

MBMBaM 664: Great Ass Wonkabater

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

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

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

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

Griffin: And I'm your sweet, baby candy brother, Griffin McElroy!

Travis: Oh boy...

Justin: [sings] 'What would you do if you watched a great film?' [chuckles] I'll tell you what, y'all have to answer that question this December, when Timothée Chalamet comes to theaters with Wonka. He's a young Wonka—

Travis: A young, sexy Wonka!

Justin: A young, sexy Wonka!

Griffin: A sexy Wonka who fucks!

Travis: More like Wanka.

Justin: Well, we got a December release date for this movie.

Griffin: [chuckles] It's great! Travis actually got an early version of the screenplay for this one and the line, "More like Wanka," is in there three different times.

Travis: Yeah, it's a... it calls back to itself in a loop. So, you actually... the first one's a callback to the last one, so you can watch the movie in a cyclical manner.

Griffin: And never have to stop watching.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I don't know—listen, I hadn't—I hadn't treated myself to a dip-in on this IMDb yet, for Wonka.

Travis: Yeah? Oh, yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, Wonka.

Justin: If could just talk about this for a second. Do you guys know—there's one man listed as Oompa Loompa.

Travis: Yes, Justin.

Justin: Roy Deep, you're out.

Griffin: Deep Roy, I believe you mean. Roy Deep is his evil—

Justin: Deep Roy. [chuckles] Roy Deep's his lawyer!

Travis: Yeah, it's cyclical, Griffin. It comes back.

Justin: Yeah, yeah, sorry. [laughs]

Griffin: Can I guess? I haven't looked at this yet. So, you're saying—

Justin: Travis, you know, right? So—

Travis: I know, yeah.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Okay... I'm going to guess... Is it a little-person actor?

Travis: No.

Justin: No. No.

Griffin: No?

Travis: I'll give you a huge clue. Are you ready?

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: This actor was in the Dungeons & Dragons movie.

Griffin: Hugh Grant?

Justin: Travis, that is a really huge clue. [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Is it Hugh Grant?

Justin: Yeah, Griff, it's Hugh Grant! As all the—as the Oompa Loompa.

Travis: Now, we don't know if he's all of 'em! But so far, he's the only one.
[chuckles]

Justin: I'm gonna say that he's all of them. I'm gonna say he's all of them.
He's probably all of 'em, they all look like Hugh Grant.

Griffin: He's probably all of 'em, yeah.

Justin: Hey, and there's a—guess who takes on the role of the priest for this one?

Griffin: I don't know what—I don't remember there being a huge—

Justin: That's Rowan Atkinson! Mr. Bean himself is back as the priest!

Griffin: The priest? I don't remember—is there a Jesus-y aspect to—is there a scene in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory where fuckin' Wonka goes to church and he's like, "I keep killing kids and I just can't stop!" And the priest is like, "Yeah, man. You need to stop. The Bible says don't do that, specifically."

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: I just—wait, I'm so excited to see Mathew Baynton, who I loved in Ghosts, was great in Horrible Histories. To see him embody the role of Fickelgruber is—I'm so excited!

Justin: Oh, that's... Fickelgruber? That's him, huh?

Travis: Yeah, they're doing a—it's a Cats crossover. So, they got Fickelgruber from the hit film, Cats.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: To be over here in Wonka. I'm so excited. And of course, Griffin, I know what you're thinking, right?

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: A lot of... and I'm not saying you are a hater. But what a lot of haters are thinking is, "Did we really need another version of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory story?" Well... no. Because this is a prequel where we learn how Wonka meets the Oompa Loompas. So...

Griffin: And it's also about what if he was young and hot.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: So spicy, like scalding hot.

Justin: Yeah, he's like—this is—[in silly voice] “This is my latest invention, I call in the Great Ass Wonkabater.” And it's like, what?

Travis: Yeah, man.

Justin: What did you just say?

Griffin: The Great Ass Wonka—did you say Great Ass Wonkabater?

Travis: Yeah, man.

Justin: Yeah. [laughs]

Travis: Hey, Justin?

Justin: Yeah?

Travis: That was too good, actually. That was actually—

Griffin: That was really good!

Travis: That was actually—we actually just got a letter in the mail that said that was too good.

Justin: That was too good?

Travis: That was too good.

Justin: Oh? I didn't think we had those—guys, I know we've had a lot of fun here today. I still have not seen the new Spider-Verse movie.

Griffin: No.

Justin: I wouldn't give fucking *anything* to watch this flick right now!

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Anything!

Griffin: Spider-Verse or Wonka?

Justin: I need this more than I need my next breath.

Griffin: You need Wonka more than Spider-Verse, is what you're saying?

Justin: Oh! In a heartbeat. I would walk right past Spider-Man's bleeding corpse.

Travis: Whoa?

Justin: [chuckles] To watch a trailer for this flick right here.

Travis: Did Wonka kill Spider-Man?

Justin: What's up, Danger?

Travis: Oh! So, here... and tying into that, Justin, I hope that in this film they establish that the deal he has with the Oompa Loompas is they will work for him if he ensures them a certain amount of children sacrifices per year.

Griffin: Maybe that's what it is. Maybe that's what it—maybe we've been putting the blame on the wrong entity in Wonka Incorporated? No, that's not it, he's—

Justin: No, that's definitely—

Travis: It's him!

Griffin: He loves it, he lives for it. They may have started him on that path, but he is now... he is the new leader of—

Travis: [sings] "Oompa Loompa, get out while you can! This is a murder and children killing men!"
"What did you say?"

“Run! Run away! Why are you—”

Griffin: “Run! Get the fuck out!”

Travis: “He’s coming back! He’s coming back! [sings] Oompa Loompa—”

Griffin: Are you Hugh Grant? What are you—

Justin: Yeah. [in silly voice] ‘Oh, right. Hey—’ What—okay. So, we have—
towards the top of the cast list—

Travis: Was that Hugh Grant or Ringo Starr? Just checking.

Griffin: It was real good, Juice.

Justin: All credited—Hugh Grant’s credited as the Oompa Loompa, but I
also see Matt Lucas and Keegan-Michael Key on here without their roles. So,
maybe they’re all the Oompa Loompas? How do we—how would that grab
us?

Griffin: Oh...

Justin: Like Hugh is like the lead—

Travis: There’s a lot of... Most of the people on this IMDb list don’t have
credits? Huh...

Justin: Yeah... yet, they include Fickelgruber, which is interesting.
[chuckles]

Travis: Yes.

Justin: And priest.

Travis: Well, they didn’t want... didn’t want like the audience to like
constantly be asking, “What about Fickelgruber? What about Fickelgruber?”

Justin: "What about Fickelgruber? Drop Fickle on us." He's getting his own character trailer. [chuckles]

Griffin: Could be an Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus situation where they swap out Wonkas every 30 minutes or so.

Travis: Ooh.

Griffin: Something to think about!

Justin: Something to think about.

Travis: You gotta swamp your Wonka.

Justin: Swamp your Wonka. [laughs] Did you say 'swamp?'

Travis: I did!

Griffin: Swamp your Wonka!

Justin: Swamp your Wonka! [laughs]

Griffin: That's hard to say! Swamp your Wonka!

Travis: Swamp your Wonka, Donkey!

Justin: Swamp your Wonka in the Great Ass Wonkabater! [chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: Stop swamping your donk over there. Swamping—that's hard to say!

Justin: Swamp your Wonka!

Travis: Swamp your Wonka, Donkey!

Justin: [chuckles] Remember whenever Anakin and Padme had to go to the junk shop for swamp-yo-wonka with silly—[chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: Yes. [chuckles]

Justin: A lot of great stuff. [chuckles]

Travis: Love that.

Griffin: That was a funny scene.

Justin: Love that scene. It's a funny—it's a funny scene—it has funny scenes!

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Not a lot of Star Wars stuff they let be funny 'cause they're so concerned about all their incredible space magic and stuff? But that scene where they go visit Swamp-your-Wonka to buy C-3PO a butt... I love that scene.

