MBMBaM 642: Snort the Pod

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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. And allow me to be the first to welcome you to 20 Sun and Sea, Surf the Vibe.

Travis: Yeah, hang ten, bra! It's me, Travis McElroy. Your middlest brother.

Griffin: Hey there. He there, boogie bros. Cuc—Hey there, boogie bros, it's me—

Justin: Cuck?

Griffin: ... Your babiest brother, Griffin McElroy.

Travis: I did hear cuck in there.

Justin: Cuck.

Griffin: Did I say cuck?

Justin: [laughs] Why did you say cuck?

Griffin: Did I say that? [chuckles]

Justin: You said cuck, apropos—

Griffin: I said, "Hey there, boogie bros."

Travis: Yeah...

Justin: Cuck. [laughs]

Griffin: Cu-

Travis: [laughs] Like, one might say edit point. But instead, you just said

cuck.

Griffin: Oh, it's like a—yeah.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: This is my Manchurian Candidate style activation word for all the

cucks out there!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: You know—

Justin: [laughs] And it turned out it's 'cuck.'

Griffin: You know who you are! Oh, boy. I don't know about you guys. But in the four days since we recorded that last episode where we named the year 20 Sun and Sea, Surf the Vibe, I don't know that I've necessarily embodied the spirit of it. I don't know that I've been really given the chance to do that.

Justin: Mm-hmm...

Griffin: The weather being what it is.

Travis: I do notice, I'm the only one of the three wearing like a tropical shirt. I've grown my hair out.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Well, yes. Okay-

Travis: In the last four days.

Griffin: Hair you can't—is not fair to bring to the show, we've talked about this before. 'Cause yours does all kind of like fun stuff that mine doesn't do... Justin's could do it, I think if he had the strength of his convictions. But for me, Travis, I'm also really embracing and not letting go of, just as like a personal mantra, deeper than words. Deeper than—And by which I mean deeper than shirts. I'm gonna surf the vibe in a non... purely aesthetic way.

Travis: Ugh... Listen, I 100% do not wanna reopen 641. But I will say, Griffin, there's something about you having your own sub-theme that bothers me immensely.

Justin: Yeah—

Griffin: Oh, really? Oh, really? Mr. fuck'n Bee Man? Every year, bees, bees. Bees all the time. Bees in the trap?

Travis: That's different.

Griffin: Bees and the Trav!

Travis: That's different. I've been working with a firm who has developed that strategy for us.

Griffin: I'm sick of this fucking fiction. I... I will keep Christmas in my way, and you will keep Christmas in yours!

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: I had some... I had some complaints in the inbox.

Griffin: No?!

Justin: That we continue to insist on the 'twinty' pronunciation and don't embrace 'twenty.'

Travis: Ooh?

Justin: Because... But apparently, they're making the case that 'twenty' is appropriate and accurate. 'Twenty.'

Griffin: 'Twenty.'

Travis: Well, I think a lot of it is I don't wanna have to hear us, including myself, try to say it like that.

Griffin: [laughs] I know, we're definitely gonna sound like we're doing bad...

Travis: 'Twenty...'

Griffin: Very bad Bond impressions. We're really probably like in—

Travis: [in silly British accent] "Excuse me, Mr. Bond!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: [in silly British accent] "Mr. Bond, is it twinty-twinty-three?" [chuckles]

Griffin: [in silly British accent] "Hindsight, Mr. Bond, is twinty-twinty."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: I love that little baby. The talking dog is funny. But the baby Stewie, he's hilarious and I love that impression you did of him.

Griffin: Yeah. Oh, that did kind of sound like him, didn't it?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Wow, okay. So, with my Stewie, Travis' Cartman... Juice, you need—can you do Rick or Morty?

Justin: [laughs and attempts spoofing Rick] "I... I love you... I love you, Morty!"

Travis: Now, okay...

Justin: [continues spoofing Rick] "Morty! We have to change the past. Dinosaurs are Nazis!" I don't...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: That was actually pretty good. "I love you," famously, like the one thing he does not say.

Griffin: I have not—

Justin: What?

Travis: "I love you."

Justin: Oh.

Griffin: I haven't been allowed to watch the show. I have certain channels blocked.

Justin: I don't think I get it.

Griffin: Yeah, I don't—

Travis: I go over to my friend Brad's house.

Justin: I think it's only on—

Griffin: Is it Adult Swim?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Nighttime is kind of when Rachel gets the TV.

Travis: Yeah. And you go... you go down for resties.

Griffin: I go down for rest, yeah.

Justin: This is—This is an advice show. We take your problems and turn them alchemy-like into wisdom. This is the first—

Travis: I mean, not for a while now. We haven't done that for a couple of weeks.

Griffin: We haven't done that for a minute. If anything, we've taken your problems and turned them alchemy like into different problems.

Justin: Is there a resolution that you guys have for this show in this year of our lord, 20 Sun and Sea.

Travis: For the show?

Griffin: For the show?

Justin: For the show. Everybody's turning over new leaves. I don't have a bit. I'm literally just asking.

Griffin: Mm-hmm?

Justin: Is there anything you'd like to achieve—I think it might be nice if we helped more people. You know what I mean? Maybe return to that.

Travis: I don't interrupt enough. I could really amp that up, yeah. I could—

Griffin: No, I think you did that pretty good last year. I think—

Travis: Well, there's always room for more.

Griffin: No, I'm saying like the balance of interrupting that you do right now is like [chef's kiss] perfect.

Justin: It's perfect.

Travis: Oh, really?

Griffin: No notes.

Justin: It's perfect, yeah.

Griffin: No notes. I think that I've really also kind of been batting a thousand lately. I don't think any of us should—I'm actually—I would be scared of any of us changing literally any aspect of the show at this point.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I don't know what's holding it together at this point.

Griffin: Yeah. Could it could be the... You know, maybe Travis does one less bit and the whole jalopy just kind of plonks apart.

Justin: I could use—I could do with a good Travis bit today. That would be nice. That would pick—

Travis: Oh, no. Bad news, fellas. [chuckles]

Justin: Oh...

Griffin: No, it's actually great that it doesn't come when we need it.

Travis: No.

Justin: Yeah, that would be—

Griffin: [laughs] Juice, if the bits came when we needed them—

Travis: No, it doesn't come when you want it.

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Justin: Let's help people. I'm done kidding around.

Griffin: Great.

Justin: Okay?

Griffin: Great.

Justin: "I recently started a new job with a break room that features a

Keurig coffee machine as well as a large selection of K-Cups."

Travis: Ooh la-la?

Griffin: Ooh? Ah, yeah.

Justin: "My mom recently gifted me a huge quantity of Starbucks Holiday

Blend K-Cups."

Griffin: Cool!

Justin: "One of my favorite coffees. And I currently can't use them since I do not have a Keurig at home. So, I ask this, brothers, would it be weird to bring my own K-Cups to work and make my own coffee with the company's machine? How can I sneak my own coffee without my boss thinking he has a weak coffee selection and being offended?" That's from Out for Coffee in Orange County, CA.

Griffin: Ooh, boy.

Travis: Ah, this is nice. It's nice to be able to knock one out of the park real super easy. You're asking, if I spend my own money and make the company spend less money replacing K-Cups they must provide, would the boss care? No. Hey, I'll go out even further on a limb. Unless... I don't... Okay. Assuming your boss isn't like a Michael Scott type, you know like one of those guys?

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Justin: Okay, now I'm laughing. [chuckles] I'm already over here busting

up.

Travis: Yeah. Not even gonna notice what cups you're using in the Keurig.

Justin: You—Okay. But you need to walk through—And this is the problem with being so far removed from office life. You don't remember it.

Griffin: No.

Travis: I watch it all the time?

Justin: Imagine you're sitting in there with Stanley and Phyllis and all the gang.

Travis: Okay?

Justin: And it's time to make your coffee—

Travis: Who do I get along best with, Justin, do you think? Knowing what

you know about me?

