

MBMBaM 637: Face 2 Face: The Hairy Food that Everyone Eats

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Clint: The McElroy brothers are not experts!

[crowd cheers]

Clint: 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.

[crowd cheers]

Clint: What's up?! You cool baby!

[crowd cheers]

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

Travis: This is my clear chair. [chuckles]

Justin: Let's talk about the chairs for one second. We have, everyone agrees, the most visually boring show that you could possibly go see. And someone took the agency to give us some artistic chairs. [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

Justin: This is a first! We have these beautiful, clear chairs. They're beautiful. And it has spiced up the show, visually. Hi, everybody. Welcome to My Brother, My Brother and Me, an advice show for the modren era.

Griffin: Cold— I would say cold lucite!

Justin: And I'm your oldest brother, Justin McElroy.

[crowd cheers]

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

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Et cetera. So...

Griffin: And I'm your sweet— Were you really...

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Were you really about to start the show after your introduction?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Feels on brand?

Griffin: It does a little bit.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: I'm your sweet baby brother and 30 Under 30, media luminary, Griffin McElroy.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: I...

Justin: Paul, help. I'm not on the Wi-Fi. Paul, you gotta help me.

Travis: I got you.

Justin: Can you help me? Help me, I'm not on the Wi-Fi, Trav. Help me, bud.

Griffin: I will admit, this is not the reception I was expecting.

Justin: Yeah, let's take a second to talk about it.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: I would actually like to recognize our— If we could actually get houselights on... on— The houselights, if those could come on—

Travis: Not the balcony, though.

Justin: Not the balcony. Turn the balcony off, no, no, no, no, no!

Griffin: No, no, no, no—

Travis: We don't need to know about the balcony. No, don't need to know anything about the balcony.

Justin: Yes, it's just them. [laughs]

Griffin: Continue the sort of like Kevin McCallister tableau of human beings in the balcony, sort of linked up by strings and pulleys.

Travis: No, don't look at them! Don't look at them!

Justin: Okay... If you were at our previous Detroit show—

[crowd cheers]

Justin: ... I would like you to please stand and be recognized.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: For your valor.

Travis: You have all given so much for your country. This day of all days, it's important we recognize— Wait, is there lightsabers?

Justin: Thank you, some lightsabers.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd cheers]

Justin: People repping the Star Wars show.

Travis: Bold! Bold.

Justin: Okay, make them go away.

Griffin: We were talking—

Justin: Ha, bye!

Griffin: We were talking—

Justin: Too scary, too scary.

Travis: Keep going. No, no, no. What are you— Yeah!

Justin: Yeah! Say, we can send jokes out of the room for a second—

Travis: This is about the same number we had at that show.

Justin: I do think we— we have— I mean, I think you can safely, this way, we have demonstrably reduced our audience draw in the city of Detroit, Michigan.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: “Oh, honey! They’re coming again. Are we gonna go see that show?”

“I... eh...”

Justin: “Eh.”

Griffin: “Probably talk about Babylon 5 or some nerd shit, babe!”

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: It’s perhaps never more applicable than it is now. Like the Chilean miners, we have re-emerged from that disaster—

[crowd cheers]

Justin: ... To be here with you.

Griffin: Oh, maybe you're a—

Justin: I still think of that as a good day, 'cause I saw Endgame afterwards.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Or no, Infinity War.

Travis: Infinity War.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: No, I saw End Game after eating too much at a Brazilian steak house.

Justin: [laughs] Okay.

Travis: That's how I'll always remember it. [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "What did you think of End Game?"

"Too full!" [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: If you're a new fan of ours and maybe you don't know what we're talking about with all this Star Wars stuff... One time we came to Detroit and did a Star Wars show, and it kicked so much ass.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: It kicks— It was such a kickass show.

Travis: We definitely didn't bail out super quick on the bit.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Definitely one of us didn't bail out instantly. For which the other two of us were actually pretty angry the next day.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Travis...

Travis: No! What?

Griffin: What?

Travis: Yes, because I'm the one known for bailing on a not funny thing!

Justin: It's been— It's been lost to history.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: We published that episode—

Justin: Sorry, was my propensity for not doing things that aren't funny just used against me as a criticism?

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Justin, it was your original idea!

Griffin: It was your fuck'n idea, dude!

Travis: You tweeted it without consulting with me—

Justin: Okay!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: All I'm saying is if the richest man in the world can do a dumb thing that he doesn't think through, I should be allowed to do it too, right?

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Thank you!

Travis: Otherwise— Otherwise, it's classist.

Justin: It's Rich Dad Poor Dad podcaster, it's the whole—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You gotta have the mentality.

Griffin: We were talking about this backstage because that was also the first tour that our business manager, Amanda, who is the— really the backbone of this organization, went on with us. And so we were like, "Hey, welcome to the company."

Travis: "We blew it!" [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] "We fucked up so bad!"

[crowd laughs]

Travis: And we were talking about it the next morning, on our way to the airport, we took a Lyft and it was a— like a sedan. So, it was like driver, Amanda... all three of us together, like we were on a road trip with our parents.

Griffin: Just like, "What the fuck was wrong with you last night?!"

Travis: "What was that?!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: [laughs] And it— after that show, we changed the way we did live shows forever.

Griffin: [through laughter] We changed the format!

Justin: No more themes. You know, we're having fun now, but I do not wish on any of you the feeling of sitting in front of 2,000 friends and realize you're dying.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You're dying and there's no force on Earth that is gonna make that timer go any quicker. No one's coming for you.

Griffin: No even *the Force*, as it turns out.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I do... Now that it's been four years, I do just wanna apologize to the people who were there. You did not get a good show. But—

Justin: You got a great show.

Travis: You got a weird show.

Griffin: ... For everyone else on the planet, it's funny that that show happened to you. So—

Travis: But that show happened and long time ago, in a theater that was here. So, that part doesn't work.

Griffin: But we've grown.

Justin: We've grown.

Travis: Eh.

Griffin: Except in terms— again, as Justin demonstrably stated earlier— of audience following, that has depreciated.

Justin: Ability to sell tickets, here in Detroit.

Travis: Don't look at the balcony.

Griffin: Let's go.

Justin: Don't look. No one look at the balcony.

Griffin: Let's do this damn thing.

Justin: Yeah, so, we actually decided to do the best show we've ever done, to make up for it.

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: And that's the power of marketing. "How do I stop my coworker from— "

Travis: It's also not too late, if you have friends in the area who aren't here—

Justin: Yeah! Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Travis: We'll keep the doors open,

Justin: We'll cut `em a good discount.

Griffin: You say you ever se—

Justin: No? Okay, yeah. Amanda says no. No discount. But they are welcome.

Travis: No discount.

Griffin: Say, "You ever seen a comedy podcast show from a pyre in the theater?"

Travis: [chuckles] "And farther back? It's just three guys at a table. So, you'll have to squint to see `em. But you'll love it."

Justin: "How do I stop my coworker from using the communal kettle to make hardboiled eggs?"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "I'm not a person to keep someone from enjoying a breakfast meal. But I use that same kettle she boils eggs in to make my tea." That's from Eggorgaphobic in Ontario.

Travis: Welcome to America!

Justin: That question is weird enough that I don't know what parts are Canada weird and which parts are America weird. There might be some parts that are Canada normal in there, like making eggs at work. Is it the communal kettle that's the problem?

Griffin: Yeah...

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: I think just to sort of skirt this whole thing in the future, it's illegal to bring ingredients to work.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Yeah. Done food and cold food are the only two.

Griffin: The only— The time you spend poaching a egg in the cafeteria, is time theft, I believe.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Right.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You are cooking now.

