

MBMBAM 578: Greg's Upstairs High-Performance Tea Kettle

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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 that babies out there will know how cool they are for listening. What's up, you cool baby?

[theme music plays]

Justin:

Hello everybody. Again, 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, big dog with woof, McElroy.

Griffin:

And I'm your sweet baby brother, Griffins, once again, McElroy.

Justin:

I'm sorry Griff—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

I'm really sorry.

Griffin:

This was my, this was my year, with my show, Fred Jasso.

Justin:

Yeah. How is Fred Jasso handling the loss?

Griffin:

Fred Jasso is pretty sad. Uh, my boy Jason Sudeikis is pretty hard torn up about it, 'cause he had a, he had a star turn—

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

As, uh, Fred Jasso.

Travis:

And I'll tell you the thing that's most disappointing, Griffin, if I may?

Griffin:

Yeah, sure.

Travis:

Fred Ja... Fred Jasso came out two months before that other one.

Griffin:

It's bullshit.

Travis:

And nobody talked about it. Yeah.

Griffin:

It's bullsh... it's bullshit because we don't have... maybe, maybe, maybe Jason Sudeikis doesn't have an SNL career to fall back on like—

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... you know, that he can point to and be like, "I got the chops," you know what I mean? Unlike some other...

Travis:

I mean he is a college improv and it was pretty good.

Griffin:

He did some college improv, it was mostly religious based.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

He was sort of start the BYU improv circuit.

Travis:

Can I tell you guys the problem-

Justin:

Real quick, I know that you had a bit, you wanted to do Travis and I'm so here for it.

Travis:

Okay, great.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Did you guys know... And I, this would be the kind of thing that we would talk about if Ted Lasso was like a show that everybody was watching or nobody was watching—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

... I feel like it's sort of in a weird middle ground, but...

Griffin:

Nobody talking about Ted Lasso.

Justin:

Did you feel like... did you guys know there's a conspiracy theory that the guy who plays Roy Kent is CGI?

Griffin:

I do know about this. Yeah.

Justin:

Travis, did you know about this?

Travis:

No.

Justin:

All right.

Griffin:

He just looks... he looks unbelievable.

Travis:

Yeah. He's incredible. I love Brett Goldstein. So here's the thing you guys, can I tell you the problem—

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Yeah, sure.

Travis:

... with recording My Brother My Brother and Me?

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

'Cause sometimes people are like, "You guys don't do enough questions anymore." And you know what?

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

Yeah. I put together the list this week, and there's some really just absolute bangers in there. But then also, like, Grimace is a taste bud. And like that's really kind of a problem.

Griffin:

It's so hard, isn't it? Yeah.

Travis:

Can I tell you—

Griffin:

So hard.

Travis:

Here's the wild thing about it. I looked it up, do you guys know the story behind this? You guys hear about this? You guys hear about this?

Griffin:

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Travis, you ha... you legally, you know you have to do—

Travis:

You don't know about this?

Justin:

Thank you.

Travis:

You don't know about this?

Justin:

Thank you.

Travis:

So here's okay, here's the best part of about it, right? Everybody's talking about the fact that Grimace is a taste bud, that's not the best part about it.

Griffin:

Nobody's talking about Ted Lasso, so fuck Ted Lasso.

Travis:

Griffin, it's fine. Grimace is a taste bud. So this came from this guy, Brian Bates, who was being honored as outstanding manager of the year. Just a manager of one of the branches of McDonald's or whatever. And the interviewer asked him like, "What is Grimace?" And Bates just went rogue and went, "An enormous taste bud." [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs] Okay. But wait, hold on. What? He shouldn't be allowed to... he shouldn't be allowed to do that, you know what I mean?

Justin:

It's a manager of the year.

Travis:

That's true.

Griffin:

I get that. But you don't get creative rights for, for... you don't get to arrest the sort of CCO wheel just because you did a good job running a McDonald's.

Travis:

Well, I'll tell you, that's what gets Bates to be the manager of the year that take charge attitude, where it's like, "What is Grimace is?" He's like, "Well, no, if no, one's gonna decide, I'll decide right now, buck stops here. He's a taste bud."

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

A bold, I would say a bold call. I mean, he could have said anything else and it would've made a lot more sense.

Griffin:

I thought he was like a lung.

Travis:

Oh, like one of those, like, this is what happens when you smoke cigarettes?

Griffin:

I thought he was a, a lung that warned you against vaping.

Travis:

Oh, I see. I see.

Justin:

[laughs] 'Cause it turns your lungs purple.

Travis:

I see.

Griffin:

Yeah. Or possibly maybe a very, very, very sick chicken nugget that fell behind a cash register or something for 15 years and then they upgraded the cash registers and were like, "What the fuck is that?"

Travis:

So McDonald's had to make an official statement about it.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

And tell me if you could tell me which one of these three things Grimace actually is based on the way they structure this sentence. "Whether he's a taste bud, a milkshake, or just your favorite purple blob, the best part about Grimace is that he means different things to different people."

Griffin:

Okay. But he's not a fucking milkshake.

Travis:

Uh-huh.

Griffin:

He used to be an evil character who stole milkshakes.

Travis:

Yes. Correct.

Griffin:

But that does not mean that he is a milkshake, you know what I mean?

Travis:

No, no, no.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

That that would be ridiculous.

Griffin:

Just because Fred J... just because Fred Jasso runs around stealing all the soccer balls from all the players in the, in London, that doesn't make him a soccer ball, do you know what I mean?

Justin:

Right.

Travis:

Do you think that McDonald's when they originally had the characters of hamburger and Mayor McCheese were angling towards like, and then one day, the hamburger takes his head off [laughs] and just, just steals his head to consume it?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

And they had to like talk about it. But here's the thing that I realized reading this, this story...

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

What do we really know about Grimace? Tell me right now. You guys grew up...

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... in like the '80s and '90s.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

What the fuck do you know about Grimace?

Griffin:

He used to have two pairs of arms, like a Goro.

Justin:

Uh-huh. Interesting.

Travis:

That's true. But what do you know about his personality?

Justin:

He's not happy to be there.

Griffin:

He's he's not, he's not, um, he's not smart.

Travis:

Oh, he's filling that, uh, Patrick Star kind of role.

Griffin:

Sort of, yeah, yeah. Both sort of, he's filling that void, both sort of, um, spiritually and physically.

Travis:

Oh, so, so what you're saying, Griffin is that, uh, Ronald keeps him around to make him look smart?

Griffin:

Did McDonald's in their official statement say whether he's a milkshake or a blob? We don't fucking know.

Travis:

Yep.

Griffin:

Then maybe you shouldn't have introduced him to the canon.

Travis:

Well, they also say in the same, "Whatever he is, we're just proud our bestie makes people happy." And that's what got me wondering when you see Grimace, are you like, "Oh, I'm filled with happiness. Oh, I'm so fucking happy right now."

Justin:

I would say first off you guys have not put that motherfucker in an ad for 20 years.

Travis:

This is what I'm saying.

Justin:

He is not your bestie.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Yeah, sure.

Justin:

Shut up. Your bestie is like, corn syrup. It's not Grimace.

Travis:

I don't even know if they're used Ronald that much anymore.

Justin:

No, they retired all of 'em when a bunch of [laughs] real party poopers decided to dress up like killer clowns and hide in bushes and scare people.

Travis:

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Justin:

Ronald got, Ronald got shuffled aside, thank you TikTok as always.

Travis:

Good job again TikTok.

Justin:

Uh, I, I think they should just be very, uh, happy that Brian didn't go wilder, 'cause he had the stage.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

... for some reason Brian was handed the con shell, my man could have fully been like, "Oh, Ronald? He's a sapient wolf."