Travis: Yeah. That and jizz music. Love it.

Griffin: Yeah. When they bought special truck nuts to put on C-3PO, in Swamp-your-Wonka's workshop, I love that. And then they made it a part of—that's what they're turning the galactic star cruiser into, Swamp-your-Wonka's R2-D2 truck nut gift shop.

Travis: Or you can Bicentennial Man C-3PO to give him truck nuts.

Griffin: Trucks nuts, yeah.

Justin: "I am a scientist working in a genetics and cell biology laboratory." Me too. "We end up making—"

Travis: What?

Griffin: He does it on the side.

Travis: Oh?

Justin: I'll never tell. "We end up making a lot of weird stuff." I don't want to—can we—okay, I wanna know... Don't tell me that. [chuckles] Okay? I got enough to think about, all right?

Travis: I think it would be weirder if you were like, "I work at a cell biology lab and we make just your run of the mill cells. Just cranking `em out. It's more like a cell factory than anything else."

Justin: "We end up making a lot of weird stuff. Making cells glow green, for example. I'll often—"

Griffin: Don't make my cell glow green. Nice try.

Justin: No, thank you. Nice try, thanks.

Travis: I would actually take—I would take that one. If I could control it, I'll take that one.

Justin: "I'll often chat about my work to my parents over the phone or when I visit them. My dad is always worried I'll accidentally recreate the events of the movie, *The Blob*." Yes. "By mixing the wrong things together and pouring the wrong things down the drain. How do I reassure my father that I will not be creating a giant ball of unstoppable ooze that will terrorize and slowly consume our fair city?" That's from *Blob Free in Boston*.

Travis: You know what? You know what, question asker? You don't think you will. You don't think you will! But you don't know?

Griffin: Yeah, no one wants to make the Blob. Yeah.

Travis: Like in—like, no one's like, "You know what I'm gonna do today?" Like, in *The Blob*, I'm pretty sure they weren't like, "You know what? Fuck it. Let's make a blob!"

Griffin: "Let's make the Blob! You know what? I think I'm ready, guys! Let's make the Blob!"

Travis: "Let's make the Blob!"

Justin: "Let's try to make the Blob today."

Griffin: The other scientists are like, "Are you sure? 'Cause it does—it gets bigger and bigger and like kills lots of people."

"Yeah, I think today is actually—I don't have anything else going on. My schedule's clear for the week."

Travis: "I've checked off everything else on the to-do list. It's blob time, baby."

Griffin: "Let's make the Blob." And can I just say—

Justin: Now, it's time for the to-goo list.

Griffin: I gotta say, of all the sci-fi film whoopsies that you could do while trying to make a different science... the Blob, not the worst on the—

Justin: Not the worst.

Griffin: Not the worst on the list.

Justin: Not the worst.

Griffin: I would rather you make a Blob than like an Andromeda strain or a stand... of a stand.

Justin: Or cup of two.

Griffin: A Flubber? That could be—

Travis: Wait, you would—wait, hold on. Would you rather have a Flubber or a Blob? Flubber, right?

Justin: Flubber.

Griffin: I'd rather have a Blob. I'd rather have a Blob. 'Cause a Blob is like a—

Travis: Whoa?!

Griffin: No, no, listen! A Blob is like a singular entity that just consumes, but you can like freeze it or—like, there's so many different ways to stop the Blob. Flubber, if that gets in the hands of our enemies?

Travis: Sure.

Griffin: The war has changed, at that point. Like, the whole nature ballistics and like... there's no—that is going to escalate things to a catastrophic degree. One Blob?

Justin: One Blob, we can take care of that.

Griffin: One Blob?

Travis: That's at most gonna take out like one city, right? Before you're like, "Okay, fine, whatever."

Griffin: I got a Shop Vac in the basement, and a few of my neighbors also do. We can Ghost Buster up a Blob right quick.

Travis: But Flubber will kick off an arms race. That's a good point.

Griffin: But Flubber powered cruise missiles and stuff—like that's—that could be—that's huge for the nature of like mankind.

Travis: Especially if we're talking about the Robin Williams Flubber. If I'm remembering correctly, they had like little personalities and they were like little Dittos.

Griffin: Oh, Travis, that's a good point. The Flubber was also sentient. So, it's like the Blob, also.

Justin: Yeah, the Flubber was a Blob.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Ugh! Science, who needs it?

Griffin: So, anyway, we haven't said anything about the question, even a little bit. Did we even finish it?

Justin: Here's is my—I would suggest to your dad to harness the power of something that I invented called reverse anxiety.

Travis: Oh?

Justin: And here's how it works.

Griffin: I can't fuckin' wait to hear this.

Justin: It's good! Your dad is anxious about something that would be very scary for him, but is very unlikely. So, I do that all the time 'cause I've got a general anxiety disorder. So, here's what I do. I, as a form of like cognitive dissonance, I tell me brain, "Okay, if you're gonna be afraid of that, you have to be afraid—you have to look forward to the exact inverse good thing that is just as likely to happen.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: If your dad is going to be afraid of you making the Blob, your dad also has to be jazzed about Flash possibilities.

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: Probably not that one, though. I mean, I—

Justin: No, no, no, the critics agree! The critics agree.

Travis: Well...

Griffin: [chuckles] That critics are loving—

Justin: The reviews are in!

Griffin: The critics are, para pa pa pa, loving this one.

Justin: [chuckles] The critics—

Travis: A film! Film! Once—the—what I like to call a Schrodinger's film, I don't know if it's out yet or not. I haven't checked—

Griffin: I don't know if it exists or not, yeah.

Justin: I read a bunch of really great reviews for it and I can't tell you if it's... if it was a dream or not, 'cause I'm still not sure if it happened.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [laughs] Okay, so, but I don't—I've never heard of like generalized jazz disorder. It's hard to put up any contender in the ring with fuckin' Bonesaw of anxiety in there.

Justin: It's a trick that you play on your brain. It's like, if I'm gonna—"Dad, if you're gonna worry about that, you also have to worry that I'm gonna give myself—" Like, who's another lab one? Spider-Man's like played. Who's like another lab-derived super hero?

Travis: Yeah, Spider-Man's played out.

Griffin: Hulk?

Justin: Hulk?

Griffin: Hulk's not a great power.

Justin: Hulk is—that's a burden. We don't need the Hulk, okay?

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah! Who's a good—

Justin: Nobody needs the Hulk.

Griffin: Straight up, I'd rather have a Blob than a Hulk. I'll say it.

Justin: Whoa!

Travis: Wow! Okay. No, I get that.

Justin: At least the Blob doesn't get pissed off. If you shoot the Blob with one regular gun, it dies. [chuckles]

Travis: Okay, Justin—

Griffin: Blob's also so slow. So slow. No like opposable thumbs. There are so many ways to kill a Blob.

Travis: Pym Particles, Justin. Pym Particles is good, right?

Griffin: Pym Particles, yeah.

Justin: Pym Particles! That you might accidentally make Pym Particles and be able to shrink down in your jumbo-sized box of Junior Mints and sneak you in the movie theater, no questions asked.

Travis: Yeah, right?

Griffin: Awesome.

Travis: Now, you're excited!

Griffin: Kick-ass. That's what I'd do with 'em.

Justin: Or make your Junior Mints box much bigger, so they're finally satisfying.

Travis: Now, they're senior mints!

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: "I'm Professor Doctor-Mints! I'm an adult man with bills." Pym Junior Mints' bills!

Travis: "I'm Chris-mints, the actor!" [chuckles]

Griffin: You could just... you could look forward—

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: "I'm Chris-mints Wills! I'm an adult actor!" [chuckles] Okay.

Griffin: You could just look forward to when you kill the Blob. That could be the thing that would get me going. Like, yeah, it's gonna be bad when the Blob's here, but how good's it gonna be when we kill the Blob?

