

## **MBMBaM 665: Face 2 Face: Cody-Pendant**

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**Intro (Bob Ball):** The McElroy brothers are not experts!

[crowd cheers]

**Intro (Bob Ball):** 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 babies?!

[crowd cheers]

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

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

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** I almost tripped over the stage lights on my way out and I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** And I'm US Navy Corporal, Griffin McElroy. Thank you all so much for being here.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Now... okay, now here's the thing, you all clapped for Griffin, but what he's doing...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Is a crime. It's called stolen valor. And in Columbus, we called him out on it and he was like, "I'm just gonna lean into it, I'm doing it." And then we landed, we landed in Chicago and then drove here. You've heard of it. And then... drove here, but when we were in—

**Justin:** Hey, what's the vibe on Chicago here?

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** All right! I like that.

**Justin:** That's cool. Good for y'all!

**Travis:** Okay, in the O'Hare Airport, while using the facilities—

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Better reaction to the O'Hare Airport!

**Griffin:** I loved that, that was correct!

**Travis:** Whilst using the facilities... we were challenged. We encountered a challenging situation. Griffin, do you wanna...

**Justin:** Griffin, do you wanna describe the challenging situation? And don't take too long!

**Griffin:** I came out of using the bathroom stall and when I was washing my hands, a gentleman came out to wash his hands, wearing this exact outfit.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Now, not... not that exact outfit, 'cause one of 'em was bought on Amazon and one of 'em was issued by the Navy.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Joseph Gordon-Biden give it to him.

**Griffin:** I will say this, I will say this, I think that they teach 'em how to fold 'em right in Navy school... I still haven't locked that one in.

**Travis:** No, and I see also that your seam is ripping open on the side there.

**Griffin:** Oh shit, man!

**Travis:** You're gonna get written up for sure! Sarg is gonna have your ass!

**Justin:** You're gonna be a PK, buddy!

**Griffin:** It's only May! I gotta make this thing last. Anyway, when I went outside, we saw maybe a half-dozen more people. So, it wasn't just one. If it was just the one guy, I could say maybe he also does a comedy podcast.

**Justin:** Yeah, I said, out loud—and I mean, I would show my ignorance and I said, "Wow, I didn't know that was still a look."

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure!

**Justin:** And much more troublingly, Griffin said, "Yeah, me neither."

**Griffin:** Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Like, he is the—wouldn't you assume, if you're his brother, that he has like done just the base amount of research to find out if this is in any way—

**Travis:** Like, before Justin wore this shirt, he made sure Arby's was still open.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** You know?

**Justin:** Right, if I—

**Travis:** I also, because I love my brother, I do need to clarify for everyone, Griffin didn't like wear this on the airplane today.

**Griffin:** No, no, no! Because then, you would know that, actually, 'cause I wouldn't be here. Because when the real naval officer came out to the sink next to me if I was wearing this, I would've turned into a pillar of ash, instantly, and blown away.

**Travis:** No, Griffin puts it on so that he can board early.

**Griffin:** No!

**Travis:** Then changes...

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Changes in the airplane bathroom—

**Griffin:** Here's my defense, here's my defense.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Griffin:** Is it stolen valor? Today, I learned, possibly.

**Travis:** Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** But I'm not doing anything with it, you know?

**Travis:** Hey, everybody! Did you clap when Griffin said he was a corporal?  
[chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Then you're complicit.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's right!

**Travis:** Yeah! You all handed him stolen valor!

**Griffin:** Also, these chevrons are upside down. So, it doesn't count.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Justin:** I'm so happy to be back in the best theater in these contiguous United States, The Riverside.

**Griffin:** Yes, absolutely!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Now, I should clarify—

**Travis:** I'm glad you guys are having a good time. We don't care about you.

**Justin:** Yeah, we don't care about you. On our side, it kicks ass.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** They got Miles Morales on PS5.

**Griffin:** True! They got a fucking Golden Tee machine back there, it is—

**Justin:** They got a Golden Tee machine back there!

**Travis:** And like homemade cheesecake.

**Griffin:** Yeah, it rips.

**Travis:** It fucking rules. And also, Patti LaBelle was here yesterday. So, we did have to play her save file on Miles Morales: Spider-Man.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** And she'd already finished about half of it! It was kind of a bummer.

**Griffin:** Yeah! She collected all the cyber bugs.

**Justin:** Riverside also has a... never experienced in any other theater, an in-house—I was about to say 'installed,' and that's not the word.

**Griffin:** Installed. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Barista. No, it's a real person named Mason, who is tasked with making coffee for all of us. And by which I mean like six.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah, it probably makes a lot more sense for Patti LaBelle and her entourage.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** But then it's just the three of us like, "Another... If I could just have ice?"

**Justin:** I got a Coke Zero out of the fridge and he says, "Fuckin' really?"

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** He didn't, he's a sweetheart. "I recently moved to a little city in Wisconsin with my finance. Almost immediately after arriving here, I met the mayor."

**Travis:** Nice.

**Justin:** "After chatting with him at length on a few occasions, he seems to think I should be next in line for the throne."

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** He said he has a throne?

**Justin:** "He says it every time he sees me in town. I do not wanna be the mayor of my town! I have nothing against the town itself or the mayor, but the more I learn about local politics, the less I wanna be involved. I know nothing about tax incremental financing or budget amendments. What can I do to convince this guy that I should not be the next mayor?" That's from Wary Whippersnapper in Wisconsin.

**Griffin:** Do you feel... Yes or no question, do you feel comfortable yelling the name of the small town? Just—

**Wary Whippersnapper:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Okay, what is the small town?

**Wary Whippersnapper:** Stoughton.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Not the... so, small but famous!

[crowd exclaims]

**Travis:** Stilton, like the cheese?

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Is that where the cheese is from? No, that's in like England, right?

**Justin:** Y'all gotta get together and answer us, okay? 'Cause we don't know!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** We practice this!

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

[crowd exclaims]

**Justin:** Stolton?

[crowd exclaims]

**Griffin:** You all have to understand the experience we are having right now is terrible. You all are so disappointed in us, and also the ones doing it to us.

**Justin:** When people talk—

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** When people talk about having stage fright, this is the experience that they are actually visualizing in their minds. Like, this—

**Travis:** I had—"It was a terrible dream, I couldn't understand the audience and I was wearing a stupid sailor suit!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles] "I had stolen valor!"

**Griffin:** "I was wearing a stupid sailor suit, trying to do some light crowd work and they all just yelled [mumbles] Sta-bol! Sto-let! Stun-ril!"



**Justin:** "Storettes! Storvettes!"

**Griffin:** Staughton.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Staughton?

**Travis:** Staughton.

**Justin:** Staughton! Staughton.

**Travis:** Stotin! Stotin?

**Griffin:** Stought...

**Travis:** Here's what I will say—

**Griffin:** Stoughton?

**Travis:** Stoughton?

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Got it.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Now, here's the thing that occurs to me, listening to this, if you're running into the mayor multiple times since moving there and having lengthy conversations, doesn't sound like your mayor's worried about finances or taxes either!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** He's got a lot of free time to kill. I want—I—this—"You're the person I want in this seat."

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Justin:** Fear the man that wants the power.

**Travis:** Worship the man who knows nothing about power!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Worship the person who's like, "No power for me, thank you." That's the person you follow into some sort of city war. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Yes! [chuckles] Sure, man! That's definitely what mayors do. They're sort of—

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** It's what they used to! Let's make America great—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] No, no!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** In case of city war, you would probably, hopefully, turn to the mayor for guidance, at least as a first thought, right?

**Griffin:** Yeah. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah. And at that point, you want a reluctant warlord mayor.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sure!

**Travis:** A warlord mayor who's like, "Yeah, listen, we'll do this. But I'll sigh the whole time!" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** There's no way you have to know all that stuff to be mayor, right?

**Travis:** No!

**Justin:** No...

**Griffin:** They definitely will teach you how to do that stuff, I bet. When I got a—

**Travis:** You'd get people to do it!

**Griffin:** When I got a job at The Country's Best Yogurt, they taught me... they taught me how to put yogurt into a cup and get exactly 7, 9 or 11 ounces in that shit, every single time. I'm sure that they can teach you how to do mayor math.

**Travis:** Also, as a mayor, you get staff. All you have be—

**Justin:** I'm not sure if—

**Griffin:** I for a fucking second just thought that when you're the mayor, they give you an arcane—

**Justin:** A staff!

**Travis:** To go with your throne!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** And of course, your vizier stands over your shoulder and curses the other enemy mayors!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I'm not sure about the size of Stoughton, but I have a hard time imagining there's like a big crew, right? Like, there's probably not a deputy associate mayor of the town, I bet. You'd probably handle a lot of the stuff first-hand, really getting your hands dirty.

**Travis:** Do you think that's why the mayor is like, "You should be mayor!"

**Justin:** "You should be mayor!"

**Travis:** "Hey, you ever thought about that? I've run unopposed for 10 elections in a row! What have you ran?! Wouldn't that be wild?!"

**Justin:** You're new in town, he just hasn't given you the pitch yet.  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Everybody that moves in, it's like, "So, have you considered being mayor?"

**Travis:** "It would be great if you would free me from this!"

**Griffin:** Can... for a year, could you do it just for the story?

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Don't you think that would be powerful? Next time you're playing two truths and a lie, you can be like, "[chuckles] I'm gonna fuck you guys up with this one!"

**Justin:** "You'll never see this coming!"

**Travis:** "And my third thing is, I was impeached." [chuckles]

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** “Oh, me? I’m a librarian and I do a lot of school visits for kinder garden classes. Usually, a couple a week. That’s the best part of the job. I usually only—”

**Travis:** That wasn’t Justin editorializing—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Weirdly editorializing!