Griffin: Phyllis.

Justin: Phyllis, yeah.

Travis: Do, you think Phyllis and I—

Justin: You would get along.

Travis: Yeah. I can see that.

Justin: I could see you getting along really well with Phyllis—

Griffin: Real well, Trav.

Justin: [chuckles] Real well.

Travis: Oh, yeah?

Justin: Enough said.

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay.

Justin: I... Imagine the situation when you're in there and you're like, "Oh, I'd love a cup." And they're like, "Yum. Get your coffee break going." And then you go... you creep over to your bag and you unzip it. And then you reach in and you pull out your own little K-Cup.

Griffin: Yowza.

Justin: And then you zip the bag back up. And then you're gonna—You've already... Something is wrong. [laughs] Something is wrong.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Well, yeah?

Justin: You've done something wrong.

Travis: It takes it a little more planning than that. You're gonna have to palm it from your desk in your pocket.

Griffin: Oh, I love this.

Travis: And then you're doing a little misdirect, "Oh, bird outside the window?" [exclaims] And then they're like, "Why does yours smell so much better?" And you say, "I put love in it." And then you drink it quietly in the bathroom.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: My new year's resolution, Travis, is we stop pretending that sleight of hand prestidigitation is a solution to all our problems.

Griffin: Yeah...

Justin: There's a lot of problems where if you're a master of the sleight of hand, the arts... the dark arts of that.

Travis: Thank you.

Justin: You could solve a lot of problems with sleight of hand prestidigitation.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I don't think that's fair to just say, "Be good at sleight of hand. Be good at table magic."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I'm tired of it.

Griffin: [chuckles] They are also definitely gonna clock that the cup is different—Someone's gonna open up this machine, long after your cup is brewed.

Justin: "Ooh, this looks good?"

Griffin: "Ooh, this is great."

Justin: "This looks good."

Griffin: "This is better than the shit that Michael buys for us." I shouldn't have said Michael 'cause that is the name of the boss on The Office, but—

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And maybe the boss is a real D-bag who brought in this Keurig machine and was like, "You guys heard of this shit? This shit is primo stuff, babes." But it's like, you know...

Travis: Oh, no. He's gonna get fired.

Griffin: Well, yeah. He's-

Travis: Or not. Or he's gonna get promoted. Am I right?

Griffin: He's like, "I know you're looking at this little cup and you're like, 'How could there be a whole cup of coffee in there?' You fuckin' dummy. That's why I'm the boss." And so, if you do put in better coffee in there, he's gonna be pretty embarrassed, probably.

Justin: [chuckles] Yeah, yeah.

Travis: Or he's gonna see it as a real alpha male move.

Griffin: Ooh?

Travis: That's what a real alpha does, brings their own coffee.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You're going places.

Griffin: And what I've... What I do know about alphas...

Travis: Uh-huh? They love to eat cats. [chuckles]

Griffin: Being one myself... Is that when other alphas come around, we're like, cool. That's great for me.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Good.

Travis: Alphas love taking orders from other alphas.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And hanging around with other alphas and... Yeah.

Griffin: Well, it's lonely. It's lonely at the top.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: That's why as an alpha, I like to have somebody in charge of me. That makes me feel more comfortable as an alpha to know that I don't have to make all the decisions. I don't have to be in charge. You know what I mean? It takes the pressure off.

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: Just... Just... Just drink it. [chuckles] Just drink the cup.

Travis: Like, from the tiny pod?

Justin: Go to your desk. Drink the cup.

Griffin: So, you're saying don't put the pod inside of the machine, you're saying—You understand it's—From what I understand, I think it's just powder in there.

Justin: Eat the—[laughs] I mean, I don't know. You know, you just—

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Eat that cup, there we go. Tide pod challenge!

Justin: Maybe your just... I mean—

Griffin: Guys, I for real—Like, people sometimes take the audio from this show and they put it on TikTok. And they make like a billion dollars off of it or whatever. But we cannot be responsible for the K-Cup challenge. Because that's bad and people would go to hospital, I bet, a lot. And then all of a sudden, great shame is brought to our hometown.

Travis: Now... But Griffin, Justin's just saying tear open the pod, put it in neat lines on your desk and snort the pod.

Griffin: No, don't do—Jesus Christ.

Justin: [laughs] No, don't snort the pod. I did not say snort the pod.

Griffin: No.

Travis: I think you did?

Justin: Though that should be our tagline for this show.

Griffin: Snort the pod.

Justin: Snort the pod.

Travis: [laughs] Is it too late to change the year?

Griffin: No one knows what happens if you put an AirPod in each nostril and press play at two times speed, max volume.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: But I think it goes a little something like this—And this is a TikTok challenge. Do do that! And they're probably like on the screen like, "Whoa!" 'Cause all the podcasting is going just right into the... you know, the mucus membranes.

Justin: That's east, eat the pod. Next question.

Griffin: Next question.

Justin: I hope it has the same answer.

Griffin: Thank you. A lot of—

Justin: I know you—Whoa?

Griffin: A lot of people send in a wizardly one for us.

Justin: Okay?

Griffin: A Wizard of Waverly Place for us.

Travis: Never got into that one. Never—

Griffin: The pilot episode. This one is how to use a bidet. And it was

updated on Christmas day.

Travis: Huh?

Justin: Was David Henry on that one? Wizards of Waverly Place?

Griffin: No one knows on this podcast.

Justin: Yes. David Henry, wizard—Okay, look at this. I've realized this, I made this connection this week. David Henry, Wizards of Waverly Place...

Griffin: Okay?

Justin: That one video I made for Travis that one time. Paul Blart: Mall Cop

2.

Griffin: Oh, holy shit, you're right?

Justin: He's Lane. And he's the son in How I Met Your Mother.

Griffin: Holy shit.

Justin: A good gig, by the way. 'Cause he filmed—

Griffin: Everything.

Justin: ... For the first two seasons. Gets zidgies...

Travis: Oh yeah.

Justin: Residuals, for all the seasons 'cause they're reusing the footage.

Griffin: I know what zidgies are, Juice. We all know what zidgies are.

Justin: He gets zidgies for all those episodes, even though he finished filming after the second season. Unbelievable.

Griffin: All right.

Justin: Unbelievable career this guy has, David Henry, rolling in it. Also, you can get at him on Cameo if you want.

Griffin: I do love doing unpaid cameo promotions for people. But Juice, there have probably been many people who listen to this podcast, sitting on a toilet with a dirty butt for the last two and a half minutes.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Like, "I wish Justin would shut the fuck up so I can figure out how to ride this spaceship."

Justin: Okay, okay, okay. [laughs]

Griffin: Do you wanna say something to those people who you left with a dirty butt for two and half minutes?

Justin: [chuckles] I am sorry that I left you, once again, with a dirty butt.

Griffin: You said, "My thing this year is helping more people." And then I was like, I'm gonna help people...

Travis: And you're laughing through it, Justin?

Justin: I helped David Henry get a little cameo business going?

Griffin: I guess.

Travis: You're laughing through it?

Justin: Not that he needs it with all those zidgies!

Griffin: Probably not, with the zidges, after all.

Travis: Wait, are you getting something off the top, J-man? Are you getting—Oh, you're getting 10%—You're getting zidgies from the zidgies.

Griffin: There's step one. And it's-

Travis: Keep your grades up. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Keep those fucking grades up, B or higher.

Justin: What is the question again? What are we—I was so excited about

David Henry.

Travis: How to use a bidet, damn it!

Griffin: How to use a bidet, Justin.

Justin: How to use a bidet, okay.

Griffin: You don't even...

Justin: Got it. Got it.

Griffin: You don't even care.

Justin: I do! I do care!

Griffin: I want 'em to have dirty butts.

Travis: You're out here rubbing elbows with David Henry and other pop-star

elites.

Griffin: With the stars.

Justin: I wish. I wish.

Griffin: All right, step one, keep your grades up. Step two, use the toilet

first.

Travis: Oh?

