

Sydnee:

It's fine.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

It's fine. But, but there is all still that element where all of us were in the room together-

Rileigh:

Had my older relatives.

Sydnee:

We were in the room [laughs].

Rileigh:

And I was like, "Uh." [laughs].

Sydnee:

It was, it was a multi-generational group, which was not a good setting-

No.

Sydnee:

... for a topless psychic.

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

Which was the scene that you missed, right? Was a topless psychic.

Rileigh:

I think, I don't think I missed much.

Sydnee:

No, no. I think-

Rileigh:

Plot wise.

Sydnee:

... plot wise. Yeah. You still-

Rileigh:

Yeah. Yeah.

Sydnee:

... followed fine [laughs]. So one of the first questions I had was then *Mallrats* is set in a mall-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... because at the time the mall was where you went for a lot of people. I know for me, I spent a lot of weekends just at the mall. Just there. I didn't necessarily have anything to do there, I wasn't seeing a movie, I wasn't necessarily eating, I wasn't necessarily buying anything. I didn't even know who was always gonna be there.

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I was just at the mall.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

How does that track today?

Rileigh:

I mean, I guess with me and most of my friends, it's a thing that like, if we're thinking of something to do, we live in kind of an area that doesn't have a lot going on in terms-

Sydnee:

That's fair.

Rileigh:

... of recreational activities on the weekends.

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

Um, other than like movies and going out to eat, the mall is pretty much the only other thing we have that you could go and do not like drive hours away. So I mean, it's a thing we go and do sometimes, but it's not like a thing like you go there and someone, a group of your friends, like automatically gonna be there or like it's a thing you could just go and spend hours at.

Rileigh:

Like, I mean the little money that I do have, [laughing] whenever I'm there, I just like go and spend it all and then like get Starbucks and Chinese food and then leave.

Sydnee:

But it like, how often would you say you and your friends go to the mall?

I'd say maybe like, like with my friends?

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

Two times a month, three times a month.

Sydnee:

Okay.

Rileigh:

Or something like that.

Sydnee:

So that's still fairly, fairly regularly.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

That's interesting. 'Cause I just assumed it was something that kind of ... 'Cause malls aren't around as much as when-

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

... I was younger.

Rileigh:

Yeah. Yeah.

Sydnee:

I mean, malls were, that was the thing everybody, mall, the malls were the place.

Rileigh:

Right.

And I think maybe part of your experiences because of exactly what you said, we live in a smaller town-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... so there's not a lot of other stuff-

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

... to do. And we still very much have a mall that is very, very busy.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

It is-

Rileigh:

All the time.

Sydnee:

Yes. It's quite in use.

Rileigh:

It's never not busy.

Sydnee:

No, it is not in danger of being, you know, abandoned and-

Rileigh:

No. Never.

Sydnee:

... businesses leaving. Like every time a business closes down, another one pops-

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... right up. So it's very, it's very active mall [laughs].

Rileigh:

It's active mall we have here.

Sydnee:

And I was thinking, you know, the reason that we probably went to the mall was because as teenagers, it's the first time you have money to spend-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... and where else would you spend it?

Rileigh:

Yeah. I mean, now I'd say I spend most of my money on online shopping, but you, I mean, of course didn't really have access to-

Sydnee:

No.

Rileigh:

... online shopping.

Sydnee:

No, I bought my, uh, senior prom dress online and that was the first time I ever bought clothing online.

Rileigh:

Really?

Sydnee:

Yep. My senior prom dress.

Rileigh:

Now I'd say like, whenever I actually have money, like after I babysit or something like that and I have money, I just like go online and I spend it all on just like clothes, makeup, accessories, stuff like that.

Sydnee:

Do you have like your own Amazon? Like can you just go on-

Rileigh:

I use mom's 'cause she has Amazon Prime-

Sydnee:

Okay.

Rileigh:

... but yeah.

Sydnee:

And you just go on and buy whatever you need on there?

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

That's, see, that's a whole new world because when we wanted to buy clothes, accessories, whatever, we would go spend hours in Claire's.

Rileigh:

Mm. We still have a Claire's.

Sydnee:

I think there's even a Claire's in the mall and Mallrats.

Rileigh:

There is.

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Rileigh:

'Cause I see someo- I saw someone carrying a Claire's bag and I was like, "Hey, wait a minute."

Everybody has a Claire's.

Rileigh:

Everybody has a Claire's.

Sydnee:

So that's good in it. So the mall is still very much a thing.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

Uh, one other question I had for you and then we're gonna to take a quick break is the clothing that you saw.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

So what did you think? And I know we could do episode upon episode about different aspects of fashion differences.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

And we've mentioned a lot of it, but just generally speaking, there were a couple things. Well, first of all, a lot of the female characters are dressed similarly in like high wasted jeans.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

There are a lot of belly button showing like-

Rileigh:

Yeah. Crop tops.

[crosstalk 00:12:01] kind of things.

Rileigh:

Yeah. I mean, I dug it.

Sydnee:

Is that still like, are those fashionable-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... today?

Rileigh:

I mean the jeans I wear most often are high wasted jeans. They're not, like those are kind of baggy.

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Rileigh:

Um, they were of course skinny jeans, but I mean I have crop tops and skinny jeans and or high waisted jeans I mean. I really liked their clothing. I mean, I wish that was like in style now.

Sydnee:

What about the, the little backpack? 'Cause I think you see one of the characters, Gwen wearing a little teeny little teeny-

Rileigh:

Like a baby backpack?

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Rileigh:

No I've never seen anyone carry a baby backpack.

Sydnee:

That's not a thing anymore?

No.

Sydnee:

That was, I think later. I mean, I guess that was mid 90s. So it was to ... Clearly it was something that was in the mid 90s.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I feel like in my mind it happened later in the 90s, but so mini backpacks are out?

Rileigh:

No, I've never seen anyone carrying the backpack.

Sydnee:

[laughs] I never got the mini backpack, but it, I remember lots of people carrying them.

Rileigh:

Really?

Sydnee:

Oh yeah. Everybo- yes. That there was a, there was a moment in history where everybody had those teeny little backpacks. I don't know why. I don't know. What do you put in there?

Rileigh:

I don't know how, what yours-

Sydnee:

Your chapstick?

Rileigh:

I guess maybe. A wallet.

Sydnee:

Like a tampon.

Yeah.

Sydnee:

I don't know what else. I mean that's what, yeah.

Rileigh:

The only question I had about the clothing, was, was it common for you to wear like [laughs] four outfits throughout the course of one day?

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

Because I noticed one of the main characters. Oh, what was her name? Um-

Sydnee:

Well it was Shannon Doherty's character.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Yeah [laughs].

Rileigh:

I figure what a character name was. But I remember like every time you saw her, she was wearing a different outfit.

