

## MBMBaM 629: Millennial Seinfeld

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**Intro (Bob Ball):** The McElroy brothers are not experts and their advice should never be followed. Travis insists he's a sexpert, but if there's a degree on his wall, I haven't seen it. Also, this show isn't for kids. Which I mention only so the babies out there will know how cool they are for listening. What's up, you cool baby?

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

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

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Travis MacabreElroy. Fuck, no...

**Justin:** Oh... McCobbleroy sounds like a— [laughs][unintelligible].

**Travis:** Yeah...

**Griffin:** And I'm Griffin McElroy's bones.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I'm never good— It's the time where everybody starts changing their names on social media and stuff to be like their spooky like Halloween version of their name. And I never come up with a good one.

**Griffin:** Yeah... our name is difficult to terrorize, has been my experience.

**Justin:** I haven't really thought about this in a long time and it gets... It's like trying to pick it in August 'cause it's instantly sweaty. It's just, as soon as you come up with something, it's...

**Griffin:** One time at church camp, someone called me Gryffindor macaroni. And then I realized I would never scare anyone.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah...

**Griffin:** I would never be scary or imposing or impressive.

**Justin:** The mirror wasn't what tipped you off to that. It was the Gryffindor McElroy moment.

**Griffin:** No, Justin. Gryffindor macaroni.

**Justin:** [laughs] I just wanted to make you say it again.

**Travis:** Is Travis Smack-Elroy anything? Is that scary? I don't wanna get smacked.

**Griffin:** I'm afraid of being smacked.

**Travis:** I don't wanna get smacked.

**Griffin:** I got smacked one time by a friend in middle school 'cause I kept slapping the bottom of his disposable camera to make the flash go off. And he was worried I was gonna overexpose the film. And he slapped my face.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And I pointed at him and I said, "Don't ever touch me again."

**Justin:** Woah.

**Griffin:** And then I walked out of the locker room where this conflict happened. And I just wanna say, Mike, if you're listening, name the time and place. Mother fucker. [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Woah. That is something I never expected from you, yeah.

**Griffin:** Name the time and place. Nah... I've been sitting on this one for 23 years and I'm ready for him.

**Justin:** What else do you remember about Mike?

**Griffin:** Well... he did show me a pornographic magazine that belonged to his father. We were in middle school and I don't... I'm not going to give the brand of the magazine free publicity.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Safe to say that it was not the smoothest transition into my sexual awakening that—

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** There was possibly other—

**Justin:** A bit of a bumpy road there.

**Griffin:** There was other reading material that—

**Justin:** Yeah, skipped to kind of an advanced level of pornography it sounds like [laughs].

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** There was an anatomical realization that came before the erotic one. And the two got real confuddled up in my 13-year-old brain. Anyway, Mike, I'm—

**Justin:** They were kind of on the roundabout of your psyche and then it just sort of took wrong turns into different roads that they weren't supposed to head down.

**Griffin:** Mike also gave me a heads up that I was being cheated on in collage one time. So, I think we're square. Mike, keep on going strong. We don't have to fight. What were we doing? What are we doing?

**Justin:** And thus ends our blood feud with Mike.

**Griffin:** What are we doing?

**Justin:** We're talking about scary stuff. Travis, did you have a comment about scary things? Like the beginning of the Halloween season. Do you wanna officially commence it? Because if you commence it— This is the problem with commencing Halloween season is that you have— Like, that's the Christmas creep, right?

**Travis:** I think...I think— And I have a strong stance on this. If a holiday—

**Justin:** That is shocking to me, that you have a strong feeling about this that you're about to impart.

**Travis:** I know, thank you. If a holiday benefits from the addition of decorations on your house, which I believe Halloween does, it should start earlier than a normal holiday season. Because the effort it would take to put up decorations should be rewarded with the time of them being viewed and appreciated. So, I don't think you could say like, you can't put up Halloween decorations until like two weeks before Halloween. That's too short.

I think a window of time of two months prior. As soon as we hit— And listen, you can point at a calendar, all you jabronies. Sorry for calling you jabronies. And say, the actual first day of fall is in like September 20th, or whatever. And it's like yeah man, but we all know September is—

**Justin:** September 1<sup>st</sup> is fall. September's fall.

**Travis:** September is not a summer month. If anybody out of context said, "You know, the summer months. Like, June, July, August, September..." They'd be like, "What are you talking about?" And you're like, "Well, the majority of September is summer." Get the fuck out.

**Justin:** Think about it this way. Has anybody ever said, "Oh, my favorite winter holiday? Saint Patrick's Day."

**Travis:** No!

**Justin:** What? No. It's not, that's in the spring. March.

**Griffin:** Guys, I love Millennial Seinfeld as much as the next guy. But um...

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Hey, Griffin, are you just realizing that's what the show is?

**Griffin:** Hey, Trav... I fucking refuse to accept that.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** There's no way.

**Justin:** Okay, let's talk about it. Griffin's in a mood where— Travis and I find Griffin in this mood sometimes where it's like, "I don't like that joke." [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs] "No."

**Justin:** "I'd prefer another joke. But I don't have an alternative joke." It's just like [laughs], "What other jokes are on offer?"

**Griffin:** I got one. I have this to say about Halloween. The best Halloween innovation in the last decade has been the big skeleton.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** That people I guess have been buying at... I don't know where you get a big skeleton.

**Travis:** It's gotta be Spirit of Halloween. I don't think they have 'em at your local Costco.

**Justin:** At Lowe's yesterday, there was a sign that was like, "One giant skeleton per customer please."

**Griffin:** It's a real issue. So, I do think that... Mr. Biden, if we could get one of those sent to every American household.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And then there would be a date prescribed by the government that you do put your big skeleton out. And then as you walk around the neighborhood, it reminds you that trick or treat is coming. Costume kids are coming. The grave... Just to keep that presence.

**Justin:** Yeah, Draculas.

**Griffin:** Scary grave...

**Justin:** Draculas, all that stuff.

**Griffin:** That's a holiday I can get in to.

**Travis:** I would also say I think Biden should pass an amendment that says like when you get your big skeleton up, no adorning it with any political statements or anything.

**Griffin:** No.

**Travis:** We don't want him holding a sign or wearing a hat. If you know what I mean?

**Justin:** Yeah, I gotcha.

**Travis:** Like, this is a purely a-political stance on skeleton awareness.

**Griffin:** Maybe in Christmas there's a sort of skin wrap you can put on it to make it look like a Santa Claus.

**Travis:** Well, then it's a Jack Skellington. You put the beard on it, you put the hat on it...

**Griffin:** No, I'm talking about a full epidermis... Sort of like a real— When I say skin wrap, I don't mean a costume you put on the skeleton. I mean, you make it a real boy, but a Santa Claus that's eight feet tall.

**Travis:** Do you think that there was an original draft of Nightmare Before Christmas where they were like, "Well, I think Jack Skellington knows that Santa should be like rotund. So, what he's gonna do is he's gonna pop Santa's skeleton out of his butt. And he's gonna climb in there and wear a

Santa suit." And they said, "Well, save this for a Tim Allen vehicle that's coming up." And instead— Oh, Justin's challenged by this idea.

**Griffin:** Justin had to stand up to think about Santa Claus' skeleton.

**Justin:** Here's what I'm thinking, guys.

**Travis:** Okay?

**Griffin:** [sings Seinfeld theme]

**Justin:** [laughs] No, no, no. This is like... We're about to get rich.

**Travis:** Okay, woah, woah, woah.

**Justin:** Yeah, I know. Big Santa is something I do sometimes.

**Travis:** Sure.

**Justin:** Big Jack Skellington is something I do sometimes, right?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** But what about like... like just, what if the skeleton could just be a different big man.

