

MBMBaM 651: Face 2 Face: Structural Xboxes

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Intro (Clint McElroy): The McElroy brothers are not experts!

[crowd cheers]

Intro (Clint McElroy): 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 you babies out there will know how cool you are for listening. What's up, you cool baby?

[crowd cheers]

[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!

[crowd cheers]

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

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I'm your middlest brother, Travis Patrick McElroy!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: And I'm The Deese's favorite son, Griffin McElroy!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: I don't know...

Justin: That's two hometown guys in this one. 'Cause I did—Well, Syd studied at Walter Reed, I lived inside Chevy Chase for a month.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Hold on—

Travis: Piloted him.

Justin: I said that in the weirdest way possible, let me start over—

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: You meet Dave's Chevy Chase...

Travis: It was more of a being John Malkovich situation.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Travis: It was just Justin in there.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Before we came out, Paul asked us what we wanted to drink. And I had a little bit of a caffeine headache, so I said I'd like a Diet Coke and White Claw. And then Paul said okay and he came back two minutes later and he said, "When you said you wanted a Diet Coke and White Claw, did you mean in separate cans or mixed together?"

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Now...

Justin: And I had this thought, like... how bad have I fucked my brand...

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: That like it requires clarification that like—

Travis: Justin, you invented the white wine?

Justin: Yes.

Travis: That is red wine and White Claw. There's a precedent set!

Justin: Which I believe one publication asked, "Is it the drink of the summer?"

[crowd cheers]

Travis: No!

Griffin: No! [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Well, with summer concluded, I think the jury is in. [chuckles] It didn't work out.

Griffin: [chuckles] I wanna give a special end of tour—this is our last official show of the 2022 Fancy Takes Flight Tour.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Thanks, thank you.

Travis: It's the last My Brother, My Brother and Me.

Justin: Yeah, our at the McElroy Family will do The Adventure Zone tomorrow.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Yeah, I'm meant for MBMBaM. And I for one cannot wait to get out of this monkey suit! [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Ah, the starch involved! Special commendation for Paul, who during Wonderful, I was introduced to a song called Da Butt.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: And the thing about Da Butt, great song, pretty long intro. So, I asked Paul if he could... The verb choice I made was bad. I asked him to scrobble to Da Butt. By which I thought anyone would understand meant fast forward—

Travis: Scrabble?

Griffin: Scrobble to Da Butt.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: But the problem with Da Butt is it's a loud song. And so, Paul heard me say, "Scramble, do Da Butt."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: And so, when I asked Paul, "Can you fast forward?" In my mind, I— from my perspective, it was—the energy for me was, "Paul, can you fast forward to the chorus of the song we're listening to right now, Da Butt?" And what Paul heard from his perspective, which is fully legit, and I am not trying to like dismiss that, was, "Hey, Paul—"

Travis: "Do the butt."

Griffin: "My coworker, I demand..."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: “You come on stage and you perform Da Butt for everyone.” And he did, he did do it.”

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Wow. Yeah.

Griffin: It was a terrible, terrible comedy of errors. That has—that has forever shifted the power dynamic between myself and Paul Sabourin.

Travis: An excellent test of loyalty that we don’t do enough, though.

Griffin: That I didn’t want!

Travis: Yeah, but now you know!

Griffin: It’s too much!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I shouldn’t be allowed to demand that anyone do Da Butt at any time!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Highlight of the tour for me.

Justin: This is an advice show.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: What we do on this show is we take your questions, and we turn them alchemy-like into wisdom. We’re so happy to have you here, so many of you here, thank you so much Washington D.C., you’re really wonderful.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: But enough flattery!

Travis: Whoa?

Justin: [chuckles] On with the show. Isn't it weird to drive around and just drive past the White House?

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: It's should be hidden, I feel like.

Justin: It just feels like you shouldn't just be able to look at it. "I recently bought a house and the previous owners left an Xbox behind."

Travis: Nice.

Justin: "The Xbox is still—"

Griffin: An original Xbox.

Justin: I don't think so, because there was—

Travis: A Tiffany's Xbox.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [chuckles] "Clearly, the Xbox itself is mine now."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Clearly. But—

Travis: It's a built in!

Justin: Yeah, do I need to log it—

Griffin: It's a load bearing Xbox!

Travis: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: That's my favorite part of every fixer upper.

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: When Jim Gaze was like, "We need to put a couple Xboxes over there!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: "The side beam has like six inches short. Oh, wait a minute! Are you done playing Banjo-Kazooie? You're done playing Banjo-Kazooie, great."
Boop.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "Do I need to log into my own account? The old owner had streaming subscriptions that I don't."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "And this is the Xbox that they had here for when they rented their house out on AirBnB." That's from Shay-Lynn.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Just because of how causality works, I'm assuming you've already been wheezing the juice, so to speak.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: And have not been waiting on our permission to do so. [laughs]

Travis: "Ah, I can't wait to start lock and key, as soon as the McElroy brothers tell me I can!"

Griffin: "Say it's okay!"

Travis: I would posit for a moment that those streaming subscriptions in the Xbox are like if a previous owner left flower bulbs in the garden. This is something that's gonna keep giving over and over again, right?

Griffin: Sure, yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Or like buried treasure underneath. Or like buried bodies underneath the floor, either one.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: It's your problem to deal with, one way or the other.

Griffin: Maybe their fucking KD ratio is so garbage, this is the only way they could get rid of it?

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: They left it with a note of like, "And play some Halo if you have time. If you're not a noob."

Griffin: "Oh, shit, yeah! Free Xbox! Gonna meet up with my friend, Master Chief." But then you log on and it's like, "Your KD ratio is trash." [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Wait, the Xbox says that?

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: It's been a while since I played Xbox.

Griffin: Yeah, they got all kinds of new features now, including a human mouth that appears on the Xbox. And says, "Your ratio's trash, kid."

Travis: "Give me some Cheetos!"

Griffin: [laughs] "Feed me a cat!"

Travis: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: What were we talking about?

Travis: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: So, I... I think—has anybody ever gone to a place where there is a rented... like an AirBnB situation, where many people have been allowed to use a streaming subscription where the algorithm has just been ruined!

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: They have no idea what you are! Like, if you push the wrong thing at this point, they will call the police, you're not a person!

Griffin: [chuckles] The YouTube search in particular is a rowdy, rowdy...

Justin: Oh, yeah!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Oh, boy! Because that often becomes a stream of consciousness thing.

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Where it's just like Marble Run... crypto! [laughs]

Griffin: "Marble Run, crypto, Ron Paul Car Wash song." What?!

Justin: [laughs] What?!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Ron Paul Car wash song.

Travis: "Bobby Flay melt down, good hat." What?

Griffin: "2009."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "Mind of Mencia, season three, part one."

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [chuckles] Best of!

Griffin: Best of!

Justin: Best of. Uncensored! [chuckles] Obviously!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: If you are gonna pull this grift, your two main options are starting a new sub account on the account, but pick the name 'Settings.' That's just one that I learned on the internet.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Or you watch only what they have watched most recently.

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Which is a fun con to run, where it's like, "What's on tonight? Mind Hunter again?!"

[crowd laughs]

Travis: [chuckles] "Why do they only watch season two?! And just the middle four episodes?!"

