

MBMBaM 650: Dadfishing

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

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

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

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

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

Travis: Can I—Justin, I wanna ask you something.

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: Recently, it was Cooper, one of my beloved niece's birthdays. And she told me daddy was gonna shave for her birthday?

Griffin: Oh, interesting?

Justin: [chuckles] Ah, yes.

Travis: And now it's interesting, 'cause here we are, bleh, well past—well past her birthday.

Justin: Well past, yeah.

Travis: Did you grow it back in the last like two weeks, or what happened?

Justin: No, I just didn't—I didn't do it, Trav.

Griffin: Didn't do that one.

Justin: I am—I've been sorely tempted, I gotta be honest. I'm starting to see some of the skin irritation here, some of these—

Travis: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Like, I never had a problem with that before I started growing the beard, but I can't—

Travis: Yeah, it's not for everybody.

Justin: I can't stop touching the dang thing, I almost shaved last night. Maybe... I thought about maybe as a step down, I could adopt Griffin's sort of perma scruff? You know how Griffin always—

Travis: You can't pull that off.

Griffin: I work very hard to keep this at the exact—

Justin: To make it look like you don't work.

Travis: Yeah, Griffin's eternal shadow.

Justin: Very hard. [chuckles]

Griffin: The eternal shadow of my spotless mind.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Now—

Justin: What your... what's your secret, Griff, to make it look like you don't put any effort into your facial hair situation?

Travis: Good question.

Griffin: Yeah, it's almost like that's the cool way to do it, gang.

Travis: Now, what I'm dealing with, and you can see—

Justin: You've never—but okay—I've never—this is not an exaggeration. I see you on video three or four times a week.

Griffin: Sure?

Justin: You are never cleanly shaven.

Griffin: No.

Travis: Justin—

Justin: But it's never longer than it is right now, and I don't know how you're doing it.

Travis: That's as long as it gets, Justin.

Griffin: It's as long as it gets.

Travis: That's as long as it gets, Justin.

Griffin: It just kind of like dusts off. As the hair gets longer, it just kind of like disintegrates at the tip.

Travis: It's barely holding on as it is. What I'm dealing with—and it's good that we're on video here, 'cause you guys can see this. My face is really sending me the message of like, "I think it's time for you to go full goatee." Because mustache and chin, brown.

Griffin: Oh no, Trav.

Travis: But look at my cheek! Cheeks—

Justin: You can't go goatee, do you mean—sorry, sorry—

Travis: Van Dyke? Excuse me.

Justin: Van Dyke.

Travis: Van Dyke.

Justin: Thank you.

Travis: Because my cheeks are—

Justin: Like our—just say—you gotta—here's the way I remember it. Our dad has a van dyke, and if you shave to a van dyke, you'll look like our dad.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [chuckles] That's how my—that's my mnemonic.

Travis: The problem is I already get that a lot, right? People like will see pictures of me and be like, "You look like your dad." And I'm like, "Yeah, because he's my dad." But I'm worried that—but my—all my cheek hair is white. It's like my cheeks saw something really scary that the rest of my face didn't quite catch.

Justin: Yeah, yeah...

Griffin: Mm-hmm...

Justin: I'm sorry, do you have... Do you have gum?!

Griffin: This is—Travis...

Justin: Travis, this is episode 650...

Travis: Yeah, I thought I could finally let my guard down and be... a little more comfortable with my brothers and our listeners, but...

Griffin: Did you just forget that it was in—you—it couldn't have been a sneaky little—sneaky little deal that you knew you were doing—

Travis: I forgot!

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: I have ADHD!

Justin: Not since—

Travis: And you guys are being pretty mean to me right now...

Justin: Not since Griffin Newman has eaten a bagel on every second of every episode of the Blank Check podcast, has this sort of—

Travis: You can't compare that. You cannot compare a tiny piece of chewing gum—which might give some people ASMR, you're welcome—to Griffin Newman going goblin mode on a fuckin' bagel in the middle—

Justin: [laughs] This is not—[laughs] If this—if this show has a motto, it is ASMR is not on the menu.

Griffin: No.

Travis: Damn it.

Justin: It is not—that is not among our offerings.

Griffin: Except for—except for the one episode that we did that was specifically that, yes.

Travis: Where we were paid, yeah.

Justin: You had to pay us to do it. To do that ASMR stuff.

Travis: Now Justin, you emphasize that like it's normal to pay someone else so that you can do ASMR on them. "Hey, can I pay you \$10 so that I can do ASMR in your ears?" I don't think that's how the transaction works.

Griffin: No.

Justin: I moved my light and it's making like a shadow from my microphone, and I don't... I sort of rearranged my whole set up. This isn't—

Griffin: It does look like the Shadow Man is right behind, and he's about to get Justin.

Justin: I got my two—I got both of my Frasier Funko Pops up here. Still trying to complete the set, I got Frasier, Martin and Eddie. I know there's a Niles, and maybe a Maris, dare I dream? Somewhere out there.

Griffin: Did you—did you redesign your whole office around those two Frasier Funko Pops?

Justin: Well, I was able to take down the doll. Finally, the doll—

Travis: Oh, see, mine's not going anywhere. Neutral Roberta's right here, she's sticking with me. I'm out now in main office land, where you can see—

Justin: You have such an incredible background, Travis.

Travis: Thank you!

Griffin: It's so verdant and full of life.

Justin: Yeah, verdant, that's a good word, Griffin. Verdant.

Travis: Thank you, yeah. I like to be surrounded by life so that I can pretend death doesn't exist. That's kind of my deal.

Justin: Ah, that's beautiful, man. I love that.

Griffin: That's cool.

Travis: Thank you.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Should we like do the show or whatever? Or are we just gonna shoot the shit?

Justin: I would love to do a show! This is the show.

Travis: What?

Justin: What? This is the show?

Travis: This is the show?

Griffin: It feels like it sometimes.

Justin: "There's this house down the road that clearly loves Mickey Mouse. The entire outside is covered in Mickey and Minnie. There are several statues on the porch and the lawn, and a wood carving, and the windows have Mickey plushies. So, I can only imagine what the inside looks like. Every time I go to the antique store, I see lots of Him everywhere." This is—sorry, in the email, it is a capital 'Him,' which I very much support, for Mitchel. Mitchel Mouse.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: ... "Everywhere, and I have an overwhelming urge to contribute to their collection. But I have no idea who lives there. Brothers, should I gift this house more mouse? If so, how should I go—how should I do it without seeming like a little weirdo?" That's from Good Micekeys Make Good Neighbors.

Travis: Now, I—listen, I say this with no judgment. I don't think you can do it without seeming a little weirdo. But this person has gone full like house-theme of mouse. I do think they will mind a little weirdo.

Griffin: No.

Travis: I think that this is... that this is a 'keep blank, name of city,' weird kind of vibe that they're going for. So, I don't think you have to worry about like, "Is this gonna make me seem a little eccentric?" Like, we're past that.

Griffin: I can't think of anything more hip and counterculture than a house full of Disney merchandise.

Justin: The House of Mouse.

Griffin: Nothing screams to me like, 'That's some really off kilter shit.'

Justin: Yeah, I don't understand these people that wanna drape themselves in brand iconography. It's really—I don't know, the impulse is so strange to me.

Travis: I love your shirt, by the way, Justin.

Justin: Thank you! I got it at the Disney store.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: It's got lots of little Mickey's on it.

Travis: Yeah, I love that, man, that's great. You could do it—Oh, pretend to be just a little crow dropping off tiny presents?

Griffin: Oh, fun, yes!

Justin: Wait, do you mean secretly?

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: No, I think—I thought—I was assuming like a big Crow costume.

Justin: Oh! [chuckles] No, no, no, we don't want that.

Travis: No, okay, wait, is Griffin's... Justin, in your mind, Griffin's saying dress up like a crow. And I'm saying do it in secret.

Griffin: No!

Travis: Is yours worse?

Griffin: No, no! I said dress up like *The Crow*.

Travis: Oh! [chuckles] Okay, wait—

Justin: Oh, okay! [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah, that's better. Okay, now we're in.

Justin: All right, that's better.

Griffin: He kicks ass.