Travis: It's gonna pull the nation together, frankly.

Justin: If you create the Blob, you could very well end up being the guy that's in the military room and you're like, "You don't understand!"

Travis: "She's pregnant!"

Justin: "This is the Blob! It's not going to work!"

Travis: [chuckles] Oh, sorry. I went the Matthew Broderick in Godzilla route, you went a different way. Okay, got it, got it, got it.

Justin: What does Matthew Broderick in Godzilla say?

Travis: Like, "She's pregnant!" Like bought a bunch of pregnancy tests and Godzilla pissed on him, and it turns out, she's pregnant.

Justin: All the Blobs are—Blobs can bisect off of themselves.

Griffin: And become more Blobs—

Justin: To make more Blobs. All Blobs are infinity pregnant.

Griffin: Yeah. All Blobs are infinity pregnant.

Travis: All Blobs are bastards.

Justin: Yeah, thank you.

Griffin: Thank you, that's also true.

Travis: A-babs.

Justin: How about another—you guys want another question?

Griffin: I have a really good submission for the Wizard today that I would love to dip into instead.

Justin: Oh, good! Good, good, good.

Griffin: So, this is—Miles sent this in and it is how—

Travis: What's up, Danger?

Griffin: Yeah! Not... not that one, Miles. So, but this—it is important 'cause it is how to be a fan of Slipknot.

Justin: Okay? Perfect, yeah!

Griffin: I've been wanting to get in—

Travis: How to be a Slippy?

Griffin: No, actually, Travis, their affectionate name—"The term maggot doesn't mean those icky little creatures. Well, it does. But it is also the name affectionately given to fans of the metal band, Slipknot." End of description, of the article. So, we don't really know what we're in for here. I mean, I guess we do exactly, because that does sort of give me a general tone setting for this wikiHow article.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: I do wanna send you guys a screenshot from the article, maybe we could find a way to share it on our social because all the art in this one does look like a hastily made, like early aughts, Christian, CGI cartoon about like the dangers of Halloween. Or something along those lines.

Travis: It's... okay.

Justin: This is on Slack?

Griffin: I actually sent it to you as a text message, just to make sure that you saw it. I know sometimes other avenues get tied up in—

Justin: Okay, good. Okay, yes. Good.

Travis: There's a quality to this... and I can't explain the uncanny valley nature of it. I think it's like they're listening so intently that their eyes are closed. However, there's a quality to it that makes it seem like their eyes have been sealed shut by some kind of terrible magic.

Griffin: That they have no eyes.

Travis: Yeah! Well, they did!

Griffin: They have no... they have no eyes, but they must listen to Slipknot. "Step on, listen to metal bands other than Slipknot and appreciate their music." That's actually huge.

Justin: That's huge. You gotta walk before you can—

Travis: Huh...

Justin: You gotta walk before you can run.

Griffin: I do like that.

Travis: Oh, you gotta deepen your palate. You know?

Griffin: Yeah, you must, to understand the beautiful landscape of Slipknot. This is... I assumed this, like most wikiHow articles, are approaching this from a like complete amateur level, right?

Justin: Right.

Griffin: I would consider myself on the ground floor, lowest imaginable rung on the ladder of listening to Slipknot and being a fan.

Travis: Mm-hm.

Griffin: I couldn't be... I couldn't be more nascent in that transformation, right? But then the second step is, "Buy Slipknot apparel such as shirts, hats, gloves or wristbands. Show the world your musical affiliation."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Now... I still haven't listened to Slipknot at this point. I've listened to a lot of their competitors. And I think I—I think I can probably guess what Slipknot's music's gonna sound like.

Travis: What do you think it's gonna sound like, Griffin?

Griffin: Probably like a lot of... [mouths riff]

Justin: [sings in silly voice] 'Slipknot. Slip, slip, slip, slip, slip.'

Griffin: [in silly metal voice] Fuckin' Slipknot!

Travis: Hold on, let me put on some—I'll put some Slit-Not on right now and I wanna—

Justin: [in silly metal voice] Slip the knot!

Travis: Let me listen to Slipknot, hold on.

Griffin: [in silly metal voice] Keep your grades up!

Justin: Trav, don't listen to... don't listen to Slipknot before you've listened to other bands.

Travis: It's too late! Ah, it's too much! I wasn't prepared!

Griffin: Oh, no! Travis is dying!

Travis: My eyes have been sealed shut by the music! Ah!

Griffin: "Dress like a metalhead, but don't be excessive with studs. Wristbands and belts are okay."

Travis: Yeah, don't be gauche.

Griffin: That's a sentence. So, man, I accidentally clicked into the Willy Wonka IMDb and now I'm in that hole again. "If you wear spikes into a mosh pit, chances are, you'll stab somebody."

Travis: Whoa!

Justin: Yeah, not cool!

Griffin: "Slipknot's shirts and accessories are available on the internet and most punk-inspired stores such as Hot Topic." That's the same bullet point. Great. Don't stab anyone, you can buy Slipknot merchandise at Hot Topic and online shopping avenues. "There is no such thing as a poser. If you like the music, you like the music. If you don't, you don't." Some true beauty...

Travis: Now, hold on. There is an in between there, article, where you don't like the music but pretend to, and that's what a poser is. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah. Actually, what a poser is, is a person who hasn't listened to the band Slipknot, that is decked H to T in Slipknot regalia, who knows everything about the other big bands in this space. Mud... Mud... Mud Slap and—[chuckles]

Travis: Uh-huh?

Griffin: That's the only one that comes to mind right now. But this is also—

Travis: Tight Knot.

Griffin: Tight Knot. "Don't let being a maggot get in the way of what you have to do, such as school or work." [laughs]

Justin: Sorry, what?

Travis: Keep your grades up!

Griffin: "Incorporate them! You're a maggot, so bring maggot to school. But don't let your grades fail because of your taste in music." Do good in school. Slipknot.

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Slipknot. And it shows up at the bottom of the screen.

Travis: That's what John Slipknot—John Slipknot says do good in school!

Griffin: John Slipknot says keep your grades up.

Justin: I can't believe that even this article has a 'keep your grades up!'

Griffin: [chuckles] I know! "Respect other peoples' musical taste."

Justin: It's like they're worried that—you know what it's like? It's like every one of these is written like your parent has to read it first.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yes!

Justin: Before you expose yourself to this article, I wanna make it teaches our—shares our values.

Travis: But what they're moshing and they stab someone?! Okay, no, they covered it. They covered it! It's cool it's cool.

Griffin: They covered that, that one's good.

Justin: It's in there.

Griffin: "Defeat the stereotype of maggots being whiney teenagers who never take a shower." That's awesome! You look over at the valedictorian in your social studies class, in their like fuckin' plaid shirt and their khakis and their little glasses, and they have some ear buds in. And you're like, "Hey, Derek, what are you listening to?" And he's like, "Oh! Slipknot!" They're gonna think like, "Wow, I thought everyone who listened to Slipknot was a whiney teenager who never takes a shower. But you've defeated that stereotype single handedly.

Justin: And he just yells out the famous thing that all Slipknot fans sort of like yell.

Griffin: Yeah. They go, "Hoo!" They go, [in silly voice] "Hoo!" [chuckles] They go, Hoobastank!" They say the name of a different band, just Hoobastank.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Not a lot of people know this, Hoobastank is actually a Slipknot cover band.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: And you gotta say it like you're saying Cookie Crisp is also—[howls] "Hoobastank!"

Travis: Yeah, [howls] "Hoobastank!"

Griffin: [chuckles] "Find your favorite band member. Don't just chose Paul because you both play bass, or Mick because you think he has the most badass mask."

Travis: Why can't those be the reason?!

Griffin: I think that—well, you don't wanna be a poser, Travis. That's so important. Who else is in this band? We got Paul on bass, obviously. We got Mick, who's—

Travis: On mask.

Griffin: ... Always wearing the best mask. Who's on mask, yeah. Just like tick-tick-tick!

