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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 sex-pert, 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 music plays]

Justin:

Hello, everybody, and welcome to My Brother, My Brother and Me, I'm your oldest brother, Justin Tyler McElroy.

Travis:

I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm your sweet baby brother and 30 Under 30 media luminary, Griffin McElroy, and it's an advice show for the modern era. I don't know why Justin didn't say that this time.

Travis:

[imitating hoofbeats]

Griffin:

Uh-oh.

Travis:

Do you hear that, boys?

Justin:

Oh...

Travis:

Do you hear that, boys?

Justin:

What's that?

Travis:

When you hear hoofbeats, think derby. Not zebras. Occam's razor.

Justin:

Oh, derby time.

Griffin:

It's derby time, everybody. Put on your cool hats. There's ribbons and mine has two pinwheels.

Travis:

I have created a little game. Out of the derby competitors, I have made a list of names, sets of three. One name is real. Two are made up.

Griffin:

Okay. Now...

Travis:

Griffin, you're gonna go first. Tell me which of these names...

Griffin:

Okay, I... Two things.

Justin:

Now wait, we do have to give... Like, do we... If we play this game with you, do we have to pay royalties to Uhh Yeah Dude?

Griffin:

We do have to give Uhh Yeah Dude money.

Travis:

We do, yes.

Griffin:

Okay. The other thing is that I watched it, so, like, I'm gonna fucking destroy you, so...

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

I, like, watched it... I like got a [southern accent] mint julep in my hand and I drank it, uh, drank it down smooth and I got fucking blitzed and I watched these good ponies go.

Travis:

Griffin, combine the two worlds of the derby, Griffin. Get a big wide-brimmed hat, right?

Griffin:

Ooh...

Travis:

And then tape two mint juleps to the sides of...

Griffin:

I'm sorry, that's not how you...

Travis:

... to each side of the hat, and then you take a straw down...

Griffin:

Tape two whats? Two whats? Two...

Travis:

Sorry. [with a southern accent] Mint julep. And then have, like, the big straws that come down to your mouth from the hat.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

That's the only way to derby, um, uh, just scientifically speaking.

Griffin:

Alright, give me these fucking horses.

Justin:

I wanna talk about the derby more, so let's play Travis' game first.

Travis:

Okay. Which of these names is real? Griffin, Thunder Snow...

Griffin:

That's fake.

Travis:

... Earth, Wind, and Lightning....

Griffin:

That's fake.

Travis:

Pants On Fire.

Griffin:

None of those are real.

Travis:

I'm sorry, Thunder Snow is correct.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

No, it wasn't. No, come on. It wasn't in the race, I watched the race and there was no Thunder Snow.

Travis:

It was Thunder Snow. Thunder Snow placed... Let me see here. Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo... Thunder Snow didn't do great. Twentieth out of twenty.

Griffin:

Okay. Twentieth! Okay, here's my thing on horse racing and I've got a whole bit that you guys are just gonna love on this. First place, you win, your owner gets, like, a million dollars, and you get to bust, like, the deepest nut ever that night, congratulations. [laughing]

Two, three, four, five, you get the wreath and I guess your owner still gets a considerable amount of money, but like you just get to bust a regular nut. 5 through 10, you're fine. Anything after that, they should have like a collapsible pit that just opens up on the track that all of the horses just fall down into. Um, into, like, the pony pile.

And then the pit opens back up and then we don't talk about those horses ever again. Twentieth place, are you fucking kidding me? Twentieth place, tenth on the underground pile, that's it. You're done.

Travis:

I would own Thunder Snow. Listen, the owner of Thunder Snow, if you're looking to get him off your hands, I'll take it.

Griffin:

Travis, you don't have to own Thunder Snow. Thunder Snow got thoroughly fucking owned yesterday in that race. It got put in its place by fucking... What was the winner? Cream Dream? And I think Cream Dream won it? Was number one Cream Dream?

Travis:

All right. Justin, which of these names is real?

Griffin:

Cream Dream is... If Cream... Juice, if Cream Dream is one of the three, it's real.

Travis:

Justin, Slow and Steady, Fast and Accurate, Sloppy Boy.

Justin:

Uh...

Griffin:

All three describe me at sex [laughing].

Justin:

I wish Sloppy Boy was real but I think it's Fast and Accurate.

Travis:

It is Fast and Accurate. That is correct. Excellent.

Griffin:

That is a bullshit name for a horse. Four Legs and Hooves! It's like, what?

Travis:

Griffin.

Griffin:

Long Head and Big Body.

Travis:

Griffin, Pinch Me I'm Dreaming, Guaranteed Winner, or State of Honor.

Griffin:

State of Honor is real.

Travis:

State of Honor is real.

Griffin:

State of Honor came in like third, I think. I watched that one, I'm not kidding.

Travis:

State of Honor was fourth. Oh no, sorry.

Griffin:

I wanna...

Travis:

State of Honor was... Oh no, State of Honor was nineteenth.

Griffin:

In the pile.

Justin:

Travis, can we, can we bring your game to an abrupt end?

Travis:

But I have... Okay, wait. Let me give you this last one, Justin.

Justin:

Okay, last one.

Travis:

Billiums, Stephally, or Girvin.

Justin:

Girvin.

Travis:

Girvin is correct.

Griffin:

Hi, welcome to My Brother, My Brother and Me, I'm Girvin McElroy. I'm Stephally.

Justin:

No. Three of the... I pulled up the list after Travis, uh, Travis' game was over. And I... There are three different horses in this fucking race, out of twenty or two or something. There's three fucking horses that sound like someone trying to pronounce Griffin's name and failing.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

Gormley.

Justin:

There is a Girvin.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

There's a Gunnevera, and there's a Gormley. Or is it Gormely McElroy? No, it's not-

Travis:

Gormley McCracken?

Justin:

Gormley McCracken? McCracken is another one, by the way.

Travis:

I'm 30 Under 30, Gormley Sweet Cream Dream McCracken.

Justin:

It's Gormley McCrack... No, Girvin?

Griffin:

It's this great podcast that's the McCracken brothers. And the littlest one is such a card. Gorples. Griffthpfin.

Justin:

I celebrated the uh, I celebrated the derby, uh, which was also Free Comic Book Day. So I was downtown, stopped by Purple Earth, got some books, uh, and I went to the Press Club for lunch, which is like a, it's kind of like a bar, restaurant kind of vibe. So we're sitting here as...

Travis:

They do paninis, hence the press in the name? You get it.

Justin:

Yeah. Uh, there was a... Two things about this. One, it's buck wild that there's two hours of coverage for an event no one cares about any other day of the year for 15 seconds of event. That's fine. The... To fill that, one of the segments I saw was, you know there's celebrities here and they were like, "Here are the celebrities. Harry Connick Jr."

Travis:

Uh-huh.

Justin:

Travis Tritt. End of montage. That was like, whoa...

Griffin:

Oh, yeah.

Justin:

... rough year for the, uh, the derb'. But as we're... We're the only people in the restaurant. As we are ,like, waiting for the race to begin... I mean, we're not, we're eating pizza. But like the, the race was about to begin. An elderly gentleman comes in and just stands at the bar staring at the screen, gets himself a beer, drains it. And as the race begins, he just starts yelling, "Come on!"

Griffin:

Like that will make the race...

Justin:

"Come on!"

Griffin:

Like that will make the race begin faster or?

Justin:

"Come on!" No, as the race has begun, he's yelling, "Come on."

Griffin:

Oh, I see, I see, I see.

Justin:

But he's not mentioning any horses. So it gives it the vibe of, like, he's just trying to be encouraging. Like, he just wants all the horses to come on a bit faster.

Griffin:

He wants a good race, yeah.

Justin:

Yeah, he just wants a good, good race out there.

Travis:

Justin, important question. At the end of the race did he pull some sort of paper stub out of perhaps a breast pocket, tear it up, and jump up and down on it?

Justin:

No, that's the...

Travis:

Ugh!