**Justin:** No! It’s just... just putting a little human flare on it, you know?

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Justin:** “That’s the best part of the job. I usually pick out books that I know will make kiddos laugh, and they all seem to have a great time. The problem is, every once in a while, a kid will heckle after a story, out of nowhere. Like, I’ll say, ‘Wasn’t that funny?’ And the kid will shout out, ‘No!’”

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Devastating.

**Justin:** “Or, ‘That story was boring.’ Like, come on, dude. Everyone was laughing and you’re clearly doing it for attention. Brothers, how do you deal with hecklers that are six years old?” That’s from Dewey Decimated by Toddlers.

**Travis:** In my experience of parenting—my six year old started school. And from time to time, on like her YouTube Kids, videos about bullying will come up and she’ll ask me about it.

**Griffin:** How to guides how like how to really noogie good!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, she's nailing it! But she'll ask me questions about bullying in such a way that implies that as an adult, I've figured out how to deal with bullies.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And then you read a question like this and you're like, yeah, man. Not only do I not know how to deal with bullies, I don't know how to deal with bullies your age.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I will say, in general, for pretty much any forward-facing/speaking job, just don't say, "Was that funny?"

**Travis:** Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Can you imagine if we did that?

**Justin:** You know... you know, in our... in our, you know, 15 something years of podcasting, I don't think I've ever said, "Was that funny," after... It just never comes up.

**Travis:** Yeah, I've marveled at Imagine Dragons' confidence to include the phrase, "Is this entertaining?" In their song which they must perform live in front of an audience.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sure! "No!"

**Justin:** "No!"

**Travis:** "Fuck!"

**Griffin:** "Tune your guitars!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Imagine Dragons... Imagine Dragons is the kind of band that I think on some level knows that they have to always stay famous, or else.

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Travis:** [chuckles] Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** If the scale of the Imagine Dragons production begins to decline to your county fair levels, that dog will no longer hunt.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] No! I mean, I will say, I don't think—I don't know if I've become funnier since having kids. But I will say having a six year old heckler at home has honed my comedy into something far more interesting.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Henry will straight up say like, "Nah."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "Didn't like it."

**Griffin:** "Didn't like it."

**Justin:** "Didn't like it, dad."

**Griffin:** Sometimes, Rachel will laugh at something I say, but Henry won't understand it 'cause he's six years old, and then Henry will be like, "Why are you laughing? You shouldn't be. That was a bad joke."

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I've you've never attempted to explain a portmanteau to a six year old and then realize you have to explain the concept of portmanteau as well...

**Griffin:** Yeah, can't do it.

**Travis:** You've never felt less funny than saying, "Well, I took two words and they shared a similar kind sound..."

**Justin:** On the reverse side of that, though, if you do know what a portmanteau is, there's fuckin' nothing funnier than a good portmanteau!

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Squishing two words together? Come on!

**Griffin:** Hysterical.

**Travis:** Sometimes, words sound like other words.

**Justin:** It's hilarious.

**Travis:** It's pretty good, you guys. When that happens, when you heckle— get heckled by a six year old, get their information and then wait until they get a job. It's gonna be a while!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Long game.

**Travis:** And then you show up. I don't care what that job is. And it's their first job, too. So, it's gonna be like—



**Griffin:** First day! First day, "Ham on top of cheese, huh? Not the other way around? Are you sure?!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "That's not funny?"

**Griffin:** That's not "funny!"

**Travis:** That's not "funny!" And they're like, "What?" And you're like, "What? I had like 12 years to come up with a better thing."

**Griffin:** I did just wanna tell you two, 'cause I don't think I've told you this yet, that Henry did tell his class—they were like talking about what their parents did for a living.

**Travis:** Oh no.

**Griffin:** Uh-oh...

**Justin:** Oh god.

**Griffin:** And Henry told everyone that I'm a comedian.

**Justin:** Oh no...

**Griffin:** Which is not like the wrongest answer to that, but I can't tell you the number of his classmates that have come up to me during like drop-off and been like, "Hey, I heard you're a comedian?" And then I immediately have to be like, "Okay, love you, Henry! Gotta go!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** 'Cause I know the next question that comes out is like, "Make me... make me fuckin' laugh, old man."

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** "Dance!"

**Griffin:** "Dance!"

**Travis:** "Dance for me!"

**Griffin:** "Do a joke, but about Minecraft. Go! You have 10 seconds!"

**Travis:** Part of a live show, once again, a very visual bit. But I would like to introduce some special guests! It's with special guests.

**Griffin:** I don't know if—

**Justin:** Yay! You don't know this 'cause we never do it.

**Travis:** I have got some clips of SNL hosts introducing the musical guests. I will tell Griffin and Justin who the host and the guest is. They will attempt to guess the vibe of the introduction. Starting off strong, David Spade introducing Jack Johnson!

**Griffin:** Oh shit.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Can I just do my impression—

**Justin:** Yeah! I wanna—wait, I wanna do one after. You go ahead, Griff.

**Griffin:** Okay, he's defiantly like, [spoofing David Spade] "Ladies and gentlemen, Jack Johnson." That chill, no excitement, grim mask of death for a face.

**Justin:** Okay, all right, here's—in my head, what I'm seeing is like, "Ladies and gentlemen, Jack Johnson!" Like we all like him. Like, David Spade really likes him.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

**Travis:** Oh!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Out of nowhere, David Spade's like, "Come on, we all can agree this guy whips, right?"

**Travis:** Let's go to the video tape!

**David Spade:** Ladies and gentlemen, Jack Johnson!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** [chuckles] I mean... I didn't—

**Travis:** Now, hold on!

**Griffin:** Can we talk about the face, though?

**Justin:** The bratty toddler read on that was supreme. Okay.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I think I got a—

**Travis:** He almost sold it, until the face. If this was an episode of the hit show, Lie to Me, he's just read his micro expression—

**Griffin:** That is a micro expression, for sure.

**Justin:** Can I hear it again, actually, Paul? It's pretty funny. [chuckles]

**David Spade:** Ladies and gentlemen, Jack Johnson!

**Travis:** Hm...

**Griffin:** He had to take a shit and needed to do this—

**Justin:** He was mid shit and they were like, “David!”

**Griffin:** “David, quick!”

**Justin:** “David! We need you!”

**Griffin:** All right. So, can I—

**Travis:** Up next.

**Griffin:** What could it be?

**Travis:** Rami Malek introducing Young Thug.

**Griffin:** I mean... oh boy... I don't know that I've ever seen Mr. Malek express anything above a sort of like—[chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, I think you're getting a mellow like... he's unrolling like illegal cigars at a party.

**Griffin:** Oh, sure.

**Justin:** Like, “Hey, I brought Young Thug.” You know what I mean?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Oh!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** With his like spindly fingers and the name is written on an envelope for no reason. For no reason, he has to open the envelope and read ‘Young Thug.’

**Griffin:** This is not part of the guess, but can I just add, very long, pregnant pause between, “Ladies and gentlemen... Young Thug.” I think it’s long. I think it’s a long—I think he lets it cook.

**Travis:** Oh! Roll the tape!

**Rami Malek:** Once again, Young Thug.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** That was good!

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** That was good!

**Griffin:** Young Thug!

**Justin:** The pause is good, the intonation...

**Griffin:** Oh! [sings] ‘You raise me up so I can stand on mountains!’

**Justin:** It’s like he’s excited but it’s also an inevitability, right? Like, “Eh, that’ll happen. You’re gonna get some Young Thug. You do a show—”

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yeah, I mean, trying to stop it, it’s inevitable!

**Justin:** Well, and this is—what’s—this is life, what are you gonna do? You do a show today, you’re gonna get some Young Thug in there!

**Griffin:** You’re gonna get Young Thug!

**Travis:** I’ll say this too, if that was me and I delivered it that way, I’ve practiced that several times in the mirror.

**Griffin:** Oh, for sure, you got to.

**Travis:** That is not a natural delivery of anything! [chuckles]

**Justin:** Young Thug...

**Travis:** Young Thug! Now, up next, Ray Romano...

**Griffin:** Oh yeah.

**Justin:** Okay?

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Introducing the super band, Zwan.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** Wow! This is gonna be fuckin' great!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Zwan was almost certainly about to play Honestly, right? The one Zwan song, basically.

**Travis:** The one Zwan song. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** The one Zwan song, that was their swan song, that Zwan song.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Travis:** In case you don't know, Zwan was a super band in which two of the members of Zwan were also two of the members of Smashing Pumpkins.

**Justin:** Right.

**Travis:** So, a weird super band to be like—can you imagine being other members of Smashing Pumpkins?

**Griffin:** “Hey, we formed a super podcast. But like, Justin wasn’t there.”

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** [chuckles] Yes.

**Justin:** Okay, I think he’s like rushing.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Justin:** He’s like, “Ladies and gentlemen, Zwan!”

**Griffin:** I think definitely loud. Like I think he yells it, ‘cause he doesn’t know how else to say—he knows if he says it in a shitty way like people are gonna make fun of him just ‘cause of his whole vibe and how he does it. I think he yells like a barbaric sort of shriek, “Zwan!”

**Justin:** “Zwan!”

**Griffin:** “Deborah, Zwan!”

**Travis:** Roll the tape.

**Ray Romano:** Ladies and gentlemen, Zwan!

**Justin:** Argh!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Oh my god, I couldn’t perform after that! If I’m Billy Corgan, I’m like, “Nope!”

**Griffin:** [laughs] “Nope! Do it again!”

**Justin:** “Nope! No way!”

**Griffin:** "Hey Ray do it again!"

**Justin:** "No way, not doing it! Say sorry to church lady, I'm not staying!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "I'm going home, I don't wanna do the show anymore! That was very mean to me, Ray Romano."

**Griffin:** He looks great.

**Justin:** People forget, he's kind of a fox. I mean, certainly—

**Griffin:** For sure!

**Justin:** Like, definitely a handsome dude.

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure.