Travis: [spoofing *The Crow*] "I came back to bring you this Mickey telephone."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Guys, keep doing jokes for a second. I gotta move this light, I'm losing my mind.

Griffin: Yeah—

Justin: If you like—if you guys could do like three jokes, I should have it done by then.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Let's see, what else would The Crow do? [spoofing The Crow] "Give me some corn!"

Griffin: I've never seen the film, The Crow—

Justin: Not a joke!

Travis: That was a joke?

Griffin: No, that one wasn't a joke.

Travis: Because it—well, I guess that's true. I don't know if the... Eric Craven, was that his name?

Griffin: Here's the thing, when I see Mickey Mouse—

Justin: Couldn't be Eric Craven, could it? It couldn't be.

Travis: That couldn't be it, right?

Justin: That can't be it.

Griffin: When I see Mickey Mouse—

Travis: Googling...

Griffin: ... I get stoked. I get stoked to see Mickey Mouse.

Justin: Okay, yeah, yeah!

Griffin: And you know why? 'Cause I don't see him that often. And so, if I see Mickey Mouse, I'm like, I'm about to have a great time. 'Cause I don't—

Travis: Excuse me, it's Eric Draven.

Griffin: Okay. Close—

Justin: Worse. It's actually a worse name. [chuckles]

Griffin: It's a worse name.

Travis: And I know what you're thinking—

Justin: So, you're saying it's—so, The Crow is Eric D-raven?

Travis: D-raven, yes, correct.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: I think that if you surround yourself with Mickey to this degree, you won't like Mickey anymore. And I don't know why I'm saying this sentence, 'cause the person who asked this question doesn't need that information.

Travis: Well, I'll tell you what this is. This is what happens, you know—I think we've talked about it many times on this show. When you say casually to your family like, "Ah yeah, I love unicorns," or whatever. And then every present for the future is something—

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: This is somebody who did that, got a lot of Miceys and said, "Well, I have two options. Tell my family I don't like the presents they've given me. Or go full, full Mickey. Whole hog Mickey, the other way." And they just leaned way into it, baby.

Justin: I think that... Okay, so, relationships are—we all know they're on a spectrum, right. You have your very dear, close friends, and then you have like people you give the dad nod to at school?

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's like the very long—It's like that's the whole spectrum.

Travis: There's another—wait, there's—

Griffin: And then haters and beefers are like way further down.

Travis: Yeah, there's negatives on the other side, Justin.

Justin: What do you mean?

Travis: Oh my god, Justin.

Griffin: There's like your best buddies, and then like, in the middle is like dad nods. And then on the other side is haters and beefers.

Justin: Okay, well, I'm talking about friendship.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: No haters—no haters allowed here. All right?

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: What about beefers?

Justin: Beavers? No, no those either. I'm just talking about friends, okay? So—

Travis: Beef—Justin, sorry, not to—

Griffin: Beefers.

Travis: I... Beefers like rhymes with kiefers. I have no negative feelings towards beavers, whatsoever.

Griffin: They're cool!

Travis: In fact, if I saw a beaver in a beaver dam, I'd be fucking stoked.

Griffin: I'd be out of my mind stoked. They're like little architects.

Travis: Are you kidding me? They're the only other animal—Well, I guess that's not true 'cause you have ant hills...

Justin: So...

Travis: I was gonna just talk about like building structures, but you have ant hills... And then I'm sure that there's other animals that build structures, right? Like probably monkeys. There's like primates that must build structures.

Griffin: All right, go ahead, Justin.

Justin: What I'm saying is that you—By doing this, you are skipping—

Travis: Birds! Bird nests. Oh my god, sorry.

Griffin: Travis...

Travis: I just—I completely forgot about bird nests for a second.

Griffin: Okay. [chuckles]

Travis: Like, what's wrong with me? Sorry, guys.

Justin: I forget about that too from time to time. Thank you.

Travis: They just build their own houses. Some of 'em hang from a tree. How do they do it? Some of 'em use their spit to build it.

Griffin: Bees, bees!

Travis: Bees, bees, of course! A lot of other creatures—Human aren't special. You're right, guys. Fuck us. Ugh, Justin, what were you saying?

Justin: Anyway, what I was saying was, you're skipping several relationship steps by giving this Mickey to this person. That may be fine, they may be okay with that. 'Cause it's a Mickey, that's a kind thought. "You thought of me. You know, we don't know each other, but let's like... let's meet." But you

may end up in a situation where you're like a third of the way up the friendship spectrum, which is about where random gifts are—

Travis: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: ... With an absolute maniac. I mean, you could end up like in a relationship. You are in a relationship and you're fast forwarding ahead. You haven't done any pre-pro, any recon to see is this someone—

Travis: You don't know what the vibe is, yeah.

Justin: You don't know what the vibe is?!

Griffin: Yeah, you gotta know what it is before you—

Justin: It's not—Can I say this? Considering what you've told me already, it's not what you're used to, vibe-wise.

Travis: It's not immaculate, that's for sure.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: It's not an immaculate vibe. For sure, Trav, that's a great point. [chuckles] It will be—

Travis: Yeah, 'cause I'll tell you what this person has—this is the one thing I know about this person, beside the fact they like Mickey, they are into committing to things.

Griffin: Oh, interesting?

Travis: They are gonna jump feet first into this friendship, and if you're not prepared for that—

Griffin: Maybe that's what you want? Is that the worst thing, gang?

Justin: You don't know, though, right? Mickey... Mickey is a friend to all. But there's no pre-reqs—

Griffin: Money.

Travis: But a lover to none.

Justin: But he—but there's no pre-reqs on being Mickey's friend. He keeps a—it's a very big tent.

Griffin: That's true.

Justin: There could be a lot of different people—

Travis: A lot of people—I would say, Justin, a lot of people are Mickey's friend. That does not mean Mickey is their friend.

Griffin: No way.

Travis: You know what I mean? Like... I would help—

Justin: No, Mickey's everybody's friend.

Travis: Do you think Mickey would help me move?

Justin: Mickey's everybody's friend!

Travis: No, Goofy—

Justin: Except maybe Pete. Maybe Pete, maybe Mortimer.

Griffin: Maybe Pete. Depending on the—depending on the context. If it's Pete—

Justin: That poor guy. [chuckles]

Griffin: If it's Pete like at the end of Kingdom Hearts III, I'm pretty sure they've squished the beef at that point. They are no longer beefers.

Travis: Yeah. And Mickey Mouse Club House, he...

Griffin: He's all right.

Travis: He's weirdly antagonistic, but I think it's just 'cause he pushes people away, right. 'Cause he's afraid—

Griffin: But he always gets there. He always gets where you need him to be.

Travis: Right! Like the Halloween party is a great example. Where he's like, "No one wants to come to my Halloween party." But then they show up and he's like, "Cool. Prove that you deserve to come into the party."

Griffin: I know, right?

Travis: And it's like, that's weird, Pete.

Griffin: That's fucked up.

Justin: Pete is—Pete is a very useful narrative tool for the Disney studio. Because in like Mickey mouse Club House it's like, [spoofing Mickey] "Ah, gosh, Pete ate all the snacks." And then the... Mickey's Christmas Carol, Pete is dragging people to hell!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Correct.

Justin: Like, Pete can be as bad as you need him to be. Sometimes he's just like the neighbor that keeps goofing on his toes, right?

Travis: Yeah, right there in the middle is toxic friend to Goofy. [chuckles]

Justin: Right. [chuckles]

Travis: He's like, "No, treat your son like shit, Goof."

Griffin: Yeah, and then—

Travis: "Ah, kids! Ah, send 'em to military school or whatever."

Griffin: Somewhere in there is when he decapitates Goofy at the end of Kingdom Hearts III, which is like pretty intense, I thought.

Travis: Spoilers!

Griffin: Hey, can we go to the Wizard? I feel like we really spiraled away—

Justin: Oh, we haven't been in a bit. I love this!

Griffin: ... Way out of control on that question. This is wikiHow—oh, this is—

Travis: Start your own competing Mickey collection. Go long, Griffin.

Griffin: Yes, that's good too. This is from wikiHow Tech.