Justin:

He, okay... Oh, this is the other thing. When the race was over, no reaction. Like, he, I guess he's just in it for speed. He just loves the speed or something. 'Cause he did not care who won or lost, he just wanted them to come on.

Travis:

Maybe he just, he really likes watching, or like, he is committed to watching the derby, but doesn't actually enjoy doing it. And, like, he just knows like... Maybe there's a group of people at work who always talk about the derby and he's like, "I'm gonna watch it this year." But as soon as he started, it was like, "I already hate this. Come on! Please. Just finish it!"

Justin:

"Come on! Get it over with! Finish it!" Uh, so yeah, derby. Derby again. Derby time. But congratulations to Cream Dreams, the winner...

Travis:

That's not the name.

Justin:

... of the derby.

Travis:

That's not-

Griffin:

Trav, just googled about Thunder Snow. Injury on the track. Muddy. I said, this track will, this race will have at least one horse destruction by the end of the day. You listen to me. Thunder Snow had a bad buck coming out the paddock.

Travis:

Ugh.

Griffin:

And I was sure. I was almost certain. But no. He said, "Put that fucking gun away, Jeremy. Not to me, I'm Thunder Snow. I'm too proud." And so I think he's okay. Scary moment though, you see a horse take a bad break out the paddock and you think like, "Is this it? Is this it for our hero Thunder Snow?"

Justin:

One of the, uh, one of the horses was named after an issue we've had while recording this show before, and it's called J Boy's Echo. [laughing]
Sometimes J Boy does get a little bit of echo from the headphones. And J

Boy's Echo has been an issue that we've had to negate with some audio VST plug-ins.

Griffin:

Another one, there's another horse here named after another issue that we have on the show and it's called I Rap. And my name is Griffin and I here to say that I love these horses in a major way. I wish there could be a 20-way tie. I wish all these horses could finish at the same time and they could all just bust all their nuts that night.

Travis:

All the big... I will say, Griffin, when I first saw that the derby had occurred, the headline I read was, "Always Dreaming takes first on a sloppy track."

Griffin:

They said Always Dreaming in the headline because they can't like... Our fucking, our news "papers..." That one doesn't get quotes 'cause it is on paper. They're too fucking chickenshit to say Cream Dream in a headline. They're too chickenshit to put that on the—

Travis:

Well, they changed it after he won to Always Creaming 'cause now he gets to just bust nuts left and right.

Griffin:

He just gets that... It's good work if you can get it! Achee-chee-chee. [beat of silence] Sex.

Justin:

Uh, so anyway, derby. It's got horses, we got to talk about it. That's the law. But, but that's not all we do here on this show. We help people. And we give them advice to help them. And I'd like to do that right now with our first question. And, uh, here we go.

"At dinner with my in-laws the other night, I found out about a vacation package they had purchased off the internet and were inviting myself and my S.O. to join them on. A simple Google search led me to find the package

was likely a scam and that the company behind it had a long list of scam complaints in the past." Oof.

"My question though is, what's the best way to tell a friend or loved one that they've been scammed without making them feel stupid or angry or ruining their vacation? I feel guilty for not telling them but also don't want them to go on their vacation and let them get scammed anyway." That's by Scammed from Scoundrels in Sydney. Ugh!

Travis:

Unless I missed a factor here, I don't think they're going to go on said vacation. Unless it's a weird scam I'm not aware of where the person both gets scammed, but also gets to go to Hawaii.

Griffin:

And it's nice, one of these where they eat... They send you a picture of a boat and they're like, "10,000 bucks and we'll take you on the cruise of your life." And then you show up and it's just a big picture of a boat. And nobody's there.

Travis:

And Captain Ron is there but, like, he's not affiliated.

Griffin:

Captain Ron is there, but he's just there to take some pictures of you with this good boat picture.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

And he says, "I hope it was worth it."

Travis:

And it kind of is.

Griffin:

It kind of is, it's great. I... This is... Mm. You got... I mean, you got to say something. You don't want them showing up and getting–

Travis:

Well, but think about it this way. How do you say to them like without sounding like you're saying, "Hey stupids, I looked this up. Why didn't you look this up? This is a scam. It took me five seconds to figure out." Even if that's not your tone of voice, which God help me, it should not. But like there's no way to say like, "Hey, um, a brief Google search let me know that y'all been taken."

Justin:

Well, I think that's probably better than, um, "Well, we'll be taking your house now, goodbye." Like I think that that's– They would prefer to hear from you about the scam rather than, like, "You don't own your home anymore." I think they would prefer that, right? I...

Travis:

Oh, what about you, you... Do you have a certain set of skills that will help you to save your in-laws from this scam, Taken 4?

Griffin:

Taken... It's a very low stakes Taken.

Travis:

Yes.

Griffin:

You didn't even... How did you even get here without Googling it accidentally? Cooltrips.biz, sounds good to me. 800,000? Here you go. I'll take out a second mortgage, here you go. Where are we going? That's not important, don't worry about it. It'll be a fun... It says, "Fun trip for four." Good for me. Where to? Not important. Amazing race style, baby. Queue it up, Phil. Queue it up Phil Keoghan. Let's do this shit.

Travis:

When I worked at Best Buy and we would like, uh, ask people if they wanted to sign up for credit cards and stuff for the store, um, like part of it was we

needed your social security number. And there is a certain generation, I'm not gonna say 100% of the time, but that is more statistically likely to both be very wary of people in uniforms at a store they're standing in asking for their social security number, who will also give away whatever information you want for a trip to the Bahamas or a boat or whatever.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

I don't know what the desc... But like, "Hi, you see my face, I'm standing behind a Best Buy desk. Can I have your..."

"No, no no, I don't trust that."

"Oh, okay."

"Oh, a flashing window popped up on my computer. Don't mind if I do!"

Justin:

Yeah, I'll punch the fuck out of this monkey. Wait, you're gonna give me a cruise too?

Griffin:

Oh, shit! Just for punching the monkey? Fuck, yeah!

Justin:

Just for punching the monkey once? Hey...

Griffin:

Internet's great.

Justin:

I hate to do this guys, but at this point, I'm gonna have to bring it up. The grifter's code. Now here's the problem.

Griffin:

Oh, shit.

Justin:

If are running... If you hear tell about a grift and it sets off your alarm bells, and if you've been in the game for a while...

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

... you know 'em all. The back alley preacher, the...

Travis:

The Gorvin.

Justin:

The Gorvin, the seven watches...

Travis:

The sloppy boy. The Thundersnow.

Griffin:

The creamy...

Justin:

The bubblegum violin. You know all the grifts.

Griffin:

The Arkansas creamy dream.

Justin:

I think if you detect a grift and then you alert the grift, you have got to be prepared for the next time you're running a grift?

Griffin:

Mm-hmm. All full circle.

Justin:

Oh, they're coming for you.

Griffin:

Big wheel keep spinning.

Justin:

In a major way.

Griffin:

Keep spinning that big wheel.

Justin:

A major way. Yeah.

Travis:

Ooh! What if you colla- Uh, oh, no. Now I'm trying to remember the name of the show. What's the show? Is it Collateral? No.

Justin:

Collaboral.

Travis:

That's it. Where you grift the grifter.

Justin:

The reverse grift.

Griffin:

Oh shit, it's Collaboral. Yeah.

Justin:

[laughing] Yeah, yeah, your reverse grift.

Griffin:

"Yeah, you need a captain for your boat?"

"Uh, yeah I guess so, how much money?"

"\$20,000" [laughs] You fucker!

Justin:

"Are you a very good captain?"

"You know it. You know I'm the best captain. Best in the biz."

Griffin:

"You're not going to find a captain for cheaper than exact amount of money my in-laws... I mean, someone's in- I mean, those two marks. Ah, gave you."

Justin:

Just a little bit of lingo.

Travis:

The show was Leverage. I'm very mad at myself that I couldn't pull Leverage. I love that show.

Justin:

I know for a fact the creator of Leverage has listened to our products before, and I'm very sorry we couldn't pull up the name of Leverage.

Travis:

I know, right?

Griffin:

Sorry we called your show Collaboral. [laughs]

Travis:

It's definitely not that.

