

## **MBMBaM 668: A Honeypot for Rita Repulsa**

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

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

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

**Travis:** I'm your cleanest brother, Travis McElroy.

**Griffin:** All right. I'm your sweet—all right. I'm your sweet, baby brother, Griffin McElroy. That feels wrong to me, Trav.

**Travis:** Sorry. I meant it in the way of like dirty mouth. Clean it up. Like, you lint licker, kind of clean. I have the cleanest mouth of all three brothers.

**Griffin:** What a wild—what a wild thing.

**Justin:** How can you—how on Earth... how on Earth could you know that?

**Griffin:** I've heard you say fewer cuss words but more challenging ideas than the two of us.

**Travis:** Oh, no. Okay, so, I can't speak... I can't speak to the challenging ideas. Listen, I can't speak to the challenge—but James O'Neill—

**Griffin:** You have made me more uncomfortable than Justin has, I can say about my own sort of discomfort.

**Travis:** Thank you, I love that.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** James O'Neill emailed us because on a recent episode, we talked about like number of swears.

**Griffin:** Jimmy!

**Justin:** [chuckles] And me!

**Griffin:** That's what I call him, I—

**Justin:** Jimmy, gotta get a job! James, come on!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Well, James—[chuckles] Jimmy-o, Jimmy-o.

**Justin:** Get a hobby.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** I guess you have a hobby. Gotta get a good hobby. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Jimmy-o analyzed transcripts from nearly 200 episodes between 2010 and 2021, because of the pandemic.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** Boredom. Boredom did a lot of things to a lot of people in the pandemic, and for Jimmy-o, it was going through and looking at our worthy dirds. So—

**Griffin:** What was the timeframe of this?

**Travis:** From 2010 to 2011, 200 episodes.

**Griffin:** Okay, I used to cuss a lot more than I do now. Now that I have kids, like I don't want them to know that I know the cuss words, because then they'll ask me what they are.

**Travis:** Now it's important to note—it's important to note that Jimmy-o used words banned by Google as the metric. So like words like porn, right? But that was, according to Google, that's a no-no.

**Justin:** Can't say porn? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** You can't say porn. You can't say that it's real.

**Travis:** You can't say that it's real.

**Griffin:** You can't even say that porn—it's not even about watching it. It's like you came and said it's real, Google?

**Justin:** Hey, listen, guys, I want to get out in front of this and say... I know Google can find porn. I'm certain of it.

**Travis:** Wait, what?

**Justin:** I can say that. I can say with 100%—

**Travis:** I know Jeeves can! I ask him all the time!

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure,

**Travis:** And he's like, "Yes, again, master Travis, ah!"

**Griffin:** Yeah, but he doesn't—but Travis doesn't ask him to find porn, he asked if he is able to. And he was like, "Yeah, do you want me to pull the trigger on that, boss?"

**Travis:** Usually, the question is like, "So, if I asked you to, you could find porn?" And he said, "Yes. For the 70<sup>th</sup> time today, master Travis."

**Griffin:** Wild stuff, Jeeves.

**Justin:** I send that little puppy from Dogpile into the dog pile—

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** He always comes back with a boner, if you know what I mean. Hi-ka-ka-ka-ka!

**Griffin:** Yowza.

**Travis:** The spiders from Web Crawler all over the place getting me the pornography I crave. [chuckles] Anyways...

**Justin:** Travis has run out of search engines he knows about. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Bing? More like bung.

**Justin:** I get my cookies the old-fashioned way. Self-stimulation. Ha-cha-cha-cha-cha!

**Travis:** Oh! Okay.

**Griffin:** So, who's got the dirtiest mouth of us?

**Travis:** Okay, I'll get—so, in that, right, in the 200 things, I cursed a total of 889 times.

**Griffin:** That sounds like so much. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Based off of that number, where do you think Justin's at? Spoiler, Griffin had the most. So, I'm at 889. Where do you think Justin's at?

**Griffin:** I don't know why Justin's getting so close up... What are you fuckin' doing?

**Travis:** He's trying to smell his curse words from 200 episodes.

**Justin:** It's not for the podcast, stupid!

**Griffin:** Is stupid one of Google's banned words?

**Justin:** I'm trying to fix my camera, it's not for the podcast.

**Griffin:** Is stupid a Google-banned word, Travis? Because it makes me feel bad.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I mean, my daughter would tell you that stupid is a dirty word.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Stupid porn!

**Justin:** Just keep doing your dumb-ass shit. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Okay, Justin—

**Griffin:** No, Justin, why on earth would we do that and not just wait for you to be finished fixing your shit?

**Justin:** Because you're incapable of not commenting on it!

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** It's pretty—it's pretty—

**Travis:** No, keep going in, keep leading it in, you weirdo.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Hey, you know how on The Bear season two, there's that episode—

**Justin:** I was adjusting it, you stupid sacks of shit! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** There's that episode of The Bear where like one of the guys from The Bear just starts adjusting the camera and the other actors are like, "What are you doing?" And he's like, "Don't bring it up!"

**Travis:** “Just keep going! Just keep going!”

**Griffin:** “Just keep going! We're making The Bear!”

**Travis:** You see him pull his mic pack out and like fiddle with the knobs on it.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, “Your shit’s out of batteries. Just keep going, Carmy!”

**Travis:** Just keep going!

**Justin:** [chuckles] “I fucked up the focus, keep doing your show!”

**Griffin:** “Fix your focus and then we’ll do the show.”

**Travis:** But the question is about you—Justin, in 200 episodes, I swore 889 times how many times. How many times do you think you swore?

**Justin:** It's not—it's not in focus—it's not focused.

**Travis:** Jesus.

**Griffin:** Can I guess Justin’s number?

**Travis:** Yeah

**Griffin:** I'm gonna say he did 50% more than me. I'm gonna say Justin did 1,235.

**Travis:** Justin did 1,023.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Griffin comes in—

**Griffin:** Is it a lot more?

**Travis:** At a whopping 2,034!

**Justin:** Are you telling me he curses twice as much as me?!

**Griffin:** More than both of you combined?

**Travis:** Correct.

**Griffin:** That's bad.

**Justin:** That can't be right.

**Travis:** And James took it a little further. If we paid a quarter per swear, we would collectively owe \$3,946 from just 200 episodes.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I've cussed certainly more since then.

**Travis:** Almost \$4,000 in quarters, which would weigh about 200 pounds.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Okay. Now, here's the question. What is our go-to swear?

**Griffin:** Fuck?

**Justin:** Fuck.

**Travis:** Ah, see, that's what I would have guessed, too! That's number two.

**Griffin:** Porn?

**Travis:** No, behind shit. We say shit 1,570 times. Fuck, only 924.

**Griffin:** Okay, in the first 200 episodes. We've gotten better at it, is what I'm saying. Like we can say cooler words now because we're older.

**Travis:** That is true.

**Justin:** That's true! That's true, it's a much more advanced, tasteful kind of cursing.

**Griffin:** Back in the day, you could say shit in like a PG movie. And so like, we were all saying that all the time. But now we are older and we can do cooler cuss words.

**Travis:** These are three stats that I love. One—well, these are the two, but... each one of these we said once. We said tits once, we said erection.

**Justin:** Ew!

**Travis:** We said erection once.

**Justin:** Saying tits once is the worst version it.

**Griffin:** That's so bad, yeah.

**Justin:** Saying it one time is really bad.

**Griffin:** I'm gonna Google erection. There's no way that's a banned word.

**Travis:** Hey, Griffin, don't do that.

**Justin:** Don't do that, Griffin.

**Travis:** Hey, don't Google erection.

**Griffin:** No, I mean, it's a bunch of like—no, it's like a bunch of like doctor websites talking about how like how to get cooler, better, erections.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** [chuckles] How to get—yeah.



