

MBMBaM 675: A Great Lay But a Real Wet Hug

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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: Me? I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy. Thank you for asking.

Griffin: I'm your sweet baby brother Griffin McElroy. Don't ask, keep my name out of your mouth.

Travis: I love asparagus!

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Yeah, me too.

Travis: That's it. Just... let's stop there, huh?

Justin: I was looking at, right before we got on, I was looking at some menu options for our long flight to Seattle. And Delta was like, "We got one that has asparagus." And Travis said something, that I have thought about asparagus so many times.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And it's that—

Griffin: Is it about piss?

Travis: It is about piss, Griffin! Thank you for asking!

Justin: [chuckles] It is about piss.

Griffin: Great.

Justin: After you eat asparagus. And this is not like an amount, or whatever.

Griffin: Yeah, for sure.

Travis: Nope, any amount. One bite!

Justin: It just automatically makes you pee with a weird, different smell.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: And it is a great reminder, a positive encouragement that like you made a healthy choice earlier.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: There was other, I would say, without getting too blue, there are other times where maybe a food is a certain color or doesn't digest all the way, where you do get different reminders. None as fun as asparagus.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: Asparagus is fun and quick. It's kind of like the taste of wasabi because it's like, "Ugh! I don't like it!" But then it ends quickly.

Griffin: It's so slippery and slimy. It goes down your gullet faster than is imaginable.

Justin: No, I mean the smell, Griffin. Not the experience. [chuckles]

Travis: No, no, no! I will say, to Griffin's point, sometimes, the turnaround time from asparagus consumption to asparagus contamination is so quick, it feels like they're giving me like a radioactive tracer to swallow, so they can track how everything works. And it's like, oh, shit, the pipeline from gauntlet to toilet is—

Griffin: So short.

Travis: That's amazing, sir.

Griffin: Let's just, let's define health. If you guys don't mind, real quick, let's define health in the context of a healthy choice.

Justin: Nutrients, fiber.

Griffin: Yes, all that stuff happens inside the body, and that's super important.

Travis: Well, Griffin, yeah, there are times where the server person is like, "What sides do you want?" And what I want to say is like, I would like—

Griffin: French fries and mashed potatoes.

Travis: French fries and mashed potatoes! Yes, thank you, Griffin, that's exactly what I was gonna say! [chuckles]

Griffin: Oh, it's the only choice. Maybe mac and cheese, if it's good. If they have it on credit somewhere that this place has good mac and cheese. The Ponderosa, excellent mac and cheese. I need a recommendation beforehand.

Travis: Hey, everybody, restaurants stop like brûléeing your mac and cheese. Nine times out of 10, you're gonna overdo it, and I'm eating burned breadcrumbs. Please.

Griffin: Burnt cheese, gross. Anyway, can I please—let me finish my point.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Health on the inside is very good, but we also have to think about health on the outside. And if your, you know, vitamin level goes up in some like microscopic way because you made a healthy asparagus choice, but then the smell that you create later is so foul and so rancid and everyone on—

Justin: It doesn't bother—

Griffin: Shush, shush, please. Can I please finish my point? Can I please—I never do this to you guys. Everyone on the airplane is going to know.

Justin: [chortles]

Griffin: Do you think you're gonna get a—do you think someone's going to pass up a note and a little sandwich bag of candy to you that says like, "Hey, I heard the—I smelled the news. Great job. Great vegetable choice."

Justin: [chuckles] No, I think in that specific scenario that you're describing, everybody who's getting asparagus together is pounding it out. Like, hey, circle of trust—

Griffin: Oh, I see. I see.

Justin: [chuckles] "Circle of trust. We're gonna be chill about this."

Travis: Now, I would argue, Griffin, that the plane is a safer place to piss it out, because of the private—I'm basically peeing straight into a hole that drops out the bottom of the plane.

Griffin: Yeah, that's a good point. There is a vacuum sort of experience that happens. I don't think anything gets out of those toilets.

Travis: And it's not a shared bathroom experience, like it would be at a restaurant. In a plane, it's just me and the toilet.

Griffin: That's very sweet, Travis. And the people sitting in the, I would say, eight to nine adjacent rows.

Justin: [chuckles] My thing is, I love the reminder that I made a healthy choice. And the pee smell is my body congratulating me.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: What I'm saying is—

Griffin: "You like this, right, Justin?"

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "You like this smell? Good job, buddy!"

Justin: I do!

Travis: "Proud of you!"

Justin: I wish other foods had like a healthy reminder later. Where it's like, okay, I'll give you—okay... I'll grant you maybe broccoli farts, yes. But like onions—

Travis: Yeah, I'll grant you a broccoli fart.

Justin: Onions? [chortles] Onions have a defense mechanism. You know what I mean? Like, onions have—

Travis: True. Leave them alone. [chuckles]

Justin: I have to keep swim goggles in my kitchen because onions have a defense to keep you from eating them. Nature doesn't want you to eat—

Travis: You love onions that much? Man, I just stopped doing it. [chuckles] I was like, "You don't want to be here, I don't want to be here, onion. You're done. We're out."

Griffin: Travis, I'm surprised. I know you guys cook a decent amount. And it's my experience that any time I go on Allrecipes and I'm like, "I want to learn how to make a banana tart." It's like, "Okay, you're gonna need half a white onion." [chuckles]

Travis: That's right.

Griffin: Anything has half a white onion in it.

Travis: Yeah, that's why I just let someone else in my family take care of it. Teresa, Bebe, Dot, anybody else.

Griffin: Right, sure.

Travis: Not me. I'm too sensitive. You know what I mean? I'm over here crying my eyes out, watching Encanto. I can't slice up an onion?

Griffin: You're out of tears.

Justin: Griffin, I used to stodge at Olive Garden when I was the Chef de Cuisine there.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: And one thing I can tell you is that you got to have a mirepoix going. You gotta have a mirepoix.

Griffin: Mirepoix, yeah.

Justin: No matter what the, you gotta. The Holy Trinity, carrots, celery—

Griffin: Asparagus. [chuckles]

Justin: And onions. You got to have a mirepoix going. Carrots? Now, carrots are interesting. Carrots—

Griffin: They're not—I can pretty much guarantee that what you're about to say is not going to interest me. But you can say what—say it, but know that you've just written a check that you cannot possibly cash. Watch my stone solemn face as you tell me this fascinating carrot fact.

Justin: If you didn't eat enough of them, you go orange. So, that's kind of what I'm talking about. [chuckles]

Travis: Counterpoint, Bugs Bunny is gray.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Most bunnies are. Very few orange bunnies, Justin, think about it.

Travis: So, I don't know what to tell you, Justin.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: There are actually rabbits that live in our yard, which is great. We see them literally every day. It's the best possible setup for us because it's like having a pet that you can appreciate aesthetically and never have to interact with at all. But our sons demand that we throw carrots out there sometimes. These rabbits don't want these. Don't like them. I think it's a scam that—the whole like carrot/rabbit thing, I don't think that relationship exists at all.

Travis: Big baby carrot.

Griffin: But we have these big windows in our living room that look out into the yard and we can watch these bunnies just not do anything with these carrots. Which makes my two year old, Gus, the angriest I've ever seen him in my life.

Travis: [chortles]

Griffin: I have so many videos of this small child just yelling, "Eat it! Eat the carrot! Eat it!" Never happens.