Griffin: "They keep start—they started The Crown and came right on back to Mind Hunter!"

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "I was getting really into The Crown!"

Justin: "I'm currently in college, studying forensic science as my major. I specialize in forensic anthropology, which is the study of bones and dry remains."

Travis: I love that show.

Justin: "Overall, my parents are very supportive of this. However, there is one problem. My mom is convinced that at some point when I'm studying ancient skeletons and unsolved murders, I'm gonna get haunted or be the victim of an ancient curse."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "I've tried convincing her that ghosts are not real, to no avail. Brother, how do I convince my mother that I can protect myself from these ghosts and curses? What do I tell her to calm her superstitious worries?"
That's from Deadly Desperation in D.C..

Travis: We haven't proven that life on other planets exists? But I believe that many people in this room believe that it might be true.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Are you equating the existence of aliens and the existence of ghosts? Because this is—we are—this is not Chapo Trap House, Travis!
[chuckles] We can't!

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Now, Griffin, I will say—and Justin, you probably know—

Griffin: Please welcome on the stage, Neil de Grasse Tyson, talking about aliens and ghosts, baby!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: They're fucking our whole thing up tonight, baby!

Travis: We didn't fuckin' know germs existed until like 200 years ago?

Griffin: Jesus Christ, we're tip toeing towards the threshold!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Towards this very real conversation, Travis!

Travis: I'm just saying. But I'm just saying that you're being wildly blasé.

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: When your mom—Okay, it also just hit me here in the question... Dead bodies, great, great, great. Unsolved mysteries? There is a danger there! [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Yeah!

Travis: "Yeah, I'm studying an unsolved murder. But I'll be fine! I've watched a lot of TV shows and movies, friend!"

Justin: But you know this is like all mummy-on-mummy stuff. Like, it's all long time ago crimes, right?

Griffin: Whoa, holy shit?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Okay, but here's the thing—

Justin: It's like history crimes!

Travis: You make an excellent point, Justin, thank you. Ghosts might not be real. But you know what's definitely real? Mummies.

Griffin: Mummies.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Yeah, mummies and skeletons are real.

Travis: Ghosts isn't the only threat?

Griffin: Skeletons are definitely real, yeah.

Travis: I've you've ever watched the hit documentary The Mummy, with Brendan Fraiser...

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Then you'll know that he was not a ghost, he was but a mummy who killed.

Justin: Right.

Griffin: Yeah, sure, he was a fleshy, wrapped skeleton. So, it's—

Travis: Which do exist!

Griffin: They do definitely exist!

Justin: Yeah!

Griffin: And sometimes the Discovery Museum is like, "Hey, we have a special mummy exhibit, bring your son!" And I'm like, "Are you out of your fucking mind?"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: That's a real mummy, gang!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: That's like they're like, "Hey, you wanna see a dead body?"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "Hey, it's us, Nat Geo, you wanna see a dead body?"

Travis: "It's cool, a lot of time has passed!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Its old, but all—"

Griffin: "It doesn't even count anymore! Bring your five-year-old!"

Travis: In 1,000 years, are people just gonna go around digging up graveyards? [laughs] And be like, "We put this in a museum now!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "You wanna see a dead body?"

"Oh, that's a whole dead body! I'm out of here!"

Justin: I would like to challenge the part where you say your parents are very supportive. Because if they think you might be murdered by ghosts, I hope they've not very supportive. I think that's—

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I think that's like a mild support, at best. That's like a grimacing sort of acceptance that your kid is in great, great danger from ghosts and mummies.

Griffin: There aren't too many careers that would be on the front lines of a mummy-esque massacre. But mummy specialist is high on the list, I would say.

Travis: "Oh, my job? I'm a professional mummy toucher!" [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: If you want to give your mom the respect she so richly deserves—

Travis: She raised you.

Justin: I would give yourself a few ground rules that you do try to follow for her own peace of mind. Number one is of course, don't have sex on the sarcophagus!

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: That's number one! If I may, number two? Don't bring someone back that you met at a party and you're both drunk and you're like, "Look at this cool mummy I've been working on."

Justin: Yeah, don't make him pretend to talk or rap, please.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: They will kill you for that.

Griffin: And I know the word play is fuckin' hysterical!

Justin: So funny!

Griffin: We get it! Okay? Don't eat a hamburger on the sarcophagus, don't do anything on the sarcophagus!

Travis: In fact, don't touch it!

Justin: Don't touch it. Actually, your mom's right, again!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah, you know what? On second thought, maybe get a real job!
[chuckles]

Justin: Yeah!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Come on... so hostile... Oh—

Travis: Like podcaster.

Griffin: Yeah, right?

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: How much money would you have to be paid to touch a mummy?
The amount doesn't exist for me, I'm not trying to fuck up a whole—

Travis: Oh, I would pay money to touch a mummy!

Griffin: Okay, never mind!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: This was a bad question.

Travis: Yeah, you shouldn't have asked that.

Griffin: Yeah, I shouldn't. We're different people, fundamentally.

Justin: Just very different people.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "My hairdresser is my cousin's daughter."

Griffin: Oh, feels like a good time for a bit, though, doesn't it? [chuckles]

Travis: Okay.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Hey! I've got a game.

Griffin: Yeah?

[crowd cheers]

Travis: The most dangerous game! A little thing called Minion Quotes.

Justin: Okay!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: See Paul, that one's good!

Travis: This one works.

Justin: That, I like. I like that one.

Travis: So, here's the way this is going to work. If Paul has done his job correctly, then we're going to show some images with the character erased. Did you do that, Paul?

Griffin: He's shrugging.

Travis: Okay, great! There will be a caption associated with it, funny, inspirational, you knows?

Griffin: Moving.

Travis: Moving, deeply touching, of mummies. And I'm going to read it and you guys will guess what the character is. If you get it correct, I will post it to Facebook and Instagram, 'cause apparently, they post to the same place.

Griffin: Oh, that's great! [chuckles]

Travis: I've learned in retrospect.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: And if you lose, absolutely nothing happens to you.

Justin: Oh, good?

Travis: Yeah, I know!

Griffin: Yeah, it's a good game, I love it!

Travis: Okay—

Justin: I made it up, and then for some reason you were like, "Sounds good, I'll do it." [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: It's a very bad game for myself, I'm glad you—

Travis: I'm sorry I have such great fortitude. Quote number one!

Griffin: Let's see it.

Travis: Now, this one is a palate cleanser.

Griffin: Okay, what does that mean?

Travis: "Dear god, I want to take a minute, not to ask or anything, but simply to say thank you for all I have."

Justin: Minion.

Griffin: Why is it a palate cleanser? Because it's not a cartoon character?

Travis: No, 'cause I wasn't gonna post it.

Griffin: What if we get it, though?

Travis: We'll see.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Okay, so you—

Griffin: Bart Simpson.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I'm gonna stick with Minion.

Travis: Damn it.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Travis!

Travis: Now, I'm—I will—

Griffin: Travis, you've never pre-lost before!

[DJ Airhorn sound effect plays]

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I will say, I'm proud to post that one.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Because that is how I feel. Okay—

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: That's why it was a palate cleanser, these are the real ones. Because I would have posted that one anyways.

Griffin: Sure, yeah.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Because we don't take enough time!