Travis: What?

Griffin: This one... This one's from wikiHow... Tech.

Travis: The future is you.

Griffin: The cyber is now. How to become a Facebook role-player.

Travis: 20 sun and sea, the cyber is now.

Griffin: [chuckles] The cyber is now. "Perhaps you've seen some of your friends on Facebook talking to each other by writing stories on each other's walls, while still using their own names."

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: "For example, someone might write, 'I am Hannah, said Hannah. What is your name? She asked.' And you might also notice them talking about role-playing. So, what are they doing? They're role-playing, of course. Role-playing is a lot of fun in any context and is just as much fun on

Facebook. Once you get the hang of it, role-playing on Facebook can be a very entertaining way to spend a little of your time on Facebook. Here's what do do..."

Travis: Wait. Hold on. Is that a thing people do?

Griffin: Role-play on Facebook?

Travis: I've never—

Justin: Presumably—

Travis: I've never seen that before. Just—

Justin: I see a lot of people doing fun TikToks, like pretending to be brands or pretending to be—you know—

Travis: Yeah, but I've never just like gone to my friend Bradberry's like Facebook page and posted me pretending to have a conversation with someone, I guess? In his comments? What... I'm so confused!

Justin: Well, I think we're probably gonna find out? With a little bit more context—

Griffin: Yeah, it's almost like the first thing is understand what a role-player is.

Travis: I understand that. I get that.

Griffin: If this weren't a thing, Travis, they wouldn't have written an article about it for wikiHow Tech...

Travis: I guess that's true. Okay.

Griffin: "Understand what a role-player is. Many people don't understand role-playing at all," Travis. "And just see role-players as posers. Which they are most certainly not. The definition of a role-player, or Facebook role-

player in this case is someone who assumes or acts out a particular role.”
God almighty...

Travis: Yeah, someone plays a role, you say? Wait, slow down, wikiHow, let me take notes!

Griffin: Basically, “Role-play involves picking a character from a TV show, movie, book or even a celebrity line up and acting as them. It’s exactly the thing on Facebook—it’s the same thing on Facebook. Just make sure to tell people you are a role-player and who you are supposed to be, so that everyone is clear as to what is happening.” Cool.

Travis: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: That would be so cool... If I put up a post that’s just like, “Hey everybody, we’re doing book signing Saturday.” And then someone came into the comments and then was like, “Well, I, Lupin, will be there! I hope there are no diamonds there for me to purloin?” [chuckles]

Travis: That actually rules!

Justin: And then there’s an asterisk that’s like, “I am not Arsène Lupin.” [laughs]

Travis: “Don’t get it twisted.”

Justin: “Do not be confused, I am not master thief, Arsène Lupin!”

Travis: “But when I am there, I would appreciate it if you addressed me as such. But please, don’t get scared or worry about your valuables. For I am not the real Lupin, I will simply be role-playing. Now, that might involve me stealing, but I will be stealing in character. I wanna—And I will then fence those jewels in character. And I’ll spend that money on Play Station 5 games in character.”

Griffin: Yeah, “It looks like you had a really fun time at that birthday trip. I don’t understand why I wasn’t invited. It’s me, Master Chief. I just... I thought we were close enough.”

"I am not Master Chief, I'm Derek."

"Choose your character to role-play. Obviously, like someone as discussed in the previous step, or make up your own character." That's even... That's even cooler.

Justin: That would be sick, if you change your name on Facebook and your imagine to Master Chief. And then all of a sudden you got a bunch of people who are like scrolling through, looking for people to remove. As we all do on Facebook. Like, "I don't know this person. You're out."

Griffin: Every day.

Justin: You're like, "Wait a minute, I'm friends with Master Chief? That's sick!"

Griffin: "Can't kick them off."

Travis: "Fuck yeah! Oh, it's Master Chief's birthday? What do I get him? He's got everything."

Griffin: [chuckles] Or you make—

Justin: "Oh no, it says Master Chief died?"

Travis: "Oh no..."

Griffin: "Oh man..."

Justin: [chuckles] Probably would've heard about that.

Travis: "Wow, Master Chief is posting a lot of religious memes!"

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "Master Chief said a lot of bogus shit in 2016, holy shit."

Justin: "These are really good chocolate chip cookies, where'd you get this recipe?"

"Yeah, Master Chief."

Griffin: "Master Chief posted it."

Travis: [chuckles] Master Chief! More like master chef, am I right?

Justin: [chuckles] Right?

Griffin: "Or this latter creation is known as an original character, OC for short. Or you mix a bit of reality and fantasy together to create your own character, based on the category of a TV show, movie, or book."

Travis: This is my original OC character—

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: I'll be playing Jimin. Jimin is best friends with Ryan.

Griffin: Okay?

Travis: He replaced Seth.

Griffin: Yes?

Travis: And killed him.

Griffin: Whoa?

Travis: And now he is the new Seth.

Justin: Whoa?

Travis: Well, he's... Jimin's a Dracula in the OC universe.

Griffin: Oh?! Fuck yeah!

Travis: Yeah, dude.

Justin: This is good.

Griffin: There must be—

Travis: And he wants to turn Ryan into a Dracula, but not without his permission.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: `Cause consent is key.

Griffin: Right. I do think though that Jimin could've picked a better place to live than sunny Orange County.

Travis: Oh he—

Justin: I started—

Travis: Jimin sparkles. Jimin's a sparkler.

Griffin: Jimin sparkles, fantastic.

Justin: This is a—this is grand—I've been doing this kind of... the kind of OC fan fiction stuff for years. I mean like, before anybody. I may, I think... yeah, I think I may be the OCOCOG. If I can—

Griffin: Ah geez, Juice...

Travis: I see!

Griffin: Ah, Travis! Et tu, Brute? [chuckles] "Create a new Facebook account. Instead of using your actual Facebook account—"

Travis: You can't just do that?

Justin: [chuckles] That has to be against the TOS! Right? There's no way!

Travis: No, everybody gets the one! You gotta sign in with your college email, right. And then—If your college even uses Facebook. And then you're stuck with that one forever! Right? That's how Mark and God planned it.

Griffin: Yeah. "Make sure if you are role-playing as a celebrity to put in your name that you are fake, or put RP for role-play. Look up role-players from your favorite genre of role-play." Sure, okay.

Travis: Okay, I'll be role-playing as Brennan Lee Mulligan, role-playing as Travis McElroy in this next scene.

Griffin: Oh, that's interesting?

Justin: That's good.

Travis: Deal with it.

Griffin: I'm gonna see if Master Chief is on Facebook.

Travis: Man, I bet if Brennan Lee Mulligan role-played as Travis McElroy, that would be the most likeable Travis McElroy there's ever been. Right? That would be the best version. I would take notes.

Griffin: Oh, damn! Guys? Master Chief lives in Washington D.C. and he's—

Travis: [gasps]

Justin: What?

Griffin: We've been spelling his name—

Travis: Of course, he does!

Griffin: We've been—

Travis: Of course he does, Griffin? Where—

Griffin: We've been spelling his fuckin' name wrong, this whole time it's C-H-E-I-F, is Master Chief.

Travis: Oh?

Griffin: Fuck!

Travis: Okay, that's why I haven't been able to find him in the Yellow Pages. And Griffin, doesn't it make sense—he would have to work at the Pentagon, right? He wouldn't let Master Chief just like kick it at a Best Buy in like Kansas. You'd want him close by in case the—

Griffin: This is interesting?

Travis: ... The bad people attack, that I can't remember the name of.

Griffin: This is interesting. Master Chief hasn't been active on Facebook for 11 years...

Travis: What's he doing?

Justin: See, I must be looking at a different Facebook Master Chief, 'cause the one I'm looking at has been posting a lot of memes.

Griffin: I don't understand, I don't even understand how that could be possible, how there could be more than one Master Chief.

Justin: I'm looking at the public figure who has 83,000 followers. [chuckles]

Travis: Oh, that's so weird, 'cause I'm looking at one too, and it's Master C-H-E-E-F, and it's mostly just about marijuana, if I'm being honest.

Griffin: That's interesting.

Travis: Yeah, it's pretty good, though.