**Griffin:** For every holiday. Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** Right. So like, you have big skeleton.

**Travis:** Uh-huh?

**Justin:** And that, it's spooky, right? Christmas, I mean, makes its own gravy. You wrap the Santa suit on him. Done.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** He's good.

**Justin:** Huge robe, beard, scythe, father time, new year's.

**Travis:** Sure.

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Justin:** Or you do like a diaper on the skeleton, he's like a new year's baby.

**Travis:** Well, no. Save the diaper. Diaper, wings, bow.

**Griffin:** At midnight, you rip the toga off the skeleton and it's wearing a diaper now. And now it's a baby.

**Justin:** Yeah. But it's just like... why do we have so many different huge men? Let's have one huge man that you dress up for any holiday you want.

**Griffin:** Veteran's Day, make him a soldier. Memorial Day—

**Travis:** Now, but is there always a skeleton underneath?

**Justin:** Memorial Day back to—

**Griffin:** Yeah, Travis. That was gonna be my joke before Travis did make sure to jump right in there and cut that off right at the pass.

**Travis:** Sorry, I wasn't even making a joke. I'm imagining the transitional period where between each holiday, you do have to strip it back to a skeleton and then dress it.

**Justin:** You are legally not allowed to do that while people are awake. You have to go door to door and knock on everyone's door and say, "Are you guys out?" And they'll say, "Yeah." And then you can go and do this thing.

**Griffin:** Yeah. And you say, "Tonight's my skeleton night. So, don't come out and do you skeleton. 'Cause we can't see each other do it."

**Justin:** These are Biden issued. [laughs] They call 'em Bidey Bones because Biden said, "The pandemic's over. I got all this money. We're gonna do Bidey Bones." [laughs] And then everyone says, "All right, I'm



ready." And then the Bidey Bones just start showing up by the truckload. Every household gets a Bidey Bone.

**Griffin:** Preassembled.

**Justin:** Multifamily housing? Every family gets a Bidey Bone. And it's just a yard of skeletons outside.

**Griffin:** That's fun.

**Travis:** Now, I do like it being preassembled. And maybe like it's still kind of warm and the bones are moist and hot like real bones. And Biden's like, "Don't ask questions. I got resources."

**Justin:** "Don't ask questions about the Bidey Bones."

**Travis:** "But let's just say I got a lot of these laying around in a certain area in the desert."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Hold on, wait. Hold on, wait. Okay, yeah. They say all religions can be on the Bidey Bones, it's no problem. If you wanna do... like give it a menorah—

**Griffin:** Yeah, if you belong to a religion that is like strictly anti-skeleton, it said then it's still okay.

**Justin:** It's still okay.

**Griffin:** 'Cause you got a special permission slip from President Bidey.

**Travis:** Bidey Man.

**Justin:** Yeah, Bidey says it's fine. These are a-religious, a-political skeletons that you can dress up like anything you want.

**Griffin:** Justin, you are making me so hugely uncomfortable.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Not because you're standing, but because you're kind of rocking back and forth.

**Justin:** This is the way I stand?

**Griffin:** Yeah, no. You look like you're a new judge on Shark Tank who very publicly does cocaine immediately before each taping.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And maybe has also made some bad investments and really needs this one to work out.

**Justin:** Where is that episode of Shark Tank where you get the basketball player who's like, "This wealthy b— " But he really needs one of these to work.

**Travis:** "And you say it's a sure thing? It's a sure thing? People will definitely want this?"

**Justin:** "It's a sure thing!"

**Travis:** "All right I'm willing to invest 20 million dollars in your frog warmers!" And the other Shark's like, "Don't do— No, hey... You can't do this."

**Justin:** "They can't accept that much money." It's like, "But if this is a sure thing, I gotta..."

**Travis:** "It's a sure thing, they said so! Everyone's gonna want a frog warmer."

**Griffin:** "I'm giving you 20 million dollars for 500% of frog warmers."

**Justin:** [laughs] "Let it ride."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Let it ride, baby. Let's see where this thing takes us."

**Justin:** This is an advice show where you ask us a question. You send it to [mbmbam@maximumfun.org](mailto:mbmbam@maximumfun.org) and then we answer it. It's like not a big deal.

**Griffin:** It doesn't have to be a big thing.

**Travis:** Yeah, don't make like an issue out of it, okay?

**Justin:** "I'm currently studying elementary education. And I have a lot of experience working with kids on reading/writing. In July, my coworker and I began discussing the possibility of me tutoring his son in reading. He kept setting dates for us to meet for a tutoring session and then changed the date at the last minute.

Eventually, he ended up sending me \$100. I guess to hold himself accountable to actually following through with tutoring. It is now September and I still have not tutored his son. The money is still in my Venmo account and we haven't discussed the tutoring topic in weeks.

I would very much like this money. Is there a point where it's okay for me to take the money? Should I send it back?" That's from Broke in Birmingham. Oh my god, I feel like I'm hearing the opposite side of most interactions people have had with me. And it's very, very stressful to me.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Justin:** I feel like I've been this other person and I've been thinking, "I'm sure they're not thinking about this anymore, right?"

**Travis:** Right.

**Justin:** 'Cause I'm just feeling guilty about it all the time. But they've probably forgotten. And this question is like, "I haven't forgotten, Justin. You said you were gonna do something."

**Travis:** And not only that, I was confused by what you thought was a very clear indicator that the transaction was over. 'Cause that's what I assumed the \$100 is. Is like, "You know what? This isn't gonna happen. But I feel so bad that I jerked this person's chain. So like, I'm just gonna like, give 'em the money we agreed on."

**Justin:** That does feel like somebody who's like, "I can't feel bad about this anymore. Maybe if I just do my part, they'll just find a chance and just find Dirk somewhere in an ally and tutor him. I don't know. Maybe they'll just seek him out."

**Travis:** [laughs] Some tutoring on the fly. "Hey, are you reading good? Okay."

**Justin:** Maybe they never arranged the tutoring. But then Dirk just started like crushing it with everything he tried to read. Like, "I guess he's tutoring somewhere? I don't know about it but I'll send him 100 bucks just to be safe."

**Griffin:** This is a breach of etiquette. I feel like there needs to be a law about sending people funds. And maybe I'm just saying this because people have sent me funds and then been like, "And now what are you gonna do about that? The money I have sent you."

It's not a nice thing to do to just send somebody money and be like, "You figure out what you need to do for me now. You clearly owe me one, figure out what that is." Nope, wrong. Nope, wrong.

**Justin:** I guess if you have the expectation, it is a weird inverse of capitalism. If there's an expectation that you will be repaid in some way. 'Cause I was gonna say, giving money to people, that's fine, right? We're still fine with that, that's okay?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure.

**Justin:** Okay. But if you're expecting something in return, that's the problem.

**Griffin:** That's the issue.

**Travis:** I think also, this money is yours. Right? Because here's the thing. You take that money. At any point if your coworker is like, "Hey. So, when are we gonna schedule that thing?" Right? You already have the money. And if your coworker never brings it up again, you already have the money.

**Justin:** Does Venmo, you have to like take the money?

**Griffin:** No, sadly.

**Travis:** It's in your account.

**Justin:** It's in your account, you've got it.

**Griffin:** They just give it to you. So, here's what I need you to do. Get on Craigslist. Or if you really wanna turn a quick buck on this, Fiverr. And find a reading tutor for this boy.

**Justin:** Oh yeah.

**Griffin:** But get in there at the lowest possible price point that you can find. Somebody who's just like, "It's 20 bucks, but I only do consonants."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And then you have just made— You've turned a quick profit while also not fully ripping this person off. 'Cause now you're just like a tutoring agent to the stars.