Travis: Does that help?

Griffin: Does it help? No. It doesn't.

Travis: Okay, I didn't think so.

Griffin: The rabbits don't—are not interested. But that's fine.

Travis: I didn't think so at all.

Griffin: I think if I put a burger out there or some nachos, maybe they would go for it. I think, rabbits, we've got them all wrong.

Travis: They enjoy the lettuce, I believe.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Now, here's the thing; what if we're only midway through the human body/asparagus evolution. And eventually, what's going to happen, you piss a sweet smell. You eat, I'm not gonna say one cookie, because cookies are sometimes food, it's okay. But you eat a whole sleeve of Oreos? And your piss smells like raw sewage. That's what's supposed to happen.

Griffin: Okay, that's interesting. Let me get that bio hack going.

Travis: Your body needs to let you know. Yeah, that is what I'm saying.

Griffin: I need a water treatment plant, inside me. And I'm going to program—that'd be cool, actually. If I could just—sorry, guys. Why stop there, Travis? Let me customize the smell of everything that comes out of my body.

Travis: Yes, please!

Justin: Yes, your liquids.

Griffin: Let me program all my liquids, please. Let me change my whole profile. That would be amazing. Thank you so much.

Justin: I just wish other foods had that—had tricks.

Travis: Oh, yeah. Why is asparagus the only food that's good for us? Good question, Justin.

Justin: Do you know how you can bite a red and green Life Saver in the dark and it makes a spark?

Travis: Yeah, we all know that.

Justin: Why is it more food like that?

Griffin: Where it has a fun trick? You need to explain what a Life Saver is, because it sounded a lot like you said if you turn on a green light saber in the dark, you can see it. Yeah, bud, it's a lightsaber.

Justin: Wint O Green.

Griffin: Wint O Green.

Justin: Life Savers.

Travis: Wint O Green.

Griffin: Certs.

Travis: The natural flavor, Wint O Green.

Justin: Wint O Green. [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Wint O Green. All natural flavorings and colorings.

Griffin: Harvested from the Wint O Green. The Wint O Green Plant.

Justin: Our Wint O Green crop is coming out real nice. We've got it in a planter.

Travis: We have farm to table Wint O Green. [chuckles]

Justin: Hey, guys? We're Jerusalem artichokes here. And apparently, if you—they're really easy to grow. Great tuber. Grow like wild. One thing, eat 'em raw, you're gonna fart.

Travis: Oh?

Justin: And since they're in the artichoke family, many people have taken to calling them fartichokes. [chuckles]

Travis: Nice.

Griffin: That got me, actually. Did you see? I was really trying to—I've been trying to sort of slow hand all of your vegetable facts, because I find them so toxic to the energy of the show.

Justin: [chortles] It is. It is. I'm harming the community.

Griffin: But that one got me good. That one was a good joke.

Travis: What's it like, Justin?

Justin: Well, my kids have begun begging us to harvest them, so they can just have an absolute—

Griffin: So they can riff on it, awesome. Cool vibe you have going at that house, J-man.

Travis: Justin, what's it like to know that this show has gone on long enough that it has become a closed circle for farm wisdom. From funny that we're doing it, to now, I have my own garden where I'm growing—and here's an interesting farm fact. Not as the bit, mind you, but because we're old enough now that we don't know what's cool anymore. But these artichokes make you fart.

Griffin: These artichokes are funny.

Travis: Do you guys like this? This this comedy anymore?

Justin: To be fair, it is Sydnee's garden. She won't even let me water it. Guys, I don't know what I'm doing out there.

Travis: That's a weird euphemism, Justin. And I don't like it at all.

Justin: This is an advice show and we're gonna—Travis actually ruined it. [chuckles] But we're gonna try to rebuild.

Travis: Sometimes, it's time to move on. I just want to show that we still have an edge. I'm kind of the bad boy of his podcast.

Griffin: I mean, yeah, I guess, of the three of us. But that's not a very high bar to like hop over.

Travis: I'm the bad boy and I curse the least. What's that tell you?

Justin: "I recently began a relationship with my partner."

Travis: Nice. Good start.

Griffin: This is a good time to do it!

Justin: Good time to do it. At the beginning of relationship is the best time to start one.

Travis: Yeah, don't start in the middle. It's weird. That's something like Lake House shit. How'd you do that?

Justin: "The first load of laundry we did together, she pointed out I should put my clothes inside out because the machine will clean the part that touches my skin thoroughly."

Travis: Yeah, keep an open mind. Keep reading. Keep an open mind, boys.

Griffin: No.

Justin: No, I'm thinking about it. I mean, like—

Griffin: Oh, I'm sorry. No, no, no, I'm closing my mind completely.
[chuckles]

Justin: "How do I convince her that the machine washes both sides of the clothing evenly despite her protests? Please help. I don't want to spend extra time flipping clothes inside out while folding them." That is from Laundry Mania in Minnesota.

Travis: Now, when I saw this question and I was building my question list, obviously, obviously, I think we can all agree the washing machine thoroughly cleans your clothes inside and out. It's soaking in water. It's being agitated around inside and out.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: I don't know—I'm not a laundry scientist.

Griffin: No.

Travis: I cannot with 100% surety tell you that this doesn't make a difference. When you think—hm! Something about it!

Griffin: Oh, I can—oh, I'm so sorry. I can do that. Do you want me to do that for you? If you can't do that, you're struggling to do that, I can totally do that for you.

Travis: You're telling me, I throw a pair of jeans in, thick! Thick denim. A powerful weave.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: And they're right side out. As they're in there together, right? Maybe they're not fluffing out.

Griffin: You know when you boil penne pasta and you're like, "The inside of this penne pasta doesn't get cooked. What the fuck, man?"

Travis: That's different. It's tubular, right? It's tubular.

Griffin: Like jeans legs is, yeah.

Travis: But rigid. Jeans legs ain't rigid.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Hi, my name is Thick Denim, and I'm here on behalf of the AARP. You know, you're experiencing a lot of changes in life—

Travis: You're still tubular, but you ain't as rigid as you used to be.
[chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] No, this is—

Justin: I—

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: Yeah, I don't—I think we fall for a lot of laundry scams. As a society, we fall for a lot of tricks. Number one, number one scam that they'll try to get you on—

Travis: Fabric softener.

Justin: Separating.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: Separating laundry. Eh, just throw them all in there. No problem.

Travis: Wash it cold. Be bold! Wash it cold.

Justin: Wash it cold—be bold, wash it cold, don't think about it again. Just wash it. You don't need to worry about separating your laundry. I wish we could have said that 13 years ago when we started, if our show had been

about how you don't have to separate your laundry. Really? Next thing, fabric softener. You know it softens it? It deletes some of your clothes.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: That's how it softens it, is it deletes some of your clothes. Don't use that either. Just chuck it in.

Travis: While we're at it, dryer sheets, get the fuck out. Get yourself some like—

Griffin: No, dryer sheets are so good.

Justin: Dryer sheets are good, yeah.

Griffin: Dryer sheets are so good.

Travis: No, get yourself some wool balls. Wool balls.

Griffin: Don't get any wools balls.

Travis: Dryer sheets are basically like putting wax on your clothes. And it's just waste of stuff. You don't need it. Get some wool.