Griffin: So, there's a lot of Master Chiefs?

Travis: Oh, I'm looking at a different one, but it's Mustard Chief.

Griffin: Oh, yeah, he's—

Travis: And it's mostly just about he likes mustard. It's a lot of mustard stuff. Oh, it's pretty good, though. I like it. Spicy.

Griffin: So, let's hop to—

Justin: There is a face—Sorry, there is a Facebook page... [laughs] There is a public profile for the M808B Scorpion main battle tank.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles] It has 253 followers.

Travis: Nice!

Justin: 253 real, sentient humans were like, "I gotta know what this tank is up to."

Travis: I want everyone at home to stop what you're doing, and like if you're on social media—

Griffin: Don't, we can't—without—

Travis: Do you have—No, no, no, hear me out. Do you have less followers than a fictional video game tank? [chuckles] Think about it. If so, I think everyone should just delete all social media.

Griffin: Right. "Step five, start role-playing. When role-playing with somebody, make sure not to use chat speak language." What the fuck? "Use good spelling and grammar so they can understand you. Make sure to notify them before you start role-playing with them and send them a starter."

Travis: "Hey, Doug? Tomorrow, I'm gonna start role-playing with you on Facebook. We're gonna be doing a scene... I'll send you some sides for you

to practice, some stuff to get in character. But mostly, I want it to turn sexual real quick. Okay Doug, I'll talk to you tomorrow!"

Griffin: [chuckles] "Okay Doug, see you!"

"If you're role-playing as a celebrity, let people know you aren't real." Thank you. "Sometimes people think you are real, or that you're posing. To make sure people know you aren't that celebrity, try putting the words 'fake' or 'not real' in your name. Also, add the real celebrity, then tag them in a post. For example, write a status putting @ and then the person's name saying, 'I'm a role-player, and *blank* is the real deal.'" And then in the imagine here, there's a post written that said, "My sword is elfish made. Legolas is my role-play."

Travis: Huh...

Griffin: That's one way to do it.

Travis: Okay, yeah, Legolas is my constant. What's interesting, I just connected earlier in this wikiHow Tech article, when they said, "You might think role-players are posers," that they mean that like posing as somebody. Which seems to be a fundamental misunderstanding of what the slang term 'poser' means.

Griffin: Yeah, nobody—

Justin: Yeah, 'cause you are 100%.

Griffin: You are doing that. Nobody's gonna come up to you and be like, "Psh, you're not even the real Legolas. I... I know what Legolas is supposed to be like. And what you, this, is, is not Legolas."

Travis: "I know Legolas, sir. And you, sir, are no Legolas."

Griffin: "No way."

Travis: "No. But I am Gimli. So..."

Griffin: "I'm the real Gimli. That's—"

Travis: "I'm the real Gimli."

Griffin: "That's the difference between you and me! You are Orlando Bloom? Ah, fuck."

Travis: "Fuck me... Can I get a picture? No? I understand."

Griffin: "I get it."

Justin: "It tracks."

Travis: Yeah, man.

Griffin: "Using symbols for actions, if you don't feel like writing paragraphs, you can just talk normally like you usually would. For example, you can use symbols like asterisk. For example, "*Asterisk*, hugs you really tight, *asterisk*." That's the end of this fucking article.

Justin: What if you're role-playing as Astrid?

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: The Viking character? You know that guy?

Griffin: No?

Justin: He's real popular over in Europe. He gets like a bunch of different movies.

Travis: How many followers does he have on Facebook, Justin?

Justin: Asterisk. There's a million movies about this guy, are you serious?

Griffin: Yeah, I'm for real.

Justin: Are you guys messing with me right now?

Griffin: Yeah, no, this is for real.

Travis: No, I know. I know what you're talking about. I just wanna know how many Facebook followers he has.

Justin: I bet it everyone. Everyone in France probably, Trav. If I had to guess, I think everyone in France follows Asterisk. They love that guy. They love him.

Griffin: It sounds like you do too? It's okay?

Justin: 843...

Griffin: Million.

Justin: Thousand likes.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: If you've never watched trailers for these movies, Asterisk and Obelisk, I highly recommend, they are unhinged. And not in English.

Travis: Oh, never mind.

Griffin: So, who's everyone gonna be Facebook role-playing as now this weekend?

Travis: I think I'll be dad.

Griffin: That would be cool.

Travis: Yeah, I'll be our dad and I'll just—

Justin: He's not very active on Facebook?

Travis: I'll post on Justin's web page about how I'm proud of him and stuff.

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: See an opening—See a need, fill a need, that’s what I say. [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Wow, we could open up our own sort of dad fishing service here.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: “What’s the most professional thing I can use as a fidget?” Oh, were you done, Griffin? I’m sorry.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: Was that the end of the arc?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Okay, good.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: What is the—what’s the most professional—

Travis: That’s my favorite conversational technique, is to interrupt someone and then say, “Sorry, were you done?”

Griffin: “Did you finish?”

Justin: Travis is not joking. [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You said that—it had the cadence of a joke!

Travis: I know it sounded like a joke in the beginning, and then I realized it was true halfway through saying it.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: That's fun.

Justin: Hey, apropos of nothing, "What's the most professional thing I can use as a fidget spinner during a job interview? For context, I have ADHD—"

Travis: Butterfly knife!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Cool.

Justin: I have—[laughs] We're not gonna get better than that and I haven't finished the question.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "I have ADHD and anxiety, so I need to be doing something with my hands to listen better. And also, so I don't pick at skin on my fingers. The interview is also on Zoom, but there may be a second interview in person." That's from Fidget Spinning for Financial Stability. I hear you.

Griffin: Butterfly knife is a huge choice. I think it would only work if like... you're being assigned to a team to hunt down some giant anaconda... deep, deep in some rainforest somewhere.

Travis: Oh, I just assumed that's what it was. Sorry, yeah, that's on me.

Griffin: Or smuggling, like some sort of... some sort of smuggling operation. I don't know what else—

Travis: Yeah, anything that starts with like an elite team of blank to blank... I mean, I guess though like an elite team of IT professionals?

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: You probably don't wanna do a butterfly knife. Well, no, maybe—I would still hire the—Not a funny answer, but I bought this ring that has a like inset ring within it that spins.

Griffin: Oh, that's good.

Travis: That I can like keep on the knuckle of my index finger, and spin with my thumb. That works pretty well.

Justin: You could also try some—by the way, unrelated, some cuticle oil—

Griffin: Oh?

Justin: ... You buy that can make that a little bit easier, to kick that habit, if you need.

Travis: Oh, with the picking? Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Griffin: Cat's cradle.

Justin: Oh, okay?

Griffin: Asked and answered.

Griffin: Cat's cradle.

Justin: Cat's cradle.

Griffin: It was good enough for—

Justin: You would feel good about that.

Griffin: It was good enough for grandpa? And if—

Travis: Whittling. Then if we're going that way, just whittle...

Justin: Whittle.

Griffin: That's cool.

Travis: Whittle something a little... you know, a little lawn gnome guy for the interviewer. That's great 'cause they're gonna remember you, right?

Griffin: Yeah. And don't worry about—

Travis: Oh, that's great! You whip out the butterfly knife, whoa, very intimidating, what? But then you pull out a bar of soap.

Griffin: Good.

Travis: And you whittle 'em a little fish. And you hand it to 'em.

Griffin: Over Zoom.

Travis: Over Zoom!

Justin: I have a cousin—

Travis: What?

Justin: Who practices guitar cord formations on his arm, as a fidget. Which is great practice, huge. And also, doesn't seem that—I mean, you wouldn't even know the person's—You might not even clock it as a fidget, honestly. That's kind of a low-key fidget.

Griffin: I think fidget all you want. And if they say anything, you respond like, "It's up to you to keep my attention. I don't wanna work at a place that doesn't engage—"

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Ooh, let's switch places.

Griffin: "I don't wanna work at a place that doesn't engage and excite me. So, I'm gonna be over here doing a lot of yo-yo tricks. And if you say some

cool shit, then I'm gonna dial in. But that's—it's really on—the ball's in your court right now."

Justin: Hey guys, vice grips.

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: Like these?