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

And like the second time I was like, "I don't think that's different." Maybe guys like remembered it wrong. And then the third time I was like, "No, that's definitely different. The first two." And the fourth time, I was like, "What is going on? It's been like six hours." [laughs].

I don't know if that's part to show like the quick evolution of teenagers and relationships that she's, at the beginning of the movie she's broken up with her boyfriend. And then the next time you see her she's dating a new guy.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

You know and then that relationship ends-

Rileigh:

Oh. The metaphor.

Sydnee:

I don't know if it was partially to explain that, you know, 'cause it is-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... like teenage relationships can end and begin that quickly.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

I don't know if that was part of it. I don't know.

Rileigh:

Or do you like think deeply about this?

Sydnee:

I did. I wondered why she changed clothes so many times.

Rileigh:

'Cause I really don't know.

Sydnee:

What about, other than like maybe she was just trying on clothes at the mall.

Rileigh: Maybe. **Sydnee:** I don't know. Rileigh:

But then she wore them.

Sydnee:

Yeah. And that, I mean that's not typical.

Rileigh:

Yeah. I mean maybe she stole them.

Sydnee:

What about two other things? There are a lot of pictured, not our main characters, but you see a lot of long uh, floral print skirts.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

That was something I had lots of.

Rileigh:

Like long like ankle length?

Sydnee:

Like ankle length, floral print, like kind of a flimsy material and then lined with something else-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... in various pastel, floral prints. Lots of those. With like a little tank top and then maybe a cardigan over it if it was chilly.

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee: Lots of that.
Rileigh: No.
Sydnee: No.
Rileigh: I mean, I-
Sydnee: You've probably seen that on <i>Friends</i> like that's-
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: that's a very 90s look.
Rileigh: Rachel Green-
Sydnee: Yep.
Rileigh: wears a lot of those.
Sydnee: Yep.
Rileigh: Um, I mean I own a maxi skirt, like a full length skirt, but I worn it like twice during the summer.
Sydnee: Okay.
Rileigh:

I, I usually don't see people wearing them either.

Sydnee:

So that's over?

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Well Rileigh I have one more question. We need to break into the flannel conversation.

Rileigh:

Okay.

Sydnee:

But before we talk about flannel in *Mallrats*, I wanna talk a little bit more about the Max Fun Drive.

Rileigh:

Let's do it Sydnee.

Sydnee:

So a- as we mentioned in the beginning of the episode, uh, the Max Fun Drive is, um, our annual pledge drive where you, if you can, and you would like to can support our show and other shows all the other shows on our network.

Rileigh:

On this great network.

Sydnee:

Yes. By donating. Um, and if you do choose to donate one, other than that, we will love you and we super appreciate it and-

Rileigh:

And I will drive to your house and hug you and thank you personally.

Sydnee:

Exactly. Other that, um, and, and doing us a big favor 'cause it supports us and-

Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: allows us to keep doing this great show. Hopefully it's a great show. I maybe mis-spoke. Hopefully, you know, it's a fine show. It's a, whatever.
Rileigh: It's pretty good.
Sydnee: You know. You know. Um, you can also get some gifts.
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: Who doesn't like presents?
Rileigh: Who doesn't? That's a good, great question.
Sydnee: So if you are a new or upgrading member here are some gifts that are-
Rileigh: Mm-hmm [affirmative].
Sydnee: that you were eligible for. So at \$5 a month, you get a ton of exclusive bonus content. So for instance-
Rileigh: From every year.

Yes.

Rileigh:

Ever.

From every year ever. So access to all the bonus episodes that every show in the network has ever done.

Rileigh:

Right. I mean we only have one.

Sydnee:

Yes.

Rileigh:

But-

Sydnee:

But we have a ton from, you know, Sawbones that I do and then My Brother and My Brother and Me all the other shows on the network have tons of-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... different episodes. You know, we did an episode with our mom.

Rileigh:

It was great.

Sydnee:

So you can listen to my mom-

Rileigh:

Was on there.

Sydnee:

Talk about us.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um, so that's at \$5 a month. Uh, at \$10 a month, you're gonna get a super cool gift. What is it, Rileigh?

It is a, an exclusive bandana designed by Megan Lynn Kott. And she made a design for each different show on the network and you can pick what show you want and then you get a design based on that show that you picked. And they're all super cool.

Sydnee:

They're so, they're so adorable. They're so cool. You can pick if you, if you wanna pick *Still Buffering*, please do.

Rileigh:

I mean bandana's pretty cool, but isn't-

Sydnee:

It is a nice bandana. You know, I'm just gonna say.

Rileigh:

[crosstalk 00:16:52].

Sydnee:

Um, if you wanna donate \$20 a month, then you're gonna get the Max Fun adventure necessity collection, which includes a multi tool, hot chocolate packet, paracord bracelet and camping toilet paper.

Rileigh:

And also a bandana and also all the exclusive bonus content.

Sydnee:

Exactly whatever level you're at, you get all of the gifts from below that level as well.

Rileigh:

Just keeps getting better.

Sydnee:

Um, and at \$35 a month, what do you get Rileigh?

Rileigh:

You get an exclusive Maximum Fun thermos with a travel tumbler attached to it, as well as the necessity kit, the bandana and the exclusive bonus content.

So those are a ton of great gifts for donating anywhere from five to \$35 a month. There are also levels if you, if you are so generous and are in a position to give a little bit more at a \$100 a month, you can be a member of the inner circle, which is a monthly culture club where you receive all kinds of interesting gifts and at \$200 a month, you get free registration for MaxFunCon 2017, as well as again, everything else we just listed.

Rileigh:

All those cool things.

Sydnee:

Exactly. So anywhere from five to \$200 a month, you can donate, uh, and get all of these cool prizes, again, access to all that cool bonus content.

Rileigh:

There's like days of it.

Sydnee:

Yes.

Rileigh:

Like hours upon hours.

Sydnee:

Exa- a ton, a ton of bonus content. And it's always, it's always something, a little unique and a little different.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

So it's your favorite, you know, podcasters, your favorite shows that you love doing something a little bit new. Something, you know-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... like, uh, like, like we mentioned on our episode, we, we had our mom on.

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

On our Sawbones episode I did an ASMR video and I was very uncomfortable.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Well audio, I should say.

Rileigh:

I, I listen to that one.

Sydnee:

I, yeah, I don't blame me, I was very uncomfortable [laughing]. I can see why you wouldn't want to [laughs].

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um, and, uh, and again, these are for people who are either, uh, donating for the first time who are registering to become monthly members for the first time or upgrading their current monthly membership.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

Are eligible for all of these gifts. Uh, so if you can, if you're in a position to, and you're already a fan of the network and you're already to the network, consider upgrading your, your donation-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

... if you, if you're in a position to right now. Uh, so please support your show by becoming a Maximum Fun monthly member. Again, those 10, 20 and \$35 monthly levels have really cool gifts associated with them.