Griffin: Yeah, next to quote—

Justin: You've had that on your own Facebook page. [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah, it was already up there, actually.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [chuckles] Put it up a week ago!

Travis: Me and Nonnee agreed to cross post it!

Griffin: That's where he found it.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Okay, quote number two, these are the real ones. "Same shit, different day."

Griffin: Fuck!

Justin: I mean, instant palate tone is like I'm loving Yosemite Sam right now. It's giving Yosemite Sam.

Paul: Hey, guys. It's tour manager Paul. Can I ask a quick rules question here?

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: Yeah?

Paul: Technically, this Minion quote image has two different characters.

Travis: Correct.

Paul: They can get either one?

Griffin: Thank you, Paul! Travis, you should've said that!

Travis: All right, thanks, Paul!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: If they get either one, if they get one... they can eat my shorts.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: No, if they get one, I'll post it.

Griffin: Wait, is it Bart Simpson? 'Cause was that a—

Travis: No.

Griffin: Okay, shit.

Travis: If they get one, I'll post it. If they get both, I'll post it... this day again, next week.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: He'll post it weekly until this time next year.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Is it two, Griffin? Do you think it's the two—the two—is it like a pair, do you think?

Griffin: I'm gonna say—and look at Travis' face when I say it, is it Tom and Jerry?

Justin: But it's like a—like, you would never say—you would never say 'Tom' and then sit there. [chuckles] And then be like—

Griffin: And not say Jerry? Yeah.

Justin: You would never say it like, "Tom. You know, they cat? Tom?

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: So, I... Maybe Taz and Tweety? Like—

Travis: Okay, let's reveal.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Oh, wait! Hold on, wait. Yeah, so...

[DJ Airhorn sound effect plays]

Griffin: We're two for two, this has never happened before.

Travis: Yeah, that's Sylvester & Tweety. So far, Justin has gotten both.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, I'll try to do better.

Travis: It's gonna be a fun day on my Facebook.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I hate this game more and more with every second.

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Quote number three, "Is it okay to lose your shit sometimes—"

Griffin: No, no, no, Travis, not a question! It is okay.

Travis: Oh, "It is okay to lose your shit sometimes, because if you keep your shit, you'll end up full of shit, and then you'll explode, and then there will be shit everywhere. A shit storm. And nobody wants that."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Gandhi.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Famous character, Gandhi! Ah, what a character he was! Gandhi...

Griffin: Ah, shit... I really want you to post this on your wall so fucking bad!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Whew, okay...

Travis: Okay, Griffin, I'm gonna think it really hard. I'm gonna try to help you that way.

Griffin: Oh, this is great, we've never some ESP on stage before.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Griffin: I feel like you're not actually sending it—

Travis: No, I'm thinking it so hard.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: It's good audio! It's good audio.

Griffin: Justin, what's your guess? I'm still receiving it—Justin, Travis is still sending it—

Travis: I'm still thinking it so hard.

Griffin: I'm getting fuckin' theta waves, just like filling...

Justin: I'm like really... I... I'm torn between Bugs and Stewie. That's where I'm like... But the only reason I'm not just saying Bugs is because the shape of the words feel like Stewie.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: The gap feels like a Stewie gap, right? It wouldn't be a Bugs gap. It would be a Stewie gap.

Griffin: Oh, I know what it is! Is it Donald Duck?

Travis: No.

Griffin: Fuck! Fuck! Shit!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I'm gonna say—Is it one of `em? Don't answer that. I'm gonna say Bugs Bunny.

Travis: Reveal.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Ah! [laughs]

Travis: I was thinking Grogu so hard! I was just saying, "Grogu, Grogu, Grogu!"

Griffin: And I heard it, Travis, but that's not a real word. And so I was like, "What is he really—"

Travis: Oh?

Griffin: "I'm hearing Grogu, but that's nothing. So, he must be trying to tell me..."

Travis: The last one, please Paul.

Griffin: Damn it.

Justin: You're going four today—

Travis: "Good morning, fuckers! Let the bullshit begin!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Jane Seymour.

Travis: What?

Justin: Not Jane Seymour, I didn't say Jane Seymour.

Travis: John Cena. [chuckles]

Justin: Johm Cena.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Jane Cena.

Griffin: "Hi, everyone! I'm Johm Sema!" [mouths tune]

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: "These are my morts!" [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Man...

Griffin: [chuckles] Good morning—Read it again one more time?

Travis: "Good morning, fuckers! Let the bullshit begin!"

Griffin: Is this one also baby Yoda? That's not my real guess.

Justin: Live action or cartoon, can you give us that?

Travis: No.

Justin: Okay...

Griffin: Then it's live action.

Justin: Yeah...

Griffin: I'm gonna saying baby fucking Yoda. You had a look on your face when I said baby Yoda, that made me think—

Travis: It's 'cause I was thinking it before, Griffin!

Justin: It's still bouncing around the room!

Griffin: I'm just now getting the baby Yoda waves, Travis!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: I want it—I want it to be Dwight from The Office.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: I want it to be Dwight. I'm gonna say that, maybe it'll happen with the power of The Secret.

Griffin: I'm gonna say—

Justin: Dwight from The Office.

Griffin: I'm gonna say... Fuck! I want it so bad!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: You want me to think it again?

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Yogi Bear? No.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I couldn't say if it was cartoon or real life because... it's both.

Griffin: Travis!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Clearly not...

Travis: That's Kermit the Frog, baby!

Griffin: That is not—he is not rendered in illustrations—in moving illustrations?

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: But he was in Muppet Babies?

Griffin: That's garbage!

Travis: And ironically, the cartoon all-stars against smoking.

Justin: Wow, that is ironic.

Griffin: This is bullshit.

Travis: You guys beat me two out of four?!

Griffin: I know! I know, I wanted more, though.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: You wanted more than two wins?

Griffin: Let's start the next question.

Justin: Yeah, next question. "I'm current—" Okay—

Griffin: Please post those by the way right now while Justin's reading.

Travis: I don't have my phone!

Justin: "My hairdresser is my cousin's daughter. We are—"

Travis: No.

Justin: "My hairdresser is my cousin's daughter."

Travis: Wait.

Justin: "My hairdresser is my cousin's daughter."

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: We can't already be lost!

[crowd laughs]

Justin: "We are close in age and definitely knew each other when we were younger, but haven't been to family events at the same time in many years. Her grandma, my aunt, posted her work and I decided to start going to her to color my hair. I have now been going for a year, about four appointments, and the fact of us being related has never come up. Neither of us has ever mentioned it. Should I bring it up? And if so, how can I?"
Colorful Hair in the Carolinas. They definitely, when you left the first time, their first thought was, "Why didn't they mention the fact that we were related?"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "That was really weird?" And then you probably thought, "Why didn't they mention the fact that we're related? That's really weird."

Griffin: "I'll do it next time." Or you won't.

Travis: Oh, okay, wait, I'm gonna ask one follow up question, just yes or no. Do you have the same last name?

Colorful Hair in the Carolinas: No!

Travis: Okay—

Griffin: She would've recognized your last name.

Justin: She would've recognized like—yeah.

Travis: I did say...

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Yes or no...

Griffin: [laughs] But don't get me wrong, that additional information was extremely helpful.

Travis: Huh...

Griffin: Huh...