**Travis:** The answer is simple. If Dirk's in like third grade, you hire a fourth grader to tutor Dirk. And then it's one reading level above that. And like 10 bucks. A fourth grader would love 10 bucks.

**Griffin:** Absolutely they would. Fourth graders love 10 bucks.

**Travis:** Justin, what are you looking at?

**Griffin:** Juice, you look really lost in thought.

**Justin:** I was thinking about a story that is related to this that I wanted to share with y'all. I don't cut my own grass. I do most of the things in my house, but that is one thing that I decided like I'm gonna pay somebody to cut my grass. 'Cause I hate cutting grass. I hate it.

**Griffin:** You have definitely told us about your grass boy that does your work for you before.

**Justin:** Okay. So, my grass gentleman, he cut— I came home and he had cut half the lawn. And he texted me and he said, “Hey, I’m sorry that I only cut half the lawn. My partner, who usually helps me, died. And it’s been really hard keeping up.” And I said, “Oh my god, I’m so sorry. I’ll tell you what.

Let me go and send you the money for this cutting. And then you know, whenever you can get back over to finish it, it’s like not a big deal.” And he was like, “Thank you so much.” But that was like a couple weeks ago now. So... Well, now I’m in this situation where it’s not that my grass is long. It’s that half of my grass is really long [laughs]. There’s two options for me, right.

One is, “How’s it going with everything?” Or it’s just like, find someone else to do it. And then he shows up and he’s like, “God, damn! Can one thing go right? I got scooped. God, I cannot catch a break.” So, now I’m kind of in between those two positions. And I don’t really know... I don’t have a My Brother, My Brother and Me. You know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** You do have two brothers.

**Justin:** People forget the Pagliacci situation that we are in. Like, what would you guys do in my position? This is so key, I don’t own a lawnmower. [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** I don’t have one. I have a weed wacker for when I need to get some intense work done. But I don’t have a lawnmower. So, that’s not an option for me.

**Travis:** Do you have a big pair of scissors?

**Justin:** [laughs] Yeah.

**Travis:** And a lot of free time?

**Griffin:** Some good ripping gloves?

**Justin:** I do have two kids?

**Travis:** Yeah, there you go.

**Justin:** Yeah, "Kids, get out there."

**Travis:** Have `em eat the grass like goats.

**Justin:** [laughs] "Get out there and eat the grass like goats."

**Travis:** You should just text the lawnmower person and be like, "Hey, let's schedule the next time you're able to come out. Are you still by yourself? We could schedule it over two days if that helps?"

**Griffin:** Yeah. That's good, Trav.

**Travis:** Yeah. And it's not a joke but I can see that this is really bothering my older brother and I wanted to help him.

**Justin:** It's really bothering me. Really bothering.

**Griffin:** You could say like, "I know you had trouble with the right side of the yard. But I want you to know that it's basically just like the left side of the yard, but backwards. Does that help? Do you think that'll help you get there?"

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Wait. So, your assumption, Griffin, is that the loss of the partner made it impossible to do both halves. Not because it was a time issue, but because when he reached the middle point he was like, "But I've never done over there before."

**Justin:** I had got to a point where I almost asked if I could borrow his lawnmower so I could do it. But then I worried there was a reality in which he's like, "That was real good. I have one other yard that I'd love your help with."

**Travis:** [laughs] "Are you looking for a side gig?"

**Justin:** And then it's like, I'd do three or four yards 'cause I'd feel so guilty. And then it's like, "Wait a minute. I think I work for this guy now."

**Travis:** And then you find that it's your new passion. And it's just like, "Oh, what do I tell my brothers?"

**Justin:** You guys want another question?

**Travis:** You know what? I really do.

**Griffin:** Or you know how we've been talking about starting our own band?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah?

**Griffin:** The Wizard has some help for us.

**Justin:** Oh, good!

**Griffin:** Eric sent this one in and it's how to find an interesting name for your band.

**Travis:** Wait, it can't be The McElroy Brothers 'cause that's actually taken, I found out recently. There's like three McElroy Brothers who do, I believe it's called commercial rock or something? Which doesn't seem like a thing.

**Griffin:** Well, we do kind of commercial rock.

**Travis:** Do we?

**Griffin:** Well, we have sponsors on the show and I think that our comedy style really rocks dudes.

**Travis:** Well, we've covered scatting, we do jingles.

**Griffin:** Yeah?



**Travis:** We've done some musicals.

**Griffin:** Yeah, but we really shred these jokes. "Are you looking for a catchy name for your band? The name your band chooses can make the difference between success and failure."

**Justin:** Mm-hmm.

**Griffin:** I think anecdotally, I can think of a few bands that have some of the worst names I've ever heard in my life that managed to really take off and find a lot of success. Like Coldplay? That doesn't mean anything. Anyway, "Learning the rules of good band names. Keep it short. Think about it, how many band names do you know that are more than three words long? Not many. That's the rule of thumb, no more than three words long."

**Justin:** That's true.

**Griffin:** "You want people to be able to spell and pronounce your name. Mostly, you just want to be able to be sure they remember it. Can you abbreviate your band name easily? That can be helpful for merchandising purposes. That's one reason that Nine Inch Nails chose its name."

**Travis:** Now, can we just all three... A quick test here. Off the top of your head, what's the most memorable band name? I'm gonna count down from three and on go, say the most memorable band name. Okay, you ready?

**Justin:** Wait, the most memorable band name?

**Travis:** Yeah, like when you think of a band name, right. What's the first one that comes to mind?

**Justin:** Divorced from the band itself, right? Like...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Just the name of the band. Ready? Three, two, one, go. Cherry Poppin' Daddies.

**Justin:** Hoobastank.

**Griffin:** Engelbert Humperdinck. Is not a band, he's a singer...

**Travis:** Now, Justin, You said Hoobastank. That's a good one.

**Justin:** Hoobastank. I'll know that for the rest of my life. I'll never not know Hoobastank.

**Travis:** And I said Cherry Poppin' Daddies, which is horrible. Obviously.

**Justin:** Also, that's so interesting to hear you say.

**Travis:** Yeah, it's terrible.

**Justin:** And it's not the first time. You know, this is not like something you discovered—

**Travis:** But god, it's memorable. It really sticks. Now, Griffin. You said a human being's name. Am I correct?

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah, that felt fucked up. 'Cause it's a real person.

**Justin:** Engelbert Humperdinck?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Okay. I would say Red Hot Chili Peppers. I'll tell you why, four words. Four words. This is a part time job to say the name of this band. I have shit to do today. I have two children. I can't go around saying Red Hot Chili Peppers all the time.

**Travis:** A lot of syllables too.

**Griffin:** And just then when I said it, I almost fell asleep in the middle of it. I almost needed a glass of water in the middle of saying the name of that band 'cause it's way too long.

**Travis:** They should've just called it Red Hot Pep.

**Griffin:** Or just The Peppers.

**Travis:** Oh, that's good.

**Justin:** The Peppers would be a better name for the band.

**Griffin:** How about it, Anthony? Fuck.

**Justin:** What's up, Anthony?

**Griffin:** What's up, Anthony? Hit me up.

**Travis:** What about Kiedis and friends?

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Kiedis, I've got all kinds of great ideas for you.

**Justin:** Ant and Pals.

**Travis:** Yeah, there you go. Ant, Flea and the Rest.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] That's four words.

**Travis:** Damn it, you're right.

**Griffin:** Ant, Flea, Rest.

**Travis:** Ant, Flea, Et Cetera.

**Griffin:** Et Cetera. "Make your name SEO friendly. These days, you want your name to be easily findable when you search it on the internet. Names are too common— "

**Justin:** Hoobastank.

**Griffin:** Hoobastank. I'm pretty sure every one of these bits in this question or wikiHow article, we could just say Hoobastank.