**Griffin:** But Google didn't—but there wasn't—but Google's face didn't appear on the screen and just be like, [mouths zip sound] “Mm-hm, hm. Mm-mm, mm-mm. Gross.” [mouths zip sound]

**Travis:** But this is my favorite stat.

**Justin:** What's your favorite stat?

**Travis:** Over 200 episodes, we said penis 69 times. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** That's great.

**Justin:** You're kidding me, really?

**Griffin:** Well, that's actually part of the ARG. A lot of people didn't know that we were doing that back then, but we thought this would be a really great joke for 13 years later.

**Justin:** Yeah. Oh, no, Travis, by saying it, you've added to the tally.

**Travis:** No, I guarantee—I guarantee, boys, that in more than... in 600 something episodes, we've said penis more than 69 times.

**Griffin:** Probably more times. Thank you for that. Good work, James.

**Justin:** Thanks, James.

**Griffin:** We'll do better.

**Justin:** Hey, I wanted to ask you guys, did you—can we take a moment to honor our hero after his special day? His special triumphant day. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Indiana Jones?

**Justin:** Joey Chestnut.

**Travis:** Oh.

**Justin:** Joey Chestnut, congratulations.

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin:** Sorry if you had Tevo'd it wanted to show it later. Joey Chestnut won his 16<sup>th</sup> hot dog eating contest after a two hour weather delay. Hey, man—

**Travis:** Too rainy for dogs!

**Justin:** Hey, listen, man. But that motherfucker got real hungry. [chuckles]

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

**Justin:** Imagine that he's—you're hollowed out. You're like, "Man, in just a minute, I'm going to be eating hot dogs!"

**Griffin:** Unless... Unless...

**Justin:** [chuckles] Unless...

**Griffin:** Hot contest at 9, turbo dump scheduled for 8:55.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** He does that and then he has two hours where his body is metabolizing the hot dog residue from the previous night's earnings.

**Justin:** [chuckles] A lot of people forget Joey Chestnut is mainly a chlorophyll life form.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** This is the one time he feeds per year. [chuckles] He comes out of his hibernation. But I wanted to ask you guys, did you guys see the intro for Joey Chestnut this year?

**Griffin:** No, did he—

**Travis:** Did he have his own like WWE style like entry?

**Justin:** Hey, guys, you're gonna think I'm making this up or that any of this is a joke, but we're going to enjoy it right now.

**Excerpt:** 15,000 generations of humanity, yet we have evolved not at all. Bound like animals to the laws of physics. Shamed before the universe. And in all of history, only one man has stood to say that he will dictate what is and is not possible in this world. I speak of this man!

[synth wave music plays]

**Excerpt:** For he has broken reality all the time pours out around us now at once. Simultaneous and endless, erasing cause and effect and opening all possibilities before us. And the ancient powers are subordinated to their own creation. And they smile at his achievement. And they say he shall live forever. For he does not do it for money, he does not do it for glory. He does it for his people. He does it for his country. He does it for freedom! And the god shine down on us now, and the gods shine down on us still, because of him alone. Because of him alone! The Nathan's Famous 4th of July champion of the world. Joey Chestnut!

[synth wave music concludes]

**Griffin:** I want to say here—

**Justin:** I mean can you even imagine?

**Travis:** Oh my God.

**Griffin:** I want to say here... without a shadow of a doubt in my mind, I can say, empirically, unequivocally, Joey Chestnut will perish one day.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Joey Chestnut, one day—

**Justin:** More than you could even say about other mortal people. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** More than—yeah, I—there's a chance—medical science is coming along so fast, somebody might discover, you know, the fuckin' Umbrella Virus thing that just lets humans live forever. But it won't work. If that medicine was invented today, it wouldn't work on Joey Chestnut because of what he's done to his body.

**Travis:** Or I mean, there is a chance, right, that it's going to come round the other side.

**Griffin:** Oh, I see.

**Travis:** And it's like, oh, he consumed so many nitrates that he's—  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** The nitrates are preserving him from within.

**Justin:** This is what I'm saying! A god will down and say, "Guys, I gave him to you. I gave you everything you needed. This man can eat enough hotdogs to live forever. Why can't you all?"

**Travis:** Can I tell you what it's giving me, Justin?

**Justin:** What?

**Travis:** It's giving me Paul Bettany, in A Knight's Tale. It's giving me Paul Bettany as the hair—I believe it was, Chaucer if I remember correctly.  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** I believe that it was Chaucer.

**Travis:** In A Knight's Tale. And it's making me think that maybe it was time for Joey to go out and he was like, "Oh no, the two hour delay is throwing everything off. I have to take a second dump now. I'm gonna be late! I

won't make it." And his herald was like, "I can buy you dump time. I will buy you time, sir."

**Justin:** 62 is, I will say, below his total, the projected total that he was kind of projecting—

**Griffin:** He got iced out, though.

**Justin:** I guess. But the experts were calling for 71 to 72. But you iced him.

**Travis:** What's his record?

**Justin:** What?

**Travis:** What's his record?

**Justin:** What is his—you know what? I don't know what Joe Chestnut's record is, Travis?

**Travis:** I'm gonna look. Joey Chestnut...

**Griffin:** That number's not going to be very funny or interesting. I bet it'll be around 70.

**Travis:** He set a competition record, 76 dogs, in 2021.

**Justin:** That's a lot of dogs.

**Griffin:** That's a lot of dogs, for sure.

**Justin:** Miki Sudo, who won the women's contest eight times, won for the 9<sup>th</sup> time, 39 and a half hot dogs. Excellent.

**Griffin:** I mean, that's so many hot dogs. That's a tremendous amount of hot dogs.

**Justin:** That's a lot.

**Griffin:** I didn't know we were counting halves.

**Justin:** People forget because Joey kind of messes—I know what they're saying about the reality.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Joey kind of messes with you a little bit, like 70 hot dogs—

**Griffin:** Hey, check this out, check this out. I don't think I could pick up 76 hot dogs.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I think if 76 hot dogs were handed to me on a plate, I'd be like, whoa! I would drop them, let alone put them in me and keep them in me.

**Justin:** How much would 76 hot dogs weigh?

**Griffin:** 76 pounds. Duh.

**Justin:** Wow.

**Travis:** Okay, here's a quote from Joey Chestnut, that opens up—

**Justin:** Okay, then we gotta move on.

**Travis:** Okay, but it opens up a realm of possibility to me when talked about—because of the storm. He said, "What a roller coaster, emotionally. I wasn't even sure if we were going to eat today."

**Justin:** "I felt hungry and then I felt very hungry and then I felt never hungry again. I was all over the place."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** "I wasn't even sure if we were going to eat today. I'm just happy—"

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "I'm just happy," he added, "It's 4th of July and I got to eat some hot dogs."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Is that it? I'm making a lot of assumptions about Joe Chestnut's whole regiment. I imagined there's a lot of just sort of like pushing saw dust down in there just to expand the capacity of his hot dog inventory that he keeps inside of him. They make it sound like they don't let my man eat hot dogs at any other time of the year.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** And so, when they take off the fuckin' muzzle and they let him smell that good hot dog, he goes fucking ballistic.

**Justin:** I mean, Griffin, let me ask you this. If there was a day—[chuckles] if there was a day of the year where you beat several dozen odd dogs, do you think you would seek them out otherwise?

**Travis:** Yeah, how long? How long in a calendar year before you're like, "Oh, you know what I could go for?" [chuckles]

**Justin:** July 3<sup>rd</sup>, that motherfucker has to be like, "God damn, I would kill for a hot dog right now!" [chuckles]

**Travis:** But there's no way like October 10<sup>th</sup>, he's like, "You know what?"

**Justin:** [chuckles] He's like, "You know what would hit the spot?"

**Griffin:** He has to practice eating the hot dogs, right?

**Travis:** At this point?

**Justin:** It's like eating a bike! You just do it. [chuckles]

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I think he's got—I think he's—do you think even tastes it? Do you think we—do you think he has ever—

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** When was the last time Joey Chestnut took a bite out of a hot dog and was like, “Mm-hmm, that’s a good hot dog!”