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: The purpose of the bidet is to help clean off after toilet use.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Now-

Griffin: "You can use the bidet in conjunction with toilet paper or you can use the bidet on its own. Some people believe using a bidet is a hygienic substitute for toilet paper, but many choose to use both." But regardless, the order of the operations... You don't need—You didn't need wikiHow for this. To know that before you clean up the mess, you gotta make the mess?

Travis: Well, yeah. But a bidet is not a one use—

Justin: I should say, we've all been gifted—We've all been gifted bidets in our homes.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Mine actually commuted with the sale of our Austin estate, sadly.

Justin: 'Cause you're not gonna go back. You can't go back.

Griffin: Can't go back.

Travis: No, you can try to go back to an old house and say, "Hey, I really like this potty. Can I use it again?" And they get weird.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: They do. They do get strange about it. "Find the bidet, step two."

[laughs]

Justin: I like—Okay. [laughs]

Griffin: "Sometimes the bidet is located near the toilet, attached to the wall.

It looks something like a low sink or a toilet with a faucet."

Travis: Oh?

Griffin: "However, many modern bidets are built into the toilet seat so you

don't need to get up to straddle another fixture."

Justin: I cannot imagine...

Travis: No.

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: I cannot imagine moving to a second location for a butt blasting.

Travis: No.

Justin: I can't imagine it.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah. It's wild.

Travis: Whoa, J-man, you gotta be careful with your phrasing here, dude.

Once again, audio can be pulled.

Griffin: You cannot go to the second location for the butt blasting. You need

it right there.

Justin: Griffin just gave it to 'em cleaner.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: That'll be the cleaner one.

Griffin: [laughs] 'Cause we can't live—

Travis: Griffin—

Griffin: Sorry, just a quick program note for just the three of us, is we can't live in fear of the gun that TikTok has to our heads at all times, waiting for us to say some shit that is gonna—

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Yeah. Dear listener, imagine at home that sometimes when you talked, JoJo Siwa would repeat the things that you said on video.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: That you do have that particular sword of Damocles hanging over your head.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: As you might have to see your child's hero, JoJo Siwa, repeat the dumb things you said.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So, that is a constant—That is a non-zero chance.

Griffin: It's terrifying. I saw... The first time I was exposed to a bidet was at a friend's house. He shall remain nameless. But in his parents' like en suite... I don't know why I was using that bathroom.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: But I saw the bidet next to their nice toilet and I had—I thought—I remember thinking at the time that it was... it must've been in the middle of a repair. Like, it was a toilet that hadn't been finished being built yet. But then that didn't really answer the question of why they had two side-by-side toilets, one of which was half built. But I didn't investigate further.

Travis: I have... We—I mean, we travel a lot and we do like tourism stuff. And I've stayed in a hotel room that had one of those side-by-side bidets.

Griffin: Oh, wow?

Justin: Never happened to me.

Travis: And I knew what it was. But I still look at it, if I ever again encounter one in the wild, and just try to like... geometry, figure out...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And it just feels like the only way to do it is to like shimmy and hover. And I can't bring myself...

Griffin: Yeah. If only there was a guide for how to use a bidet. Oh, wait. That's what I'm reading out loud, right now.

Justin: Okay. So, to recap, I pooped...

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Get dirty.

Justin: And then I found the bidet.

Griffin: There it is.

Justin: Okay. So far, following along—

Travis: Now, the phrasing of that, by the way, is clunky, wikiHow. Because when I first heard 'find the bidet,' I assumed you meant locate one in the world and not what is the apparatus.

Griffin: No, no, no. It's there.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: You've already located a bidet, you just haven't pinpointed it.

Griffin: Please... Please. They are so dirty, Travis. And now you're the one stalling. "Straddle a standalone bidet. On most standalone bidets you can choose to face the bidet's water controls or you can face away from them as you would on a toilet." I don't like that. I don't like having that—

Justin: I mean, I don't wanna be like reaching behind me and just hope that I get the right spot?

Griffin: Well, no. I don't want—I don't like there being a 50/50 chance, like from the jump, that I'm gonna get this wrong. That there was a correct way that I should've been facing, based on sort of where my stuff is and where it's dirty. And then this guide has not told me specifically what use case I should be looking out for.

Justin: There's gotta be a better, right?

Travis: I think—I think Justin will appreciate this most out of the three of us. But what we need is those like voice over things that happen when you're like getting on a roller coaster at Disney World.

Griffin: Oh, yeah.

Travis: It's very explicitly like, "Enter the car. Hold your hands up. The water will move automatically." I need a recorded voice giving me step by step instructions, on repeat, of using this standalone bidet.

Griffin: Right. I thought you were going to say you need a voice over of yourself, every time you sat down at the toilet, that went like, "I know you're probably wondering how did I end up in this situation."

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: I actually wouldn't mind that.

Griffin: So, you can straddle it, I guess, like a cool teacher with a dirty, dirty butt.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: And then you can—

Justin: That, Travis, reminds me, I do always at home do a little like straight to camera narration like before I use the bathroom.

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: Like as I'm closing the door, I look out and I'm like, "I think I'll handle this part... on my own."

Griffin: Yeah, sure. Yeah, that's funny.

Justin: Then I'll close the door. Just in case of Truman Show, you know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: If you say that, they legally have to stop filming. This part's great, "If you're wearing pants, you may need to remove them to straddle the bidet facing the controls." I don't... I don't... I don't know how physically you would... Unless you wrapped your pants around the back of the bidet and sort of like got on in like that... Like you've created a perfect hoop out of your legs and pants.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah, but... The instructions have already told me that I need to shit

first...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: So, are they worried that I finished shitting, didn't clean—

Griffin: Right.

Justin: No, no, no, no. You're not—You didn't—

Travis: ... Finished shitting, pulled up pants.

Justin: [chuckles] Travis, you—No, not pull up pants. What you're saying is

that when you go to use the bathroom, you fully remove your jeans.

Travis: Oh!

Justin: And fold your jeans and hang them up. [laughs]

Griffin: I have—

Travis: So, it's saying remove all the way to straddle.

Griffin: My anxieties are as such that I am very cautious about walking into

any bathroom.

Travis: Period.

Griffin: For fear that I might stumble in on the scene of a crime.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Whenever that has happened—the small handful of times it has happened, it has instantly every time been like, "Oh, shit. Sorry." And I

walked out. If I open up the door a crack and I see you've taken your pants completely off to use the toilet...

Justin: [chuckles] Yeah?

Griffin: I'm afraid my reaction time might not be as high just because I'm going to be so desperately curious of like, "Hey, wait a minute... Where did they..."

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: I'm also assuming the move here is you take the pants completely off, the bidet's right next to the toilet... You kind of... You're sitting on the toilet and then you can just... then you just pivot.

Justin: [laughs] Yeah, you just pivot.

Travis: Now... Griffin has taken his headphones completely off. Which is bad for—[laughs] He is now just demonstrating the move.

Justin: [laughs] He's still pivoting, folks. He's still pivoting.

Travis: I think... once Griffin puts his headphones back on. I think the weirdest way to take—

Griffin: Did that play? Did that track? Did you guys follow that at home?

Travis: Yeah, we got it.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: The weirdest version of taking your pants off in the bathroom, I've decided, is you take them all the way off and hang 'em up, a lot of thoughts spinning. What if you just took them off and scooted your feet back about six inches?

Griffin: Okay?

Travis: So, it's just enough. But it's like, I could get back into them quicker.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: 'Cause I think that's what we're all thinking about, right? If you see someone leave with their pants pulled around their ankles, they're ready for anything.

Griffin: Yeah, right.

Travis: They've taken their pants completely off? They're not ready for anything.

Griffin: [laughs] No. If there's—

Travis: But maybe I'm ready for some things.

Griffin: There's a small—You've reduced the number of things you're ready for, astronomically.

Travis: You could keep your pants on one foot and still straddle toilet piece.

Griffin: Now, that's interesting.