Rileigh:

Super cool.

Sydnee:

And for everybody who is a current donor, thank you.

Rileigh:

Thanks for being cool.

Sydnee:

You're super awesome.

Rileigh:

We appreciate it.

Sydnee:

[laughs] we, we really love you and you enable us to, to do this. You know, Rileigh, ain't got a job.

Rileigh:

I don't ge- this is the closest thing I have to a job-

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

... saying don't even money off of it yet.

Sydnee:

She's struggling. So-

Rileigh:

I still got to pay those bills somehow.

Sydnee:

[laughs] I got a baby to feed [laughing]. So, so we really appreciate it. Um, and you know, if you're, if right now you're not in a position to donate, thank

you anyway for listening. Um, you know, and please share our show, share our link, which we haven't mentioned yet. How do you donate? If you wanna donate Rileigh?

Rileigh:

You can go to maximumfun.org/donate and you can donate any money that you can to all of your favorite podcasters and shows and got all this super cool stuff or, you know, just share that link with all your friends and your family and all the people, you know, and maybe they'll be willing to chip in a few bucks.

Sydnee:

Absolutely. So again, thank you so much. And when you do go to donate, you get to click all the shows you listen to. So if you are listening to our show, please, please click us too.

Rileigh:

Yeah, that would be nice.

Sydnee:

We would appreciate that.

Rileigh:

We'd appreciate it.

Sydnee:

'Cause then if you do what that means is that a portion of that money will go directly to us. So if you like our show-

Rileigh:

Yay.

Sydnee:

... and you wanna donate money to our show, then you, you get to do that. It's under your control so.

Rileigh:

I can spend it at the mall.

Sydnee:

[laughs] so maximumfun.org/donate. Now, speaking of the mall, Rileigh.

Yes.

Sydnee:

One more question about *Mallrats* fashion. I wanted to ask you was flannel.

Rileigh:

Flannels.

Sydnee:

There was a moment, there is a moment in the movie *Mallrats* where you are, you see a series of, I think, four different gentlemen who are wearing different, but very similar-

Rileigh:

Some form of flannel-

Sydnee:

... flannel shirts.

Rileigh:

... that are all about the same tonal range. Yeah.

Sydnee:

Is that still [laughs] as popular?

Rileigh:

I mean, I, I think so. I don't know if it's that popular. Um, but they're, I mean, I own like so many flannels, like time, I like dunno what to wear, I'm like, ah, I put on a flannel tank top underneath whatever.

Sydnee:

Really?

Rileigh:

But like, yeah. I mean, I love flannels.

Sydnee:

Because is the, your main character there T.S. who's wearing-

Rileigh:

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... he, he, at first he's wearing like a flannel shirt that he then ties around his waist.

Rileigh:

That's very in-

Sydnee:

Really?

Rileigh:

... tying around your waist. Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

That's in?

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Oh, that's such a relief.

Rileigh:

Do you do that?

Sydnee:

Well, yeah, but I thought I was very uncool for it.

Rileigh:

No. Like-

Sydnee:

Because it used to be cool. And then there was a long time where it was not cool.

Rileigh:

Yeah. I mean, some people will just like wear shirts that can't even wear like a flannel over, but they'll, if they think the flannels go with it and tie it on your waist and then you have a little outfit going on-

[laughs].

Rileigh:

... ensemble.

Sydnee:

That's good to know. He also had what I would call like the very, the most popular boy haircut, uh-

Rileigh:

That was cool?

Sydnee:

... for the 90s, that, that kind of, I don't know what that-

Rileigh:

The middle part with the floppy bangs?

Sydnee:

With the floppy hair over each sides. I always think of it as the Rider Strong.

Rileigh:

The what?

Sydnee:

Nevermind [laughs].

Rileigh:

I don't know.

Sydnee:

Dawson, Dawson also sported this look?

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

No. Okay. Well, anyway, it was a very popular look that [laughs] a lot, a lot of guys sported back in the 90s. And with the flannel shirt and the baggy shorts, that was like, that was 90s hot.

Did Sydnee dig it?

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

Did 90's Sydnee dig it?

Sydnee:

Sydnee dug it. Sydnee dug it [laughing]. Sydney went for it over and over again. Um, okay. Well, that's interesting to know. So maybe it's just the fashions coming full circle.

Rileigh:

It is coming back.

Sydnee:

Because I think, yeah. I think maybe 10 years ago it wouldn't have been so cool.

Rileigh:

Yeah. I got an email the other day actually from a store I shop at all the time where I have like a member ship with, and they were like, "Hey, get all these 90s fashions." And it was like, based off the movie *Clueless* partly-

Sydnee:

Oh, wow.

Rileigh:

... but also just like there were, did you all wear jelly shoes?

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Rileigh:

Jellies? They they're, I don't, I mean, I don't want any personally, but they have those, they had like flannels, they had overalls.

Jellies were like even maybe a little bit before the 90's and then through the 90's as well-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... because I had 'em as a kid, like a little, little kid.

Rileigh:

Yeah. I probably had when I was little, but I-

Sydnee:

I don't remember them being as popular back then. Like when you were little.

Rileigh:

Well yeah.

Sydnee:

Now, when I was little and you know, and Teylor was little, they, everybody had the jelly shoes.

Rileigh:

I remember mom having them though. Probably left over from-

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

... you two.

Sydnee:

Well, she probably sought 'em out.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Because, you know-

Well, Sydnee and Teylor have these jellies gotta give them to Rileigh. She'll get the coolest kid in school.

Sydnee:

[laughs] everybody wears these, right?

Rileigh:

Everybody wears 'em all the time.

Sydnee:

I think so. So I, I should mention real quick in Casey, you were somebody listening who's like, "You know, I've never seen *Mallrats*." One, you should, you should.

Rileigh:

Go watch it right now.

Sydnee:

You should. Especially if you're, if you're around my age, if you're listening on my end of the age spectrum, come on, it's like a classic. Um, but the, the general idea is that you've got like our, our main character T.S. and he's in, you know, he's got his girlfriend and-

Rileigh:

I don't know what-

Sydnee:

What?

Rileigh:

What is her, what is her name?

Sydnee:

I'm trying to remember her name [laughs].

Rileigh:

I dunno what name, character's name is [laughing].

Sydnee:

Anyway, the point is-

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... there's a love story going on, uh, but then they have a fight and they break up and there's the other main, uh, guy, character Brodie. And-

Rileigh:

Who is T.S.'s best friend.

Sydnee:

Yes. And he's broken up with his girlfriend and the first episode too. And then everybody goes-

Rileigh:

First episode?

Sydnee:

... or the, in the very beginning into the movie as well [laughing]. And then everybody goes to the mall at the same time.

Rileigh:

Of course.