Justin: Huh.

Griffin: It's important no matter what you do, that you do it after you have paid for the haircut, so it does not seem even like a little bit like you are like, "Let me get that kind of cousins discount!"

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Could you just like, unprompted, be like, “Isn’t it weird that we’re related and haven’t talked about it yet?”

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Again, after you’ve paid for the haircut, or else it’s gonna seem like you’re sort of half-assedly trying to—

Justin: Okay, can I say though, I think the paying for the haircut, we’re goofing around about it, but I... I have a feeling that’s what happened here. Let me take you back, if I—

Travis: Okay. [mouths beep boop sounds]

Justin: No one knows what a haircut is gonna cost ever.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I’m not even sure what happens during one, my eyes are closed most of the time.

Justin: They don’t talk about it a lot, because they know, after your hair gets cut, they gotcha.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: So, no one knows what a haircut’s gonna cost—

Travis: You can’t uncut the hair!

Griffin: They can’t put it back on.

Justin: They done cut the hair, it’s done, they gotcha. But I think that both of you are—

Travis: Can I just say, you—sorry, you’ve just made me think—sorry, Justin. Justin, if I may interrupt you for the first time?

Justin: This better be the funniest shit ever.

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: It’s up there.

Griffin: Get ready! Brace your asses, D.C.! You’re about to hear the funniest shit ever!

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I think that—

Griffin: Hit `em with it, Travis!

Travis: There should be a precedent set.

Griffin: Yeah?!

Travis: That once your hair is cut, if you don’t wanna pay, they get another 30-minute go at your hair before you get to leave.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: So, if either one of you had brought up the familial relationship, you would’ve immediately realized, “Man, it’s gonna be weird when it gets to the charging `em time.” `Cause they’re gonna be wondering, ‘Should I charge them?’ And I’m gonna feel bad about charging `em, but not that bad, `cause I did cut their hair and it is my job. And so like, I’ll talk to them after.” And then it’s like—[chuckles] they sign the thing, and then as they’re walking out the door like, “And you’re my cousin, remember?!”

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: “This was a weird time to bring it up. You’re already leaving, okay, I won’t—I’m not gonna say it. I’ll just think it.”

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: There’s no time before the exchange of money that would be not weird.

Griffin: Acceptable.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: I’m actually thinking now, when is the time?

Justin: There isn’t one! That’s why they’ve gone—yeah, I think—

Griffin: That’s kind of the whole premise of the thing.

Travis: But I’m just saying, like when is the best moment? Is it like you’re reading a magazine and you’re like, “Huh? Isn’t that weird. I didn’t know those two people were related. You’re know, like we’re related?”

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: I like, “How’s your mom?”

Travis: Now, we got any context though, Justin?

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: That sounds like a weird come-on to that person’s mom. “So, how’s your mom doing?”

Justin: Okay, yeah, yeah—

Griffin: That or you have snipers positioned outside their—you already know how the mom is doing!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, yeah, but—

Travis: “You better nail this haircut!”

Justin: Okay, this is—

Griffin: “Now give me the codes to the museum!”

Justin: This isn’t—their—

Griffin: “For a heist I’m doing later!”

Justin: See, okay, just let me talk.

Griffin: Yeah, go ahead.

Justin: There is context ‘cause you’re related and you know that?

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Yea but—

Justin: That’s the context of—

Travis: But the context is, “How’s your mom?” If the cousin doesn't that they’re your second cousin...

Justin: They do!

Travis: How?

Justin: They do! They definitely do!

Travis: The assumption is that they do.

Justin: There's no assumption, they know it, I can tell.

Travis: How?

Justin: You look at—

Travis: So wait, so Justin, there's no assumption, "I can tell."

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: You just look how you know!

Griffin: He was there, Travis, damn it!

Travis: You've been looking at text on your computer screen! And know!

Justin: I just know! Look between the lines, it's there! You know!

Travis: But no assumption!

Justin: There wasn't assuming?!

Travis: You're just reading between the lines, but no assumption!

Justin: Just, you can tell from—

Travis: Between those synonyms!

Griffin: Except for the one I—There are no assumptions are the gigantic assumption that Justin has just made on stage.

Justin: You can tell from the way they answer from the audience, they knew—

Travis: Yeah, so why are you even asking?!

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: No!

Travis: We can tell by the way you answered, you already know that they know!

Griffin: This is a fuckin' mess up here and it didn't need to be!

Travis: Why did you make us fight like this?!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: This is your fault! You bring this bullshit to my house?!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Look at my brother! He's embarrassed!

Griffin: He's so embarrassed because of the thing you brought to our doorstep!

Justin: What about, "Tell me about your mom?"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Make sure you say it like the Joker, like Justin just did for some reason.

Justin: What about—

Griffin: Tell me about—

Travis: “I’m just a dog chasing your mom!” [chuckles]

Justin: How about, “Catch me up on your mom.” [chuckles]

[chuckles]

Travis: “Your mom hasn’t been posting on Instagram lately, what’s she been up to?”

Justin: Oh, hey, wait, “What’s the 4-11 with your mom?”

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: “Your mom still doing sick kick flips?”

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: You can just tell, if you look at it, they know they both know.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Of course, they know.

Griffin: For sure, definitely.

Justin: You can just tell they know.

Travis: You can just tell!

Justin: So, my—

Griffin: Do you have a bit?

Justin: My house—yeah—no—my house—

Griffin: It's been so long since we did a bit!

Travis: It's been five minutes.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: It's been five minutes.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "My house caught on fire, but it's chill now. And half the house is getting restored while I'm living in the other half. So, the question is, how do I co-exist and not embarrass myself in front of the people fixing my house? Should I interact with them or leave offerings? Or can—" Do you know? Can you tell already the one that you shouldn't?

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "Leave offerings, or can I just hide the whole time?" That's from Burning Question in Pennsylvania. Hello.

Griffin: Okay, okay.

Justin: Okay, good, hello.

Travis: I just wanna say how much I love the word choice of 'restored.' Like your house is a great masterpiece painting?

Justin: Yeah!

Travis: I enjoy that immensely. "So, I burned down half of my house and now it's being restored!"

Griffin: [chuckles] "To its original..." You don't leave offerings, you know that.

Justin: You know that, we've established that.

Travis: Now, hold on—

Griffin: They are not some bountiful spirits come to—

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: But I know my—

Travis: Or a friendly magpie.

Griffin: Yeah! [chuckles]

Justin: I know myself though, and if I made too many scones—

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: I will be the guy who's like, "Knock, knock, knock." [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Knock, knock, knock on this plastic sheeting separating—"

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Travis, that's why I said, "Knock, knock, knock!"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Knock, knock, knock, I got scones."

Griffin: It has been my experience whenever people who are far more qualified and skilled than I am to fix or do anything in a house, that they do not really want my assistance. [chuckles]

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Or feedback, at all.

Travis: Or presence.

Griffin: Presence, really, you will be so tempted to just be like, "It was more square than that."

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: "Hm, going with wood for that, huh? Good choice!"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: Good choice.

Griffin: "Have you thought about wedging a few Xboxes under there?"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Structural Xboxes, load bearing.

Travis: "I had a lot more built-ins?"

