

## **MBMBaM 678: Travis-Level Funny**

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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 head coach, Travis McElroy!

**Griffin:** [spoofs entrance trumpets] I'm Griffin McElroy, here to bring the fuckin' football heat! Pigskin Pete is what they call me. And Grid Iron Gritty. Grid Iron Griffin always hits the gridy.

**Travis:** Grid Iron Gridy. Justin, I have a question for you. Justin?

**Justin:** Yes?

**Travis:** Are you ready for some football?

**Justin:** Well, Travis...

**Travis:** That was a trick question, because it's here! Whether you're ready or fuckin' not, coward!

**Griffin:** Yeah, every day of the week, we're playing football on the professional level, in the National Football League.

**Travis:** Mm-hmm!

**Justin:** I am proud to announce that my dad has guilted me into joining the fantasy football league because he couldn't find anybody else to join it, for the fifth consecutive year!

**Travis:** [spoofs entrance trumpets and laughs]

**Griffin:** Yeah, and he has stopped—I don't know what it means that he has stopped asking me! [spoofs entrance trumpets] What does that... Am I out of the will or what... what does that mean? Why am I so far from the light of our father?

**Justin:** You know what? I actually said, you know, I'm gonna make a run at it this year. I'm gonna make a run at the crown this year.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah?

**Justin:** I'm gonna pay attention when draft time comes around. So, I sat in, I logged in for the draft. We did have to restart the draft because the very old people in this league could not figure out how to get it all running...

**Griffin:** Hyperlinks, man! They're fucked up. They got all kinds of letters and symbols in 'em. It's crazy!

**Justin:** Yeah, so we... so yeah, we had to do it twice. And then I got to the draft. And then and here's where I kind of—

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah? Break it down, Justin!

**Justin:** Here's where I got tripped up; how do we know which of these guys is going to score the most points?

**Travis:** Great question. Here's what I did; look for someone who has your same first name, and you draft them right away. I got Travis, I think it's Kelce? Travis Kelce. I got him right away because his name is Travis. And he looked... I don't know, like he was good at football? Like, I look at him and I'm like—

**Griffin:** Travis Pastrana?

**Travis:** I got him second.

**Griffin:** That's a weird one. Travis Tritt is also on Travis' team, as a flex position, which is weird.

**Travis:** Well, because I wanted to flex on the other teams. To be like, look how many Travises I got.

**Griffin:** I mean, I've had a tried and true strat for the last, I don't know, 10 seasons? And that's to just lock down my boy, A-Rod, Aaron Rodgers. Go Pat go!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Rambo Leap, my big man out there in unpopular opinions. Yes!

**Justin:** [chuckles] And big thoughts, right?

**Griffin:** Big thoughts, big ideas, big dreams.

**Travis:** Big thoughts, big dream, big points. You know?

**Griffin:** Big points. But when he dons the golden and yellow, and he goes out there and throws that beautiful god damn orb down the field, everybody's cheering and yelling. And I'm cheering and yelling because I'm looking at my points rack up on the fantasy league.

**Travis:** That's why I—this year, I put all of my draft points, I invested—I got one team—I got one guy, right. I got, and I pushed all my money on to Tom Brady. Because like that guy, so talented and can really fuck the hell out of a mattress.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Oh, yeah.

**Travis:** And so, I was like, that guy loves fucking those Serta, Sealy Posturepedics. He goes with the old guy down to the vault. The old guy lets him in and says, "Do you need anything else, Mr. Brady?" And he goes, "No,

just me. I'm gonna raw dog that mattress real quick because I just won a touchdown competition." And they're like, "Go on in." Anyways, so, he's the only team member I have this year. I'm very excited for my chances.

**Griffin:** And freeze. Now, I feel like we should talk to our friends who are listening, who don't know about football stuff. And explain why those jokes were absolutely hysterical.

**Travis:** Okay, so, Tom Brady did this commercial where he fucked a mattress.

**Griffin:** Thank you, Travis.

**Travis:** In a vault.

**Griffin:** Go inside, go deeper. Go deeper.

**Travis:** And there's an old man there who's horrified that he has to do this job. But I think it's the only—

**Justin:** And freeze. Freeze. Hey, everybody. Now, some of you are wondering why we're even talking about football in the first place. And let me say this; until Hollywood decides to pay actors and writers what they are owed, the strike will continue. And if the strike continues, we have nothing to talk about. This is because of Hollywood. Blame them. This is all we have. And unfreeze!

**Griffin:** And freeze again!

**Justin:** The kick!

**Griffin:** And freeze again!

**Justin:** The kick, we only have one layer!

**Griffin:** And freeze again!

**Justin:** What?

**Travis:** Wait...

**Justin:** Are we going back down into my layer?

**Griffin:** We're freezing back to Justin's level, back to the—back to Justin's level.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** And freeze. If the strike isn't over by the time that Tim Chalamet takes on a classic, beloved character hits theaters, I am going to be heartbroken at a level that I don't think I'll be able to come back from. It may end my career.

**Justin:** It will truly be the greatest cost of the strike.

**Griffin:** It would be the greatest cost of the strike. Please, please, please, please, execs, please buckle. Please. You're not going to win this one. You guys are—you can't do this shit without the writers and actors, please.

**Justin:** Here's the thing that's fucked up; Chalamet wants it, too.

**Griffin:** He wants it to bad.

**Justin:** Chalamet told me like, "If I don't hear your twisted take on my Wonka vision, then I... I don't know what I'll do, J-Man." Is what he told me. Is what Chalamet told me.

**Griffin:** He needs it.

**Travis:** Can we kick back up to my level?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Whoa!

**Travis:** And until this strike's done, I will talk about how Tom Brady fucks mattresses every episode of this podcast. That's my protest. Griffin: Okay, Aaron Rodgers, pretty anti-vax. Also, doesn't play for the Packers anymore. He plays for the Jets. Well, I bet he doesn't play for anyone—

**Travis:** But I bet you would fuck a mattress if he had the chance.

**Griffin:** He probably would fuck a mattress. He's probably gonna be fucking a lot of mattresses. He's laid up right now. He did tear his Achilles tendon on the very first drive—

**Travis:** Of course he did! He's 100 years old! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** And that's an issue, sure. And so, that's why that joke that I told was funny. For the non-sports guys out there. And back to the podcast. Fwhoa!

**Justin:** So, I would like to say, just to update everybody on my progress. TouchDownton Abbey, my team, did triumph over my father in law this week.

**Travis:** Ooh, how often have you brought that up?

**Justin:** I have not yet because I haven't checked, until now. And apparently, I beat him by 50 points.

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

**Travis:** Wow!

**Justin:** I cut off my father in law's head and I put him in the ground. For you, Griff! He fired you once, and now, I'm firing him from football.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Good!

**Justin:** With big points.

**Griffin:** Great. Yeah. I appreciate that. My son still talks a lot about how, one, Tommy is the strongest man he knows. And two, that it's very funny that he fired me. And so, that's

**Justin:** Will you please tell him what I did?

**Griffin:** Yeah, I will let him know that Uncle Justin—

**Justin:** What Mr. Holmes did, what everybody did, together.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah, for sure.

**Justin:** This is an advice show. I mean, yeah, most of it's sports advice.  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, it's all we know!

**Justin:** It's all we know!

**Travis:** You come here for two reasons. One, fantasy football advice. Two, a recap of the Tom Brady commercial where he fucks a mattress in a vault. Those are the two reasons you come here every week! Week after week, I see it. I see people, they still X about it, left and right! They're Xing. They're Xing over here. They're Xing over there. Everybody's Xing about fantasy football advice.

**Justin:** I'm too fired up, but Valerie in the booth says we gotta take a break. We'll be right back with skin pigs, don't go anywhere!

**Griffin:** Oh my god...

**Travis:** [spoofs entrance trumpets and chuckles]

**Griffin:** Skinned pigs sounds like... Skin pigs sounds like the most... like the most demented murderer, like cultists. Like a murder cult, like, "Now, I'm gonna feed them to the skin pigs!"