Sydnee:

Um, and then there's at the same time at the mall, the T.S.'s girlfriend exgirlfriend now is going to be the kind of the bachelorette or suitorette they call her in a game show that is being filmed, it's her father's game show being filmed at the mall-

Rileigh:

At the mall.

Sydnee:

... uh, where she will be paired up with one of, of three other guys.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Now that brought about another interesting question. This was something that was not uncommon, not game shows necessarily, but events at the mall.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I don't know if you were aware of this.

Rileigh:

I mean, sometimes we have things going on at the mall. Like the other day I was there with some friends and they were doing a, um, prom fashion show because it's prom season, I guess. I don't know. I don't go to prom.

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

But, um, they were doing a prom fashion show for the dress shop at the mall. Um, the only other times I've ever been there for like an actual thing, they were doing like a meet the celebrity kind of thing with one of the guys from *Pretty Little Liars* on my birthday.

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

And I didn't get to go actually because we were doing, um, actually a tour for your show with Sawbones and My Brother, My Brother and Me-

Sydnee:

Oh yeah.

Rileigh:

... on my birthday weekend. But, um, they were having like meet him and then like meet some guy who was on *The Voice* that came to our mall's thing.

Sydnee:

Really?

Yeah. Um, but other than, other than that, not a lot of stuff.

Sydnee:

See, there used to be a lot of events, like, like fashion shows definitely. There were time ... I was in a mall fashion show once.

Rileigh:

Were you really?

Sydnee:

I was a 100%. I was in a mall fashion.

Rileigh:

Are you very fashionable?

Sydnee:

I wore. Hmm. Okay.

Rileigh:

[laughs].

Sydnee:

Are you ready for this?

Rileigh:

I'm ready.

Sydnee:

I don't think you're ready.

Rileigh:

I'm ready.

Sydnee:

Okay. Here's what I wore in the mall fashion show. Uh, and I was probably in, I probably was in middle school.

Rileigh:

Okay.

Red denim shorts-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... with a, uh, white tank top-

Rileigh:

Okay.

Sydnee:

... with a bandana with like fringe and beads around my neck-

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... like tie like, like askew you know, like off-centered.

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

And I wore a ball cap with the-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... Tasmanian and devil on it. It was red and black.

Rileigh:

What shoes, what shoes were you wearing Sydnee?

Sydnee:

I believe they were like red and black sneakers.

Rileigh:

Okay. That's not that bad.

That was, that was the outfit. I modeled that. And then the other outfit I changed into were blue, like, like Navy blue denim shorts with a body suit because-

Rileigh:

Oh.

Sydnee:

... uh, yeah. Body suits. That's not a thing anymore?

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Body suits are back?

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I wore like this little sailor themed body suit.

Rileigh:

And then like, are you talking about body suit? Like a, like a one piece bathing suit almost?

Sydnee:

Yeah. They come out-

Rileigh:

So that like you can pull shorts over it?

Sydnee:

Yes.

Rileigh:

And then it like slide them like a shirt. Yeah.

Sydnee:

Well they, they like snap under the crotch.

Rileigh: Right.
Sydnee: Yes.
Rileigh: Yeah. So then like it's like-
Sydnee: Like a baby onesie.
Rileigh: Yeah. It looks like you're wearing like a, like not a body suit when you have pants on.
Sydnee: Right.
Rileigh: Like, like wearing like a tight shirt.
Sydnee: Exactly.
Rileigh: Tucked into your shorts.
Sydnee: But people wear those now?
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: Oh my gosh. I had no idea.
Rileigh:

I dint know they were at first because I was like shopping mine for clothes and they were like wearing bathing suits. I thought. And I was like, "It's December. Why are they wearing bathing suits?" And then I clicked and they

were body suits and I saw like, there were like a, like a low V one, they were wearing like shorts and pants and stuff. Yeah.

Sydnee:

I had no idea. I mean, it's fascinating.

Rileigh:

I mean, I don't wear them, but yeah.

Sydnee:

They're also used to, in addition to fashion shows, they were also, um, like musical artists that would come to the mall a lot. Like for instance, have you ever heard of Tiffany?

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

I Think We're Alone Now, have you ever heard that song?

Rileigh:

Probably. I think so.

Sydnee:

Okay. Tiffany sang that song. Anyway, that was a, that was, she made kind of made her career by going to malls.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I mean, there were, there were musical artists who basically just went to different malls to perform instead of like booking a venue. I mean, they did that too-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... but they would go to all the malls and perform a musical number-

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... at the mall. And that was like, what part of what you could do.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Go to the mall and watch Tiffany sing.

Rileigh:

There was there always something going on like that at the mall?

Sydnee:

Not always, but a lot.

Rileigh:

Really?

Sydnee:

'Cause the mall for a while was the place to be for everybody.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

I mean, it was, it was a very popular hangout spot. And then, I mean, adults were going there too. I mean, it was just, there was a time where it, like all of a sudden we could build these big kind of monuments to consumerism where everybody could be at one place-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... buying everything at one time-

Rileigh:

Right.

... like clothes and shoes. And then also, you know, kitchenware-

Rileigh:

While you're eating and-

Sydnee:

... and toiletries and-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... furniture, you know? I mean, because you have department stores-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... where you can buy stuff for your house and you can eat too. There's a food-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... court. So-

Rileigh:

Yeah. They buy all the things. Spend all your money.

Sydnee:

Uh, our characters, by the way, we're talking about Shannon Doherty is Rene.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

And Brandi is T.S.'s-

Rileigh: Brandi.
Sydnee: Yeah.
Rileigh: That's her name?
Sydnee: So-
Rileigh: Thanks for looking that up. That was driving me crazy [laughs].
Sydnee: I know I'm all over it now. I can remember, I can remember Joey Lauren Adams was Gwen.
Rileigh: Brand- Yeah Gwen.
Sydnee: Yeah.
Rileigh: I can remember Brandi. I don't know which one she was but I remember the name.
Sydnee: Yeah. That's actually Claire Forloni.
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: Yeah. Too very popular back then.
Rileigh: I don't know who that is.

[laughs]. Uh, so anyway, the other thing, one of the other things that, that we see in the movie, one of the other main characters we get introduced to you are Jay and Silent Bob.

Rileigh:

Yes.

Sydnee:

And I have a couple character or I have a couple questions about these characters, Jay and Silent Bob and about like ... First of all, d- can you relate to the, the existence of guys like that or girls like that or people like that-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... in your high school today?

Rileigh:

Kind of, not really. I mean, if they were, they don't, I mean, they definitely don't dress like that anymore.

Sydnee:

Really?

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

There were lots of people who wore that like lots of layers of dark clothing, especially like big, long coat that Silent Bob wears.

Rileigh:

Now there are a few people at my school that are always wearing trench coats. It's kind of scary, but they're always wearing trench coats inside, outside.