**Justin:** Does he savor it, is the question.

**Griffin:** I don’t think so.

**Justin:** I don't think so anymore.

**Travis:** Hey, I bet roundabout October, he starts. Like take a bite, swish it around, spit it out like a wine tasting. Just get the palette going, get the hunger for it.

**Griffin:** Because otherwise, he’ll take that first bite July 4<sup>th</sup> and be like, “Argh! So salty!”

**Justin:** Do you guys think we could book Joey Chestnut?

**Griffin:** I don't think I would want to book Joey Chestnut.

**Justin:** You are wild. He seems like a real champion. I mean, he is a champion. An eating champion.

**Griffin:** I love when he chokes slammed with that protester on the stage.  
[chuckles]

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** That was obviously not his like main thing he's known for. He's known for mostly how good he is at hot dogs. But then there was at one time there was a protester on stage and he choke slammed him. And his



style wasn't as good as his hot dog eating style was, I will grant you that, Justin.

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

**Travis:** I saw a stat that he has 55 different, like championships in 55 states—

**Justin:** Tombstones all picked out. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Joey Chestnut holds 55 world records across 55 disciplines. What?! Okay. Is one of them—

**Justin:** He's just—that's how many he's counting. I might have a Fazoli's breadstick one, I don't know, I'd have to check. [chuckles] Certainly, most irritated server when I'm like, "Maybe one more, I think? Maybe one more." This is an advice show. I don't know why we wasted all that time on non-advice, because this is this show, right now. Show starts now. That was the cold open. Here's the show.

"I found that I genuinely love fishing. I love the quiet waiting moments and then the battle of wits. And while I—and I will engage my query, I do not know how to do anything except catch the fish. Tying knots in my line, take the hook out of the fish, put a lure on, anything other than the actual act of fishing, I do not know. I am going to a community fishing day soon and I want to look really cool to the groups of old men that will probably be there. How do I look like I'm really good at fishing and know what I'm doing?" That's from Flustered Fisher in Baton Rouge. And it sounds like you like fishing like I like fishing, which is fishing with your dad.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** When he does all of that for you.

**Travis:** Yeah. Because here's the thing, I got good news, and I got gooder news.

**Justin:** Wow?

**Travis:** Because the first half of it? Good news. Tying stuff onto the line, I guarantee there is a, pun intended, a boatload of YouTube videos that you will find that will help you understand that. Now the gooder news, the second half, taking the fish off the line? There's no way you're going to be able to practice that beforehand. But if your fishing experience is anything like mine, it won't come up. So, don't worry about it or worry about it.

**Griffin:** Don't worry about that. No, no, no, they love to catch the fish.

**Travis:** Just make a lot of noise. You stomp your feet a little bit. You won't ever have to worry about taking the fish off the hood.

**Griffin:** They'd love to catch the fish, They're good at catching the fish.

**Justin:** I really, I actually sympathize with this. I would feel so mortified if I like had to take a fish—like just touching the fish?

**Griffin:** No good.

**Justin:** That's no good for me. And I would hate—what would happen is I'd be paralyzed by fear. And rather than touch the fish, I would just watch it die there in front of me.

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

**Justin:** And that would feel terrible. I'm not gonna give that to my family? I'm not—you know, he's not big enough. Look at him.

**Travis:** You and I both know you're not doing anything with it, right? It's like, oh, no, why did—and in that moment, Justin—

**Justin:** "I just wanted to be a gigantic dick for like a second."

**Travis:** [chuckles] Yeah, right? I think you would be racked with like, "What did I think I was gonna do?"

**Justin:** He's looking at you like, "What was your point, exactly?"

**Griffin:** [chuckles] "What was the next step?"

**Travis:** That's where you have your fish butler step up and take care of it for you. Or as I like to call him, my dad. Take our dad with you! He hasn't been fishing with us and a long time. He'd probably be happy.

**Justin:** A long time. I will say this, he kind of stopped asking at a certain point.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Teenage years or so, I think. Isn't that weird that dad did go fishing with us at some point? It feels like a different dad, right? Like—

**Griffin:** It definitely feels like a... a pre-metamorphosis.

**Justin:** Now we were with French McCormick, though. French McCormick was also there. So, maybe French record was tying—no, dad probably knows how to do that stuff. He was a kid in the '50s when everybody had to fish.

**Travis:** My theory about Clint McElroy is that there were a lot of things that he had us do, like play sports and like go fishing and so stuff, that he also didn't like doing. But he felt like, "I'm pretty sure I'm supposed to make my sons do this." So, I think when—as soon as we were old enough for him to not have to take us fishing anymore, he was like, "Oh, thank god."

**Griffin:** But it's good—

**Travis:** "What's this, boys? Mario Brothers? I'm gonna start playing that with you now."

**Griffin:** It's good that he did that. It's good that he did that. Because I know now that I don't like any part of the fishing process. Any part of it.

**Travis:** Yes, correct.

**Griffin:** The water smells bad. It doesn't smell like pool water, which smells like amazing. It's boring. It's so boring and nothing ever happens. And then if it does happen, you've killed an animal, or at the very least maimed it in some way that you cannot follow through on.

**Travis:** Maybe emotionally maimed, if nothing else.

**Griffin:** Emotionally maimed it.

**Travis:** If nothing else, you've created, what I can only assume is a near death experience for the fish.

**Griffin:** Now, I will say this, I will say this, I will say this, if I was on Survivor, which hit me up Jeffery, I would do so good. And they gave me that little spear with the wristband and pshew! Let it go and it pshew! And it gets a little you know, you get a fucking Nemo on there and then you swim that back. To me, that's okay, because I can just sort of like take the spear and just sort of like, [blows raspberry] down into the pan.

**Justin:** If give you shake that spear really good, you can probably chuck him off there.

**Griffin:** And get the fish off.

**Travis:** Yeah, you do that thing where you kind of hit it against the ground and the finish of slides all the way down.

**Griffin:** Perfect.

**Travis:** Yeah, that's fine.

**Griffin:** Perfect, yeah.

**Justin:** It would be good to throw the fish back, though, because I love—

**Travis:** Once you speared through it? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Once you spear it?

**Justin:** No, if I catch it with a hook and he goes back and they're like, "Well, Reginald, is there anything you'd like to say to Douglas?"

"Yes, Douglas. The Nether Worm does exist. And I'm sorry. I ate the Nether Worm and it happened exactly like you said with the giants and everything. And I'm sorry, I didn't believe you. It was, I gotta be honest, the wildest shit in my life. That was absolutely unhinged. Douglas, I apologize. I owe you."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** "I was surrounded by dry? Is that a new thing?"

**Justin:** "Dry? Is there—I don't know how to say it. It's a dry ocean?"  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** "It's like they live in a big bubble, it—"

**Travis:** "It was like a dry... dry water. Like water you can't breathe? It was weird!"

**Griffin:** Crazy. Hey, how about a wikiHow from the Wizard? A wiki wizard?

**Travis:** A wiki wizard.

**Justin:** A wiki wizard.

**Griffin:** Here's one that was sent in by Kim. Thank you, Kim. It's a wikiHow article and it's how to be like Batman!

**Travis:** Huh?

**Griffin:** "The Dark Knight, the vigilante, that caped crusader. If you want to move in shadows like Batman, you can learn to think, act and look like him for fun."

**Justin:** Just for fun?

**Griffin:** Just for fun. And for business. "This is my job, dad. This is my work. I am paid money for this by the people I rescue."