**Justin:** It's gotten... I mean, the chops... the chops are off the chain with this guy, Ray Romano.

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure.

**Justin:** But—anyway, we've had a lot of fun here tonight.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Okay!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** But Ray Romano's a treasure!



**Travis:** One more! Don Rickles...

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Whoa, whoa, whoa!

**Travis:** Introducing Billy Idol!

**Justin:** No!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Okay, Rickles is giving like, "Why am I here?" Like, "Ladies and gentlemen, Billy Idol?" Like that.

**Griffin:** Isn't that kind of how Rami Melak did it, though?

**Justin:** No... Rami Malek was like, "Billy Idol!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I think he does it like, [in silly voice] "Billy Idol!"

**Justin:** No, no, no, wait, wait, wait! Can I—can I say, what if Rickles brings a little bit of like British punk to it? Like what if—

**Griffin:** Oh, shit...

**Justin:** [in silly British accent] "Billy Idol!" Like Rick was having some fun.

**Griffin:** Oh, that could be good, too! That could be good, too.

**Travis:** I love you and I'm so sorry, you are never gonna get this in a million years.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Oh no!

**Travis:** Go ahead and roll it, Paul!

**Don Rickles:** Ladies and gentlemen, this is my idol, Billy Idol, singing Rebel Yell!

**Justin:** Never in a million...

**Griffin:** [laughs] What?! That was the last time they let that happen!

**Justin:** [chuckles] We're never gonna top it!

**Griffin:** They said—they fucking came downstairs after he did that like, "Okay, that was fine. I'm not angry. But from now on, we're gonna have all the guests announce it from like the audience."

**Travis:** [laughs] "And can I just say, Billy, real weird to watch you walk to stage and get ready."

**Griffin:** If you showed me this imagine and you said, "Griffin, McElroy, whose hand is Billy Idol holding? You have a million guesses!"

**Travis:** And go back to the beginning, Paul, because one of my favorite parts is—way back at the beginning, all the way at the beginning. Where's Billy looking?

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** 'Cause it's not at Don Rickles and it not at the camera, and it's not at the audience!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] It's not.

**Travis:** It's Billy Idol looking at his agent going, "What the fuck?" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Why... Don Rickles is touching me!"

**Justin:** Don Rickles is one of the most noted like insult comedians of all time. I feel like this look here and his whole affectation is trying to develop like a, "Well, that's Don Rickles, the character."

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sure!

**Justin:** "I'm Don Rickles, the man. I'm a father and husband."

**Travis:** I like to believe that Don Rickles sees nothing assailable about Billy Idol. He's like, "Where would I even begin to insult Billy Idol?"

**Griffin:** "He's my idol. I'm touching him and this is the last time that they're gonna let us do this."

**Travis:** It does look like someone's grandpa wanted a photo with Billy Idol!  
[chuckles]

**Justin:** [laughs] [spoofing Australian accent] "All right, next up. Move it along, gramps!"

**Griffin:** That was good. That was a—Travis, can I say, I have been mixed on this bit's success in a live environment. That was a creamy crop, my friend.

**Travis:** Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** That was a good batch.

**Travis:** I was tempted pull all Ray Romano things.

**Griffin:** Oh, I'm sure.

**Travis:** 'Cause he's done like five of them and they're all the same read! There's another one where he's just like, "Ladies and gentlemen, The Corrs!"

**Justin:** I guarantee you, Ray Romano only listens to AM sports radio. Guaranteed!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** “The other night, my brother and I watched that day’s final screening of the D&D movie at our local theater, as we’re really awesome fans. It was good. We overheard one employee ask another employee, ‘Hey, do you want any of these hot dogs?’ Likely referring to the left-over hot dogs they had—”

**Travis:** Likely!

**Justin:** Likely.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** But not for certain!

**Justin:** Almost certainly referring to—no, “Likely referring to the left-over hot dogs they had at the end of the night. The second employee declined the offer. Brothers, should we have spoken up and requested some free dogs? Or would we, as the movie-watching peasants, not have been deserving?” And that’s from Cody—

**Travis:** Justin, I just had an imagine to connect back to your image of Rami Malek. But this time, instead of unrolling some Cuban cigars, it’s just hot dogs.

**Griffin:** Yeah! [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Got some of my—

**Griffin:** I made these special—

**Justin:** “There’s not a nitrite in the bunch. You can dig through.”

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "This is all pure. This is pure wagyu beef."

**Travis:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** It is gonna probably go in a garbage can. That's probably its next stop and final destination on its adventure.

**Travis:** But, okay... okay... I've worked a concession stand at a movie theater, I know you have too.

**Griffin:** Oh, true. I'm not saying that this is definitely—they'll definitely say no to you and they'll throw it in the garbage can.

**Travis:** 100%.

**Griffin:** I'm saying if you don't intervene, this is what's going to happen to this hot dog. You are a food hero.

**Travis:** Listen, we can talk about food waste in America until the cows come home, get slaughtered and get thrown away.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** [sings] 'It's the circle of life!'

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** But my point is, there's already a built-in way to exchange hot dogs for money, if you're a customer at the movie theater. Getting the hotdogs

free at the end of the night is the benefit of working at the movie theater. I can't walk into an office building and be like, "Hey, as long as you guys are providing insurance for people, how about me too?"

**Justin:** Yeah, but okay. So, you think that this would not have worked. Is that where you are at?

**Travis:** 100%!

**Griffin:** I think it definitely would've worked.

**Justin:** You think it *would've* worked?

**Griffin:** I've worked movie theater concessions before. If someone came up to me at 10:30 while I was doing the hot dog train, which is what we call it when we go throw away the four dozen hot dogs that we didn't sell that day. And someone was like, "Oh, those look pretty yummy. Can I have you?" I'd be like, "I'm about to make this person's fuckin' life." I would say, "Take 13, baby!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** A baker's dozen!

**Griffin:** When we would go home at the—I know you know this, at the end—if you worked the closing shift at the theater we worked at, you could take one of the big garbage bags and put all the popcorn in it and take it home.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** And then you can put a big jar of Nutella in there, shake it all around and then sit on a bean bag chair and get high with your friends and play Star Fox 64 while you eat it!

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Be so careful, 'cause if you get too high, the bean bag chair and that bag full of popcorn will start to look too much alike!

**Griffin:** Don't do a mix-'em-up!

**Travis:** So, you have to be careful! Ugh... or it comes out like foam...

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Justin:** I feel—this is a tricky one because it feels like it just—it's very clear, it depends on what side of the badge you're on. On their side, that's their benefit, that's their hot dogs. They get those. I feel like if the boss of the movies comes in and they're like, "Darryl, why... let me show you this right here."

**Travis:** "I'm Cinemark."

**Justin:** "I'm Cinemark." [laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "And let me show you this right here. This is where this person comes up to you with open hands and then you get a box and start scooping hot dogs into it."

**Griffin:** "You put 13 hot dogs in there."

**Justin:** "A baker's dozen. I counted Darryl. And then you hand it to them." And it's like, "It was late?"

"I know, but there can't be an exact time after which you can give—'cause that person will just keep coming earlier and earlier! Until like 7:30 and they're like, 'Check this out.'"

**Griffin:** If you give a mouse 13 hot dogs, yes.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Oh man...

**Justin:** Ah... I mean, you gotta—it's worth it to try, right?

**Griffin:** You gotta try.

**Justin:** You gotta try.

**Travis:** Now, hold on! I know both of you. I have seen you—

**Griffin:** I wouldn't try!

**Travis:** Yes, thank you!

**Griffin:** Sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry. If it were me, I wouldn't try. But you should. You got this!

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah. But you've gotta try. I said that pretty clearly. *You've gotta try.*

**Travis:** Yeah, you! Someone else who wouldn't melt into a puddle of shame when the person goes, "Of course not."

**Griffin:** "No, this is a hot dog shop!"

**Justin:** What if I—what if you made it kind of a joke? Sort of like, "I'll take 'em for you?" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "I'll take 'em!" If you had been—here's the thing, no, no, no, this is—

**Justin:** I'm trying to make it a joke! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** This gambit would have worked if you had the most fuckin' confidence that anyone's ever had in their life. And you heard someone say, "No, I don't want the hot dogs." And you, without missing a beat, had said, "I'll take 'em." That's funny.



**Travis:** That's funny?

**Griffin:** Or fulfilling.

**Justin:** I think if you said it quick enough, person—employee A would be like, "Oh, okay." Like they wouldn't even think about it.

**Travis:** Either they're gonna say yes or they gonna laugh, right? Do you have the hot dog rizz to pull it off? That's the question!

**Griffin:** Do you have hot dog rizz? That's the real question. Now, will they then laugh when they say no. And then you say, "Please?"

**Travis:** "Please?" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Please, can I have it for free? Please?"

**Justin:** Or if they laugh and then they look at you. And then you look at them and no one's quite sure who's joking and who's not.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sure, sure.

**Justin:** And then you just sort of slowly open your hands and then even slower open your mouth, "Aah!"

"If I don't touch them, it's not a crime." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "I've read the Bible!"

**Travis:** I used to do this thing—

**Justin:** Nothing about vaping, but lots of stuff about feeding others hot dogs.

**Travis:** I worked at Jimmy John's for six months I never—

**Justin:** Here he goes again.

**Travis:** Never made a sandwich the whole time.

**Justin:** Here he goes!

**Travis:** But what I would do, because Jimmy John's—and I don't know if they still do this, they might have changed it after this guy—would sell day old bread. And if you're an employee, 50 cents for day old bread, really good if you're a college student. So, round about 9PM, I'd start baking some loaves.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** "I'm expecting a rush!"

**Griffin:** Fuckin' Jean Val Jean over here!

**Justin:** Yeah!

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** [sings] 'I baked a loaf of bread!'

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [sings] 'Yes, but it was 9:55!'