Travis: I just also wanna say, what time of person is the type of person to stop someone from enjoying breakfast food? That seems like a very

specific thing that someone's into. Like, "Ah, if I see people— It depends on what kind of burrito it is." [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: The thing that really upsets me the most about this question is that they're better cold.

Travis: Hardboiled eggs?

Justin: Oh, yeah!

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Why does this person not make them at home? It's so easy.

Travis: Oh, they make 'em for the next day. [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Oh, "I'm gonna be enjoying these come lunchtime. You wait."

Griffin: [chuckles] That's why— That's really where the friction's coming from. It's that they can never make tea because those eggs are always in there.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "I like to make 45-minute eggs."

Justin: Why would you bring... We've agreed that there should be no ingredients at work. Why would you bring an ingredient where there's a high likelihood you get to work and make the noise, "Ah, man..."

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "Ah, no! All the eggs! Man..."

Travis: Okay, wait. Justin and Griffin, which one's weirder: Bringing a whole carton of eggs or bringing just enough to eat that day?

Griffin: A whole carton of eggs. That's so many eggs.

Travis: Okay, but you're thinking about it, right?

Justin: Yeah, I am thinking about it. 'Cause if I'm gonna make a hardboiled egg, I'm gonna make six. I love those guys.

Travis: Right. So, the idea of "I brought a *raw* egg— " [laughs]

Justin: Yeah, a raw egg.

Travis: "Oh, this? I'm either gonna eat it for lunch or see if I can build a parachute that will safely land it from a second story."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "I'm gonna eat it for lunch or keep it alive for a week, to teach me about being a parent."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: 'Cause it's basically one and one. Take it from three parents. Babies, eggs, same.

Griffin: Yeah. As long as you're not dropping 'em, babies are fine.

Travis: I would actually... in many ways rather drop a baby. But—

Griffin: The egg—

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: That's interesting.

Justin: Huh...

Travis: We don't need to go into it!

Justin: I don't understand... I don't understand how they're getting the eggs to work. That's all I can think about.

Griffin: It gotta be hand.

Justin: It's gotta be— [laughs]

Griffin: It gotta be hand, bro.

Justin: It's gotta be one egg in a hand.

Travis: Hey, Derrick. Yeah—

Griffin: I don't know, I trust— If I can't see egg, it has squished already.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I think that this is the point where you can go to the boss of this company and say, "Hey, I think you're requiring this person to get to work too early. They don't have time to boil an egg in the morning." 'Cause if it's breakfast food? Then it's like, get to work, first thing you do, pop on the kettle and boil an egg.

Griffin: I wanna talk more about means of egg conveyance, though.

Justin: Yeah. Here's what I—

Travis: In the armpit is the safest, and it might hatch.

Griffin: [chuckles] Sure.

Justin: I would say, maybe they're DoorDashing it? I don't know if they got that in Canada? It's where they bring you things?

Travis: Like an egg.

Griffin: Like, one egg.

Justin: No, the get a— They get `em DoorDashed every week. And they guy's like, "Ugh, floor 12. Yeah, send me on up. I got the eggs."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Hi, Valorie. I'm here with your weekly eggs." [chuckles] Man, I'd love a hardboiled egg right now.

Travis: If I—

Griffin: I'd fucking kill for a hardboiled egg.

Travis: If I've ever seen an example of why HR exists, it is that.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: This person.

Travis: Of just like, "Hey, I don't mean to be a pain. But Debbie is boiling eggs in the teapot." They be like, "Yeah, that's an easy fix. I'll take care of this."

Justin: Yeah, just— Yeah, "I'll fix that. This one's fixable. This one's easy."

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: "This is easy. There are some way more complex things we've had to deal with. Don't boil eggs in the teapot? I've got this one."

Griffin: Hey, next White Elephant Gift Exchange you do, just throw a teapot in the mix. It will solve the problem, no matter who it ends up with. Ideally, it ends up with the egg pervert and then they can do their stuff at home.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Maybe that's it? They're embarrassed, they don't know where to buy a— "How does the water get this hot at work? Jesus Christ!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "Anybody notice the water gets so much hotter here at work? It makes bubbles like there's a little guy under there, blowing 'em up. It's fucked up."

Travis: "This is weird."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "Guys, guys! Check this out! I put a raw egg in, but watch this. Peel it, doesn't goosh now— "

Griffin: "Not goosh, not chicken, hard!"

"What?!"

Travis: "What?!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "This only happens at work!"

Travis: "Call the science guy person! You know, whatever the Canadian version of Bill Nye is."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: That brief pause was all three of us trying to think of a funny Canadian version of Bill Nye.

Travis: Yes, correct.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Coming up with zilch-o and moving on.

Travis: Yeah, William Nye was the best I had and that wasn't it.

Griffin: That's nothing, yeah.

Travis: I know.

Griffin: I'm glad you didn't say that out loud.

Travis: So, let's raise—

[crowd laughs]

Travis: We're gonna raise the cultural bar a little bit, here in Detroit, home of culture.

Justin: Oh! Fancy is taking flight.

Travis: And I thought that maybe we would make things just a little more adult... and discuss some works of fart.

[crowd cheers]

[classical music plays]

Griffin: I hate this stinger—

[fart sound]

Griffin: Yeah. I hate the stinger for this bit so bad.

Paul: Griffin, this is tour manager Paul.

Travis: So, if you've never—

Griffin: Hold on, wait Travis.

Paul: I've got some alts on that opening, if you'd like?

Travis: Oh, okay?

Griffin: Yeah, if you don't mind. If you have one that the bit rate on the fart mp3 is not like...

Justin: [chuckles] And I don't think it was loud enough for these riffs to land. So, I'd love to hear it cranked again.

Travis: Yeah, yeah, everyone shh! Listen.

Paul: All right, this is my first new one. Which is actually the one I just played.

Griffin: All right?

[classic music plays followed by fart sound]

Griffin: That sucks, Paul! Paul, that sounds so bad, my man.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I loved it.

Griffin: Paul, you make— Paul, you do make music... So like, you know what it sounds like when a sound is pleasing to the ears.

Justin: I don't know. If Paul wrote the music part, that was pretty good.

Griffin: Okay—

Travis: Yeah, the music part was great.

Griffin: Do you have any with a fart that doesn't sound like it is coming through a payphone? Paul Sabourin?

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [laughs] That was a high quality— Okay, wait— [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: To my ears—

Griffin: I want fully lossless audio codec, please Paul.

Justin: I need a— Wait, quick, Paul. To my ears, that was a pretty high-quality fart. [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Are you fucking out of your mind?

Travis: You—

Justin: It seemed—

Travis: You—

Paul: Do you— Wait. Do you need comparison? Here's the original cue that you used to always—

Griffin: Don't play more of—

Travis: Shh, shh-shh-shh. I wanna hear it.

Paul: Original cue.

[classical music plays]

Griffin: I can't—

[fart sound]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: That's a fucking— That's a— That is a JPG of a fart!

[crowd laughs]

Paul: All right, here's another alt—

Justin: Oh!

Griffin: Paul!

Paul: Try this one.

Travis: Third option, hold on!

[classical music plays followed by fart sound]

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Don't fucking clap for that! This is what— You guys deserve the fuck'n Star Wars show if this is what you like!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: The amount— The amount of— The amount of hiss on the high end of that fart sound sucks so bad, Paul! And what drives me crazy is I know you know that!

[crowd laughs]

Paul: I got one more.

Griffin: Paul, don't!

Travis: Okay, wait. One more! One more, one more, one more.