**Justin:** Or like a football... an amateur football radio show that is broadcasted to 20 to 23 mid-market radio stations, every single month.

**Travis:** That's right!

**Justin:** Then that is Skin Pigs.

Griffin: Coming at you, Columbus! Skin Pigs live, in Columbus!

**Justin:** Hey Des Moines, coming at you live! It's Skin Pigs!

**Travis:** Oh, Boise, it's Skin Pigs! You can just use those tags.

**Justin:** Yeah, you could just use those tags. Hey, what's up Petaluma? We're coming for you! This week, the Skin Pigs are broadcasting live from the Señor Frog's.

**Griffin:** [spoofs honk sound] This is Hog Flesh, we've pirate radio taken over the feed! On Hog Flesh—[chuckles]

**Travis:** Wuddup, it's Oink Meat! It's Oink Meat here! Oink Meat's taken over from Hog Flesh!

**Griffin:** Got the fuck out of here, Oink Meat! This is Hog Flesh's time in the studio!

**Travis:** [in silly voice] No, it's Oink Meat!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Oink Meat, Skin Pig and Hog Flesh. [chuckles]

**Travis:** We're the three hosts of fantasy football. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** The three demon hosts of this football podcast.

**Travis:** Welcome to Football Boys with Oink Meat, Hog Flesh and Skin Pigs!



**Justin:** I used to love Oink Meat. It's mainly incantations now. And that is troubling. They're trying to summon dark fortresses into our world.

**Griffin:** Mm-hmm.

**Justin:** This is an advice show, please! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** "I sell mattresses and a common question—"

**Travis:** What?!

**Justin:** Not everything's a joke! Your joke senses are too fired up!

**Travis:** I know.

**Griffin:** Wind down.

**Justin:** Just wind it down. Sometimes there are funny parts in this show, and sometimes there's not. Ask Reddit. Listen, "I sell mattresses, and a common question I have to ask people is; do you sleep with a partner? If the answer is no, usually, if it's a guy, shit gets awkward! Brothers, How am I supposed to respond to that?" That's from potential partner in Perth, Australia. That must be an Australian thing.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Because I don't think you would get away with that over here.

**Griffin:** Asking if someone has a partner that they sleep with?

**Justin:** "Do you sleep alone?" Like, that's what you're saying, right? "Do you sleep alone?"

**Travis:** "Do you sleep with a partner?"  
"Eh, no."

"Do you want to? Hmm?"

**Justin:** I mean, that's what it feels like, right? I mean, that's a little... that feels—I don't know mattress people, but like, that feels a little sleazy to me.

**Travis:** "Do you sleep with a partner?"

"No."

"Oh, okay." Then just lead 'em over to the saddest twin-size mattress you have. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, that's a good point.

**Justin:** This is my question, right? I know if I sleep with a partner, in what reality am I looking at a twin and they're like, "Do you sleep with a partner?" And I'm like, "Yeah, I do." And then I'm like, "Oh, fuck, actually, this one's too small!"

**Travis:** "We were just gonna sleep stacked up! But now... now that I think about it!"

**Justin:** "I do have to get a big enough bed!"

**Griffin:** "We do a We Bare Bears in bed. Is that weird? That's normal, right?"

**Justin:** "Should I get a bed big enough for both of us?"

**Travis:** You'd think.

**Justin:** Yeah, I think I do!

**Travis:** "I could just get two of these and glue 'em together? Is that what people do?" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** We had a great mattress buying experience when we moved to D.C. and we wanted to get a big bed for me and my wife. Whose name is Rachel. And we went to the mattress store and we are trying some out. And our... I'm trying to decide if I want to say the name of the mattress salesman, because it's a—

**Travis:** It's Rachel.

**Griffin:** It's a really good name... But I don't know if I want to give out information like that. Maybe I'll say it to you guys, so you can appreciate it.

**Travis:** Yeah, we'll bleep it.

**Griffin:** Yeah, it's [bleep] the third, was his name.

**Travis:** Hell yeah.

**Justin:** Heck yeah.

**Griffin:** And he was great.

**Justin:** That's outstanding!

**Griffin:** We were trying out, you know, a little Tempur-Pedic action and he was like, "What's great about this is that you can get in and out of bed without bothering your partner, because it doesn't—it distributes the weight in a way that—here, let me show you." And then he gestured—me and Rachel were lying in this bed, testing it out, and he gestured for me to get out of the bed. And he was like, "Watch this." And then he fuckin' leaped and [mouths impact sound] down onto the side of the bed that I was laying on. And he was like, "Pretty good, huh?" And I wanted to be like, "That's my wife..."

**Travis:** Did she popcorn out of the bed?

**Griffin:** She did not. To his great credit, she did not move a muscle. And that's great. It's very convenient for when I need to have a bathroom... in the middle of the night, I don't wake up my wife from her slumbers. But I also didn't appreciate how this stranger was like, "You, get out of that bed. Check this out." [mouths jumping and impacts sounds] It made me feel... threatened.

**Justin:** I played—I was at the furniture store with my kids, and they were really bored. And I promised them if they were good for a little bit, we could play hide and seek. And we played hide—we started the game of hide and seek and I was given the job of seeking. This was just a couple weeks ago. And then I was like—

**Griffin:** The best job of hide and seek.

**Justin:** Yeah, it's the best job.

**Travis:** You really set the pace as the seeker.

**Justin:** Although, hiding, if you're good at it, can be a nice little relaxing break as a parent.

**Griffin:** That's true.

**Justin:** But the thing about hide and seek is you should play it in a place that you know, not on unfamiliar ground. Because I just realized there are like 200 beds in here. And I start looking around and I don't find my kids for a second. And then I think, I'm never gonna find these fucking kids. [chuckles] I'm ever gonna find—there are so many places they could hide! This is so hard! I'm never gonna find these kids!

**Travis:** This is why I enjoy playing with Dotty while she's still like three years old, because like I'll count and then I'll just go, "Ready or not, here I come!"

**Justin:** And she's there. She's five feet away.

**Travis:** No, she's just yell, "I'm here!" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, they can't handle the stress.

**Justin:** Kids don't like hiding.

**Travis:** It's amazing.

**Justin:** They don't like being hunted.

**Griffin:** It's probably also one of the worst places to do a hide and seek game, because I can't think of a building with more boogeymans per square inch than a mattress store.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** You guys, you remember the Howie Mandel, Fred Savage movie, Little Monsters right? Where under the bed is the entry into the dream

**world** of monsters. And Fred Savage gets trapped under there. You gotta imagine in a mattress/bed store, that's just... that's trouble!

**Griffin:** It's non-stop portals and boogeyman. It sucks.

**Travis:** That's just trouble waiting to happen.

**Justin:** Is there a workplace comedy in there somewhere? About like different specters that are staying in a mattress store, like a hostel?

**Griffin:** There's a pilot. There's a pilot.

**Justin:** There's a pilot.

**Griffin:** It won't get picked up, but there's a pilot.

**Justin:** There's an un-greenlit pilot. There's a pilot's script that's sit—

**Griffin:** There's a read/written pilot.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** As long as we can recapture the scene in Little Monster where Howie Mandel pisses in bully's Coke drink. That would be amazing, yes.

**Justin:** That would be amazing.

**Griffin:** So funny.

**Justin:** Hey, friend who sent in this question, I really hope that helps. Because I feel like—

**Griffin:** We said nothing helpful. There has to be—hold on, we can—I feel pretty confident that we can actually help. There has to be a way to ask if someone else is going to be in the bed with you. How many people will be sleeping in the bed? How many occupants?