Justin: [soft rattling]

Griffin: Oh, sorry for the ASMR—

Travis: It's an AMSR band, not a lot of people—

Griffin: Yeah, it's—[chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah, it's an ASMR Hoobastank cover band. Not a lot of people know that about Slipknot! It fuckin' shreds, though. "Learn an instrument.

Drums and guitar are the most popular, but that doesn't mean they're right for you! You might have to experiment with several instruments before finding the right one. Never give up!" I love—

Travis: In order to appreciate—to be fan of Slipknot, I have to learn to play an instrument?!

Griffin: And not an obvious one, if you—I—it's—Travis, you've... you've changed your whole—the trajectory of your life—Travis doesn't do podcasting anymore, he's in Julliard, learning the marimba 'cause he loves Slipknot so fucking much and he wants to appreciate—

Travis: I should've read ahead! I started at the beginning and I knocked 'em out, step by step! I own so much Slipknot merch, I kept my grades up, I showered a bunch, a bunch! And then it got to this. I am not good at instruments! But I have invested thousands of dollars into Slipknot merch!

Justin: Slipknot... doing a little research, their first demo tape in 1996 was called Mate. Feed. Kill. Repeat. That was the name of their first demo tape. That's like fuckin'... In 2022, they released The End, So Far. So, you've gone from like super hard core to like what the fucking Eagles would call one of their albums. [chuckles] Like, are you guys winking through the masks on that one? Like...

Griffin: Hard to tell, 'cause the masks... the masks cover the whole face.

Justin: It's hard to tell, but there's a lot of hubbub about Slipknot. People love these guys!

Griffin: They love these dudes.

Travis: How much do you think they went back and forth deciding the order of those things? Where it was like, "Should it be like feed, then you have the energy to mate, and then you kill?"

"Well, that sounds like you're killing your mate."

"Yeah, good point, okay."

Griffin: Yeah, there's no good—any other organization of those words—I mean, the words themselves, not great. They've chosen, I think, the best sort of orientation of them.

Travis: And you don't wanna put kill before mate because... ooh...

Justin: Trying to push your buttons.

Griffin: Or feed. All right, so hey—

Justin: What if it was just Feed. Feed. Feed. Feed.

Travis: [chuckles] Live, Laugh, Love, Repeat!

Justin: Live, Laugh, Love, Mate, Feed, Kill, Repeat. [chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles] Okay, guys, guys—

Griffin: For Now.

Travis: Guys, Mate, Feed, Kill, the Lawrence Brothers. [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles] Mate, Feed, Kill—

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: Oh no, we gotta figure it out.

Travis: Okay, Mate, Feed, Kill, Chris Pine, Chris Hemsworth and Chris Evans. [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles] I don't wanna mate of feed or kill any of these guys.

Griffin: The Lawrence brothers are now our podcasting brothers in arms.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: And we have to respect—we have to respect and appreciate them.

Justin: God, I'd do anything to get these guys on the show!

Travis: Oh my god, yes.

Griffin: So, I'm not gonna do Mate. Feed. Kill with them—

Justin: But I won't do one! It's gotta be all three the Lawrence brothers!

Griffin: I want a six-hander, two-family podcast. Absolutely.

Justin: Get at us! If you're the Lawrence brothers—

Griffin: Get at us.

Travis: I want the ogre talk to be untenable.

Griffin: It will be so bad!

Justin: Like a nightmare part of the show. Like a nightmare part.

Griffin: Guys, there's so much more good stuff in this article. "Start a band! What a better way to become a maggot?" What a better way to become a maggot, are you asking me? Step nine, this is all step nine is, "Go to concerts!"

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Step 10, "Buy or make a mask. There are masks on sale on the internet for around \$35! You could also—"

Justin: "I just priced `em this afternoon!"

Griffin: "You could also be creative and buy a Halloween mask and make it to match your personality. For example, Jim," apparently another member of

Slipknot, "Wanted a jester mask to symbolize that part of himself, but also to remain scary."

Travis: Hey, guys? These masks are upsetting.

Justin: Yeah, that's the whole point is it's trying to push your buttons.

Travis: But they're not funner?

Griffin: It's trying to push your buttons and boundaries, dude.

Justin: And it's trying to take you straight to the fear zone, Travis.

Travis: Oh, man. Oh, boy. Oh, guys... Mick's mask is the coolest, hands down.

Griffin: Yeah. This one, step 11, "Don't let other people tell you what you should or shouldn't do. Unless..."

Justin: Unless...

Travis: Unless...

Griffin: "It's a police officer or person of authority. In that case, you should do everything they tell you to do."

Justin: Yeah!

Griffin: [mouths metal riff]

Travis: [mouths metal riff]

Justin: [mouths metal riff] Yeah, right!

Griffin: [mouths metal riff]

Justin: Or, I guess, presumably, 'cause we don't want the author of this article that you're reading currently—the two people you can trust are me, this author, and the police. [chuckles]

Griffin: And any person—not just police, Justin! Any person of authority. [mouths metal riff]

Travis: [mouths metal riff]

Justin: Anybody with a badge—[chuckles] If they're in control of you, you do what they tell you.

Griffin: You do what they say, absolutely! "Understand that people may be intimidated—you may be intimidating to people." [gasps] "Oh, fuck."

Travis: "What? Oh, no, sorry! No, hey..."

Griffin: "That guy listens to Slipknot. Oh shit!"

Justin: "Did you see that obedient kid's mask?"

Griffin: "Holy shit, he scared me so bad."

Travis: "Is he wearing the Craig mask? That's the weirdest one!"

Griffin: "Maggot is a way of life. If you see another maggot walking down the street, give him or her a nod, or even compliment them."
"Good!"

Justin: "Good!" [chuckles]

Griffin: "Maggots are a cult-like—"

Justin: "Slipknot, right?"
"Yes!"

Griffin: "Slipknot. Yes, me too."

"Maggots are a cult-like following of the band. Treat all maggots as your friend and be kind, and listen to any cop. Keep—" [laughs] Step 14— [laughs]

Justin: Come on, Griff, you got this.

Griffin: Step 14! Step 14, "Keep Slipknot alive." [chuckles]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] Okay, wait, hold on!

Travis: At any cost!

Justin: This—we're gonna—I feel like we should do an ad break! [laughs] Like, we're talking about keeping Slipknot alive! No matter what!

Travis: Yeah, I do feel like we need to devote some time to this!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: There's not that much more to this article. There's not that much more to this—

Justin: But I just wanna talk about this, so...

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: Slipknot, keep Slipknot alive! This is—obviously, I think this person does mean that like in the case of—

Griffin: Let me finish—I'll finish the bullet point. "Disturb the peace and cause old people to roll their eyes. Remember, don't get discouraged by the thought of Slipknot dying. Even if they break up, their spirit will always remain."

Justin: Okay, so—okay, so, one, I hope none of those old people were in a position of authority, because I am gonna have to defer to them.

Travis: "Hey! Fuck you!"

"I was a cop."

"Oh, I am so sorry."

Griffin: "Oh, I'm so sorry."

Justin: "I'm so sorry! So, sorry. You have authority over me, can I do something to help?" What—you keep—obviously, you wanna protect them from assailants. I like to think that I'd do that for anybody, but I'd do that above and beyond for Slipknot.

Griffin: You have to.

Justin: Or just... or... but I think what it means is like... clap your hands, right? To believe in Slipknot.

Travis: Oh, like keep them alive in your heart.

Justin: Keep Slipknot alive in your heart every day.

Travis: Yeah. Like Scrooge learned to do!

Justin: Right!

Travis: "I'll treat every day like it's Slipknot day!"

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: [in silly voice] "Boy, is there still that giant mask in the window? Boy? Go fetch it!"

Travis: [in silly voice] "The one with all the spikes and the gib zipper?"
[chuckles]

Justin: [in silly voice] "Oh, a wonderful boy! A clever, obedient boy! Listen, do this for free because I'm in a position of authority. Go get the mask!"