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** [sings] 'We were half way through mopping the store!'

**Justin:** [laughs and sings] '2460 bun!'

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles and cheers]

**Griffin:** I have a bit before we get to the intermission break that I would like to bust out, that I have only wielded once before. Let's do a Minion's quotes.

**Justin:** Okay!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** The way that this game works, I'm gonna show you all an image of a face—

**Travis:** Griffin, rip it!

**Griffin:** A Boomer Facebook meme that features a cartoon character on it. I have censored out the cartoon character, you will read the quote on this Boomer meme. And if you can guess who the cartoon character is, I will post it on my Facebook page, no context.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** The last time we tried to do this live, we didn't get any of the answers right and it was kind of a bummer, so... At the same time, these are some pretty high risk... [chuckles] Can we see the first one, Paul? "Politicians should wear a shock collar that goes off every time they tell a lie."

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I do also like the watermark, "Shut up, I'm still talking," behind there.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Can you contextualize the lump? 'Cause it is so odd. I don't—

**Travis:** Is it Jabba the Hutt, 'cause that's a—

**Griffin:** No, sorry, if you guys try to 'who's that Pokémon' this this based on the silhouettes, you're going to be driven wildly sort of off course.

**Justin:** Okay, I'm gonna... I will say Elmer Fudd.

**Griffin:** Interesting.

**Travis:** You know what? I'm gonna say Tweety bird.

**Justin:** The spheres, right? The spheres?

[crowd cheers]

[DJ Airhorn Sound Effect plays]

**Justin:** Oh! Oh! Oh, guys! Guys! Y'all! Y'all! Y'all! I know a lot of Griffin's Facebook friends and this is about to pop off!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** It's about to be a whole scene over there!

**Travis:** No, folks at home, here's what Griffin doesn't realize. I've been doing this bit for the last like two years. I've seen some shit.

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** I'm fluent in these. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Travis has gotten some direct messages from some family that has shared some of his less popular opinions.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** They're not mine!

**Griffin:** Y'all...

**Justin:** Why'd you post 'em?

**Griffin:** I'm about to hear from some people... who have left my memory.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** All right, man, second one! Let's go! As long as we're doing this fuckin' thing, let's go!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** "I hate snakes, especially human ones." The cartoon snake is there as a visual aid. It is not a clue of any kind.

**Travis:** This is a wild quote.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** Yeah, it's not a quote, really, is it?

**Griffin:** I mean, we've said it now a couple of times.

**Travis:** There is, I will say, a wild amount of capitalization. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, they're excited.

**Travis:** But not all the way through!

**Griffin:** Sorry, I added the big question marks, Travis. Those were not in the image beforehand. It's a cartoon character.

**Travis:** No, I said capitalization.

**Griffin:** Oh. Oh, yeah, that's a different thing than punctuation.

**Justin:** I think it's... Daffy Duck—no, Bugs Bunny. Bugs Bunny, that's final answer. Bugs Bunny.

**Griffin:** Travis? Please... [chuckles]

**Travis:** It's a minion.

**Griffin:** Please no!

[crowd cheers]

[DJ Airhorn Sound Effect plays]

**Justin:** End it there! End it there! [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Please no!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** We're not gonna top that. That's where we end the act. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Thanks, everybody! We'll be back for a second half in just a moment!

**Justin:** Thank you so much!

**Griffin:** Good bye!

[crowd cheers]

[theme song plays]

**Justin:** Hey, pals. How's it going? I hope you're enjoying this—I think it's a live show, maybe a best of. I don't know. Here's what I know, it's tough to find a doctor. It was so hard for me, I married the first one that I found. That's not true. She wasn't a physician when we got married. But the point is, it's hard to find a doctor! Unless you're tapped into Zocdoc! I don't know if you've heard about this, we've talked about it. But let's return to this

important idea. It's a free app where you can find amazing doctors and book appointments online.

You can search through thousands of top-rated patient reviewed doctors and specialists. You can filter specifically for ones that take your insurance—that's always such a frickin' headache—that are located near you and they'll treat almost any condition you're searching for.

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[Let's Learn Everything theme music plays]

**Ella:** All right, class. Tomorrow's exam will cover the science of cosmic rays, the morals of art forgery and whether or not fish can drown. Any questions? Yes, you in the back.

**Caroline:** What is this?

**Ella:** It's the podcast, let's learn everything!

**Tom:** Where we learn about science and a bit of everything else. My name's Tom, I study cognitive and computer science. But I'll also be your teacher for intermediate emojis.

**Caroline:** My name's Caroline and I did my masters in biodiversity conservation, and I'll be teaching you intro to things the British museum stole.

**Ella:** My name's Ella. I did a PhD in stem cell biology. So, obviously, I'll be teaching you the history of fan fiction.

**Tom:** Class meets every other Thursday on Maximum Fun.

**Caroline:** So, do I still get credit for this?

**Tom and Ella:** [laughs] No!

**Caroline:** Obviously, not.

**Ella:** No...

**Tom:** It's a podcast.

**Caroline:** [chuckles]

[Let's Learn Everything theme music concludes]

[Reading Glasses theme music plays]

**Mallory:** Hey. Let us guess, you love books but wish you had more time to read.

**Brea:** Or maybe you used to read a lot but life has gotten in the way. Kids, grad school, you name it.

**Mallory:** Maybe you don't know where to start and bookish social media is overwhelming. How do people on TikTok read so many books?

**Brea:** Oh my god, I don't know! And maybe you've been reading the same book for six months and now it's criminally attached to your bedside table.

**Mallory:** Maybe you don't even know what you like to read anymore.

**Brea:** We're Reading Glasses. And don't worry, we got you.

**Mallory:** We'll get you back into reading and help you enjoy books again.

**Brea:** Reading Glasses, every week on Maximum Fun.

[Reading Glasses theme music concludes]



**Justin:** How did you guys... how did things go for you all?

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** I thought you were talking to us and I was like, "We were with you?"

**Justin:** Well, I'll talk to you too, guys. How did it go?

**Travis:** Pretty good.

**Justin:** Pretty good. How about y'all? How was it?

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Nice.

**Travis:** How are the lobby bathrooms?

**Justin:** Oh yeah! That's cool!

**Travis:** This is great 'cause Griffin and I weren't having a conversation and Justin's like, "Gotta fill time while I build this Haunted Doll stuff." And then he cut into our conversation—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [mouths alarm sounds]

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** You really took 'em inside the bit on the one, Trav.

**Travis:** It's just that you and I were talking! We could have covered it!

**Griffin:** Justin did jump in to say like, "You guys keep talking so I can find my Haunted Doll Watch!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Travis:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, so here—all right! We'll go one layer deeper! Ba-doof!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** I was worried—

**Travis:** Too far!

**Justin:** I was worried that if I went too long without talking, you all would think I forgot that I was supposed to do it. And then eventually, you would be—do something embarrassing like, “Justin?”

**Griffin:** [laughs] Can I ask, is this better than what you were worried about?

**Justin:** You kicked me out of the layer I was in, though, and brought me up—

**Griffin:** You're in limbo now, baby!

**Justin:** If you had just—

**Travis:** You're down here talking to old [??].

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Listen, the important thing about it is—

**Travis:** Spin! Spin the top, Justin!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] You've gotta find out!

**Justin:** The important thing about it is... Haunted Doll Watch. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** It's a temporal pincer maneuver. [chuckles] The Haunted Doll Watch episode is not a doll.

**Travis:** Ooh?

[crowd exclaims]

**Griffin:** Are we—we can still—I heard some real trepidation in the audience in that reaction. I don't know how—I heard one person say, "I don't know how I feel about this, Juice."

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah. Oh, change can be scary sometimes, my man.

**Griffin:** Let's see.

**Justin:** I... I am... and this instance... and this is 50/50, but especially this time, am much more interested and engaged, I'd say, by the seller than I am the actual box. But let's see the box.

**Travis:** Whoa!

**Griffin:** Yeah! For sure.

[crowd exclaims]

**Travis:** Now... now... hm...

**Griffin:** Everyone in the audience seems to be saying something. And again, when you do that, it is a nightmare for us.

**Travis:** Now, I'll tell you what this conjures for me, and I use that word intentionally. 'Cause there's a demon in that box, I read the title. Do you guys remember that oatmeal that came with a packet of like—you could swirl—

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure.

**Travis:** That's exactly what this fuckin' looks like!

**Griffin:** Perfect pattern. Yeah, absolutely.

**Justin:** I'll explain why. "When making an offer, please remember that I'm technically paying out of pocket for the shipping."

**Griffin:** Okay? [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Okay?

**Justin:** "This is a hand-made demon box from me experiences."

**Griffin:** Wait a sec...

**Justin:** What?

**Griffin:** A hand-made demon—did you get the demon—you're gonna go into it, yeah, you're right.

**Travis:** Griffin, did you think this was a store-bought demon box?

**Griffin:** Fair. [laughs]

**Justin:** Yeah, it's a factory-made demon box from the demon box factory.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "It's a hand-made demon box from my experiences as a professional exorcist."

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** Professional!

**Justin:** "It's a wooden box that has been burned with an iron, by hand—" Thank you. "While doing the ritual. I usually wipe some kind of wood stain on them."

**Griffin:** Usually. [laughs] Your mileage may vary.

**Travis:** The demons appreciate that!

**Justin:** "I usually wipe some kind of wood stain on them when I get home so they look a little less dull. Which is what the discoloration is at some points."

**Travis:** Now, wait, hold on, hold on, hold on—

**Justin:** They don't stain them before they capture the demon...

**Travis:** Yes, thank you!

**Griffin:** Right. [chuckles]

**Travis:** "Hey, are you in there?"

"Yeah."

"Okay. What are you thinking? Like a mahogany, a cherry?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** But if you stain it before and then you don't catch the demon, everybody's like, "Check this idiot."