**Justin:** How many will you be enjoying?

**Griffin:** How many people will be enjoying the bed today?

**Travis:** Yeah, what's the max occupancy? What do you need? Like, are we at a one in, one out kind of scenario?

**Justin:** This is a perfect bed for anywhere from two to three people. Which one of those sounds—

**Griffin:** Now, actually, Juice, what you've just done is escalated it, I think in an unnecessary way.

**Justin:** [laughs] Like, if you buy a king, it's like, "Oh? Interesting."

**Griffin:** "Oh, all right."

**Justin:** "It's 2023, after all."

**Travis:** "Somebody's pretty confident, all right!"

**Justin:** "All right, look at you."

**Travis:** "Look at king rizz over here, doing fuckin' great work, all right!"

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** "I'll take the California king."

"Really? With that outfit? Nah, man." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Nah, man, I don't think so.

**Travis:** No way.

**Justin:** At my mattress store—

**Travis:** Yeah? Go on.

**Justin:** I'm gonna have a twin bed section. And there's going to be cocktails and light aperitifs.

**Griffin:** Oh, I like that.

**Justin:** And some festive lighting, some chill lighting.

**Travis:** A little mattress mixer.

**Justin:** And when you go to the twin bed—you may come in for a twin bed, but you may leave with that special someone that wants to share. And then you're like, "Actually, they cost more. It's more expensive." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Justin:** "The bigger beds cost more than two small beds. Sorry."

**Travis:** "But if you two wanna split the cost and have that weight on your beginning relationship, that would be amazing. Yeah, yeah, yeah."

**Justin:** The best first thing you can do in a relationship is buy a bed together.

**Travis:** Yes, correct.

**Justin:** Easy.

**Griffin:** What we have here is another red-lit pilot for, this time, a reality competition show.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Griffin:** And it can be called Pillow Talk.

**Travis:** Pillow Talk's pretty good.

**Justin:** Pillow talk is not bad.

**Griffin:** Mattress Makers. Mattress Matchmakers!

**Justin:** Mattress Matchmaker.

**Travis:** Mattress Mixer.

**Griffin:** Match-ress... Match-ress Makers.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Match-rizz Makers.

**Justin:** It's called You Made Your Bed. You know what I mean? Because then it's like—then you have to lie, and so it's like you have to be—

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah?

**Justin:** That's good. That's good. I wish there was still TV because—

**Travis:** Sleep On It.

**Justin:** We'd be rich. Sleep On It's good, too.

**Travis:** Wait, wait, boys, boys. I'm very excited, we've got... it's a brand— it's a new segment. This is the second time we're going to play Am I The Asshole? But this time, it's listener submitted. I got it here, it was sent in by Hank Green. Who, as you guys know—



**Griffin:** Hank Green! Crank Green is in the mix!

**Travis:** As you guys know, that's John Green's brother. And...

**Griffin:** [laughs] He's the best.

**Justin:** He loves that. He loves that. He loves that.

**Travis:** Now, here's what—I'm gonna take it and turn it a little bit, right. Because last time, the point system, I realized a flaw, right. So, on this first one, you can lock in your answer. And if you get this right, you get four points. But if you get it wrong, I deduct four points.

**Justin:** Now, I would like to mention, Trav, as long as we're like adapting things from last week, it would bear mentioning, by the way, that I talked to my wife—

**Travis:** Uh huh? It's nice that you finally did that.

**Justin:** The mouth is not a sphincter.

**Travis:** Well...

**Griffin:** Thank you so much, Sydnee!

**Justin:** I came to her and I was all proud of myself, getting ready to blow her mind. And I said, "Guess what I found out today, Sydnee?" And she's looking at a medical book of some sort. And she said, "What, dear?" And I said, "The mouth is a sphincter." And without looking at her book, she said, "No, it is not." [chuckles] And I said, "Yeah, it is—"

**Travis:** So, I taut your wife something!

**Justin:** Travis said—

**Griffin:** Travis, you're playing with fire right now, my dog.

**Travis:** No, it's just that according to the National Institute of Health, "The principle muscle of the lips is the circumferential orbicularis oris, functioning primarily as a sphincter for the oral aperture." Now, that's from the National Institute of Health, boys. So, you wanna say shit again? You wanna say shit again? You're the asshole!

**Justin:** It was misclassified for 10 years.

**Travis:** Oh, okay?

**Justin:** Until the last 10 years as a sphincter—

**Travis:** This was published on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Justin! From the *National Institutes of Health!*

**Justin:** It is a group of four muscles, working together. It is a complex of muscles. It is not a sphincter.

**Travis:** "The principal muscle of the lips is the circumferential orbicularis oris, functioning primarily as a sphincter for the oral aperture."

**Justin:** Listen, what did Hank have to say? What did Hank have to say? I'm tired of this.

**Travis:** So, little Hanky Green says, number one—

**Justin:** I think we're arguing semantics at this point, which isn't—

**Travis:** That's fair, I love you very much. I am a sphincter—and also, obviously, Sydnee is smarter than me. Or any collection of people put together. Okay.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** I am a sphincter in the human body. Now you can lock it in, yes or no.

**Griffin:** This is bullshit, that this is a—that this is even a first—

**Travis:** I didn't write this! You're saying Hank Green, known science nerd, is bullshit, Griffin?

**Griffin:** He's a silencer, but he's also kind of a trickster sometimes.

**Travis:** That's true.

**Justin:** That is, that is. Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, okay. So, no guesses here?

**Griffin:** No, because I—we did the thing last week. We know the trick.

**Travis:** I am usually surrounded by hair.

**Griffin:** All right...

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Hold on, this really narrows it down.

**Justin:** All right, Hank.

**Griffin:** Now... god, I wish we had Hank here, because I would ask if this includes like, what is it called? Cilia—

**Travis:** Eh.

**Griffin:** Okay. Cilia... what's the stuff, there's like little hairs that are like flesh hairs in your body...

**Justin:** Interesting. Yeah, the cilia, they're little flesh hairs in your body.

**Travis:** Cilia hairs, yeah.

**Griffin:** I think they're called cilia.

**Justin:** I'm a medical podcaster and they're little hairs.

**Griffin:** And they tickle the food. When you eat food, it tickles it down.

**Justin:** Scoots it down, tickles it down to your throat.

**Travis:** Yeah, tickles it down like they're hands.

**Justin:** Bodies are weird. Bodies are weird.

**Griffin:** I'm gonna say no. I'm gonna say—and here's the other thing; if you're like me... and you take care of your shit, and you have a group of talented... aesthetician, then this would not be true, necessarily. For what Travis so crudely refers to as the asshole.

**Travis:** Now, little Hanky Green—

**Griffin:** I'm gonna lock it—I'm gonna lock in no. Not an asshole.

**Travis:** Okay. Justin, are you ready to lock in?

**Justin:** There's no reason to lock in.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Okay, there is, because I'm—yeah, okay.

**Justin:** You haven't incentivized an early lock in, Travis.

**Travis:** Yes, I have!

**Griffin:** Three points.

**Travis:** The points, Justin!

**Griffin:** That's a lot of points.

**Travis:** You get less points for each—

**Justin:** I'll wait.

**Travis:** Okay. Clue number three; I am sometimes brown.

**Griffin:** This is... this one's gross, Hank.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Hey, Hank?

**Griffin:** Hey, Hank?

**Justin:** This one's gross.

**Griffin:** Hey, Hank? Hey, Crank?

**Justin:** Stank? [chuckles] Stank you're—

**Griffin:** He's Crank Green, listen—

**Justin:** You're the name now, Stank.

**Griffin:** Listen, with his new look, he looks like nerdy Jason Statham. It's a good fuckin' look. He's Crank Green for life. That's the only way I'm referring to this man from now on. Except for when I admonish him, right now. That's gross, Hank.