Griffin:

[laughs] Right?

Travis:

Yeah. "Oh, what's Grimace do?" "Well, he's an alien and he's here to impregnate all of our pineapples." Or whatever the fuck.

Justin:

One, one thing a lot of people won't tell you is if you let Grimace, it gets you high.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm. High as fuck. And they're lucky—

Travis:

Oh, what is Grimace? Well, he's a representation of the darkness that lives in all of us.

Griffin:

They're lucky he only stuck to McDonald's properties and wasn't like, "He's a taste bud. Gritty's a nut."

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Gritty is a n... Gritty is a, Gritty's a nutsuck, ah, I can say whatever!

Travis:

[laughs] Manager of the year, baby!

Justin:

Grimace is our ideal customer at McDonald's. He's got a big fat hole ready to shove down all the different foods you have.

Travis:

And a juicy ass.

Justin:

A juicy ass with plenty of burger space as we call it, we love it.

Travis:

And he's shape like a triangle. That's what we want.

Justin:

Yeah. 'Cause he's a, he's a kind of a, kind of a Illuminati. [laughs]

Griffin:

Yeah. Yeah.

Travis:

Oh, have we mentioned that we're all in the Illuminati and all heads backs to Ronald? I'm Brian Bates, out!

Griffin:

"And it seems like, Mr. Bates, it seems like your store was, there was no turnover increase affected by COVID and we're just wondering what your secret is."

"I fucked Louie the Lightning Bug! Woo-hoo!"

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs] "Do you think you're gonna get in trouble with the McDonald's higher-ups for these kind of things?"

"They'll have to catch me! Rubble rubble!"

Griffin:

And it's the perfect crime. It's the perfect crime because they can't—

Justin:

They can't fire you.

Griffin:

... they can't fire you.

Justin:

That would be so... you'd be elected president—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

... or against prime minister. Like you can't fire you for saying that Grimace is a taste bud. [laughs]

Griffin:

No.

Travis:

You know what's gonna happen? They're gonna elevate him to a place where he can be silenced, right? Like that's what happen... when you start smelling the beans like this, right? It's like, "Well, we can't fire him." So now he's gonna be like, you know, a, a, a CEO or like he's gonna be in charge of like food studies or whatever, and we're gonna lock him away in like whatever McDonald's version of Area 54 is, which is probably just Area 54.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

It's not area 54, is it?

Griffin:

No, it's not.

Justin:

Studio 54 is the sexy club.

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

And studio 51 is the science club where they have aliens that dance all night.

Griffin:

Right. Exactly.

Justin:

Area 54 is the sexy club for nerds.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

... that love aliens. Wait, does that exist? Wait, fuck, does that exist? 'Cause we can capitalize on that.

Griffin:

Definitely. Um, all right. Listen, we... that's, that's enough of McDonaldland talk.

Justin:

Sure.

Griffin:

We talk a lot about McDonaldland characters.

Travis:

Bring back Birdie. She's a strong character.

Justin:

Birdie was the one... Birdie was cookies, right? Um—

Travis:

I thought Birdie... Well, yeah, 'cause she wouldn't have been—

Griffin:

We literally—time's a flat circle.

Justin:

Yeah. It's true. We can't talk about—

Griffin:

We have to make the orbit.

Travis:

Because they're nugget kids. Well nuggets who wanted to be—

Griffin:

We gotta get out, we gotta go. We gotta go.

Justin:

You're right. You're right.

Griffin:

Let's do a question.

Justin:

Yeah. Um, this is... did I say this is an advice show?

Griffin:

It's... And there's no way you didn't.

Justin:

It's My Brother My Brother and Me, an advice show for the modern era. Okay. "In the before times, I purchased an electric kettle for my office with the intention of providing myself and my coworkers with hot water for tea." Which, according to Justin McElroy power rankings, one of the top 10 reasons to buy a kettle.

Griffin:

Absolutely.

Justin:

... is because you want hot water.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

Well, but it's also a power move to do it for others. Like you're—

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... you're kind of—

Justin:

Sharing is caring.

Travis:

... of Prometheus at that point.

Justin:

Sure. "We've been out of the office since March, 2020 and..."

Travis:

What?

Justin:

... we we're now being asked to pick up our belongings.

Griffin:

[laughs] What happened? I might guess somebody ripped a stinky beeper and then you had to reupholster the place.

Justin:

[laughs] COVID-19 is a stinky beeper that cleared out society.

Travis:

It's stinky beeper.

Griffin:

Well, what's funny is that that somebody ripped a beeper in February 2020, unrelated, and they got out just in time actually.

Justin:

Yeah. I heard that this beeper was made in a lab. [laughing] No human could've made a beeper—

Travis:

I heard the beeper was being spread on 5G.

Griffin:

The CEO—the CEO of the company, sending emails every weekend and like, "Guys, we're all, COVID free. It's aces over here, don't worry about it. But this beeper..."

Travis:

It's soaked into the carpet, I think.

Griffin:

We reupholster the place, Tuesday, it smelled fine, Thursday, the beeper came back.

Travis:

We think the beeper is hiding somewhere in the drop ceiling. Um, we've got our best people in there.

Justin:

So anyway, that happened. "And now we're being asked to pick up our belongings, belongings, so the CEO can sell the space."

Travis:

Good luck, smells like fart.

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

[laughs] "Does this tea kettle still belong to me? And can I take it home? I have a tea kettle at home already, the exact same kettle actually." Man, you must have loved the performance of that [crosstalk 00:12:35]. Yeah. Once you, once you find it, you found it, you know?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Um, "But I did buy this kettle and leaving it behind would imply it belongs to the office. I don't wanna disappoint any of the people who will work in the new office by taking the kettle, but I don't know if anyone remembers, I purchased the kettle to begin with. Is it stealing to take community kettle that I purchased?" That's from Bubbling in Boston. Um...

Travis:

If the CEO's selling the space...

Justin:

There's no expectation that the kettle would be left behind.

Griffin:

Yeah, it doesn't commute, the kettle. I think the easy solution for this is you do raises up the flag pole to the CEO who lives at the top of the flag pole

and say like, "Hey, I'm not gonna make a big deal out of this. This was a gift for my colleagues, but I do want a slice of the profits for the sale."

Travis:

Or if they sell the space and the kettle goes with it...

Justin:

The estate auction.

Griffin:

Yes. Then they should get, you know, 5% of the, of the, of the sale.

Justin:

You could just recreate the, this communal experience by every time you have a Zoom call, just set out like 12 cups of tea and pour it into it and then hold it up to the camera so people can take drinks of it and everything. That way you're still making tea for everybody and it won't be weird at all.

Griffin:

We're not having enough fakey fake imaginary tea parties on Zoom.

Travis:

Thank you.

Justin:

Yep.

Griffin:

We could be having so much more fun with this, which are imaginary biscuits.

Travis:

Hey, we have to get more work done on these Zoom calls guys. We're, we've been having too many fucking tea parties. Oh, we're going under, oh, it's so bad.

Griffin:

Got a lot of thirsty Teddys. I feel like this is a nonissue and I don't, I—maybe it's a very, very expensive kettle, but I also feel like if you have a kettle that is the same kettle already, you don't need two kettles knocking around the house.

Travis:

But oh, but I will also say as someone who has like, cleaned up... So when I worked at the, the feeder, like, and whenever we'd have turnover or whatever, people would always have this like, "Well, I'll leave this behind and someone else will use it." And it's like, "Fuck, no. Take it. Take it away because no one else will use it and it's garbage." Right? So like, don't leave it. They, they're selling the space, so if you don't take it, no else is gonna take it.