Griffin:

Um, it's just, it's...

Justin:

[making a beat]

Travis:

Oh my goodness. Is it derby time?

Justin:

I wanna munch!

Travis:

Squad!

Griffin:

Oh, I thought we were doing something else.

Justin:

I want to munch.

Griffin:

Squad!

Travis:

Squad!

Justin:

[Munch Squad jingle] Bunch of people sent this one in, and I am, I'm really excited about it. And I think that if you've been paying... A lot of people, a lot more people are paying attention to this scene than they were before. Uh...

Griffin:

Is it... Quick question, is it these horrible triangles? [laughs]

Justin:

The horrible triangles sound pretty tasty right now. Um, the, uh... I have a side, uh, path real quick. KFC has a romance novel for Mother's Day called Tender Wings of Desire.

Griffin:

Very, very funny.

Justin:

And you're, you're definitely gonna want to pick that up.

Travis:

Literal? Wait, is this–

Justin:

Everything... The sentence I said is true, parse it later. Moving on, Naked Chicken is back. Naked Chicken is... Okay. Naked Chicken has become a brand of the Taco Bell hivemind. And the only odd thing about that is the name was incepted for the Naked Chicken Chalupa, which of course was– I mean, it was chicken...

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

... inside of a shell, so the naked thing made sense. But now, now they're twisting it a little bit with naked chicken chips.

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

It's too... Like, all three of those fucking words, you've modified it... Go on.

Justin:

I'm so excited because I have... Which has become a rarity, a lot of these companies are not putting out these press releases anymore. I think they on to me, that's fine. Uh, but this one does have a big release. Um, and I'm really excited because this is May 11th, this is happening. I'm getting out in front of it for once.

Travis:

By big release, do you mean diarrhea?

Justin:

[laughs] Uh, here's the first side of this press release, "Taco Bell went and did it again." [laughs]

Travis:

Yes! I agree.

Griffin:

Uh, it should... That sentence should be preceded by, "uh-oh."

Travis:

[laughing]

Justin:

Ruh-roh. "Taco Bell went and did it again. First, they created a taco shell made entirely of crispy marinated white meat chicken. Now they've done the same with chips. Complete with," here's an adjective you never knew existed and now wish you could put it away, "dippable nacho cheese sauce." Dippable nacho cheese? Consider the inverse. Undippable nacho cheese sauce?

Griffin:

[laughing]

Travis:

Unpenetratable.

Justin:

Unpenetratable.

Griffin:

It's straight cheesy oobleck. It fucking... Like, as much as force as can you put into this thing, it's gonna push right the fuck back. [laughing]

Travis:

[laughs] Now with unfathomable nacho cheese. Just try to plumb the depths of this nacho cheese.

Justin:

I'd like to welcome back to the show a woman I've come to think of as the fourth McElroy brother, Marisa Thalberg, Chief Marketing Officer at Taco Bell. Who says, [laughing] "The world wasn't ready to say goodbye to naked chicken, and neither were we."

Travis:

Oh, madam.

Justin:

Thank you Marisa Thalberg for interrupting my grieving process. The world's grieving, and you've righted the ship. "Just when you thought it couldn't get any better..." That word doesn't mean what I think it means anymore.

"We went and added our famous nacho cheese to expose the traditional chips and cheese combo like only Taco Bell can." The word is expose that Marisa has chosen this time. We're exposing chips and cheese to this fucking radioactive concept of naked chicken.

Griffin:

These are, I'm sorry, triangular chicken wedges, right? These are, these are nuggets of a sort that are maybe... It sounds like maybe breaded, embarrassed with Dorito fixin's and you just dip them in nacho. These are chicken tenders that are triangular.

In no... I don't want to get it... I think, to me, I'm not interested in talking about, like, fucking BuzzFeed runs a post saying like, "A hotdog's a sandwich," and then everybody just gets really angry about it for a long time.

I don't wanna get into that sort of semantic argument. These are chicken tenders. In no... Making something triangle shaped does not make it a chip. That is the most wack shit I've ever heard.

Travis:

There is only one way in which it is a chip, Griffin, and that is literally if they just took like fried chicken skin and there's no meat to whatsoever, it is just...

Griffin:

Ugh. I'm gonna... I'm gonna yartz now!

Justin:

There's, um... Part of this press release, which I'm not gonna get into the prices [laughs]. Let me say, these chips are extremely affordable in the monetary sense but...

Griffin:

I need to know the prices. I'm sorry.

Justin:

It's 6-piece for \$1.99 or 12-piece for \$3.99.

Griffin:

That's...

Justin:

Not getting a deal if you get twelve. [laughing] Um, sorry. Um, one of these things with the press release is that, uh, is this paragraph. "Naked chicken isn't the only thing that's back. The council for eating fried chicken the same way you always have, a group dedicated to preservation of traditional chicken values that first surfaced during the launch of the Naked Chicken Chalupa have already begun their marketing campaign against Naked Chicken Chips..."

Griffin:

What is this?

Justin:

.. which they deem equally as bold and dangerously delicious." This is, of course, a fake thing that Taco Bell-

Travis:

Is it?

Justin:

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, it's a fake thing that Taco Bell made up of, like, people who are... A fake group who's, like, thinks that this is the road to hell is paved with fried chicken in different shapes. I... Which is, of course, a joke and it's, it's marketing and whatever. But I do think it reveals something of the Taco Bell psyche...

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

... that like on some level, they know they have to create their own Moriarty.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Like, they do... Like, no one's stopping us and the guilt that we feel has actually manifested in us creating an anti-Taco Bell. [laughing] Like, we're paying money for an anti-Taco Bell to nip on our heels at every turn.
[crosstalk]

Travis:

Justin, this is so that when we do things like this and we talk about it, that they can be like, "Well yeah, of course. They're part of the council."

Justin:

Yeah, council.

Travis:

And then everybody can just discount our statements.

Griffin:

They could have saved a lot of money by bringing me in to be the counter-Taco Bell. And be like, Griffin McElroy, in the press release like Griffin McElroy of My Brother, My Brother and Me and 30 Under 30 media luminary said, "This sounds fucking nasty. And I don't know why, Taco Bell, you think you are going to become my number one chicken sauce. You all don't know fucking anything about this chicken game. And to be honest, if this is the

heat you're bringing, dippable nacho cheese sauce with the little triangles that have probably been flavor over-blasted with whatever seasoning you're bringing to the table. I think it sounds pretty nasty," Griffin said. "Hey, fuck that guy. Come get these little guys."

Justin:

Can I actually... Like, I know that you made up the council for eating fried chicken the same way you always have as a joke, but, like, can I join that?

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Can I donate lots of money to the... Can I give like 10% of my paycheck to the good chicken council?

Justin:

Yeah, can we just do the... Is there... Are there groups like... I'd always thought family values groups were horseshit growing up, and broadly speaking, yes.

Griffin:

Yes, they are. Absolutely.

Justin:

But if there are groups... Yes, obviously. But if there are groups devoted to the values of eating chicken in not-fun shapes, like, I would probably join up. I would probably get on board with that, if it was a feasible organization.

Griffin:

Um, do y'all want a Yahoo?

Travis:

Yes.

Justin:

Yeah. Yeah, I do, Griffin. And while you're doing that, I'm gonna run a quick who is on this chicken council try to figure out who is...

Griffin:

Oh, shit. Damn.

Justin:

... who is bankrolling the whole thing.

Griffin:

Fucking Wikileaks over here. Getting at the code.

Justin:

Um, yeah.

Griffin:

This one was sent in by Tristan Hyatt. Thank you, Tristan. It's Yahoo Answers user anonymous. We're gonna call him Reggie, asks, "Weird question. How do you shop at Foot Locker? Yeah, I've never understood it. Where do they keep the actual shoes? Do you have to talk to an employee? I hope this question doesn't seem dumb, LOL. I've kinda been in one for like two minutes and felt out of place. I saw a few boxes but I just left after that."