**Travis:** Okay, so, Justin, you ready for a guess?

**Justin:** I got any more clues?

**Travis:** Yeah, I got one more.

**Justin:** I think it's a pupil.

**Griffin:** Oh, wow? Yeah.

**Travis:** Now, the last one is, this is where the sun do shine. Right, and it is the pupil, you are correct. Hank has even included a picture. But here's the thing, Griffin—

**Griffin:** Is that Hank's pupil?

**Travis:** I believe so. Yeah, because I can see the reflection of his phone.

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah. We can use that to—

**Justin:** God, that's how he gets his rocks off, too. You know it, you know that's how he gets his rocks off.

**Travis:** Look at that beautiful eyeball!

**Griffin:** That is an incredible—that is—that's amazing. That's so—

**Justin:** Hank, you have beautiful eyes.

**Griffin:** Hank, you have—

**Travis:** Yeah, like the amber—

**Griffin:** More like Hunk Green.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Hey, Hunk Green, that's a good, man.

**Justin:** That's good eyes, man.

**Travis:** More like Crump Green. [chuckles] Okay, because that's a combination of Crank and hunk. Don't worry about it. Now, here's where I'm torn—

**Justin:** Is Hank gonna go into his Camille phase of like being like super-hot nerd all the—like, do you think he will take this opportunity to get his body in peak physical shape?

**Griffin:** Yeah, absolutely.

**Justin:** Right, absolutely.

**Travis:** His mind? Already so strong. Already so strong.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** So strong mind, yeah. Can't beat that.

**Travis:** I'm going to actually write on my computer case next to me, because I'm going to keep score here. Justin, even though you locked it in too, you did guess the correct one. Like what it was. So, I'm going to double your score.

**Griffin:** That's—hey, Travis?

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** You're at four!

**Griffin:** Hey, Travis? Hey, Travis?

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Griffin:** Hey, Travis? I can't hear you over the crunching sound of these fucking horse apples, of you changing the rules of game, mid game. I think that sucks.

**Travis:** Griffin, I'm building this airplane while I'm landing it, okay?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Okay, cool. Cool.

**Justin:** Of all people, Griffin—

**Travis:** And Griffin, you are currently—Griffin, you are at five points.

**Justin:** Hey, good job, Griff.

**Travis:** So, you're still winning.

**Justin:** Hey... I'm gonna come back, though. Everybody, send your sphincters to Travis McElroy. [chuckles]

**Travis:** No! You can email.

**Justin:** At sphincterboy.com.

**Travis:** Now, sphincterboy.com is powerful! [chuckles] Powerful and, I guarantee, taken.

**Justin:** Everyone, out of the way! [chuckles]

**Travis:** Oh, golly!

**Justin:** Everyone, move!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Oh, no.

**Travis:** Oh, god! The passions in his eyes! He's got the fire in his belly!

**Justin:** Wait, no one knows how to spell sphincter. Damn it!

**Travis:** Oh, I got Sydnee.

**Justin:** Well, I mean, you could ask somebody, but it's not powerful URL if you don't know how to spell it.

**Griffin:** I don't think anyone owns it because it just says, "This site can't be reached." Oh, no, this is weird. I've never seen this error on Chrome before. It says, "This site shouldn't be reached."

**Travis:** Yeah, turn back.



**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "This site mustn't be reached, sphincterboy.com."

**Travis:** Turn back now.

**Justin:** Nobody ever goes into this site and nobody ever comes out. [chuckles] Okay, all the other URLs are still working great, guys. I still get updates like, "Hey, we're about to... you know, we're about to renew sexymugshots.com. Are you sure that you still want that?"

**Travis:** It's still weird that one didn't take off.

**Justin:** Sexymugshots.com?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah, it seems like the world kind of sucks in a way that would have really made that one kind of like profitable, eventually.

**Justin:** Yes, you would think.

**Travis:** Just even with nothing there, you'd think with just the SEO, people would just be going there.

**Griffin:** I'm just refreshing sphincterboy.com until it goes to the MBMBaM homepage, because I know it's coming.

**Justin:** Well, why would I... why would I... [chuckles] Why would I give that away for free? It's gonna be a personal—oh, yeah, that's available. That's available.

**Griffin:** How much

**Justin:** 15 bucks.

**Griffin:** \$15?

**Justin:** 15 bucks?! For sphincterboy.com?

**Travis:** And with your Max Fun donations, we're able to—thank you for sponsoring maximumfun.org.

**Griffin:** Hey, listen. Listen. I think, to thank Hank for his submission this week, maybe we make—

**Justin:** Yo, great point, Griffin! Great point.

**Griffin:** Maybe we make sphincterboy.com redirect to his socies—

**Travis:** Let's see, what's his most recent novel? Hold on.

**Justin:** He writes, too?

**Travis:** Yeah. Well, he's like, "If my brother can do it..."

**Justin:** Yeah, that makes sense.

**Travis:** A Beautifully Foolish Endeavor by Hank Green, go check it out on shelves now.

**Griffin:** You can pre-order it at sphincterboy.com. [chuckles]

**Travis:** You can pre-order it, a book that came out three years ago.

**Justin:** [chortles]

**Travis:** Pre-order this three year old book, post-order it. You can post-order Stank Green's book, A Beautifully Foolish Endeavor, by Crank Green. Now **available** three years in the past.

**Griffin:** I feel like John is going to come kick all our asses. Just because we've talked so much—if one of them talked shit about you two in the way that we have just about Hunk, I would be *pissed*.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Let's go to the Money Zone.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I think so. We need to make \$15, or else we'll be in the red for this one.

**Justin:** 15.99! [chuckles]

**Travis:** Oh, okay?

**Justin:** Had to round it down a little bit.

[theme music plays]

**Travis:** Hey, I want to talk about Stitch Fix. Here, in Ohio, the weather has started to get a little bit chillier.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah.

**Travis:** And that's very exciting for me because it means I get to pull out some of my great—I've gotten like jackets, I've gotten sweaters, I've gotten some really cool long sleeve flannels that I enjoy immensely. All kinds of things, all courtesy of Stitch Fix. Begin Stitch Fix is basically, at this point, I would say about 90% of my clothes are Stitch Fix and growing. Because you know, here's the thing, they don't just send it to you and say, "This is what you have to wear now. Put it on, hey, look, you little turd. Wear this shirt." Right? They don't do that. Not, like other companies do. I've seen it. No.

They say, "What do you want to wear, you precious little butterfly? What kinds of things will make your beautiful sea dragon body feel good?" You know what I mean? And then, they send those to you. The sizes you want, the styles you want, the fit you want, and the price point you want, which is beautiful and handpicked for you. They have over 1000 brands and styles. They do the work of choosing the best options for you. And if you don't like it, you just send it back. Shipping returns and exchanges are always free. I'm a huge fan, we're all huge fans. We all use it. If you haven't checked it

out, what are you waiting for? So, thank you to [stitchfix.com](https://www.stitchfix.com), because they get me. And they'll get you too. And try today at [stitchfix.com/brother](https://www.stitchfix.com/brother)—

**Justin:** Sounds threatening. [chuckles]

**Travis:** They get me!

**Griffin:** It does.

**Justin:** "They got me and they'll get you next!"

**Travis:** They got me. Come get—please get me out. Please. You have to help me. They fixed my stitch so hard. [chuckles] Okay, try it today at [stitchfix.com/brother](https://www.stitchfix.com/brother) and you'll get 25% off when you keep everything in your fix. That's [stitchfix.com/brother](https://www.stitchfix.com/brother). [Stitchfix.com/brother](https://www.stitchfix.com/brother).

**Griffin:** Hey, say you've just purchased a hyperlink URL. Like, for instance, just off the top of my head, hypothetical, [sphincterboy.com](https://www.sphincterboy.com). And you've decided that it's actually too valuable to redirect to Hank Green's body of work. Well, you're going to need to go to Squarespace. Because Squarespace is the all in one platform for building your brand and growing your business online. Stand out with a beautiful website. I can pretty much guarantee [sphincterboy.com](https://www.sphincterboy.com) is gonna stand out no matter what. But Squarespace can definitely help you engage with your audience and sell anything; your products, content you create and even your time.