Justin:

All right. Okay, right. I don't wanna zoom in though, I think what the person is saying is that they didn't develop a strong... they didn't do a good job of branding the kettle...

Griffin:

Ah-

Justin:

.. as Greg's kettle.

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

... right? They didn't make a big... and honestly, everybody had a lot of their mind, [laughs] I think, when the kettle was first introduced.

Travis:

Well, this is, they don't clarify when... they just say that they bought it. And then... So if this was like [laughs] March 1st, yes, good point, Justin.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

It probably got buried underneath some other news.

Justin:

That's true. Um...

Travis:

But I would also say, let this be a lesson to others, if you're gonna buy a communal tea kettle, what's the point of doing that if you're not using it to raise your profile in the office to be like...

Justin:

Exactly.

Travis:

... "Oh, you like that water? Got pretty hot, hot, pretty quick. That's thanks to this guy."

Griffin:

Don't burn your mouth on my super hot water.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Let go of the material goods. You don't need another kettle.

Griffin:

That's good.

Travis:

Don't leave it there, someone else will have to take care of it.

Justin:

Not someone else will have to take care it, like it just... you don't need, if you get a second kettle, what you gonna do? Upstairs kettle? No one has to move, we all love the idea of having a second coffee station in our home somewhere, we all love it. But none of us have... it's like, it's like you see people with a bar in their house, like what? You got a whole other set up there, you got a bunch of other glasses.

Travis:

Let's move this to the other room.

Justin:

Right, exactly. The party continues there, no it doesn't. You gotta carry everything over.

Travis:

Especially when you're as old as we are, the party will dissipate in eight steps. You can't do that.

Justin:

Right.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Here's what I'm gonna say though, Justin. No, one's gonna come through this office space, like touring it to see if they wanna purchase it to be like, "And does that, uh, 10 cup kettle come with the space? Is that..."

Justin:

Right.

Travis:

... is that included?" No. Take it the fuck home and give it to somebody else. The...

Justin:

Why though?

Travis:

Because it's your responsibility, you brought it into the space, take it out.

Justin:

No, incorrect. You gave it the gift to the office, it is the CEO's responsibility. They're gonna sell this office, they're done with having a physical space for their employees, fine, but they have to figure out the problem with the tea kettle. You did a generous thing and brought it in the office. Honestly, I think not providing a tea kettle to your employees is against OSHA.

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

Probably.

Travis:

Yeah. You've convinced me, actually. This is the CEO's problem.

Justin:

It's the CEO's problem, not yours. They're liquidating. Take care of the liquid.

Griffin:

'Cause like what the, what, what the fuck else are they doing if not—

Justin:

Thank you.

Griffin:

... figuring this out. You know what I mean? Like they del... they, they deliberate all the other shit out and other people are doing it. And so like give them something to do, so they feel like, "Ah, a good day's work. I threw away tea kettle."

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Hey, should we approach the wizard?

Travis:

Yeah. Can I brush my teeth first? I feel—

Griffin:

Yeah, sure.

Travis:

I got teeth sweaters, you know what I mean?

Griffin:

Yeah. You don't wanna, you, when you supplicate yourself before the wizard of the cloud, you do need to, um, have the freshest, the freshest breath.

Travis:

Well, and the wizard always like, so when you bear your teeth, uh, in a, in a sign of submission.

Justin:

He thinks it's rude when you don't show your teeth at him.

Travis:

Absolutely.

Griffin:

Um, a lot of people sent this one in, uh, over the course of the last couple months. So thank you to everybody who did that. Uh, it's, uh, it's... well, I, I can't find the author info on this one, uh, so let's say it's anonymous, but they're... it's important question 'cause they ask how to form an animal pack.

Travis:

Ooh.

Griffin:

"Do you love animals and dream of creating a pack of them with your friends?"

Travis:

Yes.

Griffin:

"Now you can. Now you can."

Travis:

Wait, with friends?

Griffin:

"With your friends. Now you can. You can role play as any animal, as long as you know how to form your path and how to make it fairly realistic."

Travis:

I'm not interested anymore.

Griffin:

Oh.

Justin:

Fair, fair... Did they type F-A-I-R-L-Y or F-E-R-A-L-L-Y? Oh, ferally.

Griffin:

Like ferally realistic?

Justin:

Like ferally realistic or fairly realistic?

Griffin:

No, they just mean sort of real, like, we're gonna have fun with our friends and form a animal pack, but we're not gonna be like dicks, dicks about it.

Travis:

I thought that this was gonna be about how to form a pack of animals, actually.

Griffin:

A way cooler wikiHow.. a way cooler and way more useful practical wikiHow article.

Travis:

Thank you. Because here's the, here's the thing. I don't need 'em all the time—

Griffin:

No.

Travis:

... but I like the idea of like, oh man, some shit's going down. To me! And then just like, you know, a pack of wolves shows up like, "You called, Travis?" And I'm like, "Yes, tonight we hunt."

Griffin:

Yeah. Um, yeah, I would do bird, probably some sort of bird of prey some sort of raptor of the sky, like a hawk or something like that. Just so I don't have to like keep tabs on 'em when I'm not using them.

Travis:

Yeah. Oh, fucking raven would be cool, are you kidding me? A squadron of ravens?

Griffin:

Yeah. Okay. Anyway, collect members—

Justin:

You don't know how to do that.

Griffin:

We don't know how to collect ravens?

Justin:

No. Like to gather a pack. If we, as a species, knew how to have a pack of like collect a pack of animals, there'd be a wikiHow about it.

Griffin:

That's true. Uh, that's a good point. But this is how to have fun with your friends like at a park.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... at a park or something.

Travis:

Yeah. I love do have some fun.

Griffin:

One, collect members. If you wanna be an outsider and live with up to four people or less, you are not a full pack. And therefore your miniature pack does not have to have a name.

Travis:

Okay. [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs] Members who wanna be part of a pack to join a pack with at least five people or more. So just to start things out with, uh, if it's less than five people, you are not a pack, you don't deserve a name, and get the fuck out of here. Get the fuck out of this park, because this is for real animal packs only.

Travis:

Can it be a virtual pack, Griffin? Like, can we—

Griffin:

It absolutely cannot be a virtual pack, Travis.

Travis:

That fuckin' sucks.

Griffin:

Thank you. Thank you for your terrible question.

Travis:

But some of my pack lives in like San Francisco.

Griffin:

Okay. Listen—

Justin:

You can't Zoom your pack.

Griffin:

You can't Zoom. Listen, hey, this article takes some twisty turns. Uh, decide ranks for your pack. Miniature packs don't have ranks, another reason why, if you're rocking with less than five people, is, is you got a clown cluster. That's not a pack.

Travis:

We can all agree that that is something that has come up in real life for that person, who's writing this article, right?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

And Jerry, before you fucking ask me again, no, three isn't a pack. Okay?

Griffin:

Uh, there must be a leader, and the fairest way to do this is to hold an election. You know, like wolves do. Remember not to vote—

Travis:

Does it say that?

Griffin:

No. Remember not to vote for yourself. If there is a tie, have a mini wrestle or rock, paper, scissors battle, then let the audience vote for who they think is the best. So—

Justin:

Wait.

Griffin:

... yeah?

Justin:

If animals, any animal could vote for itself, it would absolutely do that.

Griffin:

A, a 100 times over.

Travis:

Why the fuck can't I vote for myself?

Justin:

Existence is voting for yourself every day.

Travis:

I, I think I'd be a great leader.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Like that's not a rule that exists in any other election ever.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Oh yeah. President lost by one vote 'cause they didn't... they weren't allowed to vote for themselves.