Travis: Like, you're pivoting, right. Now, you will have to pivot back to line up your left foot.

Griffin: Right. It's gonna be tricky no matter What. Or you could just do a toilet seat bidet. Which I feel like whoever invented that was just like, "What are we doing? All the mess should go in one bowl. Like, why do we have a two-bowl solution for this, guys? Come on! It was staring us in the face the whole time."

Justin: Does a regular bidet flush?

Griffin: I think it's just like a water fountain.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: I think it's just always going down.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Man, I've never used a standalone bidet and I don't think I care to.

Looking at some of these diagrams.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: I can't.

Griffin: I am looking at this wikiHow article. I'm reading out loud to our millions of followers. If I ever had to use a standalone [fumbles] bl-det... [chuckles] bl-det, I don't think I could figure—I think I wouldn't know how to do it.

Travis: I actually think that's what a lot of hotels are counting on. Where it's just like, "Yeah. It's there, man. You won't use it."

Justin: "Good luck."

Griffin: "Note that most bidets don't have seats but are still meant to be sat upon. You just sit directly on the rim. Some bidets do not have—"

Travis: No, that can't be it.

Justin: No, no!

Travis: That cannot be it!

Griffin: "Some bidets—"

Justin: No!

Griffin: Let me finish, please.

Justin: Sure.

Griffin: "Some bidets do not have jets. They simply have a faucet that fills the basin. Much as you would fill a sink basin. In this latter case, you'll need to use your hands to manually clean yourself."

Travis: No!

Griffin: Now, I know-Now, listen. Listen. No, listen. I understand that there

are-

Justin: [laughs] No!

Griffin: No, no, no, no. When you travel, there are different sort of—there are different parts of the world where that is more... that is more the norm than it is in other parts of the world.

Justin: Okay...

Griffin: I get that and I am sensitive to that. But it does introduce so many more points of failure. For me, someone who's bidet... bidet curious, I would say. Somebody who would see a standalone bidet and be like, "I bet I could... I bet I could tackle one of these. I bet I can get this right." But then I'm sitting—all of a sudden I'm sitting on the rim just splashing like a pool of water up into my business. And like, "This feels wrong. I need help. I need another person in here."

Justin: I think it's introducing too much uncertainty. By which I mean—

Travis: That's exactly—Yes.

Justin: If I go into... You guys ever gone—This—I don't think that this happens in all bathrooms. But in some bathrooms I've been in, there's the one in... the one that springs to mind is the one in Batuu, in Star Wars.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: The Star Wars outpost, in the little market there.

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: There's a big trough that sometimes you see at these baseball

games.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: It is not immediately clear if that is a handwashing station or a

urinal.

Griffin: Interesting. Wow.

Travis: Or both.

Justin: Or both. Or it is both. I mean, it is both.

Griffin: Anything wet can do both things.

Justin: This is no longer... I don't think that I would have the certainty of... Like, if just like, "Well, there's a bowl of water. Maybe I should clean my asshole with it."

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Like, if feel like that is a big logical jump I'm not willing to make.

Especially not in a stranger's home.

Travis: But I... I don't wanna brag, but I wash myself in the bathtub and or

shower. I'm a big boy, I take care of myself.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah.

Travis: And I don't shy away from all the parts. I get that, right. So, it's not like washing yourself is gross.

Griffin: I just wanna say, because I don't want—Like if Travis says it and we don't say it, I also get clean down there. Like, if I—

Justin: Yeah, sure. [chuckles]

Griffin: If Travis says it and I don't say it, they're gonna be like, "Why don't Griffin and Justin also get clean down there?"

Travis: Yeah. For me, it's when you introduce, as Justin and Griffin have both said, "So, I just do it with my hand."

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Like the idea of, "No, no, no, there... The switch." [laughs] Anything like that where I'm like, "This can't be it," is all I'm gonna keep saying. "No, this can't be it."

Griffin: I'm almost certain if there is just a faucet pointing downward, someone would walk in on me somehow upside down like a Spiderman.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Like hanging from the faucet like some sort of... like some sort of gargoyle or vampire bat. Like, "Is this right? Is this correct?"

Travis: And at this point we've been gone from our family and friends two hours, trying to figure this thing out.

Griffin: Yeah, it's been so long. We come out of the bathroom soaked head to toe. Like, I don't...

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs] "Ahh! So clean!"

Justin: "Ahh!"

Griffin: I just wanna say the last step is wash your hands. And that's good.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: That's good.

Justin: Yeah!

Griffin: You should still be doing that. I know Fauci's not banging that drum

as loud anymore. So, I guess it's up to—

Justin: He's kind of slacked off on it.

Griffin: I guess it's up to me. Wash your hands.

 $\textbf{Justin} \colon I'm \text{ kinda--If I wanna--I just thinking hand washing should be a}$

part of any toilet experience.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Bidet or no.

Griffin: But especially one where you—You should def—

Travis: Did you hear what—Did you hear Fauci's thing? Fauci recently said—People were like, "Should you wash your hands when you're going to the bathroom?" And Fauci said, "I don't know, did you piss on your hands?"

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And I was like, "Whoa, dude!"

Griffin: Yeah. I remember one time I was in—I like in D.C., Fauci central. And I was at a you know, a sports bar, watching the game. And then I saw him in the bathroom

him in the bathroom—

Justin: Sounds true so far. [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah, bud.

Griffin: I was at the urinal and he walked in and used the urinal right next to me, zipped up and walked right out. And I was like, "Fauci, what gives?" And he was like, "Didn't touch it." And then he left.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Wait, that wasn't Fauci, that was Justin. Who has stood next to me more times than I can count.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: Griffin, in the Marines, they teach us not to piss on our hands. So...

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: To quote my favorite movie, The Negotiator. A classic. [laughs]

Travis: I love that movie. No notes!

Justin: Classic movie. All good actors, all good times.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: The Negotiator. [chuckles]

Griffin: That was the tagline on the poster.

Justin: [laughs] "These two good men are squaring off in a battle of good dudes, no problems at all."

Griffin: [laughs] Oh shit... Oh fuck... Hey, can we go to the—Can we go to

the zone?

Justin: Yeah. Come on, get in the car.

[theme music plays]

Travis: Bombas!

Justin: Yeah?

Travis: I think that... One of the things that I would like to offer as a service to people who buy advertisement slots on our show is like let me develop a very catchy, short kind of tagline for you. And I would like to try this one.

Bombas, put it on!

Justin: Whoa.

Travis: Yeah. What do you think?

Griffin: Well... You could do that for so many of our sponsors, though. So,

can you tighten it up a little—

Travis: Yeah, but I'm giving it to Bombas first.

Griffin: Can you tighten it up a little bit?

Travis: Let's see... Bombas, wear it. No. Bombas... Mm-hmm!

Justin: No.

Griffin: Okay. So, should we start this ad all the way over or...

Justin: We'll just start the ad all the way over.

Travis: Let me try again. Let me try again.

Griffin: Let's just start the ad all the way over maybe.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: When I'm reaching for socks, I don't have any choices in the world of socks. You know why? 'Cause all my socks are Bombas.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: They're comfortable, they're clean, after I've washed them. They're made from great materials like pima cotton and all the other great ones that they use that you know. Merino wool?

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: It sounds luxurious, that's because it is. They're luxuriously soft socks and undies and T-shirts. And—this is really nice—those items are the top three items requested by homeless shelters. And for every one of these items that you buy, Bombas is going to donate—to a shelter for people experiencing homelessness—a pair of your item. So, that's like, you're doing something good for you. Plus, you're doing good—something good for other people. And if you use the code, doing something good for us. 'Cause it makes 'em buy more ads. So, if you think about it, it's a moral imperative.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: I'm just—I'm gonna shift the ad a little bit and say that not buying Bombas as actually unethical.

Travis: Ooh.

Griffin: Wow.

Travis: Whoa.

Justin: Because it could get you... it could get you canceled.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Wow, juice.