We have used Squarespace so many times to make websites both as jokes, and for real. And no matter why we do it, the results are always gorgeous. Also, they have all kinds of special tools like the Squarespace Video Studio app that lets you make and share engaging videos. They have a fluid engine and next-generation website design system that allows you to use best-in-class website templates and customize every design detail with simple drag and drop technology. Plus, you can have little, secret, mm-hmm, shh. Little secret, nimble areas.

**Justin:** Ooh?

**Travis:** Griffin, don't do this?

**Griffin:** Where you can unlock a new revenue stream for your business and free up time in your schedule by selling access to gated content like videos, online courses or newsletters. The member area for sphincterboy.com is—

**Travis:** No, don't do it. No! [chuckles] Don't do this!

**Griffin:** We have lots of games and puzzles.

**Travis:** Oh, okay. I love that.

**Griffin:** So, go to [squarespace.com/mybrother](https://www.squarespace.com/mybrother) for a free trial. And when you're ready to launch, use offer code My Brother to save 10% off your first purchase of a website or domain.

[Stop Podcasting Yourself theme music plays]

**Graham Clark:** [rap sings] 'If you need a laugh and you're on the go, try S-T-O-P P-O-D-C-A-S-T-I—' Ah...

**Dave Shumka:** Were you trying to put the name of the podcast there?

**Graham:** Yeah, I'm trying to spell it, but it's tricky.

**Dave:** Let me give it a try.

**Graham:** Okay?

**Dave:** [rap sings] 'If you need a laugh and you're on the go, call S-T-O-P P-P-A-N-D—' Ah, it'll never fit,

**Graham:** No, it will. Let me try. [rap sings] 'If you need a laugh and you're on the go try, S-T-O-P P-P-T-C-O-O—" Ah, we are so close!

**Dave:** Stop Podcasting Yourself.

**Graham:** A podcast from [maximumfun.org](https://www.maximumfun.org).

**Dave:** If you need a laugh, and you're on the go.

[Stop Podcasting Yourself theme music plays]

[Maximum Film theme music plays]

**Ify Nwadiwe:** I'm Ify Nwadiwe, the host of Maximum Film.

**Alonso Duralde:** I'm Alonso Duralde, also the host of Maximum Film.

**Drea Clark:** And I'm Drea Clark, yet another host of maximum film! Every week, we hosts huddle up.

**Ify:** Usually, with an illustrious guest.

**Alonso:** And we talk about films.

**Ify:** We have film news!

**Alonso:** We have film quizzes!

**Drea:** We answer your film questions!

**Ify:** It's like the maximum amount of film talk. That's why we call it:

**Alonso, Drea and Ify:** Maximum Film!

**Drea:** [laughs]

**Marissa:** The movie podcast that's not just a bunch of straight, white guys. New episodes weekly on [maximumfun.org](http://maximumfun.org)

[Maximum Film theme music concludes]

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

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** [mouths popping sound and continues riffing] Are there more ads?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** No, Travis asked for—

**Justin:** I wanna much!

**Griffin:** Squad!

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

**Griffin and Travis:** Squad!

**Justin:** [concludes rigging]

**Griffin:** My fuckin' bank is calling me.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah, what'd they say?

**Justin:** Take the call. It's a bank.

**Travis:** Take the shot.

**Griffin:** Hello?

**Justin:** Is it the bank?

**Griffin:** This is him.

**Travis:** This is the king. King Griffin, it says here.

**Justin:** "It seems like you've just registered sphincterboy.com on a company credit card?"

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Justin:** Oh, they wanted to talk about—this is a relationship banker, you can tell.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah, yeah. "I'm Sir Henry. Hey, we heard you were talking shit about Hank Green. He's a member here." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** So, I need to hop back to that. But thank you very much.

**Travis:** Tell him you have important work to do. Griffin, tell him you have important work to do. Tell him you're a surgeon and you're in the middle of a surgery.

**Griffin:** That's okay. I appreciate it.

**Travis:** Yeah, I'm elbow deep in this guy's chest.

**Griffin:** You too, bye-bye.

**Travis:** Nice!

**Griffin:** I've been robbed.

**Travis:** Ah, fuck!

**Justin:** Oh no, not again. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, they said big burglars came into the bank and they took all the money. So, I don't have any money anymore.

**Travis:** Bummer!

**Justin:** Ah, man...

**Griffin:** Yeah, sucks... It was the Joker!

**Travis:** Ah! That guy again?!



**Griffin:** Yeah, it was the Joker. Yeah, he got me good.

**Travis:** Fuck, man! I'm sorry, Griffin. Are you able to keep going, Griffin? Like, do you need—

**Griffin:** I have to keep going, I don't have any money anymore. Because the Joker took it all from my bank.

**Travis:** Man...

**Justin:** Well, Duncan's back in the news.

**Travis:** Do you think—does GoFundMe even let people do Joker-related GoFundMes anymore? It feels like the site would be flooded.

**Griffin:** I actually have a changed.org petition to kill the Joker.

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah. Convince Batman to kill the Joker. It has 10 million signatures! [chuckles]

**Justin:** [laughs] Let Batman kill the Joker!

**Travis:** No, *make* Batman kill the Joker! It's not about 'let' at this point. Everybody's fine with it, Justin. Batman's the only one who won't do it. Please sign my petition to force Batman to kill the Joker!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

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

**Justin:** Hey, guys? Hey guys?

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Justin:** Can't do much crime right now because I searched for Joker on change.org—

**Travis:** [guffaws]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** No!

**Griffin:** We've never had a bit sort of fail to launch before.

**Justin:** [chortles] Yeah, but here's the thing...

**Travis:** [guffaws]

**Justin:** So, just looking at some of the ones that are like most supported, because otherwise, who cares, right? There are three—

**Travis:** Yeah, you could put anything in there.

**Justin:** There are 382 Joker-related petitions on change.org. With 8419 supporters, we've got released the Joker deleted scenes.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah!

**Justin:** With 981 supporters, keep the Joker straight!

**Travis:** Wow! Now, can I just say, can I just say, sucks that it exists. But interesting that less than 1000 people care.

**Justin:** By my math, seven billion people are ready for Joker to see where this thing goes.

**Travis:** I'm just saying right here—

**Justin:** That's my back of the napkin.

Travis: If somebody said to me, the Joker—my like... I've never thought of him as a bastion of like straight identity, right? [chuckles] Anyways, not our place to discuss.

**Griffin:** Let me—can I read this one, though? How about this one?

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Griffin:** Remove unfunny Joker man.

**Travis:** Huh...

**Griffin:** Stupid man, I hate. 5 signatures out of 10

**Travis:** Huh? Wait, 5—it only takes 10 to remove the Joker?

**Griffin:** For 10, you could get it on a former President's desk.

**Travis:** Okay. Okay...

**Justin:** [chuckles] Listen, guys, Overwatch is a great game. But you know what would be a lot better? If we put some really great characters in it. You know exactly who I'm talking about. The Joker and Batman. That's the petition—

**Travis:** In Overwatch?

**Justin:** To put Joker and Batman in Overwatch.

**Griffin:** Okay!

**Travis:** It would really turn that around, I guess?

**Justin:** Yeah, it'd be a big departure. Dunkin' has rolled out a new Munchkins Drink, inspired by rap artists. Ice Spice.

**Griffin:** Okay, that seems like maybe the rapper picked the name based on the beverage, a little bit.

**Justin:** Yeah. I have an ad for you, if you'd like to enjoy that?

**Travis:** Yes, please. Yeah.

**Justin:** Would you like to watch the ad and then we can discuss it?

**Travis:** Sure!

**Griffin:** Uh-huh!

**Justin:** Okay, great. Don't make any noise, okay?

**Travis:** Okay.

[Dunkin' ad plays]

**Benjamin Affleck:** Things with Dunkin' are going well, big promotion. Made me brand ambassador. We gotta come up with a drink name, but it's not easy, right? Nowadays, with social media, the kids, it's got to be authentic. How are people going to connect you with Dunkin'?