Griffin:

Shit, that's embarrassing. Uh, the rest of the pack can decide whether—

Travis:

Also, they just kind of drop the word audience, by the way. I assume they mean the rest of the pack, but—

Justin:

No one's there watching, yeah.

Travis:

Yeah. There is a chance that if you're hanging out with your animal pack at the park, there might be a bit of an audience.

Justin:

Yeah, I would guess. I mean they, the, you see people watching the SCA people down at the park. Y'know, that'd be a similar thing. Society for creative animals. [laughs]

Griffin:

Decide what animal the members in the pack will be, and this includes mini packs. Hold an election, if there's a draw, have everyone top on the t... vote on the top two. Very democratic process, forming an animal pack is.

Justin:

Yeah, I, I have to say this. This is, this is where I feel like this person writing this article has not done this. Because I feel like I have a hard enough time getting friends together to like, play a board game...

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

... without a very clear idea of like what game we're gonna play. There's no... I... there's no way you could get a bunch of people together to do this, unless you have this specific animal ahead of time to, to lure them into this activity.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

I, I, I also really feel like, just by the very nature of this, the, there should be a step in this wikiHow that's just like, "Hey, news flash, if you're the one reading this wikiHow, you are the leader."

Justin:

You're the leader, and you get to pick the animal and everything, right?

Griffin:

Right.

Travis:

Like what are you gonna do? Reach out to somebody and be like, "Hey, I want you to be in charge and pick the animal. I just really love the idea [laughs] of it." No, you're in charge. Take charge.

Griffin:

Who's deciding who the president of a animal pack is, and then deciding what the animal says 'cause that's a good way to get stuck with it being like... king idiot bird or whatever.

Travis:

Well—

Griffin:

You know what I mean?

Travis:

Also I have different friends that would excel as the leader of different animal groups.

Griffin:

Exactly. Thank you. Yes. Uh, name your pack.

Travis:

Griffin, I will make you the leader of like a parrot type group.

Griffin:

Oh wow.

Travis:

Justin—

Griffin:

They just repeat the shit. That, that's real nice, Trav.

Travis:

No. Because of your beautiful plumage.

Griffin:

Yeah. Sure.

Travis:

Because you talk good. Uh, Justin, I think I would probably make you the leader of, you know, like, uh...

Griffin:

Wow. Justin can't even think of it.

Travis:

You know like gazelles?

Griffin:

Okay.

Justin:

Gazelles? A bunch?

Travis:

A bunch of... Yeah. I would make you the leader of a bunch of gazelles.

Justin:

Okay. [laughs]

Travis:

Yeah. And I think I'd be the leader of like some really cool like wolves.

Griffin:

Yeah, but you can't vote. You can't vote for yours... you can't vote for yourself though.

Justin:

You can't vote for yourself.

Travis:

Okay. I think I'll be a werewolf then.

Griffin:

All right. Name your pack. This one's optional for mini packs. [laughs] I'm so glad, 'cause I wanted to form a mini pack and I thought after the first point,

this article was not going to be for me, but they keep breaking me off little crumbs, and I appreciate that. Try to use creative names instead of a more common one. Hold an election for the pack names, and if there's a tie, let the leader decide. Again!

Travis:

Jesus. Unbelievable. How... What, what is the leader's job if not to decide these things?

Griffin:

This is where the shit take a turn. Decide your character's name, gender, appearance, and backstory. You don't have to, but it's more fun and makes your pack more realistic. Okay. So all right, I need my boys together for the wolf pack. Oh, oh. "First of all, we didn't vote on the animal."

"Okay. Um, yeah. Okay. You're right."

"I wanna be kangaroos."

"Okay. We're a kangaroo pack."

"Who's in charge?"

"I'm in charge."

"Great."

"My name is Mephistophales Caristakov and I am a gray kangaroo with a jet pack!"

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

"Can we do like a quick note session?"

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

"Can we do—do we vote on that?"

"No, we do not!"

"Shit. Okay."

Justin:

I don't know. It just feels like kind of a hat on a hat. I mean—

Griffin:

Little bit.

Justin:

It's gonna be hard enough to convince people that we're kangaroos.

Griffin:

Right.

Travis:

"Did, did you... Has the kangaroo make the jet pack or did like a scientist give it to you?"

"I found it in a cave!"

"What?"

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

"It's a magical jet pack."

"Okay. Now. Okay. Derek, Derek real quick, can we step outside the bit for a second? It's a magical jet pack?"

Griffin:

Yes. "Like, I'm sorry you lost the alpha kangaroo election, but like you're kind of being an asshole right now. Right now you are."

Travis:

"And my jet pack lets me control the mind of other kangaroos."

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

"No hate."

Griffin:

All right. No that's great. Derek. Uh, okay. So map out your territory, whatever. This, it, it... uh, get ally packs. Once you have about 10 to 20 members... what the fuck? Try to form alliances with other packs. After all, there's strength in numbers.

Justin:

Yeah. You know how you've heard of other people doing this thing?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Around you?

Griffin:

No-

Justin:

Good news.

Griffin:

It's it's a jumper after a jump because it's like, once you have invited 15 other people, "Hey yeah, me and my friends do this thing. Uh, it's pretty cool." If 15 people join, you're like, "Oh, damn, did you hear about this rival group of... of 20, uh, fake koala bears? Let's let's go get 'em. Let's go beat their asses though." Uh, because that is actually, sorry, spoiler alert, the next tip, get rival packs. Once you've got 20 to 30 members...

Travis:

Hmm.

Griffin:

... start, start turning down offers for others to join your pack or let the leader decide. Doesn't say vote on it on this one, but I do think that that's an option. If you decline, you could suggest they create a rival pack.

Travis:

I would like to address, uh, the big fake elephant in the room.

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

And say that if anybody's reading this and thinks actually that sounds like fun... you're a furry and that's fine, go do that.

Griffin:

And that's fine.

Justin:

That's ass fine, but like, why are you putting in... I bet there are hurry... uh, uh, several furies, listen to this who are like, "That sounds like so much fucking water work."

Griffin:

Yeah. It's—

Justin:

... How about just like, get a costume and you like, live your life?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Yeah. Can you imagine going in there like, "I'd love to be an animal pack." And then they're like, uh, yeah, we're fucking kangaroos." I'm like, "No, I'm not. [laughs] I'm actually not. Um, you can all be kangaroos and I was adopted by kangaroos and I'm a marmoset or whatever."

Justin:

That's cool.

Griffin:

Yeah. That's awesome. I'd watch that, I'd watch that Unlikely Animal Friend story.

Travis:

I think about that actually is true, really cool. Like I'm, I'm a cheetah cub that was adopted by kangaroos—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... and I protect them now. Yeah. Fuck Yeah. Actually, you don't need to. Kangaroos are fucking terrifying.

Griffin:

Yeah. They're really scary. Uh, it all kind of culminates here. I mean, there's more tips after this one, but tip number 10 is, have battles and border raids.

Travis:

No.

Griffin:

These can be acted out as, once again, mini wrestles or rock, paper, scissors battles.

Travis:

Actually, I take that back. I would love to watch that.

Griffin:

Uh, mini, I would love to watch, uh, adults have a mini wrestle on the quad. Um, that would be good for me actually, I think.

Travis:

Okay. Okay. Okay. But here's my question and this is very important and it's not clarified here.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

If there is a border dispute...

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... betwixt, say, a gang of rhinoceroses...

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... and a gang of kangaroos, when they mini wrestle, do they have to wrestle in the manner of Kangaroo... kanga—kangaroos and rhinoceroses or do they wrestle in human manner?