This is a valuable service 'cause I... There have been lots of times... Juice, do you remember when it was Travis and yours birthdays coming up, and we wanted to get him a present, and so we went to the vitamin store to buy him some vitamins? And we got said, we got said, "Get outta here." They said, "You don't have any money."

Or more or less. This is not a jokey-joke. So we said, "This is a store where, um, all the things are pretty expensive." And Justin, you had that Olive Garden money and you were like, "Oh yeah? Guess you don't want these OG bucks." And then we left the store and we felt really huffy and superior for the rest of the day.

Justin:

You just made a big mistake. Huge.

Griffin:

Huge mistake. I was gonna buy all the protein for my brother as a birthday gift. Um...

Travis:

What did you end up getting me? Just to walk down memory lane, do y'all remember or?

Griffin:

No, but I mean...

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

... you know how you're all like fucking scrawny and shriveled up now, like, these days?

Travis:

Yeah, that is my defining feature. How tiny I am.

Griffin:

You're all fucking tiny and wispy and weak, and it's because we weren't able to buy you these pills that you needed to get yolked. But anyway...

Travis:

Oh, man. Two paths diverged, do you know what I mean? Ugh, sliding doors.

Griffin:

And you took the one, you took the one of just, like, a little... Like a baby's body. But anyway, how do you shop at Foot Locker? Like...

Travis:

Like a Welcome to Weinerville body.

Griffin:

Like a Weinerville situation. I just think that there's lots of discomfort about going into certain stores to shop. I feel it when I go into J Crew 'cause it's at one echelon higher than the clothes store that I usually shop at, and I feel

like I'm gonna embarrass myself in there. And obviously this person's struggling at Foot Locker, so I think we could do a little Prima strategy guide, a little GameFAQs for Foot Locker.

Travis:

You know, what I find interesting about this question, Griffin, is that Reggie's concern is, like, the actual mechanics.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Whereas my embarrassment when I walk into Foot Locker is like, I don't know how to ask where, like, the shoes for sitting around and not playing sports are. And like...

Griffin:

They got 'em. They got 'em. They got all kinds of... They got fashion. They got casual. They got all kinds of stuff.

Travis:

I'm just so afraid to ask. 'Cause I'm afraid I'll walk in and they'll be like, "You don't sport!" And I'll just run out crying. 'Cause you know what? They're right.

Griffin:

No, no, no. That's a common misconception. This is page one of the strategy guide. It's just like, be confident, I think, when you walk in there. Like, it doesn't matter what you need these shoes for. Foot Locker's got you.

Travis:

Now, Griffin, they are also dressed, I believe the sporting term is referees.

Griffin:

So it's just like number two in the... Like page two in the strategy guide. Like, don't be... They're not gonna call some sort of, um, foul on you. Can you imagine?

Travis:

Oh, okay. That's, that's what I was worried about. That I'd come in and I'd be like, "Um, I don't know my size." And they'd be like, "That's a red card! You're out of here." I think that's a sport thing.

Griffin:

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Um, Juice, are you still counter-programming the Taco Bell website or are you in the bit with us?

Travis:

[laughing]

Justin:

No, I'm here in the bit. I just don't have much to add about Foot... The last time I was in a Foot Locker, they had some shoes in glass cases.

Griffin:

Okay.

Justin:

That's not a joke.

Griffin:

So...

Justin:

And you could like read about them.

Griffin:

So like, number three is, like, don't get freaked out when you see that. Like, I'd be afraid if I saw that, that I was gonna accidentally steal some shoes from Foot Locker. And it's like, just don't...

You know, it's not a museum. You're not robbing it. Sometimes you have to say that to people like when they're shopping in a store. Like, sometimes I

walk in Best Buy and I think, I hope I don't accidentally steal some... I, you know. I don't want be, I don't want to accidentally steal something here.

Travis:

Yeah, you want to on purpose steal things.

Griffin:

Well, I wanna make the decision. Yeah.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Nah, Travis knows how hard the LP is at, at, uh, Best Buy. They've got eyes on everybody. I wouldn't try to sneak out of that place with anything.

Griffin:

Yeah, like I'd be... Like if I was shoplifting from Best Buy and I saw Travis' little Weinerville baby body, I'd be like, "oh, no." [laughs]

Travis:

That's fair. Um, [crosstalk].

Griffin:

It just looks like five broomsticks.

Travis:

It is easy though to steal, uh, shoes from the Foot Locker because all you do...

Griffin:

Fuck yeah.

Travis:

... is you go into the changing room and then you put on the new shoes and you put your old shoes in back in the box and then you say like, "Uh, you know, I decided I don't want these." And you just walk out.

Griffin:

Jesus, Travis, this is a strategy guide for how to shop at Foot Locker. And you just told people, "Go for it," basically.

Travis:

I think it's safe though 'cause I don't actually think they have changing rooms to change your shoes. So you, I might have given some bogus advice there. Griffin, let me ask you a different question for the strategy guide.

Griffin:

How do you shop at Foot Locker?

Travis:

Well, I've been in the Foot Locker and I've seen basketball hoops.

Griffin:

Oh, yeah.

Travis:

Like, is there any risk of a game breaking out that I would have to participate in?

Griffin:

Um, I mean, it'll be pretty loud. Like, the sound of a basketball being dribbled is, like, pretty loud. So, like, you would... I think you'd have enough time to probably get out of the store. But again, take those shoes off, you don't wanna, um, thief from them. How do you get the shoes that are right for you at Foot Locker, though? Um, because like, what's a good fit, I think, for like a Reebok?

Travis:

That I actually do know the answer to, Griffin, because here's the thing, the only people who work at Foot Locker are passionate about shoe sales.

Griffin:

They love it.

Travis:

So if you go up to any one of them and say, "I don't even know what I'm looking for. I am a blank canvas upon which you can paint your masterpiece."

They are going to love the opportunity to really stretch their imaginations and their creativity to find the right shoe for you. They'll take care of everything. You just have a seat and no matter what questions they ask, you say, "Surprise me." And I think that's probably the best way to buy. Don't even tell them your shoe size. Let them figure that out 'cause that's gonna make their whole day.

Griffin:

Now, Juice, I've got a term, I've got a... Juice, I've got a question here from somebody about Foot Locker and I was hoping you could help them answer it. And it's an...

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

It's an anonymous ask.fm. They, and they ask, they said that they always have stinky feet and so, like, they don't want to offend any of the, um, umpires or whatever. And so they just asked, they said, "Justin, what do I do about that?"

Justin:

Uh, just measure yourself. Uh, ask if they have a booklet about how to work that little slide thing.

Griffin:

Okay.

Justin:

And then just sit there for a half hour and piece it together yourself.

Griffin:

That's gonna take a while though. I mean, it's a...

Justin:

It will.

Griffin:

I don't wanna...

Justin:

Make a day of it. [laughs] They'll bring you a cold drink if it takes too long to figure out your shoe size.

Griffin:

Do you think-

Travis:

You need to pack your lunch yourself, though.

Justin:

Yeah, do pack a lunch. That's good.

Griffin:

Does anybody own those at home and they come in and they're like, "Put your foot in the scale," and then you could say to them like, "Don't worry about it. I used my foot scale at home and I'll tell you exactly the size it is."

Justin:

Do you think they're on Amazon 'cause like...

Travis:

The problem, boys, is you're dealing with like a Cubitt situation where the scale at Payless is different from the scale-

Griffin:

Yes.

Travis:

Every store has their own shoe sizes.

Griffin:

Well, that's how they, and that's how they fuck you. Right?

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Um, I can understand sort of where this person was coming from. Because if you go there and you just see one shoe on a shelf, you certainly are gonna wonder like, "Well, what do I do about that? There's no... I... Well, I mean, I'm... So wait, is there another one... If I take one out will another one just slide into its place like a Coke machine?" Like...

Griffin:

No. That's obviously the most popular, fashionable shoe that everybody's wearing and you fucking buy that shoe and you shut up about it. Because you don't know that much about shoes obviously. If you're having this much trouble with it you just gotta trust the people at Foot Locker 'cause this is their passion.