Griffin: Yeah, you do need it. It smells good and it makes the clothes feel so good on your body.

Travis: You don't need that at all. Now, what you can get is the laundry sanitizer that you can add instead of fabric softener, to help sanitize your clothes.

Griffin: Sure, or you could just buy a whole new clothes! Trav, I guess as long as you're coming up with alternative ideas for things that aren't broken and work super good, you could just throw all your clothes away every time and buy new clothes.

Travis: Now, here's what I recently learned, and I'm heartbroken to learn this. Sometimes, your socks will get stuck under the drum of your washing machine. Like, they'll slip through the thing. And you take your washing machine apart, bunch of socks in there. I wish I'd known that before I got a new washing machine like a year ago. And some of those socks are never coming back. Never coming back.

Griffin: They're all gone.

Justin: People ask us why we don't do as many relationship questions anymore, no questions about working in an office.

Griffin: I don't care about that stuff.

Justin: I don't care about that anymore.

Travis: I don't know anymore.

Griffin: I don't care about that stuff. I care about like eight things now. And apparently, laundry is one of them. From an antagonistic standpoint, I hate doing laundry. It's my least favorite thing in the world.

Justin: It's a very private act and we don't really discuss it, do we?

Griffin: This truth is—

Travis: Just like voting.

Justin: It seems like a lot of these conversations a long overdue.

Griffin: I hate this—again, I hate to keep drumming on this, but some of the smells my body makes needs... deserves criticism and change. My clothes are a sponge for all of that. When you have the clothes that I've worn, that's just pure, uncut Griffin right there. And I have so much—

Travis: I love that movie, by the way. I thought Adam Sandler was amazing.

Griffin: Uncut Griffin? Yeah, sure.

Justin: Yeah, so stressful.

Griffin: Uh-huh, very, very.

Travis: Oh, god, yeah.

Justin: So stressful.

Travis: Did he get the Oscar for that? He deserved it.

Justin: When he shoved the diamond in his mouth, I thought, okay, a little bit—a little bit much.

Griffin: Yeah, uh-huh, very funny.

Travis: But then he chewed it up and I was like, whoa.

Griffin: Whoa, yeah.

Travis: That's a powerful man. Virile.

Griffin: You can also—when you clean out the lint trap of the dryer, hang on to that because that is the world's best kindling for a fire that you may do later.

Travis: Which seems ironic that it would accumulate in a thing that makes stuff very hot.

Griffin: Very hot, yeah, for sure.

Travis: Like, hey, sciences? Maybe we need to revisit that. Maybe we just accepted that was a thing. We've just got to put—we're gonna put the world's best kindling in a box that generates and only generates heat.

Griffin: Yeah. And let's—yeah, it would be cool if they have some sort of, I don't know, trap in there to capture all of that kindling.

Travis: I'm just saying, we settled for—

Justin: Yeah, you just get it out, Trav.

Travis: Maybe let's stop making clothes that fall apart while we dry them.

Griffin: Now, that's—now we're talking my language. Make that shit out of— all clothes should be raincoat material, like the future videos.

Travis: Thank you.

Griffin: You know how future videos—

Travis: Make it out of the stuff they make black boxes out of on airplanes.

Griffin: That could be something, too. But future videos, future movies, Blade Runner 2022, they all are wearing like nylon raincoat umbrella clothes.

Travis: PVC.

Griffin: PVC.

Travis: PCP.

Griffin: Like really, really shiny—

Justin: No washing. No washing.

Travis: PVP.

Griffin: Well, probably washing, but again, just probably hose them down. Or a 3D printer prints out the new ones for you every day and you melt the other one down for scrap.

Travis: Make me some clothes out of Teflon!

Justin: You got to have these conversations with denim heads.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Because you—when you start getting into the world of raw denim, as so many of us have explored in our lives, there's a lot of conspiracy. A lot of superstition attached to basically never washing your jeans. And a lot of people kind of got together and agreed that this one thing, the jeans, you don't have to wash those. Doesn't matter how much ketchup, how much mustard.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: You don't wash the jeans.

Travis: Now, Justin, you're a denim head—

Justin: If you watched the My Brother, My Brother and Me TV show, you could see someone who just asked Jesse Thorn for the first time what to wear.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And he started trying to wear jeans, but you got to break them in. So basically, in every episode of that show, you're seeing the energy of a man who's wearing wet, tight jeans. They're always a little bit damp. Always dirty. Can't wash them.

Griffin: Very ketchup-y.

Justin: And too tight, trying to break them in.

Griffin: We ate so many hot dogs making that show.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: So...

Justin: I'm gonna—we only did one question last week. I want to do more questions this week.

Travis: We gotta make it up.

Justin: We're gonna help more. I feel like we're—like, I know it's not been like ha-ha funny... but I do feel like we're on—

Griffin: It's been ha-ha. It's been u-u-useful, I would say.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, it's been u-u-useful, thank you. "I'm the general manager for a storage facility, and I had a woman call and ask if she could rent a storage unit so her dad can practice is tuba outside their house. The family thinks his playing is very annoying."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "I don't want to crush this man. I've never met—"

Travis: You were so quick to agree with that, Griffin. I'm just saying, man.

Justin: [chuckles] I mean, let's be honest, the tuba is a seasoning. It's not the main course.

Griffin: The tuba is a sometimes food, is a sometimes horn.

Justin: The tuba is a...

Travis: There are some instruments that are pleasant to listen to someone learn and grow. Tuba ain't one of 'em.

Griffin: No, because you're never like—no one's ever laying down a tuba riff that you're like, "Oh, funky stuff, Charles!" It's always just like [mouths tuba sounds]. That's the only tuba song there is.

Justin: "I had a woman call and asked if she could rent a storage unit so her dad could practice tuba outside their house. Brothers, how can I get this

man storage unit practice space without it bothering our other storage customers?" That's from Larter Cacophony in Longmont, Colorado.

Travis: Yeah, they're trying to practice their zither.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah, right? Does this—are you secretly running like a music school out of your storage? Are there other people living in there? I don't know what the law is, vis-à-vis that. But if I'm just going to check on my comic book collection, and I have to hear a minute and a half of [mouths tuba sounds], I don't think—

Justin: Okay, but is it so—

Travis: How much better would Storage Wars be as they're going through these shitty boxes of just like, "Ah, these are just bags of garbage." And you just hear [mouths tuba sounds].

Griffin: You just hear [mouths tuba sounds] And it's like, "Dude, don't—stop doing that to me."

Travis: "Cut it out!"

Justin: Don't editorialize, that's copyrighted. You just had us ditch this cut, this whole thing. We gotta start over. Everybody, pretend you forgot what's in the box. Hey, I think that if I was—if I showed up to my storage space that I don't have, but I do in this fiction. And I saw someone playing tuba there, I don't think annoyed would even get onto the—into the emotional Venn diagram.

Griffin: Oh, interesting.

Justin: I think I would be more like, huh? Huh? What's this? What's this tale? What's this story? I'm not annoyed. Oh, my spot? Sometimes, there's a tuba man there.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah, right? That's—this—listen, I am a salesman through and through. My heart, my core, salesmen. It's not about what you're selling, it's how you're selling it. You need to convince your other patrons that this tuba is not a bug, it's a feature. Oh, that tuba? That's gonna keep the pests away. You don't need to worry about something coming and gnawing on your—once a week, I got—my tuba man comes out. He plays the tuba, that's keeping all kinds of pests away. You don't even know.