**Travis:** Yeah, Hoobastank.

**Justin:** Well, it's like a good name for a band. Like I don't know anything about the bank, but it's a good name for a band.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Memorable, short.

**Griffin:** "Avoid anything with very negative connotations. You have to know before you— "

**Travis:** Oh, mine's out. [laughs] The one I said's out.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] You have to know how far you can push it.

**Justin:** Okay, wait. Does Hoobastank qualify? [laughs] 'Cause like Hoobastank has negative connotations, right?

**Travis:** I don't think it has... Well, yeah, I guess stank.

**Justin:** Stank's not good. Like, huba...

**Griffin:** Well, huba disarms you.

**Travis:** Yeah, huba as a qualifier—

**Justin:** Huba has his arms open, it looks like Grimace. It's got its arms open like, [in deep silly voice] "Come here, buddy." [laughs] And then it's like stank is in the back.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Korn's a fun name. I know we talk about it, we're a bunch of Korn heads over here.

**Travis:** That's bad SEO, though.

**Griffin:** Well, except you spell it with a K. So, that's actually pretty incredible.

**Travis:** Assuming you know that. In this day and age, Griffin, you can't assume people know. 'Cause maybe they just hear it and then they're just talking to Alexa and they're like, "Alexa, play Korn." And then it plays that corn song from TikTok. And you're like, "No, no, no. The one that goes [scat sings Korn]." And Alexa's like, "I've called the doctor for you."

**Griffin:** I didn't know if there really is a corn song from TikTok, but it sounds right. That sounds like something TikTok would have on it.

**Travis:** You don't know my other corn boy song?

**Griffin:** "Find a name that's fresh. You wanna avoid band names that are cliché now because they were trends a long time ago. It's passé to add a number to your name. Boys 2 Men seems so not now. Acronyms are out. Think NSYNC. Putting an exclamation point at the end of your name will date you too. Adding an extra D or T on the end of a name is kind of cliché, avoid it. Think Ratt." Rat-t.

**Justin:** Rat-t-t.

**Griffin:** Ratat-t-t-t-touille. "Develop a vision for you band." That one we've already done. Pop, young, spirited.

**Travis:** Hip, now, with it, sexy.

**Griffin:** And these are words that we can take and fold into.

**Travis:** Oh, sorry. I was saying that for the band name.

**Griffin:** Yeah, no. That's what I'm saying. So, Sexy Coldplay would be a good one, a better one than just regular Coldplay.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Hip, Young, Fresh, Sexy Coldplay. Too many words?

**Griffin:** Coldplay lets you know that it's gonna be pop 'cause this band has Coldplay in it.

**Justin:** Koldplay with a K, is that anything?

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm!

**Travis:** Hot Play, Hot Work.

**Griffin:** We've talked about Hot Work before. We have made that exact joke.

**Travis:** No way.

**Justin:** Yeah, we've said exactly Hot Work.

**Griffin:** We have made that exact joke. So, "Find a word with meaning to you. Combine it with something, perhaps. Your favorite candy bar, the name of your girlfriend from high school, your home town. All these are words you could add to a band name or just use as one."

**Travis:** Now, I assume when it says the name of your girlfriend from high school, it doesn't mean like full name [laughs].

**Griffin:** Samantha Davis Three Musketeers.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] Sydnee Skor. Sydnee Skor is not a bad name for a— Love a Skor Bar.

**Griffin:** I thought that was a dipping tabaco?

**Justin:** It's like a thinner Heath Bar.

**Griffin:** Oh, that does sound fun.

**Travis:** What's the one that— Oh, Zero. That's what I was thinking of. With the nougat and the white chocolate.

**Griffin:** "Use a pop culture or literary reference."

**Justin:** Ooh.

**Griffin:** "Mikey Way was working in a Barnes and Noble and saw the book by Irvine Welsh intitled Three Tales of Chemical Romance." And then he came up with the name of the band, Coldplay.

**Travis:** "This is my band, the So-So Gatsbys."

**Justin:** That's a pretty good name for a band, Travis. Damn it.

**Travis:** Thank you, thank you. I can't decide if they're emo or punk. But they're one of those two.

**Justin:** Can you do screamo? I always thought that was the funniest genre.

**Travis:** Oh, fuck yeah, I can, dude.

**Justin:** Yeah, screamo. That's perfect.

**Griffin:** "Get inspiration from common products or things. Flowers, food, sewing machines, you name it. Look around the house, you'll find a lot of common things with interesting names. AC/DC got their name from a sewing machine. Food names can also make good band names— "

**Justin:** Preparation Hoobastank.

**Travis:** That's what it's short for. Not a lot of people know that's what the H stands for.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Food names can also make good band names. Think Black Eyed Peas or Red Hot Chili Peppers." So, which one is it, wikiHow?

**Justin:** [laughs] Which one of those is a good name?

**Griffin:** Can we take a step back? Because right now you're telling me that Red Hot Chili Peppers is a good band name. But let me... Red, hot, chili, peppers... That's four fucking words.

**Travis:** Are you sure red hot's not one word? Isn't there a candy called Redhots and they're just the one word?

**Griffin:** Oh, that's right. And Anthony Kiedis dated somebody named Chili Peppers in high school.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Pick a random name." Thanks, that's nothing.

**Travis:** Sure...

**Griffin:** "Use your own name or your initials. This is always a possibility, especially if your band has a front man. For example, The Dave Matthews Band is simply based on one of the band members' names." [laughs]

**Justin:** Oh my god, that makes so much sense!

**Travis:** It's never clicked for me before!

**Justin:** So, wait. His name is Dave? There's a real Dave Matthews?

**Travis:** I thought it was like Hootie & the Blowfish. Do you think that there was ever a moment when they were coming out and he was like, "What if we just called it the Dave Matthews Band?" And they were like, "Uh... Dave. I'm not sure. We were talking about a bunch of cool names?" "Yeah. But wouldn't it be simpler if we just called it Dave Matthews Band?" And like, "I don't think it would, Dave."

**Griffin:** So, make up a new word is another one and they give the example, "Metallica is an example of a band with a name that is a made-up word. German, Lars Ulrich, made it up while thinking about a metal magazine." I wish I could live inside that man's wonderful fuck'n imaginarium of fuck'n Doctor Parnassus mind palace that he's got going on in there.

**Justin:** [laughs]



**Griffin:** It also says, "Create a new word by misspelling a common word like Korn. But that's taken." Unless we wanted to do like K-A-U-R-N. And then... this is the name of our band, it's not...

**Justin:** Okay, what about this... What about Corn with a C?

**Travis:** Ooh.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Ooh, I like that.

**Griffin:** [in silly gravelly tone] "What's up everybody? We're Corm!" Did you say Corm?

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Zing zappa zee, ziba ziba!

**Travis:** "This is my band, Poobastang." [laughs] "Excuse me."

**Justin:** [sings] "Are you teady?" Like, "What? What did you say?"

**Griffin:** [laughs] Ah, man.

**Justin:** [laughs] Corm.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Make sure someone else doesn't have your name. It would be a nightmare to— "

**Justin:** Hey! Hey! Hey, nobody take Corm! [laughs]

**Travis:** TM, TM, TM!

**Justin:** "Me and Jerry got Corm." [laughs]

**Travis:** "Wait, which one did you say?"  
"I said Corm. Can we be Corm?"

**Justin:** "With a C! With a K!"

**Travis:** "How are you spelling it?"  
"With a K."

"Yeah, that's fine. I can't see how that would be confusing at all."

**Justin:** That was a competing band. Johnathan Davis started Korn and a friend of his started Corm [laughs].

**Travis:** And Korn was already on the rise. Korn had been on the scene for like two years.

**Justin:** Corm had a C in the beginning but an M at the end. And they were heading up and Johnathan Davis was like, [scat sings] "I guess the thing that you need is for your band to be named after Korn."