Griffin: [groans]

Travis: I love built-ins.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: Yeah, Travis is big into built-ins. You know my problem now is whenever people are doing that kind of thing, it's hard for me to not be like, "Teach me what you're doing."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Teach me how to Dougie."

Justin: "I wanna learn how to do that, tell me."

Griffin: "That's part of this, right? Is that you'll teach me your whole craft?"

Justin: I don't know if that would be like... knock a few bucks off or charge double for my assistance. [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Oh, see, my biggest fear is that someone working on my house will ask me a basic question about how I want something done, and I will instantly in that moment realize, I don't know not just how to answer, but what they're talking about.

Griffin: Right, yeah.

Travis: And I'll go, "To the left." And then you run out of there.

Griffin: "Use the... nails?" [groans]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: And then they'll be like, "I think this is actually my house now. You don't deserve this."

"How do you want your hot water heater fixed?"

"Make it hot?"

Griffin: "Make it warmer?"

Justin: Oh, don't—I love that—"How does your water get heated? Is it gas or electric?" And there hasn't—I've been asked that question probably 20 times in my years on this Earth. There hasn't been a single one I haven't been like, "Let me go down there and look at it. Let me go down there and poke around on it."

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: To that point, someone will ask me to turn a breaker off, and I'll go to where the breakers are labeled and it'll just say like, "Receptacles." And I'm like, "Well, that could be anywhere."

Griffin: That's nothing! "Wall? What the fuck?"

Travis: As soon as I get in front of the breaker box, I start a ticking clock in my head of how long it's taking before they're gonna jam a screwdriver into something! And I better flip that breaker as quickly as possible! [chuckles]

Griffin: "Switch this one specific one off, or I'll fuckin' die. I went down there earlier, I know you have one labeled 2F. So, I'm not feeling great about my chances."

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

[theme song plays]

Griffin: All right, Griffin, you're all alone, you can do this. You can do this, you don't need your two brothers, they're holding you back. You can sell products and services, easy! You know what makes selling products and services even easier though? Is if I had a website to do so. And I don't know how to make a website. I think it's like you draw a bunch of pictures and you upload 'em online, and then you add little clicky spots to make the pages move.

But Squarespace actually knows shit about what I just said. They're the all in one platform for building your brand and growing your business online. They'll let you stand out with a beautiful website, engage with your audience and sell anything, your products, content you create and even you time.

I've actually used Squarespace before to make a couple of websites. And it is easy, it is like the easiest way to make a website, in my humble opinion. You can try drawing pictures and adding clicking links, but that isn't—I don't think actually anything.

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Yes, baby! That's one! Let's keep the streak alive and tell you all about Babbel. It's the new year—okay, it's like the middle of March. But you know, it is still technically the new year. And maybe you're dragging your heals a little bit on some of those... on some of those promises you made to yourself and your family members and the people that are special to you in your life. And maybe one of those things is picking up some new skills.

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Hey, while I've got you here in the Money Zone, I'm gonna tell you all about some upcoming events we've got. Of course, we have the MBMBaM live and virtual 20 Sun and Sea kick off show, this Friday, March 17th, 9PM eastern time. Tickets are 10 bucks, and Sawbones is gonna be opening, and we're gonna have video on demand available for that for two weeks after the event. But hey, we've also got some actual live shows, like in-person ones, coming up soon. And all the tickets for the stuff I'm about to say go on sale this Friday, March 17th at noon, local time.

We're gonna be doing MBMBaM in Austin, Texas, at Moontower Comedy Festival. That one's actually on sale now. But we're also coming to Columbus, Milwaukee, Raleigh, Richmond, San Diego! Tickets for all of those things are at bit.ly/mcelroytours. We also still have some tickets available for our rescheduled shows in San José and Denver, coming up later next month. So again, bit.ly/mcelroytours, come see us! Also, we got new merch, we got Generic Podcast March over at mcelroymerch.com. It's very good and people are gonna give you like 100 to 200 compliments when you wear them. So, go check that out too. Okay, bye!

Server 1: Two Oh No, Ross and Carrie! Free beef and dairy all day, Max Fun Drive! Hey, chef, we got another one!

Chef: Another Max Fun Drive!

[sound of bell ringing]

Chef: People know it's the best time to support the shows they love. You tell 'em our meet up day's back?

Server 1: Sure did! They wanted to know about the live streams, though?

Chef: Those are finishing up right now. We can even send one out on the first night, March 20th.

Sous-chef 1: March 20th, Chef!

Server 1: I'll give 'em a heads up. They also wanted the limited time thank you gifts for new and upgrading members.

Chef: Yup, and we got some fresh episodes ready to go too.

Server 2: Hot stuff, coming through!

Server 1: All right! We got exciting live streams, meet up day, fresh episodes, limited time gifts. Oh, and poke.

Chef: Yeah, okay, let 'em know that Max Fun Drive 2023 will be ready on... March 20th. And it'll only be two weeks.

Sous-chef 2: Two weeks, Chef!

Server 1: Max Fun Drive starts on March 20th for just two weeks, no problem.

Sous-chef 2: Order up!

Server 1: Shoot, I forgot their water!

[Wonderful! theme music plays]

Griffin: And now, a live reading from Rachel's poetry corner.

Rachel: Elephants, Theremins, Clifton. Neopets, pore strips, gypsum. Heinz-mel, jellybeans, goalie goals. Skittles, squirrels and a mole. Celery, chopsticks, pumpernickel. A Case of You, by Joni Mitchell. Lullabies, tie dye, the more you know. All of these things on our wonderful show.

Griffin: All these things and more wait for you on Wonderful! Every Wednesday on maximumfun.org, or wherever you download podcasts.

[Wonderful! theme music concludes]

Justin: [mouths Munch Squad riff]

[crowd cheers]

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

Griffin: Squad!

Crowd: Squad!

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

Griffin: Squad!

Crowd: Squad!

Justin: [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad, it's a podcast within a podcast.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: The profiles the latest and greatest in brand eating.

Travis: We normally at the beginning of live shows will ask if it's the first time someone has experienced My Brother, My Brother and Me. We didn't ask that. But this segment always makes me think, for a first timer, hearing a crowd of like 4,000 people yell 'squad' after 'munch,' there must have been like one person that's like, "What the fuck?"

Griffin: But then they go home and they're like, "Yeah, they all got really excited about a hamburger press release..."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: "I love this show."

Griffin: "This is a good show, it's my new favorite."

Justin: I wanna talk—

Travis: "I'm gonna get a tattoo." [chuckles]

Justin: I'm gonna talk about Subway a little bit real quick. They got a new promotion where you can pay 15 dollars for a month and be in the Sub Club. And you can get 50% off foot longs, every day, once, for a month.

Travis: That pays for itself!

Justin: Yeah, but you are really making a lot of choices right there.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Well, it sounds like you're making one big choice every month of, "I'm gonna eat a fuckin' lot of Subway in November!"

Travis: Well, if it's \$5, that's just six subs in a month?

Griffin: [chuckles] I'm not sure that—

Travis: \$5 foot longs...

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: One a day—

Travis: You're paying 15, for half off.

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: That's six?

Griffin: So, 12 foot longs? Like...

Justin: \$5—

Griffin: Go ahead, Juice!