Travis: I like that!

Justin: That's huge like '80s movie, like power executive vibes. Like wouldn't you be intimidated if the person's fidget was just like getting huge, right?

Griffin: Yes!

Justin: Like while they're talking to you? That would be amazing.

Travis: And when they're like, "What are you doing?" You can be like, "I play a lot of trumpet." [chuckles]

Justin: "I play hard, and I work hard, and I do `em at the same time."

Travis: "That's right, I'll be trumpeting here at Best Buy." [chuckles]

Griffin: "Vascularity is super important to me, aesthetically. I'm like a little crab."

Travis: [chuckles] "I'm a crab boy, hire me!"

Justin: "I'm a little pinchy crab."

Griffin: "My little pinchy crab claws can't wait to work here, at this Bed, Bath and Beyond."

Justin: [laughs] Tell you what, let's take a quick break, make a little money.

Travis: Ooh? You have my attention.

Justin: Let's make a little money and then we'll be right back!

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Let's go to the Money Zone.

Travis: Oh, okay.

[theme song plays]

Justin: It can be tough finding the perfect outfit. I agonized for hours before picking out this shirt that has Mickey Mouse popsicles on it, believe it or not. But it's tough... it's tough to find your perfect style. And maybe you need a little bit of help, and that's exactly what Stitch Fix can help you figure out. So, this is a service where you're gonna log on, you're gonna tell 'em your style, your measurements, your budget, maybe some special events you have coming up, some kind of items that you're in the market for. And you're gonna have a hand-picked stylist that is going to find—

Griffin: Well... [chuckles]

Travis: Now hold on.

Griffin: The stylist is going to hand pick things. Nobody is going to go through a big room full of stylists, like, "Ooh! Let's see..."

Travis: With a giant like hand claw machine thing. Although, now that we're talking about it, could they?

Griffin: Hm, interesting.

Travis: Hi, welcome to my version of the Twilight Zone, where humans are in claw machines.

Griffin: Fucking wild, dude.

Justin: Wow, that's great, Travis. And it's almost as great—

Travis: And what? Who's using the claw machine? A stuffed animal. Whoa!

Griffin: A stuffed animal. Good stuff, dude!

Justin: It's almost as great as the over 1,000 brands and styles you know and love, that are available through Stitch Fix that we have gotten. We've all gotten tons of our clothes from Stitch Fix. Use the service long after our, you know, our one free 'try it out' thing.

Travis: That's how they get you.

Griffin: That's how they get you, one taste.

Justin: That's how they get podcast hosts! But now you too can, just like a podcaster, you can get a special deal as well. Right now, Stitch Fix is offering our listeners \$20 off their first fix, at stitchfix.com/brother. That's stitchfix.com/brother for \$20 off today. [Stitchfix.com/brother](https://stitchfix.com/brother).

Griffin: Fit check. Fit check!

Travis: I'm not wearing any socks, I'm not gonna put... I'm not gonna put my feet up here.

Griffin: Check the fit, gang!

Justin: Check the fit, I'm wearing my Bombas!

Griffin: I'm wearing my Bombas took, baby!

Travis: I'm not wearing any socks, and if I put my feet up here, I'm giving it away for free.

Griffin: And you know what they do?

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: They get a round of applause, for being so comfortable.

Travis: Oh my god. [chuckles] Hey, Griffin, in the background, I can see your body revolting against that action.

Justin: [chuckles] That's way more flexibility than your body is normally called upon to offer.

Griffin: Bombas gets a big round of applause from me, for having socks that are so comfortable. They got T-shirts that breathe, keep you from overheating. They got underwear made to move with you, not against you.

Travis: Now, the underwear, I am wearing the underwear.

Griffin: Well, don't—that's not a fit—

Travis: You can have that for free, everyone at home.

Griffin: That's a... that's... that's not... I don't actually want—

Travis: You wanna see?

Griffin: I don't wanna talk about it with either of you, that part. But I will talk about how—

Travis: You wanna see how it cups my bulge?

Griffin: I'm pretty tired, from clapping my—

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: From making 'em clap, is I think what it is.

Justin: Yeah, it's tough.

Travis: You wanna see—You wanna see me make 'em clap?

Griffin: So...

Justin: [laughs] This is a big pass.

Griffin: They're great for every activity, running, golfing, yoga. I did all three of those this morning already.

Travis: Sexing.

Griffin: And made with performance and comfort innovation, soft, breathable materials. And also, they give back to people in need with every purchase. Because socks, underwear and T-shirts are the number one, two and three most requested items at homeless shelters. And for every comfy item you purchase, Bombas donates another comfy item to someone experiencing homelessness. They are wonderful clothes, I really... all of my socks are Bombas now. All their stuff is great. So, if you wanna up your game, comfort-wise, go to bombas.com/mybrother and use code MyBrother for 20% off your first purchase!

[Max Fun Drive theme music plays]

Lady: Oh! I hope they've got the bread bowl, have you seen the bread bowl at this place?

Gentleman: Mm-hm.

Waiter: Good evening, welcome to Maximum Fun. Have you been here before?

Gentleman: It's her first time.

Waiter: Very good! Might I recommend our special?

Lady: Oh, please?

Waiter: Can I interest you in the Max Fun Drive? I'm told they're cooking up something quite extraordinary this year.

Lady: I've heard about this! With limited time thank you gifts for new and upgrading members?

Waiter: That's right!

Lady: We'll take it!

Waiter: How would you like your episodes?

Gentleman: Can I get them excellent? With new Boco on the side?

Waiter: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

Gentleman: Oh, are there live stream events?

Waiter: Absolutely. You know, if you're interested in events, meet up day is returning.

Gentleman: What?! Oh, you're gonna love meet up day. It's the best.

Waiter: Okay, let me make sure I have everything. Max Fun Drive 2023, with limited time thank you gifts, live stream events, meet up day, excellent episodes. And of course, new bonus content.

Gentleman: Sounds perfect.

Waiter: Great! Well get it started and it'll be ready in two weeks, March 20th.

Lady: Oh, can we also get a couple of waters?

Waiter: Of course.

[Max Fun Drive theme music concludes]

[Be Podding You theme music plays]

John: Where am I?

Elliott: On Maximum Fun.

John: What do you want?

Elliott: A podcast miniseries about The Prisoner.

John: Whose side are you on?

Elliott: That would be telling, but okay, I'm on my own side. It's one of my favorite ever TV shows! We wanna podcast on it. A prisoner podcast!

John: You won't get it!

Elliott: By hook or by crook, we will.

John: Who are you?

Elliott: I'm Elliott Kalan.

John: Who is number one?

Elliott: Jesse Thorn. But you are John Hodgeman.

John: I am not a prisoner podcaster! I am a free man!

Elliott: [laughs] [coughs]

John: Are you okay? Elliott, are you all right? Okay, I'll watch it.

Elliott: All four episodes of Be Podding You are out now.

[Be Podding You theme music concludes]

Justin: [mouths munch squad riff]

Griffin: Yes!

Travis: Ooh?

Justin: [continues riffing]

Griffin: Ah!

Justin: [continues riffing]—Oh, sorry, hold on. There's someone at the door.

Travis: Oh boy!

Griffin: Oh boy, a real coin flip.

Travis: I hope it's a new person?

Griffin: Surely, he wouldn't do three weeks in a row of trying—Unless he's in like his... his—

Travis: Does Justin owe someone money? Like a costume person?

Griffin: No, I think he's entering his like Dylan Goes Electric phase.

Travis: Oh boy. Oh, it's a reveal...

Griffin: Oh my god in heaven...

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Hello? Hi, is this... Are we on? Hello. Hi. Hello. My name is Daniel Day-Lewis.

Griffin: God damn it...

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] The real Daniel Day-Lewis. My... my team informed me that there was a... [chuckles] Daniel Day-Lewis impersonator on last week, a man pretending to be—Now, this is ironic. For me, Daniel Day-Lewis, the real one.

Griffin: The real deal.

Justin: I've made a life of pretending to be those I am not. But to have it turned on me? Oh... Truly painful.

Travis: Daniel, may I address my youngest brother for a second, just he and I?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Oh? It's your... it's your show.