**Griffin:** [laughs] Juice, I'm sorry for this one, "Determine if the domain name is available." So, corm.gov?

**Travis:** Is hoomastank.com taken? It's gotta be, right.

**Griffin:** Corm.com is available. That's gonna be a big ask, though. 'Cause it does look a lot like corn.

**Travis:** I can't imagine how it can be confusing. It's corn with an M.

**Griffin:** It's different in every way. "Develop more than one band name." No, fuck you. No. We struck gold here. "And then trademark your band name with the United States Patent Office." I don't— Is that—

[isolated scat singing section from Korn's song, Freak on a Leash plays]

**Travis:** Thank you, Justin.

**Griffin:** it took you a while to find that button. 'Cause I know you did program that last time that we talked about Korn.

**Justin:** I did program it last time but I had switched the pads over. I know, isn't that sad? I feel like if we're gonna continue to orga— Now that, that came organically. Like, do we just maybe think about that part in Freak on a Leash a lot more than other people do?

**Travis:** Or are we just the only one willing to talk about it, Justin?

**Griffin:** The band... It's 2022, so much stuff, bad stuff, has happened since Korn came on the scene. That it makes the fact that there was a band called Korn that had a song that sounded like [scat sings] really, really funny to me. It's like we look back and it's like, "There were some bad times in there. And then right before, there was a band called Korn."

**Travis:** It's like when people had to sit through hippies and stuff and they were like, "I miss when music was like [melodically boops intro to The Chordettes' song, Mr. Sandman]. Except now for us it's, "I miss when music was like [scat sings]."

**Griffin:** It's not even the music that I miss, Travis. It was a more whimsical time.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah.

**Griffin:** A simpler and better time.

**Justin:** I wanted to make an announcement about the band Korn.

**Travis:** Okay?

**Justin:** Last time we talked about Korn, which I'm sure it's been months.

**Travis:** Now, sorry. Which band, Justin? Korn or Corm?

**Justin:** Sorry, this is about Korn and it is from last week.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** I mentioned Heady but the bassist of Korn is named Fieldy. As several listeners kindly corrected me. A lot of real Kornos in the audience and I did not know that. A lot of Kornographers. And I'm so sorry to run afoul. My. Fieldy, if you're listening, I'm so sorry.

**Griffin:** There's no way anyone in that band listens to podcasts. Not one of 'em.

**Justin:** There's no way anyone in Korn listens to podcasts? Korn with a K I'm talking about now. You understand that? Not Corm.

**Griffin:** No. There's no way. Those dudes are way too fucking cool.

**Justin:** [laughs] Let's go to the Money Zone.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[theme song plays]

**Justin:** Hi, everybody. Sorry to interrupt. Brief programing note, the Rapture did happen and only Travis was scooped up.

**Griffin:** I miss him so much. And when we say only Travis, we mean in the world, he was the only one with a pure soul.

**Justin:** Yeah, it was the Travis-ure, they got him.

**Griffin:** It was the Travis-ure. I was hanging out with Kirk Cameron when it happened and he was like, "Wow, really? Not me? Huh, that stinks."

**Justin:** "Unbelievable..." Hey, you wanna save a little cash? You know, it's about to be the holiday season and you're gonna be buying gifts for people. Maybe you're trying to get out ahead of it. This would be really, really ahead of it and I do doth my cap to you, milady.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] But no matter if you're shopping for yourself or for gifts, why don't you try doing it with Honey? It's a free browser plugin that when you're checking out it's like, "Hey, do you want me to look for some coupon codes? Try to save you a few bucks?" And you say, "Yeah, absolutely." And then it'll look around, see what it can find.

I have saved literally hundreds of dollars making online purchases. Which probably says just as much about me as it does about Honey. But it's a

wonderful thing to have by your side if you want to try to you know, make your money go as far as it can.

It's a wonderful thing. You can get it for free. Oh! And it's not just for your desktop, you can get it on your phone too. Just activate it on Safari on your phone and you can save while you're driving around.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I mean, not driving. But you know, riding or what have you. And if you don't already have Honey, you could be missing out. And if you get it, you're not just doing yourself a favor, you're doing us a favor too 'cause you're supporting the show. So, get Honey for free at [joinhoney.com/brother](http://joinhoney.com/brother). That's [joinhoney.com/brother](http://joinhoney.com/brother).

**Griffin:** That's right, Justin. The holidays are sneaking up on us. But this time, I'm ready. I have a big knife. And it's like, "Yeah, try and get me, the holidays. Not today."

**Justin:** Wow, you're going on the offensive.

**Griffin:** I am going on the offensive with [stamps.com](http://stamps.com). A righteous blade that I use to make sure that I can make my life a whole lot easier during the chaos of the holiday season. [Stamps.com](http://Stamps.com) is the 24/7 post office/katana that you can access from anywhere. No lines, no traffic, no hassle, no katana polish required.

Get access to the USPS, that's the United States Postal Service. And the UPS, that's ups services that you need to run your business right from your computer or your holidays, also right from your computer. Rates are always changing, no one can keep track of it. But with [shtumps.com](http://shtumps.com)'s switch and stafe— switch and save—switch and save feature... switch and save feature—

**Justin:** You got this, Griff. You got this.

**Griffin:** ... You can easily compare carries and rates so you know you're getting the best deal every time. 'Cause otherwise they're gonna get one over one you. But not with [shtumps](http://shtumps.com) in your corner. Get ahead of the holiday chaos this year. Get started with [stamps.com](http://stamps.com) today.

Sign up with promo code My Brother for a special offer that includes a four-week trial plus free postage and a free digital scale. No long-term commitments or contracts. Santa Claus does need our help this year, everyone. Last year, we all know what happened.

**Justin:** We remember.

**Griffin:** We remember. So, go to stamps.com, click on the microphone at the top of the page, enter code My Brother. Save Christmas, save Santa Claus.

[We Got This with Mark and Hal theme music plays]

**Hal Lublin:** Hi, I'm Hal Lublin.

**Mark Gagliardi:** And I'm Mark Gagliardi.

**Hal:** And we're the hosts of We Got This with Mark and Hal. The weekly show where we settle the debates that are most important to you.

**Mark:** That's right. What arguments are you and your friends having that you just can't settle?

**Hal:** Apples or oranges?

**Mark:** Marvel or DC?

**Hal:** Fork versus spoon.

**Mark:** Chocolate or vanilla?

**Hal:** Best bagel.

**Mark:** What's the best Disney song?

**Hal:** We Got This with Mark and Hal. Every week on Maximum Fun. We do the arguing so you don't have to.

**Mark:** Oh, all answers are final for all people for all time.

[We Got This with Mark and Hal theme music concludes]

[Go Fact Yourself theme music plays]

**J. Keith van Straaten:** Most game shows quiz contestants about topics they don't even care about.

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**Go Fact Yourself Guest 1:** Oh my gosh!

**Go Fact Yourself Guest 2:** Shut up! [laughs]

**Go Fact Yourself Guest 3:** I feel like I'm gonna cry.

**Go Fact Yourself Guest 4:** Oh my stars...

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[Go Fact Yourself theme music concludes]

**Justin:** Here's another question. "I'm a high school teacher and I just had a student tell me that I look like I eat trail mix. I don't really know what he meant by this but I know he intended it as an insult. What could he have possibly meant? Why do I feel so deeply offended by this comment? What course of punishment does this deserve? I can't stop thinking about it." That's from Muddled in Missouri.