[classical music plays]

Paul: Fart.

Griffin: I honestly prefer it.

Travis: All right, here we go. The way this works, I'm going to describe the thing.

Griffin: This is a dumb fucking podcast. Go ahead.

Travis: And then Griffin and Justin are gonna guess what it is. So, it might be a movie, it might be a book—

Griffin: I forgot we were doing work of fart for a second. I was having a lot of fun with Paul over there. And so, I was like embarrassed that we

played the fart sound so many times. And then I was like, “Oh, good. That part’s over.” And now, we can get to work of fart. [chuckles]

Travis: A governess helps a single father raise his numerous children by teaching them to harmonize their farts.

Griffin: The Sound—

Justin: The Sound of Poo-sic.

Travis: Yes, Justin gets it!

Griffin: Fuck!

[crowd cheers]

Travis: That’s one point for Justin.

Justin: The Sound of Poo-sic.

Griffin: I was gonna say The Sound of New Shit, but that’s not it, is it?

Travis: That’s not it.

Griffin: I’m slipping!

Travis: This Joseph Heller novel examines the absurdity of war and military life, while extolling the virtues of mutual pleasure.

Griffin: Fuck’n... Can you give me a hint of who the fuck that is?

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I mean, it’s— Okay, can you read it one more time?

Travis: This Joseph Heller novel—

Griffin: I’m gonna google that.

Travis: ... Examines the absurdity of war and military life, while extolling the virtues of mutual pleasure.

Griffin: Catch 20— Catch 20-Goo?

Justin: Catch 20-Goo?

Travis: What?

Griffin: Catch 20-Goo!

Justin: Catch 20-Goo?

Travis: Listen, "Mutual pleasure."

Griffin: Catch 69.

Travis: Yes! It's catch 69!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: No, no, no, someone in the audience—

Justin: Thank you.

Griffin: Someone in the audience said it.

Justin: Thank you.

Griffin: I get— That's no points. Justin's still up.

Justin: Okay, thank you.

Travis: Okay. This '70s rock album was recorded in the aftermath of relationship breakups among the band's members and heavy bathrooming. Both of which shaped the album's lyrics.

Justin: Poo-mers?

Travis: Poo-mers! Yes, Justin!

Justin: You're getting a little predictable in your twilight years.

Travis: Okay. All right, all right. All right.

Griffin: What is Poo-mers? Oh, Rumors.

Justin: Rumors, this is our Rumors.

Griffin: Oh, fuck, shit—

Travis: Okay, okay. Perhaps Tolstoy's greatest work—

[crowd laughs]

Travis: ... This work focuses on Napoleon's Russian invasion and features three main characters who pee on everything.

Griffin: War and Pees?

Travis: Close.

Griffin: War and Piss?

Travis: War and Piss, yes. That is correct, Griffin.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Okay, it's down to the wire. It's two and two.

Justin: Eh.

Griffin: Eh.

Travis: Everybody, scoot back, you're on the edge of your seats.

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: This Joyce classic is a story of a day in the life of Leopold Bloom, as he travels Dublin and goes about his business—

Justin: Is it Poo-lysses?

Travis: Yes. [laughs]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Travis: You didn't let me finish!

Griffin: I didn't even get a—

Travis: Can I finish?

Justin: Yeah, please.

Griffin: It's just a lot of poo ones this time.

Travis: ... As he travels Dublin and goes about his business, attending a funeral, buying soap, going to the library, walking by the beach, going to the pub. But mostly, his six-hour epic long shitting session. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Poo-lysses.

Griffin: We just—

Travis: Yes, Justin wins!

Griffin: Thanks, yeah. Oh, that was it?

Travis: Let's hear it for Justin.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: If it's gotten to the point where we can just take any media with a title that has the 'oo' sound in it—

Travis: Yes.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Right.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: That is the point we're at and the point we've been at, yes.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Okay, cool. I'll remember that for next time.

Travis: And that's— that's when I've got you.

Justin: "I work at a pizza place, delivering said— "

Travis: No, you don't?

Justin: It's a...

Griffin: Please go ahead, Justin. You must.

Justin: "I work at a pizza place, delivering said pizzas to peoples' homes. I also moved out on my own recently. So, money's been tight. I make and deliver pizzas— " Thank you for coming. That's— I appreciate that. Thank you.

"I make and deliver dozens of orders a day. This is normally not a problem, except for when I'm hungry. Then hunger comes and I crave the greasy pie. Brothers, is there a way for me to get free pizza from my job without leaving my customers short of a slice?" That's from Delivering in Detroit.

Travis: What I love about this, is they have phrased it in such a way... What you're asking about is, "Can I take a piece of pizza out of the box before I deliver it?" Right?

Griffin: Yeah, Trav. Clearly, that was the context of the question.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: But— 'Cause you can get free food from a restaurant you work at, that happens all the time.

Justin: Just make the pizza— You can make the pizza wrong.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And then you get to eat it.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: That's the rules of pizza.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: But I don't think they want that. There's something about it that gets your motor running, isn't it? Eating somebody's else's pizza, that they wanted.

Travis: The illicit pie!

Griffin: The OPP, that's what it stands for.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Oh, is that what it stands for?

Justin: I've always wondered, yeah.

Griffin: The whole time, that's what it stood for.

Justin: So, here's my first pitch to you. "Ring-ring. Welcome to Pac-Man's pizza, home of the famous Pac-Man pizza."

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "Where every pizza looks like Pac-Man. Uh-huh? Yeah, it's a promotion. Uh-huh, yeah."

Travis: "It's the promotion that we named our business after!"

Justin: "It's the promotion that was so successful, we named our business after it. Do you want— For the little dots, do you want bread bites or pepperoni? Sorry..."

Travis: "Waka, waka, waka, waka!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "Packeroni. They make us call 'em pakceroni. But that's confusing 'cause it sounds like macaroni. But..."

Travis: "Waka, waka, waka!"

Griffin: [laughs] "Welcome to Elijah's pizza, where we leave a slice out for our boy."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "Just a big stack of 'em at the end of the day. But then, when none of us are looking, they disappear. Elijah loves fuck'n pizza, man."

Travis: Loves it!

Griffin: "Loves that stuff."

Justin: When you give them their total, you just say, "And we have a way for your order to be 1/8th cheaper. Would you be interested in that promotion today?"

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "Would you be interested in built-in tip?"

Justin: [chuckles] Yes, "Welcome to Pac-Man's, where you never have to tip. 'Cause we already took it out of the box on our way over."

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I think there is a reality in which you could swing this just based on facial expression... Based on just sort of like guilt— non-verbalized guilt. Just like, “Yeah. And here’s your pizza, man. Ah, thank you. Thanks for the tip. Ah, that looks really good...”

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: “Yeah, man. Yeah, man. You guys are gonna love that. It looks so gooey and delicious.”

Travis: “I wish I had pizza...”

Griffin: “Damn, I wish I had just even a little bit of that pizza.”

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: “Wouldn’t it be dope if they made it so you could easily separate out a small little... like a segment of the— a piece of the pizza that I could have, so easy?”

Travis: “Anyways, back to my car that smells like pizza but doesn’t taste like it.”

Griffin: Yeah...

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Maybe you could try like, “And whenever you’re done, just leave whatever you don’t want on the porch.”

Travis: [laughs] “I’ll come back for the leftovers.”

Justin: “I’ll come back.”

[crowd laughs]

Justin: We have these—

Travis: "That's the service we have at Raccoon's Pizza."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [chuckles] "We have these new Tupperware boxes. So, it all keeps. And I'll just come get it from you, no problem."