Travis: Thank you. You're not listening, right? Griffin, I'm not used—

Griffin: He just pointed at the headphones he's wearing. He's so clearly listening.

Travis: Yeah, I'm not used to someone else doubling down on a bit that didn't work.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: That's usually my thing.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And it's making me pretty anxious.

Griffin: Okay, but listen—

Travis: Is this how you usually feel when this happens when I do it?

Griffin: We've known each other for such a long time, Travis, I find it helps to think of like the really good stuff Justin has done for me in my life. And like moments—the moments where he's been there for us. Like, when you—if you think about that, it makes it a lot easier to sort of you know, hold on tight and sort of go on the ride for your life.

Travis: Okay. I'll wave him back in.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Mamma Mia, that took a long time to... for you to sort out.

Travis: Sorry, Daniel... Now, I noticed, Daniel, you said 'Mamma Mia' there. Was that just a fun affectation or is that in relation to the Munch Squad?

Griffin: [chuckles] I couldn't help but notice you said 'Mamma Mia' there, Daniel.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I shouldn't be—[laughs] I shouldn't be... I feel so comfortable with you two, I shouldn't be revealing this. But I have been—I'm one of the finalists... for the role of Mario in Mario.

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: Oh, Daniel...

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] As a... as some sort of interactive plumber.

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] But I've been studying. I've been in Italy for the past few months.

Griffin: Oh, cool?

Travis: Swimming in sewers?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] No, apprenticing. Apprenticing.

Travis: So, you've been a bit out of—you've been out of touch, as far as like the trades and information and stuff go?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I have never followed the trades. Why do you ask?

Travis: Oh, well, the interactive plumber role has been given to a fellow... I would say fellow deep dive method actor, Christopher Pratt.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Oh...

Griffin: You know him?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] It's—Wait, it's... it's him?

Griffin: Mario?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Mario?

Griffin: Mario Mario.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] It's a him?

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Yeah, it is a—

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Christopher Pratt.

Griffin: Sorry, I thought you were confirming Mario's pronouns.

Travis: It's a him. Oh, yes. It's a him.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] It's a him?

Travis: Yes.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Christopher Pratt?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] He's a Mario?

Travis: He's a Mario, yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, the only one, as far as I know.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] So, I've missed—I've lost the role again...

Travis: Again?

Griffin: What, again to Chris Pratt?

Travis: Is this your second time?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Sonic?

Travis: Oh...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] The Tetris guy?

Griffin: Yeah, you could've done Tetris guy, actually. I think that was your best chance.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I could've been...

Griffin: Give me a Sonic? Give me a little Sonic, Daniel? Give me a little bit of Sonic, Daniel?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Oh? Sure... Slide a bit more chilly on that sausage.

Griffin: That's not very good, man.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] That's how I enjoy them.

Travis: I disagree.

Griffin: That's not really good.

Justin: [laughs] [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Well, I'm a bit out of practice.

Travis: Hey, Daniel? I'm sorry, Griffin doesn't have an acting degree, and I do. I thought that was amazing.

Griffin: That's fair. What the fuck do I know, man?

Travis: That was very Stanislavski.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Thank you, Trav. That's wonderful. The sad thing is like—

Travis: Hey Griffin, how was that? Was that a good job, buying into it, Griffin? Did I do a good job there?

Griffin: Yeah, you were brother of the year right there. I feel bad, 'cause I gave him some real hard knocks.

Travis: Okay, great.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] The sad thing is I can't even start auditioning for a new role, because I'm booked out with plumbing jobs until September.

Griffin: Oh.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] So, that is—

Travis: Hey, hey, it's nice work if you can get it, you know what I mean? In this economy?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Not in Italy.

Griffin: Oh, it's not there?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] It's... it's tough.

Travis: Oh, a lot of cheese there. So, it's probably...

Griffin: Gross.

Travis: Some hard plumbing stuff. 'Cause people are eating a lot of cheese?

Griffin: Is that it? Do they poop harder there, Daniel?! Say it! Confirm yes or no?

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Travis said a thing and now I need you to confirm it or deny it, Daniel.

Travis: Is it thicker? I guess would be the—

Griffin: Are you standing at the crossroads right now, Daniel? Looking at the two ways this bit could go.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I just wanted to come here and clear up any confusion. I understand the last Daniel Day-Lewis didn't even have a Daniel Day-Lewis hat?

Griffin: Yeah, he had a cap—

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I'm surprised—

Travis: Yeah, and also didn't know what year Daniel Day-Lewis was born. And of course, you know that.

Griffin: Which is?

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Certainly—

Travis: Okay. And if Daniel Day-Lewis had any kids?

Griffin: Yeah, certainly, you—

Travis: He didn't even know if you were British or not, Daniel! Can you imagine?

Griffin: It's funny 'cause I suspected Justin wasn't the last imposter that came in there, playing one of his fun bits. And I was shocked that he hadn't looked up the birthday and names of the children of Daniel Day-Lewis. But of course, you don't need—

Travis: But of course, you would know?

Griffin: You would know that off the top.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Okay, this is how you know I'm the real Daniel Day-Lewis.

Travis: Uh-huh?

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I've forgotten Daniel Day-Lewis. I know Mario Mario's birthday?

Griffin: Which is?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] He was Jumpman, wasn't he?

Griffin: That's not a birthday, man.

Travis: Well now, that's—yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I... How did I find out about the role?

Travis: Okay?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Thank you for asking. I was living by myself, in a house in West London.

Travis: Without your kids? Or was that not a factor?

Griffin: With or without the kid or kids you have?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] This is before the children, before the—that I may or may not have.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I... I was—And I was—it was—I was really in the doldrums, looking for a new project. And this white package arrived. Luminous, really. And it was a letter from my lawyer saying that there had been a Daniel Day-Lewis impersonator on the program.

Travis: A week ago.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] A week ago.

Griffin: Yeah, last week.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Mm-hm. So, here I am, to... set all this right.

Griffin: Okay?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] So, no misunderstanding, I'm the real Daniel Day-Lewis.

Travis: Okay?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] And last week, that was fake Daniel Day-Lewis.

Griffin: We know, man.

Travis: I think that's clear, yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] So, you know that I'm the real Daniel Day-Lewis?

Travis: Of course.

Griffin: it seems like you've come a long way to be wherever you are right now, to do this. And I want you to know it was totally unnecessary. We clocked that dude pretty quickly, actually.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] What is this segment typically?

Travis: Oh, this is Munch Squad. It's a segment that my brother, Justin, created and now seems to lack faith in. And so he has—[laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: What does he—what does—how does he feel—What does normally—

Travis: Well, it seems that he's creating a kind of menagerie of characters at this point.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] No, no, no, not the—this is—I'm guessing what it—I'm asking about the... the content of the sketch.

Griffin: Yeah, no, it's really kind of a high brow Jeff Dunham situation lately. [laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] What does he discuss normally on this segment? 'Cause I'd love to try to participate. If I could try to—

Griffin: Yeah, sure!

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Try a crack at it, as Mario once said.

Griffin: Fast-casual food innovation, for the most part. We get a lot of work from Dunkin' Doughnuts.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Okay, I can—I can just...

Travis: What are you waving for?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I could do—I'm—Can I—Can you just sort of—

Griffin: Pizza Hut.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Okay?

Griffin: Red Robin, Fuddruckers.

Justin: Okay, okay, okay.

Travis: Just whoever pays Justin to do the bit, I guess.

Griffin: Yeah, that's usually how we decide.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I can—I can... Have you—have you seen that... they're putting chicken—

Travis: Have you heard about this?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Chicken into a sort of nugget shape.

Griffin: Ai, Daniel...

Travis: Daniel...

Justin: [chuckles] [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Have you heard? I have one other—

Griffin: Daniel...

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Hold on.

Griffin: Yeah...

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] My lawyers just—should I—Phillip? Is this—

Travis: Your lawyer's there with you?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] My lawyer came with me, he's across the table. But he has just handed me this. I could try... Okay. Ma—Oh? Mamma Mia! Jimmy John's new Caprese Salami Pesto sandwich, available for a limited time. Jimmy John's is giving its fans a taste of Italy, without the need for a passport.