Griffin:

Uh, first of all, the, the, uh, collective name for rhino, rhino is a crash of rhinoceroi.

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

Uh, which is very good, and you gotta respect that. I think you may have accidentally backed up into what would be the best sort of animal squad. Like if a crash, a crash is coming your way, you don't want a mini wrestle with a crash of rhino.

Travis:

This is what I'm saying.

Griffin:

No way.

Travis:

What if it's like a bunch of lemurs, right? And you're gang of rhinoceroi... and you're like a crash, excuse me, and you're like, "Oh, we can take lemurs." But then they show up and it's like some like six foot eight, absolutely built human beings who are like, "We are the lemurs." And you're like, "Fuck." [laughs]

Justin:

Those jacked people are secretly Lemurs.

Travis:

This is what I'm saying. And here, here you are like 120 pound soaking wet rhinoceroi...

Griffin:

Yes.

Travis:

... and like, you're like, "Fuck. You know what? We've overplayed our hands. I do not want a mini wrestle."

Griffin:

And once again, Travis, you have brought up a really interesting edge case because a group of lemurs is called a conspiracy of lemurs. And that's tough, that's tough to beat. A conspiracy of lemurs versus a crash of rhinoceroi is... I actually—that one's a fucking toss up.

Justin:

I wanna say two points, the first is, we basically did what they're describing in our Safety Town episode of My Brother My Brother and Me.

Griffin:

I mean, yeah.

Travis:

Absolutely.

Griffin:

... it happens. It's a real thing.

Justin:

Um, but the other thing I wanted to say is that, you guys know how many Spiderman, villains have done this exact thing?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

That kind of trips you out when you think about it like that one guy got armor and he's like, "I'm a rhino now." Everybody's like, I don't think so.

Griffin:

I don't believe so.

Travis:

You wanna challenge me? 'Cause I'm gonna hit you in the face with myself. And you're like, "Fuck, you're right." Maybe it—you're a vulture, you say? No way. Oh wait—[vulture noise] Look at him, he's up there! Fuck.

Griffin:

Oh, fuck my arm. Oh shit, my arm fell off. Oh, grew back. I'm lizard now. [waggles tongue]

Travis:

Ah, damn it!

Justin:

[laughs] Are you saying, Travis, that they're like this that they're more committed, like, because they're able to deliver on some of the animal abilities, it's like less... of a stretch?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Yeah. I mean, listen, if someone was like, "I'm a rhino." And you're like, "No, you're not." And they charge us through like a concrete wall, you're like, "Fuck. Maybe you are."

Griffin:

If you charge through a concrete wall... you might be a rhino.

Travis:

I'm just saying, man, that there are certain abilities that someone could demonstrate in front of me, that would make me say like, "Well, fuck, I got, you know what? I will treat you differently from now on."

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

You are a fucki... if somebody's like, "I'm a vulture." And like, "No you're not." And then they like took off into the air and then buried their heads into a rotten carcass, I'd be like, "Well, fuck. Okay."

Griffin:

Oh, fuck. Damn.

Travis:

Cool man, I'm not gonna challenge you anymore. I'm so sorry.

Griffin:

Michael Keaton's eating a dead buffalo, that's been there for a while, holy shit.

Travis:

Fuck. Can I also say that there's part of me that 12 year old, and maybe even old than that, Travis, would've been like, "Yeah, let's go fuckin' be a pack of wolves in the park. That sounds fucking awesome."

Griffin:

[laughs].

Travis:

That sounds like I would've totally done this, and uh, I, I maybe have poked fun at this thing then, uh, I would sincerely wanna do.

Griffin:

Yeah. Sure. Just to burn down the rest of this, let everyone know about it is step 11 with posters all around the campus.

Travis:

Oh no, no, no, no, no.

Griffin:

Uh, get the leader to—

Travis:

Let me say as a person who has cared about things before...

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

... don't do that.

Griffin:

Don't do that. Uh, get the leader to make about three to five rules that all pack members must obey. There's no way that that could go bad.

Travis:

Uh, no, that is also the best, best part about being an alpha wolf in any wolf pack—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... is having to make and enforce rules.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

I get all the spaghetti, Charles. I don't know what that means, but it's on the it's on, it is on the ledger, so...

Justin:

Only six beers per night, per person. Per day.

Griffin:

Charles, that's a lot.

Justin:

Only seven beers?

Travis:

You just said six. You said six, Charles.

Justin:

I was thirsty. I know what I said. [laughs]

Griffin:

"Grimace is a taste bud!" "You can't actually put that one."

Justin:

You can't actually do that.

Travis:

You don't even work at McDonald's anymore.

Griffin:

Not, not since you smashed through the wall of the break room, yelling about how you are a rhinoceros.

Travis:

Don't get me wrong, it established a lot of rhinoceros cred.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Yeah. And Jerry McGuire style, you did pull a lot of people away from that company to join your, your rhino company.

Travis:

But you don't seem to have any kind of like business plan and we all kind of thought this would be a rhino business.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Um, and you know what? We were wrong, but, well, you didn't know, we were all so confused and we breathed in so much dust from...

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

.... just the plaster you had shouted into the air and we all... can we go back to work? Hey Charles, can we go get our jobs back please?

Griffin:

You know, these alt-right goofballs are calling a lot of, uh, more traditional conservatives, uh, or rhinos like Republican in name only. And do they not realize that that's like... that sounds awesome.

Travis:

Yep.

Griffin:

Like you're s... you're such... you're being a real fucking rhino right now. Like you mean the big, strong animal with the horn that charges and blows up a Jeep by running into it? Oh, thank you very much. Anyway, that's some, that's some of the political... hold on. And that's some of the... hold on.. and that's some of my political humor.

Justin:

I love it. [laughs] Uh, hey, can we take a quick break and come right back with more great comedy?

Griffin:

Um, are we gonna, I mean, are we going to do ads?

Justin:

Yeah. Yeah. I mean, that's another way of saying it.

Griffin:

Okay.

Justin:

I'm just trying to spice that a little bit.

Griffin:

Well, you just made it sound like we were gonna like...

Justin:

Take a quick break and then let Justin and Travis and Griffin take it. The commerce boys.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Money bros.

Justin:

And then, and then we'll come back sort of the fun we'll be like, "Get outta here, ya business..."

Griffin:

Business boys.

Travis:

We should change our name to the finance bros.

Justin:

Uh, yeah. I don't think you can.

Griffin:

I don't... that's taken, actually.

Justin:

Uh, okay. Come on. It's time to go to The Money Zone.

[theme music plays]

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Travis:

Yep.

Griffin:

... soap-

Travis:

Yep.

Griffin:

... liquid... dishwasher soap liquid, Taco Bell. DoorDash is here to help you get these things to your door and more, 'cause they're not just doing restaurant food anymore folks, they can, they can get you snacks, drinks, and a household essentials from the grocery in, in like 30 minutes with DoorDash.

Travis:

Can they bring me food from my friend's house?

Griffin:

They... Pro... Hmm. Does your friend live at Burger King?

Travis:

Well, what if I had my friend meet the driver at Burger King and give the food to them there and then the driver would bring it back to me?

Griffin:

Um, this seems like a way... this seems like mule territory.

Travis:

Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. I see that. I see that. I see that. You know what? I'll keep working on the bugs here and I'll get back to you.

Griffin:

Yeah. Crack 'em, crack 'em. DoorDash connects you with the restaurants you love right now, right to your door, and guess what? You can get grocery essentials you need with DoorDash too, drinks, snacks, other household items delivered in under an hour with the contactless delivery drop off setting. I also just saw on the freaking app that they're, they're starting to do like, like, national shipping. So if you want some, uh, if you want some Katz's Deli, they can, they can get that to your [laughs] door in a, a couple days. That's pretty tight. Also...