**Isis Gaston:** Hey, I'm a Dunkin' guru.

**Benjamin:** I'm not seeing it.

**Isis:** Ice Face, my fans are the Munchkins...

**Benjamin:** Where are you going with this?

**Isis:** Ice Spice Munchkins Drink.

**Benjamin:** I got an idea, collabs, like they do, right? [rap sings] I spit bars, but you were called Vanilla Ice Spice. [mouths beat box sounds] Here I am, I'm with Dunkin'!' You go.

[Dunkin' theme music plays and ad concludes]

**Griffin:** I feel nothing.

**Justin:** That was Benjamin Affleck, who is now the brand ambassador. Now, I have to know something about this. Ben Affleck has decreed at the

beginning of this commercial that he is the brand ambassador for Dunkin' now, right?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Huge. But he's talking like that. And it makes me wonder, is this a character that Ben Affleck has created? Or is this how you if had a meeting with Ben Affleck, that's the flavor he would bring for you.

**Travis:** Oh, you're saying, is that Ben Affleck in his natural state?

**Griffin:** Uncut.

**Justin:** Is that natural Ben Affleck? Because we do not have a character. This is Ben Affleck, as far as I know, as the brand ambassador for Duncan. Is that... is he just doing a bit to entertain himself? Because that's—I don't think that's how he talks, really?

**Travis:** No, I would—my take away from that commercial, Justin, is that—and I've never seen this before. It's a very bold choice. Ben Affleck is doing a very, I would say, cruel and mean impression of himself. Right? I've never seen this before. But it was like he said, "I'm going to not make fun of myself like I'm in on the joke. I'm gonna make fun of myself in a mean way to hurt myself."

**Justin:** In a mean way, I'll be mean to—I mean, they call it dunk on Ben Affleck and that's what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna be dunk—I'm gonna dunk on Ben Affleck.

**Griffin:** He's getting older.

**Travis:** What?

**Griffin:** And so, a lot of the... your body goes through a lot of changes.

**Travis:** .org.

**Griffin:** When you reach that age. A lot of things start to loosen up; vocal cords. So, I think that they could just be a... as he gets older, he becomes more... Bostonian. Is that possible? Or...

**Travis:** Maybe he doesn't even hear it anymore. Right?

**Griffin:** It's possible.

**Travis:** Like he was doing that and they were like, "Ben, if you could not do the accent?" And he was like, "I don't think I am."

**Justin:** "I don't think I'm doing it." [chuckles]

**Travis:** "I don't think I'm doing it."

**Griffin:** It's just an Afflecktation.

**Justin:** [guffaws] Griffin, that was Travis-level funny. Good job!

**Travis:** That was very good!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "Pumpkin spice season has gotten a bit predictable lately, so we sought help from our friends Ben Affleck and Ice Spice." Fucking lateral thinking at its best.

**Griffin:** I think so.

**Justin:** I mean, when confronted with that problem, they went all the way outside the box. [chuckles] "To create a new pumpkin obsession that only Dunkin' can offer." Although, it would be pretty funny to watch another restaurant say, "This is our Ben Affleck drink." [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** "We made one about Ice Spice, too!"

**Travis:** Can I say, they make too convincing a point about it being like, her name is Ice Spice and her fans are the Munchkins. And it's like, wait, is this their way of letting us know that she's an industry plant, created by Dunkin'? That's the only thing that makes sense!

**Justin:** Is this a collab? Listen, they made its great... "Having made its grand premiere at the 2023 MTV Video Music Awards." Eclipsed only by the reuniting of NSYNC at that event, I would imagine. "Concepted and brought to life by Affleck and the advertising division of production company, Artists Equity." Yeah, they brought Ben in the room to just really, really tear himself down in a way that makes me a little bit worried. Ice Spice added, "I've always been a Dunkin' girl. Collaborating with Dunkin' and Ben Affleck on this spot was a dream."

[spoofs waking up suddenly sounds]

"What's wrong?"

"I just had a dream. I just dreamed... I collaborated with Ben Affleck on a Dunkin' Doughnuts commercial."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And get this, you'll never—

**Justin:** "For a drink..."

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Justin:** "Named for me." [chuckles]

**Travis:** "You'll never—you'll—okay, this is gonna be the hard—he had this like really off-putting, over-the-top Boston accent. And I know he's from Boston, but he was like you taught a British guy how to do a Boston accent. It was weird! It was like Benedict Cumberbatch doing a Boston accent. It was wild!"

**Griffin:** "He said the word water, and it had four syllables."

**Travis:** "It was horrifying."

**Griffin:** "It was an incredibly Boston."

**Travis:** "And a tiny Matt Damon came out of his eye, but I don't know how we can do that in the actual commercial."

**Justin:** I need you guys to help me with this part, This sentence right here. By the way, this press release, thank you, Duncan. I needed a classic Munch Squad and you really delivered for me. So, thank you so much. "For the first time, Dunkin' has artfully combined two of its cherished delights into an irresistible seasonal drink."

**Travis:** Ben Affleck! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Ben Affleck!

**Travis:** Ben Affleck and drinks.

**Justin:** Okay, "The Ice Spice Munchkins Drink blends smooth, creamy, frozen coffee with Pumpkin Munchkins Donut Hole Treats." So, they are going for it.

**Travis:** Just some sippy bread in there!

**Justin:** "Historically, no bakery treat had made its way into one of Dunkin's signature drinks."

**Travis:** What?!

**Justin:** "Other than the classic—"

**Travis:** What?!

**Justin:** Listen. "Historically, no bakery treat had made its way into one of Dunkin' signature drinks. Other than the classic dunk of a donut into coffee."



What they are saying is, "We've never, ever put a baked thing into one of our drinks." Can that be right?

**Travis:** Can you believe it?! Listen—

**Griffin:** And that, I—

**Justin:** Can you believe it?

**Travis:** Listen, when they told us, when Ben came to us with the documents, we couldn't believe it at first. But he did his fuckin' research and he was like, "Guys, you're not gonna believe this. You've never put fuckin' Munchkins in a drink before!" And they said, "Ben—"

**Justin:** "Next slide! Next slide!"

**Travis:** "Ben, we definitely have."

**Justin:** "Don't look at this, next slide. No, back up. Next slide. Yes. Well, here, I got a chart. It's every drink you ever made—"

**Travis:** How do you like them apples?! Hey!

**Justin:** How do you like them apples?!

**Travis:** "I'm Ben Affleck! Hey!"

"What?"

"Yeah, hey!"

**Justin:** [chortles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "That's a spicy meatball! Never put the Munchkins into the drink!"

**Griffin:** "The best part of my day is when I come outside and I—hey!"

**Travis:** "Hey!"

**Griffin:** "I'm Ben Affleck!"

**Travis:** "Arty Party!"  
"What? Ben! Benjamin!"

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Jennifer Garner!"  
"What?! Ben?"

**Travis:** "Ben, are you okay?!"  
"I'm Batman! I'm Batman! I like the Joker! The Joker and me, we get along!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [chuckles] "The indulgent frozen coffee treat is blended with pieces of pumpkin cake Munchkins." So, they make the Munchkins—

**Griffin:** That's fucking gross, dog!

**Travis:** That's grody!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** That's grody!

**Justin:** Do you think there is a special facility where they have to tell the Munchkins like, "I promise you are not the ones that we are sending to be blended up." Like, "I'm pretty sure you cooked us really fast and you didn't pay attention—"

**Travis:** "And when we came down the conveyor belt, a light flashed red and we got kind of siphoned off to the side."  
"No, that's red for like, oh, look how cool, that like bullseye!"  
"Oh, okay."

**Justin:** "On the production line, Munchkins are rated with two different shapes. Round and time for blender." Those are the two that you get. They go right in the blender.