Travis: "This is my number. Just text me when you're done!"

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Also, if you have any batteries you need to dispose of, I'm happy to grab those too. As long as I'm here."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [chuckles] "Even if it's just a couple pepperonis stuck to the box, man. Just let me know."

Justin: "Yeah. Also like, old paint. I'll come get that, no problem."

Travis: "Anything you got, bud."

Justin: "Whatever you're needing to get rid of."

Griffin: I'm trying to think... If you take a piece out but then you get like a circle out of the very center of the remainder of the pizza, can you just squish it back together?

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I don't think so—

Griffin: No, you can't, actually.

Justin: No, not that way.

Griffin: Not that way.

Justin: Now, what you could do—

Travis: You could take one piece out, like a cone?

Justin: You could take one rectangular slice—

Travis: Ooh?

Justin: Okay, wait.

Travis: Okay, hold on.

Justin: Try to push people into square cut pizza. When you square cut their pizza, take the column of squares from the center.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: And then smoosh the halves— the remaining halves back together.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: “I’ve seen two shows. I saw the Star Wars one and the one where they were helpful.”

[crowd laughs]

Justin: “It’s amazing. Those are the two I’ve seen.”

Griffin: Maybe you could do pizza origami and be like, “I can turn it into a beautiful fleur-de-lis. One slice’s worth of pizza will have to hit the cutting room floor in order to make this complicated pattern happen.”

Justin: Oh! An artistic cut!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Or like a pizza tesseract, right. We all think of it in a circle...

Griffin: Sure, sure.

Travis: But what if it was a series of triangles, forming a non-geometric shape?

Griffin: That is what is a tesseract is, for sure.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: It's either that or it's the thing from A Wrinkle in Time. [chuckles]

Griffin: It's both, yeah. For sure, you got it.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Hey—

Justin: Could you take a slice and then fold the pizza in half? And try to insist it's a calzone and the missing slice is on the bottom.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "The missing slice is inside!"

Justin: Yeah, well, by the time they realize it, you're gone, baby!
[chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: They'll never—

Travis: That's the other thing! Rarely have I ever had a pizza delivered and I open it to check before they leave.

Griffin: Oh, shit.

Justin: But I do, do that. Because my kids like cheese and no sauce.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And then, Cooper likes sausage and no cheese. [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: So, I do have to look at `em `cause everyone assumes we're kidding.

Travis: [laughs] "Nah, they didn't mean it."

Justin: "They didn't mean that."

Griffin: Can you deliver the pizza, take three paces in the other direction and then turn around and be like, "My lord! Wait! Let me test the pizza. There have been assassins."

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "The assassin's guild has been active lately, my liege."

Justin: "No, not the anchovy. Those are usually safe. I want the good one." [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "Let me lay down mine life for you, my liege!"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I would love you to just start trying— When you drop the pizza off, just be like, "Can I get a slice?"

Travis: Yeah. "Hey, man. I noticed when you opened the door, I looked inside, there's one chair facing the TV. You're not gonna finish this whole thing?"

Justin: "Let me get a slice. I'm not gonna come in or make it weird. Just let me get a slice." Any pizza you've ever gotten, that would've worked on you, correct? 100% of the time I'd be like, "Absolutely! Get in there."

Travis: No, hold on. Logically, yes, Justin.

Justin: "Get in there."

Travis: Emotionally? No.

Justin: No—

Travis: Someone brings me a pizza and goes, “Wait, hold on! Let me get a slice.”

Justin: [chuckles] No—

Travis: I’d be like, “I’m calling the police.”

[crowd laughs]

Justin: It would be a request! It would be a request. Like, “Can I have a slice before I go?” [chuckles]

Griffin: Rebrand the entire business like, “Burgle Boys Pizza Factory.” And the promotion can be, “Our pizza’s so fucking delicious that our own delivery people will try— [laughs]”

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: “... Will try to steal— Sometimes our pizzas are gonna show up incomplete. It’s because our pizzas are so god damn delicious.”

Travis: Let me throw this out, Pizza’n’Pal. Where it’s like, “Hey, man. Do you feel like playing Mario Kart?”

Griffin: Yes!

Travis: Order a pizza. They’ll show up to eat the pizza with you and play Mario Kart with you.

Griffin: Yes! I cannot stress enough how much there was a very narrow period in my life where I would’ve wanted this very badly. And then every other period in my life where I would very much not want this, very, very badly.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: “Give me a slice of that pizza or I’mma gonna play Mario Kart with you!”

“Fuck’n yeah, whatever you say, man.”

Justin: It’s a sustainable model. It’s just like weed delivering. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: “My friends and family hate how I eat fruit.”

[crowd laughs]

Justin: And here’s our next question— No. “Primarily, how I eat kiwis, like when we eat an apple, skin and all.”

[crowd exclaims]

Justin: “They also hate my— and now you’re about to hate it— scrape and lick method of eating banana. Where I scrape— ”

[crowd exclaims]

Griffin: I don’t utilize either of those verbs when I eat a banana, traditionally.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: “It’s where I scrape my top teeth along my banana to collect and enjoy the sweet, aerated banana goo.”

[crowd exclaims]

Justin: Hey! You know, I just had a realization. There is at least one person in this room that can relate to what it feels like to feel in this room full of people that are disgusted by you.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: And I'm so happy we can share that feeling with you. "How do I get them to see the right and proper way to eat fruit?" That's from Fruit Muncher in Michigan.

Travis: Okay. Okay. 'Right and proper' is a stretch. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: 'Justifiable, fringe option' is the best you might get.

Griffin: Hey, what's up?

Travis: Oh, right. Griffin. [chuckles]

Griffin: Hey. I'm your friend. You can trust me. You came to my show. I'm Griffin McElroy, I'm your friend. You gotta cut this shit out because—

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: No, stop. Hold on.

Justin: Shh, listen, listen, listen, listen, listen.

Griffin: You'd think, "What's a few times eating a banana funny?"

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: This... I'm a complicated person with a lot of stuff going on. I'm a New York Times bestselling author and yet... everyone knows me as the guy who ate a banana weird one time.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Griffin: You... It's... Listen! We didn't— We didn't say your Christian name. It's not too late! We are— I am the three ghosts of Christmas, from different times. Stop it!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: This doesn't have to be you!

Travis: There... There was a time— To back Griffin up, where you did this the first time.

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Maybe by accident, maybe you didn't know better, I don't know. And you did it and people reacted in horror.

Griffin: They loved it! [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: And you made the decision of, "I'm gonna buy into it."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And that decision was wrong.

Griffin: It was a bad, wrong decision.

Travis: Although, I think we can all agree, the best way to eat a banana, squeeze it from the bottom, let the banana pop out, you catch it in your mouth.

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: And then you smile and the banana's in your smile.

Griffin: [chuckles] You have a banana smile. Yeah, sure.

Justin: And you swallow it, you see a shape of the banana in your throat, it's hilarious.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Do it 30 more times.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Hilarious.

Travis: Right in front of them, in that one sitting. [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: We're kind of just ignoring the kiwi part, aren't we?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: 'Cause there's no justification for that.

Griffin: That's beyond the pale.

[crowd member heckles]

Griffin: You don't—

Justin: No, no, no, no—

Travis: That came from a different point in the audience it felt like!

Griffin: No, listen.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: No, listen.

Travis: That's the hairy part. [chuckles]

Griffin: If you tell me any food stuff you eat with the hair on it, I will sit and I will listen to it. Don't say peach, that doesn't count. You know it doesn't count. You know it's different and you wanted to shout it anyway?