There were, there were a lot of those like multi layers. And then like, I guess kind of metal guys, I guess, is what you might think of them as. I don't know that I think of Jay and Silent Bob that way, but like-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... a lot of the people that I think, and girls, that dressed that way were like kind of metal.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Which I don't know if that's even a thing still do people still listen to metal?

Rileigh:

I, I don't, I, I listen to show tunes. I don't know what other people listen to.

Sydnee:

[laughing] the best answer you could possibly give.

Rileigh:

[laughing], um, but I mean, I guess if you think about it, there may be a few people at school that are like that, but I mean, I don't know those people. So like, I don't know if there maybe are people that are like that, but like they don't dress like Jay and Silent Bob do in the movie. So it's like, you can't deal just by like looking at them but that's the-

Sydnee:

Okay.

Rileigh:

... kind of person they are.

Sydnee:

They're also, they would also be the people maybe be in school who like, are always into something that you think maybe isn't entirely legal-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... but they also seem kind of cool and quiet about it.

Rileigh:

Mm.

Sydnee:

But also you worry that if you hung out with them too much, you might get in trouble.

Rileigh:

I know exactly who you're talking about.

Sydnee:

You know what I mean?

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

Those, those people-

Rileigh:

Right. I know who you're talking about now.

Sydnee:

... that's kind of Jay and Silent Bob.

Rileigh:

Yeah. Yeah.

Sydnee:

Also they definitely did drugs.

Rileigh:

Right. Definitely-

Sydnee:

And they talk about that a lot.

... I mean, in the movie, they, he gives-

Sydnee:

Yes.

Rileigh:

... two of the contestants weed.

Sydnee:

Right. So the Jay and Silent Bob figure in, because they have to help to disrupt the game show.

Rileigh:

And get T.S. on the game show.

Sydnee:

Yes. So that he can win, win Brandi back.

Rileigh:

Right. No spoilers.

Sydnee:

And yes. And so they get two of the contestants pretty high.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um, yeah, no that, uh, and then that's the other thing I wondered if you ever understood that they were doing drugs because they used a lot of terminology.

Rileigh:

I mean, it was really funny. I got it.

Sydnee:

Okay.

Rileigh:

[laughs] 'cause I didn't get it at first, but then at some point later on, he is like something about a blunt, like, oh, gotcha.

Sydnee:

I wond- I wondered him when he just kept saying snootchie bootchies [laughing]. Which wasn't, if that was a common thing back then that people used-

Rileigh:

Like, was that a thing that you said?

Sydnee:

Well, no, I did- I mean, I never, I mean, you know me.

Rileigh:

Is that a thing that people said?

Sydnee:

No, I don't remember people saying it. 'Cause I, I, that was not me. I was never into that scene.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

I didn't, I didn't do drugs in high school.

Rileigh:

Do the, do the weed?

Sydnee:

No, I didn't. I didn't do that. Um, but I, but I don't remember people who did calling it that or talking about it like that.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um, I think that's very unique to, I think that's out of Kevin Smith's mind. And then my understanding is that actor maybe is a little bit like that anyway.

Rileigh: Really? Sydnee: I the I think I've read that

I th- I think I've read that before that part-

Rileigh:

Mm.

Sydnee:

... of that character was inspired by the actor who plays him, not all of it-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... but part of it was.

Rileigh:

Yeah, that was probably one of my favorite parts of the movie that, uh, cat chase-

Sydnee:

Jay and Silent Bob?

Rileigh:

Yes.

Sydnee:

Oh, it's [crosstalk 00:32:06] [laughing]. So, uh, there are a few more things that I wanna talk about, but before we do that, we need to talk a little bit more about the Max Fun Drive.

Rileigh:

A little bit more.

Sydnee:

'Cause we've talked a lot about the different gifts that you can get and you know how much you can donate and like where to go and that kind of stuff, but then one question you might be asking is why?

Rileigh: Why should I give my money to these people?
Sydnee: [laughs].
Rileigh: Well, here's why.
Sydnee: Uh, the most important reason is that donations support our show.
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: When you give money, it goes directly to us as podcasters-
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: as I dare I say artists-
Rileigh: Uh-
Sydnee: I don't know if I can say that.
Rileigh: creators?
Sydnee: Creators.
Rileigh: Creators.
Sydnee: Yeah.

We'll, we'll do that kind of artists.

Sydnee:

[laughs] I dunno which, I don't know which sounds more egotistical [laughing].

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

As creators. Um, but when you give, when you give that money, it goes directly to help us do this show because we, we especially Rileigh and I set out on this journey because we just really were excited about sharing our teenage experiences with each other-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... and with you all.

Rileigh:

Yeah. I mean it, most people don't have a sister that's 18 years older than them. So I mean, it's like at, "Hey, in case you don't, here you go."

Sydnee:

And, and it really, I think has provided a lot of common ground for us. And hopefully I, I think we've heard feedback from our, you know, you all that listen-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... that it, it helps you understand maybe your kids or your sisters or brothers or-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

... you know, parents or whatever that, uh, that there is a significant age gap between. Um, and certainly our Facebook group, there's just this community of listeners who have not just with us, but have really connected with each other.

Rileigh:

It's amazing. It's awesome.

Sydnee:

Yeah. Who, are you guys are finding all kinds of interesting things to talk about and connect about and, and really, you know, form new friendships, which is part of what Maximum Fun has always been about, which is making friends.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

And, uh, and these are reasons that you should donate because this, this whole little family-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... this little family, this Still Buff family, that is part of the larger Max Fun family-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... uh, was, was hopefully created in part because of us. I hope so.

Rileigh:

More of it.

Sydnee:

We we're, we we're at least the seed.

Yeah.

Sydnee:

[laughs] um, that started it. Uh, when you do donate, you're gonna feel awesome every time you listen, because you know that you are part of why that show is happening.

Rileigh:

Yeah. I mean, you're the reason I'm still here.

Sydnee:

Ex- exactly [laughs].

Rileigh:

Exactly. Exactly why I'm still here.

Sydnee:

Um, uh, you'll also help us reach our goal of 5,000 new and upgrading members, so please, we, we met our goal last year, let's do it again.

Rileigh:

Let's do it again.

Sydnee:

Let's do it again.

Rileigh:

I wasn't here for last year, so you gotta do it for me.

Sydnee:

Do it for Rileigh.