Griffin: And by pests you mean burglars?

Travis: Both?

Griffin: Because I don't think I don't think anyone's going to try to burglarize a storage facility if they hear a tuba, because that could be coming from any one of these boxes.

Travis: Yes!

Justin: [chuckles] I think that you're maybe putting the horse before the cart a little bit. I think that—

Travis: The horse—Justin, the horse should be before the cart. Just for reference.

Griffin: We do prefer it that way.

Travis: That is the preferred—unless the horse is pushing it behind—if the horse is behind the cart, pushing it, I could see that working if you're going up a hill or something.

Justin: That's just if it gets stuck in a hole, he's gotta give it a nudge. Listen! [chuckles]

Travis: Okay, yeah, I got it.

Justin: I think it's not realistic to think that this family is gonna go to this man and say, "Hey, dad, we have decided as a family that we would like you to play tuba in a dark box built for trash."

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: And the dad will be like, "Yes. Yes. Very fair"

Travis: "Yeah, I saw this coming."

Justin: "Tough but fair. I'll go to the box full of trash. I'll go to the trash box to play my tuba."

Griffin: A lot of dads are gonna see that as a choice that they then have to make between their family, who clearly hates this new thing that they're up to, or their livelihood. And I will say, "Watch that movie, Whiplash, man. It's got some good lessons in it when it comes to learning an instrument and being good at it."

Travis: Griffin?

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: As you have posited, if this dad has decided that this is not a hobby, friend. This is—I will now be living my life, making a living as a tuba man. At that point, I think the dad could be like, "This tuba puts a roof over your heads. You can go to the storage facility while I practice. This is tuba's house, the tuba built. Like, in this house, we tuba. So, either you guys start tubaing, or you can go over the storage facility while I tuba."

Justin: Do you think he has to leave—would he—okay. Would he leave the tuba in the storage unit—

Travis: Is it climate controlled?

Justin: Or does he have to haul the tuba back and forth? [chuckles]

Griffin: That's a great question, Trav.

Travis: If it's climate controlled, indoor, I think that's fine, Justin. But you don't want a hot—now, maybe he has a practice tuba that he keeps there,

and a show tuba that he keeps at home. But you don't want the swelling, the shrinking, the swelling—

Griffin: The flanges.

Travis: Of heat and cold. You get a lot of spit buildup in there, it starts to mildew.

Griffin: Boils. You put your mouth on the mouthpiece when you roll up and it burns a circle around your mouth because it's so hot inside?

Travis: Oh, god no. You don't want any of that. You don't want to blow the tuba, a raccoon comes flying out.

Griffin: No, thanks.

Travis: There are all kinds of things that could go wrong, Justin.

Griffin: Yeah! A little guy. A little guy's in there.

Travis: Yeah. And it grants you wishes, but they turn out to be very like snarky, tricky wishes. And you're like, "Oh, no, everyone's a tuba. I just wish that my family love tuba and now my wife is leaving me for a tuba. My kids are calling the tuba daddy." This kind of thing.

Griffin: And there's sand. There's sand everywhere. And it's like, "Did beach surfers come and use my tuba at the beach again and then put it back in here? Fuck!"

Travis: And that's a risk you take in a storage facility. [chuckles]

Griffin: Right.

Travis: The sneaky wishes in the sand.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: "I've recently been named the president of my school's theater club."

Travis: Hell yeah.

Justin: "Our first event is the orientation expo, where hordes of incoming freshmen will see our booth, look at it for approximately two seconds and swiftly pass it by for a cooler club. Fair. What do we do to draw attention to our booth? How do we get these kids to be invested in our theater club?" That's from Boring Booth in Tennessee.

Travis: Okay, okay. I'm 25 to 21 years outside of high school. Right? 14 to 18—

Griffin: You should really figure that out.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: That's what I'm saying, right? I'm—

Justin: No, but you're an exact number of years—

Griffin: No, you're an exact number—an exact number of days have passed since you left high school. You should be able to—

Travis: No, what I mean—I mean outside of the window.

Justin: You walk across the stage, time passes.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: I mean outside of the window of high school, 14 to 18.

Justin: No! [chuckles] No, Travis.

Griffin: Just from 18.

Justin: Just from 18—

Travis: Okay, great, I'm 21 years outside of high school.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Thank you.

Travis: But what I remember, when I joined clubs, which I did, because I liked being in pictures in the yearbook.

Griffin: Love it.

Travis: The thing I wanted least was to have to actually be involved in them in any way. I liked signing the thing, I might even pay like \$30 dues or whatever, right? With no expectations of me ever participating. That was what I wanted. I could put it on a college application. I could appear in the yearbook and no one ever bothered me about actually being there. Ideal. And I think you can offer that.

Griffin: Was there an actionable... what's the action? The actionable?

Travis: When someone comes by, you say, "Sign this."

Justin: Yeah, what's the action? What do—that's good—what worked out good for you, Trav? What does this person do?

Travis: Cool. You say, "Sign this. We'll put you on the lineup. See you in nine months on picture day. By, bro!" And you high five, and you're out.

Griffin: But what if they want to do theater? Is the only question I guess I have follow up to that, is if they want to do the thing that the club is for.

Travis: Well, then they're allowed to be. [chuckles] The club does exist, I guess. I think that club does probably... do shit?

Griffin: Does probably exist and do theater.

Justin: Okay, you could go to other tables. Don't have a table. Theaters everywhere.

Travis: Ooh, I love this.

Griffin: That's cool.

Justin: There could be other tables, and stand next 'em and be like, "Oh, golf. Yes, I remember my days treading the links. I was a bit of a golfer myself." And then like a whole scene plays out.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: And you're like—you've got the golf cane and you're like—got a golf hat and it's like—and it gets to the end of it and be like, "But the most amazing thing about golf is, this has all been an act!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Hell yeah.

Justin: "Welcome to theater club. You're already in it."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "I stole your wallet and I already took the dues out and signed you up." Everywhere you go—here's the thing; none of those clubs can offer—you can offer everything those clubs can because theater can take you anywhere. Right? You can be—

Justin: Theater can take you anywhere!

Travis: You can do a scene where you're a golf man. Do those classic scenes from *The Greatest Game Ever Played*, starring a young Shia LaBeouf. Right? And then it's like, now you don't even have to play golf. You can pretend to play golf.

Griffin: "We're gonna watch *Bagger Vance* after school and have a great time doing it, and learn a lot."

Travis: "So, we'll see you there? Where are you going?"

Griffin: "We'll see you right there." You need to find the kids. You can't—they're not going to come to you, because—

Travis: You don't have to look hard, by the way. If you're looking for kids who will be interested in theater, you can probably identify 'em by sight.

Justin: Well, that's—you're really kicking the legs out from underneath this—

Griffin: Okay, fun. No, fun bit. I like that, yeah. That's a fun bit.

Justin: It won't be hard. It won't be hard.

Griffin: Travis, go do a—do your thing again.

Travis: Oh, I'm just saying that theater kids are weird—

Griffin: That won't work.

Travis: Okay. [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Fun. I like it.

Travis: See, and this is the kind of improv skills you can learn in theater club. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah. No, no, it actually makes a lot of sense now because I actually went to a theater club that met and learned and grew and matured. And you have—

Travis: I started that theater club, four years ahead of you.