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I'm not interested in what hairy foods you eat, Detroit!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Especially when, frankly, it's one or two voices of thousands.

Griffin: You must know, if everyone's not shouting something, you shouldn't shout! Because if you're the only one shouting out the hairy food that everyone supposedly eats, they don't!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Stop it! We're trying to save you! [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs] I cannot imagine an axis that one would eat a banana upon, where scraping it with your teeth is remotely acceptable?!

Justin: There had to be at least a few times where you scraped too hard and break it and it falls on the floor. How is that not enough—

Travis: Unless you only peel off one section of peel.

Griffin: They scrap it with their teeth!

Travis: Yeah, you peel off one of four sections and then you scrape down. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [spoofs going in for bites] "Aaah! Aah!"

Justin: This is all bad.

Travis: No, it's not good. I'm just saying...

[crowd laughs]

Travis: My daughter breaks a banana in half like it's a strength contest. [chuckles]

Griffin: That's great, I like that.

Travis: She gets hand a banana and Dot just goes, "[breaking sound]." [chuckles]

Griffin: If your problem is that the fruit you're eating isn't light and airy enough, don't eat a banana!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Famously, a thick fruit!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Most of 'em are just kind of water and like latex. That's about what most fruits are. Orange? Zhup, like, gone. Bananas can't be that for you and it's weird that you want the banana to be that for you.

Travis: There are also plenty of fruits that are designed to be eaten weird. Like, we had to work at a pomegranate. We all had to get on board with the way to harvest a pomegranate and agree it was worth the trouble. Banana? Easy to eat.

Justin: Yeah, that's one's got the whole system built right in and it's— Like, God, in his infinite wisdom, put a handle on it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Okay, here he goes again.

Justin: Like, obviously it's a perfect—

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I would love to watch you eat a banana in front of Kirk Cameron and turn him into a stone-cold atheist.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Travis: [laughs] You're right, you're right! It all makes sense!

Griffin: "I know what I said, but wow!"

Travis: It is a broken system.

Griffin: "I've never cussed before, but holy shit!"

Justin: [laughs]

[theme song plays]

Justin: If you're anything like me around this time of year, you typically find yourself saying, "Wow, I really wish that I had just prepared. Even a little bit. Just— If I just— Just a little bit of advanced preparation. And this is earlier. This is now. You're in that moment and there is no better partner for that than stamps.com.

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[The Flop House theme music plays]

Dan: Hey! I'm Dan McCoy.

Stuart: I'm Stuart Wellington.

Elliot: And I'm Elliott Kalan.

Dan: Listen, you like podcasts, right? Sure you do, don't try and lie to me. You're listening to one right now. So, why not try a different one, called our one, The Flop House.

Stuart: Uh-huh. And on The Flop House, we watch a movie and talk about it. And then sometimes we also do other stuff.

Elliot: It's all meant to be funny and fun, and we think you'll have a good time. And just to be clear, the name of the podcast is not 'Our One, The Flop House.' It's just called The Flop House. I do a lot of correcting Dan.

Dan: [laughs] The Flop House, a lot of correcting Dan.

[The Flop House theme music concludes]

[Depresh Mode with John Moe theme music plays]

John: Hey, it's John Moe, inviting you to listen to Depresh Mode with John Moe. Where I talk about mental health and the lives we live, with all kinds of people. Famous writers. David Sedaris, welcome to Depresh Mode.

David: Thanks so much for having me.

John: Movie stars. Jamie Lee Curtis, welcome to Depresh Mode.

Jamie: I am happy to be here.

John: Musicians. I am in Saint Paul, Minnesota. I'm talking to Aimee Mann.

Aimee: Great to talk to you.

John: And song exploders. Hrishikesh Hirway, welcome to Depresh Mode.

Hrishikesh: Thanks so much for having me.

John: Everyone's opening up on Depresh Mode. On Maximum Fun.

[Depresh Mode with John Mode theme music concludes]

Justin: [mouths Munch Squad riff]

[crowd cheers]

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

Travis: Squad!

Griffin: Squad!

Crowd: Squad!

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

Travis: Squad!

Griffin: Squad!

Crowd: Squad!

Justin: [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad. It's a—

[crowd cheers]

Justin: It's a podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. And I waited as long as I could 'cause I got two different huge topics to cover. And the first one, you know we're gonna talk about it, Detroit. I went to DoorDash, an app my father is incapable of using without ordering from Georgia.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I'll say this by the way, he's told the story multiple times this evening. There's a moment when you try to order from a different place where DoorDash goes—

Griffin: [in silly voice] "You're pretty far away!" [laughs]

Travis: "You seem pretty far away." So, you know dad went, "Never mind then." [laughs]

Justin: "Oh well..."

Travis: "Well..."

Griffin: "They'll figure it out."

Justin: Hey guys, let's talk about the Crypto Grill. If you go to DoorDash, here— And I don't think it's a real place you can go to. Which makes it probably the wildest ghost restaurant I've ever heard of in my life. Let's talk about the Crypto Grill. I have no context for any of this, but they do have a lot of different crypto themed items at this fa— Like the NFT Melt.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Like the Crypto Burger.

Griffin: That's... That's the best you've got?!

Justin: Yeah, it gets worse, bud. Loaded Cyber Fries.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: But then also, curly fries. [chuckles]

Justin: They got curly fries or Loaded Cyber Fries. The—

Griffin: If you order the curly fries from the Crypto Grill, fuck you.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Do you remember like two decades ago, when if you called the place Crypto Grill, it was about spooky stuff and like the crypt keeper?

Justin: Yeah, I— That's why I clicked on it. I thought I was gonna get a Bigfoot Burger. No dice.

Travis: Ah, damn it.

Griffin: Cyber Fries is good. I will patronize them just for the Cyber Fries, though. 'Cause what do they have in there that makes them cyber?

Travis: Chips.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: There's the— There's The Beefdano. The bite—

Travis: The Paul Dano? [chuckles]

Justin: The Bitecoin.

Griffin: The Bitecoin. [chuckles]

Travis: Bitecoin is good!

Justin: The eth- Ethere-Parm Sandwich?

Griffin: That sucks so bad!

Justin: It's so bad! It's so bad. I will gladly write you a new blockchain joke for your— The Blockchain Burger.

Travis: Ethereum, mixed drink with rum in it.

Justin: Yea, there we go. The Light Coin. And then, they have Brisket Loaded Waffle Fries. Which I looked at for a while and then thought, that's just that.

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Then there's also an item on here called the Crypto "Let us Surprise U" Sauce. Let us—

Griffin: I don't believe I will, actually! Thank you for asking, but—

Justin: "Let us pick the best sauce for what you ordered." What in our relationship—

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: ... Let's you think I trust you with anything? With anything?

Travis: I love the— Crypto Sauce are the only words in there outside of quotation marks. So, it says, Crypto "Let us Surprise U" Sauce. So, crypto has nothing to do with it, whatsoever. But they also have a Superman Cheesecake. Which has nothing to do with crypto—

Justin: Nothing to do with any of it.

Travis: ... But is a specific reference.

Griffin: Don't be cowards. By the time we come back here and perform, in four more calendar years, in Detroit, Michigan, I expect them to have their act together.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I did wanna talk about— You know, 'cause we wanna make this show special, I wanna do a Munch Squad about one that's just good.

Griffin: Okay?

Justin: This is a Burger King. I was thinking about 'em recently. Like, you don't hear about them get in the mix.

Travis: Burger King?

Griffin: They don't get nasty so much.

Justin: They had that one foul up with the Black Burger Bun.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: That it gave everybody weird poops and then they quit.