Rileigh:

Do it for-

Sydnee:

That's the most important. Uh, as we mentioned before, there are wonderful pledge gifts that you can get, uh, everything from all the bonus content to the super cool bandanas, to the, you know, the thermos we talked to about, um, to the adventure necessity collection. Everything that we talked about

and that's everywhere from, you know, five dollars a month, \$10, 20, 35, all the way up to \$200 a month-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... if you are in a position to do that.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

Um, and also if you already are a current member, a current donor, don't forget if you are interested in any of these cool things that we've talked about, these cool gifts, and then you think, you know, I'm in a position where maybe I could give a little bit more, I'd like to, I really love what these people do. And I'd like to be able to donate a little bit more then, uh, you can upgrade and then you're eligible for all that stuff as well.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um, and, and as I mentioned, they're also higher levels than we've kind of, uh, emphasize that-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... have various special perks as well. And you can see all of the different gifts 'cause I know we've mentioned them, but if you wanna look at them all, you can go to maximumfun.org and click on donate and you can actually look at all this stuff-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... that we're talking about.

You can see all the bandanas, they're all super cool. The thermos, the kit, the, all the stuff, all it.

Sydnee:

Exactly. So again, if you want to donate, if you can, where should they go Rileigh?

Rileigh:

Go to maximumfun.org/donate.

Sydnee:

And then you can support *Still Buffering* and all of the shows on the Maximum Fun network by-

Rileigh:

They're bunch shows.

Sydnee:

[crosstalk 00:36:06] a Maximum Fun monthly member. Which is also just cool. Like if you wanna make yourself like a little card and then tell people-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... like.

Rileigh:

I'll also do that. If you-

Sydnee:

Oh.

Rileigh:

... when I drive to your house, I'll make you like a little like iron on patch-

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

... you can put it on your clothes.

Sydnee:

I like the, I like, could you just draw it? Like [laughs] with crayons or something?

Rileigh:

Yeah. Like a piece-

Sydnee:

It looks clearly [crosstalk 00:36:25].

Rileigh:

... paper, cut it out.

Sydnee:

That's what it needs to be. You fold it.

Rileigh:

[laughs].

Sydnee:

I'll show you how to fold it.

Rileigh:

Okay.

Sydnee:

Like we used to fold notes in a really-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... creative way. Yep. That's what we need.

Rileigh:

And I'll take it to everyone who donates. But you have to donate or else you don't get it.

And uh, and we need you to donate now while you're thinking about it, um, because you're gonna forget later at least I am.

Rileigh:

'Cause I mean, you go to watch the movie *Mallrats*, and it's just like, you're thinking about all these crazy things going on at the mall with all these teens and you forget to donate.

Sydnee:

So, so if you can, right now, if you're thinking about it, if you got a second, I mean, if you're at work or whatever, like don't get in trouble.

Rileigh:

Yeah. Don't get in trouble.

Sydnee:

If you're in school.

Rileigh:

You're at school-

Sydnee:

What are you doing?

Rileigh:

... what are you doing? Pay attention.

Sydnee:

listen to your teacher. Uh, but when you have a second, please do, um, and again, that's at maximumfun.org/donate.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Rileigh.

Rileigh:

Yes.

Back to Mallrats.
Rileigh: Back to <i>Mallrats</i> .
Sydnee: So, uh, one, one, a couple other things I wanted to ask you about Jay and Silent Bob-
Rileigh: Mm-hmm [affirmative].
Sydnee: um, is you mentioned that you kind of enjoyed their characters-
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: you thought they were very funny. Um, then can I convince you to watch all the other movies that they're-
Rileigh: Yes.
Sydnee: [laughs].
Rileigh: Definitely.
Sydnee: Okay, good. Because they're in, they're in like a lot of them.
Rileigh: I'll watch all of them right now.
Sydnee: Yeah.
Rileigh:

I wanna leave.

Sydnee:

[laughs] no, we gotta finish the show first.

Rileigh:

Oh, dang it. All right.

Sydnee:

Um, a couple other things that I thought I'd mention one little teeny thing from the movie is the, um, I don't know if you'd ever seen those magic eye posters.

Rileigh:

I've seen them like online before-

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

... but never, uh, like that, like hung up places like in public.

Sydnee:

I wonder, I wondered what you thought of that. That's William, right? Who I think-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... is looking at the magic eye poster-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... for a long time. And those used to be, they were displayed at our mall.

Rileigh:

Really?

I mean, I don't know if, if that was all malls. I mean, obviously it was the mall and *Mallrats*-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... but that was a very common thing to, to have them all displayed and to like stand there, you know-

Rileigh:

That's crazy.

Sydnee:

... 'cause they'd have multiple ones up and you could go ahead and cheat and look at them all right there.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

You know?

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

So that's, that's not as popular now.

Rileigh:

Not really.

Sydnee:

They had just come out, so like, everybody was really excited about it [laughing].

Rileigh:

That was all the rage.

It was like kind of science magic that people just weren't ready for yet.

Rileigh:

Science magic?

Sydnee:

You've gotta understand this ... I mean like, did you see people carrying cell phones in this movie?

Rileigh:

No. What did they have?

Sydnee:

We had a low bar for science magic.

Rileigh:

What did you, what did you have? That was all you had.

Sydnee:

Dude. I told you we had landlines.

Rileigh:

Landlines?

Sydnee:

You just like went to your phone, like your, and you picked it up and you dialed a number and you called people.

Rileigh:

Then you had to actually talk to people.

Sydnee:

I know, I know. It was a, it was a very different time.

Rileigh:

I'd not enjoy that, but we've already talked, I mean, we've already talked about that. I don't wanna have to relive all that horrible thoughts-

Sydnee:

[laughs].

... of having to talk to people on the phone.

Sydnee:

Um, but, but yeah. So I mean, we had a, we had a, a pretty low, you know, a magic eye poster was, it was a pretty exciting moment-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... for all of us. Now in general, you know, the idea of watching Mallrats-

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

Um, because, and I, I mean, I guess if you're out there and you haven't seen the show, seen the movie, I won't spoil the very ending.

Rileigh:

Yeah, don't give it away.

Sydnee:

'Cause we've kind of lead it all the way up to the very ending.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I won't, I won't give away yet [laughs].

Rileigh:

So the turning point of the whole movie.

Sydnee:

Yeah. Um, so, so go watch it if you haven't. Uh, but the idea of watching a movie like this, when I was in high school, it was not just something that I saw because my friends that all seen it, it was very much a, a thing I wanted to experience with my friends over and over again.

Yeah.

Sydnee:

So all the Kevin Smith movies would become that over time, but it was, it was something that you felt like only certain people knew about it first-

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

So it was kind of like this little kind of niche thing like-

Rileigh:

Like you were cool if you knew about it.

Sydnee:

You, yes. You're in the cool club, you've seen Clerks? Okay.

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

Yeah. And then, and then *Mallrats*. And people would, we would watch it over and over again when we would have parties or sleepovers or whatever. I mean, it was-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... that was the thing that we wanted to do was all sit together and watch-

Rileigh:

Watch these movies.

Sydnee:

... a movie like that. Is that still something that, that people do?