**Griffin:** Yeah. [chuckles] Jesus Christ, this is a—this—I mean... we're a few degrees shy of a bread pudding, right? At what point have we accidentally made bread pudding?

**Travis:** God, Griffin, you know, science has been asking that for years.

**Justin:** "The pumpkin forward flavor appeals to those early bird pumpkin aficionados." This is... what are you talking about? Like sometimes, I get inured to it, and sometimes, I see one a new. What do you mean? Like what does that mean? "The pumpkin forward flavor appeals to those early bird pumpkin aficionados." What are you talking about? You just said that pumpkin flavor coffee is good for people that like to drink pumpkin in the morning? What are you talking about?

**Travis:** Oh, see, I heard it—Justin, I heard it as that it's for—it's pumpkin flavored coffee for people who like to start drinking pumpkin flavored coffee earlier in the year than other people.

**Justin:** "This commercial also welcomed a new director, Beedy, B-E-E-DY, into the mix, helping bring the creation to life from behind the camera." Which I think, as you guys will agree, is one of the top two positions to make a film, with regards to the camera.

**Griffin:** I agree.

**Justin:** I'm so glad that he was, you know, behind it. You gotta be. That's one of the first lessons in directing school, is you gotta go behind.

**Griffin:** Yeah, if you're in front of the camera, then you're in the way of the shot and you're gonna get yelled at by yourself.

**Travis:** Oh, and it says here, this commercial also helped Ben Affleck buy a new, cool watch. So, that's nice, isn't it?

**Griffin:** Oh, that's great.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Why's Ben doing this?

**Travis:** Because he fuckin' loves Dunkin', Justin!

**Justin:** Why is he doing this?

**Travis:** Because he loves Dunkin' with his whole heart.

**Justin:** There are lots of things I love that I don't do free ads for.

**Travis:** Oh, they're not free. Hey, Justin, they're not free?

**Griffin:** You know he's probably—

**Justin:** No, no, no, I know this is not part of his—this isn't like Clooney doing Nespresso ads so he could buy satellites to spy on warlords. Which is... true. That's just a true thing that happened. [chuckles]

**Travis:** J-Man, if I may, and I don't want to put you on blast, I love you very much. But with Munch Squad and other things we talk about on the show, you might not do free ads for things you love. But you definitely do free ads for things you find distasteful.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Protracted 11 minute long ads for things I'm ambivalent?

**Travis:** Yeah! [chuckles]

**Justin:** Or actively hostile to? [laughs]

**Travis:** Yes!

**Justin:** Oh, no, I'm a sham!

**Griffin:** Oh, shit, guys, the house of cards is trembling right now. We need to take a big step—

**Justin:** Hoisted by my own fuckin' petard!

**Griffin:** Big step away from the sand castle, guys... the tide is coming in...

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah, the tide's coming in, that's it. That wraps up the entire—maybe it is time to sunset this... No. God, if we can't talk about movies and TV, we have to—

**Griffin:** We can't talk about movies and TV, if—

**Justin:** Please—

**Griffin:** Listen. Bring back Yahoo Answers. This is our hour of greatest need. Please.

**Justin:** Please. Yeah, keep the comedy burgers coming, folks. It's all...

**Travis:** We could do like another question?

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** "Hi, my three and a half year old son wants to be the Titanic for Halloween." [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, of course he does.

**Justin:** "Obviously, this is a tough subject in many instances. So, do you think it's appropriate? If so, do you have any ideas on how to create a Titanic costume? He does love Jack from the movie. So, I thought he could be him. But he's really just fascinated with the boat and how it breaks apart.

Any advice is much appreciated." That's from Never Let Go in Oklahoma. What a delight.

**Griffin:** Tragedy. tragic event, of course. I'm talking about the OG Titanic.

**Travis:** No, the movie was a triumph.

**Griffin:** The movie was a triumph. The OG Titanic... fatalities that happened, tragedy, tragic event. The way the boat broke apart? Unarguably very cool. Like super-duper, duper-super cool. It fuckin' got shook like a pistachio, cracked in half, bobbed up and then shot down. That shit rules. That's cool, the way that boat exploded.

**Travis:** I would say, to that point, not an obscure interest. Right? Like... a lot of documentaries, a lot of money's been spent on like how cool the Titanic was and is.

**Griffin:** Well, a lot of that, I think you can make the point of like, from a historical standpoint... Or like there's a lesson about hubris and excess that is valuable for us humans in the current, modern age to understand and wrap our heads around. But then I would also say that there's some of us who just really liked the way the boat breaks up and breaks apart and explodes and falls down.

**Travis:** If I saw a three and a half year old trick or treating as the split, wide-open Titanic, I'm dumping the whole bucket in that bag.

**Griffin:** You get a bucket full, for sure.

**Justin:** The bucket that they have is half of the Titanic, right?

**Travis:** Oh, yeah.

**Justin:** Like it's half of a titanic model they've hollowed out, and they're putting...

**Travis:** Oh, wait, hold on. I was gonna say that this was like—it's been so long since Titanic, but this is probably about that homemade submarine that exploded, isn't it?

**Griffin:** Well, no, but here's the thing, Travis; you gotta look at it through the innocent light of a child's eyes, that it's probably not about OceanGate's Titan submersible. That did have a pretty... headline-making accident earlier this year.

**Travis:** In the ocean versus man rematch.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** Speaking of, and for no particular reason, I gotta run up the spirit of Halloween real quick, because I just got a killer costume idea.[chuckles]

**Griffin:** No, see—

**Justin:** For this year's observances. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Justin?

**Justin:** Yeah?

**Griffin:** That's not what this is about. This 3.5 year old probably doesn't even know that the lessons of hubris that the Titanic originally ran afoul of—

**Justin:** He doesn't know about the Two-Tanic.

**Griffin:** The Two-Tanic, didn't even know about that. This is about the innocent light of a child's eyes. You're laughing in a bad way.

**Justin:** You're right.

**Travis:** Oh my god, check this out. Check this out. Check this out. Check this out.

**Griffin:** Yes? Go ahead.

**Travis:** Okay. Got two—eh... you need three people. Right?

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** So, at least person writing the question, you're gonna have two halves of the Titanic. You guys are walking together. Third person, dressed as Iceberg—

**Justin:** [chuckles] The confidence by Travis...

**Travis:** Comes in. Hits Titanic. And then the two people, the two costumes break apart, cleanly.

**Griffin:** You got it. Travis has it.

**Travis:** Everybody's gonna love that!

**Justin:** Travis is so enamored by his idea, he just sprinted up and spin kicked the conch shell right out of Griffin hand. And he just went for it.

**Griffin:** No, that's good. No, because you were grabbing the conch shell, Justin, and you were making rude sounds with it. [chuckles] You were—

**Justin:** No, no, no, I handed the conch shell to a friend and excused myself—

**Travis:** After you farted in it. [chuckles] You farted inside the conch shell and handed it back!

**Griffin:** Yeah, this conch smells like farts!

**Justin:** They say tragedy plus time, they don't say how much time, period. End of conversation. That's not germane to the conversation at all. I'm just mentioning a fact.



**Griffin:** Sure, sure. Yeah, no, for the original Titanic—I mean, I don't know if we've actually hit the point for the original, for the OG Titanic, where it's like hysterical yet.

**Justin:** I don't think that you can convince people that this is actually your child's idea. That is what's hard, right? If I see a kid in that costume, I think some parents are having some fun with kind of a tasteless gag. I think it's got to be... a fully-assembled Titanic. That's like, what if? You know what I mean? Like a sick, like—

**Travis:** And then you're holding up a sign behind him that says like, "Don't tell him." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Or it can be a costume—

**Justin:** "He only made it halfway through the flick."

**Griffin:** A costume of the Titanic, safely pulling into port in New York City.

**Travis:** [sings] Ship of dreams.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** That could be cool.

**Justin:** That's good.

**Griffin:** You need a fourth person dressed as—okay, so, two people in the Titanic costume. One is the iceberg. They're gonna go right past 'em. Then you need a fourth person dressed as the port of New York City, that they come into. This is going to tell a story, these for Halloween costumes.