**Travis:** Okay, to be fair, Batman's job is not being Batman. It costs him a great—it is his hobby. That is Bruce Wayne's hobby. His job—

**Justin:** That hyper capitalistic impulse, Travis.

**Griffin:** Hugely capitalistic and gross, late-stage capitalism, even I would say.

**Justin:** Gross. You really stepped in it this time, pal.

**Travis:** I'm saying Batman doesn't charge for his business, for his services. That would be wild if he did.

**Justin:** He's a public servant? He's a public servant.

**Travis:** But he doesn't get paid for it? He doesn't get a stipend from the city?

**Griffin:** Well, he's on Kickstarter.

**Travis:** Oh, good point. Yeah, I didn't think about that.

**Griffin:** Yeah, he does Kickstarter projects sometimes where he's like, "Help me Kickstart to kick the Joker's ass."

**Justin:** Yeah, he has Batreon.

**Travis:** Heh! I like that this article clarifies that he moves in the shadows because it does always make me think like Batman at like 2PM on a Friday,

just like running down the street being like, "I'm chasing the Joker."  
[chuckles] You'd be like, "What? Where are you—"

**Griffin:** There are some gross misunderstandings about Batman and Laura in this first part. "Thinking like Batman. Fight for justice. Batman is a superhero, which means he fights against injustice in all its forms. He fights against evil. Batman has been known to take on gangsters, super villains, human penguins—"

**Travis:** [laughs] Well, hm.

**Justin:** No.... No...

**Griffin:** "Genetically engineered monster alligators, evil clowns and frozen men." Frozen men, I will... Okay, we can—

**Justin:** That one is—that's a semantics issue.

**Griffin:** We'll split hair. The Penguin is not a... The Penguin from The Penguin is not a human penguin. He's a—

**Justin:** [chuckles] Right, we can all agree on that.

**Travis:** And also, Killer Croc, AKA Waylon Jennings was born that way, he was not genetically engineered. He had a mutation.

**Griffin:** Right. Again, we're really sort of missing the big headline here which is that Penguin, not a human penguin. You tell me what a human penguin is? You can't be a human penguin. He can be a human, you can be a penguin.

**Travis:** Now, Oswald Cobblepot is as close to a human penguin as I think a human penguin could be?

**Justin:** That's like... that doesn't make any sense, Travis.

**Travis:** No, you're right, he is a penguin human, you're right.

**Griffin:** In his fuckin' Wikipedia article, in the Penguin's Wikipedia article, when it lists his fuckin' kingdom phylum class, it's going to be the same as Batman's. Because he's a human with penguin-like tendencies. But not a human penguin. Pretty much the basics. "If you want to be like Batman, you've got to be good and fight for the side of justice. You probably don't have any Two Faces or Penguins in your neighborhood, but that doesn't mean there's no injustice in your world." Fucking certainly. "Keep a close eye out for other kids being picked on or anything unfair. Stand up for fairness and equality."

**Justin:** I would also—I mean, I would also say you could just do it like Batman and basically just create your own bad guys. Like Batman has—

**Travis:** Half of Batman's guys are like—

**Justin:** He had to brew up a lot of his own people.

**Travis:** Yeah, man. If only he had been there for Harvey Dent. You know what I'm saying?

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Travis:** Like, he kind of let Harvey Dent down in that courtroom setting and... ooh...

**Griffin:** Okay, these two ideas might seem not the same. But step two, defend the innocent. "Bruce Wayne became Batman because his parents were killed in a robbery attempt."

**Travis:** Well, I know how to become Batman. [chuckles] Hey!

**Griffin:** Yeah, I guess know how to become Batman...

**Justin:** So, do you have an easier ways? Is there any other...

**Griffin:** This is the second step, is—the first step is fight the human penguins. And the second step is, if your parents were killed, you will be closer to being Batman than you are right now.



**Travis:** Okay. But I think if we looked at this a little bit more like... like the method. You know, the actors' method.

**Griffin:** Sure?

**Justin:** Yeah?

**Travis:** It doesn't have to be that your parents are killed, right. You can find a smaller version of that, like maybe a teenager called your dad a mean name and made him feel small. And you're like, "Okay, so let me build on that, right. And like now, I can take that. And what's that feeling, let me blow that up. You my dad feel like a cuck. So, how does that make me feel?" [chuckles]

**Justin:** "Do you know the difference between me and you? You made my dad feel small." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** "You made my dad feel like a beta cuck." [chuckles]

**Justin:** "You cucked my dad. Now, I'm gonna cuck your nose."

**Travis:** [chuckles] "You made fun of my dad's shorts and now—"

**Justin:** "He loves those shorts."

**Travis:** "He loves those shorts so much, I got my dad those shorts for Father's Day."

**Griffin:** "Use gadgets more than any other superhero."

**Justin:** [chuckles] I mean, yeah.

**Travis:** There it is.

**Griffin:** "More than any other superhero, Batman has the most cool gadgets." Okay. If you wanna be like—

**Travis:** What about Inspector Gadget? You piece of shit. Ha!

**Griffin:** Or Ironman, or any other superhero. "Stay up to date on new technology. Learn to use the computer and mobile phones very well."

**Travis:** [chuckles] That doesn't exist because there's never a scene in Batman where 's like, "Wait, how does it work? Wait, what do I do? Control? Okay, wait, hit control first? And then—wait, I forgot my password. Hold on."

**Justin:** Do you know how good you have to be computers before somebody's like, "Wait a minute, are you Batman?"

**Griffin:** "Are you Batman? Because you're really, really very, very good at computers."

"Try to understand how the internet works and how to use new software. Get your parents' permission to do these things and stay up to date." Now, again, we could cut out the middleman, the two middle people that made you—

**Travis:** Yeah, Batman doesn't have to ask his parents for anything. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Batman doesn't have to ask his parents for any permission, ever, for anything at all.

**Justin:** [laughs] Batman doesn't keep his grades up? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** No, he does not.

**Justin:** Unless Alfred is like really strict or something. But Alfred gets it. He knows that he's got other priorities.

**Travis:** Wouldn't it be wild if there was like a scene in Batman where he was like talking to Vicki Vale, and Bruce Wayne, he's like, "It was so tough on

me, watching my parents die there in the streets. I mean, I did get to stay up as late as I want, and I could eat cookies like whenever.”

**Griffin:** “Pretty great.”

**Travis:** “But like—and yeah, like—”

**Griffin:** “Just ice cream, ice cream, ice cream.”

**Travis:** “It was ice cream, ice cream. I mean, I was like an eight year old billionaire. In that way, I could have like a circus and whatever birthday party I wanted to and my parents couldn’t say no. But I’m gonna go punch the Joker.”

**Griffin:** “Did you ever see Blank Check? It’s like that, if at the end, he didn’t get caught by his parents and get in trouble. And instead, it was just Blank Check forever.”

**Travis:** “Yeah, ‘cause his parents... his parents were unfortunately killed by, let’s say in this circumstance, [tone low download??] killed that kid’s parents and then he got a billion dollars. And then that’s me.”

**Justin:** “You know the difference between you and me? I stopped going to school in fourth grade.”

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** “I didn’t wanna go anymore, so I didn’t.”

**Travis:** “I didn’t do it and my parents couldn’t make me, they were dead.”

**Griffin:** All right, they equivocate really quickly here. “Batman is rich, which helps in the gadget department, but you don’t have to be. If you want some pretend gadgets, use an old, broken calculator, old clocks and other broken electronics that have been thrown out in place of gadgets. Take them apart and use the—

**Travis:** How to be sad man more like it, am I right? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Take them apart use the components for fun. Ask permission first."

**Justin:** But my parents... They can't spot me.

**Griffin:** I'm not reading an article called 'how to pretend to be Batman.'

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Do you know?

**Travis:** Oh my god, Justin—

**Griffin:** It's how to be like Batman. And Batman doesn't pretend. He really kicks Joker's ass and he fights the human Penguin for my rights.