Rileigh:

I mean, we all get together and watch movies a lot. Like that's a thing that we spend time doing. Like I had people over a few weekends ago and um, we set up a movie screen outside and watched movies outside together. But I mean with phones and stuff like that, like we start a movie and then it's kind of like, we get disinterested in it after a while. Like we don't ever-

Sydnee:

Really?

Rileigh:

... just like finish it together. Like I've gone and seen movies in theaters with my friends before. And of course we like will finish and stay through those, but I mean, when we're just at home watching a movie, maybe like scary movies, like whenever I have like a sleepover, like we'll do that together, but there isn't really like one movie or group of movies where it's like, oh, we need to watch these they're so cool.

Sydnee:

Because we would watch 'em over and over again and like memorize lines from 'em.

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

And that was one of the things you would, you know, wanna do is know all the lines so that then at some point in time you would quote them with your friends and then have like this sile- this secret little laugh, like-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... you're quoting Mallrats. You know, I know that 'cause I'm, I'm in.

Rileigh:

I'm the cool one.

Sydnee:

Is that, like that kind of almost obsession with movie where you watch the same one over and over again.

Um, the only movie that I've ever watched like that to memorize parts and I know my friends have too is *Mean Girls*.

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

But that's not even a movie from my time. Really.

Sydnee:

That's true.

Rileigh:

From like the early 2000's. I mean, I was really little when it came out, so like, I wouldn't have been watching it right when it came out. But I mean like middle school, most of high school, I mean, still now it's like all my friends, we all know all of the lines to *Mean Girls*.

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

Like I could sit down with my friends right now and that would probably be the only movie that we could turn on. And like, we'd all just stay watching it the whole time. We'd all be able to quote every single line that the whole movie, I could probably start reciting it right now and I just know every word.

Sydnee:

And you get on your phones and-

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

Really?

Rileigh:

'Cause Mean Girls... it's like, I guess it's like our movie.

Sydnee:

That's funny. 'Cause that's, I mean, we had, I would say more than just one that it was, I mean, well, we wouldn't have been on our phones 'cause we didn't have phones.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

But it was almost an interactive viewing experience. We would watch it, we would say the lines along with it. Sometimes you'd wanna rewind it to see a part over again-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... because it's one you really love. Everybody would have parts that would, you know, we'd all cheer-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... or, you know, "Aah," something.

Rileigh:

I mean you'd already seen it, so you didn't have to like pay attention super closely the whole time you could like interact with all your friends.

Sydnee:

Right. But that was very much ... That's interesting 'cause that was, I mean that was ... We would almost sit down at parties and have our stack of, 'cause we had ... And by this time DVDs mainly.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

That, you know, we're gonna watch one of the, these are our movies, these are our movies-

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... that we watch together. We're not gonna watch anything new-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... unless, you know, if a new Kevin Smith movie had come out, maybe that, but like we weren't gonna watch anything new-

Rileigh:

Clerks 3.

Sydnee:

We're gonna watch ... Exactly. We're gonna watch one of these movies. We've already seen him a million times 'cause that's what we do when we get together is just watch movies which we've already seen.

Rileigh:

Right. No, I don't think we really have like a set like collection or movies that everyone's seen in our age group or anything like that. I mean the only time I can ever think of watching a movie and sitting us all together, together, like watching something and not getting distracted was when I was getting ready to do the play, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe-

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

... and we were having people over at our house that were also in it. And like we all sat down together and watched it.

Sydnee:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Rileigh:

Um-

Sydnee:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe?

Rileigh:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Sydnee:

Okay.

Rileigh:

Um, I guess that-

Sydnee:

It's pretty.

Rileigh:

... that's about another thing that like we [laughing] all-

Sydnee:

Pretty cool there [laughs].

Rileigh:

... stop it, shut up! But um, like we all watch each other, like whenever we're in shows like theater productions, like we all have DVDs of them, watch them together.

Sydnee:

Watch the shows you're already in?

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

[laughs] okay.

Rileigh:

Like we already been like watching ourselves.

Sydnee:

Okay. I can see, actually I could see us-

I was gonna say you probably did.

Sydnee:

I'm sure. We did that.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

And when I look back, I am certain that when we had videos of our shows or DVDs of our shows, we would watch-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... them.

Rileigh:

A lot of movie musicals.

Sydnee:

Not that we would ever endorse that, that's not, you're not allowed to do that.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

[laughs] but-

Rileigh:

We don't do that.

Sydnee:

... you know, maybe if they just happen to exist out-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... appear out of nowhere.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

This, this kind of leads into, you mentioned that everybody would be on their phones-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... if, if you were trying to watch a movie together. And so-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... um, you've talked about before that it's almost like you and your friends don't spend as much time talking-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... like out loud-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... maybe as we did.

Rileigh:

Not really. No.

Sydnee:

Whi- which is something that I, I thought I would ask you about in reference to *Mallrats*, 'cause I think you could say it about all the Kevin Smith movies,

but I also think it's really true when I look at like other shows from that time period-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... like, like TV shows and you've never watched Dawson's Creek, right?

Rileigh:

No.

Sydnee:

I'm gonna make you watch an episode of *Dawson's Creek*. But I, I think the same thing could be true for that. The idea that there was a time where teenagers were really hyper verbal-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... where we were constantly talking and expressing ourselves and like working out these kind of quirky cultural things-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... by talking to each other about something that would seem fairly mundane.

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

I mean, you see that a lot in the movie-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... people debate like the debate that T.S. and Brodie have about when the, where the food court is in the mall. Rileigh: Yeah. **Sydnee:** What qualifies as the food court. Rileigh: Right. **Sydnee:** And having something that is completely kind of ridiculous point-Rileigh: Yeah. **Sydnee:** ... by having really serious, intense using kind of big vocabulary word-Rileigh: Yeah. **Sydnee:** ... debate about something like that. That was very much something that, that was part of my growing up. Like that was something that I-Rileigh: Mm-hmm [affirmative]. Sydnee: ... connected to, that I did with my friends and that-Rileigh: Right.

Sydnee:

Rileigh:

... I saw in a lot of the media.

Yeah. We, we don't really know, do anything like that now. Trying to think if there's any-

Sydnee:

Can, can you see you and your friends having like a, like a cultural debate, like, like getting really intense for a point about something ... Like I said, something kind of silly and mundane like that?

Rileigh:

Not really. I mean-

Sydnee:

Yeah.

Rileigh:

... I wish. That's a seems pretty fun. Seems like something I'd be into.

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

Um, but no, I mean we're all just kind of distracted all the time. And I mean, if our phones-

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

... it's true, we're all distracted by our phones and stuff all the time. Like the only time I could ever see that happening is if like all of our phones were dead and we all were just like had like nothing else to do.

Sydnee:

Then you would talk more?

Rileigh:

Then we would talk more.