Travis:

I, I'd also lo... I'd love to get a classic Santa Fe bagels, you know what I mean? I can't get Santa Fe bagels anywhere.

Griffin:

Yeah, you got, you gotta get those. And they do a special thing.

Travis:

It's the best bagels, it's the best bagels.

Griffin:

They just put 'em on a zip line and it's... the bagel zips down the line to your door. That's a special thing they do. 'Cause Santa Fe is the highest point in the country.

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Griffin:

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Rachel:

[laughs] Here you get news or information you can use.

Griffin:

Absolutely. You cannot, because we're here to talk to you about pumpernickel bread.

Rachel:

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Griffin:

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Justin:

Uh, how about another question?

Griffin:

Sure.

Justin:

I recently moved to a—

Griffin:

Wait. Really?

Justin:

What?

Griffin:

No jokes? No. Uh, none of your, your cut ups? No, your classic cut ups? Okay.

Justin:

No, no cut ups. Uh, "I recently moved to a new state and I didn't—" [imitates a guitar]

Griffin:

That's freaking good! It is freaking good!

Travis:

Justin!

Justin:

[imitating a guitar]

Travis:

But that's enough of the question for the question asker to recognize it.

Justin:

Guys, get out of my podcast! [guitar sounds] You don't understand me!
[guitar sounds] I wanna munch!

Griffin:

Squad. [laughs]

Travis:

Squad.

Justin:

[guitar sounds] I wanna munch!

Griffin:

Squad.

Travis:

Squad.

Justin:

I was kind of going for a BC voice.

Travis:

No, I got that, but the problem is the question asker, listening to the show, is gonna be like, "Oh my ques... oh no."

Justin:

We're, we're gonna do it next.

Griffin:

There's no way we're gonna get back to it.

Justin:

Yeah, we're gonna get back to it. Okay.

Travis:

We're gonna do a two minute Munch Squad?

Justin:

This is quick ones.

Griffin:

All right.

Travis:

This is quick ones. Um, Panda Express to test orange chicken sandwich. This is just to say—

Griffin:

Wait.

Justin:

Fucking...

Griffin:

Hold on. Wait, did you say—

Travis:

Panda Express to test orange chicken sandwich, and this is just to say, how fucking dare you. We're trying to heal!

Griffin:

[laughs] I thought you said 'detest.'

Justin:

[laughs] They came up with it, and they were like, "Yuck."

Griffin:

Fuck this. Awful.

Travis:

Also, just from that headline—

Justin:

Why did we wander in the chicken sandwich wars? How dare us?

Travis:

Just from that headline, I would like to think that the test is like, can we even do this?

Justin:

Wouldn't it be great if Panda Express was like, "We were going to, and then we realize we can't do this. And we wanted to announce our restraint."

Travis:

Here's the problem, guys. The orange chicken, it's all sloppy. We put it on the sandwich. It's breaking, it's all slop—we don't know what the fuck to do with this. I hate it. I hate this, falls apart.

Justin:

You th... you know, the chicken sandwich wars were attempted to be ended by Popeye's, right?

Travis:

Right.

Griffin:

Of course.

Justin:

This is like a month ago. It's still fucking going. Panda Express is like, "Can we get up in this?" It's like, "Please, I'd rather you didn't. No, nah, no." Taco Bell is like, "I don't know if we in or not." Then... and now you got, um, Jack In The Box, which is introduced the new cluck chicken sandwich and a BBQ cluck chicken.

Travis:

Okay. All right.

Justin:

So, so the reason I'm... Jack In The Box when the nation I...

Griffin:

That's all right. Hey, if you need a minute...

Justin:

Jack In The Box announced the roll out of its new cluck chicken sandwich and BBQ cluck chicken sandwich, a company by—

Travis:

Thank you for pronouncing that correctly, by the way, no one ever pronounces that word right.

Justin:

—marketing campaign, meant to poke fun at the infamous chicken wars, which I will remind everyone, as I try to every episode, has claimed human lives.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Along with the significantly bigger and crispier upgrade of the cluck chicken, is new cluck... BBQ cluck chicken, and a BBQ deluxe cluck chicken. Imagine standing before another human, same species as you and say, "Oh me, I'll take a BBQ deluxe cluck chicken sandwich." The brand broke the news last week with a humorous video press release announcing that Jack Box...

Griffin:

Try again.

Justin:

... which I guess is the name of the a company, 'cause it just says Jack Box here, which I thought was...

Griffin:

A different thing. Yeah.

Justin:

Um, purchased the town... Jack Box had purchased the town.

Travis:

What?

Justin:

... of Chicken, Alaska, effectively owning chicken and winning the chicken wars for good.

Griffin:

Okay. Okay. No. Yeah. Great. Great. No, yeah. Great. There's nothing, nothing bad could happen out of that, right? To, to have a company down like the—

Travis:

What five years from now when Jack Box fucking succeeds?

Griffin:

Yeah. Or when Jack Box only pays people in Chicken, Alaska with company scrip to get more chicken fries.

Justin:

To announce the rollout of the chicken sandwiches, the brand lean into its playful and comedic identity with a campaign surrounding CEO, Jack Box's, purchase of the small town, Chicken, Alaska in exchange for... Now you may take a moment here to think about America's own troubled history with purchasing land, uh, for, uh, rather ridiculous, uh, things that are not money. So, uh, now I'll complete the sentence and said that it bought the downer Chicken, Alaska in exchange for 10,000 cluck chicken sandwiches.

Travis:

Oh boy.

Griffin:

That doesn't, that doesn't seem like a lot of money.

Justin:

It bought... it's no money. It's ten thousand chicken sandwiches.

Griffin:

That's a good point, Juice.

Justin:

It's 10,000 sandwiches, right?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

And they're by, they, they'll allow the brand to own chicken for good. Jack Box solidified the deal after a friendly negotiation with current chicken talent owners, uh, Sue and Max, which I would love to be in that negotiation. I'm assuming that started at 8,000 chicken sandwiches—

Griffin:

[laughs].

Justin:

—and Sue and Max got them up to 10, which, good for them.

Travis:

You gotta be so careful in those that guys 'cause this could be genie rules, right? Where you ask for that and then they deliver 'em all at once and you're like, "Fuck. I can't eat 10,000 chicken sandwiches by the time this goes bad." And you're like, "Well you should have worded it more carefully." [laughs] You want one chicken sandwich every day for 10,000 days, that's how you want phrase it my friends.

Justin:

Yeah, you should. Yeah. I, I, it is not clarified in here how these will be like, doled out.

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

What's the population of Chicken, Alaska?

Travis:

I'm betting two.

Griffin:

Um, 12. Damn. Hold up.

Justin:

12 what?

Griffin:

12 people live there. So I'm gonna—

Justin:

It's Chicken, Alaska.

Travis:

Yeah. Only 12 people. So let me just run some quick numbers. 10,000 divided by 12, this is gonna be crazy. Eight hund... Each one of the members of the chicken community gets 833 chicken sandwiches, that's so many. They're gonna be so sick.

Justin:

Oh boy. Yeah. So they did. Yeah, they did this whole ad about it.

Griffin:

You sound fucking bummed out, Juice.

Justin:

Oh man, this one's hard 'cause Jack in the Box, usually I love all their antics. I'm just gonna play a little bit of the commercial. Well, the whole thing obviously.

Speaker 1:

Okay, Jack. Chicken is the French Riviera of Alaska.

Speaker 2:

Okay.