Griffin: [laughs] It was a pretty— It was a pretty big whoopsie they made. I will say.

Travis: Yeah, but like, you know Burger King does one weird poop food and Taco Bell's like, "Call me when you've mastered it!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I literally— I had the thought, they gotta do something to get back in the game. And then they— I found this press release from October 6th. It said, "Today, Burger King unveils its new brand positioning and campaign, kicking off with its modernized tagline, 'You Rule.' The work is part of the change guests nationwide will experience as the brand implements its 'Reclaim the Flame' plan." [chuckles] Which means that no one likes Burger King—

Travis: Wait now, hold on—

Griffin: Listen—

Travis: “Reclaim the flame,” as a slogan, announced by, let’s say, many groups that exist within the US of A, is a terrifying statement.

Justin: Yes.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: It also could be like, “Ashen One, you must travel cross these blighted lands.”

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: “Reclaim the flame.”

Justin: So, reclaim—

Travis: There’s a skeleton horse or some shit.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: So, Reclaim the Flame is the super structure. And then, this is part of the Fuel the Flame, advertising co-investment between Burger King and its franchisees. It’s the, “You rule— ”

Griffin: Who’s hungry?

Justin: “... Campaign. It’s a key part of their positioning that will impact every guest’s touch point. It’s about— ”

Griffin: Oh! Ah, ooh, aah! Ooh! My touch points, ah!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: “It’s about celebrating everyday royalty and puts the guest at the forefront of everything the brand does. And as an added— ”

Griffin: “Damn, I feel pampered in this Burger King tonight.”

[crowd laughs]

Justin: “In a partnership— In a partnership with our new creative agency, okerp.” It’s actually—

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Okay, sorry, it’s, OKRP... “We’ve developed a simple and meaningful articulation of how Burger King celebrates our guests. It embodies our purpose, embraces individuality, and elevates ‘Have It Your Way.’ Something our brand has always been known for.

Griffin: OKRP is the review we get most often on Adventure Zone, on iTunes.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: It’s fuck’n mean, yeah.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Now, I know there’s this— Here’s the quote. “Advertising, at its best— ”

Griffin: [laughs] “... Is this.”

Justin: “... Is most relevant— ” I feel like Don Draper is clicking through a slideshow.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: “...When you celebrate them first, not the brand. And that’s just what we love about ‘You Rule.’ It invites people in with an approach that recognizes their world, not just sells them stuff.”

Griffin: That’s great.

Travis: Now, okay.

Justin: You would— Now, “We’re giving them— ” This one’s pretty rough. “We’re giving them permission to feel like winners.”

Griffin: Holy shit!

[crowd exclaims]

Travis: So, they know what they’re doing. Because I was about to say, ‘Have it Your Way,’ reflects on the eating experience. But ‘You rule’ is just like, “Hey...”

Griffin: “Hey, bud. Keep it up.”

Travis: “Hey, man...”

Justin: “We’re giving them permission to feel like winners, with Burger King as just a small reward that makes their day a bit better.” Hey, Burger King, congrats on the self-awareness. That’s a huge first step.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: This is gonna make your day... Is it gonna fix everything? Nope.

Travis: Nope.

Griffin: Nope.

Justin: Nope.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: A little win, though. A little W for the books.

Travis: [chuckles] Also like, you know that this isn’t a healthy, responsible choice. This is the little win.

Justin: “And let’s face it. The song is irresistible!”

Travis: What?

Justin: "The song is irresistible. We're hoping it'll be the earworm you can't shake off."

Griffin: Uh-oh.

Justin: And that's my gift to you, Detroit.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Paul, bud. Let's bump it.

[Burger King You Rule Commercial plays]

Commercial: [sings] I do things the way I wanna do them. Make my own rules and listen to 'em. Don't let anyone go rain on my parade.

You rule!

I think I want a flame-grilled classic. A Whopper sure does sound fantastic. Go tell them the way I want to have it, they say, "Okay." You rule, you're seizing the day. At BK, have it your way.

You rule!

If I want a special with just plain, the choice I make is my domain. With every order I can reign and have it my way.

You rule!

Griffin: Those tall burgers!

Commercial: [sings] The BK menu makes sure my stomach prospers, onion rings, chicken fries and whopper. Any food I think is proper (say what?), I can have it my way!

Justin: Get off the table!

Commercial: [sings] You rule, you're seizing the day.

Travis: I just can't stop dancing, Justin.

Commercial: [sings] At BK, have it your way. You rule!

Griffin: All right.

Justin: Right?!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: It's good! It's really good. That's all. That's like the song, I thought you'd like to hear it.

Travis: And it speaks to the youth!

Justin: That's the important thing.

Griffin: I think if I walk—

Travis: They love chicken fries.

Griffin: If I walk into a fuck'n Burger King and I say, "I would like the chicken fries value combo special meal, please." And they're like, "That's \$4.89." And then I'm like, "I'm not... I am not going to pay. Because I have very recently been informed, I'm in charge."

Travis: "I'm the Burger King now, dog."

Justin: "I know what you're wondering, why did I walk inside of a Burger King? And it's because I'm claiming this Burger King for myself now."

Griffin: You should have to assassinate the Burger King when you walk into every Burger King.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: "Why did you do that?"

"I rule now."

Justin: "I rule. I rule! I have something of my own."

Griffin: "Give me chicken fries until I tell you to stop."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "I've had three of them. Stop."

Justin: "Stop— "

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "I'll ask the king."

"The king is dead."

Justin: "I'm your king."

Griffin: "I'm the king now."

Justin: That's your Munch Squad for this week. Thank you so much.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Should we turn it to some audience questions?

Justin: Yes!

Travis: Yes, we should.

Griffin: We received some questions from the audience. We are going to call you down and just approach the mic. It's here, center stage.

Travis: It is facing us, but you don't have to use it that way. Please turn it so you're looking at us.

Justin: Please turn it so you're looking at us.

Griffin: Yeah, that would be fantastic, actually. Hello.

Luke: Hi, my name— My name's Luke.

Justin: Hey, Luke.

Luke: My pronouns are he/him.

Justin: Hi, Luke.

Travis: Hi.

Griffin: What's your question?

[crowd laughs]

Luke: So, I'm an OB doctor, I deliver babies.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Nice.

Justin: Nice.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Like the person who delivers pizzas, we get it.

Luke: Right.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Luke: Yeah. And very often, babies are born and don't have names. And occasionally, the parents will ask me what my name is. And it's always a little awkward, I don't know— I don't know if I should say my real name or if I should give a fake name. 'Cause I don't want the baby to steal my name.

Griffin: Sure, yeah.

Travis: Yeah, no, no, no, you don't want that.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Because the baby is... like, could be a Baba Yaga, who's gonna steal—

Travis: Thank you!

Griffin: ... And then have power over you.

Travis: Does the parent say it like this? "I don't have a name. What's your name?" [laughs]

Justin: "Hey..."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Like, how do you— Like, I don't understand.

Griffin: That's a risky gambit. 'Cause you could— I'll say this, Luke, fantastic name— could have a really shitty name.

Travis: Like Griffin.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: No, that's a— Griffin's good. I think it would be kind of cool to know that your namesake's—

Griffin: I bet I can make myself cry on stage right now.

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I think it would be kind of cool to know that your namesake is out there, wandering around. Like, sometime you might see them, just look 'em in the eye and say, "Luke, I am your doctor."

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Justin, that was...

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: No, no, no, no, no. You... You crept toward the line, the precipice. And you peeked over it. Which I applaud you for, it's very brave. You did make a Star Wars joke on stage.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Right. But it's tasteful.