Travis: [in silly voice] "Absolutely, sir! Anything for a fellow maggot!"

Justin: [chuckles] "Roll tide! Is that right? Is that what we do?"

Griffin: [chuckles] I don't think that's him.

Travis: [in silly voice] "Oh, so close, sir! So close!"

Justin: "Hook 'em! Right? Okay!"

Travis: [in silly voice] "Oh, sir..."

Griffin: "Research Slipknot, read their biographies, explore websites, know your band! Collect all the music! Try to find rare videos, hidden tracks, unreleased songs and other mysterious things!"

Justin: 'And mysterious things' is very general, but I agree.

Travis: Get the commemorative plates! [chuckles]

Griffin: Now, and tell me this, the article doesn't say this, but it says collect all the music. But to this point, I still haven't listened to any of it. Is it okay to just have it?

Travis: We're not ready to!

Justin: [chuckles] Yeah, they didn't get that going again. They didn't reactivate that particular facet of the fandom.

Griffin: Step 16, "Show respect to other maggots. We are one big family."

Justin: Ew.

Griffin: Thank you. That's all of them. Keep Slipknot alive, everyone, please. Now more than ever.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: The other Slipknot albums, by the way, are titled; Slipknot, Vol. 3: (The Subliminal Verses), All Hope is Gone, The Grey Chapter, We Are Not Your Kind, The End, So Far... and Iowa.

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: All right!

Justin: How... hey, Iowa? How does that feel? Because to me, that's really weird company to have my state in. It's like, "The End of All Things, Death is Coming, The Greyness Overwhelms Us." Also, "Aims," is fun, but the rest, I don't know. Iowa. Just Iowa.

Travis: It was a collaboration with Sufjan Stevens. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah! [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles and sings] 'Come on, slay the devil. Come on, put spikes on your face. Eat that vomit, puke it down your mother's throat.'

Griffin: [sings] 'Listen to the cops now, they have the authority. They do all the laws now, you have to keep your grades up!'

Justin: If Sufjan Stevens is asked by the cops to do something, do you think Sufjan Stevens will be more disobedient than a Slipknot—a practicing Slipknot fan? An orthodox Slipknot fan.

Travis: Now, that makes the assumption, Justin, that Sufjan Stevens is not an observer—[chuckles] a Slipknot fan!

Griffin: We can make any—Juice, it's 2023, pal. We can't make any assumptions about whether or not people are maggots and Slipknot fan die-hard devotees or not.

Justin: That's true, I should—

Travis: “No, I’m actually—I’m kind of a lapsed maggot. I fell off.” [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah, “I’m going through a sort of Slipknot deconstruction right now, but I—”

Travis: “I mean, I go to Slipknot on Christmas and Easter, but like that’s really about it.” [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles] All right, let’s—is that—is there more, Griff?

Griffin: That’s it, that’s it.

Justin: That’s it, all right. Let’s take a—

Griffin: I mean, what more do you need?

Justin: Let’s head on over to the Money Zone.

[theme music plays]

Travis: Let me tell you about Bombas. I’m talking about Bombas!

Justin: I’m wearing `em right now, baby. These are really good ones. Oh man, I love these.

Travis: I’m wearing Bombas, not the socks or the shirts.

Griffin: Oh, gross.

Travis: Me underwears. That’s right. And are they comfortable? Yeah, sir! Yeah, they are. Thank you, sir, for asking. I respect you. Thank you so much! [chuckles]

Griffin: I respect you asking me that.

Travis: It’s so comfortable. Justin’s feet are comfortable. I don’t know about Griffin. I don’t talk to Griffin about what he’s wearing.

Griffin: I've got a pretty light all-day carry going right now. So, I'm not... I'm not working with any Bombas at the moment. I did, when I took my son to school this morning, you know I slapped 'em on. But when I get home, I like to feel the carpet sometimes.

Travis: I understand. You like to shuffle your feet and then touch like whatever metal you can around to just feel alive. I understand.

Griffin: Sure, sure. Yeah, yeah.

Travis: And listen, every item is seamless, tagless and effortlessly soft and that absolutely true. That is, as the kids might say, and I wanna make this more relatable of a podcast, no cap. No cap.

Griffin: Uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh!

Justin: They got these thick little tabs right where you ankles would touch your shoes.

Griffin: I love that.

Justin: And it protects you from blisters. I love these frickin' socks.

Travis: Okay, Justin, I was trying to make it fuckin' cool and hip and relatable. I said no cap and then you're like, [in silly voice] "And I know you're worried about blisters."

Griffin: [in silly voice] "And your corns are gonna be better!"

Justin: [in silly voice] And your hernia flares up.

Travis: [in silly voice] "Oh, fuck, that is so good! It's gonna protect against sciatica!" Justin, god damn it!

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: God! Okay. Okay. Ugh. And the best thing is, socks, underwear and T-shirts are the number one, two and three most requested items in homeless shelters. That's why for every comfortable item your purchase, Bombas donates another comfy item to someone in need. Which is amazing and cool, no cap. There we go.

Griffin: You can't—that's... I don't actually like it.

Travis: No, fuck man! Okay. Go to bombas.com/mybrother and use code MyBrother, one word, for 20% off your first purchase. [Bombas.com/mybrother](https://bombas.com/mybrother), code MyBrother. Shee!

Griffin: [laughs] That sucks!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Squarespace!

Justin: You absolute miscreant.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: You... have failed me as a brother and a collaborator.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: Squarespace, though, hasn't. It's never failed me, it's always been there for me in my time of greatest need. When that need is to build a website, 'cause they're the all-in-one platform for building your brand and growing your business online. Stand out with a beautiful website! Engage with your audience and sell anything, your products, content you create and even your time. I have used Squarespace before to make many websites that I didn't ultimately pay much attention to after the fact. But sometimes, I'll dip in and they're still working. A lot of the other web platforms I've used, when I built I website that I lose interest in almost as soon as I finish making it, I come back a week later and some—there's just some guy on there and he's like taking it down. He's like unbuilding it.

Justin: "I got it for you, chief. I'll take care of your website. No problem."

Griffin: Yeah, and I don't know who that guy is or why he charges everyone so much money.

Travis: It's Zuckerberg.

Griffin: It's who?

Travis: It's Zuckerberg.

Griffin: I'm so sick of that guy getting into my fucking business.

Travis: I know. Yeah.

Griffin: I can't wait to buy his \$3,500 cool glasses for cool dudes, though. That's gonna feel good. So—

Justin: I think that's Apple.

Travis: Didn't Zuckerberg buy Apple?

Griffin: He doesn't—he probably has—he probably does some Apple stuff, though.

Travis: Yeah, right? Like he probably—he works two jobs, like a lot of us.

Justin: Let's put it this way, let's put it this way, they'll take his calls. Okay?

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: For sure.

Justin: Capiche?

Griffin: Create pro-level videos effortlessly. The Squarespace video studio app helps you make and share engaging videos to tell your story, grow your audience, drive sales and keep your grades up. Squarespace has powerful blogging tools to share stories, photos, videos and updates, categorize, share and schedule your posts to make your content work for you instead of the other way around for once.

Travis: Yes!

Griffin: I'm so sick of working for my content. I want it—I wanna switch that whole thing around on its ear.

Travis: Yes!

Griffin: All websites are optimized for mobile. Content automatically adjusts so your site looks great on any device. So, you gotta go to squarespace.com/mybrother for a free trial. And when you're ready to launch, use offer code My Brother to save 10% off your first purchase of a website or domain.

[The JV Club with Janet Varney theme music plays]

Janet: My fellow graduates, for 500 episodes, my podcast, The JV Club with Janet Varney, has gathered story after story of all the scandalous things we've done throughout our childhoods.

[sound of crowd murmuring]

Janet: Stories like how Jameela Jamil survived a horrific house party and she was on crutches!

Lady in crowd: This is great!

Janet: Or how Hal Lublin learned a Shakespearean monologue in his pajamas!