Justin: It could, yeah! 'Cause it's a—

Travis: Bombas, the right thing to do.

Griffin: The only thing to do.

Justin: The only choice is Bombas.

Griffin: Cool. Do you wanna read the rest of the actual ad copy? Or...

Justin: For sure, man. Go to bombas.com/mybrother and use code MyBrother for 20% off your first purchase. That's bombas.com/mybrother and use code MyBrother at checkout.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Or go to hell.

Griffin: Yeah, that's cool.

Travis: Bombas, or go to hell.

Griffin: Guys... We are once again nominated for best ad reads.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Who can blame 'em?

Griffin: For the Podcast Awards or whatever. I do wonder if maybe... Just maybe for the next few weeks, we could try to read the ad copy in our fun, twisted, fucked up South Park way. Without introducing taglines like, you know, "Bombas, fuck Rudy Giuliani." Like just throwing in like, "Bombas, welcome to hell, idiot." Like saying things like that, that aren't—

Travis: Now, I said, "Bombas, or go to hell."

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah, sure, sure, sure. But I'm wondering if maybe we could try to stick to the script a little bit more instead of introducing taglines like, "Bombas, it's like a car from the future that you can have sex with." Like...

Travis: Oh, that's pretty good.

Griffin: Yeah, that is actually pretty good.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I'd buy it. I'd wear those.

Griffin: Okay, let's try—Let's try—We got Babbel up next. Babbel, guys, we've done Babbel a lot. We cannot fuck this up.

Travis: Yeah, we can do this. We can do this. Okay, we can do this.

Griffin: So, let's try to—let's try to get it right this time.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: There's an extremely loud truck driving by my house right now, or I would hop in there.

Travis: Okay, here we go. Okay.

Griffin: If I have a loud truck on my track, it's gonna go to fuckin' SmartLess again.

Travis: Hey, it's a new year. And you know what that means, it's a chance to pick up new jobs or new skills. Like say you wanted to travel more, right. New travel experiences? You could become an international hit person.

Griffin: Travis, god bless it!

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: And with that, you're gonna need to blend in seamlessly to many different countries and cultures. You're gonna wanna be a shadow. And the-

Griffin: Do you wanna commit the—Do you want—Sorry, let me try—let me try Travis' approach. Do you want to commit the gravest sin? Do so while speaking—

Travis: Not getting Bombas?

Griffin: [chuckles] The second gravest cardinal sin? Well, you should do so while being able to speak many languages, with Babbel. If you can't satisfy... If you are having a hard time slaking your thirst for death, here in America, and you wanna travel abroad to do so, Babbel, baby. Language for life. But not for their life, 'cause you're gonna end that. They won't need to worry about knowing any languages, you've terminated them.

Travis: Hey, Griffin? This is not about a thirst for blood. This is a job, this is a—We live in a gig economy, baby.

Griffin: I know we do.

Travis: What's the original gig? Hit personing.

Griffin: I don't think that's it either.

Travis: I think it is true. It's the oldest profession.

Griffin: All right.

Travis: And so, you can learn—Oh, there's so many different languages and it all comes in easy, fun, bite sized lessons. So, it's not gonna take all day, you could do it in between things, you could do it while you're waiting, you know, for the next thing to happen.

Griffin: [in gritty voice] "In between marks." Right, Trav?

Travis: Yeah. Yeah. And so, you can learn a new language in as little as three weeks. In addition, you can get access to podcasts, games, videos,

stories, even live classes. So, there's a lot of immersive stuff in there as well. And it comes with a 20-day money back guarantee. And right now, you can get up to 55% off your subscription when you go to babbel.com/mybrother. That's babbel.com/mybrother for up to 55% off your subscription. Babbel, language for life. Wink!

[Go Fact Yourself theme music plays]

Helen: J.Keith, do you know what I love more than the trivia, comedy and celebrity guests on our podcast, Go Fact Yourself?

J.Keith: No, what, Helen?

Helen: Sharing all of those things with an actual audience!

J.Keith: Yes! Well, lucky for you, Go Fact Yourself is back to being a live audience show.

Helen: Woo-hoo!

J.Keith: Yeah, we've got a free recording coming up on January 15th in Los Angeles and February 11th in Pasadina.

Helen: And if you can't make it there, all of our recordings will still be available as a podcast. Twice a month, every month on maximumfun.org.

J.Keith: Yeah, no excuses! So, if you're not listening...

Helen: You can go fact yourself!

[Go Fact Yourself theme music concludes]

[Tiny Victories theme music plays]

Annabelle: Hey there, it's Annabelle Gurwitch!

Laura: And I'm Laura House. We host Tiny Victories, the 15-minute podcast that's about the little things.

Annabelle: Getting into the Tiny Victory frame of mind is about recognizing minor accomplishments and fleeting joys.

Guest 1: Isn't it a wonderful day when the first password you try actually works?

Guest 2: When it's freezing cold outside and toasty as all get out in my shower, my tiny victory is that I turned off the water and got on with my day.

Laura: We can't change this big, dumb world. But we can celebrate the tiny wins.

Annabelle: So, join us on Maximum Fun or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Laura and Annabelle together: Let's get tiny!

[Tiny Victories theme music concludes]

Justin: I know that they keep nominating us because we talk about it more than everybody else... combined.

Travis: Uh-huh?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But best ad read's tough this year, guys. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah, it's a tough—It's stacked, man.

Justin: It's stacked. They got... Here's who we're up against. Conan O'Brien.

Travis: Ugh.

Griffin: We've lost already.

Justin: Nicole Byer.

Griffin: Lost.

Justin: Brené Brown.

Griffin: We have lost.

Justin: And Jenna Fischer and Angela Kinsey from The Office. Like, what—

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Wow.

Justin: I mean...

Travis: I'm gonna say we're way better than one of those people, but I won't say which one.

Griffin: Wow, Trav.

Justin: I guess in an homnor... It's an homnor just to be nominated, I guess.

Griffin: It is an homnor to be nominated.

Travis: It is an homnor to be nm-nm.

Justin: 'Cause we're not winning this one.

Griffin: Yeah. They should give—I want some sort of plaque for being narminated. I think that's only fair. 'Cause I'm not gonna get the other thing.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You should get a plaque for being narminated.

Griffin: Send me an airbrushed shirt, Podcast Awards, that says, "You were narminated."

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: I—Here what I'm saying. If we won, we would send air brushed shirts to all the losers—

Griffin: Holy shit.

Travis: ... To say like, "It was an homnor being narmi-nm-nm with you."

Griffin: Wait, this is huge. This can be the strategy. If we win, it's gonna matter a lot to us.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: That's true, guys.

Griffin: Probably more than it would matter to these other very, very successful comedian type people.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: If we won, it's all we'd ever talk about.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: We weren't just narminated, we won it too. It's be cool.

Justin: It'd be huge exposure for you all.

Travis: Conan's just gonna throw it—Conan's gonna throw it—Conan's gonna throw it in a drawer with all of his other awards.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: But we need it.

Justin: We need it.

Griffin: I need it.

Justin: We need a win. [mouths Munch Squad riff followed by silly noise]

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: [continues riffing followed by silly noise]

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: [continues silly riffing]

Griffin: This is a gross one.

Justin: [sings] I want to munch!

Griffin: Squad!

Travis: [chuckles] Now...

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

Griffin: Squad.

Travis: No, I don't like any of these mouth sounds!

Justin: [concludes silly riffing]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Welcome to podcast—Sorry. Welcome to Much Squad, it's a podcast

within a podcast.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs] Welcome to podcast, it's a Munch Squad.

Justin: Wait, hold on.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: It's a podcast within a podcast.

Travis: It's an homnor just to meet you!

Justin: [chuckles] It's an homnor just to be advertised on this one.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Welcome to Munch Squad, a podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. Buffalo Wild Wings collaborates with rookie Ahmad 'Sauce' Gardner and artist Mache to create the first custom cleats featuring Real Sauce.