Justin: Thank you, gosh. So, what I wanna talk to you also about, the Subway Series, which is the 12 best and most craveable sandwiches in company history. Subway's offering nine of its biggest fans a once in a lifetime opportunity to make this all-star lineup a permanent part of their history, in more ways than one.

Travis: What?

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "Subway's hosting a block party on Las Vegas at bad Apple Tattoo, where nine super fans can get a real tattoo of the Subway Series logo, from two-time Ink Master champion, DJ Tambe, or a member of his team." I would like some clarity on that.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: If I may? What is he doing? I mean, I'd like to wait for him, thank you.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Tattooing eight other people! [chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, "Depending on the size and location of the tattoo, fans can earn..." This is where it gets rough. Subs for life is if you get a foot long, the foot long, that's a 12 by 12 inch tattoo.

Griffin: Holy shit...

Travis: A 12 by 12 inch tattoo?!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: They don't call 'em \$5 foot-deeps?

[crowd laughs]

Justin: So, that's the foot long.

Travis: A... A 12—

Justin: "The 12 inch by 12 inch tattoo, on sternum or back."

Travis: Get the fuck out!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: They're that specific about it?

Justin: Where else?

Griffin: I guess you don't really have a whole lot of square footage of face.

Travis: I'll also say, this is from the company who said, you're... in the like Sub Club, you get one a day. How many is subs for life?

Justin: Yeah, it—

Griffin: I'm gonna need some clarification.

Justin: Yeah, I don't think they have the specifics. But here's where it's rough, is if you get a three inch by three inch tattoo, on shoulder blade, forearm, or calf, you earn subs for a year.

Griffin: Holy shit!

Travis: But a tattoo for life!

Justin: Subs for life is the foot long 12 in by 12 inch.

Travis: No, but I'm saying, the tattoo doesn't fade away over a year.

Justin: No, no, no, but I'm recapping because for a two inch by two inch tattoo, on wrist, bicep or foot, you get subs for a month.

Griffin: That's... That's still a pretty big chunk of flesh.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, it's fairly permanent.

Travis: So, to clarify, because they specify the Subway logo. They decided that getting a small Subway logo tattoo on your body is worth subs for a month! [chuckles]

Griffin: One month, about \$38.

Justin: "Why did you get that tattoo?"

"Well, so I could get free Subway."

"Ah, nice." 30 days later, "Why'd you get that tattoo?"

"No reason."

Griffin: "No reason now."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "No reason at all."

Griffin: "Had an awesome, had a kick ass reason."

Travis: I love Subway's like mathematics there of like, "Well, we want someone who loves Subway enough to get a tattoo of Subway. But doesn't love it enough that they don't want more than a month of subs."

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah! Not one foot by one foot of love.

Justin: But the thing is guys, the 12 inch by 12 inch is like the grand prize. Like, of this—

Griffin: Oh, you have to win the opportunity to desecrate your fuckin' one body.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: It's like if you did hands on a hard body, who can keep their hand on the truck the longest, but you had to sever your own hand and glue it to the truck.

Griffin: Yeah, and if you win, the truck hits you, going full speed.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Here's a quote, "Tattoos hold a special meaning for my customers. They come to me to celebrate the things they love the most, or to commemorate—"

Griffin: Wait, is this the tattoo guy or the Subway guy? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: This is DJ Tambe, tattoo artist.

Griffin: Okay, I thought you were talking from a Subway guy.

Travis: I did too!

Griffin: Who was like, "Me, the CEO of Subway, our fans—"

Travis: "Every time someone comes up with a tattoo!" [chuckles]

Griffin: "If someone comes in to one of our restaurants, I know they're an ink freak."

Justin: "Whether that's the first time trying the Subway Series, or simply eternal love for Subway, I'm here to make that a permanent part of their

lives, and something to showcase. Unless, apparently, I'm too busy. In which case, my assistant, Greg, will do that."

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Now, sorry, DJ, you're willing to give this tattoo to someone who's trying Subway for the first time!

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Yeah, let's hope it's not that.

Travis: You won't let me get a tattoo drunk, but you will let somebody know, "I don't know, man, I've heard good things!" [chuckles]

Justin: Wouldn't you love to hear from some of the people that would actually do this?

Travis: No! [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Paul?

[interview excerpt plays]

Interviewer 1: All these people all on the sidewalk at Bad Apple Tattoo, all these people here just waiting to get a very specific logo.

Interviewer 2: [chuckles] Yeah, not just any ink, a tattoo of the new Sunway Series logo.

[crowd exclaims]

Interviewer 2: And now one man will get free Subway sandwiches for life.

Travis: It's so much worse!

Interviewer 1: That's right, Jeremy J. Ford spoke with the lucky winner today.

Griffin: [chuckles] Oh, yeah!

Jeremy: Subway is here, promoting the new Subway Series! With 12 new delicious sandwiches and a chance to win a lifetime of free subs.

Travis: That is the same guy.

James: I have been thrilled to have made it this far, I can actually get the big tattoo.

Presenter: James Kunz came all the way from Colorado to be the first in line to get a foot long tattoo.

James: I'm a huge fan of Subway, so I thought about it and—

Justin: Pause!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Just to clarify, you said you're a huge fan of Subway? That's... that's good to hear. I would be terrified if the—I've always been milquetoast on Subway, more of a Quizno's guy myself. But...

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Subs are subs!

Travis: I'll tell you what I am, budget conscious!

Justin: Yeah! All right, go ahead, Paul, sorry.

[interview excerpt plays]

James: ... I can actually get the big tattoo.

Presenter: James Kunz came all the way from Colorado to be the first in line to get a foot long tattoo.

James: I'm a huge fan of Subway, so I thought about it and I was like, "Well, maybe I should fly out to Las Vegas?"

Justin: Not much, right?

Presenter: Arriving on Monday, he waited outside of Bad Apple for three days to get his first tattoo.

Justin: You can't just say—

James: I heard like tattoo hurt, but they don't hurt, and now I kind of get that.

Woman: Because we have one of the best artists in the country that works here.

Presenter: Making the partnership with Subway a great promotional opportunity, along with the block party."

Travis: This is making me sad.

[rave-esque music plays]

Travis: I've never been as sad after a Munch Squad as I am in this moment.

Griffin: Listen, a lot of people say we are in the late stages of capitalism. I feel like this baby's about to rally!

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: And now, we're announcing a rallies tattoo!

Griffin: Can we have emblazoned over us for the remainder of the show the fuckin' wild banner of, "Prove your dedication with ink!"

Travis: No, because people will do it!

Griffin: Don't do it for us!

Travis: Do it for Subway!

Griffin: Do it for Subway!

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Which is also what it says at the army recruitment center.

Griffin: Prove your fucking dedication with ink. Hey, we're gonna call some people down to the microphone.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: That is directly center house, center stage.

Travis: Center!

Griffin: We have received your questions via the email platform. And I'm gonna start calling people down. Hello—oh—

Travis: You can angle it down.

Griffin: You can angle the microphone down, it's very close to the stage because they didn't want people to trip to the cords. So, that's why you're where you are.

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: You're probably thinking, "This can't possibly be right. I'm so close!"

Travis: "I'm behind a speaker, basically!"

[crowd chuckles]

Rachel: [chuckles] I mean, I can still see you guys.

Griffin: Okay, that's good.

Travis: Can you see Justin? That's what matters.

Justin: Yeah, okay.

Rachel: [chuckles] All right—

Griffin: What's your name?

Rachel: So, my name is Rachel. My pronouns are she/her.

Griffin: Hi, Rachel.

Rachel: I live here in D.C., whoo!

Travis: Nice.

Griffin: Whoo!

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I've heard good things.

Rachel: [chuckles]

Travis: Still waiting to check it out.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Rachel: [chuckles] Okay so, my question is, my husband fridges his shirts...

Travis: Yeah. So, he kills `em off to motivate a comic book hero.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Rachel: And how do I articulate that's weird?

Travis: Okay so, we go over questions backstage, when we get the—

Justin: Right. This is exactly what I was gonna say.

Travis: Yes, this question came up. Griffin read it and he goes, "That's nothing, right?"

Rachel: [chuckles]

Travis: I mean, Justin—

Griffin: No, no, no, no, because... I get it.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Yeah, Griffin. And Justin and I were like, "Why are you so blasé about this?"

Justin: Why are you just going with it?

Travis: We have feelings. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Can we get a show of hands of people who have heard of putting shirts in a refrigerator before? Oh shit, there really aren't many of you.

Rachel: [laughs]

Justin: Yay! For you listening later, there's like six people, okay?

Rachel: [laughs]

Travis: Griffin treated it like you would ask, "My husband keeps putting jelly with peanut butter."

Justin: Hey, hey, raise your hand if you saw Dumbo in the theater.

Griffin: [laughs]

Rachel: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Okay. So, Tim Burton, I'm—Hey, don't be afraid, it's okay if you saw Dumbo in the theater. I thought it would be more people than your weird thing, but—

Griffin: No, it wasn't.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: How many people like the movie Big Fish?

Griffin: Okay, let's not—Why are we going on a full—Okay, listen. You put the shirts... You know how a shirt, sometimes you wear it with your body, and then your body puts a stink in it?

Travis: Yeah?

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: It's 'cause your body fills it with microbes and the microbes make a stinky smell. When you put it in the refrigerator, microbes get cold—

Travis: There's—

Griffin: And! If you don't let me finish this scientific fuckin' deep dive...

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Slow your roll and let me finish.

Travis: Please, please.

Griffin: Just let me finish.

Travis: Yeah, please.

Griffin: The microbes die 'cause they get too cold and the stink goes away.

Travis: There is another machine in your house that makes the stink go away.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: Not in everybody's—now wait, hold on.

Griffin: Hold on.

Justin: Not in everybody's house.

Travis: There's another machine that exists in the world?

Justin: Right.

Griffin: Do you have a clothes washing machine in your—

Rachel: We do, but it wasn't because it—Well, it smelled bad, but that's not why he fridged it. [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: He likes the cold?

Griffin: I have wasted everyone's time.

[crowd laughs]

Rachel: He put it in the refrigerator, or... Pause. He put it in the freezer.
[chuckles] Because we were walking, and it was a very hot summer day...

Griffin: Oh, fuck...

Travis: I'm actually—Can I just say? I'm more on board with that.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: 'Cause that seems like—Can I ask you a question, Rachel? More than once?

Rachel: But it's still weird because—

Travis: More than once, Rachel?

Rachel: He did do it before we dated...

Griffin: [laughs]

Rachel: [laughs]

Griffin: What a great tone of voice to say that with.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Does he still do it? [chuckles]

Rachel: He hasn't done it in the like four years we've lived together.

Griffin: That you know of.

Justin: Is it to make him a refreshing, like a cool treat to look forward to when he gets back from running?

[crowd chuckles]

Rachel: I think that's exactly why he did it. 'Cause it was very hot, so he wanted like to cool down, but it was very strange to see him go away, come back shirtless, and then watch him like in the kitchen just pull a shirt out of the freezer?

Griffin: Yeah, or when you go to get a popsicle...

Rachel: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: And there's... there's a nice Oxford in there.

Travis: Can I just say, Rachel, and I wasn't expecting this when this question began, when we talked about it backstage. It seems like Griffin and I have switched positions.

Rachel: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: You come back from a hot, sweaty walk, throw your shirt in there for a couple minutes, how chilly and refreshing. Completely reasonable to me!

Griffin: Yeah, man! It's the only cold zone in the whole place!

Rachel: [laughs]

Travis: It is the coldest zone?

Griffin: It's the coldest zone, by design! Thank you, yes!

Justin: There's lots of things that make stuff hot in the house?

Travis: That's true.

Griffin: Right, yeah!

Justin: Shower.

Travis: A microwave makes things instantly hot, yes.

Griffin: Big TV!

Rachel: [chuckles]

Justin: Big TV, dishwasher.

Travis: Big dog laying against it.

Griffin: Yeah! Sure.

Justin: Only one thing makes it cold.

Rachel: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: I'm just saying, I'm actually... Rachel, you're wrong.

Griffin: [laughs]

Rachel: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: Does that help?

Griffin: I think you're right, Rachel, for what it's worth. But this has been a really—yeah. Does that help, Rachel?

Rachel: It definitely helps, thank you so much!

Griffin: Thank you!

Justin: Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Did... Hello.

Tyler: Hello.

Travis: Hello.

Tyler: My name's Tyler, he/him pronouns.

Griffin: Hi, Tyler.

Justin: Hi, Tyler.

Tyler: [chuckles] So, my question is, what should I do about Luis Guzmán's box that's been in my parents' attic for the last 17 years?

[crowd chuckles]

Crowd Lady: What?!

Griffin: Yeah, that's what we said.

Justin: Yeah.

Tyler: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Well, my first—

Justin: Normally, if someone's like, "I don't actually need advice, but I do have a pretty wild anecdote." Normally, those go in the bin. This one, we were like, "We're gonna need to hear a little bit more about this!"

Tyler: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: We are gonna need some details. Tyler, go ahead?

Tyler: Well, okay so, we got this house in northern Vermont, like 17 years ago. And we got it from Luis Guzmán.

Griffin: Cool!

Travis: No, okay, you can't say, "I got it from him."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: In a high stakes poker match!

Tyler: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Tyler: Well, he owned it. And then I guess—

Travis: You squatted in it!

Tyler: Yeah, we—[chuckles]

Griffin: I'm gonna be honest with you, Tyler, you have immediately sucked a lot of the magic of this question out of...

[crowd chuckles]

Tyler: It's a mysterious box and we've never looked in it.

Griffin: Well, no, because Luis Guzmán owned the house before you did.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: And so, if you had sent us a question in an email box that was like, "Hey, I bought Luis Guzmán's house, he left some of his shit behind!"

Travis: "He left his—"

Griffin: I doubt we would've called you up to the microphone!

Travis: "I bought Luis Guzmán's house, he left his Xbox behind!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Tyler!

Justin: Tyler, admit you've opened Luis Guzmán's box!

Travis: You've opened it, Narnia's inside!

Justin: You've opened it, Tyler!

Tyler: Huh?

Justin: Admit you opened it!

Tyler: I've never seen inside of it. My parents looked in when we moved in—

Justin: That's a very interesting way of answering my question, Tyler.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Tyler: I've never looked inside of it. It's my parents—

Travis: But you've smelled it, Tyler? [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: "I had a proxy remove the content!"