Griffin: You started that theater club and then you dipped!

Travis: Because I wanted to be in a picture in the yearbook.

Griffin: You dipped for nine months.

Justin: Four to eight years ahead of him.

Griffin: Right. [chuckles]

Travis: Mm-hmm! I can't remember.

Griffin: Right. Thank you, Travis. Charter member. Charter and ghost member of the theater club.

Travis: Founding.

Griffin: The vibe's all wrong.

Justin: The vibe's all wrong. [chuckles] But there's one thing that's always so right, and that is profiting from podcasting.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: So, let's head on over to the Money Zone.

[theme music plays]

Travis: Griffin?

Griffin: Yes?

Travis: Do you know what time it is?

Griffin: Stamps.com advertisement time.

Travis: Sure. Yeah. Okay. Yeah! Sure.

Griffin: You asked me a question and I answered it as good as I possibly could.

Travis: No, it was like a rhetorical...

Griffin: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Try again.

Travis: Do you know what time it is.

Griffin: It is 10:49AM.

Travis: Exactly! The holidays are around the corner.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: That's right, Griffin.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, I guess so.

Travis: So, you need to start—according—listen, stamps.com, love you very much. You've been a big supporter of the show. It is, as we read this, August 24th. This will go out August 28th.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And their pitch is about the seasonal rush and getting started early. And listen, stamps—

Griffin: This is fuckin'—yeah! This is early.

Travis: Yeah, this is early! Yeah! Getting started for that seasonal rush, early, now. Because the holiday rush means more mailing and shipping for your business. But stamps.com, it doesn't have to mean more stress.

Because with stamps.com, all you need is a computer, a printer and some way forward thinking. Because they send you a free scale. So, you have everything you need to get started. Or use the stamps.com mobile app.

Guys, I'm telling you this right now, Justin and Griffin, if I don't get my Christmas presents from you guys in the next two weeks, I'm gonna be pretty PO-ed. Because you guys are taking your sweet time.

Griffin: Yeah. Justin just left. Justin said nope.

Travis: Justin just left.

Griffin: Justin just got up, maybe he ran—

Travis: He went to go ship my present.

Griffin: [chuckles] TO ship you presents. That must be what he did.

Travis: I love that.

Griffin: How can I get ahead of the holiday rush, Travis? What do I need to do?

Travis: Well, you can get ahead of the holiday rush, Griffin, and you can get discounts of up to 84% off of USPS and UPS rates. Get your business ready for the holiday rush by going to stamps.com today. Sign up with promo code MyBrother, all one word, for a special offer that includes a four week trial, plus free postage and a free digital scale. No long-term commitments or contracts. Just go to stamps.com, click the microphone at the top of the page and enter code MyBrother. Griffin, I want you to know—

Griffin: Yeah?

Travis: This is 100% true. Ever since I have been listening to you and Rachel, since the Rose Buddy days. And way, way back then, there was an ad for stamps.com, where Rachel pronounced 'digital' hitting... yeah, ditigital, something. And now, every time we do a stamps—

Griffin: Digichill.

Travis: Every—a digital scale. Every time we do a stamps.com, I think about Rachel, I think about Rose Buddies. And I just wanted you to know that.

Griffin: Just don't razz my wife, please.

Travis: No, I'm not. That and also—

Griffin: You're really razzing right now.

Travis: The teetotaller bit is maybe my favorite thing—

Griffin: That's really, really very good. Okay, enough razzing my wife. Stitch Fix is here. And it has been here, and it's always been here. And you know—

Travis: Stitch Fix, the eternal company. [chuckles]

Griffin: The eternal company that's always been here since the dawn of time. And listen, we all have been transformed by Stitch Fix, over the time that we have been using them. I would say our fashion game, in general, has been boosted. You would not know that from Travis' power line, from Goofy Movie T-shirt or—

Travis: Squeeze me?

Griffin: Or mine that has geese on it, that Travis actually got for me. Thank you very much, Travis. But Stitch Fix will help you get set up with good duds that look great. Try new stuff or just get more of the stuff that you know you already like. You just fill out a little profile and what you like and, you know, what your budget is, what your sizes are. And they will find you a perfect fit and send you clothes handpicked just for you. And it's not going to break the bank because it's going to be within your budget.

Travis: Hey, Stitch Fix, I have an idea for a new feature.

Griffin: Okay?

Travis: If I have a friend or maybe a brother who uses Stitch Fix, I should

be able to tell my stylists like, give me better stuff than that. I'm wanna look better than them.

Griffin: Oh, a competition. I love that!

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: That's cool. The three of us should probably get together and make sure our stylists don't get us the same shit, because I can't tell you the number of times we've been on tour and just been like, "Well, one of us has to change. This is a great shirt, but—"

Travis: Oh, I thought you were in—I've been doing that on purpose.

Griffin: Oh, okay. Oh, fun. Anyway, they have over 1000 brands and styles, and do the work of choosing the best options for you. You're gonna love it, I guarantee it. If not, the shipping returns and exchanges are always free. So, thanks, Stitch Fix. They just get me. And they'll get you, too.

Travis: They'll get you.

Griffin: They'll get you. Try today at stitchfix.com/brother and you'll get 25% off when you keep everything in your fix. That's stitchfix.com/brother. [Stitchfix.com/brother](https://stitchfix.com/brother).

[The Greatest Generation theme music plays]

Benjamin: The Greatest Generation, Maximum Fun's irreverent potty mouth Star Trek podcast is a big deal.

Adam: How big? It's the only Star Trek podcast big enough to have our very own live show tour. And we're inviting all Star Trek fan Max Funsters everywhere.

Benjamin: We're calling it the Share Your Embarrassment Tour. And this year, we're going to celebrate and roast Star Trek V: The Final Frontier.

Adam: We're gonna go to a bunch of cities, and greatestgentour.com has all the info.

Benjamin: That's greatestgentour.com for dates and ticketing info for the Share Your Embarrassment Tour.

Adam: Share your embarrassment, and grow stronger from the sharing.

[The Greatest Generation theme music concludes]

[Shmanners theme music plays]

Travis: Hi, I'm Travis McElroy.

Teresa: And I'm Teresa McElroy.

Travis: And we're the hosts of Shmanners.

Teresa: If you're looking for a good place to jump into our show, we really recommend either the playgrounds episode or the job interviews episode.

Travis: Or if you want to go way back, you can check out the episode where we compare the differences between afternoon tea and high tea. So, check out those episodes and new episodes every Friday on Maximum Fun, or wherever you get your podcasts.

[Shmanners theme music concludes]

Justin: [mouths Munch Squad riff]

Griffin: Huh!

Travis: Huh?

Justin: [continues riffing]

Griffin: Hoo-gah!

Travis: Yeah.

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

Travis: Squad!

Griffin: Squad!

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

Griffin: Squad.

Travis: [in silly voice] Squad!

Justin: [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad. Its podcast within a podcast, profiling—[gag sounds]

Travis: Oh, no.

Justin: [gag sounds] No, I—please!

Travis: [gasps]

Justin: [gag sounds]

Griffin: Oh, shit.

Travis: God, it's getting worse.

Griffin: Oh, hey, it's—oh, all right. Count Donut's here!