Corporate lady: This is not the speech we approved?

Janet: Without your love and life tragedies, there would be no podcast. In fact, I have an exclusive look at how Maggie Lawson's mom confronted her after a sneaky basement meetup with her crush.

Guy in crowd: [gasps]

Lady in crowd: Spill the tea, JV!

Corporate lady: Security!

Janet: Listen to The JV Club with Janet Varney, Thursdays on Maximum Fun! Class of... forever!

[crowd cheers]

[The JV Club with Janet Varney theme music concludes]

[One Bad Mother theme music plays]

Biz: Parenting, it's hard, but don't worry, you're not alone. Belly up to the low bar with one bad mother and let us remind you that fine is good enough.

Guest 1: They wanna climb on different things and how am I supposed to keep them both from dying? [laughs]

Guest 2: There is a right way to do this. And if I can figure out that right way, I'm gonna be a good parent. So, that is not a thing.

Biz: So, join us each week and let us tell you that you are doing a good job! You can listen to One Bad Mother on Maximum Fun or wherever you get your podcasts.

[One Bad Mother theme music concludes]

Justin: [mouths Munch Squad riff]

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: [continues riffing]

Griffin: Let's go!

Travis: Is this Slipknot?

Griffin: Yeah, man!

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

Travis: Knot!

Griffin: Knot!

Justin: [continues riffing and sings] I want to Munch.

Travis: Squad!

Griffin: Knot!

Travis: Oh?

Justin: [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad—

Griffin: Do you guys listen to Munchknot? It's—

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: Welcome to Munchknot, it's a podcast within the devil's dream.
[chuckles] And I'm so excited to be here with you, here at the—

Travis: Save it for two episodes, hold on!

Justin: Here at the end, so far... to tell you—I've been waiting for like a big story to—but there are so many smaller stories that are slipping through the cracks. Slipknotting through the cracks.

Travis: Mm-hm.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: That I did wanna just hit you all with some quickies. Is that okay, if we do some quickies?

Griffin: Dude, I love a Munchknot roundup. It is one of my favorite iterations of this.

Justin: Crush, crush, crush your cookie cravings with Baskin-Robbins' new flavor of the month, Cookie Monster ice cream!

Travis: Is it blue?

Griffin: Hm...

Justin: It's blue!

Travis: Oh, okay. Then I'm sold, yeah! Fuck yeah!

Justin: It's got a mix of chocolate sandwich cookie pieces, chocolate chip cookie pieces and a cookie dough batter flavored swirl. Each scoop is creamy, crunchy, chewy and fantastically blue!

Travis: With hunks of fur in it!

Justin: No.

Travis: No?

Griffin: No fur.

Justin: But here's the thing... here's the thing about it. They don't mention Sesame Street at all in this.

Travis: Mm-hmm?

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: So, Baskin-Robbins are just like, “Why is it blue? We’ll never tell.” Like, it’s... you’re talking about the Cookie Monster, an adult man from Sesame Street that you’re just stealing his whole thing, and you’re just gonna call it Cookie Monster.

Griffin: That doesn’t seem like it should be able to be happening. I But I think also Sesame Street is public domain ‘cause it’s—we all pay for it.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Like, it’s all of our—like, we could do an Elmo thing ‘cause we all pay for it.

Justin: Oh, that’s a good point. That’s actually a really good point.

Travis: And it’s just like a real place. Like, I could call it something like Chicago Crunch, right?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And that’s fine ‘cause it’s just like named after a city.

Griffin: We could do an episode of just all of us doing Cookie Monster voices and there’s literally nothing that the Sesame Street company—it’s not even a company ‘cause like we pay for it.

Travis: No, it’s a street!

Justin: I got a new character called Clipping Cookie Monster.

Griffin: Oh, that’s good!

Justin: And it sounds like this—[chuckles] No.

Griffin: He’s really funny, he does all parody songs.

Justin: He is funny.

Griffin: And everyone loves him.

Justin: Here's another just like quickie. Krispy Kreme is expanding its C-Sweet... S-W-E-E-T...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: ... Via search for fan to serve as the brand's first ever chief doughnut dreamer.

Travis: Wait, they don't already have one?

Justin: No, there have been—

Travis: We have three!

Justin: There have been no dreams allowed in there.

Griffin: Well, no, no, no, there have been, but none have really risen to the top, it sounds like, to become the *chief* doughnut dreamer.

Travis: It's just been a loose miasma of doughnut dreams.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: As doughnut lovers continue to enjoy the return of Krispy Kreme's fan faves, the brand is expanding its C-Sweet, accepting applications for the new role of chief doughnut dreamer.

Travis: Now, this sounds like a press release, Justin. But it also kind of sounds like a job posting. Is this a real job with like responsibilities and—

Griffin: If it doesn't list salary, folks, don't apply for job.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: It says you can 'apply,' with quotes, via social media. And they plan to make the new doughnut flavor—

Griffin: What the fuck does that mean?

Justin: And then you can come up with a... fan favorite doughnut. "Or fans know Krispy Kreme—"

Travis: So wait, do you work for free? It's saying like, "Give us—"

Justin: Yeah, you basically—

Travis: "Hey, we're fuckin' out of ideas. If you could just give us the ideas?" For no pay? No, thank you! No, thank you!

Justin: Yeah, they just wanna hire you to come up with great doughnut—what if they get one of the great doughnut dreamers of our generation? But you can... they'll make your doughnut—they'll do—they legally have to do whatever you tell them to do. And you'll be... you'll be selected via a recipe of passion for Krispy Kreme, doughnut dream creativity and quality of application. So, keep an eye out of social media for those doughnut dreamer applications. Let's see if—

Travis: Listen, I'm—

Griffin: We could smash this, right?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Like, it's not... ethical, for us to bring the tremendous weight of our online success down in this manner. But I think any one of us could be the chief doughnut dreamer, 'cause I have some big, big, big ideas.

Travis: See, that's interesting, Griffin, 'cause I was gonna make the suggestion of like I don't want that level of responsibility. But... and I'm not even sure if Twitter exists still, but if like you could get on to social media and tweet like whatever combination, you know, pineapple and crushed up Boreos or whatever. But it's always The McElroy.

Griffin: Did you say Boreos?

Travis: It's borax? You just—it's crushed up pineapple and borax and it's called The McElroy. But it's always called The McElroy.

Griffin: "These are boughnuts. I'm the chief boughnut dreamer. I'm the chief boughnut breamer, here at Dunkin', or wherever."

Travis: "My name's Willy Wonka and I've got some wild ideas for doughnuts!" [chuckles]

Griffin: "I've got some wild fuckin'... wild ideas."

Justin: I'm just checking here and so far... according to this hashtag, we got two applicants so far. So, if we all apply, we've already made it more than half the chance.

Griffin: If we... if our audience all applies and all their ideas are like, "Here's my idea for a boughnut, it's gonna have \$100 in it." We could destroy this company overnight.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Yeah. Let's everybody apply. Come on, we can—hey, let's just use this hash tag for ourselves. [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] No! This is bullying on a corporate level and that's actually really good.

Justin: You're right, it's very good.

Griffin: But no one person came up with this idea.

Travis: We have to respect people with authority! Guys!

Justin: No, I'm just saying everybody apply! And it'll be a fun place for people to swap doughnut ideas.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: And then one of us, one of our people will win! And it's just a fun place to swap doughnut ideas. Okay, KFC is serving up the mother—or they did, served up free nuggets with the Mother's Day meal.

Griffin: Hm?

Justin: Yeah. Along with 12—you'll get 12 all-new KFC nuggets for free. By the way, if you haven't tried `em, they are choice.

Travis: Well, I don't want old nuggets?

Justin: Two large, home-style sides—it doesn't matter, but you're getting this—the meal also comes with a free downloadable Mother's Day card, available in both English and Spanish, which will be emailed to customers at the email address provided when ordering the meal. So, just get some chow and dox your mom, and we'll send her—

Griffin: Real quick. [chuckles] Real quick.