Sydnee:

I think that might be, I think you need to-

Sometimes we do that when like we ever all go to eat together. We're like, "Okay, everyone put your phones in the middle of the table. We're all just gonna talk."

Sydnee:

That's a good idea.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

You guys should do that more.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Because that, I think that you make all kinds of weird. I mean, that was the thing about, about movies and I, you see it a little bit in *Mallrats*, but like you conversations like that sometimes would lead to these re- revelations-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... that started with something kind of silly and ridiculous.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

You know, and I think you see that also in like the comic book storyline in *Mallrats*.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Like that Brodie kind of finds like his answers by discussing comic books-

Rileigh: Comic books. Sydnee: ... with Stan Lee [laughs]. Rileigh: Yeah. This is like a really good conversation [laughing]. Sydnee: It, well, I mean it's Stan Lee.

Rileigh:

Yeah, exactly.

Sydnee:

That's super cool.

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

Yeah. Who's in the movie spoilers [laughs].

Rileigh:

Oh no. How could we do this to them?

Sydnee:

But comic books is a whole other show.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

So we won't get into that too much.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

I think that's all. Did you have any questions about the movie? Anything that I haven't mentioned already that may have seemed like strange or odd or like, why were people, you know ... I mean, by now I think you get that, like we didn't have cell phones and stuff and so we couldn't-

Rileigh:

Right. That's why you were talking all the time.

Sydnee:

And that's why like, they're just wandering around the mall, looking for people instead of just like texting each other, like, "Where are you?"

Rileigh:

They were looking for who like where everyone would be.

Sydnee:

Exactly.

Rileigh:

Yeah. And like, you didn't already know someone was gonna be the there. 'Cause like if I went to the mall, I probably would've already seen on someone's like Snapchat story, like Twitter or something that they were already at the mall-

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

... and like known they were gonna be there. But I feel like it's like a surprise. Like if you don't know they're gonna be there like back then you didn't have phones, just like, "Oh my gosh, what are you doing here?"

Sydnee:

That really was what it was like. And it was almost kind of a, um, I always remember the idea when I was younger back in my teenage days when I was, uh, you know, like maybe a little bit mushy romantic kind of-

Rileigh:

Uh-huh [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... like starry-eyed teenager kinda.

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

And I, I remember going places and thinking like, "I'm going to put myself in the world and just see who I run into." And it was always-

Rileigh:

Oh my gosh!

Sydnee:

... it a very exciting [laughs]. Shut up. It was a very exciting thing for me to go somewhere where there might be a bunch of other people in the, like, who knows who will be there and it could be somebody I like-

Rileigh:

Mm-hmm [affirmative].

Sydnee:

... and like, oh, you know, maybe my friends will be there. Whatever, like-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

It was always a big, exciting mystery-

Rileigh:

Right.

Sydnee:

... like who will be there?

Rileigh:

Right. Yeah.

Sydnee:

You guys, you, do you think you miss out all that?

Rileigh:

It's less surprise. Yeah. It's not as, I mean, it is fun, but it's not as much fun 'cause it's not like a little scavenger hunt for all your friends, like go to the mall.

Sydnee:

It is.

Rileigh:

I mean, we don't have that. It's just kinda like, "Hey, I'm at the fountain or I'm at the food court or I'm at Claire's. Come find me.

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

I'll be here. Text me when you're here."

Sydnee:

I'm buying flannel 'cause it's in again.

Rileigh:

Yeah. Tied around your waist.

Sydnee:

Okay.

Rileigh:

Get those jellies.

Sydnee:

I think that was the most important thing that I've learned from you is that I can wear, not only can I wear my flannel shirts, but I can time around my waist if I want to.

Rileigh:

Right. 'Cause that's super in all the time.

Sydnee:

So, thank goodne- well, it's also very practical and comfortable. So-

Rileigh:

It is. Yeah.

Sydnee:

Well, um, well I think that's all I have to say about *Mallrats*. But that was fun. We'll have to do that with more movies over time. And-

Rileigh:

It was. *Mallrats* is one of my new favorite movies now.

Sydnee:

... you're gonna have to return the favor. You're gonna have to pick something for me.

Rileigh:

Oh, I'm excited.

Sydnee:

I don't know a movie or some series of YouTube videos or whatever [laughs] whatever-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... you kids watch today. Um, one last time before we finish up our show. Thank you again, uh, for listening, thank you for, you know, tuning in and checking out what we have to say.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

Um, thank you for, uh, talking about our show and joining the Facebook group. The *Still Buffering* Facebook group and tweeting at us @Stillbuff [laughs]. Um, we wanna remind you one last time about the Max Fun Drive.

Rileigh:

Yes.

Sydnee:

So again, uh, you can become a member of the Maximum Fun family, a monthly member for as little as \$5 a month, all the way up to \$200 a month. And with every level there are different gifts associated, again, bonus content, content and bandanas and thermoses. And at every level above you get everything that level-

Rileigh:

Everything below.

Sydnee:

... as well.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

So if you have not donated before and you're in a position to, awesome, consider it.

Rileigh:

It'll be greatly appreciated.

Sydnee:

Exactly. And if you have donated before and you think you might wanna, you could, or you want to donate a little bit more then-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... you know, think about it. Um, and again, if you listen to our show, please, um, click our show. You know, they'll, they'll give you which shows on the network, Do you listen to... " Plea-

Rileigh:

Click Still Buffering.

Sydnee:

Please click ours [laughs].

Rileigh:

We'd appreciate it.

Sydnee:

Uh, and if you, if you like our bandana design and you think it's the one you want, there are wonderful ... There are a lot of great shows on our network-

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

... and there are a lot of wonderful bandanas to choose from. I think ours is pretty darn cool-

Rileigh:

The cars along with top ones up there, I don't know...

Sydnee:

So, uh, and if, and you know, when Rileigh comes to your house to give you a hug, if you're wearing it, think about how excited she'll be.

Rileigh:

Oh my gosh.

Sydnee:

[laughs].

Rileigh:

Oh, I don't even, oh, I can't even think about it.

Sydnee:

So again, if you're interested, if you think you wanna donate, go to maximumfun.org/donate, check out all the cool prizes, uh, and gifts and then again, show your support for our show if you can and all of the other wonderful shows in our Maximum Fun family.

Rileigh:

Yeah.

Sydnee:

And that's all we have for you this week.

Rileigh: It is.
Sydnee: Thank you all again for tuning in. Thank you to the Novellas for our theme song, Baby You Change Your Mind and thank you so much to Max Fun.
Rileigh: Yeah.
Sydnee: And thank you, Rileigh.
Rileigh: Thank you Sydnee.
Sydnee: [laughs].
Rileigh: This has been <i>Still Buffering</i> : a sister's guide to teens through the ages. I am Riley Smirl.
Sydnee: I'm Sydnee McElroy.

I am a teenager.

Sydnee:

And I was too.

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