Speaker 3:

And by purchasing Chicken, Alaska, not only will you win these so called chicken wars, but you'll also get the Chicken Creek Saloon...

Speaker 2:

Uh-huh.

Speaker 3:

... the Chicken Creek Café—

Speaker 2:

Okay.

Speaker 3:

... the chicken mercantile emporium—

Speaker 2:

Right on.

Speaker 3:

... cozy cabin, and much more.

Speaker 2:

Interesting. Okay. Hear me out. My new cluck sandwich is bigger, crispier and better than ever. And I will straight up give you 10,000 of them, if you let me own Chicken. Plus, I'll throw in a commemorative hat.

Speaker 3:

Wow. 10,000 sandwiches? Is your sandwich that good?

Travis:

Fuck you.

Speaker 2:

What can I say?

Speaker 3:

All right, Jack. You've got a deal. Chicken is yours.

Justin:

And it's just that... he didn't just buy it for 10,000 sandwiches, bought it for 10,000 sandwiches and a hat.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

And that's pretty messed up also, 'cause there's two people on the phone.

Griffin:

[laughs] I get it on Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Fuck. You know what else I love about that ad is that this spokesperson for Chicken, Alaska named several small businesses, the Chicken Mercantile Emporium, the Chicken Creek Saloon, the Chicken Creek Cafe, all of which will probably be put out of business by the—by the importing 10,000 chicken sandwiches into this town of 12.

Justin:

Yeah. That's uh, I can't do the bath of that, but it's a, I just could say it's a lot sandwiches per person. And then what really, what really chaps my ass about this commercial, which by the way, in the 13 days, since his release has had 2,354 people view it, [laughs] or one guy view it a lot of times...

Griffin:

A lot of times.

Justin:

Uh, there's a message at the end where it says, no, we didn't really buy Chicken, Alaska with our new cluck chicken sandwich. Come on.

Griffin:

Come on.

Justin:

That's ridiculous. Just like the chicken wars are ridiculous. There's nothing fucking funnier [laughs] for me, when you do a big, crazy campaign like this, there's nothing funnier than when you're like, "Also we were joking. Hey everyone..."

Griffin:

You get it, right?

Justin:

"... this is a joke." And when they say, but we're proud to call chicken, Alaska, our new friends and partners.

Travis:

Okay.

Justin:

But they just, and then they did them and then it says, while we don't own Chicken, Alaska, 'cause they can, guys. This was a joke that we did for a laugh to promote chicken. While we don't own Chicken, Alaska, we did donate \$10,000 to help the town recover from the pandemic.

Travis:

Oh.

Griffin:

All right.

Travis:

Could you do money please?

Justin:

Money—

Griffin:

They did.

Travis:

They did. I was still thinking about 10,000 sandwiches.

Justin:

No. Oh although I mean an act of large, just like that, I'm sure would've been very meaningful at the beginning, you know. Because the dollar value, I don't know what these sandwiches cost, but it's probably more than a buck, right? You would think they could give...

Griffin:

Probably more.

Justin:

... you would think, you would think if you're gonna do a bit where you give 'em 10,000 cluck sandwiches in an exchange for your town, that maybe you could give him the cash equivalent of 10,000 sandwiches, right?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Maybe you would think that would be kind of a nice...

Griffin:

It's not, but it's not as clean, is it?

Justin:

It's just not as clean, I guess.

Griffin:

All right. What's that price on that BBQ cluck sandwich? They're not gonna show me on the website, are they?

Justin:

No, it's not...

Griffin:

Fuck these cowards.

Justin:

We don't have a Jack in the Box around here, so I don't even know what I'm saying.

Griffin:

Just, it's at least what? Two and half, three bucks?

Justin:

Gotta be.

Griffin:

Gotta be.

Justin:

Gotta be.

Griffin:

This is, this is a big boy. I'm looking at a picture of it, four pickles on it. That's—

Justin:

Whoa.

Griffin:

... yeah, that's not free.

Justin:

"I recently moved to a new state and I don't have any friends here with children. Due to the pandemic, scouts aren't posting up outside grocery stores to take your cash. How do I secu... How do I secure access to girl scout cookies without an existing kid connection?" That's from Still Mad About Savannah Smiles in Savannah. How do you get... Hmm.

Griffin:

I mean, there's, there—to put jokes outside of the room, there's a app. There's a app.

Justin:

Is there a app for that?

Griffin:

There's app for that. Yeah. Yeah. Is, is a, it is called the Cookie Finder. Uh, and it is they'll help you, they'll help you get at where you're going here. Now, are you gonna have to drive an hour and a half to get there? Maybe. But um, I—

Travis:

But then how do I vet?

Griffin:

... worth it? How do you vet it? Yeah.

Travis:

Because that's the thing, I don't wanna give my cookie dollars to like a girl scout, who's not gonna appreciate going to camp, or maybe is just a real jerk.

Griffin:

Yeah. And also, I mean, you gotta be like, I have, uh, uh, you know, I have my, my squad that I go to because I trust their product, but you can't just like go to, you know, stop outside of some CVS or do you see somebody who might be selling, you know, cut, cut Tagalongs.

Travis:

Absolute sniggelfritz.

Griffin:

Yeah. You don't know-

Justin:

Sorry, is this, is this... oh is this baking soda? What the fuck? Like, yeah, there is baking soda.

Travis:

You put coconut in this? That's if you don't like coconut and it's and something that's not supposed to have it.

Justin:

Right. Oh, okay. I got, I got. That's a, you, you almost wonder if coconut was the right thing to pick.

Travis:

Yeah. Right, right. Because that would explain that you didn't really buy Chicken, Alaska. [laughs]

Griffin:

Um, yeah. I mean there's, there's, there's—it's 2021, there's digital resources for your literal, every human desire. So it's tough. It's tough to deal with a question like this, knowing that that is always 100% going to be true.

Justin:

I was so disappointed because I, I, uh, there's a thing on the website that says, you can text cookies...

Griffin:

Oh.

Justin:

... to 5968.

Griffin:

And then what happens? [laughs]

Justin:

Well, what happened was they sent me a link...

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

... and what it did was they... it just hit me with the girl scout cookies website, what a disappointment.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

That's such a disappointment.

Griffin:

You kinda of just want a text, an automated text response to that to pop up that says, "We're on our way. We know what you need, Justin. We're on our way."

Travis:

Can I just say, as a parent, can I don't like to play that card very often, as a parent... I searched what the cookie rewards are for girl scouts to sell these motherfuckers. This is, this is some Chuck E. Cheese prize counter level bullshit.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

For the amount of work that I, the actual person am going to have to do to deliver these fucking cookies...

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... and you've got inflatable ottoman on there? Come on.

Griffin:

[laughs] That's some garbage.

Travis:

That's—a mini disco ball? Fuck you. Come on. A cookie shaped blanket sack. What the fuck is this?

Griffin:

What the fuck are you talking about? You just ran into a Spencer's gifts with your arms outstretched and you just knock some shit off the shelves into a basket and said go for it.

Travis:

Fucking horse apples. Oh, the frisbee. A fri... if you sell 65 boxes or more, you get a fucking Frisbee. A butterfly carabiner for 90—they have placed a butterfly carabiner above a glow in the dark flying disc. Fuck you. [laughs]

Justin:

I do wanna point out, Travis, that the gifts are really just a way to say thank you, you're not buying the gifts. What you're buying with this is the sense that you're helping a great organization.

Travis:

The fuck I'm not buying the gifts, Justin.

Justin:

It's not about the gifts.

Travis:

You're too old. You don't remember what it was like out there selling Vidalia onions to your church people. Argh, this fucking sucks! When I sold the most Vidalia onions, you know what I got? \$200 cash!