Justin: Real quick, dox your mom.

Griffin: Get some of KFC's mother's nuggets and dox your mom. Keep Slipknot alive.

Travis: Dox your mom and swamp your wok. [chuckles]

Justin: "Not only is your Mother's Day meal covered with something for everyone, but mom's little nuggets can express their love and appreciation for all she does."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Hey, and then, I swear to god, guys, the next fucking paragraph is this quote from Nick Chaves, the CMO of KFC. "Moms love their little nuggets."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Both their kids and the fried chicken." Are you fuckin' sure with this, Nick?

Griffin: Are you for real?

Justin: The KFC nuggets—

Travis: The next line should've been, "Sorry about the little nuggets thing. We didn't say it out loud."

Griffin: [chuckles] "Sorry, we said it twice in a row, it sucked!"

Justin: "The KFC nuggets of appreciation meal makes it easy for her to enjoy both with a meal the whole family will love, this Mother's Day. With new KFC nuggets included for free, it's KFC's way of showing appreciation for moms everywhere."

Griffin: Mm-hm.

Justin: The average mom spends 97 hours per week on parenting.

Travis: What?

Justin: According to a study done by KFC.

Travis: What?

Griffin: What the fuck?

Travis: The *average* mom? Wait, the *average* mom? That means that there's moms out there delivering way more than that?

Justin: Right, the—yes. I... yeah, by my... by my math, this means that the average mom spends all waking hours parenting! That can't be right?

Griffin: Yeah, that's—what? You spend about 100 plus waking hours, you're—I mean, yeah, that actually feels right to me, if I'm thinking about it.

Justin: Yeah, that does feel right to me.

Travis: But the *average* mom?! You're telling me those moms that have like kids that 32 years old and do maybe four hours of parenting a week are balancing out the moms doing 278 hours of parenting a week!

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah!

Travis: Like, what are you talking about? That's impossible!

Justin: Yeah, our... with 13 hours—no, sorry, 14 hours a day average, but we're taking out—and once you get into the school year, there's a good six hours there that we're chucking back in. So, that gets us at 20 hours, really. Where are—like, there are some moms that are really going above and beyond the call. I think our nation's non-moms need to step up to the plate.

Travis: Wow!

Griffin: In all regards.

Justin: There it is. Sorry. Sorry to say it. It's KFC's way of showing appreciation for moms everywhere. So, they're gonna make it really—they're gonna make it really fast. "If you wanna enjoy a fast, satisfying meal for Mother's Day, you can get your hands on the limited time digital offer by placing a quick pick-up order at participating locations of the KFC franchise. You can then schedule your order." Okay?

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: "You can schedule your order starting May 10th through May 14th. And after you place your order, you head to your local KFC restaurant, park in a dedicated VIP parking spot and go inside, where the order will be hot, ready and waiting on the quick pick-up shelf."

Travis: Happy Mother's Day!

Justin: KFC will do anything to get you out of here as fast as possible. If you just slow down outside, they'll fuckin' just huck it right through the front door at you.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Happy Mother's Day.

Justin: Last, but certainly not—"Happy Mother's Day, I got you fast chicken." Last but—

Griffin: A fast, small chicken.

Travis: "You need to go pick it up, though, 'cause I can't drive."

Justin: "I can't drive, mom. Take me."

Travis: "Check your email, you have 8,000 offers from the Colonel."

Justin: This just in, Pizza Hut has launched the pickle pizza.

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: Yeah. Pizza Hut announced a new culinary creation, the pickle pizza.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: Building on the recent—[chuckles] "Building on the recent resurgence of pickles—"

Travis: Yeah, I thought they were out for a while, man!

Justin: I thought we were done with pickles! But they're apparently back.

Travis: I'm just saying, I heard the words 'pickle' and 'extinct' said in the same sentence a lot.

Justin: "Pizza Hut is taking this trend to new heights with its own twist on the pickle phenomenon by adding the sour, tangy food..." Like, you don't need to say—

Griffin: "I love this sour, tang! Yum-num-num!"

Justin: Sour, tangy food!

Travis: Mm-hmm!

Griffin: "I love this sour, tangy food!"

Justin: "Are you guys loving these?! What's up with these—"

Griffin: "What have you done to the cucumbers?! They're so sour and tangy!"

Justin: "These tiny, flavorful frisbees are really hitting the spot!" So, in case you don't know what pickles are—

Travis: They also didn't create this.

Justin: This makes pizza—

Travis: Wait, pickle pie has existed before this.

Griffin: Okay. Okay, Mr. Pickle Pie.

Justin: "This makes Pizza Hut the first national quick service pizza restaurant to serve pickle pizza. Solidifying the brand at the forefront of culinary trends and innovation, thanks to the pickle pizza."

Travis: This did it! This did it! This one's the—finally! They're solidified!

Justin: "The new Pizza Hut pickle starts with a hand-tossed crust, sauced with buttermilk ranch and topped with cheese. Crispy, breaded chicken breast, seasoned with a kick of Nashville hot seasoning and a slice of white

onions. And then loaded with spicy dill pickles and a drizzle of buttermilk ranch on top." Are you sure?!

Travis: What is all of this?

Griffin: Get those onions off there! Get those onions off there, I would shred that up. I wouldn't fuckin' annihilate that. Get those onions off there!

Justin: Griffin, you heard about the two layers of buttermilk ranch, right?

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah, no, that's... it's a textural thing. It's like a tiramisu.

Travis: Pizza Hut, you're simply using pizza as a platter at that point, to serve pickles and fried chicken.

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: Available for a limited time only, while supplies last, you can order—

Travis: Which will be a while! [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] These are gonna—

Justin: "Guests can order the new pickle pizza for \$17.99 at the Pizza Hut located on 932, 8th Ave, in New York City, June 9th through June 11th." Can you all fuck off with this? Seriously.

Travis: Wait, June 9th through June 11th, while supplies last.

Justin: At that one Pizza Hut.

Griffin: Mm-hm. That's gonna be great.

Travis: Let's make a press release.

Griffin: What a fuckin' party. That's gonna be awesome.

Justin: "Pickles have taken social media by storm, with creators showcasing different ways to incorporate pickles into recipes on TikTok." If they had to tell you that, doesn't it sound like they're defending it a little bit?

Griffin: A little.

Justin: Not like, "We found several cargo freighters full of pickles that we were supposed to use at one of our different restaurants. So, here you go. One of the other yum brands was supposed to use these." So, that's heartbreaking. But Penny Shaheen, the head of food innovation over there says, "With our new Pickle Pizza, we're tapping into the latest food trends while also putting culinary thought into how they come to life on a pizza!"

Griffin: Hm!

Travis: Huh!

Griffin: Not good thought! Not good culinary thought! Not culinary innovation, just culinary... I guess, pickles? Yeah, that's a thought. You had it and you've manifested.

Travis: That's not a selling point, to say, "Hey, us, a restaurant, thought about food when we made something."

Justin: The very next line is, "Our recipe is all about great flavor."

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Okay?

Griffin: Yeah, man! Sure!

Justin: Good, yes, good!

Travis: Yeah, bold!

Griffin: "This recipe is all about bitter, cloying flavor!"

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: “We went all in on bitter on this one. You guys are gonna love it.”

Justin: “This one’s bitter and you’re gonna be wild—you're just gonna be wild for these.” God... “I planned a surprise birthday trip for my best friend and I to go to Victoria, Canada. Unfortunately, my dog ate my passport—” Uh-huh. “Only a few months before the trip. I applied or a new one with the US government, but it won’t be done in time for my birthday. I still have my old passport, but there are a few good-sized bites taken out of it. Brothers, how do I convince Canada to let me in?” That’s from Passport Pooch Panic in Portland.

Griffin: I assume it’s like—

Travis: How big are the bites?