**Travis:** Justin, you just made me realize something insane. Like, my parents can't stop me is like—he always talks about becoming Batman, like in spite of his—like his parents got killed and then he had to become Batman. But if his parents had been around and you have like an eight year old who's like, "I'm gonna go study with like assassins and judo and stuff." And his parents are like, "No, you're fuckin' not! Go to college!" [chuckles]

**Justin:** "You're not allowed to be Batman."

**Griffin:** "Stop, cut it out."

"Make your own Batcave! Every Batman needs a space to call their own. Batman's cave is where he hides his bat gear, changes into costume and does his bat research. You don't necessarily need a secret passageway to get to your Batcave or a mansion to hide it under, but it's still good to have a space that's yours. Turn your room into a Batcave. Keep it private. Put a sign on the door that says 'Batcave. No Penguins or evildoers.'" You're really... you've really got it out for the Penguin and this article, huh, article writer? You really hate the Penguin.

**Travis:** Do you think he calls it his bat research? [chuckles] Like, he was hired to go do—

**Justin:** [chuckles] "I do bat research."

**Travis:** "Bat research."

"Oh, you're researching bats?"

"No, I'm Batman. I'm a man... like Batman. So, bat research... Shut up!"

[chuckles] "Leave me alone. You're not my real dad, Alfred!"

"Okay."

**Griffin:** "Face your fears. Batman picked a bat. It's a symbol because he's afraid of bats. He wanted a symbol to strike fear into the hearts of his enemies, just as bad struck fear into him. If you're not afraid of bats, you need to find a face your own fears, like Batman did." This is wrong. If I want to be like Batman, I need to be afraid of the same shit Batman is afraid of, which is bats.

**Travis:** Correct.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Travis:** I mean, if... I didn't want to split hairs, but if I was creating Batman from the beginning and I was like, okay, what's the thing he's afraid of that he's gonna become to straight fear into bad guys' hurts? I'd be like, I've become parent killer murderer man. Right? Because like that's—you can't tell me Bruce is more afraid of bats at this point. And now, he's a superhero that kills bad guys' parents. [chuckles] That would be terrifying.

**Griffin:** He should change his whole thing. Batman's whole thing is; bats, scary, huh? But like, I guarantee you when the Penguin sees bats now, he is at the very most inconvenienced by them. He should update it based on what is currently most scary in the world. I'm not saying that COVID Man would have been like a guy who was around it and 2020 and 2021, before we whopped this thing's ass. Thanks, Dr. Fauci. But that's... you got to update the brand. You got to keep it fresh.'

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Hey, guys, "Be willing to do what it takes. Sometimes, Batman has to live outside the law. He's not a policeman, but he sometimes works with the police. Sometimes though, the police want to arrest him. However, he's

always fighting for the side of good. Are you willing to do what it takes? Even if it'll get you some heat?" Kick ass, so, if you don't have—

**Justin:** Define heat. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** If you don't have money, if you're burdened with not enough money, too many parents.

**Travis:** Uh-huh, yeah? [chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** And you know what to do about those two things now. And you can do a pretend with a broken calculator if you want. But are you willing to go against the eyes of the law and be getting arrested for the fight of good? Because the cops aren't good... sometimes, they're not and you got to do what it takes. So, with your broken clock and your broken calculator and your penguin-proof bedroom—

**Justin:** [chuckles] Are you willing?

**Griffin:** Are you willing to go against the cops?

**Travis:** To do what it takes! Are you gonna do what it takes?

**Griffin:** "Talk like Batman as well." Okay, sure. I would have started with that.

**Travis:** That's easy.

**Griffin:** I would have started with that before end your parents' lives.

**Travis:** Batman, I am.

**Justin:** [chuckles] No.

**Travis:** Right? No?

**Justin:** Can't. We can't do this. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Travis, you're way over budget for this—

**Travis:** I am Batman!

**Griffin:** You're way over the budget for this season of Clipping Yoda, actually.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** So please, please rein it in. The rest of it's not very fun. It's like you know, get strong...

**Travis:** Yeah...

**Griffin:** Act tough. Batman is definitely tough and strong.

**Travis:** That is true. When Batman gets punched by a bad guy, he never goes like, "Ow!" [chuckles] That's what I would do.

**Griffin:** Yeah. "You never see Batman do any weak and slow movements. When you decide to run, run like you invented it. No doubts. When you jump, jump like a boss. Jump like Batman." [chuckles]

**Justin:** Jump like Batman, like a boss.

**Griffin:** Holy shit. This sounds like my personal trainer.

**Travis:** Run like I invented it? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Travis:** Oh, I'm the first person to run, so maybe my legs are going in weird directions. And you're like, "Sorry, I'm still figuring it out. I just invented this."

**Justin:** [chuckles] The Joker is walking away for you like, "You'll never catch me, Batman!" And you're like, "Oh really? Check this out."

**Travis:** "Wait, how are his legs moving so fast?"

**Justin:** "Slow down, Bat! You're driving me batty!"

**Griffin:** If this article was like a peloton class instructor I could grind—I could really grind it out for—"When you decide to run, run like you invented it! No doubts! When you jump, jump like a boss! Jump like Batman!" I'm a fucking getting so many splat points today. Thank you so much, coach.

**Travis:** Can I... I'm thinking back and now I'm wondering—imagine this, Batman. Right? And he's like one of the bigger, bulkier versions of Batman, right.

**Justin:** Frank Miller Batman.

**Travis:** Yeah, he's maybe more the Aflac movie Batman, a bigger dude. He drops down. There's like 12 thugs and the first thug punches him in the face and he goes, "Ow! Fuck!" [spoofs whimpering] And starts crying! I guarantee, those thugs are going to be so thrown off. They're not gonna know what to think. And that's when Batman strikes by crying even harder. So hard like snot insides coming out, maybe throws up a little bit. And those thugs re like, "Oh, god, I feel terrible."

**Justin:** They realized weaknesses is okay and sometimes weakness is strength. And they don't need to do this anymore.

**Travis:** Yeah, right. And then they start talking to Batman and Batman's like, I just came to talk to you guys. I wanted to know what you need to—" And they're like, "Oh my god, I feel so terrible." That's when he stabs them.

**Griffin:** It just—I want to get one last little point in here, as one of the things in the get your body right thing, is eat a healthy diet. "Another part of staying fit like Batman does is eating a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables. When you want to snack, have some nuts and apple or some carrots instead of fruit snacks or candy." There's no way that Bruce Wayne doesn't eat like a total child fucking every day. This man subsists—I think he's probably stepped it up to like where he's doing like green chili chicken Verde burritos from Trader Joe's. But like, twice a day.



**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And then he will have like an Ensure in the morning.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** And he doesn't—Batman has not drunk water in three years.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I bet while he sleeps, Alfred sneaks in and hooks him up to an IV, because all Batman drinks is like Baja Blasts and shit.

**Justin:** “Sir, you forgot your meal. You'll need it if you want to consume—”

**Travis:** “No, give me Code Red!”

“No, you... sir, you can't have any more Code Red.”

“I want more Code Red! I'm big boy and I can drink—”

**Justin:** [chuckles] “I could buy and sell you!”

**Travis:** “Monster energy drink!”

“You've had 12 today!”

**Justin:** “Master Bruce, don't do the voice, Master Bruce. You know our rules. The voice is for out of the home.”

**Griffin:** What if that's what Batman's voice sounds like because he doesn't drink water, ever.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** "Give me my magic strong juice!" And then like you just see Alfred filling up a water bottle and he winks at you like, "Yeah, here's your magic strong juice, Master Bruce!"

**Griffin:** And he writes "Batman's secret stuff" on it.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "I get my superpowers from my strong juice that Alfred gives me."

**Griffin:** That's right. That's right.

**Travis:** "Sometimes, I put mint in it."

**Justin:** Listen, I'm tired of dragging Batman. He's done a lot for our community.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Let's take a trip to the Money Zone.