**Travis:** And maybe a fifth person dressed as a time traveler. Right?

**Griffin:** That's cool.

**Travis:** And like, and they have like a big fan. And they're gonna blow the iceberg out of the way. And then wave as they go by. "What's that? It's Doc Brown, he saved them!"

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin:** Listen, this is probably the time for us to mention that we had great, great, great uncle who was the purser on the Titanic. So, this is like, we are allowed to... do this.

**Travis:** Yeah, we're really allowed to. Yeah, man.

**Justin:** We're allowed to because it hit us... hardest. Among the hardest.

**Travis:** And I've been on a boat before. Right?

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Justin:** If look up Hugh McElroy, you're gonna see the original, least hilarious McElroy brother. Who dad delights in every conversation about the Titanic.

**Griffin:** Not just the purser, the chief purser.

**Justin:** Thank you, Griffin. You say it because it matters. Thank you.

**Travis:** And was he the person who yelled, "Every man for himself," maybe. That's in one story.

**Justin:** Dad says that he's the one that shot—dad says—dad swears up and down that the one guy in the Titanic who holds up the gun when all the men are trying to get on the boat and shoots the gun, he said—he just told my daughter this like a month ago. And that was our great-great uncle, Hugh.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Like, you're... you think, dad? They didn't—no one called 'em?

**Travis:** Now, also pointed to the screen and said, "And that's our cousin, Billy Zane." Which is really confusing and kind of undermines the first point. Yeah, I don't get that.

**Griffin:** He said, "That's my best friend, Kathy Bates."

**Justin:** [chuckles] Hey, guys, I know we're trying to—we're supposed to wrap up the show. But I heard an anecdote that I've been meaning to share with you guys. And this isn't part of a bit, it's just something funny that I wanted to put in the podcast.

**Travis:** Go on.

**Justin:** Because I heard it.

**Griffin:** Good. That's what this show's for, man.

**Travis:** I'd love to put something funny in the show.

**Justin:** After the passing of Jimmy Buffett, there are a lot of... like remembrances popping up on the various like services, you know what I mean?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** All the various like TikToks or whatever. And one popped up from... Jay Chandrasekhar, of Club Dread and—

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah!

**Travis:** Yes. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. From the Broken Lizard crew, yeah.

**Griffin:** I watched this particular TikTok.

**Justin:** So, he says—he tells a story about they make Club Dread and it kind of has a Jimmy-Buffett-adjacent character in it named Coconut Pete, who is played by Bill Paxton. And they invited Jimmy Buffett out to like

watch a screening of the movie. And he came out and he loved it, and they're watching it and everybody laughed and had a good time.

And then they're at the airport later. And as they're walking around the airport, somebody walks up to Bill Paxton and they're like, "Hey, Bill, Bill! Hey, Bill, I loved you in Twister!" And he's like, "Ah, thanks, man! I really appreciate it!" And then he peels off a \$20 bill and hands it to him. And then they're walking around a little bit later and somebody else is like, "Hey, Bill, I loved you in Tombstone," or whatever.

And he's like, "Ah, thank, thanks. That's really kind of you say." And he peels off 20 bucks and hands it to the guy. And then later on, Jimmy Buffett's like, "I have to ask, Bill Paxton, why are you handing \$20 bills out there, buddy?" And Bill Paxton says, "Ah, man! That's a member of the movie going public, you're gonna make that back right away."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** What? [chuckles]

**Justin:** So they can see who Bill Paxton is. "I'm gonna give people 20 bucks with the understanding that they will then bring you this \$20—"

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** The Bible teaches us, Justin, that the man buries his talents in the dirt, those talents don't come back to him. If take your talents out in the world, they come back to you seven-fold.

**Griffin:** This is basic trickle back economics.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** [chuckles] Trickle ouroboros economics. It's all a cycle.

**Justin:** What if we have been doing that entire time? Obviously, we couldn't have cut 20 bucks. Like no way, right?

**Griffin:** No way.

**Justin:** But I could maybe have some fivers on me from time to time.

**Travis:** And you can't increase it over time, either. Because then one day, you break off a 10 and they're like, "Oh, no. Oh, something's going bad, he was up to fifties. Ooh... Oh, boy-o."

**Justin:** Bill Paxton then admonished the rest of their crew for not having a gigantic roll of twenties that could choke a horse, on him, on his person at all times. Rest in peace, Bill.

**Travis:** This is like—isn't there a Joe Pesci story? There's a Joe Pesci about a kid coming up to him and the kid's like, "Oh my god, Joe Pesci." He had just seen him in Home Alone. And Joe Pesci says, "Who's your favorite actor?" And the kid said, "You are, Joe Pesci!" And he said, "That's right!" And handed him a \$100 bill.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And that's another one where I'm like, that—I fully believe that story is true. But I also have a hard time believing that is a repeatable—was Joe Pesci just dealing out \$100 bills to any kid who said that he was his favorite actor?

**Griffin:** Now, that's a one star fish on the beach type story, of to that one kid, Joe Pesci is a fucking legend.

**Travis:** I think it's great if Joe Pesci walked away and was like, "You know what? That kid was really happy I gave him a \$1 bill." And his like— whoever's with him is like, "Joe, that was a 100." And he's like, "What?! Fuck! Ah, fuck!"

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

**Justin:** "I'm ruined! I'm ruined, I'm broke! Call Griffin, we gotta move in together! Joe needs a roommate, we're gonna buy a mattress together! Me and Griffin and Joe Pesci!"

Hey, thanks so much for listening to our podcast. We hope you've enjoyed yourself. We are going to be doing some shows. Is that possible, Travis? Are we going to be live?

**Travis:** That's true! Pretty soon, coming up October 11<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be in Philadelphia, doing a My Brother, My Brother and Me. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, we're at New York Comic Con doing a TAZ, we're doing a hootenanny. Which is our sci-fi, we call it a space opry. Because it's our country band, musical kind of show. October 12<sup>th</sup> for that one.

And then October 13<sup>th</sup>, once again at New York Comic Con, we're doing My Brother, My Brother and Me, with Sawbones opening. Now, New York Comic Con at one point was like, "You need a badge to be here." But they've changed their minds. And they are going to allow everybody to come, whether you have a badge or not. So, those tickets are no longer—

**Griffin:** You do need a ticket to the show. You do need a ticket for the show.

**Travis:** You do need a ticket! You do have to get a ticket. But folks who have a badge and a ticket to either show will receive a free show poster, as well as the option for priority seating at the show, if you decide to take that option. There will also be tickets available for like a digital, you know, watch the video on demand, online. To get all the information and the ticket links and everything, go to [bit.ly/mcelroytours](http://bit.ly/mcelroytours).

And I'm going to be, this week, if you're listening to this... This week, I'm going to be at Rose City Comic Con this weekend. I'll post my schedule on my Instagram and I think it's over on the McElroy Instagram as well. Or once again, you can go to [mcelroy.family](http://mcelroy.family) and go to, I think it's events or appearances. I should look that up at some point. But it's all there.

**Griffin:** Hey, thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. It's a great track and I'm thrilled as hell that we get to use it. And it's our song, so thank you so much, Montaigne.

**Justin:** Now, to close you out, we've got a cleansing sound bath, just for you. Laah-aah-aah-aah-lah-lah-lah—

**Griffin:** Diw-diw-dew-dew-ya-ya-ya—

**Justin:** Aah-mah-mah-mah-mah—

**Griffin:** Yu-ya-yu-ya-yu-ya-yu-ya—

**Justin:** Aah-mah-mah-mah-mah—

**Griffin:** Yu-ya-yu-ya-yu-ya-yu-ya—

**Justin:** Mah-mah-mah-mah. 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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