Travis:

Now Griffin, what if the shoe is just way too big for you, but it is the last one of the most popular shoe?

Griffin:

Jam it in, jam it up.

Travis:

Like maybe put some, like, rolled up socks in there?

Griffin:

Or toilet paper or tissue paper or...

Travis:

Could they make you get rid of your off court buddies in that circumstance, or?

Griffin:

I mean, they make you trade in your shoes if you buy shoes at Foot Locker, no matter what. You knew that, right? That's how they get-

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

That's how they get new ones.

Justin:

The foot measuring thing is called the Brannock Device...

Griffin:

Fuck yeah, that's awesome.

Justin:

... which is awesome. It's really cool. Uh, you can buy one on Amazon for \$65.

Griffin:

That's way more money than I would ever, as a joke, spend on anything.

Justin:

Whoa, really? Okay, yeah, you can, but I'm trying to figure out why.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Like, if, if you were gonna start a shoe place, is this the last thing... Like, you're about to open the doors and you're like, "Oh, fuck. You know what we don't have?"

Travis:

"Tell me they got same day."

Justin:

'Cause we gotta get a Brannock-

Griffin:

Same day on the Brannock, gotta get it. I'm 30. I don't... And that still feels just awful. It tumbles-

Justin:

[laughs] I now feel of that.

Griffin:

That word just diapers out of my mouth. Um, but I do think that my feet are probably done growing, huh?

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Probably or about to start shrinking.

Griffin:

I don't think my feet are gonna get any... Huh? They're 10...

Justin:

They'll start shrinking. After 30, they shrink.

Griffin:

They're a 10 now. I don't think I'm ever going to hit 10.5.

Justin:

Uh, I'm a... See, I'm like a 10.5-11.

Griffin:

Ohh!

Justin:

But I do like it, but I need it wide.

Travis:

I'm a 12-D.

Griffin:

Travis is a two. [laughs] 'Cause of the toe size.

Travis:

I'm a 12-D.

Griffin:

It's just a broomstick going into a shoe.

Travis:

I know because I wear cowboy boots, sir. And I wear the shit out of them.

Justin:

Yeah, he's very proud of his boots. Hey, hey, boots aren't cheap. That's what they tell me, at least. I hear that they're expensive if you want a nice pair. And-

Griffin:

Wouldn't it be funny if... I know you're doing the transition but wouldn't it be funny if you went to Foot Locker and they saw your shoes and they were like, "What are those?"

Justin:

[laughing]

Griffin:

I love that one 'cause they're, like... It's just shoes and it's like fun to, like, slam people for it. [laughing] I think if I worked at Foot Locker, I'd just...

Justin:

I think if I had a Foot Locker... If I owned a Foot Locker, I would tell my employees whenever somebody is in the store I would just tell to say, "Well, you already have shoes. What's your angle? What are you playing at, you already got 'em."

Travis:

Who are these for?

Justin:

Who are these for?

Travis:

They have come in here if they want our shoes. No shoes sold unless the person is present, you know that.

Griffin:

But if you came in without shoes, they'd be like, "They're ready." They're ready for, they were ready to receive us.

Travis:

We've been waiting for you.

Justin:

We saw you coming.

Griffin:

They'd come in and I'd be like, "What are those— oh, he doesn't have them. You've got... You've solved my joke."

Travis:

I would like a Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium but for shoes. It was just fucking magical but at the end, you just end up with shoes. I don't know, I haven't seen it. [laughs] It might be about shoes.

Justin:

I'll spoil it for you. I'll spoil it for you. Uh, Mr. Magorium dies and turns into stardust, I guess?

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

I didn't see it either, but I got really into it conceptually so I read the plot summary. Uh, all right, I'm gonna try this again. Boots are expensive. Money Zone transition.

Griffin:

These boots are made for walking to the Money Zone.

Justin:

There we go. That's fine.

[theme music plays]

Travis:

I'm very excited this week because My Brother, My Brother and Me is sponsored by Lyft, and I love Lyft for a lot of reasons. It's a very versatile service that I'm a fan of. One, when I travel, if I go somewhere like, uh, San Francisco Sketchfest, right?

I don't wanna rent a car. Boom! Lyft is right there, super convenient. Two, Teresa and I share a car. If I wanna make sure my wife still has access to our car and I just need to like run to an appointment or something. Boom! Lyft.

Griffin:

You Lyft it. Does it bum you out, Travis, at all that this is a sort of unrequited love because you tried to be a Lyft driver once and they didn't want you?

Travis:

No, that was fair 'cause I did have a number of infractions.

Justin:

You want standards? They won't let Travis drive but they'll pay him money to talk about their service.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Exactly. Well, they might now. I think a lot of those infractions have probably fallen off of my record.

Griffin:

Travis tried out for the team, tried out for the Lyft team. Lyft said, "No, but we'll find some way to use you, you enthusiastic young driver."

Justin:

They saw something raw in Travis that they could mold. "You, you're not a driver. You're a speaker."

Travis:

And they were right.

Justin:

"You will speak for Lyft."

Travis:

Um, I do. Honest to god, I use Lyft all the time, uh, and I'm a pretty big fan. Um, safety is their number one priority. Every driver is fully vetted through a 10-point safety standard including third party criminal and DMV background checks.

Justin:

How many points do you think you made it there, Trav? If you were to guess here...

Travis:

Maybe two.

Griffin:

[cackles]

Travis:

Maybe two, honestly. I clean my car really good and I had peppermints in the cup holder.

Griffin:

Yeah. That's one and two. Those are the two first safety standard points and the third one is like you didn't-

Travis:

Oh, oh, oh, and I had an iPhone charge cable.

Griffin:

All right. Well, that one's important too. They can't have your... They can't have your maps dying.

Travis:

Whew! That was close. Um, 9/10, Lyft rides get a perfect five-star rating. Um, and, and they offer a better experience. With Lyft, you can tip in the app so the happier the... So you have happier drivers which means happier passengers. I'm a big fan.

And right now, Lyft is offering our listeners a special deal for new users. You get three free rides up to \$10 each. That's a \$30 value when you enter the promo code "brother." Just download the free Lyft app, L-Y-F-T, Lyft app today and enter promo code "brother" in the payment section and you'll start with three free rides up to \$10 each. \$30 value. Promo code "brother." Go, do it now. Get some free rides.

Justin:

Not "my brother." A lot of times it's "my brother." This is just "brother."

Travis:

"Brother."

Griffin:

Anyone's old brother. Any, any shitty old brother. Hey, can I tell you about ProFlowers?

Justin:

Yeah, please.

Griffin:

We've got some lovely blooms in. Well, we didn't... They weren't even blooming yet, that's the best thing. We got these lovely little... These plants, essentially. And then I put the dust in the water, they send you the dust and they say, "Put the dust in the water," and you cut some of the flowers, and I feel bad doing that every time.

Like, you're supposed to cut their butts off, basically. I guess it helps them drink up the dust better? But anyway, they bloomed and we've had them for a while now and they're just lovely. They're sitting in the kitchen and I'll, I just like to...

Sometimes I turn the TV off and I say, "Babe." I'm talking to Rachel and our baby, and I say, "Babes. It's flower night." And we'll just look right at these things for two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight hours at a time.

Justin:

[laughing] You'll let this baby cry.

Griffin:

Nine hours. Last... Yesterday... I'm thinking of it, nine hours yesterday.

Justin:

[laughing] You know, in the 30s that's what had to pass for entertainment. Your grandparents probably stared at flowers.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

Well, you would finish your dance marathon and you wanted to just chill out for the night and you're like, "I can't dance another marathon."

Griffin:

You'd dance in your dance marathon and they would open the pool up under you and you'd fall into it every time. That's every dance marathon. They don't tell you that. That's every dance marathon.

You fall into the pool and then you walk home with your future wife and then you get home and you just stare at some flowers. And so somebody would go to turn the radio on, and you would slap their hand away from the dial as hard as you possibly could. And you say, "No."