**Griffin:** And sometimes the demon will be like, "If you let me out for a second, I can take a look at some of the buckets." And then you say like,

"You're gonna... you're gonna try and probably kill me, huh?" And he's like, "Yeah, you got me."

**Justin:** "This particular box contains some kind of nightmare demon or similar spiritual entity. I was called to remove this one by a friend, as their friend was dealing with something following him around. For his privacy, I'll call him John in this story. John had been dealing—"

**Travis:** Now, the next story—

**Justin:** Now, the next story is—

**Travis:** No, no, no—

**Justin:** "John had been dealing with an apparition which would show up as a dark silhouette. The spiritual—"

**Travis:** God damn it.

**Justin:** I know. "The spiritual entity would physically move objects such as doors and hide items. A few people have also seen the demon, but it mainly targeted John. It would also freak out the—"

**Travis:** Mainly?!

**Justin:** "It would also freak out the animals, making the dogs scared to go into his room when it was around. If you're heard of demons resembling dark silhouettes with hats, this was probably one of them."

**Griffin:** Sure!

**Travis:** No, wait, hold on, hold on, hold on!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "If you've heard of that—"

**Travis:** With hats.

**Justin:** Yeah, the—

**Griffin:** Can you imagine, fuckin', the closet door swings open and you see an unhated Babadook?

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** That's fair! But what if the Babadook comes out this time and he's wearing like a trilby, "I'm trying something!"

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** He assume... "Though it does not have a notable face or eyes, just a dark image. Sometimes, there's a white spot where the face should be."

**Griffin:** All right?

**Justin:** Bad. So, "This house has been haunted for years. Eventually, he was able to move out and moved a few towns over. He assumed maybe the demon was just a hallucinatory issue. And now that he was medicated, it had gone away. Well, several years—" You heard me, shh, listen—

**Griffin:** That's worked for me!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "Several years later, he started having nightmares where the demon would appear, tormenting him near his old house and whining about how he abandoned it."

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Ah, man!

**Justin:** "Oh, man, come on! You left me here, come on!"

**Travis:** To be fair, so far, if you remove the word 'demon' and replaced it with the word 'roommate,' what you've got is like a guy—"I moved stuff around in the house and his dog didn't like me. And then he left all of a sudden and I had to pay rent by myself!"

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "Supposedly, it had been hunting him down and it had finally found him. At this point, my friend asked me to deal with it. So, this person—"

**Griffin:** At this point!

**Justin:** Yeah, at this point!

**Travis:** At this point!

**Griffin:** At this point, your friend said, "Hey, I've got a friend who's an exorcist." At this point!

**Justin:** This point! Now—

**Travis:** Can you imagine being the exorcist friend that's sitting there at a party, like John is talking about this casually and you're going, "Argh..."

**Griffin:** "Oh, are you sure, John?"

**Travis:** "Oh, wow! If you—"

**Griffin:** "I'm sitting right here, John!"

**Justin:** I'm reading all this verbatim. "So, the gist of it is that during the night, I went and grabbed the demon, sealing it."

**Griffin:** You went and grabbed the demon, sealing him?!



**Travis:** "Listen, I went to exorcise the demon, blah, blah, blah, demon in a box."

**Justin:** "So, the gist of it is, during the night, I went and grabbed the demon, sealing it. John was asleep at this point and there wasn't much fanfare with the actual ritual."

**Travis:** Not like usual!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

**Justin:** "Other than the demon trying to mentally communicate with me and curing me out."

**Griffin:** What if in the fuckin' Conjuring 4 or whatever, they go out and they're like, "Let's get him. Oh, he's asleep? Just put him in the box, I guess? End of movie? Cool!"

**Travis:** No, wait, Griffin, sorry. John, the friend, was asleep. Not the demon.

**Justin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** They didn't sneak up on a sleepy demon!

**Griffin:** No... you don't know that.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, that's true.

**Travis:** It does say, "I grabbed him." And if someone grabbed me and started putting me in a box, I would curse them out too. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, unless I was super, super sleepy!

**Justin:** "However, I will be getting rid of this box. Because ever since I bound him, I've been having more nightmares and stress dreams than usual."

**Travis:** Then you didn't bind him very fucking good, did you?!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** What does the binding entail?!

**Justin:** You're about to feel like an asshole, okay?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "None of them actually include the demon. Probably because I don't think he's scary." [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** What? [laughs]

**Travis:** Sorry...

**Justin:** But they do—

**Travis:** Oh, the nightmare! The nightmare—

**Justin:** "The nightmares go to the demon 'cause I don't personally think he's scary." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin:** "But they do play off of my real anxieties."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** "I do have a big job interview coming up and I'm not sure if I ever finished my finals. But that's unrelated."

**Justin:** "I have to put this box on the other end of my room, away from bed." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Okay, listen... Sales person tactics 101, don't say, "You want this thing? I'm fuckin' scared of it and don't like it, and don't wanna have it anymore. What's your opening offer?"

**Justin:** That's every one of these, though?

**Travis:** "And please remember I'm paying out of pocket for the shipping!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "I don't know if there's any other paranormal activity other than nightmares. My house is already haunted, so it's hard to get readings that I know for sure are just the box. Would prefer that someone who wants this as a curio and is not interested in opening the box would buy this."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "I don't really feel like dealing with it if someone opens the box."

**Griffin:** Holy shit.

**Justin:** "And the stalker demon comes back to haunt me. Or—"

**Travis:** Chances are, he's going straight back for John!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

**Justin:** "Haunt me or John."

**Travis:** There it is!

**Justin:** That's covered. "If you start having nightmares because of this box, I would recommend keeping it outside your bedroom. Perhaps in a bathroom, a tasteful hall closet."

**Travis:** A tasteful hall closet?! [laughs]

**Justin:** "It can't be outside—"

**Travis:** Not one of those tacky hall closets!

**Griffin:** Not tacky, shitty hall closets!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "Maybe place a bowl or bag of salt on top of it, or something, if it keeps happening."

**Griffin:** I'm gonna need a little bit more firmer hand on the ruder for this directions, please.

**Travis:** Hey... hey, Justin, you're a great exorcist and thank you so much. Did you sell that box with a demon in it that was haunting me?

**Justin:** That was part of your in-voice. It's sort of a—

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Is it at all possible that they open—no, I'm asking. Yeah, Balrog, I'm asking him.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Did you tell them not to open it?

**Justin:** I specifically mentioned don't open it.

**Griffin:** Was it close to the bottom of the description, though?

**Justin:** It was a little late. I should've said that before. Probably before I mentioned I was paying for shipping out of pocket!

**Griffin:** Probably should've put it in the title! Probably, "Do not open this."

**Justin:** "If you start having nightmares because of this box, I would recommend keeping it outside your bedroom. Maybe place a bowl or a bag of salt on top of it, or something, if it keeps happening. Spirit is trapped in a bottle in the box."

**Griffin:** Okay, so—

**Travis:** Wait, hold on!

**Griffin:** If the box breaks, it's not the end of the world.

**Justin:** Yeah, but it could be! "The bottle has a crystal, ashes from the ritual and is basically glued to the inside of the box with a ton of wax, just so it doesn't get jostled around inside."

**Griffin:** Good!

**Justin:** "If you hear a rattling noise when moving the box, it's likely the crystal in the jar."

**Griffin:** Get the fuck out of there—

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay. It's fine.

**Justin:** "The box itself has been sealed shut with gorilla glue."

**Travis:** That's some of the best stuff! Cincinnati made!

**Griffin:** Anointed gorilla glue.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "You could probably pry it open if—but it might be a pain to do so."

"Oh, you got Qs? Well, I got FAs."

"What are the symbols?"

"Oh, I make these when I do the ritual. They're not necessarily anything specific, other than what feels right."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** So, the Bible says when it's teaching you how to do exorcisms, like, "Just fuckin' vibe on it, man. I don't know."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, but here's the second half of the sentence, "They're not necessarily anything specific, other than what feels right. And what shapes the spirits guide me to make while sealing the entities." Next time, just do the beginning in the end! "They're not specific, ghosts tell me how to do 'em!" That's a lot more plausible than, "Oh, I make those up and sometimes ghosts help!" Like—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Is it possible that while doing the exorcism, you're sealing away the demon and the demon's like, "Argh! No, more of an I shape! That'll work great!"

**Justin:** "It's like an I shape!"

**Travis:** "For me, I love that! Oh, if you could do like a kind of a beach... like you're gonna seal inside—I love that, thank you!"

**Griffin:** What if the inside of this was just a glitter bomb trap? And then it's like, "I fuckin' told you, dude! It smells like farts in here now! I told you, dude!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** There's two more questions and they're both really good. "How long have you been removing entities?"

"I don't know, 10 years or so? It's not like I count!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** It's not like—

**Justin:** "I don't know, 10 years or so? It's not like I count!"

**Travis:** "You don't remember the first time you removed an entity?"

"Nah, man."

**Griffin:** "I wouldn't know that!"

**Justin:** "I don't know?"

**Griffin:** I would remember that! That would be a date that would live in infamy, for sure! "Oh, where was I on May 6<sup>th</sup>? Well..."

**Justin:** And finally, and this is the last Q, "Is the box safe to open?"

[chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** And this cat says, "IDK."

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** "I'm not responsible for anything that happens from opening box. Some boxes might be effectively dead from having the entity trapped in there for so long."

**Griffin:** Okay, good.

**Justin:** "Other ones are gonna have an angry demon in them that has been waiting to be unleashed. I would prefer if you didn't unleash the demons."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** That's also, that's what I used to say on first dates!

**Justin:** Listen, let me finish this whole thought. "I would prefer if you didn't unleash the demons, unless you're also an exorcist with power over spirits who can control them. Because I'm not going to help on the off chance it gets out of control." [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** It's just a link to their fuckin' Fiverr page.