Travis: It was tasteful.

Justin: And that's what we forgot to do last time.

Griffin: You could've made— I'll say this, gang. He could've made that joke at any show and not— It wasn't just for you benefit.

Justin: It just happened to be—

Travis: There you go.

Justin: ... Right. More palatable.

Travis: This is— Recently, I was talking with my daughters and they're both named after people. And then Bebe said, "Who are you named after?" And I go, "I don't know. [chuckles] No one."

Griffin: [laughs]

Luke: [laughs]

Travis: Like, "My parents threw a dart at a board and picked Travis, I don't know." And I think the being named after someone, even if— I think being named after the doctor— Imagine if in like 10 years, it's like, the most popular kid name? Luke. And t's because of you. I don't know how many babies you're delivering on a given day.

Justin: Is it enough to move the needle, statistics wise?

Travis: Start insisting! "Hey, do you have a baby name picked out? Don't even answer, it's Luke! Next!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "Nurse, write down Luke!"

Justin: "Nurse, you misspelled Luke!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Does that—

Travis: "B-R-I-A-N-N-A, pronounced Luke!"

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "Next!"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Does that— Does that help, Luke?

Luke: Yeah, thank you, brothers.

Griffin: Thank you.

Justin: You're very welcome. Thanks for joining us.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Next! Approach the crucible.

[crowd laughs]

Phil: So, I'm Phil.

Griffin: Hi, Phil.

Justin: Hey, Phil.

Phil: Good to meet you guys.

Griffin: What is your question?

Justin: How can we help?

Phil: So, my wife's fire department is hiring.

Justin: Okay?

Phil: And they've had a few too many recruits who have just shown up, taken pictures in all the gear with all the equipment—

Griffin: Yeah?

Phil: And then left.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah. That happened with us and the fourth brother.

Phil: No, I get it.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Yeah.

Phil: Yeah, I get it. Yeah. So, how can she recruit new firefighters that are interested in more than just a few good Instagram pictures?

Travis: Well, welcome to the biggest problem we have on Earth. How to fight off—

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Phil: It is. It is. I appreciate that.

Travis: Firefighter, fight off Instagram influencer.

Griffin: Yeah...

Phil: It is. It is.

Griffin: Firefighters' stolen valor is probably our biggest issue.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I think they have to fight one before they can do a picture.

Griffin: If it's your first—

Travis: Like, one other firefighter?

Justin: Yeah, you have to fight—

[crowd laughs]

Justin: No.

Griffin: "I'm a firefighter fighter." [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Listen, here's what I'm saying. If—

Travis: You gotta take it from one of the other ones!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Our volunteer and professional firefighters, they're heroes, right?

Phil: They are.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: If I'm gonna get a picture of myself, I want one of me doing the fighting of a fire. Like, if I only get one picture, I want it to look cool like I'm doing the fire stuff.

Phil: Yeah.

Travis: Otherwise, I was just really good at ordering costumes online.

Justin: Yeah, right. I wanna get one...

Griffin: One under the belt.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: One where a fire is going, "Woah..."

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I don't know how you guarantee that though, without arson.

Travis: But you—

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Well, okay. I was gonna say, you can start fires anywhere. But then you get—

Griffin: That's arson, yeah. That's fucked up, isn't it?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I hate that they—

Griffin: It sucks that's illegal.

Travis: Man! Hey, guys. Let's grow up.

Griffin: [laughs]

Phil: Arson is generally frowned upon, yeah.

Justin: Does she ever pressure you to join?

Phil: She has said she doesn't want me to, 'cause that's her thing.

Griffin: Yeah. But you do like you would beat a fire's ass, Phil.

[crowd laughs]

Phil: She's way tougher than I am.

Justin: Does she ever look at a picture of a fire in the paper and be like, "Dang, Phil. Wish somebody had gotten there, huh, Phil?"

Travis: "And I want you to know, Phil, I don't want you to be a firefighter."

Justin: Yeah! [chuckles]

Travis: You seem... You seem very blasé about it.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Which I'm just saying, is not a quality I look for in a firefighter. I don't want a firefighter who's like, "Yeah, okay." [laughs]

Justin: Phil—

Griffin: You seem like— [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: You seem like you— [chuckles] When pressed, you might actually join the fire.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "It's making some good points!" [laughs]

Griffin: "Oh, no! This new firefighter recruit we got just became more fire!"

Travis: "Yeah, but I'm just saying, did you see some of the political signs that house in its front yard?"

Griffin: "That's the opposite of what we wanted!"

Justin: "The media has misrepresented the fire in a pretty major way, okay?"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "If you take the time— "

Travis: "That fire makes some good points on its Twitter!" [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Does that help, Phil?

[crowd laughs]

Phil: We'll go with yes.

Griffin: Yeah! Sure.

Justin: Yay, all right!

Griffin: Thank you, Phil!

Justin: Yeah, thanks Phil.

Phil: Thank you, brothers!

Justin: See ya, bud.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Hello.

Bel: Hi brothers.

Justin: How's it going?

Bel: Hi, I'm Bel. My pronouns are she/her.

Griffin: Hi, Bel.

Justin: Hello.

Bel: As per my email, I'm gonna—

Griffin: [laughs] I just got chills up my spine, Bel.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "As per my last email!"

Justin: [laughs] All right. Sorry, Bel. Go ahead.

Bel: I run a LARP chapter in Toledo.

Justin: Okay?

Bel: I've been trying to—

[one person yells enthusiastically]

Bel: ... Get more people to join my park.

Griffin: Yeah.

Bel: But then Venn diagram of 'dorks who wanna swordfight' and 'people who wanna go out to a park on afternoon of every Saturday' is kind of slim.

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: Right.

Bel: How do I get more people to join?

Travis: How many do you need?

Bel: I'll take as many as I can.

Travis: Yeah, okay—

Griffin: Yeah, I mean, Travis, the answer to that question is to just have a fuck'n, just like non-stop—

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Yeah.

Bel: [chuckles]

Travis: Well, okay. You say sword fighting?

Bel: Yeah.

Travis: I think there's a lot of other things going on in a given village?

Griffin: Sure!

Bel: Oh, yeah!

Travis: Then you could be like, "Hey, do you wanna sleep, but in old-timey clothes?"

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Bel: Yeah, or we teach a lot of like craft stuff. Like—

Griffin: Alchemy.

Justin: Yes!

Bel: ... Leather working, sewing, stuff like that.

Justin: Yes!

Griffin: Yeah?

Bel: Alchemy, sure.

Griffin: Rune crafting?

[crowd laughs]

Bel: Right.

Travis: I say this as someone who is now 39 and I have no idea what the answer to this is. Is that something that looks good on a college application?

Griffin: Rune crafting? Yeah, for sure!

Bel: Yeah, absolutely. I know people at my— the park, they started back in Texas, that will actually have like, “Yeah, I organize all kinds of events.” Like, on their résumé. And it looks good ‘cause it shows that you know how to like organise stuff.

Griffin: For sure!

Travis: Okay, wait. Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. You don’t need to recruit people, you need to go to a busier park.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: And then everyone there is in. [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: You— Hey, listen. I will say this. You hit someone enough times with a foam sword, something’s gonna happen!

Bel: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, that's great! Ooh, that's great!

Justin: A battle will ensue!

Griffin: That's great. If you throw them a foam sword and then you start hitting them ferociously with a foam sword, you have made a LARPer.

Justin: Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "Learn to defend thyself, knave!"

Travis: Now, they may not stop when you blow the whistle or whatever it is. [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: The ocarina. [chuckles]

Griffin: But there will be a role that is being played in a live action setting. So...