Travis:

Both because it would interrupt flower watching, but also that would attract, uh, the bombers. They would know where you are because of the radio signals. So you, like, had to keep that turned off.

Griffin:

It's flower night.

Justin:

"Mama, may I be excused from the table to go stare at the flowers?"

"Well, Jeffrums, did you finish your turkey leather?"

"I did indeed."

"Well, you're dismissed."

Travis:

Wait, hold on, Justin. Is turkey leather something you're eating or something you're making to sell?

Justin:

[laughing] Both.

Travis:

Okay.

Justin:

[laughing] They're getting high on their own supply, so to speak.

Griffin:

Anyway, Mother's Day is coming up and there's a good way to show your appreciation. You can send them One Hundred Blooms For Mom Bouquet from ProFlowers this Mother's Day. It'll make a real impression.

Comes with a free glass vase, uh, for just \$19.99 plus shipping and handling. Um, and you can upgrade to a premium vase and include gourmet chocolates for just 10 bucks more. You choose the delivery date you want and ProFlowers will guarantee to arrive fresh and beautiful and stay that way for seven days or your money back. And, um... Yeah. It's...

Travis:

Don't wait.

Griffin:

Don't wait.

Travis:

Because those seven days, today is Monday, Mother's Day is the 14th. So like, order it...

Griffin:

Get going. It's time.

Travis:

... right now.

Griffin:

Um, yeah. Get the One Hundred Blooms For Mom with a free glass vase, \$19.99 plus shipping. Just go to ProFlowers.com, click on the microphone, microphone in the top right corner and use the code 'mybrother.' That's ProFlowers.com. Get the code 'mybrother' when you click on the mic. This...

Justin:

All one word, 'mybrother.'

Griffin:

This bouquet... All one word. This bouquet sells out fast so order today, and you're just gonna stare at these flowers but try not to... You're gonna want to eat 'em. Like, that's the thing.

Justin:

No!

Griffin:

You're gonna want to eat these blooms. And I w- I got- I can't tell you how many emails I got from botanists and, like, just flower people and, like, botanists from Harry Potter. How they do, like, plants in those movies and books. And all of these emails said, "You were right, Griffin, eat 'em up. Yum, good." But if you eat 'em all, don't eat 'em all 'cause then you can't stare at them. That's my, like, plant advice. Uh...

Travis:

Do they call people that study, like, mechanical people 'robotanists'?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Don't even act like we don't have a personal message 'cause we do. And it's for Fiona and it's from Haylie and it says, "Happy 50th birthday to the best mom who tells dad jokes and explains references on this show that I'm too young to get. I'm so glad that through hard times in our lives, we can listen to MBMBaM together and laugh. Thanks for birthing my brothers and me. Love, your jelly bean."

Griffin:

I see you didn't want to take the director's note at the beginning of this one, Juice.

Justin:

I'm not a fucking dancing monkey, okay?

Griffin:

It says here, "If...

Travis:

Give Justin...

Griffin:

"... if Snowden could come out of hiding to read this message, that'd be great." And like, I don't know why you want him to compromise himself for you. It's...

Travis:

Give us one, Justin, just one word.

Justin:

"Thank you for birthing me, mother. It's our secret."

Griffin:

I feel like maybe you've lost... [laughs] Much like...

Justin:

No, he's still fucking there. That's him.

Griffin:

Much like the American intelligence community, you've lost Snowden maybe a little bit.

Justin:

Snowden's still-

Travis:

Yeah, actually he just sounds smaller.

Justin:

I hate, see, I hate this happening inorganically.

Griffin:

You can do it!

Justin:

I'm an...

Griffin:

This is like-

Justin:

I'm an organic comedian.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

I did it! It was so funny. People are LOLing their brains off right now. They're loving it.

Travis:

[laughing]

Justin:

Loving it!

Travis:

"LOLing their brains off," just like the kids say.

Justin:

Shnowden fever is back and it's sweeping America. And there's a reason I... Sometimes you retire a beloved character because you lose touch with them. It's like, if, um, you know the guy who hosts, uh, All American Actors Sit Down, James Spader?

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

If he were to say to me, "Justin, can I speak with Edward Snowden?" The worst thing that's ever happened to me, by the way, is watching James Lipton host Inside the Actor's Studio with the cast of Simpsons and, uh, asking each one in turn if he could speak to their character-

Griffin:

Oops.

Justin:

... and having them improvise some, like, Simpsons back and forth, uh, impromptu discussions with the Simpsons family and just...

Travis:

Why didn't one of them look at him and like, "It's scripted, James!"

Griffin:

"Damn, James!"

Travis:

"The show is scripted!"

Justin:

"Hey James. Can I..."

Griffin:

"Can I speak to Moleman?"

Justin:

[laughs] "Is Comic Book Guy in today?"

Griffin:

"Is Hans..."

Justin:

"Could I..."

Griffin:

"Hans Moleman, are you there? I'm channeling you."

Justin:

"If I could just..."

Travis:

"Where's the money, Hans?"

Justin:

"Hey, uh, could I speak with Gil?"

"Oh, I don't remember Gil."

"Gil was... Hold on. Let me look. [laughs] Remember in episode... The salesman- The old sale... Can I speak with the old sale- Gil? You don't remember? Okay."

Griffin:

"Can I speak to Darryl Strawberry?"

"That was really Darryl Strawberry. Like, he was really in that fucking episode. What are you talking about?"

Justin:

What are you doing, James?

Griffin:

"I just, I really like Darryl Strawberry."

Justin:

"I thought you may have Darryl Strawberry's phone number. So I could call Darryl Strawberry."

Griffin:

Um, here's another message and it's for Bailey M. and it's from Nate B. who says, "Happy birthday to my sweetheart of a partner. Bailey, I'm not sure if you will be in DC or Ukraine when you receive this birthday message but I know that I love you with all of my heart. Nate. PS: I couldn't think of a goof to write here so if the brothers could help me out, I would appreciate it."

Justin:

So a joke. You just want us to write a joke.

Travis:

Okay, all joking aside.

Justin:

It should be the name of this podcast.

Travis:

Jokes, get out! Get out of here, jokes!

Justin:

Jokes, jokes, step out of the room for a moment.

Travis:

Give me like five minutes.

Griffin:

That's way too... I'm not gonna fucking wait. No.

Justin:

Bailey... That's way too long to go without jokes.

Travis:

Okay, two minutes. One minute?

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

One minute. It's probably really hard, uh, for Nate to plan whether Bailey is going to be in DC or the Ukraine when this message is read, considering it is a month... Oh, no, two months late.

Griffin:

That's not really a joke... I don't know whether that's a good joke for them, though.

Justin:

Kind of self-burn.

Travis:

You guys are really tough...

Griffin:

Yeah. Here about this, how about this?

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

Tell me a joke.

Travis:

Wait, what!

Google Assistant:

Okay. Here you go. Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Travis:

Okay.

Griffin:

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That was Google Assistant...

Justin:

Jab well done.

Griffin:

Here's, this is one more.

Google Assistant:

There are two fish in a tank and one says to the other, "How do you drive this thing?"

Griffin:

Fucking sucks, Google assistant...

Travis:

Oh, okay. Well...

Griffin:

That was Google. Google's the company that owns all the things. You think they could own like a good joke.

Justin:

Uh, I got a new joke.

Griffin:

Here's one called, here's one called random fun. What do you think she says on that?

Google Assistant:

Here's a cute video.

Griffin:

Oh, it's, like, a cat.

Travis:

Oh, okay. I was afraid, I was afraid...

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

I was afraid, honestly.

Justin:

So this wasn't really, like, write a joke this time. What we did is one of our classic My Brother, My Brother and Me goof adjacent segments.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Where you think there's something funny in it and then you dig around and there's not. But then you're three minutes closer to the podcast being over, so everybody wins? Like...

Travis:

Yeah! Maybe in a year you remember something funny happening here but when you go back and relisten to the episode, you can't pinpoint what moment you were thinking of.