Travis: Hey, Count Donut, is that a new cape?

Griffin: Is that a new cape, Count Donut?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Well, it's a loaner. My usual cape is being draculeaned.

Griffin: That's fucking funny, Count Donut.

Travis: Oh, I get it!

Griffin: I didn't know you could do—I didn't know jokes was like a thing you did?

Justin [as Count Donut]: I'm exhausted.

Griffin: Yeah, I can tell.

Justin [as Count Donut]: I traded away 10 years of my immortality to make this joke to you.

Griffin: It was worth it, man.

Travis: Wait, why did you have to trade your immortality to make a joke?

Justin [as Count Donut]: The one thing you are forbidden from as an immortal is puns!

Griffin: Mm-hm.

Travis: Oh, yeah, Do you get punished?

Justin [as Count Donut]: I was so proud of it when I walked downstairs.

Griffin: [chuckles] Mm-hm. Wow, you made the decision to trade your immortal life that quickly. That's actually pretty impressive.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Well, it wasn't that hard, Griffin. Draculean? Thank you.

Travis: It's pretty good.

Griffin: It's really good, man.

Travis: Now, when you said it a second time, was that another 10 years?

Justin [as Count Donut]: No, this is a reference.

Griffin: Yeah. You can call back.

Travis: Ooh.

Justin [as Count Donut]: I'm so happy to say that pumpkin season has finally begun.

Griffin: You're so quiet right now. I don't know if this is a microphone thing or a Count Donut thing.

Justin [as Count Donut]: I will be louder for you, Griff. Should I pop up my microphone with the potentiometer?

Travis: No, but maybe you're speaking—it feels like all of your voice is tucked in the back of your throat?

Griffin: Yeah, if you wanna do ASMR, get the 3DO mic out. Me and Travis can tell you where it is in Justin's office.

Justin [as Count Donut]: I'm salivating at the prospect of these delicious Donuts.

Travis: But it also sounds like you're swallowing your tongue? [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah, it sounds like you're having a hard time. [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: I didn't come here to be criticized. I came to tell you about Krispy Kreme releasing pup'kin spice doggy Donuts.

Travis: Was that pup'kin?

Griffin: Pup'kins—

Justin [as Count Donut]: It's what it is, is pup'kin spice doggy Donuts.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Doggy Donuts!

Griffin: Travis, can you let him just—hey, hey, sorry, I almost called you Justin. That's fucking crazy. I don't know where that came from. Count Donut, can you give us like three more of those clean please?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Kripsy Kreme Popkin Spice Doggy Donots.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: Now, that time you said 'Duggy Donuts.'

Justin [as Count Donut]: Pup'kin Spice.

Travis: Uh-huh?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Dough-gy Donut.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: [chuckles] One more?

Justin [as Count Donut]: These doggy Donuts will be packaged in a special six-count box, for purchase in-shop. National Dog Day is... last Saturday.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin [as Count Donut]: Pumpkin spice fans were able to double the deliciousness and chill the season with their furry friends by treating them to Krispy Kreme's new pup'kin—[chuckles] pup'kin spice doggy Donuts. Perhaps we have all experienced the crushing guilt of enjoying a pumpkin spice product while our furry friends look on and wish they could taste the cinnamon—

Griffin: Do you have a dog, Count Donut?

Justin [as Count Donut]: I have hounds.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: The children of the night.

Justin [as Count Donut]: They're like big, mean dogs.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Justin [as Count Donut]: That no one stands up for. Inspired by Krispy Kreme's—

Travis: Sorry, wait, hold on. Was that you taking an animal rights stand just real quick?

Griffin: But a quiet—like a very half-hearted one, I would say.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Many animals are misconstrued as being more dangerous than they are.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: My hounds are not in that group.

Griffin: [laughs] You're saying people are prejudice against your hounds, and rightly so. Yes.

Travis: Yeah, okay. [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: [chortles] They are appropriately cautious around these terrible animals.

Griffin: [chuckles] Right. Yeah, cool.

Travis: Okay!

Justin [as Count Donut]: You'll never guess, but this is inspired by Krispy Kreme's popular pumpkin spice donut collection.

Travis: Sorry—

Griffin: For humans. They now must clarify that.

Travis: Yeah, human Donuts.

Griffin: They have to clarify now, from now on, these are the human pumpkin spice donuts.

Travis: I don't know how I would feel if I walked into a store and then they said, "Do you want some of these human Donuts?" I don't know that that would read to me as Donuts for humans, or donuts of humans.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: There are now two separate menus. For humans and dogs.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: What about werewolves?

Justin [as Count Donut]: So, the... How dare you?

Griffin: Yeah, I can't believe you just said that, Travis.

Travis: Sorry! Sorry.

Justin [as Count Donut]: This is this—this new doggy Donuts include the pup'kin spice original glazed. A pumpkin spice cake, a pup'kin spice maple peanut and pumpkin spice cheesecake swirl.

Travis: So... is this still for the dog?

Justin [as Count Donut]: For the variety that your dog craves.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin [as Count Donut]: So many different options for your very smart dog that loves pup'kin. They have created opportunity for delicious shared moments around one of fall's favorite flavors.

Travis: With a dog.

Griffin: With a doll.

Justin [as Count Donut]: "How was your weekend?"

"Oh, for me, it was excellent. I shared a special moment celebrating pumpkin with Rufus, my Chow."

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: [spoofing Dave Skena] "Dogs add so much to our lives. So, for National Dog Day, we've upped our game that give you the awesome treat they deserve."

Says Dave Skena. Global Chief Brand Officer for Krispy Kreme. As if I need to tell you.

Travis: Oh, we've heard from Dave, yeah.

Griffin: We've heard from Dave so many times.

Justin: [spoofing Dave Skena] "We know you love our pumpkin spice and now it's time for dogs to get in on the action. We're positive... grown—"

So, what they've—

Griffin: Wait, they said grown?

Travis: Or Dave said grown?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Dave has a written 'grown.'

Griffin: You said it, bub!

Travis: Dave, you can't do that!

Griffin: You can't Statler and Waldorf your own ass.

Justin [as Count Donut]: We do it all the time, I will say. In the vampire world, we try to keep each other on the level—my fantasy—

Travis: It's possible that he was doing voice to text and he said 'positive-eh.'

Griffin: Eeh! Yeah.

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: [chuckles] Eeh! I like to think that was Dave editorializing on someone else's writing and they just left it in for the fuck of it. Because who would read this far down and not start driving to Krispy Kreme?! For their special friend.

Griffin: Is there a quote from a dog in the press release that's like, "Thanks. But do you have stinky, wet meat?"

Travis: Yeah, "Thanks, none of us were asking for this."

Griffin: "This is great stuff and we love that you're thinking about us. Next time, if you could just do stinky, wet meat, that would actually be so great of you."

Travis: "Hey, thanks for this bread. But if you can just dip your human paw into a jar of peanut butter and just kind of listlessly drop it down beside you, I'm good for like 40 minutes, dude."

Justin [as Count Donut]: The press release then goes on to add the following note; "Pup'kin spice doggy Donuts are safe and dog friendly."

Travis: Yeah!