**Justin:** [laughs] That is this—

**Griffin:** "So, you opened the box, huh, dipshit?! I'm \$300 an hour, idiot!"

**Justin:** "I told you! IDK if this was safe or not!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I wish it said, "IDK."

"Say for me?"

"Yeah!"

**Griffin:** For sure, for sure.

**Justin:** Absolutely. That's your Haunted Doll Watch for this week, thank you.

**Griffin:** Thank you.

[crowd cheers]



**Griffin:** I think we can go to the audience.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** We're gonna call some people down. You all sent your questions in very kindly, we appreciate that. We'll call you down. I'll say your name and your seat number. You please come down to the microphone—

**Travis:** Whoa, oh.

**Griffin:** Oh, there's Amanda! Hi, Amanda!

**Travis:** It's Amanda! Hi, Amanda!

**Justin:** Oh, hi Amanda! Wait, Amanda, you don't have a question? Amanda? Nothing? No, no? Nothing?

**Griffin:** No? Okay, that's fine. So, yeah, when you come down, if you wanna give us your name, your pronouns and a brief summary of your question. That would be so rad.

**Justin:** Yeah. Oh, that's very close to the microphone, excellent!

**Griffin:** That's very good.

**Justin:** And if you are wondering, yes, we specifically requested the lighting that makes it look like we are judges condemning you to holo-jail.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** [in silly voice] 'Speak your peace!'

**Travis:** Do you want post-show pizza? Paul wants to know.

**Justin:** Are you shitting me right now, Paul? Of course, we want post-show pizza!

**Griffin:** I do want post-show pizza, yeah!

**Travis:** That's great, thank you, Paul!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you, Paul!

**Justin:** Hey! Hey, no hold on, Paul! This should be fun! Shh, everyone be real quiet. Where should we order from?

[crowd exclaims]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Awesome.

**Justin:** Thanks, everybody! I appreciate it.

**Travis:** Someone yelled the day I'm gonna die?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Domino's. No, wherever.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Shaun:** Shaun, she/her.

**Griffin:** Thank you, Shaun.

**Shaun:** Nice to meet you guys.

**Griffin:** Nice to meet you.

**Travis:** Hello!

**Shaun:** So, my boyfriend and I have lived in our apartment for a couple of years and our landlord is a very nice, odd man. And he has this one particular thing he's done since we've moved in and an example is we texted him saying we needed a new ceiling fan in our living room and he was supposed to come down last week. And he texted saying, "Hey, guys. So sorry, I couldn't come, I had to go to the hospital for a heart murmur situation." He is fine, no bummers. But as if we—

**Travis:** I actually—I don't care about him either way, so...

**Shaun:** Great!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Shaun:** Great.

**Travis:** I'm just saying, like, I'm not invested in him.

**Shaun:** Fair.

**Travis:** He's a landlord.

**Shaun:** But as if to prove it—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** That so far is the only piece of information. I'm not saying there aren't nice landlords.

**Justin:** Please just let—

**Shaun:** No, I appreciate that.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Shaun:** But no, as if to prove it, he sent us a photo of himself in the hospital, wearing the gown.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Shaun:** With all of the wires plugged in. And this is not the first time he's done this.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Shaun:** When we first moved in, he texted us saying, "Hey, guys. I can't make it to the deep clean of your apartment, I had to go to the hospital for a stomach ulcer." And he attached a photo of a very fresh scar.

**Justin:** What?

**Travis:** Sick!

[crowd exclaims]

**Shaun:** Yeah! Unprompted and—

**Travis:** If it's fresh, it's called an incision.

**Shaun:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sure.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** The scar comes later after it's healed.

**Shaun:** Thank you so much.

**Justin:** Shaun, this is gonna be a weird question.

**Shaun:** I'm ready.

**Justin:** But like can you see his face in 'em?

**Shaun:** Not in the incision one, no.

**Griffin:** Interesting! I did not even go that route.

**Travis:** See, I was gonna ask about today's newspaper.

**Shaun:** It was a close-up.

**Justin:** My acting theory is this person's a super liar, right? Like, deep, deep in it, right?

**Shaun:** No, here's the thing, though. Two months later, he did show up to install something, lifted his shirt, showed us the scar.

**Travis:** But that two months is a long time to get that incision made.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's true.

**Shaun:** [laughs]

**Justin:** When you're old, you get 'em all the time, dad says.

**Shaun:** I might be getting the timing wrong. I can ask. Joe, was it two months later or was it shorter than that?

**Joe:** One month.

**Shaun:** One month.

**Griffin:** One month.

**Justin:** One month.

**Travis:** Oh, that's that not enough time.

**Griffin:** No, that's definitely not.

**Shaun:** So, it was a fresh wound. And so, it almost just feels like he needs to prove to us—I think maybe because people think he's a liar because of all of his injuries that he's like, "No, photo evidence." 'Cause in the heart murmur one, there was his face, full face—

**Justin:** But like—

**Travis:** And you can fake that.

**Shaun:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** There's a lot about AI these days.

**Shaun:** I didn't see a doctor. So, it might've been faked. [chuckles]

**Justin:** My favorite sub-genre of podcasts is the documentary that is this person has been lying about everything.

**Shaun:** Yes. Dirty John? Dirty John, yes! Absolutely.

**Justin:** Yeah, exactly! There's a lot in this sub-genre and it's very—there's—it's great, it's just about a person who's been lying about everything.

**Shaun:** And getting away with it.

**Justin:** And there's always like a credulous person, a Shaun, if you will, who's like, "Yeah, he sent me pictures of like every incision and I thought that was weird. But like, I didn't think he was lying." And it's like, "Of course, she didn't."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "What Shaun didn't know is that she was just the latest in a web of lies!"

**Griffin:** Shaun, if I was your landlord—

**Justin:** Wait, what's your question?

**Shaun:** Oh, my question is how can I get him to stop?

**Travis:** "My question is, what would Griffin do if he was my landlord."

**Shaun:** I would love to hear that first!

**Griffin:** If I was your landlord and you texted me, "Come do my ceiling fans." And I was in the capital H fucking hospital, I would text you back like probably 'hospital' and you would know from that to fucking drop it.

**Shaun:** Yeah, exactly! [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** My instinct, and nobody here's instinct would be like, "All right!"

**Shaun:** Exactly! [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Disagree, sir! Go on!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I'll say my thing in a second, Shaun.

**Griffin:** Incision gang!

[crowd chuckles]

**Shaun:** But my question is how can I get him to stop?

**Justin:** Block him?

**Griffin:** Whoa? [chuckles]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

**Shaun:** But he does eventually fix the things—

**Justin:** Okay, but you block—

**Travis:** Eventually—

**Justin:** You block him. Unless you need to text him. You text him—

**Shaun:** And then unblock.

**Justin:** And then block.

**Shaun:** Okay.

**Griffin:** When you unblock him it's just gonna be like, [mouths phone message sounds] foo! Foo! Foo! Foo! Just him being like, "Whoa! Argh! Ugh!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Shaun:** Just a foot? Yeah.

**Griffin:** Just a foot!

**Travis:** "What was your blood type again, Shaun?! Important!"

**Justin:** Shaun, I—

**Travis:** "Bumping this."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]



**Justin:** I need you to practice saying this line out loud, okay?

**Shaun:** Okay, I'm ready.

**Justin:** "Yeah, you mentioned something about that. Let's see if we can figure that out, I don't know why that could be happening." And then you can't figure it out and then the issue persists, ad infinitum. You just have to act like you're as frustrated about it as he is.

**Travis:** Oh, you're acting like because you blocked him on his phone, not like, "Oh, another medical mystery!"

**Shaun:** Oh! I'm definitely talking about the incision!

**Griffin:** That's definitely what I thought you were talking about, you were saying that Shaun should go fuckin' full-on House, M.D. like, "Let's see if I can't crack the case on that one!"

**Shaun:** "Let's get to the bottom of this one!"

**Travis:** "An ulcer and a heart murmur, huh? Could it be lupus?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Shaun, you could ask—you could ask so many questions that he would start to think like, "I'm not gonna tell Shaun about this stuff anymore."

**Shaun:** "She's asking a lot of questions."

**Justin:** "She's making it really weird, actually."

**Travis:** "Did it hurt? Did it make you think about dying?"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Shaun, does that help?

**Shaun:** It actually really does, thank you. [chuckles]

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

**Griffin:** Thank you, Shaun.

[crowd cheers]

**Marita:** Hi, I'm Marita. I have some maybe photographic proof that when my friend dropped their bird off for her parents to watch him that they replaced him secretly.

**Griffin:** We have taken the photo—I forwarded it to you, Paul.

[crowd exclaims]

**Griffin:** If we can get—

**Travis:** We've got a side by side.

**Griffin:** We gotta zoom, we gotta enhance. Enhance. Enhance.

**Justin:** Hey, Paul? I need you to crop the nose, Paul—

**Travis:** I don't think it's a nose! I don't think it's a nose!

**Justin:** Are you saying nut sack? I don't want that.

**Travis:** Is that the nose from the little guy from—

**Griffin:** Leave—leave—oh, you're enhancing even more. Okay, Paul's doing a Photoshop very quickly.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Thank you, Paul.

**Travis:** Now, when you say replace the bird, your assumption is something...

**Justin:** They sold the bird.

**Travis:** Something terrible happened to the bird and not like, "I fuckin' hate this bird."

**Justin:** Thank you, Paul. Okay.

**Marita:** I mean, she found him like flying around outside. So, he could be doing okay.

**Justin:** Okay, all right, the pieces are—

**Travis:** Now, the black marking is so different!

**Griffin:** It's extremely different.

**Justin:** It's extremely different, but that could be plumage. Just a natural shifting of plumage.

**Travis:** Mm-hmm, good point!

**Justin:** But one thing I will say is—and this is gonna sound weird, but the one of the right is way hotter.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Right? [chuckles] You know what I'm saying, right?