Justin:

Yeah. If you're scrubbing through right now trying to find that great joke that you heard on this episode, it was earlier or later 'cause it's not in this segment. You can go ahead and-

Travis:

It might not have even been this episode.

Justin:

Yeah. It may not have been this episode. It was okay. This was an okay one. Real middle of the pack right here, this one.

Griffin:

Oh, it does riddles! This phone... I got this new phone, it does jokes. Samsung Galaxy S8, it's got jokes. That's my... You know how we do tech reviews sometimes. It also does riddles. Here's the riddle. Do you wanna hear it?

Justin:

[laughing] Yeah.

Google Assistant:

Does your shirt have holes in it? No? Then how did you put it on?

Griffin:

That's a riddle. [laughing]

Travis:

That's not a riddle! Unless you honestly want me to answer how I put my shirt on.

Griffin:

Here's a riddle.

Google Assistant:

What has two hands, a round face, always runs but stays in place?

Griffin:

That's a real...

Travis:

A fucking clock!

Google Assistant:

A clock.

Griffin:

Yeah. Yeah, it tells you that pretty quick, huh? Like, give me a minute to fucking solve the riddle. Obviously, Travis solved it 'cause he's the riddle master, but I need a little bit more time, and this phone... I'm giving this phone three stars out of five 'cause it doesn't give you enough time to...

The bezel is, like, almost not there. And the processor is like so fast, it runs all my games so fast. But when it asks you riddles it doesn't give you enough time to solve them. Three stars out of five. Sorry, Google, had to dock you two points on that one.

Justin:

There's probably a setting for that. Um, uh, here's another question 'cause I think we've done one. Is that right?

Travis:

Right.

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

Give me more time to solve your riddles next time!

Justin:

Uh... [laughs]

Google Assistant:

Here are the top search results.

Griffin:

No, it's not a search! Two stars out of five. Fuck this phone. Don't buy it! I wish I still had my Apple phone. I had all my, I had all my Crazy Birds saved on my Apple phone. I lost all the dang things.

Justin:

[laughing] Didn't carry your progress over...

Griffin:

No.

Justin:

... in Crazy Birds?

Griffin:

God, this has been the longest Money Zone spot!

Justin:

Yeah. It's almost like I'm trying to move onto the next thing and you keep talking about your phone.

Jesse:

Hey Max Fun fans. It's maximumfun.org founder Jesse Thorn. I just wanted to take a minute to congratulate our colleague Ben Partridge. He's the host and creator of the Beef and Dairy Network podcast and they just won the gold award for best comedy podcast in the British Podcast Awards. It's a truly remarkable honor.

If you haven't checked out Beef and Dairy Network you are in for a very, very, very special treat. It's a really remarkable and a hilarious show. I would say a perfect podcast. So, congratulations Ben Partridge and congratulations to everyone who's contributed to the Beef and Dairy Network podcast. We're proud of you.

[ad break ends]

Justin:

"Do you think living on a houseboat would be as fun as it sounds?" That's from Landlocked in Illinois. There's not explicit advice, I guess, in this one. It's more implicit advice, I suppose.

Griffin:

Um, pros and cons. Pros: You can fish right off the side of the damn thing.

Justin:

No problem.

Griffin:

Which, you know me, I fish... I love fishing every morning and sometimes it's a hassle to get down to the ocean.

Travis:

Oh, also, you have a 360 surround pool. Who else can claim that on their house? I mean, I guess other people in houseboats.

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

Um, negatives. You could wake up drowned, which is kind of a bad... Like, that actually... No matter what, like, you're mobile, you can live wherever you want, your house moves, fishing off the side, 360 pool is all super good.

Justin:

[laughs] Yeah.

Griffin:

I'm sure it's very scenic. But you could wake up drowned and that's, uh, that might actually sort of outweigh the... Like, um, in my ranch-style home here in Texas, that's a very low chance of it happening 'cause it's not an aqua vehicle.

Justin:

Uh, I mean, if my regular house breaks, I call a guy. If my houseboat breaks, I'm all of a sudden in, like, a desperate adventure movie situation. Like, I'm fighting for my life all of a sudden.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Which maybe is not what you wanna do when you're trying to just catch up on, you know, 24 or whatever you're doing in your home.

Travis:

Okay, but boys, boys, boys...

Griffin:

And before you say, before you say it doesn't happen, it happened to a bar in Huntington. [laughs] So...

Justin:

Yes.

Travis:

That is true. But the question, boys, was not, "Is it as responsible as it sounds?" The question was, "Is it as fun as it sounds?" And I would argue, yes-

Justin:

So you think it'd be pretty fun for your house to break and then you almost drown while you're trying to swim out of your home?

Travis:

No! But, but that's like saying, like, oh, I look at that roller coaster and something bad could happen, so I'm not gonna get on that roller coaster. It doesn't mean the roller coaster's not fun. It just means that you're being a little too responsible. I think living on a houseboat would be as fun as it sounds, right up until the moment when it sinks.

Griffin:

[laughing]

Travis:

Up until then...

Justin:

[laughs] You're right, Travis. You shouldn't think about... Don't cry because it's over. Laugh because of the great memories you had along the way.

Travis:

Exactly, thank you. Because here's the thing. No, the house I live in now is most likely not going to sink unless we have a sinkhole situation. But you know what else? I also don't get to pretend like I'm on an adventure with my friends Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer every day.

Griffin:

Sure. Right.

Travis:

You know what I mean? Like...

Griffin:

Um, can I read a Yahoo?

Justin:

Do you think if you have a houseboat...

Travis:

Uh-huh.

Justin:

... and you see people fishing near your houseboat. Are you allowed to be like, "Come on!"

Griffin:

"Yeah, those are my fish."

Justin:

"Those are clearly my fish!"

Travis:

"I've named those!"

Justin:

"I named those fish. They're my pets! Wait..."

Travis:

"That's my koi pond!" [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs] Um, do you guys want a Yahoo?

Travis:

Do you think if you own a houseboat...

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

... you get to claim that, like, you have lots of outdoor bathrooms?

Justin:

[laughs] What's the square footage? Well, I don't know, how far can you swim?

Griffin:

Infinity. Yeah, all of it.

Justin:

Hey, here's a good thing about a houseboat. If you drive it out far enough you can turn on your video poker machine and just go hogwild. [laughing] That's one fun thing.

Griffin:

[louder] Do you guys want a Yahoo?

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

So this was sent in by Zoe Kinsky, riding high. This is not a good one. I just will, I will be very honest with you boys, this is not a good one, but I did need to read it. Zoe Kinsky sent it in. This is Yahoo Answers user Sorry Something's Gone Wrong.

I'm gonna call them Keith, asked, "Riddle me this, Batman. How can you find out if you were breastfed without asking anyone in your family?" And then addition details, "Batman jokes aside." [laughing] "How can you find out if you were breastfed without asking anyone in your family?"

Justin:

[laughing] Does it say, "Batman jokes aside?"

Griffin:

[laughing] Yes!

Travis:

All right. Enough fartin' around.

Griffin:

A riddle-dee-dee, Batman! If you kill 'em, you won't learn nothing! How can you find out if you were breastfed without asking anyone in your family? Never mind the Batman stuff, I just want to know about the breastfeeding.

Justin:

I'm glad he got that distraction out of the way, otherwise I would have been listening to the second half of the question wondering, when's another Batman joke coming? What character is this?

Griffin:

Let's put a smile on that face! How can I find I was breastfeeding? Don't think about the Joker thing. I wanna know if I was breastfed from a breast.

Justin:

"Riddle me this, Batman. Does your shirt have holes in it?"

"No."

"Then how did you put it on?"

Griffin:

"What has two hands a face and doesn't move? A clock."

"What? You said it way too fast, Batman's The Riddler."

Travis:

"I wasn't even... I wasn't even done listening. The sound had not made it to my bat ears yet."

Justin:

How do you guys think he does put it on?

Griffin:

What?

Justin:

How does Batman put it on? I was thinking about it and like he would tell the Riddler like, "No, I don't have buttons," and then the Riddler would be like, "Then how did you put it on?" And then Batman would have to say something. I guess he wouldn't... He would probably just punch him. But like, if he wanted to answer, how would he put it on? Right?