Justin [as Count Donut]: And I just want you to try to imagine a world where the opposite is true.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: That would be quite the press release, advertising the ability to poison your dog secretly at Krispy Kreme.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin [as Count Donut]: That would be a hell of a thing. Fuck dogs! Anyway, Kripsy Kreme—

Travis: [chortles] "And before you take the baggage up, we are going to need you to sign this liability waver!" Dave Skena knows two things; dogs love donuts and Dave hates dogs. So enjoy!

Justin [as Count Donut]: It then says each treat is designed specifically for dogs of all ages and sizes. Made with a hard-baked and ingredients, just pumpkin peanut butter and carob, a substitute for chocolate. Because you know how dogs, this whole time, have been so obsessed with chocolate. Well, now, they can get it.

Travis: They'll die!

Justin [as Count Donut]: They'll do from this.

Travis: They'll die real bad. That and grapes. Bad, bad news. Now, let me ask you a question, Count Donut. Do you think—

Justin [as Count Donut]: Can I tell you one more thing, please?

Griffin: Please.

Travis: Oh, yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: "Pup'kin spice doggy Donuts are intended as a snack and are not formulated to be served as a complete and balanced meal."

Griffin: All right.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Much like Donuts—

Griffin: Donuts. You know, Donuts.

Travis: Have they ever specified that for human beings, though? Has Krispy Kreme ever come out and said, "Please buy our new Donuts. But we do need to let you know—"

Griffin: "In moderation, please."

Travis: "Human beings, this doesn't count as breakfast."

Justin [as Count Donut]: This is not breakfast!

Travis: Count Donut, do you think that there was a blue-sky pitch meeting where they are coming up with this and somebody said, "Oh, I know what we'll call 'em. We'll call 'em, of course, pup'kin spice. That's obvious. Pup'kin spice dog nuts." And someone had to like say no to that, right?

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: [chuckles] No, the spelling of 'Donuts' is confusing enough already.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Fans can keep their dogs' tails wagging with limited edition Krispy Kreme green or white bandanas, covered in a pattern of dogs.

Travis: Because my dog loves it when I tie shit around her. [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: Fans can keep their dogs' tails wagging. I'm going to restart my sentences when I'm interrupted by a mortal!

Travis: [chortles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: "Fans can keep their dogs' tails wagging with limited-edition Krispy Kreme green or white bandanas, covered in the pattern of dogs, bones and Donuts. A stylish accessory for the sweetest Donut-loving dogs! Krispy Kreme's dog bandanas come in one size that fits most dogs and are available while supplies last." Imagine if the inverse was true. [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: They're only available once they have been exhausted. Yes, this—

Travis: Ah, what a twist.

Justin [as Count Donut]: This bandana is designed to drive your pets insane. I don't think I would enjoy a dog that I bring to Krispy Kreme for a special treat, who then begins begging for an additional kerchief. I believe he's had his moment in the sun.

Travis: "Dad, dad, dad, I'm way into it. Hey, dad, this is my whole identity now!" [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: This can't be your identity?

Travis: Here's what I'm saying; my dog, Lily, we're working hard to keep her from eating food off the counter. She has before gotten into a box of Donuts. No chocolate, thank god. Or grape-filled.

Griffin: Best day ever.

Travis: I get it. But she ate what I would now call human Donuts. And I'm worried that I'll give her this hard cookie Donut and she'll be like, "What the fuck is this? I want the human stuff."

Griffin: Then you show her the box that says dog nuts and then Lily's like, "Oh, they're for me. That's special, for me."

Travis: "They're for me. Okay, thank you."

Griffin: "Thank you. Do you have wet stink meat, though, please? Anything—"

Travis: "Could you give me one of these pup'kin spice dog nuts that has stinky, wet, old meat in it? That would be ideal. And maybe chicken bones that will definitely kill me, if you could put some of those in there. Maybe old garbage. I love that, too. Cat poo."

Griffin: "Just a shepherd's pie, I guess. Just give me a shepherd's pie. That would be dope."

Travis: "Give me just a kitty litter box and call it Donuts, or whatever. I'd love that. That's my whole deal."

Justin [as Count Donut]: They are also releasing human offerings. But I feel no—

Travis: To give to dogs? Give them a taste of human meat? I don't like that at all, Count Donut.

Justin [as Count Donut]: No. I am glad to see that in the press release, they have not called upon Dave Skena to contextualize why pumpkin donuts were returning now, in the fall.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: He has probably had to justify these actions so many times that he has lost the reasons.

Griffin: Yeah, it's—everyone loves fall's big, orange vegetable. Good news!

Justin [as Count Donut]: [chortles]

Travis: They would have to put out a press release if, this year, like Krispy Kreme decided not to do pumpkin spice anything. "Hey, guys, this year, we're just skipping it. We're skipping it."

Justin [as Count Donut]: Now, that would be impactful. That's change. That's grace.

Travis: Figure out your own way to do it. I don't know, man.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Thank you for having me on your show, brothers.

Griffin: Are you okay, Count Donut? You seem like this bit made you very sad.

Travis: A little tired, do you miss your hounds?

Justin [as Count Donut]: No, this is like dramatic. Like, [??], my eyebrows. What secrets of the eternal—

Griffin: There he is. Yeah, turning it back on at the end. You know what the people want.

Travis: Hey, what are your feelings about asparagus, Count Donut?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: We are... are we in the circle of trust?

Travis: Yeah, absolutely.

Griffin: We're recording a podcast that some people listen to.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Asparagus kills vampires.

Travis: Oh!

Griffin: Oh, you're kidding me?

Travis: In what way? How?

Justin [as Count Donut]: When—this is—what the smell of it, it means in your human piss, it is extremely deleterious to vampires.

Travis: Oh, so if you piss on a vampire after eating asparagus, it kills 'em?

Griffin: Or near a vampire, right?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Well, no. If you piss on a vampire after eating asparagus, for many years in a lab-controlled environment, they will develop upper respiratory infections at a higher rate than other vampires. It's... some people just go for it anyway because they love the smell!

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah, sure.

Travis: Oh... Is there an amount of piss—

Justin [as Count Donut]: We all know the—no matter how much we love getting pissed on by people who eat asparagus, we all know the risks. And we do it anyway because we love it.

Travis: Is there an amount of piss that you could do to build up an immunity, Count Donut?

Griffin: Yeah, like Rasputin.

Travis: Just like a little bit. A little bit of piss at a time, increasing each time.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Right. Thank you so much for this wonderful question. Some people try to substitute with turnip piss and it's simply not the same.

Travis: Not the same.

Griffin: No.

Justin [as Count Donut]: It's useful as a step down, perhaps. But beyond that, it's nothing.

Travis: Is there any kind of like—like you know, we human beings will do drugs and drink alcohol. Is there some kind of like effect like that? Or are you guys just dirty birds?

Griffin: Do you get faded or... Hey, when you vape this piss, what happens next?

Travis: Do you get turnt or what?

Griffin: What happens next?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Only one person has ever tried to vape the piss. He was a wolfman, and it drove him insane.

Travis: Oh, no.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: No great loss though, right? Wolfmen.

Travis: Whoa.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Well, I... Count Donut...

Griffin: Count Donut, real quick, I think I know the answer to this.

Justin [as Count Donut]: He was old to begin with.

Travis: We're very inclusive here.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Now, a mummy, that would have been something.

Griffin: Yeah, I think I know the answer this, but Team Edward or Team Jacob? What's going on over there?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Well, this is not fair, because Edward was my babysitter growing up.