**Travis:** The one on the left is a real butter bird!

**Justin:** No, no, no, no—

**Griffin:** Justin, I have been looking for the right words... I've been looking for the right words to tell me what was bothering me about this imagine...

**Travis:** That's a BILF, right there.

**Justin:** Paul, I gotta see both of `em or else you can't tell how much hotter it is than the other one.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Listen! I'm fine hanging out with the bird on the left. That's fine! Like, I bet they have a great personality! But the bird on the right?!

**Griffin:** Marita, can you clear up, is it a before on the left, after on the right?

**Marita:** It's an after on the left and a before on the right.

**Griffin:** This hot bird has passed.

**Justin:** Ah!

[crowd exclaims]

**Griffin:** The hot bird—

**Justin:** This hot, dead bird!

**Griffin:** I regret to inform the audience that the hot bird has died.

**Travis:** No, wait. Now, hold on, hold on, hold on.

**Griffin:** And been replaced with a total fucking six!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** [chuckles] The hot bird could have gotten a lucrative modeling contract.

**Griffin:** The hot bird died!

**Travis:** There are plenty of reasons—

**Justin:** Now—[chuckles]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

**Griffin:** Hey! I've known this bird for fuckin' 100 seconds and I will never forget it's face. If I was the owner of a fuckin' smoking hot bird like this and I came home and saw the one of the left?!

**Travis:** I am more invested in the health of the hot bird than I am the landlord from the previous question.

**Justin:** Is it possible—is it possible—is it possible—

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** That you were taking—that the person was taking the bird for a walk and there was a bird agent like, "I have to have that hot bird. I'll give you any price!"

**Griffin:** "I could sell anything with that hot bird."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I'm saying watch the tray. Do you mind seeing—rest—RIF, rest in fame, I think is maybe more accurate. He's in poly weird over there—

**Travis:** Hey, is it possible that hot bird—

**Justin:** Pollywood! Go on.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, we got it.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Hot bird, when left with the grandparents, just felt a little more comfortable.

**Justin:** Oh!

**Griffin:** Oh, okay, yeah, if—can I say something? If I house sat this hot bird, I cannot promise that I would not...

**Justin:** Go on?

**Griffin:** Sneak away with it!

**Marita:** [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** “Hey, hot bird? You’re sitting here with me.”

**Griffin:** Have you met the birds? Have you met the birds?

**Marita:** I have.

**Griffin:** You have. Are they talking birds?

**Marita:** He makes like some noises but he doesn’t like actually talk.

**Griffin:** Have you noticed a difference between—

**Justin:** You’re saying he, but you mean like these two different birds, is what you meant to say, right?

**Marita:** [chuckles] I mean...

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Has the noise—

**Travis:** Can I just say?! If I was watching a TV show about hot bird on the right, and by season three, now, bird on the left is playing that part, I'm off this show.

**Griffin:** No way, I'm fuckin' out of here.

**Justin:** Yeah, I don't like this show any more.

**Travis:** I am done with this.

**Griffin:** Have you noticed any other changes in the bird's behavior or calling, or anything?

**Marita:** My friend, when she picked him up, she's like, "Wow, his toe nails are a lot shorter."

**Justin:** Okay...

**Travis:** Oh! "Wow, he's developed a great personality to deal with bullies."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** How does the sexy one have like abs?

**Travis:** Yeah?!

**Griffin:** I can't—stop.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Now, Justin, we've been doing a game on the show for a couple months now! That's an abnimal right there! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, for sure.

**Justin:** Yeah, but I've never seen it in the flesh? Like, it...

**Travis:** Birds don't have flesh? [chuckles]

**Justin:** In the fowl, I guess, right? I don't know.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Justin:** Does...

**Travis:** Something fowl is happening here! Fowl play!

**Griffin:** Listen, let's say this, let's say this, hold on. Let's just do a show of hands, because when you all make noises, it's wrong. So, a show of hands. If you think these are two different birds, please raise your hand in the air.

**Justin:** Oh my god.

**Travis:** Well, that's all of them!

**Justin:** It's like—

**Griffin:** And then if you don't—if you—

**Travis:** Some of the lobby staff ran in to raise their hands!

**Griffin:** If you think this is the same bird, raise your hand.

**Justin:** Okay, no, wait, wait, wait. Leave your hands up. Now, hands up. There's like eight of you, right?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** But listen—

**Travis:** I'm proud of you!



**Justin:** Listen, this is good, but listen. If you have an expertise that would allow you to answer this question, please leave your hand up. Otherwise, put it down. Okay, all—oh, okay.

**Travis:** Wait, hold on. Whoa!

**Justin:** Okay, there's like few people who think that this is the same bird and—

**Travis:** What is your expertise?

**Lady in crowd:** I'm a vet tech—

**Griffin:** Vet tech—

**Travis:** Okay, wait. What makes you think these are the same bird?

**Lady if crowd:** The plumage can shift slightly—

**Griffin:** Plumage can shift! Okay.

**Justin:** Plumage can shift! Plumage can shift!

**Griffin:** Thank you. I mean, yeah. But I think it's two different birds because the one on the right is so much hotter.

**Justin:** Yeah, that's the important thing!

**Griffin:** Did you see how hot the one on the right was?

**Justin:** Does it help?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Does that help?

**Marita:** Yes. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Thank you so much.

**Justin:** Thank you so much.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** How about...

**Travis:** Hello.

**Griffin:** Hi.

**Angela:** Hello! I'm Angela, she/her.

**Justin:** Hi, Angela.

**Griffin:** Hi, Angela. You can tilt the mic up a little bit.

**Justin:** Whoa, that was—we like blood harmonized there, that was beautiful.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that was weird. Hi.

**Justin:** Hi.

**Angela:** Hi! How do I ask my neighbor if the turtle that lives in their bird bath is real?

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Now, Angela, you did, right there in the question, say the word 'lives.'

**Angela:** Yes.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** That's not normally a word I associate with an inanimate object.

**Griffin:** No, Travis, the landlord lives next door, not the turtle—wait...

**Travis:** No, the question was, the turtle that lives in the bird bath.  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Okay, that's fair.

**Justin:** But it might be real, so you're allowing for both possibilities. This isn't anything—

**Griffin:** At first blush, the obvious answer to this question is go touch that turtle.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Give it the Voight-Kampff test, yes.

**Angela:** There is a fence...

**Justin:** I've got it in my head though that you shouldn't touch it. What if there's a salmonella issue?

**Griffin:** That's a really good—salmonella is huge with turtles. They're so fucking—

**Angela:** Also, it's just rude to touch an animal about like—

**Griffin:** Yeah, don't touch animals, period.

**Justin:** Unless it's real. If it's not real, then it's fine to touch a bird bath. It's just part of a birdbath, right?

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure. Is it—sorry, is it cement-colored like the rest of the—

**Angela:** No.

**Griffin:** No, okay. I wanna say, Angela, I didn't think so. But I wanted to cover our bases a little bit.

**Justin:** Like is the head broken off, would be another one.

**Travis:** Angela, I'm just gonna... and I...

**Griffin:** Rip the Band-Aid off, Trav.

**Travis:** Does it move?

**Angela:** Sometimes it's there and sometimes it's not.

**Travis:** But you've never seen it move?

**Angela:** I have never seen it move.

**Griffin:** In Angela's defense, they're famously quite slow.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I mean, yeah. But bird baths are also famously not on the ground.

**Griffin:** I'm just saying, be on Angela's side.

**Justin:** Listen, it's—

**Travis:** Wait, no, I need a moment to reset.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, reset back there.

**Justin:** I'll talk while you're doing that. You... they move slow normal and then they move very fast for one second, and then they move slow again. It's not—they can fall, still.

**Griffin:** You can't stare at any part of your neighbor's house for longer than a few seconds. That's a legal law in Washington D.C. I don't know how you all roll, but I maybe illegal out here. So, just be very careful of that. You can't go into your neighbor's yard and start touching their things. Simply,

you cannot do it. So, this question makes a lot of sense because it is quite a conundrum.

**Travis:** Oh wait, I've got it.

**Griffin:** Go ahead?

**Justin:** Wait, can I suggest that this is actually really hard. I've been sitting and trying to think of like—just go ask 'em. There's not really a good one out there, gang. I mean, if you say, "Can I—Hey, I was thinking about getting a turtle as a pet... I was thinking about getting a turtle as a pet. Like, how are they as pets?" And they looked at you like, "Are you talking about the fucking fake turtle in my water?"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** "Are you serious? In the bird bath? The fucking fake turtle? What are you on about?"

**Travis:** Hear me out.

**Justin:** Okay, go on.

**Travis:** There are two possibilities.

**Justin:** Wow.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** Possibility one, it is a fake turtle and sometimes it's there and sometimes it's not. Which means the owner of this bird bath is from time to time putting the turtle in there, moving it back, moving it back. Or option two, it is a real turtle. It can't climb up, go horizontally and up in. So, the owner of the turtle is putting it out there and taking it back. You could say, "What's the deal with the turtle?" And that is the safest fucking question—

**Griffin:** That is really good, actually. 'What's the deal with the turtle' is really good.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** You're saying that they're gonna be aware of the situation, regardless?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** There's no way if the turtle's there sometimes, then not, and you say, "What's the deal with the turtle?" And they go, "What turtle?"  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** "What turtle?"

"This... you know, the quantum turtle that lives in your front fuckin' yard?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Hey, you could also say, "Can I have your turtle?"

**Griffin:** Good.

**Justin:** Because if they are like, "Yeah, sure. What do I care? It's fake." But if they're like, "Ah... I guess, if you have to—"

**Travis:** Now, hold on! Justin, the stakes of the second option, if someone was like, "I don't know if my neighbor's dog is real or not. Can I have your dog?"