**Travis:** Now, I think there's two aspects.

**Justin:** It's devastating. It's devastating.

**Griffin:** It's so harsh.

**Justin:** I mean, it's so devastating.

**Travis:** My guess as to why it cuts so deep is that you are a person who has, multiple times on your life, eaten trail mix. But you do not like make it an everyday habit. So, you can't outright deny it but it does seem like they've peeked deep into your soul to know something like, "I know that in your deepest, darkest hours when no one's around, you eat trail mix." And it's just like, "Well... I have eaten trail mix before."

**Justin:** "Yeah, your right. I do eat trail mix..."

**Travis:** "Fuck!"

**Griffin:** This is what terrifies me about getting older. Is I don't know what the thing is that I do that I will be utterly humiliated for. And it'll be a totally innocuous thing like eating trail mix. But then somebody will point it out and that person will be half my age. And they'll point it out to their friends and they'll all laugh. And then they'll get on their hover skates or whatever and drift off.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And I'll be left standing there like wondering everything about my life. Why I live the way I live. This is a terrifying question to me.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, Griffin. Yeah.

**Travis:** Also, I would find myself immediately as soon as like their back was turned or I could get away from them, googling like, "Is eating trail mix slang for something?"

**Justin:** "Is eating trail mix bad to do now?"



**Travis:** "Is this like from a meme where there's like a carton squirrel that eats trail mix and then like shits themselves? What is this in reference to?"

**Justin:** "Did I like run afoul of some meme?"

**Travis:** "It can't just be trail mix. Right?"

**Justin:** "It can't be. No, certainly not."

**Travis:** "I've always thought of trail mix as a very neutral food. Like, who wouldn't enjoy trail mix? There's something for everyone in there. How could it become a bad thing? Is it about nuts? It's gotta be something about nuts, right? Nuts are in there."

**Griffin:** "Are they saying that I like to have nuts, like testicles— Is it a testicles thing, guys? You gotta tell me— "

**Travis:** "It's gotta be testicles."

**Justin:** "You hitting me with a testicle thing?"

**Travis:** 'Cause it can't be the chocolate candy part. Everybody loves that, that can't be it.

**Justin:** No, everybody loves that.

**Griffin:** Everybody loves that, they love raisins. They're not telling me—

**Justin:** I bet it's the seeds. It the seeds.

**Travis:** You think it's the sunflower seeds?

**Justin:** It's weird to have seeds in the thing. 'Cause you plant those, you're not supposed to eat 'em. "How stupid, why have I been eating seeds for so long? Idiot."

**Travis:** "Fuck, fuck, fuck, they're right, they're right, they're right."

**Justin:** "They're right."

**Travis:** "I should expel them before anyone else finds out." [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] "Expel them before me secret gets out. Seed eater."

**Travis:** [laughs] "Never come back to this school again."

**Griffin:** "You just couldn't wait, could you? Seed eater."

**Justin:** Got a plant in his belly like a sloppy little monster who loves his seeds. You look like you eat trail mix.

**Travis:** Fuck. It does hurt because it's so— There's no implication whatsoever, so the mind just reaches for the worst things. [laughs]

**Justin:** Yes, it's an insult that is like... it impregnates itself like... I don't know, what's the worst thing you think about yourself?

**Travis:** Yeah, right?

**Justin:** That's what trail mix indicates.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Have you considered that you eat trail mix, being the worst thing about yourself? 'Cause I'd like you to.

**Travis:** "You look like you eat trail mix."  
"I do have commitment issues!" [laughs] It's like, "What? How did you get there?"

**Griffin:** Okay. The best I can figure is that you have a crunchy aesthetic. By which I mean not because of all of the toothsome legumes that you're shoveling into your mouth during your lunch hour. But I'm more talking about sort of your hiking— You eat trail mix because you find yourself on trails a lot.

**Justin:** Oh! You're just like kind of a...

**Griffin:** A trail junkie.

**Travis:** But it can't be that you actually have that lifestyle. Like, you're not bringing your hiking backpack to class 'cause you're hitting the trails

afterwards. It's like you wore a flannel and a knitted beanie once and they're like, "Oh, okay."

**Griffin:** Travis, I like this idea in your head where when a teacher comes to school, they leave no hints whatsoever of the type of person that they are outside of the school bubble.

**Travis:** Are you kidding me? That's all I would do.

**Griffin:** Yeah. That's what I'm saying, Travis. You're saying you would cloak your shit so that your kids would never know anything about you?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** How are you supposed to connect and make a soul connection?

**Travis:** Griffin, we've already established the idea of c— Maybe that's it. It's like you've cloaked your shit so good, the best they can infer is like—

**Griffin:** The best they can get.

**Travis:** ... "I don't know, trail mix? Something about trail mix? I think I saw him eating M&M'S once and it reminded me of trail mix. I don't know, man." Because here's the thing, Griffin. As soon as they know any aspect of your life, you've given them so much ammunition. Where they see you and they're like, "Hey, cat mom." And you're like, "God damn it!" [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] "Got me..."

**Justin:** To me, I feel like if they said that to me, I would think about the only times I eat trail mix is when I'm like traveling and I'm really worn out. And it's like, you deserve a little treat. It's been hard for you. And it's like, they see me as this little baby that needs to have his bottom powdered. And it's just like a little wimp who needs... [in silly voice] "Oh, you need energy. Oh."

**Griffin:** Actually, hey.

**Justin:** Yeah?

**Griffin:** The only time I eat trail mix is when I am flying to one of our many sold out entertainment engagements. Tickets on sale right now for the shows this week.

**Travis:** If there's any left.

**Justin:** If there's any left.

**Griffin:** There're so many left.

**Justin:** [whispers] There are. Please buy tickets to our shows.

**Griffin:** The only time I eat trail mix is when I am jet setting.

**Travis:** That's true.

**Griffin:** From one city to the next. Leaving crowds of people stupefied with my great jokes. And so, trail mix is not the food of some crunchy wasteoid.

**Justin:** That's someone who has so many other great comedy shows to do, they only have time for a handfull of food. So, it better have a little bit of everything in there.

**Griffin:** If I was a crunchy wasteoid, I'd call it gorp. Because I am a business man, essentially, who easts trail mix because it has the protein I crave. It has the carbohydrates and sugars that my body needs to like get me to my next sold-out business entertainment engagement. This is a power food for powerful people.

**Travis:** The only trails that Griffin's worried about is chem trails. The ones being left behind the plane that he's flying in to get to his next thing. Maybe that's what they're saying is you look like a government shill.

**Griffin:** Maybe, maybe.

**Travis:** Now see, I think I was going a different way where the only time I eat trail mix is like I rip it open and I slam it back like it's some kind of power pills from a video game that's filling up my energy bar. And so, maybe what they're saying is you look like you move too quickly from thing to thing. You're not taking time for you.

**Griffin:** That's what it is.

**Travis:** Maybe this is a— They're worried about you.

**Griffin:** They're worried about you.

**Travis:** "Hey, you look like you're eating trail mix. You need to sit down."

**Griffin:** "Why don't you settle down. Make a meal. Make yourself a knife and fork meal."

**Travis:** "You deserve it."

**Griffin:** "Eat some knife and fork food sometimes."

**Travis:** "Don't just rip open a plastic baggie and slam it like some kind of on-the-go machine. You're not a machine. You're a person, you have needs."

**Justin:** You're not a machine. You know what? Just take the time, get a plate. Separate the trail mix bag.

**Travis:** Yes, thank you.

**Justin:** Into different piles. [laughs]

**Griffin:** Use a fork.

**Justin:** So, that's a meal. That's a meal.

**Travis:** Well, you're gonna use a spoon on the peanuts. Definitely a fork on the raisins. That's where you're gonna feel it.

**Griffin:** That's great.

**Travis:** What's that? Oh, you've melted the chocolate candies into some sort of fondue that you can dip some— That's great, you're doing it.