Griffin: Yeah, well, we don’t—there’s no saying. If they’re little, cute nibbles, they're gonna allow you in. Don’t worry about that. Don’t worry about that. As long as it’s not on the picture or the barcode.

Travis: There’s a lot of extraneous pages in there that no one knows what they’re really for. And... listen, I’ve never been to Canada—I have been to Canada. Wait a minute! I went to Canada!

Justin: What a roller coaster this paragraph has been!

Griffin: That was fun!

Travis: What I remember, going, it was pretty laxed. [chuckles] I don’t know how—

Griffin: It’s pretty chill, honestly.

Travis: I don’t know how it’s changed in the meantime, but there was a lot of like, “Yeah, man, go.”

Griffin: “Yeah, go ahead.”

Justin: I think we've told the story about Griffin driving us... driving us into Canada and they asked, "Do you all have any guns?" And Griffin said no. And you have to understand, we were in a commercial trucking lane because we were going to do business in Canada. So, the window was very much higher than Griffin, so he's kind of looking up at this guy, adoringly. And this Canadian man says, "Do you have any guns?" And Griffin says no. And then he says, "Do you have any drugs or alcohol?" And Griffin looks at the back of the van and says, "Do we?"

Griffin: Yeah, that was a fun bit for all parties in attendance. But then I said no. And he appreciated the thoroughness.

Justin: Even those of us that we pretty stoned at that exact moment.
[chuckles]

Griffin: At that moment, sure. [chuckles]

Travis: I also remember being asked how many people are in the vehicle and we said like nine or something, 'cause there was like a lot of us.

Griffin: Yeah, when we're on tour, man, that number is so fucking hard to pin down.

Travis: And then he said, "Okay, passports please." And I was in the front seat. So, just Griffin and I handed him passports and he was like, "No, I need for like everybody." And we were like, "Oh! Yeah! Okay!" [chuckles]

Griffin: And then I just panicked and gunned it, and we're not allowed to go back to Canada now. We did our show, fucking kicked Vancouver's ass, but that was it. No more. We can't, unfortunately.

Justin: According to the US government, a passport is considered and may not be used if the passport has been materially changed in physical appearance or composition, or contains a damaged, defective or otherwise non-functioning chip, or it includes un-authorized changes, obliterations, entries or photographs has observable wear or tear that renders it unfit to use as a traffic document. And the department either takes possession of

the passport or sends a written notice to the bearer. So, it does seem to me like you're gonna have a tough—this is a tough road to hoe, I think.

Griffin: I don't love that there's chips in these things. I don't love that the government can like know—

Justin: Don't love that. Huge surprise there.

Griffin: Have me on like some sort of registry or something with my chip? No thanks!

Travis: Can't you just like—

Griffin: I'm gonna pop that out, actually.

Travis: Just give the guy—

Justin: Pop that chip out real quick, Griff!

Travis: When you get to the border, just tell him you'll be back! Just say like, "I'll be back, promise."

Justin: Here's...

Griffin: Oh, this is expired! Sorry, my passport's expired, I didn't know that.

Travis: Oh no.

Justin: Griff, you gotta go, bud!

Griffin: "My dog ate the chip. Try and scan it through its tummy, if you want?" And then you hold up the pup, that sweet puppers with his cute little toe beans.

Justin: "But... I'd really actually just like to go in, if I could? Thank you."

Griffin: "I'd like to scoot, if I may."

Justin: They love Americans up there.

Travis: Can't get enough!

Justin: They'll just probably let you slide out there, no problem.

Travis: They let us in anywhere! Do you remember President Bartlet said that whole thing about how we can walk anywhere unperturbed 'cause we're citizens of America? You remember he made that big speech? You remember?

Griffin: Yeah, and that weirdly like xenophobic like wildly like nationalistic speech he did in that one episode where he was like, "We're Americans and we can do whatever the fuck we want!" And everyone was like...

Travis: "Whoa!"

Justin: "Okay?"

Griffin: "What? Sorry?"

Justin: That's probably in season five, or later.

Travis: You remember!

Griffin: Yeah, season five.

Travis: Hey, listen!

Justin: Yeah?

Travis: Justin?

Justin: Yeah?

Travis: Next week, next week, we're gonna be in Raleigh and Richmond.

Justin: That can't be right.

Griffin: Hell yeah.

Travis: Yeah! It's the 20 Sun and Sea Surf the Vibe Tour, coming to your house, if your house is the theater, we're gonna be at in Raleigh or Richmond. June 23rd, Raleigh, North Carolina, doing My, Brother, My brother and Me. June 24th, in Raleigh, doing The Adventure Zone. We're gonna be playing Sexy Battle Wizards. So, Justin, Griffin and Dad are gonna be some sexy battle wizards. So, check that out. And then, June 25th, we're in Richmond, Virginia, doing My, Brother, My brother and Me. Coming up, we've got shows in San Diego, doing San Diego Comic Con. Doing Adventure Zone and My, Brother, My brother and Me on June 21st and 22nd.

Griffin: July!

Travis: July, 21st and 22nd! Sand Diego, Comic Con. August 31st, we're in Seattle doing Adventure Zone. September 1st, we're in Seattle doing My, Brother, My brother and Me. We're also gonna be in New York during New York Comic Con. October 12th, doing Adventure Zone at New York Comic Con. October 13th, doing My, Brother, My brother and Me at New York Comic Con. The tickets for the Seattle shows go on sale Friday, June 16th at noon, local time. And the New York Comic Con shows will require a badge to attend those shows. There will be badge-free tickets available to watch via streaming. Badges for new York Comic Con are available for pre-sale now. General sale starts June 21st. On sale dates for individual show tickets to be announced! So, keep an eye on our socials. All that information, bit.ly/mcelroytours.

Griffin: This week, me and Travis are gonna be at Awesome Con, here in D.C. We're gonna do photos and signings and panels and all kinds of stuff! And you can get your passes at bit.ly/awesomeconmcelroys. It helps us out when you do that. Come say hi! It'll be great to see you.

Travis: We'll see you there.

Griffin: Thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. That is... I mean, it's the only sonic bath I need. But just to hedge our bets, for our friends at home, let's provide—we really mucked up

the works this week. So, let's just sort of clear the pipes out a little bit with a nice healing sonic bath.

Justin: Oh wait, can I say something real quick?

Griffin: Uh-huh?

Justin: I wanted to do an announcement and you guys are just like chucking on through. Would that be okay? Could I just say real quick—

Travis: Yeah! Sure, yeah!

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, sure, sure, sure, sure! Can you maybe work the announcement into the sonic bath?

Justin: I'd rather not. Sydnee and I directed the SpongeBob musical. It's gonna be at the Ritter Park, here in West Virginia. You can get tickets at bit.ly/spongebobWV. And it's gonna be the last three weekends in June. And you know, the last one kind of crosses off over into... into the next month, you know what I'm saying?

Travis: Yeah, it's how dates and weekends and stuff works sometimes, yeah.

Justin: It how dates and weekends work. June 16th, June 23rd, June 30th, those three weekends. Tickets go on sale at 6:00, gates open at 6:30, pre-show's at 7:00, Spongebob's at 8:00. It's really cute and we worked really hard on it. And if you could come and see it, that would be great. Thanks, that's all.

Griffin: Tchew-vvvvv-vvvvv-vvvvv-vvvvv—

Travis: Weeyow-weeyow-weeyow-weeyow—

Justin: Haaaaa-aaaaa-aaaaa-aaaaa—

Griffin: Vvvvv-vvvvv-vvvvv-vvvvv-vvvvv—

Travis: Weeyow-weeyow-weeyow-weeyow—

Justin: Aaaaaa-aaaaa-aaaaa-aaaaa—

Griffin: Vvvvvv-vvvvvv-vvvvvv-vvvvvv-vvvvvv—

Travis: Weeyow-weeyow-weeyow-weeyow—

Justin: Aaaaaa-aaaaa-aaaaa-aaaaa—

Griffin: Ha!

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy!

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

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

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

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