Travis: What?

Griffin: First custom cleats to feature Real Sauce?

Justin: Yeah, they're the first custom cleats to feature... Real Sauce.

Griffin: Real... Real Sauce.

Justin: Continuing their—

Travis: Now, I find that hard to believe.

Justin: Continuing—

Travis: There hasn't been a custom cleat before this that featured sauce?

Griffin: That accidently got a dribble drabble of some sort of sweet sauce on.

Justin: Yeah. So, this is... "Continuing their season-long partnership—" If you don't like the word 'sauce,' I would skip ahead. You're gonna hear it a few times. "Continuing their season-long partnership, Buffalo Wild Wings and rookie cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner—" Who notably did not allow a TD in three years in Cincinatti. I mean, come on. This guy's a machine.

Griffin: This guy's a quarterback?

Justin: As a corner back.

Griffin: Oh, I was gonna say...

Travis: Cornerback.

Griffin: As a quarterback, that's a pretty bad statistic.

Justin: They—He—

Travis: So, if he's been playing for three years, is he still a rookie?

Justin: He's teamed up—I think it was when he was in college. "He's teamed up with acclaimed footwear artist Mache to create the first custom cleats designed using sauce. 'Sauce' will wear the one-of-a-kind cleats on December 4th as part of the NFL's My Cause My Cleats program, with proceeds from the online auction benefiting Boys & Girls Clubs of America."

Griffin: Cool.

Travis: Can we see it?

Justin: This is Mache. What, you wanna see it?

Travis: Yes, please.

Justin: Yeah, I can help you out. Hold on.

Travis: 'Cause I don't understand.

Justin: Well, let me tell you a bit more about it first. "I could not pass up the opportunity to work alongside 'Sauce' and Buffalo Wild Wings to develop the first custom shoe with real sauce. And even better, it's his own Buffalo Wild Wings 'Sauce Sauce,'" said celebrity artist Mache. Mache said the Sauce Sauce is what they've used. "I'm always looking to push the limits of what can be done with custom footwear and was challenged and excited to make a cleat that has literal flavor and style."

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: And burns after you wear it.

Griffin: Burns the foot as you sweat in it while doing football plays.

Justin: "Mache's simple saucy design—" It's not simple. You're gonna see in a second. I don't know why they said that.

Griffin: I'm assuming it looks like a crime scene blood splatter sort of situation.

Justin: The Sauce Sauce—

Travis: See, I was imagining, if I may. Like the old Reebok Pumps with the basketball at the front, except it's just a bubble of sauce.

Griffin: It pumps sauce through tubes. Oh, that's great. Yes.

Travis: And like... like Bane does? Like, how it does the—Bane? When Bane does it?

Griffin: Yes!

Travis: You know.

Justin: "I could not pass up the—" Oh, we already did that. It's Sauce Sauce. "Mache's simple saucy design features "Sauce Sauce" mixed into the paint to create a custom look that drips with flavor."

Griffin: Cool.

Travis: And smells terrible.

Griffin: And ants, always.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Always ants on your feet.

Justin: And ants, always ants. "Mini-chain sauce bottles that hold real sauce and harken back to Gardner's unique Sauce chain are also attached to each cleat."

Travis: The words are losing meaning.

Justin: I know, it's starting to get a little...

Griffin: "Sauce chain—Chain sauce for these shoes. The client's sauce did sauce for shoes."

Travis: "Anyways, Bitcoin, blockchain." [chuckles]

Griffin: "Oh, we've got you."

Justin: Let me see if I can find just the perfect... Yeah, here we go. So, here is a picture of the sauce shoes.

Travis: Huh...

Griffin: These... These fucking rule.

Justin: Yeah, they're pretty good.

Griffin: It actually didn't take me very long to decide... And I'm kind of the shoes guy here. But these fuckin' kick ass, actually.

Justin: Can you describe them, Griffin? Since you're such a big fan?

Griffin: Sure. Imagine black shoes...

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: Okay, I'm with you so far.

Griffin: That have... Imagine black shoes and they have a white sort of Nike logo. It's got a Boys & Girls Club logo on the tongue of it. Or rather, the toe of it. And in big letters, 'sauce' is written, also in white. And then sort of super imposed over that, it looks like somebody sort of laid the shoes down on the ground and then took a big thing of... Gosh, describe the hue of this sauce. Obviously, orange—

Travis: Cheetos dust.

Griffin: You know the special sauce that Kel makes in Good Burger?

Travis: Mm-hmm?

Griffin: It's approximately that shade. Yeah, I mean, it's Nickelodeon couch orange and they've just sort of dumped I would say about a cup and a half of it on each shoe.

Travis: And it's real sauce.

Griffin: This is real paint with sauce...

Justin: Sauce mixed in.

Griffin: An undisclosed amount of sauce. We don't know the sauce to paint ratio. It could be quite low.

Justin: Right. Like when they put blood and paint—

Griffin: But they kick ass, they look so good.

Travis: Sorry?

Justin: Like when somebody mixes blood into paint to like... So my blood is

in their—

Griffin: To remember their grandpa or whatever?

Justin: Yeah, or something like—

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah. That kind of thing.

Travis: I can just take a picture of my grandpa. What are you guys talking

about?

Justin: "I love to cover everything in sauce. Even my cleats." Said 'Sauce' Gardner. "Mache created an awesome design dripping with the custom 'Sauce Sauce' that I launched with Buffalo Wild Wings. And I can't wait to

show 'em off, and then auction them off for a good cause."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Okay?

Justin: "The custom cleats are the latest in a unique partnership moments between Buffalo Wild Wings and 'Sauce' Gardner. They kicked off the season in September introducing the smoky, sweet, and spicy 'Sauce Sauce' that is available nationwide. Following the first ever 'Signed with Sauce' autograph session, where he signed memorabilia in 'Sauce Sauce' at Buffalo Wild Wings." [laughs]

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Travis: Yes. Fuck, man. I love this!

Griffin: That's great. I wonder how that affects the resale value—

Justin: [laughs] The ants, you mean.

Travis: Can I just say, what hits me with this—'Cause we've done some weird co-branding sponsored episodes before. This feels so much—

Justin: We'd love to do more, if you're a brand out there.

Travis: Yeah. Buffalo Wild Wings came to us and was like, "Hey, you go by the name of Sauce. We'd love to partner with you." And he was like, "Okay. But only if it becomes so absurd to come back around."

Griffin: Sure, okay—

Travis: "I'll sign things with Sauce. What do you want me to do with Sauce? I'll put it on my shoes! Yeah, let's do it."

Griffin: Maybe let's—To sort of hedge our bets here and increase our chance of getting one of these branding opportunities, it would be helpful if we did have nicknames related to the things that our advertisers typically are focused on. So for instance, I could be Griffin 'Socks' McElroy. But I think that was the name of the cat that the Clintons had? Is that right?

Justin: Socks McElroy. [laughs]

Griffin: Socks McElroy.

Justin: Socks McElroy.

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: "Oh, this is my cat—"

Griffin: This is Griffin 'Websites' McElroy. Hey, what's up? It's me, Griffin 'Stamps' McElroy.

Justin: Hi, I'm Justin 'Bugatti' McElroy.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Just wanna be aspirational. I wanna be aspirational.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: I'm Travis 'Sleeps on Piles of Money' McElroy.

Griffin: Well, neither of those are what we do...

Travis: Okay, okay. Let's see. Something that we normally... Uh-huh. Okay. Okay, I got it. I'm Travis 'Ships Frozen in Box' McElroy.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Oh, that's cool.

Justin: Okay, that's good. "Only Buffalo Wild Wings and 'Sauce' Gardner could partner with an artist like Mache to create the first custom cleat designed with sauce." That is a sentence... That is a sentence that is unknowable and unprovable in a vacuum.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I don't think that, but they are probably the only ones that would, right?

Griffin: I mean... They should've said, "This is... We may or may not be the only ones capable of generating these orange shoes. But we're certainly the first, no one else has done it yet. So, I think that is proof enough."