Travis:

Why didn't the Riddler ever look at Batman and say, "Riddle me this. Who is Batman?" And Batman would be like, "Bruce Wayne. Shit! Dammit!"

Griffin:

You got me. I solved it though. Now give me 10 riddle points. And once he saves up 100, the Riddler dies.

Justin:

Do you think in every Batman story you've ever seen, ever, they have omitted a 10-second beat of footage where he's just like, "Zip me up, Alfred. Alfred, get... No, too tight. Corset me up, Alfred. Tighten my corset, Alfred."

Griffin:

It seems like a rubber spray, like he's just sprayed on him.

Justin:

Sprayed it on him.

Griffin:

He's nude.

Travis:

I have seen human beings removing wetsuits before and it is not a cool thing or an easy thing.

Griffin:

No.

Travis:

It kind of looks like someone shedding their exoskeleton, their carapace.

Griffin:

And if we're, if we're being honest, his wiener probably looks super weird in there when he takes... Like, it probably looks super, super, super... It's like a little hot bag that you sweat into, and then when you take it off, like we don't talk about this ever, but his wiener probably looks, like, pretty busted.

Travis:

He's definitely fully talced up before he gets in there, right?

Griffin:

He talcs 360 degrees, full coverage. [laughing]

Travis:

He's got like a spray tan booth of talcum powder. Like, "Oh there's a crime. Okay, I need 20 minutes to get... I just, I gotta grease up and then talc up and then get in the suit. And that takes a while. And I had to put in a lot of soundproofing so you wouldn't hear the squeaking and the screaming."

Justin:

Do you think at some point in their relationship, Alfred has come to him and said, "Ah, Master Bruce."

"Yes?"

"Uh, I'm just gonna ask a-fucking-gain, please stop peeing in the suit, Master Bruce. I have to fucking wash it. Okay? Master Bruce. Please stop peeing in the suit. Thank you."

Griffin:

I don't think it's-

Travis:

"Master Bruce, I have taken the liberty of, I've crafted you a flannel number with several zippers and buttons and flaps."

"No."

"Okay. But just for a second, just consider."

Justin:

"Master Bruce, who do you think... It stinks like shit. There's nothing we're gonna do about that. You're getting, you're fighting the Penguin, you're sweating to high heaven. I'll quit and then I'll need a way to make money. And I can think of one pretty fucking good one, and it's a book called Here's Where The Bat Cave Is by me, Alfred who no longer washes your piss suit."

Griffin:

"It's called The Secrets of the Underground Piss Boy. And that's you."
[laughing]

Justin:

"That's you."

Griffin:

You... And Chapter One, You'll Never Believe This Clammy Penis.

Justin:

"I'll tell them about the time you got scared last year, remember Master Bruce? Really scared? Remember, really, really scared? I think of it as Alfred's super bad day that he had because of you, Master Bruce."

Griffin:

"You remember when he... Hey, Gotham. Chapter two. Remember when Bane almost blew our thing up with... I forget why, but it was really dumb. But anyway, Batman came home from that one and his balls were so pruneey, it was... This suit is so tight. And he was out there for a few days just getting wildly pruneey down there."

Justin:

"Chapter three. Master Bruce stopped watching Dexter after Season 3, but he continued to make me recap episodes after I watched them for the entirety of the series. Literally half of my day is spent recapping Dexter for Batman."

Travis:

Batman took a weird turn. I like him.

Justin:

He's a weird dude, man. "Uh, the other day my boyfriend went thrift shopping on his day off from work. When he got home, I asked him if he had found anything good. He said that he had and proceeded to show me a Criss Angel Mindfreak Magic Kit. I really like this guy. What do I do?" Get fucking stoked, I guess?

Griffin:

Yeah, get married, I guess, to this person as fast as is possible?

Justin:

Are you kidding me? That's very good.

Travis:

Was it unopened?

Justin:

It's worth a lot more that way.

Travis:

Because you run the risk of some of the minds having already been freaked.

Griffin:

Yeah, you can't unfreak those beans. Uh, can you... Sorry, Juice, I wanted to do a joke but I didn't wanna be rude and interrupt you. So maybe you could read it a second time and I'll be rude this time but it won't be the one that counts.

Justin:

Yeah, you got it.

Griffin:

All right.

Justin:

"Um, the other day my boyfriend went thrift shopping-

Griffin:

I'm gonna pop some tags. Okay? Piss! I've got thirty dollars in my pocket.

Justin:

You said you had a joke. I'm still waiting on... Where's the joke?

Griffin:

At one point he says piss in the song. Piss.

Justin:

Yeah, that is pretty good.

Travis:

But shit. It was 99 cents!

Griffin:

You know, it's... And he comes back at it and, but with a message. Like an important message. Um, this is the best pick up, like, ever, and I think you should get psyched and start, like, putting on little magic shows, I guess? What comes at... All right, time to Google. What comes in the Criss Angel Mindfreak Magic Kit?

Travis:

Okay, while you work on that-

Justin:

Super quick, I am going to need to know that. I'm also gonna wonder if it makes the illusions harder if you pull out like, "I'm gonna poke a hole through this coin." And they're like, "Uh, why does the coin have Criss Angel's face on it?" And you have to just stare at them, until they forgot you were gonna do a magic trick.

Travis:

Justin-

Griffin:

So, Sears has it for 128... Sorry, 128 American dollars and 90 centers, which is basically 129 American dollars.

Travis:

Let me ask you this...

Griffin:

Barnes & Noble, Barnes & Noble will get it to you for 60 bucks.

Travis:

Justin.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

If you saw a Criss Angel Mindfreak Magic Kit at a thrift store, what amount of money would they have to be charging for it that would balance for you the joke of buying it without being ashamed of the amount of money you paid for it?

Justin:

Uh, okay, Trav. Hi, it's nice to meet you. My name is Justin McElroy and I paid \$200 for a lucid dreaming helmet that's never going to...

Travis:

Fair enough, I should have asked Griffin.

Justin:

There's not a number. Yes, exactly.

Travis:

Griffin, same question.

Griffin:

\$128.90. [laughs]

Justin:

Griffin would pay double what he'd pay at Barnes & Noble.

Griffin:

There's somebody who wrote this on Sears. Apparently Sears just lets you write your own product descriptions. "I've included the Mindfreak Kit instructional DVD to perform every Mindfreak Prop contained in this kit to make learning easy and fun." By the way, I'm looking at this shit and it's like, some little foam balls and thimbles and it's like, you can't freak

someone's bean with some fucking thimbles. It's impossible. "Um, as a bonus, I've also included Volumes one and five of my best-selling DVD series Master Mindfreaks."

Okay, so Criss did write this then. "Uh, each DVD with my personal step-by-step instructions on how to perform each and every insane mind reak," little typo there. "Including my biggest secret, how to self levitate anywhere, anytime, with no props. I've also included three different official decks of Criss Angel playing cards, my personal practice tips, and Mindfreak Teach-a-Tricks." That's-

Justin:

Hey. Sorry, go ahead?

Griffin:

That's teach, hyphen, A, hyphen, tricks. "Teach-a-Tricks from my best-selling book, Criss Angel: Mindfreak-"

Justin:

Teach-a-Tricks, T-R-I-X?

Griffin:

Nope. It's tricks spelled right. Uh, "Criss Angel: Mindfreak: Secret Revelations, the free ultimate online... Ultimate loyal freak trial membership at Criss Angel website and much, much more." A hundred-

Justin:

I'm just gonna try it out and see.

Griffin:

I'm watching a YouTube video now and it's somebody doing one of the tricks from this Mindfreak set. And it looks like they've got three little silver cups here and three foam balls. And...

Justin:

Each, each one with Criss Angel's face on it.

Griffin:

And this person is putting some of the balls in the cups and... Oh, look at that. Looks like three of the balls ended up in... Ah!

Justin:

Is your mind-

Griffin:

My mind. My bean. It got me. Guys, it got me. