

## **MBMBaM 657: Face 2 Face: We Stan the Target Tortillas**

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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]

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Hello, everybody, and welcome to My Brother, My Brother and Me!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** It's an advice show for the modren—[gasps]

**Travis:** Oh, yes, too much!

**Griffin:** That was a lot!

**Travis:** We did three seconds of Sailor Dance, and we're winded!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] That was too much.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I did Billy Blanks' Tae Bo before too, so, that's not—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Okay. This is an advice show for the modren—[gaps]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I'll be lucky if I make it to the future era, at this point! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Any future era! And I'm your oldest brother, Justin Tyler McElroy.

[crowd cheers]

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

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** [sings] Country roads.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** [sings] Take me home!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** [sings] To the place I belong! Texas!

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** I will— I just wanna— Austin Texas does have the exact number of syllables that you would need.

**Travis:** Yeah! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [sings] Te-ee-xas!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [sings] T-E-X-as!

**Griffin:** I'm local Boy Meka, Griffin McElroy! Hello!

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** We did a sound check and it didn't occur to me then like it's occurring to me now, the way that these tablecloths are shaped—

**Griffin:** It's a lot of Travis!

**Travis:** If you're in that—[chuckles] you're getting a lot!

**Griffin:** The sweet spot.

**Travis:** I'm wearing some short shorts!

**Justin:** Yeah, right now, I'm at like... I'm at like nine and one right now. I'm not— yeah, it is... it is not a great split in here.

**Travis:** I'm gonna have to sit side saddle. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** We are so thrilled to be back in Austin. This is one of the first places we ever did a live show.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** In an empty barn. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, seriously, was anybody here who went to those shows in an empty barn, that we set up ourselves and served eggnog?

[a few audience members cheer]

**Justin:** Yes! Okay, good.

**Griffin:** That's fantastic.

**Justin:** It was a lot.

**Travis:** We didn't know it was gonna be like that when we rented it.

**Justin:** Yeah, sorry about all that.

**Travis:** We were just as surprised as you were.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah. So, what— you can imagine after that what a thrill it is to be here, live—

**Griffin:** We get our own bathrooms at this point. It's huge.

**Justin:** Yes. No problem.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** And our friend Justin doesn't have to do the lights! [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

**Justin:** Yeah, which is cool. So, we have— we were so happy to be here, and we are really thrilled and honored to be part of Moontower, Just For Laughs Comedy Festival. I did walk past, on my way here, they had a big poster of all the names of all the people that are performing in it. And they were ranked by, I guess, bigness.

**Travis:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Or goodness?

**Travis:** Virility.

**Justin:** Something.

**Griffin:** Probably not virility, Trav.

**Justin:** And it took— and I could—

**Griffin:** I'm not sure how you would measure that? Or would it be a median—

**Travis:** Well, there is a way! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** A median virility between the three of us?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** So, I'm embarrassed to—

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** I'm embarrassed to say I started staring at this poster, doing a little math, seeing, 'Well, that guy was on SNL and he's lower than we are. That's pretty good.'

**Travis:** Were there any surprises, Justin?

**Justin:** I don't recognize a lot of the names, but I'm 42, so that's probably—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** ... A mark in their plus column. And then as I'm staring at the poster, someone opens the door to the theater the poster's on and says, "Are you Justin McElroy?" [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Woah?

**Travis:** And what's interesting, then the poster updated and we dropped down! [laughs]

**Justin:** We dropped down the power rankings! And I sheepishly admitted, yes, I was. [chuckles] And they said they were coming to the show. So, I don't know if they're here. Can you yell?

**Man from crowd:** Hey!

**Justin:** All right, hey, it's good to see you again! Thanks for not— one thing— one in— I love— yeah, speaking of the promotion here...

**Travis:** Go on?

**Justin:** Y'all seen some of the posters they have for the acts?

**Travis:** Yeah, the banners!

**Justin:** The banners are cool! And I, of course, me being me, I'm looking around, where's our banner? You know, where's our banner? And I was thrilled... I was thrilled when I found it, and then—

**Griffin:** This is my favorite image... that humanity has ever produced, I think.

**Travis:** Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, you're not overselling it, don't worry! [chuckles]

**Travis:** We have— let's see, Griffin's 36. So, let's say for 36 years our parents have been attempting to somehow capture like the three brothers together, that perfect family photo. And I think this is it.

**Justin:** I think we've finally got it. So...

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** At first glance... at first glance you're probably like, "What's the problem? That's the three—"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "That's the three guys from the show, what's the problem?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** But man alive, am I small. Huh, gang?

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** And what it is— what I'm looking at here?

**Justin:** Travis is looking at his secret brother, Griffin, who is looking at his secret brother, Travis. And I'm looking down, hoping there's a secret smaller brother...

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** But he's not...

**Travis:** It's the equivalent of the joke about writing happy birthday on a sign, is they started with me and Griffin and they're like, "Oh, no! We gotta get Justin on there too!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** "We ran out of boy space!"

**Justin:** Ah, yeah...

**Griffin:** 'Cause I just wanna say, if I'm walking down the streets of Austin, Texas, and I don't have anything to do on the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup>, and I see this fuck'n banner?

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Nothing could stop me from going to that show.

**Justin:** Like you have obviously surmised at this point, it's an advice show!

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** And we're gonna help you with all your problems. Here's the first problem. "My dad and I are going to Colorado for a concert this summer. I know he enjoyed smoking that good green stuff in his college days, as did I. Since it's legal there, parental disapproval would hopefully be at a minimum. How can I broach the subject and have a chill smoke sesh with my dad that minimizes awkwardness and maximizes fun?" That's from Herbal Enthusiast in San Antonio.

**Griffin:** Are you here?

**Justin:** Are you here?

**Herbal Enthusiast:** Whoo!

**Justin:** Okay, so, thank you.

**Griffin:** All right.

**Justin:** Here is some additional info, the concert is at Red Rocks. The Head and the Heart is the band performing.

**Griffin:** It sounds cool.

**Travis:** Yeah! I like both of those things. I need them to live. Not Red Rocks, [chuckles] I mean...



**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I just assume when you go to a show at Red Rocks, one of the members of Widespread Panic is there to just blow weed in your face when they punch your ticket.

**Justin:** It's what they use instead of a hand dryer, it's just, you wash your hands and then the guy from Widespread Panic just shotguns your hands dry.

**Griffin:** He sings 'row, row, row your boat' two times so that you know you've done it long enough, and then just—[aggressive exhale]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** What if your dad isn't a fun—

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Travis:** Like—[laughs] What if you're like, "Oh, yeah, he gets high." And then he's like, "I don't know, man! I'm freaking out!" "Oh, man..." [chuckles]

**Justin:** "I can remember why I love this! I feel so alive right now!"

**Travis:** "Ah, beans. Oh no, Dad?"

**Justin:** "I'm gonna go fight the head, you take the heart, let's go!"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "It's the opener, Semisonic, I'll fight them too! It's closing time for your asses!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, "I'm only afraid of full Sonics!" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] It depends on what sort of relationship you have with your father already. I don't know that I would trust our dad with that stuff...

**Justin:** You could end the sentence so many different ways. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I'm just saying, I've talked to that gentleman on Ambien enough times to know that... if he's not operating at 100% efficiency— I mean, you all, if you've listened to one of our other products that our dad is on, you know that's him at 100%. So...

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I would say on a— I would say he waved bye-bye to 100% back in the mid '90s. We're getting him at like a permanent 90%.

**Travis:** Too much Coke Zero!

**Justin:** Too much Coke Zero!

**Griffin:** Too much Coke Zero has just eroded away—

**Travis:** They changed the diet coke formula, and so did our dad. That's when we lost him. [chuckles] No, he's fine. He's fine, guys, don't worry about it.

**Justin:** He's fine, he's fine.

**Travis:** Don't worry about it.

**Justin:** He's texted so many times since we've been here, just hoping we travel safe, telling us to have a good show. He's a sweetie.

**Travis:** Yeah, okay, but here's the thing, I'm gonna put my dad on blast for a second.

**Justin:** No!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** The text he sent us was, "Guys, please travel safe."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And I don't know what to do with that emphasis! [chuckles] Like, okay? Like, yeah, man! I was gonna?

**Justin:** I was gonna, but like what do you know?

**Griffin:** "Planes are so shitty these days!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** "Make sure you inspect it before you get on. Please, guys, for once!" [chuckles]

**Justin:** I don't... I don't feel like we've helped very much so far...

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** You know, maybe, can you get your hands on an edible? 'Cause that might start— like, at that point, it may start to blur the lines of whether or not you're high or not, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Oh, that's fun!

**Justin:** You'll ease into it with your dad naturally. Like, "Are you feeling it, Dad?" And he'll be like, "I think I am feeling it, son."

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** But you're like halfway across the room and he's whispering.  
[laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** He's like, "Okay... yeah..."

**Travis:** It is a nice change, though. It's a circle of life that now you're providing the orange slices and juice. You know what I mean?

**Justin:** Yes, you're the one— yeah.

**Travis:** That's nice.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** John Tesh played Red Rocks, right? That was in—

**Griffin:** Statistically, yes, yeah.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** That was his big...

Griffin: He's just got—

**Travis:** Wait, that was— sorry, Justin, that was his big what?

**Justin:** That was his big foray into—

**Travis:** Was playing Red Rocks?

**Justin:** Was like that tapes special they showed on PBS.

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah.

**Justin:** Live at Red Rocks.

**Griffin:** This is that good John Tesh history you come to a My Brother, My Brother and Me show for!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** See, it all goes back to The Three Tenors, I believe— pull up slide 138, please.

**Griffin:** We....

**Justin:** We'll skip his boyhood in Nantucket. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** We went to see the Dungeons & Dragons movie today.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Very good!

**Griffin:** Very good.

**Travis:** Very good, enjoyed it immensely.

**Griffin:** Very good flick, had a great time. Except for the first half of it. Because I looked over at Justin as we sat down. And just out of curiosity, I was like, "Hey, did you guys bring any weed with you from Cincinnati, Ohio?" And Justin said, "Why, yes, I did." And he very discreetly showed me the thing and I was like, "Oh, cool." I had a very discreet, just little... And then the cast of the movie came out on screen and they were like, "We are the heroes of this film. But you guys are the real heroes. The movie heroes. Because—"

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** That did happen! That is the truth!

**Griffin:** "Because you're the ones who here are making the movie special, you're—"

**Travis:** "Seeing movies like they're meant to be seen, in a theater!"

**Griffin:** "You're the real heroes! Now, don't fucking talk!" And I looked over at the two brothers like, "Is this... you guys are seeing this too, right?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** And then they play the 'don't talk or we'll fucking kill you' screen that they show at Alamo Drafthouse, which hits a little bit different when you're smoking your brother's magic, magic West Virginia weed that he has for some reason.

**Travis:** I had a glass of water and a chicken sandwich—

**Justin:** Glaucoma, you know that!

**Griffin:** It's...

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** The movie started right after they were like 'don't fucking talk or we'll kill you,' Justin was like, "Mm-hm, mm-hm, great, great, great, great." Show title. Justin leans over to me and says, "Dungeons & Dragons, which one are you rooting for?!"

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** It's the best fuck'n movie I've seen in my life!

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** It was good, though!

**Griffin:** I went to the bathroom eight times during it!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** This is why I only drink alcohol, 'cause that's my anti-drug.

**Griffin:** Sure, thanks, Trav!

**Travis:** All right, so, I brought a segment.

**Justin:** Okay?

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** I brought a segment to the live show that we've never done live before, but we have done before. And this segment is called With Special Guest. Here's how this works, folks. I'm going to tell Justin and Griffin the host of the episode of Saturday Night Live, and the musical guest that they are introducing.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Travis:** And Justin and Griffin are going to try to nail the vibe of the introduction.

**Griffin:** Great!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Are we ready? The first one, coming out swinging, Samuel L. Jackson introducing Ben Folds Five.

**Justin:** Okay.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Not yet, Paul.

**Griffin:** I'm gonna say... over abundant excitement.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** I remember this with perfect clarity, because I was very into Ben Folds Five and I was hoping of all the songs that they would play something other than Brick. And yet...

**Travis:** I know.

**Justin:** And yet Brick it was, my friends!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Can I tell you, I also remember the episode. And in my memory, they played it twice. [chuckles] They played Brick the first—

**Griffin:** Brick followed by—

**Travis:** And then they were like, "One more. Let's do it again."

**Justin:** One more, yeah. I think—

**Griffin:** So romantic, like—

**Justin:** If memory serves, absolutely professionalism, perfect level of excitement from Samuel L.

**Travis:** Let's play the video.

**Samuel L. Jackson:** Ladies and gentlemen, Bend Folds Five!

**Travis:** Now, my favorite thing about that introduction—



**Griffin:** Inscrutable!

**Justin:** Inscrutable!

**Travis:** The emphasis on five, though, makes me very happy.

**Griffin:** He looks pissed off at Ben Folds Five right now.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** For only having three members.

**Travis:** [laughs] Five!

**Justin:** Five!

**Travis:** I guess! We get it, Ben. Okay, next one. You ready?

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** David—

**Justin:** Wait, who won?

**Travis:** Oh, I would say... Justin, I'm gonna give that one to you.

**Griffin:** Justin, yeah, fair.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Travis:** David Hyde Pierce, AKA Niles Crane from Fraiser.

**Justin:** Niles Fraiser.

**Travis:** Niles Fraiser. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Like Fraiser is Fraiser Fraiser, from Mario? Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** Exactly, yeah, like Mario Mario.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Introducing the band, Live.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** But, if you don't know, they did Lightning Crashes and, [sings] 'I don't love you!' That's Live.

**Griffin:** That was a good live impression.

**Travis:** Thank you. I really enjoy the band Live.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, it was really good!

**Justin:** All right, I'm gonna—

**Travis:** [sings] 'Can't love you!'

**Justin:** This is maybe just hopeful wishing, but I think he's gonna say live.

**Travis:** Ooh!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Oh! Oh, shit!

**Travis:** Ooh!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I'm gonna say Justin's answer, just because I wanna wish it to be true.

**Travis:** Okay, play the video, Paul!

**David Hyde Pierce:** Ladies and gentlemen, Live!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** He wants—

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** He said that like he got kicked out of Live.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Like, they weren't going anywhere and he's like, "I'm going to try acting! And I'm not playing the zither for you anymore!" And then they got big.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Can I see it again, Paul?

[video audibly rewinds]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** We don't have that technology. [spoofs rewind sounds]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** It's amazing how perfectly framed his face remains.

**David Hyde Pierce:** Ladies and gentlemen, Live!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I guess?

**Justin:** I guess.

**Travis:** I think he probably went to clap, but he could've shrugged and it would've fit. "I don't know, man, Live." Okay, Paul Rudd...

**Griffin:** Okay?!

**Travis:** Introducing Paul McCartney.

**Justin:** Oh my god.

**Griffin:** I think he does an accent. I think he does a Beatles impression.

**Justin:** Oh, no, not my friend, Paul.

**Travis:** You think Paul Rudd does a Beatles impression, you really think that?

**Griffin:** He's played Beatles in the movie before?

**Travis:** That's true.

**Justin:** I think this, it's like— like, 'I can't believe I'm here' energy.

**Griffin:** Oh, wow.

**Justin:** Like, 'I can't believe I'm the guy from Clueless, and I'm saying Paul McCartney.'

**Griffin:** Church, respect.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Hey, Paul? Play that Paul-Paul clip.

**Paul Rudd:** Ladies and gentlemen, Paul McCartney.

**Justin:** Woah?

**Griffin:** What a stinker!

**Travis:** Yeah, nailed it! Justin nailed it!

**Justin:** I feel like I was 100% off.

**Travis:** Yes— oh, you did?!

**Griffin:** I don't think he was right at all, I think—

**Justin:** Paul, you know I'm gonna need it again, pal! I think I was 100% off!

**Travis:** I think the end when he's like, "Paul McCartney," feels to me like, "Yeah, I know."

**Griffin:** There is no reverence here, this is a stinker.

**Justin:** This seems like he's introducing his nephew.

**Paul Rudd:** Ladies and gentlemen, Paul McCartney.

**Travis:** Oh, okay, now I am seeing—

**Paul Rudd:** Ladies and gentlemen, Paul McCartney.

**Justin:** Right? It's like his nephew, Paul McCartney get to do—

**Travis:** Now seeing it through your eyes, it's like he's another Paul.

**Justin:** "I told him he could do one song."

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles] I think it's great, though. I think he puts the emphasis on McCarney. So like, "Don't be confused."

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "I'm Rudd."

**Griffin:** "I'm a different Paul."

**Justin:** "I'm a different Paul."

**Travis:** [chuckles] Okay. Joseph Gordon-Levitt—

**Griffin:** How many of these are there, just for my own edification?

**Travis:** There's two more.

**Griffin:** Fantastic.

**Travis:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt introducing Dave Matthews Band.

**Griffin:** Holy shit.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** He's six inches off the ground, levitating.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** I'm gonna say this—

**Travis:** Joseph Gordon-Levitating.

**Justin:** He's Joseph Gordon-Levitating!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah—

**Griffin:** I'm gonna say... I'm gonna say he— I don't know about tone or anything like that. I think he leaves a full, pregnant pause between the 'ladies and gentlemen' and then... 'Dave Matthews Bands.'

**Justin:** Like enough time for him to think, "The honorable," Dave Matthews Band.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** The honorable, the most venerated.

**Travis:** "My real dad!" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Okay, Paul, play the clip.

**Joseph Gordon-Levitt:** Ladies and gentlemen, Dave Matthews Band!

**Griffin:** Woah!

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Joseph...

**Justin:** Joseph... Hit pause, Joe!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Can we play it one more time?

**Griffin:** Are we gonna get something else out of— he scared me last time.

**Justin:** He doesn't have anything left in the tank!

**Joseph Gordon-Levitt:** Ladies and gentlemen, Dave Matthews Band!

**Griffin:** Maybe they were late, and they forgot to do like, "Hey, 15 minutes, Dave, and company."

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** So, Joseph was just like, "I gotta get these guys the fuck out of here!"

**Travis:** "I gotta get 'em! Out! Let's clap for 'em loud enough like Tinkerbell."  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "Oh, they're not coming out. Everybody, come on, let's show we really—"

**Travis:** "Look who we got! [chants] Dave! Dave! Dave! Dave!"

**Griffin:** He peeks his head out, [mouths bird sounds]. "No, too loud. You scared him."

**Travis:** [chuckles] Okay, I got one more. This is the best one.

**Griffin:** Good.

**Justin:** All right.

**Travis:** Johnny Cash introducing Elton John.

**Griffin:** Jesus Christ...



**Justin:** Ooh...

[crowd exclaims]

**Travis:** I know.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** When, can you give me a year?

**Justin:** Oh—

**Griffin:** 'Cause this is gonna change my answer pretty dramatically!

**Travis:** If I had to guess, I mean, it looks like '80s, Paul, would you say?

**Paul:** Yeah, I'd say early/mid '80s.

**Griffin:** Okay. Just really happy. Like really upbeat. Just super jized.

**Justin:** I think, just to kind— just to... kind of... Ella Jay. You know, kind of like moroseful, sad.

**Travis:** Oh, okay. Let's play it!

[video crowd cheers]

**Johnny Cash:** Working with our special guest—

[crowd laughs]

[video crowd cheers]

**Johnny Cash:** Working with our special guest has been a big thrill for me. He's a wonderful entertainer. And you can't work with a guy like Elton John without having his showmanship and flash rub off on you. So, Elton, I hope

you don't mind, but I took the liberty of borrowing these threads. And ladies and gentlemen, once again, Elton John.

[video crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Now, what I think you're watching there... For those of you at home, Johnny Cash is wearing an Elton John-esque, like huge, flashy, gold lamé, pink boa outfit. And it's a long clip. And what I think you're seeing there is a man who at the beginning of the bit is like, "This is great."

**Griffin:** "This is great shit! They're good eat this up."

**Travis:** "They're gonna love this." And then about halfway through this 20 second bit, he's like, "I made a huge mistake."

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** He's literally— the fuck'n—[chuckles] I think you should leave—

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "I got too much shit on. Why did you guys tell me to do this? I got so much shit on! Look at me! I'm Johnny Cash! Look at me right now!"

**Justin:** That's exactly the arc. He goes from, "They're about to laugh at this so hard, I'm not even gonna be able to get the words out." To, "Oh, Christ, why—"

**Griffin:** "Oh, Christ! I don't even wanna be around anymore!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** [sings] "I hurt myself—"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** I was about to ask for it again, I don't think I could actually!

**Griffin:** I don't actually want it again.

**Travis:** [chuckles] No!

**Justin:** I don't think I could get through it. Thank you, Travis. Thank you for your contribution.

**Travis:** You're welcome! With special guest.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** "I am planning my upcoming move from Austin to Washington D.C. I'm excited for the move, except for—"

[a few crowd members cheer]

**Justin:** That was an acceptable noise for that. Yeah, they're leaving you behind! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Sure.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "I fear leaving behind my beloved Texas grocery store chain because they make the delicious, fresh tortillas my heart desires."

**Griffin:** Target!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Target?

**Griffin:** I gotta assume we got a few Target-heads in the audience. We love— *we love* this place here, guys.

**Travis:** Well, we have no choice but to stay— oh, yeah—

**Griffin:** We have no choice but to stay on the Target tortillas, they're so good!

**Travis:** The tartillas! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** That's what we call 'em! That's right, Travis!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm above the boards!

**Justin:** "I wanna stockpile as many of these sweet, sweet tortillas as I possibly can, and bring them with me to put in my freezer. The problem is..." Well, transport, I would guess. That's not addressed here, but that's definitely an issue. "The problem is I'm worried that if I show up and try to buy every tortilla in the store, the staff will get mad at me for buying too many."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "What the maximum number of tortillas I can buy without drawing too much heat from the store?"

**Travis:** How many do they have? Minus one.

**Justin:** Now, wait—

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, I mean, it's embarrassing for me every time I have dinner with Dr. Anthony Fauci and his wonderful family.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** `Cause you live in D.C. now.

**Griffin:** I live in Washington D.C. now, the district. As we call it, Fauci central. And when I'm having a dinner with Fauci and his wonderful, beautiful family, and he's like, "It's taco time." And I'm like, "Yes, sir, doctor!" And then I have to hand him a loose pile of seasoned beef and lettuce, and shredded cheese in his hands. And then—

**Travis:** He still makes you wash your hands though, right?

**Griffin:** I've told you this, you does not give a shit about that anymore.

**Travis:** Oh, right. Right, right.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I tried go to D.C. grocery stores and I've... and I'm like— I tell `em what it is and they're like, "Bull shit."

**Travis:** They don't have tortillas?

**Griffin:** I showed `em a picture of it on my phone and they're like, "That's so— that's too flat!"

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Do they have like pitas?

**Griffin:** No, they don't. No, Travis, they don't.

**Travis:** What about naan?

**Griffin:** Yeah, they have— you're having— you're— I'm having a lot of fun with you in this space right now, Trav.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** I'm having so much fun playing with you right now on the little playground I just built.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I had a playground build where I was feeding Dr. Anthony Fauci loose taco beef in my hands, and you were like, "Wait a second, I just thought of something!"

**Travis:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Crêpes.

**Griffin:** That's why I left.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** That's why you left?

**Griffin:** 'Cause of you. [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Wait, left where? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Listen, they do have tortillas in D.C., you'll be happy to hear. They're not as— They're not as— They're not as good.

**Justin:** As the Target ones.

**Griffin:** As the Target ones that they have here. 'Cause also like, you can also get like you know, I nice sweater or something from the—

**Justin:** I big ice— A big Icee.

**Griffin:** A big Icee.

**Travis:** And sometimes they have Starbucks right there, and they put—

**Griffin:** Right there, can't beat it!

**Travis:** And they're put— they've put the cupholders— guys, in the shopping carts. So, you can have like your mocha right there with you!

**Griffin:** I've never been to an H-E-B where they didn't have just a wheelbarrow constantly moving from where they were selling the tortillas to the back room, where I'm assuming they were being produced 1,000 at a time.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** You buy them in packages of, I think, starting at 60, if I'm not mistaken. I don't know I ever finished one of those bad boys.

**Travis:** And do they— is it like a bakery where they stop selling when they've made 'em all? Or like they sold 'em all, were done to close—

**Griffin:** I don't know that it's possible. I think that they have some sort of like quantum universe technology where they're getting tortillas from every possible Austin.

**Justin:** Like the—[chuckles] like the shrimp vortex that opens at Red Lobster once a year.

**Griffin:** Exactly like the shrimp vortex that opens at Red Lobster every year!

**Travis:** Maybe you're doing them a favor by buying all of them, like, "Thank god, man."

**Griffin:** "Thank you."

**Travis:** "We were literally swimming in it back here. We've lost a lot of good employees to the tortillas stack. They fall over once a day."

**Griffin:** Damn, I might... I might hit up H-E-B on my way home, actually.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Hey, get some of their cereal, too, 'cause they got some of the best cereal the past couple of years.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** There are like exclusive H-E-B cereals.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Justin:** Thanks. I can Venmo you.

**Griffin:** Yeah... we don't live together. [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** They'll send it?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** If this person can get frozen tortillas back to D.C., you can mail me a box of Mango Crunch, or whatever you find. [in monotone chant] "Over the last year or so, I've treated myself to a, frankly, irresponsibly expensive premium brand of mid-western milk."



**Griffin:** Why are you talking like that?!

**Travis:** Why was there like a catholic dirge?

**Justin:** [chants like a monk] Milk!

**Griffin:** [chants like a monk] Milk!

**Travis:** [chants like a monk] Milk!

**Griffin:** [chants like a monk] Texas!

**Justin:** "It comes in half gallon glass bottles that you can then return to the store, and they'll give you a bit of money back. I've justified this opulent luxury by telling myself it's not so crazy expensive if I factor in the bottle return. Except I've been lazy and so far have not returned any of the bottles."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "And now have an impressive collection of empty milk bottles. How can I return them all at once so I don't have to deal with them, without coming off as some lactose obsessed freak?" Now, this next sentence is the kind of detail we're striving for on the show, thank you. "If I put two in my bag, they clink so loudly and it draws a lot of unwanted attention."

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** That's just two, folks. Now, you—

**Travis:** Can you imagine?

**Justin:** Now, you can understand why this is such a big problem.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Who was that from?

**Justin:** David.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Dave? One more detail I do need, when you say, 'an impressive amount, a collection,' how many, roughly?

**David:** 20.

**Griffin:** Like 20 empty bottles of milk, okay.

**Justin:** 20. 20 empty bottles of milk.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Hey, what you've just created for yourself, Dave, is like a full day, right? That's like, just getting them out to the car, then getting out of the car, getting 'em in the building, stacking 'em up, you've—

**David:** I don't have a car!

**Travis:** Oh, no, Dave! No car!

**Griffin:** You don't have a car? Dave, oh no!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Woah.

**Griffin:** Hey, Dave, [in silly voice] how good a juggler are you, David?!

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** If two in your bag clink, times that by 10!

**Justin:** I only know—

**Travis:** They'll hear you coming from the next town over!

**Justin:** I was sitting here worrying that maybe David... like, with milk bottles like that, you have to clean `em so good.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Or else they'll be stinky. And I'm sitting here wondering, man, I wonder if David really worked hard and cleaned those bottles. But the only thing I know about David is that David has never returned one of these milk bottles to the store. Which doesn't speak well of the tenacity of David.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Fuck'n—

**Justin:** I feel like.

**Travis:** And especially when you consider the cleaning part he would've been doing for free, the returning earns money—

**Justin:** He has incentive! Yeah, for sure!

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Travis:** Oh, Dave. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Oh, David...

**Travis:** Oh, Dave. Wait long enough and maybe some authorities will come collect them!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah! David, have you considered starting some sort of... I don't know, amateur carnival game in your front yard?

**Travis:** There you go!

**Justin:** Oh, that's good!

**Griffin:** "Knock these over, and they're yours."

**Travis:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Communities love one thing, it's a DIY carnival!

**Griffin:** That's great! Set up a folding table in front of your house, stack up these bottles nine at a time, and start handing out strangers baseballs on the streets. And when they throw the baseball at the bottles and shatter them you say, "Why did you do that?!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Those are glass bottles!"

**Travis:** "I could've returned them for money, maybe!" [chuckles]

**Justin:** Wait. Wait, wait, wait, wait, here's what you do, you do ring toss. And then if they sink it you're like, "Congratulations, please take your bottle."

**Griffin:** "Take your bottle. Leave the ring."

**Justin:** "Take it all the way to the grocery store, please. Thank you."

**Travis:** Ooh! Write a bunch of notes, stick `em inside, throw `em in the ocean.

**Griffin:** Yes, great.

**Travis:** What's that the note says? "You can return this bottle for money."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** No, okay, but—

**Travis:** "The sea provides." [chuckles]

**Justin:** Specifically, I think David has to profit. 'Cause that's how David has been justifying this expensive milk.

**Griffin:** This exorbitant milk. Hey, David, is that much better, though?

**Travis:** What's different, is it thicker? [chuckles]

**David:** I can't go back!

**Griffin:** You can't go back, okay. You could though, right? Probably? It's milk.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Sorry, David, would you say you can't go back— instead of just saying you can't go back to regular milk. Not, "I've bought so much, not returned the bottles. I can't go back." Because at this point, Dave, 20 bottles, in, they know you. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** They do!

**Justin:** Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** You're a regular!

**Travis:** "What's he doing with the bottles?"

**Justin:** There's someone—

**Griffin:** You're drinking a lot of milk. I don't actually know how regular you are in this exact moment?

**Justin:** [chuckles] There's someone at that store that's like, "Guys, you're gonna kill me, but I do think we need to buy more bottles again." [chuckles] "I know, it doesn't seem right—"

**Travis:** "I know this seems ridiculous, because of the trade back in for money deal we've got going, which is still good. But we're 20 short?"

**Justin:** "We seem to be— I'm running inventory and we're 20 short on these beautiful bottles."

**Travis:** "And I've asked everyone— except Dave, everyone. And most people brought 'em back. So, where's 19 of the other bottles? 'Cause Dave's got 1. Where are the other 19?"

**Justin:** "Even on the outside, David has three. [chuckles] I mean..."

**Travis:** "Woah, hey, Dave is—[chuckles] We trust him, he's a regular here. A trusted face!"

**Justin:** There's no— the problem is there's just no system for bringing things to the store.

**Travis:** Mm-hm!

**Justin:** We have lots of systems for bringing things from store to house.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Justin:** But when I'm headed to store I don't think like, "Let me hit my bottles real quick, see if I got any to take with me."

**Travis:** There was— very recently, we bought some strawberries, brought 'em home, opened it. The top layer, very nice. But like a prank, underneath, all the other strawberries, bad. And my wife said—

**Griffin:** In what way?

**Travis:** They'd gone.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay.

**Travis:** They'd spoiled.

**Griffin:** They passed.

**Travis:** And my wife said, "Should we return them?" And I... can't be that person. [chuckles] I was like, "I'm never gonna do that."

**Griffin:** "We ate the top ones!"

**Travis:** [chuckles] Just the idea of like, it was like \$3 for the box, and the idea being like, "I can't believe this—"

**Griffin:** "Can we have the top ones from another box of strawberries, on top of the top ones of this box of strawberries, please?"

**Travis:** I'm never gonna take something back into the store.

**Griffin:** You're never gonna do this, right, David? You sent this in for a fun time for the podcast, but—

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** You can turn it into a craft, maybe your own Christmas decorations with them. That's something to do with garbage. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** You could use— you could— I mean, you could YouTube it? Just YouTube it, act like it's a thing. Like, hey—

**Griffin:** What are you—

**Justin:** Here's what you do, you bring it back and it's like—

**Travis:** "I'm gonna return all the bottles I can fit in this square!" [chuckles]

**Justin:** "Hey, guys, I'm doing the milk bottle challenge! You all have been begging for it and now I'm doing it. What's up, Periscope? It's me, David. What's up, Vine? It's David, doing the milk bottle challenge—"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** "I'm never giving you up!" [chuckles] "I pirated my own Vine!"

**Justin:** You don't even need to film it, just talk like that, they're not gonna question you.

**Griffin:** No.

**Travis:** Yeah, act like there's a camera with you, keeping pointing to it like, "Hey, say hi to everybody!"

**Justin:** I'll tell you what, though. One thing I will—

**Travis:** "He's had too much of the premium milk!"

**Justin:** Wait, hold on. David, is there any chance that you've been buying this milk at H-E-B? Let's say yes.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** 'Cause I think what we need is these two to work together.

**Travis:** Oh?

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Justin:** 'Cause they can't be mad at two people at the same time, right?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]



**Justin:** So, David is like weird bottle pervert, stumbling in like, "Hey, everybody! Clink-clink-clink!" That's when you're like, "Tortillas for me, all you got. Put `em in the bag, nice and fast. Please."

**Travis:** "Hey, do you believe this guy? It was all of `em, yeah."

**Justin:** "Oh, I'm paying for `em, yeah!"

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** "Yeah, I'm paying for `em!"

**Travis:** "This is— I know how I said it and it sounded like a hold up, it's not that at all."

**Justin:** "I heard myself saying it. Hey, but check out that guy with those nice bottles, right?" [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Woman in audience:** He's actually my best friend!

**Travis:** You're best friends?

**Griffin:** You're best friends?! What are the fucking odds! Do this heist!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** All right, everybody, we're gonna take a break! Go buy some posters!

**Griffin:** We'll be right back!

**Justin:** We'll be right back, bye!

**Travis:** Bye!

[theme song plays]

**Travis:** Hey, Justin?

**Justin:** Yeah?

**Travis:** You know how you're always at a loss of where to find a doctor?

**Justin:** No. She's in my house. She's in my house.

**Travis:** You're like, "How do I... How do I find a doctor, especially like that knows— that like takes my insurance, or are available when I need them?" That kind of thing, you know?

**Justin:** Yeah, my wife's a doctor. So, I just see her.

**Travis:** Does your wife—

**Justin:** She's not allowed to, but—

**Travis:** Does your wife take your insurance, Justin?

**Justin:** I beg her to, but she just refuses. But I understand not everybody has a doctor that lives at their house and has to listen to all their problems.

**Travis:** Yeah, that's true. And not—

**Justin:** That's first advice, that's like plan A. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, try to marry a doctor, if you can. Or get a doctor roommate, that's fine too.

**Justin:** What about plan B, Trav? What's plan B?

**Travis:** Well, plan B is Zocdoc, Justin.

**Justin:** Mm-hm.

**Travis:** Because Zocdoc is the only free app that lets you find ample doctors, who are patient reviewed, take your insurance, and are available when you need them. Millions of people use Zocdoc's free app to find and book a doctor in their neighborhood who is patient reviewed and fits their needs and schedule just right. You can book an appointment with a few taps in the app. Tap in the app, Justin. A little app tap.

**Justin:** Tap in the app. You know, Trav, this is a real problem. Accessibility is sometimes a big barrier for people who are looking to seek care for whatever kind of condition.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** And I think it's cool that Zocdoc is making it a little bit easier.

**Travis:** It is. Hey, Justin? It's wonderful. This must be like our most adliest ad in a while. I'm really proud of us.

**Justin:** I'm fighting the urge to— has Griffin been derailing us this whole time? Is that what we're—

**Travis:** Yeah, it's been Griffin's fault. Yeah, man.

**Justin:** It's been Griffin's fault, we're good ad guys!

**Travis:** Yeah, we're very professional.

**Justin:** We're good ad guys!

**Travis:** We're good ad guys and he's a bad ad guy.

**Justin:** Check this out. Hey, check this out. Check this out.

**Travis:** Okay?

**Justin:** [in radio voice] Go to [zocdoc.com/mybrother](https://zocdoc.com/mybrother), and download the Zocdoc app for free! Then find and book a top-rated doctor today! Many are

available within 24 hours. That's [zocdoc.com/mybrother](http://zocdoc.com/mybrother).  
[Zocdoc.com/mybrother](http://Zocdoc.com/mybrother).

**Travis:** Whew! I got chills, Justin. That was amazing.

**Justin:** It's good, right?

**Travis:** Yeah, man. It was incredible.

**Justin:** I'm like an ad guy. Back to the show.

**Travis:** Hey, before you go. Hey, wait, come back, come back, come back.

**Justin:** Okay, okay?

**Travis:** No, not you, Justin. Like the listener.

**Justin:** Oh, got it.

**Travis:** Don't worry about it. This week, April 27<sup>th</sup>, we're in San José doing Adventure Zone with Aabria Iyengar. April 28<sup>th</sup>, we're in San José doing My Brother, My Brother and Me. April 29<sup>th</sup>, we're in Denver doing My Brother, My Brother and Me. This is a Fancy Takes Flight set.

**Justin:** The final!

**Travis:** The final Fancy Takes Flight set.

**Justin:** The conclusion of this tour.

**Travis:** If you don't have your tickets yet, you can still get a few at— you can go to [bit.ly/mcelroytours](http://bit.ly/mcelroytours). We'll see you there, it's gonna be super fun. And don't forget to go check out our merch. 10% of all merch proceeds this month go to the transgender law center. There's a lot of stuff on there, including the Richard Stink room spray. So, check it out, [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com)!

[The Jackie and Laurie Show theme music plays]

**Jackie:** Hi, I'm Jackie Kashian.

**Laurie:** Hello, I'm Laurie Kilmartin.

**Jackie:** We do a podcast called The Jackie and Laurie Show, and you can listen to it anytime you wanna, 'cause there's 100s of episodes.

**Laurie:** Yeah! I mean, we've been doing comedy forever. And we should both quit. So, why don't you listen—

**Jackie:** [laughs]

**Laurie:** Before we leave this not only terrible business, but this awful world.

**Jackie:** And find out why we can't.

**Laurie:** [laughs]

**Jackie:** Because we love it so.

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[The Jackie and Laurie Show theme music concludes]

[The Greatest Generation theme music plays]

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**Benjamin:** And the groins of different costumes.

**Adam:** Reviewing every episode in order.

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[The Greatest Generation theme music concludes]

**Justin:** And [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:** Profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. I am your host, Justin McElroy.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Okay?

**Travis:** And I'm your cohost, Travis McElroy!

**Griffin:** All right!

**Justin:** Are you guys— are you— hey— pff.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Let me turn—

**Travis:** No, this has gone badly before!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Let me just turn the chair around real quick.

**Griffin:** We don't all have peekaboo crotch windows like you do, Travis.

**Justin:** I wanna— I wanna—

**Travis:** I'm just saying that Justin, your body posture now is making love to that chair.

**Justin:** I have now extended my leg split to eight o'clock and one o'clock. I'm not loving it. Hey, listen, I wanna— the reason I'm turned around like this is 'cause I wanna talk fucking Gen Z people. Are you here?

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Okay, well, obviously I have been chosen to bring this news to you for reasons that you can surmise. Wetzel Pretzels is launching a new concept, built for you.

**Travis:** Wait, now hold on. Hold on, hold on, hold on. They're launching a pretzel concept for Gen Z? Like, "Gen Z, hey, we get it. That old pretzel? That's not for you." [chuckles]

**Justin:** Gen Z people right now, the moment I said pretzels, you could see like, ugh!

**Griffin:** Argh!

**Justin:** "Disgusting! We don't crave pretzels?" Well, get ready. 'Cause Wetzel Pretzels is coming for that ass.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** That's what it says!

**Justin:** It's what it says here.

**Griffin:** That's what it says, woah?

**Travis:** It says it right there at the top of the page!

**Justin:** "With the ability to unlock a powerful new pathway for expansion," that's a quote.

**Griffin:** Holy shit!

**Travis:** Wait, what?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** With the ability to, quote, "Unlock a powerful new pathway for expansion. Wetzel's Pretzels lifted the lid off a new storefront concept, Wednesday called Twisted by Wetzel's!"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Twisted by Wetzel's! "The chain referred to it as a street concept."  
[chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]



**Travis:** What's that mean?!

**Justin:** A street concept!

**Griffin:** Holy shit.

**Justin:** "Designed to satisfy Millennial and Gen Z tastes through and expansive, innovative menu, curated to provide an array of imaginative and elevated options." [chuckles] Y'all are gonna fucking freak when you see this place!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Gen Z, are you ready to nut?

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Paul?

**Travis:** That's what it says right there! It says that!

**Justin:** It says right here!

**Travis:** In the press release, it says—

**Justin:** Paul, send 'em, bud! It's time to bust, Gen Z, here we go! Woah!

**Griffin:** Woah!

[crowd exclaims]

**Justin:** Woah!

**Griffin:** You're telling me they sell pretzels here?!

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** "No way, man! Look at the paint splatter design on that table! They must sell cool drugs!" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "Wait, are those yellow chairs?"

**Travis:** "Get out! Are those 18 different drink machines with 6 of the same drinks in them?" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "Yeah, 'cause it's Twisted!"

**Travis:** "It's mostly lemonade!" [chuckles]

**Justin:** "We're looking for growth opportunities—" Too late, John! They just left the door. Sorry, John, all the Gen Z people left, 'cause they sensed you were a cop. But let's move on.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** "We're always looking for growth opportunities for new and existing franchisees to evolve with Wetzel's," says John Fischer, who's definitely not a cop, it says here. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Says John Fischer, cool 18-year-old.

**Justin:** [chuckles] He said it in a statement, it says here. To make clear he didn't say this with his mouth.

**Griffin:** No. [chuckles]

**Justin:** "We've shown our ability to adapt to a variety of flexible formats." Which sounds suspiciously like your grandpa telling you he's just fine with the person you're dating now, no matter what grandma might say.

[chuckles] "We've shown our ability to adapt to a variety of flexible formats, adding storefront locations to our portfolio allows us to bring pretzels to the people, wherever they are."

**Travis:** Wait, hold on. How were they getting pretzels to people before that?

**Justin:** It's about— Travis, it's about accessibility.

**Travis:** No, I'm sorry, Justin, I understand that. But did Wetzel's Pretzels not have stores before this?

**Justin:** No, this is the first time they've come out! And you didn't know about that, which is a real credit to your hipness. If you had ever heard about Wetzel's before, I would assume you're a cop. [chuckles] But since you're ignorant of them, you're cool and young!

**Travis:** "Listen, up 'til now, we've just been a fake brand that people could talk about 'cause the words rhyme. And what we decided to do was build stores that sold real pretzels."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Or like a ghost kitchen operating out of an Auntie Anne's!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "Twisted, by Wetzel's, will debut spring, in Orange County, California." Darn.

**Travis:** That is one of the coolest places—

**Justin:** Woah!

**Griffin:** Woah!

**Justin:** Look at the outside of that place, it says twisted! And the W's a pretzel?!

**Griffin:** I wanna—

**Travis:** Well, Justin, one of the Ws is a pretzel!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** They didn't have the commitment to make both Ws pretzels!

**Justin:** "The interiors are bright—"

**Travis:** But they did— I'm so upset that they said, "We'll make this one a pretzel."

"Well, should we obscure it that they're—"

"No, right below it, same color, different font."

**Griffin:** Right below it.

**Justin:** Same color. Okay, listen, listen. "These interiors are bright, with open kitchens to showcase Wetzel's preparation of pretzels and—"

**Griffin:** It's not fucking Jiro Dreams of Sushi!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** They take the dough log and they go like this to it.

**Justin:** Okay, wait a minute. Hey, shout out, if you've ever actually done that, is Griffin gonna get it right his first try?

**Griffin:** I've— hey!

**Justin:** Most certainly not.

**Griffin:** I've made pretzels before. After like the third one, you get how to twist `em up right.

**Travis:** Also, they're not making `em fresh as ordered.

**Justin:** But I guarantee, they're making 'em by hand there every single day.

**Griffin:** Every single day.

**Justin:** This is Twisted!

**Griffin:** It's fucked up.

**Travis:** That's fair. Can I say that the color scheme does make me think that they're thinking about toddlers when they say Gen Z?

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** When they're like, "These kid love high-contrast colors, simple shapes, train noises!" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay...

**Griffin:** When mommy doesn't leave the room!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** And we've got Cocomelon on the screen, 24/7!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** "These interiors are bright with—"

**Travis:** You do like that? Okay!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Okay, cool. We don't know.

**Justin:** “The interiors are bright, with open kitchens to showcase Wetzel’s preparation, and ideally suited for power shopping centers, in densely populated, urban, suburban and college town segs—” Twisted by Wetzels seems like really twisted, like they have a super villain running it. [in silly voice] “We’ve targeted the highest density areas!”

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [in silly voice] “More people means more pretzels, which mean more pain!”

**Griffin:** [in silly voice] “When we unleash our violent strain of salty breads!”

**Justin:** Now they decided just— this is Kim Freer, the CMO over there, just decides to fuck’n blackout the booth. “Twisted by Wetzel’s embraces the magic, or our core brand, and elevates it to a whole new level, providing a bigger, bolder, more imaginative expression of Wetzel’s.”

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** What does that mean?

**Justin:** Set yourself free, Wetzel’s, you need to be bigger. Live out loud, Wetzel’s!

**Travis:** “Here at Twisted, we sell a mouth spray that reminds you of pretzels. Twisted!”

**Justin:** Wait, Kim’s not done. “Building upon our legacy,” yet stuffing it in the trash before your daughter’s friends come over.

**Travis:** Yeah. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** “... Our legacy, we’re imagining how and where these twisty treats are enjoyed, said Kim Freer, who just didn’t wanna say the word Pretzels again.

**Griffin:** Who's run out of ways to say pretzels!

**Travis:** "Hey, Doug, will you proofread this for me? Am I—" "Yeah, you're saying pretzels too much."

**Griffin:** "You're saying pretzels way too much."

**Travis:** "Fuck'n knew it!"

**Justin:** "I knew it, it felt like I was saying—" "By bringing an innovative menu and engaging in in-store experience to neighborhood locations, we're making pretzebles more fun and accessible than ever before."

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Sorry, does the press release say pretzebles? Or did you—

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** No, "We're making pretze—" No, "We're making pretzels more fun and more accessible."

**Griffin:** I'm just saying, if they changed the name of it to Wetzel's Pretzebles, I would eat only there for the rest of my life.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Have you— hey, by and large, does anybody have any problems to this point with pretzel access? 'Cause it seems like they're kind of all over right now.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Justin:** It seems like we're doing okay on that front.

**Travis:** The scariest part of this whole press release so far has been them just casually dropping 'in-store experience.' Are people like singing? Is there stuff happening? What's—

**Justin:** There's just like— it's like a party 24/7—

**Travis:** I don't want that when I buy a pretzel! If anything, slow down!

**Griffin:** You haven't had that.

**Travis:** Like, I want less time spent in the pretzel shop. If they could throw it to me as I walk by, that's the ideal—[chuckles]

**Justin:** Right, like a puppy catching a frisbee? Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, that's ideal for me!

**Justin:** "We're proud to debut this new concept in our home state of California, bringing our vision of a Wetz Coast Wonderland to life."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** How... how could you?

**Travis:** Mm-mm!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** They do, if you're curious, there's like a bunch of different things here at the store. There's Twistz, and that's Twisted and—

**Griffin:** That's so... I don't know what I'm looking at right now. It's so big... it looks like someone has dipped an entire hot pocket in marinara.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** This, actually, this seems like a threat.



**Griffin:** It does!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Like, if somebody sent me this, no context, no like, “Let’s—” I’d be like, “We need to go.” [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** “We need to go, now!”

**Griffin:** “Big enough for you, Gen Z?!”

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, what other food pics do we have, Paul? Let’s see. I’ll tell you what— okay. This is the Dogz, with a Z. Options include the Baja Boardwalk, complete with jalapeños, green onion slaw, and—

**Travis:** And an almost complete bun. [chuckles]

**Justin:** “And an authentic cilantro baja sauce.” Folks in Austin, you guys have gotta try cilantro if you haven’t. Get to—

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Get to Wetzels, Twisted by Wetzels. And you’re gonna love this stuff. Most of you will.

**Griffin:** I don’t even know what that is.

**Justin:** Some of you will not get what all the fuss is about.

**Griffin:** Do they have any wet food?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** These are loaded— these are loaded... These are Loaded Bitz. Bitz with a Z. And it's Wetzels riff on loaded fries.

**Griffin:** Cool! Yeah, no, you fuck up! [laughs] That's nothing like that.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Here's— here's— here's— Loaded Bitz have three options, S'mores, Bacon Ranch, and Baja Elote. Wait, how is that the three different—

**Travis:** All over the place!

**Justin:** Yeah, just... "Actually, could you just smooch one all together for me? Thank you."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "Thank you very much."

**Travis:** And of course, the fourth option, Leavins.

**Griffin:** Leavins. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Wetzels compass of, quote, "Bringing pretzels to the people wherever they are," as Fischer puts it, "Is something the brand amplified in recent years, with its extensive work with FEMA, getting—"

**Griffin:** The fuck are we looking at, Wetzables?!

**Travis:** Wait, no, hold on.

**Justin:** No, I made that up, that's a joke.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** That's a— that's a twisted— sorry, that's it's— pretzel— visit—

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** It's a— it's a pretzel ch— it's a pretzel chimney cake.

**Griffin:** [laughs] A pretzel chimney cake!

**Justin:** The band's pretzel— the— the brand's pretzel, though, wrote and settled— sugar crystals—

**Travis:** Hey, Justin, are you okay?

**Griffin:** Take a second, man!

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Pretzel chimney cakes! "The brand's pretzel dough rolled in sugar crystals and filled with soft serve. This is the cookies and cream variety."

**Travis:** Can I say, what this image conveys, is that the Oreo on top has defeated all its competitors in battle.

**Justin:** Right.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Their bodies strewn about the battle below them.

**Griffin:** Crumbled and ruined!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** To reign supreme.

**Justin:** So, congratulations to Twisted by Wetzel's, happy birthday.

**Travis:** In the game of cones, you win. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** You win. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Or you die.

**Justin:** That's quite a cone you've made, thank you very much, Wetzel's.

**Griffin:** Thank you so much, Wetzebles.

**Justin:** And thanks for listening to this episode of the Munch Squad.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** All right. We're gonna bring some folks down to the microphone, I'm gonna call you.

**Travis:** Pull up.

**Griffin:** As you come down, before we get started, I just wanted to say we have a lovely poster out there designed by Chloe Dungate, that we are huge fans of. We signed a bunch of `em. So, if there are any still out there after the show, you should grab one. That would be totally rad. When you come up—

**Travis:** Grab `em and pay for `em.

**Griffin:** Pay for `em, yes! Thank you, Travis!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** When you come to the microphone, if you wanna tell us your name, your pronouns if you want to, and a brief summary of your question. And then we'll have a lot of fun. Hello.

**Kaden:** Howdy.

**Griffin:** Hi, how's it going?

**Justin:** Hi.

**Griffin:** Are you ready to have fuck'n fun?

**Kaden:** I'm ready to have so much fuck'n fun!

**Griffin:** Great!

**Kaden:** Cool. Yeah, I'm Kaden.

**Griffin:** Hi, Kaden.

**Kaden:** Cool. So, yeah. I've been working at this place for about a year now, and I used to have eight other coworkers. And my boss—

**Travis:** And you ate 'em? [chuckles]

**Kaden:** Yeah, no, I got rid of 'em!

**Travis:** Bummer, Kade!

**Kaden:** Yeah! And my boss, every time the McRib would come back in action, he would forcibly buy all of us McRib. That's the only time he's ever really bought us lunch. And—

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Kaden:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Huh?

**Kaden:** And so, he would be visibly upset if we refused the McRib. Multiple, for people. At least two per person.

**Justin:** Wow.

**Kaden:** And now—

**Griffin:** Your boss was buying two McRib per person?

**Kaden:** Two McRib's per people. I think there was a deal.

**Griffin:** I'm pretty sure they come with a warning label... suggesting not to do that.

**Travis:** Was he collecting UPC box tops or something?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Kaden, I need to ask like the first time it happened, was there like a build up? Like, "Y'all... McRib day! Come on, who's fired up?"

**Kaden:** We were kind of excited in the beginning. Apparently, it happened— apparently, it's been happening—

**Justin:** [laughs] The McRib story!

**Kaden:** Like, my coworkers originally told me like, "Ah, the McRib's back. You know what that means." So...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "He's gonna do it again, we can't stop him!"

**Kaden:** But with COVID, he let us all go, except for me. So, I'm his only coworker, I'm his only employee.

**Travis:** He set you free. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Kaden:** I'm his only employee.

**Justin:** Do you think he was literally like, "I can't afford to buy McRibs for all these people."

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** "That's 16 McRibs..."

**Justin:** "Who seems to love it the most? Well, Kaden, I know, that'll break his heart, if Kaden—" [chuckles]

**Kaden:** My question for y'all is, how do I respectfully decline the McRib when it comes back, and it's just me?

**Travis:** Okay, Kaden, it just popped in my head. You ready?

**Kaden:** Yeah.

**Travis:** "Ah, I wish I could. Doctor says I gotta..." [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** "I gotta back off, man. He said one more could do it."

**Kaden:** [laughs] Yeah!

**Griffin:** "It'll send me overboard."

**Justin:** Kaden, here's what you— you go to his office and say, "Knock, knock boss. Hey, tomorrow, let me buy the McRibs." And he'll be like, "Thank you, Kaden, that's so sweet." And you show up the next day like, "Fuck... I'm so sorry. I'm so— That— God, that sucks of me. I forgot to bring `em this morning. I was gonna get `em on my way in—"

**Travis:** No, why not buy `em for him and say, "I just couldn't wait, ate mine on the way in."

**Justin:** [laughs] "I ate mine."

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** You gotta smear a little...

**Griffin:** McRib juice.

**Travis:** Some sauce!

**Justin:** Bring in a couple of wrappers in your hands! [laughs] "I actually got three, I was having a hungry morning!"

**Kaden:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Do you like the McRib?

**Kaden:** I enjoy it, but after a while—

**Justin:** We ask that of everybody who comes up to the mic.

**Travis:** And after a while—

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** By the way, after a while is two in a row, I guess?

**Kaden:** I mean, about a year's worth of two in a row is a bit too much.

**Travis:** Yeah, man. That's when McDonald's knows, it's time for them to fly back to Capistrano, or wherever a McRib goes when it's not in circulation. Do they just move them from country to country?

**Griffin:** That's exactly it, yeah.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Kaden:** Probably, yeah.

**Justin:** Does that answer your question? No, wait, it didn't really. Hold on.



**Griffin:** Hold on, we can do better.

**Kaden:** Show up with sauce on my face?

[crowd chuckles]

**Kaden:** Ugh, now that the picture's up there, I'm rethinking my question.

**Griffin:** That sucks so...

**Travis:** I want it!

**Justin:** I would destroy one right now. What's the green things, hey?

**Travis:** Pickles?

**Griffin:** Pickles, I assume.

**Kaden:** I'd hope so.

**Travis:** I mean, not in this picture. In this picture, that's probably a plastic thing meant to represent pickles.

**Justin:** Okay, all right, Travis.

**Griffin:** Wow.

**Justin:** Wow. Do you all know about food staging?

**Travis:** I'm just saying, not everything's what it seems.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Do you like— hold on, wait. Do you like the job, except for that they make you eat McRib's at it?

**Kaden:** You know, I could— I'm trying to look for a new job right now.

**Griffin:** Okay, Kaden!

[crowd exclaims]

**Griffin:** Hey, Kaden! Hey, Kaden! It's not—

**Kaden:** So, how do I respectfully decline a McRib and quit my job?

**Justin:** Hey, is the McRib out right now?

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** Hey, shoutout to everybody who was just like, "I know this from memory, let me answer without thinking about it."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** The McRib's not out right now. You know how to do this, you have to—[chuckles] you are racing the McRib to market!

**Travis:** You're on the clock!

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Kaden, next time— next time we come to Austin, and we do— and I'm just talking to you right now. Everybody else, do whatever. Next time we come and you wanna ask a question where you're gonna talk shit about your employer, you can use a different name.

**Kaden:** Yeah!

[crowd laughs]

**Kaden:** I might have.

**Griffin:** Oh, you might have? Okay, that's fine!

**Travis:** If you didn't let us know on the down low. We'll wait to release this until after the next time the McRib comes back.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yes.

**Travis:** Because by that point, if you haven't found a new job by then, Kaden, it's on you.

**Justin:** Hey, are you telling me—

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Kaden, are you telling me there might be— somewhere, someone is listening to this episode thinking, "Wouldn't it be— I'm glad Hayden loves the McRib so much! I'd be so embarrassed if I was this guy, this poor sun of a bitch. This ungrateful dude."

**Kaden:** I love y'all and I love the show, but there's no chance he's listening.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Okay!

[crowd laughs]

**Kaden:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] You can give 'em your social security number and you're like fine!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Well, now, hold on! Hopefully, somebody's listening, Justin!

**Kaden:** Yeah, yeah!

**Justin:** [laughs] Kaden, does that—[chuckles] does that answer your question?

**Kaden:** I think so!

**Griffin:** Thank you, Kaden!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Jessica:** I've never had a McRib, I'll say.

**Griffin:** They're not very good!

**Jessica:** I'll say!

**Travis:** Now, hold on!

**Jessica:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** They're not. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Terrible.

**Jessica:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I was excited that the bagel sandwich came back, though, whew!

**Jessica:** No way?

**Justin:** Yeah, it's back.

**Travis:** Yeah, but not the McPizza? Or the bratwurst.

**Justin:** Come on.

**Travis:** I know.

**Justin:** Sorry. Hi.

**Griffin:** Hi.

**Jessica:** Hi, I'm Jessica.

**Justin:** Hi, Jessica.

**Griffin:** Hi, Jessica.

**Jessica:** So, here's the issue...

**Griffin:** Yeah?

**Jessica:** I've got this Minecraft server.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah.

[crowd cheers]

**Jessica:** With all these kind of friends on it, and we started adding a few people that I work with. So, there's probably five or six of us on there. And it's gotten to a point where one of us is no longer... serving.

**Griffin:** What the—

**Jessica:** Serving.

**Griffin:** What in— serving in the—

**Jessica:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** In the war on creepers?

**Jessica:** [laughs] Yes!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Okay?

**Jessica:** No longer a delight to have in class.

**Travis:** There we go, okay.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** They suck! They're not good! They're bad.

**Griffin:** Wait, no, this could mean so many things. Are they like bad at the game, or are they like—

**Jessica:** All of it.

**Griffin:** Burning people's houses down? There's a huge range.

**Jessica:** No, no, no, not that bad.

**Griffin:** Okay, I see?

**Justin:** But like, you hang out and you're like talking and you're being friends, and... it's kind of one of things like when they come in, you're like, "Oh, well..."

**Griffin:** Oh no...

**Jessica:** "Let me head out."

**Justin:** Okay?

**Griffin:** Yeah, okay?

**Jessica:** And... [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Jessica:** That's him!

**Griffin:** Is that them?

**Jessica:** Yeah! That's the guy!

**Griffin:** Well, that's your problem right there.

**Travis:** Oh yeah, no, I don't even know that much about Minecraft, that's one of the bad guys.

**Jessica:** [chuckles] And so now the question is how do I go about saying, "Please may you leave?" And I still have to go to work and see them!

**Travis:** Not like that, Jessica. "Please may you leave," is not the phrasing.

**Griffin:** I'm glad you've sought outside help if that's the heat that you're bringing to this situation, Jessica.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Is the— where— where— okay, so, where are they at in the hierarchy?