**Griffin:** This is a sort of deconstruction of trail mix. I call it trail.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** It's not mixed at all. It's just... It's sort of composite... you're gonna love it. Eat one thing and go in a clockwise order around the plate. This is my artist's intent. This is what I wanted.

**Travis:** It's \$150. It took me a lot of time to separate the whole thing. It's very labor intensive. You're paying by the hour.

**Justin:** I have another question. "We just moved to the country and I pass by a little farm every day that has a trailer at the edge of their property, next to the highway. That trailer is full of beautiful, plump pumpkins of all different sizes and colors."

**Griffin:** Plumpkins!

**Justin:** "There's no sign indicating if the pumpkins are free or not. Can I go take some? Or are they a decoration?" That's from Pumpkin Perplexed in Minnesota.

**Griffin:** This will be quick. Hey, Peter Cottontail, calm the fuck down. You need to chill the fuck out, dude.

**Travis:** I know you're new to the country. It doesn't work like that.

**Griffin:** It doesn't work like that.

**Justin:** There's no sign saying if they're free or not. You know what that's applicable to? All things, pretty much. Like, all things. My car doesn't have a sign that says, "This big, beautiful Buick is taken." Like, what would be the alternate sign, "Do not steal"? I think if you don't see an, "Is free" sign, the assumption is, the base case has to be do not steal.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Now, but unless...

**Travis:** Unless...

**Justin:** Unless...

**Griffin:** We've all had that thought where we've driven past a corn field and seen these beauties. These golden beauties just shimmering in the sun and thought like, "If I just grabbed one of those..."

**Justin:** One beauty...

**Griffin:** "One beauty... Then there's no way that I would get caught. There's no way they would notice. It's one corn."

**Travis:** You wanna steal from farmers?

**Griffin:** I think that the subsidies that my tax dollars provide allow me to—

**Justin:** Woah.

**Griffin:** No, no, on, listen... Steal from farmers as much as I fucking want to.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** Oh [laughs]. Okay.

**Griffin:** You didn't let me finish the thought.

**Justin:** Yeah, you're right. I'm sorry, Griffin. That's true, yeah.

**Griffin:** And it's not stealing because I'm the only one that's doing it. So, nobody— They're not gonna know— It's not like I'm telling everyone to steal from farmers. I'm saying I should be able to steal one thing from every farmer.

**Justin:** [laughs]. It's statistically a victimless crime.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It's basically a rounding error.

**Travis:** In the grand scheme of things...

**Justin:** In the grand scheme of things, it's basically a rounding error at that point.

**Griffin:** Now, I will say. Aside from the humble watermelon f—

**Justin:** Oh, here he goes. He's playing politics, trying to keep the farmers on board with our show.

**Griffin:** Aside from the humble watermelon farmer, there is not a worse produce I could steal than a pumpkin. Because you talk about economies of scale. You can grow way fewer pumpkins than you can grow beautiful corn beauties. So, the bottom line will be more affected in the pumpkin industry than it would in the corn.

**Travis:** That's why I feel fine stealing one soy bean. That's something I feel comfortable doing. Smaller than corn, even less noticeable. I'm fine with this. As long as we're talking about cornfields, can I make a call to Hollywood? Stop making it look so fun when cars go like barreling through cornfields. And I know it's supposed to be like scary or whatever.

**Griffin:** So fun.

**Justin:** Looks like the funnest thing.

**Travis:** But like every time I pass a cornfield there's just a part of me that's like, "What if I just hook left..."

**Griffin:** 'Cause there's no way. Your car would get halfway into the cornfield before it would come to a dead stop.

**Travis:** Oh yeah. It would get fucked up so bad.

**Griffin:** Just from pure corn friction. It would get wrapped up in your undercarriage.

**Travis:** All kinds of corns up in the works, shouldn't be in there.

**Griffin:** No way.

**Travis:** No. But it looks like fun 'cause it's like pa-pa-pa-pa-pa. Ah! It looks so cool.



**Griffin:** You cannot— You don't need us to— Hey. Hey, friend. You don't need us to tell you that you can't just take some pumpkin off a corn field. Or a pumpkin field.

**Justin:** You know better than this.

**Griffin:** You know that, right?

**Travis:** They don't want you to. If they wanted you to, there'd be a sign. This is another example of a sign would help. If there was a sign there that said, "Hey, free pumpkin." Yeah, you should take it. Otherwise, it's just a decoration. I've got some pumpkins in front of my house now that I put out there because it's the fall. And the idea of somebody being like, "Well, if they're just sitting there and I see them every day when I drive by so they want me to take one, right?" No. Those are my pumpkins.

**Justin:** I would say you are actually stumbling into the base tenant of society. Which is, if I set this here, I don't need to put a sign on it that says, "Don't steal it." Right? I'll just— People won't steal it. It's like a base tenant.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I have to announce if it's free because that is not its natural state.

**Justin:** It's not the natural state.

**Griffin:** That's the non-default. Also, if he tries to take a pumpkin, then Bernadette Peters might come out and make your balls shrivel up with her magic.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** With her magic. [mouths Munch Squad riff]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** [continues riffing and sings] I wanna munch!

**Travis:** Squad!

**Griffin:** Squad!

**Travis:** Shaping up to be a long one.

**Justin:** [continues riffing and sings] I want to Munch!

**Travis:** Squad.

**Griffin:** Squad. Stretch `em out.

**Justin:** [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad. It's a podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. And this one makes me so fucking angry. I was just gonna do a fun little count doughnut about some like stupid Krispy Kreme whatever. And I was just gonna have some fun.

**Griffin:** That sounds nice.

**Justin:** Schlotzsky's won't allow me to do that.

**Travis:** Schlotzsky's?

**Justin:** Schlotzsky's, Travis. Yeah.

**Travis:** Schlotzsky's is still in the fucking mix?

**Justin:** Not in Huntington. The Huntington one closed, but somewhere they're out there doing their sandwich business. And you know how I know—

**Griffin:** Jesus Christ. If a sandwich place can't stay afloat in Huntington, like get out of the full game. Get out.

**Travis:** Now, to be fair, we also lost the Quiznos. Too highfalutin people couldn't wait for the toasting.

**Justin:** Yeah, that's true. Then there was a New York bagel company that are announcing a place where you drink wine and paint.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** You pay to do it, not just like go in there and—

**Travis:** Oh, never mind.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I can drink wine and paint at home for free.

**Justin:** Schlotzsky's unveils new Bare Naked Pizza.

**Travis:** No.

**Justin:** "Why wait until October 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate national pizza month?" These things are already fake. You can't say like, "Don't hold off until the fake— " Like, the fake thing is only f—

**Travis:** Also, no one's doing that.

**Justin:** No one's doing that.

**Travis:** No one's like, "Fuck. You know what I'd love to eat right now? Pizza. But of course, not until October when it's legal. Not until the pizza purge, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>." [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Schlotzsky's is undressing pizza and giving crust lovers the celebratory moment they deserve with its new Bare Naked Pizza. Imagine a pizza so bold and flavorful, it can be enjoyed without toppings, cheese or sauce."

**Travis:** That's bread!

**Justin:** "In other words..." No, Travis. You fucking idiot. It's not bread. It's naked pizza.

**Travis:** No. Did they forget to order toppings and now they've got to find a way to cover that up?

**Justin:** Here it is.

**Travis:** Or is it like, oh, 20 years ago—

**Justin:** "Look, guys. It's Bare Naked Pizza."

**Travis:** No.

**Justin:** Guys, it's Bare Naked Pizza.

**Travis:** Justin, I'm irate. I'm mad at you. I'm mad at Schlotzsky's. And for some reason, I'm mad at Barenaked Ladies. And I know they have nothing to do with this.