Travis: Ah? [chuckles]

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Heh. For a limited time, the brand known for its freaky fast service, is showing consumer that... Is this... mozz? Mozz is boss. Or mozz... Mozz? Mozz is boss. With its new twist on the classic Italian sandwich.

Griffin: Can I just give you a quick note, Daniel, Dan?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Mm-hm?

Griffin: You are an accomplished—

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Please call me Daniel.

Griffin: Daniel, you are an accomplished actor. You should have a little bit more confidence. You're really slumming it right now for being on this show in the first place. And you're approaching this press release with the sort of timidity of a... of a very nervous child.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] You're right. You're right, you're right. I've never talked about food publicly.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] So... but let me try to... try to loosen... loosen up. Thank you, thank you. A lot of people are too afraid to give me notes. So, Namaste to you.

Griffin: Namaste back, right back.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Jimmy!

Griffin: God...

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Just in time—Just in time for spring, this bold new sandwich is piled high with time honored Italian ingredients.

Griffin: Louder?

Justin: Time honored Italian ingredients like slow roasted tomatoes! All-natural Genoa salami, basil pesto! Basalamic... balsamic glaze. Balsamic glaze, thank you. Olive oil, oregano, onion and mayonnaise—This seems like—does this—

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: This is a sloppy ass sandwich, yeah.

Griffin: It's a wet one!

Justin: [laughs] [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] There seems like a lot. There seems like a lot.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: It's a sloppy ass sandwich, yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] My sandwiches are a crust of rye bread with margarine.

Griffin: That's it!

Travis: That's not a sandwich, Daniel?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] And they also have award winning fresh mozzarella on there.

Travis: What award?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] One might—

Travis: Hey Daniel, what award do you think they won?

Griffin: What award?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] She...

Griffin: It had a Latin Grammy!

Justin: [laughs] [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Yes, they won the Latin Grammy.

Griffin: Best Mozzarella.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Yes. One bite will take you away to Italy, and make you say—

Travis: Two bites will make you grow taller!

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] One bite takes you away to Italy, and make you say, "That's amore!" Now, this is a role, this is Dustin Hilinski. The director of culinary innovation at Jimmy John's. [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] "We set out to develop a sandwich that was full of delicious Italian flavors. But we also wanted to make it unique to Jimmy John's, which starts with hand-sliced salami, because we've always hand-sliced our meats, as that makes all the difference." [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Does that feel right to you? Does that feel true?

Griffin: No, not at all.

Travis: No. I've worked there. I think what this man means, what Dustin means is, a person picks up the salami with their hand, puts it on to a meat slicer, and then moves the meat on the meat slicer with their hand. But they are not—And also, let me just tell you, this might obvious, but whether you use a machine or a knife does not make the salami taste any different whatsoever.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] But it says here it makes all the difference?

Travis: It doesn't!

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Oh... Okay. So, yeah, this is wonderful for me. Because I've learned something new about this role, this man's a liar.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I can use that.

Griffin: Most of the time they are in this segment. There's very little truth being spoken in the Munch Squad.

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] "And then, layer the other ingredients atop our iconic, freshly baked—"

Travis: Whoa, a little Mr. Potter there, Daniel! Coming in a little bit hot.

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] "Freshly baked bread to create the most satisfying sandwich." Is it? Is it not? That's for you to wonder.

Griffin: Nastier? Nastier.

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] Because I am a master of lies! I and Jim... Jim John, Jim Jack, James Jack, we are two sandwich—

Travis: Jim Jack animal hunter!

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] Jim Jack is a sandwich magnate, and I am his steward! And together—

Griffin: It's happening. Keep going! I'm just telling Travis it's happening! This is it!

Justin: [laughs] [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] Jim, Jack and I are sandwich liars!

Griffin: Don't stop, don't get scared. Don't get scared, keep fucking pushing!

Travis: And Jim, Jim Jack's also a poacher. If you wanna use that, he's a poacher.

Griffin: Keep pushing. Jim Jack's a butcher, push! Push!

Travis: Poacher!

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] Hand slicing elephants makes all the difference!

Griffin: It's almost there, keep pushing!

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] I am... I have been Jim Jack this whole time! Am I—Am I not?

Travis: Oh! It showed up!

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] You would know I'm... I'm a liar!

Travis: Daniel?! It just showed up, the Modscar. You won it.

Griffin: You won it.

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] It took you that entire time to come up with that fantastic—

Travis: I had it as soon as I asked what award it was, and I was sitting on that Modscar.

Justin: [spoofing Dustin Hilinski] The new Caprese Salami Pe—

Griffin: Back it up actually, a little bit.

Travis: Yeah, that's actually too much.

Justin: "The new Caprese Salamo Pesto sandwich—" Salamo—[laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Salamo.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] That's what it says. It says 'salamo.' [chuckles] Salamo to you, thank you! ... "Is perfect for any meal." I... I would quibble, but eat rye and... and margarine. "These sandwiches can be found in person, online, or on the app, through... freak... freaky fast rewards. Learn more about Jimmy John's at jimmyjohns.com, or stop by your local Jimmy John's—"

Griffin: Daniel! You know! You know what a fuckin' extension on a fuckin' website address is, right?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Websites? Website? Hm...

Griffin: How are you speaking—how are you talking to us right now?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Hm? With a microphone?

Travis: Oh, he's got you there, Griffin.

Griffin: I don't know, man... I'm... Can I be honest?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I should go. I should go.

Griffin: I'm a little... I'm honestly a little suspicious. [chuckles]

Travis: No, I just wanna say, Mr. Day-Lewis, I totally believe you're the real Daniel Day-Lewis, and there's no reason for you to come back next week to prove it again.

Griffin: I don't know, man?! I don't know!

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] What if I have a better hat? [laughs]

Travis: Oh?

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] What if I have a more appropriate hat?

Travis: Hm...

Griffin: If it was a different hat, that might get me there, actually. Now that I'm thinking about it, yeah.

Travis: Maybe... maybe if it was a different hat, and then like a picture of you wearing that hat a different time in the past, to prove that it's really you?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs] [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Holding up a newspaper?

Travis: Yeah, something like that.

Griffin: For next time, you have two kids, Daniel Day-Lewis. Just to remember for next time.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Two?!

Travis: Yeah, Daniel and Day. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Ah, this has been—And what year was I born? This is something that I have been wondering about.

Griffin: Actually, you actually have—

Travis: Oh, you don't have the internet? So, that's why you can't look it up.

Griffin: Yeah, you don't have that, yeah. First of all, you actually had three kids. That was a test. [chuckles]

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Ha! Hoisted by my own [??].

Griffin: Yeah! I'm not—you—you should—

Travis: And also, Daniel, you should know for next time, you had your [??] removed when you were 12. So, we actually can't hoist you by that anymore.

Griffin: Yeah, there was a basketball accident. Daniel—

Travis: Oh, and you're British, 'cause you're a knight. You're Sir Daniel.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I... That's unnecessary.

Travis: Your full name for some reason is Daniel Michael Blake Day-Lewis. Day-Lewis is hyphenated, in case you're wondering.

Griffin: It kicks ass.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] This is—It's going to be hard to go back, honestly, for Mario Mario. Mario Mario very easy to remember, because I don't know if you notice, but it's the same first and last name. But there—I have some—The real Daniel Day-Lewis, who I am, has so many names for me to remember.

Griffin: Yeah...

Travis: 1957, Daniel.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Dang! Really?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I'm not quite as old as Clint McElroy, but I'm up there.

Travis: You'll get there.

Griffin: You're getting there. You're getting there.

Travis: Just keep working at it! [chuckles]

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I'll never catch him.

Griffin: Well... [chuckles]

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] I'll never catch him, he's always gonna be ahead of me! This has been so fun. Can I say—Can I say that? Am I—This

is normally where... the moment on the show that people say, "Sir Daniel, you'd be welcome back anytime." Or, "We'd love to have you back."

Griffin: Yeah, man! I can't wait to scope the new hat! That's... I'm on tenterhooks.