**Griffin:** Of work.

**Justin:** Of job.

**Jessica:** Of work?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Jessica:** Just, same level.

**Griffin:** Same level, okay.

**Justin:** Oh, okay! Well, you gotta get on a different level, because then you can be like—

**Jessica:** Okay? [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** I have really good— actually, really good advice if you became that person's boss, or vice versa. But if you're on the same level, I actually have nothing. But like, if you get on a different level at some point just be like, "This is actually uncomfortable now, you understand?"

**Griffin:** A conflict of interest.

**Justin:** "This is a conflict of interest, obviously. This is weird."

**Jessica:** Ah? Okay, okay, okay.

**Travis:** How— how— Jessica?

**Jessica:** Yeah?

**Travis:** How comfortable are you with subterfuge? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Because you could change the password to the server, and then—

**Griffin:** That's not how it works.

**Jessica:** That's not how—[laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Can you create a scenario— wait, hold on. Everybody, shut up, this is between me and Griffin. Can you create a scenario where they go to log on and they're not able to for some reason?



**Griffin:** I mean, you can just remove them from the list of people allowed to join the game. But I don't know how you do that discreetly. This is a real... this is a real pickle you've given us, Jessica.

**Jessica:** Yeah!

**Travis:** If you do that, do they get like an error message or something?

**Griffin:** They get a message— they get a letter mailed to their house from Mojang that says you're not friends anymore.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Ah...

**Jessica:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Could you start a second server and not tell them about it? And then just be like, "Yeah, I've gotten really busy. I'm playing this other—"

**Jessica:** "Everyone's gotten busy." [chuckles]

**Travis:** "Everyone's gotten busy. Yeah, we're not on anymore."

**Justin:** Can you release 1,000 wasps into the server?

**Jessica:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** That's huge.

**Justin:** And then they're like, "Why—"

**Travis:** Like, into the physical— like, the tower?

**Justin:** No, into the— no, like digital wasps from Minecraft.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** And they're like— your coworker's like, "Where have you all been?" Like, "Well, we can't with the wasps."

**Travis:** With the wasps.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin:** "With the wasps? It's a big problem, we can't do anything in there."

**Griffin:** That's good.

**Travis:** Minecraft— but that's pretty big, right?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Jessica:** Yeah!

**Travis:** Can you guys just move to a different part of the world?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Doesn't work. And again, Griffin, can you tell him it doesn't work?

**Griffin:** No, yeah, you get on the boat and you go to a different part of the world. They're never find you again.

**Travis:** Yeah, man!

**Jessica:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Just sail for the new world, or whatever, leave them behind to run the place.

**Griffin:** Yeah, then they're gone.

**Jessica:** No, you're right.

**Travis:** It's fine!

**Justin:** Can you trap him in The Nether?

**Travis:** Oh, good call.

**Griffin:** That's a thing that's in Minecraft, for sure!

**Travis:** If you kill their Minecraft character, do they die in real life?

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Jessica:** Yes. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Jessica:** Unfortunately, they do.

**Travis:** Problem solved! [chuckles]

**Jessica:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** You're gonna have to—

**Travis:** Hey, Jessica, how comfortable are you with murder? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** No, we can't. That can't always be the answer.

**Jessica:** In Minecraft.

**Griffin:** Can you have someone in the server put on a skin that seems like...

**Justin:** Ugh?

**Griffin:** A costume that's like... I mean, the only thing I think is like Jesus, and then have it—

**Jessica:** Oh?

**Griffin:** When everybody's playing, have them come in and be like, "Y'all did it, you beat Minecraft!"

**Jessica:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** "Bye!" And then you're like, "We did it, guys! We're not playing Minecraft anymore, we beat it!" But then next week, you do play Minecraft again.

**Jessica:** "Guys, we've been freed from Minecraft!"

**Griffin:** "We finished the game!"

**Justin:** Yeah, you have to find— you have to build credits in Minecraft.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** You have to get a bunch of red stone, and then you flipped a switch and then they started rolling. Like, "We did it!"

**Griffin:** "We got it."

**Justin:** "We beat the whole game."

**Griffin:** Does any of that help?

**Jessica:** Yeah, these are a lot of Minecraft buzz words, I love it.

**Griffin:** Yeah, we're... huge.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Jessica:** Thank you, thank you so much!

**Griffin:** Thank you!

**Travis:** Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Hello.

**Griffin:** I see way more people at the microphone than we have called down, which is, I'll be straight with y'all, pretty terrifying.

**Travis:** Hello.

**Josh:** I thought for sure you were not gonna take my question, and I'm a little bit—

**Griffin:** Oh, okay?

**Travis:** Oh, Josh, why'd you submit it then? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Josh:** Well, 'cause I thought it was... I liked it for a second, and then I sent it, and then I got really embarrassed.

**Griffin:** It's really good, Josh! Own it! Let's go!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** [chants] Josh, Josh, Josh, Josh, Josh, Josh, Josh, Josh, Josh!

**Griffin:** Josh, you're gonna say your question out loud, and the reaction you get from the audience is gonna make you feel silly for quibbling.

**Josh:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** What's your question, Josh?

**Josh:** So, I have a bunch of Lego sets.

**Griffin:** Yeah?

[crowd cheers]

**Josh:** And I live in a small apartment, so I can't like put them in the closet or anything.

**Travis:** No, why would you?

**Griffin:** [chuckles] What a wild sentence.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "The apartment's small, so I can't put them away?"

**Travis:** "You know how... people in their palatial mansions are able to stash their Lego sets in their walk-in closets?"

**Griffin:** [chuckles] In their Lego closets.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** The bourgeois!

**Josh:** So, I've been trying to figure out how to make them seem more sophisticated, or I think the other word that I used was...

**Travis:** Sexy.

**Griffin:** Sexy.

**Josh:** Sexy.

**Griffin:** Sexy. Yeah, you said sexy, Josh.

**Justin:** Sexy Lego sets.

[crowd cheers]

**Josh:** For potential suitors.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure, Josh!

[a few ladies cheer]

**Justin:** You could... own it.

**Griffin:** You have to own it, that's for sure.

**Justin:** Yeah.

[a few ladies cheer]

**Josh:** Oh, possibly important, like, two of my bigger sets are the Disney Castle.

**Travis:** Hell yeah.

**Justin:** Nice!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Everyone loves that.

**Josh:** And the Nintendo NES set.

**Justin:** Very cool, okay.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** That rules.

**Justin:** And presumably the set from Seinfeld, everybody's got that Lego set. And the Friends café.

**Travis:** Listen, the key is lighting, right? The way that you've lit them...

**Justin:** Okay?

**Travis:** This is gonna not be a joke, light them like they're museum pieces?

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah!

**Justin:** Oh, yeah!

**Travis:** Light them with like the tiny, directional— that are on a thing. Maybe even like a rotating— they're on turntables so you can see every angle?

**Justin:** Yeah, and when the suitor comes over, you're taking close up, macro photography of them? Huge.

**Travis:** No, I didn't say that part.

**Justin:** They're in compromising position— that would be fantastic.



**Griffin:** Maybe even surround them with like laser grids.

**Travis:** Oh?

**Justin:** Oh, that's cool!

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Griffin:** Then you say, "Don't get too close."

**Travis:** And hire... hire Danny Ocean to try to steal it. Not George Clooney, mind you.

**Griffin:** The real one.

**Travis:** The real guy, [chuckles] that it's based on, to come in. And then catch him in the act, and your suitor's gonna be like, "What?" And like, "I gotta drive him off at least twice a week. This guy's always trying to steal my Lego sets. They're pretty sophisticated, and if I may, sexy. That's why David Ocean..." That's who Danny Ocean is based on.

**Justin:** You could take advantage of the same like pathway and just put a little sign in front of each one that says, "First one ever."

**Griffin:** Woah?

**Justin:** And then as you're giving the tour, like, "And yes, this is... I don't mean to brag, but the first one of these they ever did. So, it's pretty... pretty rare, pretty—"

**Griffin:** Pretty huge.

**Travis:** And maybe get a trophy that says, "Best Lego building." Right? And it's just like, "Yeah, they gave 'em to me."

**Griffin:** You could also just point at each set and be like, "Yeah, I freestyled that one, too."

**Josh:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** “Then they commission the designs based off of what I did.”

**Griffin:** “What I freestyled.” That’s very good. Hey, I could talk about Legos for the rest of the night, if that’s okay with you, Josh? I say that, I don’t actually have anything else to say about Legos.

**Josh:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I got really confident that I had a lot of really good—

**Travis:** They show a commitment to detail and organization, focus, follow through, all things you want in a potential suitor.

**Justin:** That’s right.

**Griffin:** For sure!

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** I’m saying, not a bad way to go. Now, here’s what you don’t wanna do, Josh. Start listing off how much you paid for them. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Josh:** [laughs]

**Travis:** ‘Cause that maybe is not a thing you look for in a potential— “Oh, how much on the castle?”

“Oh! Look at the time!” [chuckles]

**Justin:** “Are we factoring in man hours? It’s a lot. It’s a lot. It’s a lot.”

**Griffin:** I think walking into someone's apartment who was a potential suitor, and seeing all their Lego sets is pretty cool. You know what's even cooler? When they make you watch them build it, right in front of them, for two and a half hours.

**Josh:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Josh, it kind of feels like we're—

**Travis:** With sensual music and museum lighting! [chuckles]

**Josh:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Josh, it kind of feels like you're just kind of standing there and we're just launching volley after volley of halfhearted Lego digs at you.

**Justin:** I don't even think you like Lego! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** You're more of a K'Nex person, I'm guessing?

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Josh:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Does that help?

**Josh:** That was very helpful.

**Justin:** All right, thank you!

**Travis:** Yeah!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Hi.

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Chad:** Hello.