[theme song plays]

**Justin:** Right now, I'm having an extremely comfortable sock experience, 'cause I'm wearing Bombas. These things are beautiful. They're comfortable. They're the only socks that I wear. They wick sweat and cushion every step. They got soft, breezy layers. Mine have—I got some new ones that have some traction at the bottom, like kind of hospital socks.

**Travis:** Ooh?

**Justin:** Makes getting around on the floor a lot less scary for me, and tenuous.

**Travis:** Tell me more.

**Justin:** Well, there's not much to tell. They're just dots. But if you haven't tried Bombas yet and you're tired of hearing his prattle on about them, tough noogies, they paid for this. I will say also, even if they didn't pay me, I'd tell you that for every pair or Bombas item that you buy, another is donated to someone in need. And I think that is really cool. They're all seamless, tagless, effortlessly soft. You will love Bombas. If you haven't tried them, see what all the hubbub is about. Go to [bombas.com/mybrother](https://bombas.com/mybrother) and use code My Brother for 20% off your first purchase. [Bombas.com/mybrother](https://Bombas.com/mybrother), code My Brother!

**Travis:** Now listen, these days, it can be hard to find the right offensive radio DJ to like host your morning show. That's why we've partnered with Shock Jock to tell you about—

**Griffin:** No, Trav.

**Travis:** What?

**Griffin:** You've gotten it flipped up. You've gotten it flipped upside down.

**Travis:** Oh no.

**Griffin:** This actually says Zocdoc, which rhymes with Shock Jock. You are.

**Travis:** Oh, god, I'm so embarrassed. God, I feel—

**Griffin:** You are right about that.

**Travis:** I feel terrible!

**Griffin:** It's even harder to find—

**Travis:** Oh, man. Oh, god.

**Griffin:** It's even harder to find doctors and book appointments with—

**Travis:** I blew it! [spoofs sobbing]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I blew it!

**Griffin:** This bit's going on for a while. Do you think he had to go do something?

**Justin:** Getting a little bit chunky, isn't it?

**Griffin:** Like he had to go plug something in and so it snuck away?

**Justin:** I think he's peeing.

**Travis:** Sorry, go on. Sorry, guys. Sorry.

**Griffin:** All right. Zocdoc is what you use to find doctors and book appointments with those doctors. You can search through thousands of top-rated patient reviewed doctors and specialists and filter specifically for ones who take your insurance, are located near you and treat almost any condition you're searching for.

Straight up, looking for doctors in the Washington D.C. DMV area sucks shit, because it's not like there's like a big hospital that all the doctors work at. They all—there's one that works out of the building above the container store. There's one that works in the... right next to the Brazilian army annex. But they—so, you gotta hunt 'em down. And that's so much harder to do without Zocdoc.

So, go to [zocdoc.com/mybrother](http://zocdoc.com/mybrother) and download the Zocdoc app for free. Then find and book a top-rated doctor today. That's [zocdoc.com/mybrother](http://zocdoc.com/mybrother). Zocdoc.com—stop—Zocdoc. Zocdoc.com/mybrother. Zocdoc.com.

**Justin:** Zocdoc.com is too much.

**Griffin:** Zocdoc.com/mybrother.

**Justin:** Zocdoc. Zocdoc-doc-doc.

**Griffin:** Zombocom.

[Queery theme music plays]

**Cameron:** Hey, Max Fun listeners, this is Cameron Esposito. I'm a stand-up comic, actor, writer, bestselling author and podcaster. I got a great show called Queery where I interview LGBTQ plus luminaries across, oh, a bunch of fields. People in entertainment, astronauts, musicians, rock stars! I am bringing the show to Maximum Fun. You can listen right now. And I am so happy to be on this network. We have new episodes out every Monday. You can listen at [maximumfun.org](http://maximumfun.org) or wherever you get your podcasts.

[Queery theme music concludes]

[Max Fun theme music plays]

**Max Fun 1:** It's official!

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[Max Fun theme music concludes]

**Justin:** [mouths Munch Squad intro riff]

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Justin:** [continues riffing]

**Griffin:** Huh?

**Travis:** Uh!

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

**Griffin and Travis:** Squad!

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

**Griffin and Travis:** Squad!

**Justin:** [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad, it's a podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating! Tonight, we're gonna party like it was recently 1999! [mouths riff] Taco Bell is turning up the heat with Paris Hilton.

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah!

**Justin:** "And the fan favorite return of the Volcano Menu! The hottest items from Taco Bell are returning to Taco Bell menus for a limited time on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Complete with the hottest Paris Hilton partnership to introduce the brand's first ever prerecorded advice hotline."

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** Prerecorded advice.

**Justin:** You can you can call a number and get advice from Taco Bell and Paris Hilton as a unit

**Griffin:** That's a powerful team up attack because they both—I can't—it's funny, if you think about the weaknesses of Paris, they are... they are

fulfilled in Taco Bell. Like Taco Bell—anything that Taco Bell is missing, Paris has.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** So like together—

**Justin:** Between the two of them, yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** “To bring back a trio of options so hot and so Y2k, Taco Bell has called on no other than Paris Hilton to do the honors. Longtime Taco Bell fan—”

**Travis:** That’s hot. That’s why. Okay, that's hot!

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

**Travis:** Okay. Okay.

**Justin:** Yeah, the ‘that’s hot’ thing. Yeah, “And resident expert on what's hot, Paris Hilton joins in to celebrate the return of the iconic menu, with the launch of the brand's first ever hot line. Fans will now have the chance to get advice straight from the source of what's hot and what's not, Paris Hilton.” Need a little life coaching? Covered. Still wondering if bangs are a good idea? She'll tell you. “After dialing into the hotline at 1844, THTSHOT, T-H-T-S-H-O-T, fans can engage with a selection of six—” Six! Count `em, six! “Prerecorded messages while relishing in the heat the Volcano Menu offers.”

**Griffin:** Are you fucking telling me that this whole time that we've done this 670 times or whatever, we could have just had six prerecorded ones that would cover all the advice that could possibly be given out?

**Justin:** Apparently. “Taco Bell's Volcano Menu isn't just iconic. It's the epitome of hot,” said Paris Hilton. “I am loving being part of this Y2K revival with my very own hotline and hope fans will take my advice to slive moss—” [chuckles]

**Griffin:** To slive moss? Slive moss?

**Travis:** It can't be slive.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Slive. Slive. Slivving is the—slivving is the new 'it's hot.' It's a portmanteau of the word slaying and killing it while you live your best life. [chuckles] So, slivving.

**Griffin:** Slivving? That's cool though that you can do killing and living in the same word. That's gonna be—that's gonna get somebody off of some sort of court case on a technicality.

**Travis:** Can I—I'm disappointed because I really wanted it to be like cut to Paris Hilton and her like, "I fuckin' love these tacos. I eat 10 to 12 a day."

**Justin:** [chuckles] "I eat 10, 20 hot dogs."

**Travis:** "Man, I fucking love—are you kidding me? Taco Bell? I can't get—I'm eating them right now while you're in—I love these greasy... Bring back... bring back the pizzas! Did you bring back the pizzas yet? I love 'em."

**Griffin:** Bring back the cool ranch shells.

**Travis:** Oh, fuck yeah!

**Justin:** Let's check in with the CMO of Taco Bell, the TB CMO of the US. The US TBC CMO, Taylor Montgomery. "We're always listening to our fans and their extensive passion and needs. Needs, I say! Of the Volcano fan base could no longer go unmet." Are you serious right now, Taylor? One more time. "We're always listening to our fans and the extensive passion and the needs of the Volcano fan base could no longer go unmet. Taco Bell is always looking to deliver on that surprise factor for fans and build on our reputation of choosing authentic partnerships with those who are already mega fans."