[crowd laughs]

Bel: That's very true.

Griffin: I mean, how many people— How far is Toledo from here?

Bel: It's about an hour's drive.

Griffin: Hour's drive. How many people here—

Travis: How—

Griffin: Hold on. How many people here live in Toledo?

[a few crowd members cheer]

Griffin: I think your group probably expanded by one to two people tonight, if I was guessing.

Bel: Awesome—

Justin: How can they join the group?

Bel: I have a Facebook group called— Just, if you google Bright River.

Justin: Yes!

Bel: We meet in Wildwood, every Saturday at 2:00. So...

Justin: Yes!

Griffin: This is it. This is your chance you've been waiting for.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: We're turning the show into Craig's List. I love it!

Bel: Thank you!

Justin: Thank you, Bel! Does that help! I know it helps!

Bel: That absolutely helps! Thank you so much, brothers!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Thank you.

Griffin: Hello.

Justin: Hello.

Rebecca: Hello!

Griffin: Who are you?

Rebecca: I am Rebecca.

Griffin: Hi, Rebecca.

Justin: Hi, Rebecca.

Griffin: First of all, primo merch. Fantastic, 100% podcast shirt.

Rebecca: Thank you!

Griffin: Still the funniest thing we will ever do.

Travis: It's the only—

Rebecca: I agree.

Travis: ... T-shirt of our merch that my wife wears.

Griffin: Yeah!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: It's very good. Okay, sorry. What's your question?

Rebecca: So, I recently got an E-scooter.

Griffin: Yes!

Travis: Nice!

Rebecca: I'm wondering when I see other people out in the world on their E-scooters, how I should greet them.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

[crowd laughs]

Rebecca: [chuckles]

Travis: When you say 'E-scooter,' this isn't like— I'm sorry, Lime or like that kind of thing? Like, you own this?

Griffin: You own this shit?

Rebecca: I own— Yeah.

Griffin: Customize it? You put a hemi on that bad boy?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Or did you put just like streamers on the handle bars?

Justin: Y'all got— Y'all got those scooters around here?

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I know how I'm getting home tonight, nice

Rebecca: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Real nice.

Griffin: I know more than one person who has exploded their collar bone on an E-scooter.

[crowd laughs]

Rebecca: Oh, no!

Griffin: But I don't know if that's part of the culture or not.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Could you like high five collar bones in mid-air, as you pass each other?

Rebecca: Okay?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Or just like, when you both stop at the same spot, just go, "Ugh!"

Griffin: "Ah, fuck!"

Travis: "Ah!" [laughs]

Rebecca: Yeah?

Travis: "My collar bone..."

Rebecca: Yeah...

Justin: Anybody up here have any electric vehicles?

Griffin: I have an electronic bicycle now.

Rebecca: Whoow!

Justin: How do you greet other people with an electronic bicycle?

Travis: Except for running into them.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I usually slow way down until they're out of line of sight.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: 'Cause I think they probably know what they're doing way better than me.

Travis: Okay, can I tell you guys. So, Bebe is dying to get a skateboard.

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: And I've started entertaining it and said, "Yeah, I'll look for one that's like good for six-years-olds." And then I realized, I have 0% information on how to ride a skateboard. I might have to hire somebody to teach—

Griffin: To teach you how to skateboard?! Please record it, Travis!

Travis: No!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: To teach my daughter how to skateboard.

Griffin: Oh.

Travis: As I stand off to the side going, "You're doing great, champ."

Griffin: Oh, man. No, you have to do it and also record that. 'Cause I do wanna see you be like, "Oh, I don't know... Like a Christ Air? Ah, fuck."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: What if I'm amazing at it, Griffin?

Justin: Do you do many tricks? Do you know many tricks?

Griffin: How many tricks do you know?

Rebecca: The scooter like fell out from under me the other day and I— I feel like I lifted—

Griffin: Well, no. Okay. But yeah, it's a scooter. It's an electronic scooter, that's what it— that's what they do.

Rebecca: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: But you're still here. So, trick.

Rebecca: Yeah!

Griffin: That's a trick.

Rebecca: Like, I landed well, I think.

Travis: You defied death!

Rebecca: Yeah! Exactly. Yeah.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: How many times do you see someone on an electric scooter?

Rebecca: Actually, a lot!

Griffin: Yeah?

Rebecca: And I feel like I try to... be like, "Yeah! Another scooter!"

Travis: Now, you—

Griffin: Wait, hold on. No, no. This is important. What's your usual— Give me— What's your usual—

Justin: One more time?

Rebecca: I try— I try to be like... you know, like a little nod?

Travis: Okay, 'cause the first thing you did—

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: For the people at home, the first thing you did when showing it was like a deep court jester bow.

Griffin: Like, "Aah!"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "M'lord."

Rebecca: [laughs]

Travis: And that could work!

Rebecca: Ah! They're not—

Griffin: You're coming at this the wrong way. Because you're saying to us, "When I say other people on E-scooters, how can I ingratiate myself and form a human bond with them?" And not like, "How do I intimidate and scare every other person who dares try to grind my block?!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Get extremely territorial, Rebecca.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: That's the first thing. If you see anyone fuck'n scoot'n in your block?

Travis: You take their battery or whatever.

Rebecca: Okay, okay?

Griffin: Take their battery or whatever it is that powers those things.

Travis: Wheeze their juice, as it were.

Rebecca: [laughs]

Justin: Does that help?

Rebecca: Yeah, that's really good.

Justin: Excellent.

Griffin: Thank you, Rebecca.

Justin: Thank you. Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: So, this is when we wrap up. If we could bring down the lights? But first I wanna say, our poster by Cailey Tervo...

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: It's really good and you can buy 'em in the lobby.

Travis: It's one of the best posters we've ever had.

Griffin: Sure. Upsetting, in a fun, good way.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: But that's my whole aesthetic.

Griffin: Sure, yes.

Justin: Yeah. So, those are available. You can buy those, limited time only. Thank you so much to the Masonic Temple here, for having us in their beautiful—

Griffin: Yes!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Do you guys see these fixtures? Oh my god.

Travis: Did you see these fixtures?

Justin: When the lights come up later, make sure you look. It's a beautiful— I'm sure you've probably looked before—

Travis: Thank you for letting us back into your city.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, really appreciate it.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: It was... There were some tense moments.

Justin: Yeah. It was touch and go there for a while.

Griffin: We were supposed to do another show here at some point and then gosh dang COVID happened, I think.

Justin: Yeah...

Travis: Yeah, man.

Justin: Pretty unfortunate how it shook out. Anybody else wanna... Thanks to Montaigne—

Travis: Thank you to Amanda and Rachel, and Paul, and our dad, and Sawbones.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: All of whom we couldn't do the show without.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Thank you to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life is Better With You.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: And thanks to you.

Griffin: Thanks to you for coming, giving us a second chance. I hope we didn't fuck'n blow it.

Justin: Yeah, we hope we did a good job.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Griffin, do you have any final thoughts for everybody?

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah, for sure.

Justin: Don't say, "And may the force be with you."

Griffin: No, I won't say that. But... If you... Hey, it's me, Griffin. If you say you're gonna do something, then do it. Don't say you're gonna try to do it. [laughs]

Justin: [chuckles] My name's Justin McElroy!

Travis: No, hold on. Let Griffin keep going.

Justin: No, no, no, it's done—

Travis: Why not try?

Griffin: [laughs] Because then you won't do it, man?!

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: [laughs] I'm Griffin McElroy!

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

[crowd cheers]

[theme song plays]

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