Griffin:

[laughs] Wait. I remember this now. And it's just now, as a 34 year old man hitting me is weird, that you guys did sell onions.

Travis:

I, I sold boxes of Vidalia onions. The sweeter than an apple vegetable was [laughs] the slogan, which was confusing.

Griffin:

Not true either, also not true and not, not a fact, not very sweet Vidalia onions.

Travis:

And here's what they don't tell you... when you sell the most boxes of Vidalia onions, at one point you will have in your house, a lot of boxes [laughs] of Vidalia onions.

Griffin:

Many onions, yes.

Travis:

Yes. And then like a reverse loan shark, you have to hunt down [laughs] the people who gave you their names at some point and say, "Hey, do you remember a month ago when I tricked you into buying a box of onions? It's your problem now."

Griffin:

You need to act on this, my house smells like Shrek's swamp, please.

Travis:

[laughs] Hey mom and dad load up the fucking Chrysler, the Voyager with some boxes of, of [laughs] stinky bitter apples, we're gonna take them to church and *hope* that Judy will be there 'cause she got 10 of these motherfuckers for some reason. And if she's not there, bad news — load 'em back up.

Griffin:

She definitely thought she was just buying 10 onions, not 10 boxes of onions, but that's fucking Judy's problem now.

Travis:

Now imagine if, and for all this work, I brought home an inflatable ottoman. Ugh!

Justin:

The girl Scouts figured out the game though. Like they have the cookies there and they're like, you could be... when I was a kid, and I had to make money for band or whatever, it [laughs], it was a really wild system where you would show up at someone's door and, and you'd be like, "Hey, um, do you like caramel turtles?" They'd be like, "Yeah, hell yeah."

Travis:

Oh, that's really exciting.

Justin:

You'd be like, "Do you wanna eat some in six weeks?" [laughs] And they'll say, "I guess." And then, and be like, "All right, give me \$20." "What? Now?"

Travis:

Yep. And I promise that I, a child, will definitely bring you this candy later.

Justin:

I, a child, will bring it to you, and then you say, and then, six weeks [laughs] later, which is, I will say though, adults, if this does happen, this is an amazing gift you could give to yourself.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Because it is so rare that a child just walks into your door bell like, "Here's the candy." Like, "Oh, hell yeah. Thanks, past me. I appreciate it." But it's a

wild system, like, "Remember when you bought some caramel turtles from me?" "Hell no."

Travis:

No.

Justin:

Absolutely not.

Travis:

Oh, they died in the intervening six weeks. So I guess that these are my inheritance now. Thank you very much.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

The other system that was very broken was here is a box of candy bars, you a 12 year old with no impulse control, are now in charge of these candy bars and we expect you to sell all of them for \$1. And what that translates to you is, "Hey mom and dad, I'm gonna need 30 bucks, 'cause I ate all of them, because I'm a child. And I was given a box of candy and no oversight."

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Sorry.

Justin:

I would eat into my profits constantly.

Travis:

I got high on my own supply, mom and dad. Thanks so much for the 30 cold ones.

Griffin:

I was crunching right into a fucking Vidalia onion, like a Iron Chef does it.

Travis:

[laughs] Oh, why did I sell so many of these stinky bastards?

Griffin:

Fuck. You sold a lot of onions, Travis. I think that's a testament to your charisma that you sold a lot of, a lot of—

Travis:

It was a lot. I, I used every trick in the book in the Vidalia onion selling book.

Justin:

They do, you guys are joking, but they do do this with like oranges.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

You know?

Griffin:

Oh wait, we're not Juice, we're not joking about onions.

Justin:

Wait, really?

Travis:

I did that.

Justin:

You did that? I thought you guys were having some fun.

Griffin:

You were there! Sweeter than an apple vegetable!

Travis:

I sold like 120 boxes!

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

They were stacked up in our dining room. How do you not—

Justin:

That's so much funnier.

Travis:

... they were next to the air conditioner!

Justin:

That's so much funnier that it's real 'cause I thought it was a joke for podcasting. I thought it was a little bit tinny for my sensibilities, you know what I mean? Like I would've been like, "Fuck it, buy a case of sex dolls."

Griffin:

No, no.

Justin:

... you know what I mean? For the podcast.

Griffin:

No dude, it was was real. I shared a bedroom with Travis during these trying times.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

And it was like living... is like sleeping inside of a giant's armpit. It was tough stuff.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Especially after we had had some of those boxes for like a week, and it was getting harder to track down some of these dead beats, and it was like, "Hey, I'm worried that by the time I get these onions to them, the products gonna be just ruin. And who's that on? Is that on, on me? Is that on them? Do I have to replace it? What is happening?" Oh, we ate a lot of onions in those days.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Let's, let's scoot, let's scoot.

Justin:

Yeah. Let's scoot. Hey, thanks for listening to the podcast. We very much appreciate it. The top story right now though is September 24th at 9:00 PM you're gonna be watching, Sawbones and My Brother My Brother and Me in a virtual show. Uh, it will be the first, My Brother My Brother and Me thing of fall.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Oh, I oh, okay.

Justin:

[Bit.ly/mbmbamvirtual](https://bit.ly/mbmbamvirtual) is the link. You can get a VOD available for two weeks after the show. Uh, it's gonna be... Everyone who has attended these has uniformly said they had a lot of fun at them.

Travis:

Some of them said it changed their life, some of 'em said like—

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

... the crops grew, after years...

Justin:

All different things.

Travis:

Uh, we've also got some new merch over mcelroymerch.com, we got our pin of the month, uh, Dr. Shaq Pin which benefits the World Central Kitchen, we've got the Phantom Sea Coast Co pin, we've got an Adventure Zone temporary tattoo flash sheet designed by Lynn Doyle, uh, which benefits the Asian Prisoner Support committee.

Uh, and also, uh, we got a lot of other fun stuff over there. You check out from past seasons, our past season, uh, lines that you're gonna just absolutely love. Uh, I, I, uh, I do some streaming over on Twitch, but playing Death Loop recently, um, I'm gonna play more of it, too, 'cause it fucking rules. Uh, you can check that out at [twitch.tv/thetravismcelroy](https://www.twitch.tv/thetravismcelroy).

Do you guys wanna like, uh, push any of your specific projects or...

Justin:

I'm just happy to be here.

Griffin:

I'm, yeah man, I just, honestly I do it for the craft. Hey, thanks to Montaigne for these, for our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. Check out that track, check out the video, um, it's on title maybe. And do you want a final Yahoo?

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Uh, absolutely.

Griffin:

This final Yahoo was sent in by Dave... uhhh... Grohl. Uh, thank you, Dave. It's asked by one of the other Foo Fighters guys.

Travis:

Whoa.

Griffin:

Who says and asks with the question, who's... "Who is trying to, who's trying to go to pound town on this trampoline with me? From Foo—the guy from Foo Fighters. Sting? Slash? Buckethead? Bucketman. Who wants to go to pound town on a trampoline with Bucketman? Me, from Foo Fighters. I love you."

Justin:

[laughing] Why do you... this has to be the last one. You can't keep doing it.

Griffin:

I can't keep—

Justin:

You can't keep—

Griffin:

I mean, there's a lot of them on here, Juice.

Justin:

[laughs] You can't keep doing it.

Griffin:

There's a lot of them on here Juice. There's like—

Justin:

This is-

Griffin:

... there's like gigabytes of 'em left on here, I haven't even touched on yet.

Justin:

My name is Justin McElroy, and my brother can't keep doing this.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin:

This has been My Brother My Brother And Me. Kiss your dad square on the lips.

[theme music plays]

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