**Justin:** They were always gonna get dragged into this though, Travis. That's a great point. No, it's the Bare Naked Pizza. You know how sometimes when you pick up a tomato and you say, "Ooh, naked sauce." It's just like that.

**Griffin:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** It's one step before the thing. So, "Schlotzsky's is undressing its pizza. For a limited time, customers can enjoy a Bare Naked Pizza at one of Schlotzsky's 320 locations nationwide. For just \$4.99.

**Griffin:** All right.

**Travis:** How much is a regular pizza that's good and has stuff on it?

**Justin:** Reminder, Schlotzsky's deals in like personal pan. This is not a like full sized party pizza.

**Griffin:** This is not a big Oops All Crust experience.

**Justin:** "Schlotzsky's is undressing its pizza one topping at a time. In a slow, salivating— "

**Travis:** Gross. That's not the way you would make this.

**Griffin:** Travis, let Schlotzsky's give us a boner.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** "Schlotzsky's is undressing its pizza one topping at a time. At a slow, salivating seduction. Resulting in limited time only Bare Naked Pizza. The beloved fast, casual restaurant—" That sentence didn't communicate more information. It just wanted to be sexy for a second.

**Travis:** Yup.

**Justin:** 'Cause it's Schlotzsky's and it wants to find its sexy and live there.

**Griffin:** And I wanna empower them to do— Like I know that corporations aren't people. But someone at Schlotzsky's is trying to figure some shit out about themselves and they're using the work that they do as the vehicle for that discovery.

I think that's beautiful and pure. But I don't wanna pay \$4.99 for a no cheese crust round that is gonna not scratch the pizza itch. Because it's actually a pitta instead, is what we're talking about.

**Travis:** Yes. I would also be willing to bet that this naked pizza comes with sauce to dip it in. There's no way that they hand you this without something to dip it in.

**Justin:** "The beloved fast casual restaurant, famous for its made in house oven baked sourdough bread, is giving customers another way to indulge by featuring mouthwatering videos celebrating its unique, one-of-a-kind sourdough pizza crust on the new Bare Naked Pizza Only Fans page."

**Travis:** Get the fuck out.

**Griffin:** Yeah, baby!

**Justin:** Oh, I don't need to get the fuck out, Travis. Because I'm not lying to you. Hold on... Here it is.

**Travis:** Oh, I hate it.

**Justin:** The Bare Naked Pizza does have a page on Only Fans. So, you can subscribe to that and see its dick.

**Travis:** So many people were involved in that being on there.

**Justin:** Do you know how many fucking meetings? Yes, Travis, exactly. How many meetings are like— There had to be like three or four people who were like, “We can’t! We can’t! We don’t come back from an Only Fans page! We’re Schlotzsky’s! We’re not experimenting! We’re Schlotzsky’s! We’re not trying to make ends meet. We’re Schlotzsky’s.”

**Travis:** Maybe they are. I’m upset.

**Justin:** “At Schlotzsky’s, we’re using our expertise in fresh baked sourdough to create irresistible pizza dough that we think is the best in the biz.” And also, some very specific pornography. That’s according to Schlotzsky’s executive chef, Jennifer Keel. Who probably didn’t have a hand in the Only Fans thing.

“We’re so confident in our delicious doughs that we’re willing to serve them in their bare naked. So, pizza lovers can taste our perfectly crispy, yet light and airy crusts in all their glory.” So, the thing is about this is that they’re selling you bread, you know?

**Griffin:** Yeah...

**Justin:** You know it’s bread?

**Griffin:** They’re calling it a different thing, but it’s... it’s definitely bread.

**Justin:** It’s bread!

**Griffin:** it’s definitely bread. And the reason I know that is that they’re not selling sauce cup.

**Travis:** Yeah, that’s correct.

**Griffin:** Which is a cup of pizza sauce. And they say, “We’re so confident about our pizza sauces’ tangy flavors, that we have created a pornography

website exclusively for this red, wet sauce. And we don't think we even need the bread anymore. That was stupid. That was a stupid joke."

**Justin:** [laughs] "The sauce is where it's at."

**Griffin:** "The sauce it's what's up now. Sexy." [laughs]

**Justin:** "We're so confident you'll love our pepperonis that we opened up an Only Fans page. And this one is actually really popular. [laughs] Actually, it's just these huge, long tubes of pepperoni and we're cutting them in half with knives. And people love it, which... I don't know."

**Griffin:** "People like that one."

**Justin:** "People love that one."

**Travis:** I'm excited for like two weeks from now when Schlotzsky's is releasing a press release that's like, "Hey. We have to stop that Only Fans page because way more people subscribed to it than we are comfortable with."

**Justin:** "It's getting to be a tax issue. [laughs] Normally, we love the money but..." What about when you go to Schlotzsky's after this promotion and you're like, "I'll have a regular pizza." And they're like, "Ah, fuck... So... damn. Can you have it on a paper towel 'cause we actually did sell all the crust."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Can you eat it on a paper towel? That's our thing this month, is we didn't actually figure out the supply chain issues. So, uh..." That has to be what this is, right?

**Travis:** Yeah, 100%.

**Justin:** 100%. Like, they got too much bread and they're like, "It's naked pizza."

**Travis:** "Wait, pepperoni costs how much now? Fuck! Um-um-um-um-um-um..."

**Justin:** Naked pizza... Hey, thanks so much for listening to our podcast, My Brother, My Brother and Me. We hope you've enjoyed yourself. Happy fall, by the way. We're hoping you're enjoying the crinkle of the leaves and your PSLs and all that nonsense.

**Travis:** We've got some important announcements, like we said. This week, we're doing our live shows in San José and Denver. So, if you've been waiting to get tickets, wait no longer, [bit.ly/mcelroytours](https://bit.ly/mcelroytours). September 29<sup>th</sup>, we're in San José doing an Adventure Zone show with special guest Aabria Iyengar. We're going to be playing Lasers and Feelings.

**Griffin:** I bought my costume for that show last night. It's the most I have ever spent on a costume.

**Travis:** Ah, yeah.

**Griffin:** I've already decided I'm not going to show you guys until I walk on to the stage in the costume. And everyone will get to be there for the bold debut of my brave, new vision.

**Travis:** The game is going to be a Ghost Busters pastiche. And boy, I hope I'm using that word correctly. Set in the Winchester Mystery House. So, come check that out. September 30<sup>th</sup>, we will also be in San José doing My Brother, My Brother and Me. October 1<sup>st</sup>, we're gonna be in Denver doing My Brother, My Brother and Me.

And then in November, we're gonna be in Detroit and Cincinnati and Washington D.C., where we will also be doing an Adventure Zone show with special guest DM, Brennan Lee Mulligan. Doing Dad Lands 2.0 with some brand-new innovations from the mind of Griffin McElroy that you're gonna love.

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**Griffin:** Hey, thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. I'm sure you've listened to the album, Making It, now at this point. But have you tried listening to it backwards?

**Travis:** Woah.

**Justin:** Ooh.

**Griffin:** Because that is where all the secrets lie about the government cover up of the big expose that you would not believe about the army secret program that they don't want you to know about. But let's just say, those superhero movies, they're just... They're not entirely works of fiction. And that's all I'll say about it.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I got two and a half hours of sleep last night. The only way for you to know about that is to listen to Montaigne's album, Making It. Do it forwards first. But then backwards to find out about how the government...

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** You get it.

**Griffin:** You know.

**Justin:** You get it. My name is Justin McElroy.

**Travis:** I'm Travis McElroy.

**Griffin:** I'm Griffin McElroy.

**Justin:** That's been My Brother, My Brother and Me. Kiss your dad square on the lips.

[theme song plays]

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