Travis: And also, you've never won a Nickelodeon Kids Choice Award, in case you were curious. You've won a lot of other stuff.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] That is extremely painful, I don't know why you would bring that up right now.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] Extremely painful.

Travis: At least I don't think so. Hold on, let me look.

Justin: [spoofing Daniel Day-Lewis] You know what? I am gonna go now. I'm going.

Griffin: Goodbye, Daniel!

Travis: I'll miss him.

Griffin: I think that was Justin in a hat.

Travis: No?

Justin: Wow!

Griffin: Hey, what's up?

Justin: What an honor! You guys won't believe... on the way out—

Griffin: Damn dude, your forehead is wet!

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Do you know what I mean?

Justin: It's so hot in here, yeah!

Griffin: Is it?

Justin: On the way out, on the way in, I met Daniel Day-Lewis again!

Griffin: Yeah...

Justin: I thought I met him last week, but turns out—

Griffin: Not the real deal.

Justin: Not the real Daniel!

Griffin: This one was 100% authentic. That's... that's the real thing.

Justin: Okay, let me ask you guys this... If the last Daniel Day-Lewis that was here was 75% plausible as Daniel Day-Lewis—[laughs]

Griffin: Oh, good. Oh, good. I was so hoping!

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: The one that came today, who I—

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: When I met him in the hallway, he seemed very legit, he looked like... He looked so much like—

Griffin: Super a lot like Daniel Day-Lewis.

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, 100%.

Justin: [chuckles] What... What do you think—How—What would you—What score would you give this Daniel Day-Lewis?

Travis: 92. 92%.

Justin: Really?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Really?

Griffin: Trav, that doesn't leave us—

Travis: The hat.

Justin: Because he had a beard? So, I didn't quote recognize—

Griffin: He had a beard, and so the—and he also didn't look like him, is the only—

Justin: And he had a slightly sort of...

Travis: He's a very transformative—

Justin: The body and his face was sort of...

Travis: But he's a very transformative actor.

Justin: He was handsomer than I'm used to seeing him. You know what I mean? And he—

Travis: Yeah, 'cause I remember when I saw him in the previews for Lincoln, a movie I never saw, and I was like, "That guy fuckin' looks like Lincoln."

Justin: You didn't see Lincoln? It actually kicks ass.

Griffin: It's all right.

Travis: I don't see a lot of movies, like just statistically speaking.

Griffin: I think it's extremely generous to give the first Daniel Day-Lewis a 75%.

Justin: Gotta start somewhere.

Griffin: Yeah, no, yeah, you're right. Much lower is where the place—is the starting zone.

Justin: 33%... 33% believable as Daniel Day-Lewis.

Griffin: I'll give the first one maybe 15%, just based on the strength of the hat alone.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Right.

Griffin: This time, going from a captain's hat, down to a sort of just sort of flat cap, like the Noozy cap? I actually think that was a step down. I don't think that's some—

Travis: I actually think—can I just say, it was more believable as Oliver Cromwell.

Griffin: Yes!

Travis: Than it was as Daniel. I would say 45% Cromwell...

Griffin: 15% Daniel.

Travis: And 25%—

Justin: Actually, you know, it's funny, he left the hat. And that was one of the things I wanted to ask you guys, is like... Do you think—do you think I...

Travis: Let me see it.

Justin: Do you think I could...

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Do you—I mean, could I—

Travis: Yeah, you could.

Justin: No, no, no, no, don't just fuckin' answer. Like, in my day to day...

Griffin: How long do you want me to wait before I answer? To make it seem like I thought about it.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Tell me a length of time. Tell me a length of time to look like—

Justin: 10 seconds of absolute silence—

Griffin: Okay, and should—

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Just for my edification, do you want 10 seconds of me like, "Hm..." Like really hamming up, like, "Hm..."

Justin: That would be great. That would great.

Griffin: Ah, no... Hm... Hold on, let me see... Set a time for 10 seconds.

Travis: This is great for audio.

Justin: It should men—I should mention, during your silence, that my why—my wife said she liked it.

Griffin: Oh?

Justin: So...

Griffin: Hm...

Travis: Can you turn profile?

Griffin: Oh, yeah.

Travis: The other way?

Justin: Can you describe the hat real quick, Trav? In case people are listening to our podcast still?

Travis: Yeah, we're looking at a... Yeah, if you've ever flown on an airplane over farmland, and you see the patches of different farms, side by side, that's kind of the pattern on top. It's got some... different plaid things. And what we're looking at here is like kind of a Noozy's cap?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Kind of a... Like, imagine a hat Oliver Cromwell would wear in Babe. That's what we got here.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Okay!

Justin: And Griffin, did you have a verdict yet?

Griffin: It's gonna be a no from me, dog.

Justin: [laughs] Okay!

Travis: Griffin? Hey, Justin? Griffin is wrong. I think it really works. Now, here's the thing.

Griffin: Justin...

Travis: You can sell it, but is it the product you wanna be selling?

Justin: I can't sell it, actually. I bought it and it is thoroughly sweat stained at this point. No one would want it. [laughs]

Travis: I think it works.

Justin: After 15 seconds up here, it is already absolutely soaked.

Travis: I think it works for a dad out with his kids, doing his best. Does not work if you ever wear that on stage.

Griffin: Justin, please... Justin, please listen.

Justin: It doesn't read as like—It doesn't read as like sexual being, right? Who's still—

Griffin: No should it.

Travis: No, in fact, the opposite.

Griffin: No should it.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: It reads exactly the opposite, in fact.

Griffin: I think... I think that me and Travis will not be affected by your decision either way.

Justin: Right.

Griffin: And you should keep that in mind when one of us is sort of vociferously championing the wearing of the hat.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Because here's the thing, if you wear the hat, it will be fun for us. Do you know what I mean?

Travis: I like it!

Griffin: But we won't be affected by the—

Travis: I've been trying to get you to be a hat guy for a while.

Justin: It's off, it's off.

Travis: Whoa, who's this young, sexual man?

Justin: So, yeah, this young, sexual being in a Mickey Mouse popsicle button down. [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, man!

Griffin: This is a lot. Let's end it.

Justin: Okay! Thanks for listening to our show. We hope you've enjoyed it and... I just felt like... I don't know...

Travis: Hey! We're gonna be at Moontower Comedy Festival, doing a live My Brother, My Brother and Me show! April 13th, 7PM! Tickets go on sale on Friday, March 10th at noon, central time, at bit.ly/mcelroytours. And speaking of live shows, we're doing our live and virtual My Brother, My Brother and Me 20 Sun and Sea show next week, March 17th, 9PM, eastern time. Tickets are only \$10. We got Sawbones opening, so it's two shows in one. Video on demand will be available for purchase for two weeks after the event. So, if you can't make it to the live show, don't worry. One more time, that's bit.ly/mcelroytours. And get some new merch! We got our Generic Podcast Merch back in store, that's the podcast hat—

Griffin: It's so good!

Justin: Oh, is it back?!

Griffin: It's back.

Travis: It's back, baby.

Justin: Oh my god, I gotta go buy all of it.

Travis: 'Don't talk to me until I've had my podcast' mug, 100% Podcasts shirt, and the Podcaster frog shirt, designed by Cat Tervo. 10% of all—

Justin: I'm gonna buy 80 of those.

Travis: 10% of all merch proceeds this month go to Equality Florida, which is dedicated to securing full equality for Florida's LGBTQ community. Go check that out, mcelroymerch.com!

Griffin: Thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life I Better With You. Find it on... Find it at the record shop, down on 17th Street and Des Moines Boulevard.

Travis: No. Maine and Washington's way better, baby. Are you kidding me?

Griffin: 17th and Des Moines.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Great deals on Montaigne records there.

Travis: Bit of a pushy staff, though. Not my thing.

Justin: Hey, thanks for listening. Thanks for listening. We really do appreciate it. Trav, do you have a final thought for us?

Travis: Yeah, I do, Justin. This one... This one's a real thought starter. A little quote here from Sun and Sea patron saint Jack Johnson, "Plato's cave is full of freaks."

Griffin: Fuck yes.

Travis: Think about that.

Griffin: It is.

Travis: Yeah. Think about that.

Justin: [chuckles] My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

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

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