**Griffin:** "Give me that!" If this is a fake turtle and it's there sometimes, that raises 100,000 more questions in my mind. The first one being, why doesn't your neighbor have more confidence in their yard decoration abilities to just put a turtle out there and then just look out their front window for two hours at it and then just... "No!" Goes out and grabs it.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** They only put the turtle out when they name a new pope. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles] Stupid...

**Griffin:** That doesn't make any sense, Trav?

**Justin:** [chuckles] Stupid!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Does that help?

**Angela:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Thank you so much.

**Angela:** Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Hello there. I love that shirt so much.

**Justin:** I was about to compliment the shirt!

**Travis:** Amazing shirt.

**Cody:** Thank you, that's why I wore it.

**Travis:** Oh, good!

**Griffin:** Wow, damn! Called shot! Fuckin' Babe Ruth over here of shirts! "I know who's gonna like this shirt!"

**Travis:** What if you had worn a terrible shirt and we were like, "I fuckin' hate that shirt." And you were like, "I know, right?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Cody:** I would take it just right now. Just—

**Griffin:** No, don't! Hello.

**Justin:** I was about to ask you about a garment that you would've worn at the Patti LaBelle last night and all I could think was a T-shirt that said Patti LaBelle on it! [chuckles] And it didn't get me anywhere. Okay, go ahead, sorry.

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Cody:** Hi, my name's Cody. A different Cody than the one before.

**Griffin:** Hi, Cody.

**Cody:** I sent in two questions, which one were you vibing in?

**Griffin:** The one about your father-in-law.

**Cody:** Got it.

**Griffin:** Were they both about your father-in-law?

**Cody:** No.

**Griffin:** Okay, good.

**Cody:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "Hey, my name's Cody and I've got a lot of questions about my father-in-law." [chuckles]



[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** “We live a zany life together and it’s coming to CBS this fall!”

[crowd chuckles]

**Cody:** So, my father-in-law likes to talk—

**Griffin:** Cody Pendant is the name of that show! That was...

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Sorry. I can just—that never happens for me. And so, when it does happen, I feel like I have to just sort of shoot it out there. Okay, hello. Cody, your question about your father-in-law?

**Cody:** Yeah, my father-in-law likes to talk about himself a lot. Anytime we’re talking, making conversation, he’s gotta bring it back to how great he is.

**Justin:** Right?

**Cody:** And most of the time, it will come to the fact that he got his pilot’s license.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Nice! Is your father-in-law Harrison Ford?

**Cody:** No.

**Griffin:** Please finish your question.

**Cody:** And the fact is, I’m not sure that he’s flown the plane. And he’s gotten to the point where like someone—he’ll bring it up in almost any

conversation. Someone talked about how they proposed to their wife on a fishing boat and he brought up—he was like, “Oh yeah, I have 130 IQ.”

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Cody:** “I didn’t even finish high school. Could you imagine if I did? And I can fly a plane!”

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, yeah, for sure!

**Cody:** How do I make that stop?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Actually, could he come and take my place on the show?

**Griffin:** Yeah, here’s the thing...

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** There’s a certain kind of bad behavior, socially speaking, that when it becomes so egregious, it almost becomes like... like trashy TV level like, “What’s he gonna fuckin’ say—did you hear that? They were talking about how they got engaged on a boat! He turned it into more fuckin’ plane talk! Can you believe it?! You’re on fire today, Michael!”

**Travis:** Cody, how important to you is your relationship with your father-in-law?

**Cody:** You know... not that big.

**Griffin:** It can't be that important, you're standing in front of a microphone—you're in the fuckin' holo-prison right now!

**Justin:** [chuckles] I don't know if your partner is here but—I don't know if you just patted their knee like, "BRB, gonna go burn your dad to the ground."

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Cody, here's my recommendation. When he brings it up and he's like, "And I've got 130 IQ." You go, "You do?!" Everything he says. "And I can fly a plane!"  
"You can?!"

**Justin:** What?!

**Travis:** See if you can get him to keep going about it! And you're like, "No—every—shut up!"

**Griffin:** Oh, that's good, immersion therapy!

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Narcissists all have a limit of which they wanna talk about themselves. They won't tell you that about narcissists, but it's like, you catch 'em smoking and you gotta make 'em smoke a whole pack of talking about themselves. And eventually, they'll be like, "Ugh! I'm done!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** If you—okay, I got a new patented way I invented to just really melt anybody to the ground. Next time he off on one of these like, "Oh, I have a high IQ and I'm a good plane guy." I want you to put—if you have the—

**Travis:** Did you say, 'I'm a plane dad?'

**Justin:** I'm a good plane guy. If you have the kind of relationship where touching would be appropriate, I want you to put your hand on his shoulder and I want you to look him directly in the eyes and say, "Aren't you tired?"

**Cody:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

**Justin:** And honestly, gang, if you think about how many situations in your life that would've fixed, I think it's pretty multi-purpose.

**Griffin:** Holy shit.

**Travis:** Listen!

**Justin:** Like, right in the eyes, just like, "Isn't this exhausting you?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** As a recovering narcissist, it fuckin' works on me, man!

**Griffin:** Yeah, it's chilly, man!

**Travis:** You can see it, but underneath the table, the number of times these boys are touching my knee, like...

**Griffin:** Okay—[laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Cody:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Just a simple, "We know."

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** It does wonders. Hey, but can I say something, though? Can I do a thought exercise up on the stage? I want you to think about if you had a pilot's license.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I'd fuckin' bring it up all the fuckin' time!

**Griffin:** I would never stop talking about it!

**Travis:** Cody! You have to get your pilot's license!

**Justin:** Yes, yes, yes!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Dog fight! Dog fight!

**Travis:** Imagine... imagine this, "Yeah, I have an IQ of 130."  
"Oh, I have—yeah, man. Like, I mean, it's like 131, but that's cool."

**Griffin:** That's cool, that's cool!

**Travis:** "I have my pilot's license."  
"Oh, commercial?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Now, the essential thing with this, Cody, is that you always have to be the person that mentions it first.

**Griffin:** Yeah! [chuckles]

**Justin:** So like—

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** You're gonna have to get ever better at this game than he's already, I will tell you, a fucking artisan-level—

**Justin:** Yeah, if you get invited to a family Christmas party, I need you there at 4:30AM, hiding under a present. Just so when the first guest gets there, you can pop out like, "I have my pilot's license!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Cody:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** And then forcing your father-in-law into a little, "Yeah, me... me too..."

**Griffin:** Do some deep Nexus Lexus level deep dive research on every person who's gonna be at every social gathering you're at, so you can get fuckin' ahead of it and just be like, "Oh, I heard that Toby got accepted at Dartmouth. That reminds me of how smart and plain I am."

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs] Does that help?

**Cody:** Oh, it helps us both.

**Griffin:** Thank you, Cody.

**Justin:** All right, thank you, thank you, thank you. Thanks, everybody.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Let's go ahead and take that light out.

**Justin:** Yeah, let's take that house light down, it freaks us out. Hey, seriously though—

**Griffin:** Y'all are the fuckin' best!

**Justin:** You're the best, yeah!

**Griffin:** This has been a hoot and a half!

**Justin:** So fun.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Like, I know it makes us sound like babies, but usually the third show in a row where you have to make up all the jokes on the fly is pretty exhausting and you all have made it an absolute treat!

**Griffin:** I'm stoked. Yeah, for sure.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Justin:** And—

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** We're gonna go another hour!

**Griffin:** No, stop it, I'll die.

**Justin:** But the knowledge that we do have post-show pizza waiting for us is like the cherry on top.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sorry.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** This high I'm experiencing is unparalleled. Except for the Domino's pizza that's awaiting me backstage. Can't wait.

**Travis:** All I can say is, cowabunga.

**Griffin:** Cowabunga and pizza.

**Justin:** I think—hey, Griff? I think there's only one thing that could've made this better and that's if Travis can remember—

**Travis:** Fuck! Fuck! God damn it!

**Justin:** Before this exact moment that he has to finish every episode of the podcast.

**Griffin:** He did this in Columbus too!

**Travis:** Fuck! I had an hour—

**Griffin:** We got time, we got time.

**Travis:** I had an hour long drive. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** We got time. Montaigne, thank you for the use of our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. We love that track, we're so glad.

**Justin:** Thank you to Tyler Reed for the poster design, it's so very cool.

**Griffin:** Thank you Tyler Reed for designing the poster.

**Justin:** Please pick one up! This will be—

**Griffin:** We signed a bunch of `em, maybe they're still out there.

**Justin:** This will be your and anyone on Earth's last opportunity to buy one. So, don't sleep on those.

**Griffin:** Yes, that's true. Thank you to Paul and Amanda for everything.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you to The Riverside, again. Seriously, my favorite venue to perform in, in the country.

**Justin:** It's the best.



**Griffin:** I love it here so much.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Y'all are very, very lucky to live in a city with a venue this fuckin' cool.

**Justin:** And hey, we don't really tweet anymore. But if you wanna put on your social media channels that you had a fun time tonight, that's nice.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** We appreciate that. I used to go back after the show and look at hash tags like, "I wonder what people are while I'm away." That is not really a thing anymore.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** So, you know, just like, I don't know—

**Griffin:** Now, it's just—when I get on there, it's just fucking Kevin Sorbo tweets that have been pushed to me!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** "He might like this."

**Justin:** And I think, Trav, do you feel like that's it?

**Travis:** Well, one thing I did wanna add, Justin, thank you for asking, is this inspirational quote from Jack Johnson.

**Justin:** Oh, and thanks to Clint McElroy for intro-ing us. Thanks, Clint. Appreciate you, bud.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you, Clint.

**Travis:** "I get nervous when I fly. I'm used to walking with my feet." Jack Johnson.

**Griffin:** What's that fuckin' mean, Trav?!

**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!

[crowd cheers]

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

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