**Griffin:** Who are you?

**Travis:** Who are you?!

**Griffin:** You can bring that microphone up a little bit if you—

**Chad:** I don't know how to do that.

**Griffin:** It's— oh, hell yeah.

**Travis:** You seem tall.

**Griffin:** Look at you, you're a natural!

**Chad:** I'll just swing—

**Griffin:** That's fine.

**Chad:** All right, my name is Chad.

**Griffin:** Hi, Chad.

**Justin:** Hey, Chad!

**Travis:** Hi, Chad.

**Chad:** My question, I recently bought a house, I've got a back neighbor—

[a few people cheer]

**Clint:** Yeah, in this economy—

**Travis:** Yeah, let's hear it for home ownership!

**Griffin:** Whoo!

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** In this economy?!

**Chad:** Right?

**Justin:** Okay.

**Chad:** I've got a back neighbor. It's a rear-facing neighbor, so I'm on a cul-de-sac, they're cul-de-sac, I've never had a reason to actually meet them—

**Griffin:** Two back to back sacks?

**Travis:** Back to back sacks!

[crowd laughs]

**Chad:** [chuckles] Back to back sacks.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Chad:** Never met this person, but I can see their living room TV from my back porch, when I'm letting my dog out.

**Travis:** It's okay, stick with us.

[crowd chuckles]

**Chad:** So, I'm letting my dog out—

**Griffin:** "So, I killed them." What do you think is going to be the question?

**Travis:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Chad:** I can see into their living room, I can see their TV. We have similar taste in TV. I've seen them watch Community, I saw Monty Python on there.

**Griffin:** All right, all right?

**Justin:** Okay, okay?

**Chad:** A lot of good stuff. Kind of niche. Close enough that we could be friends over it.

**Justin:** Sure, yeah.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Chad:** I have no idea how to meet them.

**Griffin:** Yeah?

**Chad:** They're not next-door neighbors, they're—

**Justin:** Hey, Chad, I got one way I know for sure you can't meet 'em, and that's telling them that you've enjoyed their TV selections through their rear window!

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** I can say that— we can go ahead and rule that one out, if we wanna use process of elimination.

**Chad:** So, you see the conundrum?

**Griffin:** Yeah, no, it's a tricky— this is a very, very, very good question, Chad.

**Justin:** I'll tell you what hits me, though—

**Travis:** Can you move your TV to your porch?

**Griffin:** Ooh!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Oh, that's good! And then loudly appreciate it?

**Travis:** Yeah. "I love this episode of Community!"

**Chad:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Let's sync up!"

**Chad:** I have actually started whistling the Community theme song when I'm walking outside, just in hopes that somebody would notice.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** That's a great start, Chad!

**Justin:** Oh, man.

**Griffin:** Oh, Chad...

**Justin:** Chad sounds like me in middle school.

**Chad:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** I like that you don't think that's something you would do now, today, to...

**Justin:** Fair.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Didn't you do that when you saw a guy doing woodworking in his open garage?

**Justin:** Yeah, that's similar, yeah. Similar... Okay, Paul.

**Chad:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Paul's put up a picture of a pair of binoculars. You don't have to use any sort of like implements to see the TV better, right?

**Griffin:** That feels wrong.

**Chad:** No, I don't need to.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** God, is there anything than driving past an accidentally seeing what somebody's watching on the TV? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Oh, man.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's society's only form of like, "Yeah, that's all right, you can take— listen, you can take one look at our TV screen. You can't slow down, that's weird. But you happen to notice we're watching sports, it just makes me feel a little less alone, you know?"

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** We're all watching TV!



**Travis:** It's actually, it's the most I'm ever interested in sports on TV.  
[chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah! What somebody else—

**Griffin:** Is what are you doing!

**Justin:** Hey, what's— ooh? Nice.

**Griffin:** I have two neighbors whose living rooms I can see with crystal clarity from our house in D.C.

**Justin:** Ugh.

**Griffin:** One of 'em watches football and Scandal, exclusively, as far as I can tell.

[crowd chuckles]

**Chad:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** And one of whom— I can't see their TV too good, but I can see in their office, and they definitely have LED, like gamer keyboard lights. And so, I bet they probably— I bet there's probably some overlap in our sort of cultural sort of expertise.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** I do not know how to make that, "Hey, I noticed your keyboard lights up."

[crowd chuckles]

**Chad:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Now, hold on! They bought a light up keyboard, though. They want somebody to notice it!

**Griffin:** Probably not for my appreciation.

**Travis:** Then for who, Griffin?!

**Griffin:** I assume their many YouTube subscribers or...

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** It's PewDiePie. My neighbor is PewDiePie. [chuckles]

**Travis:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** I mean, the suggestion of like turning your TV out to face them is actually good, but then when you think through it, it just creates the inverse problem on the other side, right?

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin:** 'Cause then they now have to be the ones that like, "Hey, I saw your... Saw your selections!"

**Travis:** The rest of that is, yard signs. Yard signs that say, "Hey, if you look at my window and see something cool on TV, let's be friends."

**Griffin:** "Come say hi!"

**Travis:** You know what? Don't do that.

**Griffin:** Don't do that, that sucks!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, that one sucked, too.

**Travis:** You know what, Chad? Close your blinds, stay inside!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Make other friends, start looking for hyper local forums. [chuckles]  
Like, where are all my other Huntington people, the community?

**Travis:** The Community-community!

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, sure!

**Justin:** Yeah, the Community-community.

**Travis:** The Community-community community.

**Griffin:** I...

**Justin:** T-shirts?

**Griffin:** T-shirts...

**Travis:** That say, "I looked at your TV and I'm sorry but wanna be friends?"

**Justin:** No!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Like, that advertise the media that you'd like to discuss.

**Travis:** Oh! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** If we're projecting so completely on to your neighbor, I think we can also assume that they—

**Travis:** No, it's not a projection, it's LED, right?

**Griffin:** Oh...

[crowd chuckles]

**Chad:** Boo...

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Boo this man! [chuckles]

**Chad:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm powered by it!

**Griffin:** I'm just saying that if you all like the same TV shows and you're pretty confident that you all would get along, if you went to them and explained your situation, they might find it relatable. In a way that I do, right now.

**Travis:** And you know what, Chad, if you need a little bit more information, go though their mail and see—

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Maybe they got a TV guide in there that they've circled...

**Travis:** And then mailed back to themselves.

**Griffin:** And mailed back to themselves.

**Travis:** As a poor man's copyright. [chuckles]

**Chad:** If I'm honest, there is—

**Justin:** Like in The Lake House.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Chad:** I submitted this question hoping that maybe they were out here somewhere. Like, we already have so many shared interests.

**Travis:** Does anyone here have a TV and watch Community? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles and cheers]

**Travis:** Is your TV near a window? Does Chad live behind you? [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] Chad, I'm sorry we couldn't be of more help. Normally, I'd ask if we helped, but I feel pretty confident we didn't do much in this one.

[crowd chuckles]

**Chad:** It's good.

**Justin:** So, thanks for our time together, I guess is what I'm saying.  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Thank you.

**Chad:** Thank you for the confidence boost.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Can we get a quick audience poll. This is the second time I've worn this sailor's outfit. The first time was for a—

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you. The first time was for a virtual live show.

**Travis:** The quick question is, is it stolen valor? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Thank you, Travis.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I don't know what rank this is, but I can't believe it's high enough that someone's gonna see me at H-E— I'm not walking—

**Travis:** Well, you have the blue anchor? Where you got cold ones onboard ship, [chuckles] and you were awarded the blue anchor.

**Griffin:** I'm just saying, Justin's hat says 'captain' on it. And that's way more stolen valor than whatever this is. Private first class— Private!

**A couple of audience members:** Second!

**Griffin:** Second! Private second— it's— who... You don't get anything for that?!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** If I was gonna steal valor, I would go for like admiral or something?

**Travis:** Now, I will say this, Griffin, I would pay a lot of money to see a video of you walking into like a—[chuckles] a yoghurt shop that has like a veteran's discount.

**Griffin:** Walk into a Twisted by Wetzels and just like, "I'm not paying for any of these!"

[crowd laughs and cheers]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "I served on the SS Lollipop!"

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** [chuckles] Okay, once again, thank you so much to Moontower, Just For Laughs, and ACL Live for having us here.

**Griffin:** This is amazing!

**Justin:** Amazing.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** I wish you could all come backstage, 'cause it looks really cool back there.

**Griffin:** It's very cool.

**Justin:** It's a very cool place.

**Travis:** There have been like famous people here.

**Justin:** Yeah, real celebrities.

**Griffin:** Lots of 'em, yeah.

**Travis:** Coldplay was here once. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Thank you to Chloe Dungate again for the poster design, which you may or may not be able to find out in the lobby outside.

**Travis:** And let's hear it for Paul and Amanda and Rachel, we couldn't have done the show without them.

**Justin:** Thanks, everybody!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you!

**Justin:** Thank, y'all!

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

**Travis:** And a big shoutout to our openers, the Trailer Park Boys.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** It meant a lot that they could be here tonight for us. I know nothing about them. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Sure.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, Trav?

**Travis:** Oh, no!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Are you about to get on your phone to find a Jack Johnson quote real fast?

**Travis:** I am.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Did you forget that this is your responsibility?

**Travis:** I did! Talk about— just say something else, keep thanking people.

**Justin:** Thank you to—

**Crowd member:** You!

**Justin:** Hey, if you— oh, thank us, thank you.



[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** We're gonna be over in San José, if you wanna come—[chuckles] or Denver. Which is closer?

**Griffin:** Denver.

**Justin:** Denver?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Woah, okay.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** We're gonna be in Denver, if you wanna come over there. Trav, you got those quotes yet, buddy?

**Travis:** I'm looking for a good one.

**Justin:** Hey! All right, we're having a little bit of the old actor's nightmare over here...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** If you wanna go ahead and bust out the spell that sets me free from this prison...

**Travis:** Gotta get to a good one, Justin. Sorry, just give me a second.

**Justin:** It can be good, bad, any collection of syllables that you can get!

**Travis:** Here we go.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Travis:** “We could park the van and walk to town, find cheapest bottle of wine that we could find, and talk about the road behind. How getting lost is not a waste of time.” Jack Johnson.

**Griffin:** Thank you, Jack!

**Justin:** Thank you, Jack!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** I’m 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]

**Justin:** Thank you!

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

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