**Travis:** I knew it!

**Justin:** "So, to bring the heat for this major campaign, we call it on none other than Paris Hilton."



**Griffin:** All right.

**Travis:** These is where Taylor tells us they're available at one store for like three hours, right?

**Griffin:** Yeah, right?

**Travis:** Like, "You gotta get there 10 minutes before we close and we'll throw some out the door. Good luck."

**Justin:** I did not call the phone number. And I will just say that. So, listener, you can... you can do that in your own time. I'd do it here on the show, but I'm pretty sure it would be a big nothing burger, is my assumption. But you can call 1844 T-H-T-S-H-O-T.

**Griffin:** Thtshot.

**Justin:** Thtshot. Nah, I gotta call it, don't I? I gotta call, hold on.

**Griffin:** Yeah, you sort of do. Even if it's nothing, it's still content, you know?

**Justin:** It's still something. We'd still—it can't go unanswered, hold on.

**Travis:** What if you call and Paris answers live? Like, "I didn't think anybody was gonna call..."

**Griffin:** That'd be great.

**Justin:** That would be a huge, huge deal for us, Travis.

**Travis:** That'd be a huge get.

**Griffin:** That'd be a huge get for us, actually.

**Justin:** From your lips to God's ears. I mean...

**Paris:** ... New menu hotline, where you can get spicy advice from me, Paris Hilton. Expert on all things hot.

**Call:** Hold, please.

[“Hot One,” by Paris Hilton, plays]

**Justin:** What? Why am I on hold?

**Griffin:** Shh.

[“Hot One,” by Paris Hilton, concludes]

**Call:** Press one if you're just here for the Volcano Menu. Press two for advice on slivving from Paris. Press three if you want Paris to be your life coach. Press four to hear Paris' thoughts on bangs. Press five for Paris to read the Volcano Menu. Press six for a first listen to Paris' unreleased single, Hot One. Press—

[beep]

**Paris:** Volcano Burrito, that's hot. Volcano Taco, that's hot. Lava sauce, that's really hot.

**Call:** Well, that was hot. Need more spice?

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Call:** Order a Volcano Taco on the Taco Bell app.

**Paris:** That's hot.

**Call:** Press one if you're just here for the Volcano Menu.

**Travis:** Oh, we can keep going.

[beep]

**Call:** Press two for advice—

[“Hot One,” by Paris Hilton, plays]

**Travis:** [sings] We're gonna get a copyright strike.

**Griffin:** There's no copyright on this fuckin' song, Trav.

**Justin:** [chuckles] “I’m releasing it directly to the public domain.”

[“Hot One,” by Paris Hilton, continues]

**Justin:** I kind of thought something else would happen. Pound.

[beep]

**Griffin:** Yeah, pound it.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Cancel.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

[“Hot One,” by Paris Hilton, continues]

**Griffin:** You can't cancel this beat.

**Justin:** Exit!

**Travis:** Back, back!

**Justin:** Exit!

[beep]

**Travis:** More options.

**Justin:** Paris! Paris Hilton!

[“Hot One,” by Paris Hilton, concludes]

**Travis:** Operator!

**Justin:** Wait, that worked.

**Call:** Press one if you're just here for the Volcano Menu.

**Travis:** I need advice on slivving.

**Call:** Press two for advice on slivving from Paris.

[beep]

**Griffin:** Slivving.

**Paris:** I've learned that the best way to sliv is having amazing friends around you to support you. Speaking of, it would be so hot if you brought me a Volcano Burrito right now.

**Call:** Press one if you're—

**Travis:** Now, hold on.

**Justin:** So okay, let's talk about out—

**Travis:** Yeah, end this call. End this call. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yea, end this call.

**Griffin:** That's a rough one.

**Justin:** Let's talk about our—listen, listen. If you show up at Paris's door with a Volcano Taco, what judge is gonna say like, "You shouldn't have done that. That's weird." Like, "I literally called her on the phone and she asked me to."

"I think Paris Hilton is sending me secret messages to bring her a Volcano Taco from Taco Bell." You sound wild unless you pick up your phone, like, "No, no, no, here, you can just listen."

**Griffin:** "Listen, judge."

**Justin:** "It says it on here, judge."

**Travis:** "She explicitly said." And then like the CMO, Taylor Montgomery, and he's like, "We didn't tell her to say that, guys. I don't know..."

**Justin:** "She listed her exact home address after that, we trimmed it out."  
[chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, "We had to edit it, man. I don't know what to tell you, bud. We kept telling her like, 'This isn't DoorDash, Paris. This isn't how that works.'"

**Justin:** "My six year old has a gymnastics class once a week, during which I wait with the other moms in the lobby. One of the moms frequently speaks French on the phone or with her other kids. I'm a native French speaker, but she doesn't know that since my daughter only speaks English. Recently, new girls started taking the class and her mom also speaks French. At what point should I let these ladies know that I can understand everything they're saying? And in the case of the first mom, for about a year now." And that's from Let Me Be Frank.

**Griffin:** Okay. You can't just do it. Because the person is going to think you've been sneakily spying on them and like creeping on them.

**Justin:** Well, they won't think that.

**Travis:** They'll know that.

**Griffin:** Okay, they'll know that's the truth.

**Justin:** They'll know that. [chuckles]

**Travis:** What they'll think is that—

**Justin:** They'll know that true fact.

**Travis:** They'll think that they heard you speaking French, and you went away and started learning French, so you could eavesdrop them. That's what they'll think.

**Griffin:** That's also not a good choice. So, let me just go ahead and say maybe you walk over to the microwave that's plugged into the wall in front of them, and you unplug it and plug it back in, and then are launched 30 feet backwards.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** And you sort of get your hair stuck up and you sit up just like, "Sacré bleu! Huh? [spoofs French] Ques ves les le bisquit, a la baux de bisquit!" And then they're like—they'll say something in French back to you. And then you can say like—

**Justin:** A different French thing.

**Griffin:** A different version. And then you say back like in the French—in the beautiful French language, like, "The microwave shocked me so good, I speak your beautiful tongue now."

**Travis:** Right.

**Griffin:** That's a surefire way of doing it, Scott-free.

**Travis:** Yeah, and there are no holes in that plan. It's perfect.

**Justin:** It's a perfect plan.

**Griffin:** Yeah. And you can sue the gymnastics, 'cause they're probably flush.

**Travis:** And it helps, by the way, if you put something like French, like a croissant or escargot, into the microwave, so that when you get—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] That's huge! That's huge!

**Justin:** Oh, that makes more sense, Trav. Yeah, that makes a lot more sense than Griffin's thing.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Now, don't put escargot in the microwave, because you might make Slug Man. And Slug Man, flip of the coin if Slug Man's gonna be a good entity or an evil entity.

**Justin:** I wouldn't roll the dice with Slug Man or flip any coins. I don't want to take any chances with him.

**Travis:** No. Slug Man comes out and he's like, "Ah, they were able to speak French the whole time! Ah, au revoir!"

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, he'll put you on blast.

**Travis:** And you're like, "Ah, god damn it." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Damn it Slug Man, you got me."

**Justin:** Are slugs just snails without shells?

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** Oh...

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Wow.

**Griffin:** Slugs are snails experiencing homelessness. That's all that they are.

**Justin:** I didn't know that. Okay. There's egg on my face. All right.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "My partner and I have been together for two years now and I think they're the coolest. They're currently a professional axe thrower and they've

just transferred out of being a funeral director. They speak four languages, two of them dead. And they're a triple black belt in karate." All this, I think we would say third rank. Maybe not triple black belt. [chuckles]

**Travis:** I bet speaking languages helped as a funeral director. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, Travis. Come now.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Please. We're professionals.

**Griffin:** "I speak the tongue of the grave land!"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Basically, this person has coworkers that were repeating these facts as jokes as if they're made up. It says, "For clarification, I work in a warehouse driving a forklift. I cannot have my phone on the floor as I'm driving. So, I haven't been able to show them any pictures together. Even so, I feel like it may be weird to show them out of nowhere."