Griffin: Wow! Really?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Yes. I don't like to brag.

Travis: Wait, you've been on the show like 20 times. This is the first time you tell us you know Edward Cullen?

Justin [as Count Donut]: This is the first time you've ever asked me.

Travis: That's fair. You know what? That's a fair point.

Griffin: That's a good point. We never ask you about you.

Travis: Why do vampires imprint on babies? Or sorry, werewolf. Werewolf imprint on babies. Why is that?

Justin [as Count Donut]: It's disgusting. Welcome aboard, yes. We all hate werewolves.

Griffin: Yeah, we're on the winning team now, Trav.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Yes, congratulations. You've seen—it to you the five seconds of self-analysis required to notice that werewolves are the absolute pits. Any monster you like, I will spill the tea, no questions asked.

Griffin: Mummies.

Travis: How do you feel about—yeah, mummies.

Justin [as Count Donut]: They are just bandages, many will not tell you—

Griffin: There's nothing inside?

Justin [as Count Donut]: There's nothing in there. Just bandages. You hold one in, the unfurl like in Scoobert Doo!

Griffin: Yeah. Not the name of it.

Travis: I can't believe you're on a—like, oh, you know his full name.

Justin [as Count Donut]: It's not the name—Scoobert, he was my babysitter and he made us call him Scoobert.

Griffin: Cool.

Travis: Let me ask you this just real quick, how do you feel about lagoon monsters?

Griffin: Lagoon monsters is great.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Oh, boy... A great lay but a real wet hug. You've got to be quick.

Griffin: A great lay but a real wet hug, huh?

Justin [as Count Donut]: [chuckles]

Griffin: That's what we're going with, Count Donut? That's what we're going with?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Wait, did you say lagoon monsters?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Okay, this is the thing—

Travis: Wait, what did you think I said? [chuckles]

Justin [as Count Donut]: This is the thing about lagoon monsters, and I'll give you the G-rated version because you didn't want to hear my sexual take on them. Every one of them is deeply into MLMs and it is infuriate.

Griffin: Oh, wow.

Justin: Any lagoon monster, that's the LM. Mini lagoon monster, that is what the MLM stands for. They get in—they all—they tried to sell you Scentsy candles and vitamin supplements!

Griffin: Uh-huh! Got to. Just real quick though, just one last one from me. Travis might have more. But Babadook?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Ah, yes. Babadook, he is a full-time party. I can't hang with Babadook anymore. I'm over 1000 years old.

Travis: Oh, yeah. It's exhausting.

Justin [as Count Donut]: But if you want to have a good time, that you can never tell anyone about, you party with Babadook.

Griffin: Why can't you tell anyone about Babadook's party?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Because he will judge you in a really, really fair way. You will deserve—

Travis: Okay, I got one last one. Slender Man? Thoughts on Slender Man?

Griffin: Slender Man, what's his fuckin' deal?

Justin [as Count Donut]: So, okay, his name is Gregory.

Travis: Oh?

Justin [as Count Donut]: And he's just a very skinny guy. We don't know why everyone's—

Travis: Not a—

Justin [as Count Donut]: No, no, no.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Huh?

Justin [as Count Donut]: He's just an extremely skinny man.

Griffin: Cool.

Justin [as Count Donut]: Which is weird that everyone—

Griffin: It sucks that everyone thinks—

Justin [as Count Donut]: How about this, you know what I call Slender Man?

Griffin: What?

Justin [as Count Donut]: I call him man that helped me move.

Travis: Oh, yeah?

Justin [as Count Donut]: Because that's what he is to me.

Griffin: Wow, that's cool.

Justin [as Count Donut]: More than just the body shape.

Griffin: All right.

Travis: So, he's like a Friender Man?

Justin [as Count Donut]: He's more—oh, you are playing a dangerous game, Travis.

Travis: Oh, boy.

Griffin: Yeah, be careful, man. Your immortal is—

Justin [as Count Donut]: I don't know what you had to trade away for that, but I can assure you, it was not worth it.

Travis: Our audience. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah. [laughs]

Justin: Ah! Okay, god. Whoo! That was a long one.

Griffin: Balloon Boy? Ah, fuck, he's gone. Shit.

Travis: [chuckles] Yeah.

Griffin: I wanted to ask him about Balloon Boy.

Justin: He made me so sweaty!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: What was he wearing? Ugh.

Travis: A loaner cape that he got from the dry cleaners or something. I wasn't really paying attention.

Griffin: It was—ah, dude, he told the kickass joke.

Justin: Oh, really?

Griffin: Yeah, you would have busted your ass.

Justin: TM, TM, TM. It was my body. TM, TM, TM.

Griffin: That's huge. Yeah, you can do that.

Justin: Folks, I want to tell you, we have—such a great—I love all of our merch.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: But this is such a great sticker that we've got available for you right now at mcelroymerch.com. It is a Clint McElroy the Planeswalking Janitor sticker that you can go by. And we've also got a summer mystery—there are like two stickers and you put them in different—adorable. We've also got a grab bag mystery shop. You want a mystery package, full of tons and tons of items? No problem. Come get it at the summer mystery sale. There's a—

Travis: We dare you.

Justin: We dare you, coward. What, you think you're so great?

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: Too good for us?

Travis: Huh?

Justin: Fine.

Griffin: Thank you to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. It's such a—it's such a great fucking track. And I feel like every time I hear it, I hear a new note or drumbeat or symbol, or word.

Travis: Or message.

Griffin: New message. So, if you haven't listened to it today, just think about doing that for us. Thank you so much, Montaigne.

Travis: We also want to say, back to merch real quick, 10% of all merch proceeds this month go to Earth Justice. Also, we've got some live shows coming up. This week, we're going to be in Seattle, on August 31st, doing an Adventure Zone Balance one shot. And then September 1st, we're doing a My Brother, My Brother and Me.

If you're coming to Seattle My Brother, My Brother and Me and you have a question that you want answered in the first part of the show, right? So, that's like the questionless part. Email it to mbmbam@maximumfun.org and put Seattle in the subject line.

And while we're there, we're gonna be at PAX West. We just put our schedule up for that on our Instagram, over at McElroy Family. But you'll be able to find it, I'm sure, at our events page as well. Coming up, we're going to be in Philadelphia and New York Comic Con in October. More details about that and details on all of our shows at bit.ly/mcelroytours. Oh, and I should also say, I'm going to be at Rose City Comic Con, coming up. If you want to come see me there in Portland, I will see you all there.

Justin: Great.

Griffin: All right. Let's bathe them.

Justin: All right.

Travis: Let's do it.

Griffin: Let's do a quick one. What if—a lot of these [bass??] have been very, very long. I think let's just like do a really quick burst.

Justin: How about I do this; one, two, three, and then we all start our parts at the same time.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Okay. Okay!

Griffin: And we stop at the clap.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: And just burst it.

Justin: One, two, three.

Griffin: Krrr-rrr-rrr-rrr-rrr-rrr-rrr!

Justin: Ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba—

Travis: Hmmm-mmm-mmm-mmm-mmm—

Griffin: Krrr-rrr-rrr-rrr-rrr-rrr-rrr!

Justin: Ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba—

Travis: Hmmm-mmm-mmm-mmm-mmm—

Griffin: [clap]

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy!

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

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

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

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