Justin: This is Tristan Meline, vice president of brand management and innovation at Buffalo Wild Wings. Who—

Griffin: That's a cool job. Fucking cool job.

Justin: It's a cool job. "Throughout the season, we showed everything really is better with sauce—and 'Sauce'—and are thrilled—" [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: That's what it says, "Everything really is better with sauce—and 'Sauce'—and are thrilled to support the great work of Boys & Girls Clubs of America in its mission to help kids and teens reach their full potential."

Griffin: Cool.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: So, those are... I don't know if this auction is going on. We've got some... Let's see, Tony Gonzalez cleats. Some Richard—I mean...

Griffin: Man, I just fucking Googled 'sauce sauce shoes.' [laughs] And my Google's gonna think that I'm having some sort of episode. "Sauce... Sauce shoes?"

Justin: "I'm sorry, you said 'sauce sauce shoes?""

Griffin: Get my anything, Google!

Travis: Let's do another question.

Justin: Yeah, I'd love another question. Here we go.

Griffin: I wanna know if this fuckin' auction is still—

Justin: I was just trying to see if the auction is still... is still going.

Griffin: What if the three of us ended up being the only ones who bid on this thing.

Justin: Like, I'll just search sauce, right? Like, the word 'sauce' should—

Travis: Yeah, just Google 'sauce—'

Justin: Didn't work, didn't work.

Travis: Ah, fuck... Sauce Gardner?

Justin: Sauce Gardner will tell you about the football player. But maybe not

about his incredible shoes! They may not be up here yet?

Griffin: There's a lot of other famous shoes?

Justin: A lot of famous shoes.

Griffin: I could—I could finally get Eli Manning's custom cleats.

Justin: Would you fuck with those in you—

Griffin: And ring those out.

Justin: ... Size, in custom cleats, that say 'Team boomer' on them?

Griffin: Ah, fuck...

Justin: All right. Here's another question, "I know you got out of the game a while ago, but you're the only ones I can ask. I've been hired to watch a farm for three weeks at the end of the year. However, this farm has five horses. And the one horse that is supposed to be the nice, old horse hates my guts. How do I win this horse over?" That's from Not Horsing Around.

Griffin: Yeah... I don't know. I don't know this one.

Justin: Okay, we'll try a different one.

Griffin: Well, no. I just... I don't know about—Horses have changed a lot

since we've talked about them a lot.

Travis: Do they still like apples?

Griffin: Yeah, see, I don't think so.

Travis: Do they still like carrots?

Justin: I'm so unplugged now from horse culture. Like I—that might actually be kind of rude.

Travis: Oh, yeah?

Justin: If you're like, "Here's an apple... Like, I guess you still like these."

Griffin: It's how we used to like—When we were young it was like, "Here's a bag of bread. Go feed these to the ducks." But now we know that if you do that, they die instantly, I guess. Which is hard to believe that like we... we whiffed it on that, that long.

Travis: Yeah, for a long time!

Griffin: So, it's just like what we know about horse physiology could be... We could be looking at a completely different animal out there.

Travis: Do horses like YouTube videos? Do they like YouTube videos? 'Cause I got a lot of those on hand, downloaded constantly all the time.

Griffin: And let's also say this, we can address this question without having to talk about our distinct lack of horse knowledge. But you're at a farm where there's five horses and one of them doesn't like you? That means four horses do like you. If I walked into a room and 80% of the people in that room like me... Who am I kidding, that's insufficient for me.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Yeah, right. You need 100%.

Griffin: That's like a deep—That's a deep, deep, deep, broken part of me. But I—If it was five horses, I think I could probably be okay with one of 'em being...

Travis: Now, you say that, Griffin. But if the common opinion is, that's the nicest horse on the farm, it loves everybody, but not you?

Griffin: That means it's gonna be too busy for me. Like, I want—I want—I would rather have the nasty horse. 'Cause like, "Oh, that's interesting."

Travis: Oh, yeah.

Griffin: "Little nasty doesn't usually eat oats out of anybody's hand."

Justin: You do know—

Travis: That is, by the way, I've learned—When I went and did the D&D in a Castle, there was a castle cat named Poppit.

Griffin: Oh?

Travis: And I one day clicked my tongue and Poppit came over. And I pet Poppit and I told the front desk person about this. And they said, "Oh my god! He never does that, that's amazing!"

Griffin: You're a ghost, unfortunately.

Travis: The next 10 people I talked to about it who were also staying at the castle were like, "Oh, he also does that for me."

Griffin: Oh, man...

Travis: And the front desk person told me the same thing. Which leads me to believe, this front desk person is just telling everybody, "He never does that."

Justin: That's messed up.

Travis: Which is... cool...

Justin: You could focus less on the fact that it's a horse and more on the fact that it's old. So, if you loudly say that the younger horses are lazy and weak?

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Old people love that.

Travis: That's true.

Justin: Like, and I'm assuming all horses do too. Like if you talk about how much harder it was... I know when my grandpa, Dan, is around, I'm always excited when I know about a business thing I could say. [chuckles]

Griffin: Sure.

Justin: So, that's good. I don't know—

Griffin: Give me an example of that. Travis, you be Dan?

Travis: [grumbles]

Justin: Wait, hold on, hold on.

Travis: [in low voice] Hey, Justin.

Justin: No. It sounds like Foghorn Leghorn, we're not gonna do it.

Travis: Oh, okay. [spoofing Grandpa Dan] "Well, hey, Justin. It's me,

Grandpa Dan!"

Justin: Pretty good.

Griffin: That's pretty good.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] "Tell me about business!"

Justin: Well, I think we're gonna reincorporate... our small business into different—

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Into what?

Justin: What? An SLC.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Whoa, like SLC Punk! Love that movie! You ever see that movie?

Justin: I think it's kind of a bummer. But I get what you're saying. You know that made a sequel called SLC Punk 2: Punk's not Dead?

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] I'm in it!

Justin: Wow. You're in it?

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Yeah!

Griffin: Holy shit, Grandpa Dan!

Justin: Sick, Grandpa Dan.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] I have a big part!

Griffin: Who are you in SLC Punk 2?

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] I'm... I'm Man On Street Number Three? I'm the one who says, "Get out of here, you punk ass bitch!"

Justin: I thought you'd take the Lillard part. I kinda fired you were filling in for Lillard.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] No, take it away from the master?

Griffin: Ah yeah, it's... I'm fuckin' going through the list right here. Devon Sawa.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Yeah?

Griffin: Machine Gun Kelly... Grandpa Dan!

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] I got some many—I got so many stories about working with Devon on the set.

Griffin: Yeah! You're in here right between Devon Sawa and Machine Gun Kelly, Grandpa Dan.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Yeah, all three of us shared a trailer! And some babes!

Griffin: That's fucking crazy! Oh, I bet you've got some stories.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Oh, we used to fucking party!

Griffin: Oh, I've never heard you cuss before. I like it.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] I fuckin' love it.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] I'm a dirty birdy.

Justin: I wanna help more people. I'm not—I'm not content.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Help me, Justin?

Justin: "Recently, we had—" I'll help you figure out the cloud, Grandpa Dan.

Travis: [spoofing Grandpa Dan] Oh, thank you. I got so many photos of Devon Sawa to upload.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: We got Grandpa Dan a... a... one of those digital photo frames that work on the internet.

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: And I have this like ongoing thing where every time I see him, he tells me it doesn't work. And then I tell him that I'll come fix it. And then the cycle begins anew with no action—

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: ... With no action to change these circumstances.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "Recently, we had a work Christmas part at which we exchange our secret Santa presents. The spending limit of \$20 is pretty loose. Everyone goes over by a few dollars. But my secret Santa got me a thoughtful gift as well as \$50 in gift cards. We barely know each other. She said she missed the memo on the spending limit. We also don't make a lot of money here and she definitely makes less than me. Do I keep the gift cards or return 'em?" That's from Many, Am I Good? In Minnesota.