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** "I'm also 22. Far, far too old to be making up a fake girlfriend." That's from Totally Real in Toronto.

**Travis:** You're never too old to be making up a fake girlfriend.

**Justin:** Never too old.

**Griffin:** Never ever.

**Travis:** Never too old.

**Justin:** If I can make up fake childcare emergencies to get me out of work... you know?



**Travis:** Fake job references.

**Justin:** Fake it all.

**Travis:** Fake whatever, man. Fake diarrhea. You're never too old to have an imagination. [chuckles]

**Justin:** That's right.

**Travis:** It's fine. But you are correct that if you bust into the break room and you're like, "Look! Look! Proof!"

**Justin:** "Here! J'accuse!"

**Travis:** [chuckles] Like that, you're never getting invited to any after work get togethers.

**Justin:** You are going to have to be attacked by Rita Repulsa's Putty Crew.

**Griffin:** This is huge.

**Justin:** They're going to have to come out of nowhere to try to kidnap you.

**Travis:** Oh, okay?

**Justin:** At the last second, who swoops in to save you? It's your partner, with their triple black belt, and they take down the thugs. And then they come—

**Travis:** Yeah, while speaking like Latin and shit.

**Justin:** Yeah, yeah, yeah. And then they come over give you a switcherooski and they're like, "Thanks. Thanks, babe, for saving my life."

**Travis:** "I gotta get back to work now."

**Justin:** "I gotta get back to work now. These axes won't throw themselves." You know what? Your partner should probably bury an axe in the chest of one of the Putties at like 30 feet.

**Travis:** Oh, what?

**Justin:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** I don't think the Power Rangers kill the Putties?

**Justin:** Professional extras, dude.

**Griffin:** Sorry, Travis, you're assuming that Rita Repulsa's goopy guys are alive. And therefore, have a life to extinguish.

**Justin:** They're made from clay.

**Travis:** I guess I was also assuming that these were actors that you hired to be the Putties, not the actual.

**Justin:** That's a waste of time. You just get the real Putties from Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers.

**Travis:** Well, now you're gonna have to set up a honeypot for Rita Repulsa. What's she into?

**Griffin:** Yeah, might I suggest a karate tournament at the mall?

**Travis:** There you go.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Rita Repulsa fucking hates that. She hates when those happen.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** Or like an ice cream social that you've been looking forward to and then... absolutely every time.

**Travis:** Or for some reason, a pachinko machine in the soda shop you guys hang out at. For some reason, that's the thing she has to get her mitts on.

**Griffin:** Concert at the mall. Really anything at the mall.

**Travis:** Yeah, store opening at the mall.

**Griffin:** The reason... a lot of people assume that the sort of down—the economic downturn of the mall as a concept has to do with the sort of popularization of online shopping. As the sort of go-to method of acquiring goods in this capitalist society of ours. But it's really the Rita Repulsa makes the mall so desperately unsafe, that no one really wants to be there and risk it for the biscuits, so to speak.

**Travis:** And that's the thing, man, the number where Teresa's like, "We should go to the mall today." And I'm like, "What if Rita Repulsa is there?" "And she's like, "She can't be at every mall at once." And I'm like, "Yeah, but she can be at one mall and it might be ours. There's no way of knowing."

**Griffin:** There's no way.

**Travis:** And there are only five Power Rangers. Well, six, depending on what season we're talking about. Is there a white ranger? Right but—

**Justin:** There are dozens upon dozens of Power Rangers, Travis.

**Griffin:** There are so many Power Rangers across all different forces.

**Travis:** What?

**Justin:** You sound like a clown right now.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** The Power Rangers all exist, coexist in the same universe. There are dozens upon dozens of Power Rangers.

**Travis:** What?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I can't even tell you how many power rangers there are.

**Griffin:** There are dinosaurs ones, there are ninjas ones, there are samurais ones, there are police—

**Travis:** There are race cars ones, right?

**Griffin:** There are police ones, there are outer space ones, there are choo-choo train ones.

**Travis:** Wait, there are police ones?

**Griffin:** There are police ones.

**Travis:** Isn't that weird when the other police are there? Like Rita's there and the police are there and then like, "Super police are here now."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah. There are... there have... there have been roughly 151 Power Rangers, according to this website.

**Griffin:** Great.

**Justin:** There are a lot, there are so many, Trav.

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Justin:** You sound like a clown.

**Travis:** Are they all equally powerful?

**Griffin:** Jesus Christ, Travis.

**Justin:** Okay, I'm actually embarrassed to be recording.

**Travis:** Is Zordon associated with the whole 151 of `em?

**Justin:** Zordon is like long dead.

**Griffin:** Zordon died in 1991.

**Travis:** What? No!

**Griffin:** Zordon's been dead for a long, long time.

**Travis:** Ah, man.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Thank you so much for listening to our podcast. I'm sorry about Travis. God, I'm embarrassed.

**Travis:** Fuck! I fucked up!

**Justin:** [chuckles] We really appreciate you listening.

**Griffin:** I love when Zordon did a Taco Bell partnership where you could call the phone and get Zordon to talk to you.

**Travis:** "That's hot. That is hot, rangers."

**Justin:** We got some beautiful, new goods over at [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com). Two lovely candles based on the New Appalachian Workshop and Poetry Corner. We got some hot—

**Travis:** By the way, our least swearsy episode, according to Jimmy-o.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** That's great.

**Travis:** The one without Griffin in it. [chuckles]

**Justin:** The one without Griffin. We got some 'Hot Yeah!' merch and the Garyl, the binicorn stuffy is on sale for 35 buckaroones. So, get in there and get your Garyl.

**Griffin:** Thank you to Montaigne for the use our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. Such a great track. Thank you to maximum fun.org for having us on the network. We love to be here. Love to do it. We got some shows coming up in San Diego. I don't even know if there are tickets available for these bad boys.

**Justin:** Looks like it. You can get them at—it's gonna be July 21<sup>st</sup> as TAZ, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, MBMBaM. They're both at the Balboa Theatre in San Diego. You can go to—

**Travis:** TAZ GMed Brennan Lee Mulligan, by the way.

**Justin:** That's gonna be great.

**Griffin:** Yeah, it's gonna be really fun. Can we make the sound bath today a little bit like cleaner and a little bit less like you guys doing bird sounds? Because I don't think you know what a sound bath is.

**Travis:** No, yeah, yeah, you got it.

**Justin:** Okay. That is fair.

**Griffin:** There are no words, there's no—you try to keep it—imagine you're projecting a sort of energy force out with your—

**Travis:** Like scatting?

**Griffin:** Voice. No, not like scatting. See, again, you've shown me that I have to demonstrate it.

**Justin:** Griff, excuse me, is it the opposite of scatting?

**Griffin:** It's in many ways the opposite of scatting.

**Justin:** Okay, thank you.

**Travis:** All right, suck up.

**Griffin:** All right, so, we'll go quick.

**Justin:** Looo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo—

**Griffin:** Aah-aah-aah-aah-aah-aah—

**Travis:** Maaa-aaa-aaa-aaa-aaa-aaa—

**Justin:** Looo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo—

**Griffin:** Aah-aah-aah-aah-aah-aah—

**Travis:** Maaa-aaa-aaa-aaa-aaa-aaa—

**Justin:** Looo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo—

**Griffin:** Aah-aah-aah-aah-aah-aah—

**Travis:** Ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh, a-mene, a-mene—[scat sings]

**Griffin:** You couldn't resist.

**Justin:** My name is Justin McElroy!

**Griffin:** You couldn't fuckin' resist it.

**Travis:** I'm Travis McElroy!

**Griffin:** I'm Griffin McElroy.

**Travis:** It's just that it took over.

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

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

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