Justin: "I put my hands in it like a Halloween thing, with the peeled grapes as eyeballs!" That kind of stunt.

Griffin: "I have felt Luis Guzmán's belongings!"

Justin: "I've bobbed in it with my mouth, but I was blindfolded!"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: "Bobbing for Luis Guzmán's VHS tapes!"

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: "But my other senses were heightened!"

Tyler: [chuckles]

Justin: Yeah. So, what did your parents say is in the box?

Tyler: Like some clothes and some—But it's buried in the deepest corners of our attic.

Griffin: But they know where it fuckin' is, though.

Tyler: They do!

Griffin: For sure!

Travis: It's... okay...

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Who know who Luis—We don't need a reference photo of Luis Guzmán?

Travis: You're like bad Siri this way, Paul!

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [laughs] "I think you were talking about—"

Travis: You could've pulled up a goose man! It would've made more sense!
[chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Tyler, there's nothing for you here.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Here's what's rough, Tyler, it's—I would say Google how to get in touch with Luis Guzmán to return his belongings to him. But I'm pretty sure the top result would be a wikiHow article.

Tyler: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: And I'm not comfortable with sending people their voluntarily.

Justin: I'll try to get in touch. Does that help?

Tyler: Appreciate it, yeah, for sure.

Justin: All right. Good, good, good!

Griffin: Thank you, Tyler.

Tyler: Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Hello.

Griffin: Hi.

Jana: Hello, my name is Jana, she/her pronouns.

Justin: Hi, Jana.

Griffin: Hi, Jana.

Jana: Hi! My question was how do I get my ex's dad's French toast recipe?

[crowd exclaims]

Griffin: It's a great question.

Jana: Would you like more context?

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Well, yes. But first, I do wanna say, when I read it backstage, I did think that it said, “How do I get my ex dad’s French toast recipe?”

[crowd laughs]

Jana: [chuckles] I’m sorry it’s not that complicated.

Griffin: And then we—yeah. Anyway, yeah, more context would be great.

Jana: So, I went on vacation with—when I was in high school, with my boyfriend’s family, and his dad made this really good French toast. And being in high school, I thought, “We’ll be together forever. So, I don’t need to ask for this recipe.”

Griffin: Ah!

Jana: But then we broke up and I never got it. And so like, we talk sometimes about videogames, but that’s it. I don’t know how to segue from like Mass Effect into French Toast.

Justin: Yeah...

[crowd chuckles]

Jana: So like, I need some help with that.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: Jana, how long has it been since you’ve had this French toast?

Jana: It’s been like seven years, and I’m married now, if that helps.
[chuckles]

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Jana: But I'm still thinking about the French toast.

Travis: Jana?

Griffin: Yeah, I don't blame you.

Justin: But Jana, hey, listen, I know how that can feel sometimes, but if...

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: If you found a new love, you should leave the old French toast in the past. Even if you get the recipe, it's never gonna be as special.

Travis: It's not gonna be the same.

Justin: It's not gonna be the same.

Griffin: That's not true, it's probably—it was really fucking good.

Jana: It was really good French toast!

Travis: No, oh! But Jana, that French toast is French toast is seasoned with seven years of memories.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, you should leave it—

Travis: You're gonna eat that French toast now and there is absolutely no god damn chance it lives up.

Griffin: Unless...

Justin: Unless.

Travis: Unless.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: It puts you in a little boat headed back in time, seven years ago, when things were so much simpler, weren't they? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Whew.

Travis: So, why did you guys break up? [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Don't say! Don't say, don't say. I already know!

Griffin: I would say this—

Travis: I already know!

Griffin: I will say this... You said that you talk about video games sometimes, it's hard to transition from Mass Effect to French toast. I will give you that. I would counter with it's probably a little bit easier than going from absolute radio silence for seven years, to...

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles] Starting with, "Anyway!"

Griffin: "Hey... Things didn't work out, obviously. But what is it, vanilla extract in the milk before? Or what's the—when does it—"

Justin: Yeah, at least the lines of communication are open. It's not like you're calling Luis Guzmán after 17 years.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: And saying, "I still have your box that you didn't know about."

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: That's good, there's probably some people who saw the first picture of Luis Guzmán and were like, "I don't know who that is."

Travis: Now, I do like that this is a good representation of Luis Guzmán through the years.

Justin: Yeah!

Griffin: Sure.

[crowd laughs]

Justin: It looks like Luis Guzmán's Facebook wall.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: It's more like his MySpace. [chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, probably. [chuckles]

Griffin: Can you say you've entered into a French toast contest? And you're really desperate. "Listen, I normally wouldn't hit you up after so long. But I'm in a pretty intense French toast contest."

Travis: And then you can write back later when they're like, "How did it go?" You go, "It turns out it was a toast contest in France. I fuckin' blew it!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Jana: That's perfect, thank you! [chuckles]

Justin: Glad we could help, Jana!

Griffin: Glad we could help, thank you.

Justin: Thank you.

Jana: Thank you!

Travis: Thank you.

Justin: If you find the recipe, send it along! I'd love to make it.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: We can take the house lights away now.

Justin: They can go away, there's too many of them and they make me sacred!

Travis: Disappear the strangers.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Sometimes when I see you all, I'm—

Travis: Don't wave at me!

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] He's so scared!

Justin: When it's just like this, you can pretend it's just you joking with your brothers. Then you see everybody, and you become very aware of the fact that this is a show. [chuckles]

Griffin: "You have just talked about Subway for a long time in front of—"

Justin: "Boy, you talked about Subway for a long time! But boy, I'm glad you couldn't see their faces!" Thank you so much to, gosh, Amanda and Rachel, and Paul, and Wonderful! Thank you.

Griffin: And Sawbones!

Travis: Yes, and Sawbones.

Justin: Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I wanna say thank you to Saul, for helping us sell posters, and Amanda who helped sell posters.

Justin: Yes, thank you Saul. Please be patient with Saul, he's doing his best. There's a lot of people who really want these posters!

Travis: They're flying off the shelves. Speaking of which, designed by Cailey Tervo.

Griffin: Thank you very much.

Travis: Thank you, Cailey Tervo. Beautiful, beautiful posters.

[crowd cheers]

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

[crowd cheers]

Travis: I think that's it.

Griffin: I think that's it. Thank you so much, D.C., thank you to—

Justin: Yeah, thank you.

Griffin: We thanked Paul?

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Said Paul!

Justin: We, we said Paul, for sure.

Griffin: I feel like legally, we should say thank you to Luis Guzmán, just to like cover our asses.

Travis: For everything!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah. And Griffin, you have—

Griffin: And every time we end the show, Justin does a little inspirational quote, underneath a shrine that Paul has quickly constructed, of Luis Guzmán!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: This is what you do every episode, so just do what you do every episode.

Travis: Just do you normal thing. Just spit out your normal shit, why are you milking it?

Justin: The stars...

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: [mumbles] Harf...

Griffin: The stars harf.

Justin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: The stars—

Travis: Yeah, good start?

Justin: The stars, my friend.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: The stars, my friend.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: They're out there, for the reaching. Keep at it and at 'em, forever.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Amen, thanks!

Travis: Amen! [chuckles]

Justin: My name's Justin McElroy!

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy!

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy!

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

[crowd cheers]

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

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