Travis: Huh...

Justin: Huh.

Griffin: Hm...

Travis: There—Okay. Can I just say, a bit of a mystery on this one to me.

Griffin: What's that, Trav?

Travis: Well, even if they missed the memo on spending limit, they got a thoughtful gift *and* gift cards.

Griffin: And \$50 in gift cards, yeah.

Travis: That's... Unless the gift cards are for a place that they do not go...

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And they were just regifting.

Justin: This was a regift. This is a regift. It's a regift!

Griffin: That smacks of regifting in so many ways.

Justin: They don't go to a Texas Steakhouse.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: They don't go there.

Griffin: They're not allowed—They're not allowed to go to Texas Steakhouse.

Travis: Yeah. That's the only thing that makes sense. Because otherwise like why would you buy yourself a—or why would you buy gift cards and then a thoughtful present?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Texas Roadhouse, sorry.

Griffin: Yeah, you—When I said I was like, "This sounds wrong. But maybe—"

Justin: It sounds wrong. Then I remembered the entirety of the song. You remember the song?

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: [sings] "This is the place for Texas sized steaks! This is the place for killer ribs! Yeah!"

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [sings] "This is the place you've heard so much about."

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: [sings] "So, come on in and check it out. Texas Roadhouse, this is the place!"

Griffin: That was good.

Travis: I'd actually completely forgotten that until this moment. Thank you so much.

Griffin: And then they have the verse that's like, [sings] "Crunch on the nuts and put the nuts on the floor! We don't care what someone was slipping in."

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: "Don't people slip on the nuts?" They do, yes.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Yes, they do.

Griffin: Yes, they do. [sings] "It's a feature, not a bug. We love to watch 'em slip on the dirty nuts on the ground."

Justin: [chuckles] What about—What about nut allergies? Huge problem.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Huge, huge, yeah.

Justin: Huge problem for us. Unresolved.

Travis: "We have—Yes. We have cut off a large portion of the population who's not able to come here. But still, please enjoy Texas sized steaks! God, we are losing so much money on these huge steaks. What were thinking? Nobody eats all of 'em?"

Griffin: [laughs] "They're so fucking big. They only cost—They cost \$13 and they're so big!"

Justin: [chuckles] "They're so big!"

Travis: "So big!"

Justin: "Why did we say we'd make 'em Texas sized?"

Travis: Ugh...

Griffin: "We just put a—"

Travis: "Don't ask where we get 'em."

Griffin: "We put a cow in a big oven and we charge \$13 for what comes out. What are we doing?"

Travis: [laughs] "We're all bigged. We're all bigged! We're all children who got bigged!"

Griffin: "I don't know how to... I don't know how to cook."

Travis: [laughs] "Help us. We just order money from loan—We order food from Loan Star and then we put it on a different plate over here. Please help us!"

Griffin: "We didn't file a business license or anything. We just went in this big building and we said, 'This is a steak restaurant now.' And no one's—"

Travis: "And it's a chain now!" [laughs]

Griffin: "No one said anything!" I've forgotten the question—

Justin: The question—

Griffin: Yeah—

Justin: I think you just keep it.

Griffin: Keep it.

Justin: Or give it—Yeah. I think you keep it. Nobody wants a gift like given back to them. You've already accepted that. You can't tell this person that you've been agonizing over this for days.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Weeks perhaps. You've just gotta just use it. Just go to Texas Roadhouse and use it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: If It's a gift card for a restaurant, offer to take 'em to dinner.

Justin: That's really good.

Griffin: Oh, that's good.

Justin: That's really good, but could be considered—

Travis: Or lunch.

Justin: I... I think lunch.

Travis: Lunch.

Justin: Lunch is the safer play there, yeah. Lunch is the safer play.

Griffin: Or after dinner drinks.

Justin: If I was the sort of person that got lunch with people, I would have lunch with friends.

Travis: "Hey, would you... Would you like to join me for a cocktail at Texas Roadhouse?"

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: The drinks are really irresponsibly big.

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: And you're not allowed to say over serving out loud. Like, it's not even a thing there.

Travis: They'll never cut you off. No matter how many peanuts you eat.

Justin: [sings] You can drink as much as you want, get blotta with your dad. Yeah!

Travis: [sings] That little place might say no rules. But we literally have no rules. Just rights.

Justin: [sings] Logan came in here and he started barfing and he said, "I wouldn't allow this at my Roadhouse."

Griffin: [laughs] It's where Logan goes to really cut—It's where... It's where Dr. Ponderosa goes to really cut loose, at a steak restaurant.

Justin: Thank you so much for listening to this podcast. We hope you have enjoyed yourself. We know we've enjoyed having you here with us. It's always a delight and honor, and I never wanna lose sight of that.

Griffin: No, me neither.

Travis: Beautiful, Justin. Justin, tell us about the new merch.

Justin: Yeah, bud. We got some new stuff at the shop, mcelroymerch.com. There's Flamebright dice from TAZ Amnesty, designed by Evewynn and created in partnership with Die Hard Dice. There's a Rudeness enamel pin, based on our McElroyal galivanting.

Travis: Which we've gotta get back into. We've gotta get back in.

Justin: And 10% of all merch proceeds this month will go to Raices, which promotes justice by providing free and low cost legal service to underserved immigrant children, families and refugees. That's all at mcelroymerch.com.

Travis: Also, I wanna let you guys know we got some leftover 20 Rendezvous Fancy Takes Flight tour dates coming up. Tickets are still available for those rescheduled shows. April 27th, we're doing Adventure Zone with Aabria Iyengar in José. April 28th, we're doing My Brother, My Brother and Me in San José. April 29th, we're doing Denver, My Brother and Me.

All existing tickets will be honored for the new dates. Mask and proof of full vaccination or negative COVID test within 72 hours of event start is required. Also just a reminder, I'm gonna be at Sketch Fest on February 3rd. Doing some stuff with Paul and Storm and Jonathan Coulton and friends. I'm also gonna be on the JoCo Cruise and I hope to see you all there. And—

Griffin: Hey. We got a graphic novel coming out in like six weeks or so?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah. It comes out February 21st of this year. It's The Eleventh Hour, it's one of my favorite chapters of all of anything, honestly, we've ever done in Adventure Zone. You can go to theadventurezonecomic.com to preorder and you can submit your receipt to bit.ly/eleventhhourpreorder to get a lenticular sticker, featuring art from the book. It's a great book and it helps us out so much when you preorder it. So, please think about doing that. Thank you.

Travis: Do it.

Griffin: Do it. Thank you.

Justin: Do it. That's gonna do it for us—

Travis: Justin, I'm sorry—No, Justin, was that a reboot of Starsky & Hutch

reference?

Justin: Is it?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah. Yeah, it was a reference. It was just in my head, I don't know

why. I've never—I don't think I've ever seen that flick.

Griffin: Kickass flick, man. Funny.

Justin: It's a funny flick.

Griffin: Funny. Kicks ass.

Travis: Can't wait 'til they make sequel. Can't believe there's no sequel.

Justin: How do we... How does it end now?

Griffin: We need to settle this right now 'cause I'm fuckin' tired of it, gang. I

don't like this feeling—

Travis: Hey, Justin? Can you just do like a Jack Johnson quote or

something?

Justin: No, it doesn't—It can't be—

Griffin: How about this. Surf—I wanna stuff the vibe of not being stressed out during our end of show run. Because I know that one of the three of us is going to have to be placed upon the alter to bomb, so that we feel

comfortable in terminating the episode.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: We should be allowed, at this point, to have the strength in our

convictions to just end it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: You know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah. That's the episode, fuckers. Enjoy—[laughs] Enjoy silence for

one week.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Drink up the silence. We'll talk to you in a week.

Justin: [laughs] My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy. Sit on it for seven fucking days for once!

Justin: [laughs] This has been My Brother, My Brother and Me. Kiss your

dad square on the lips.

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

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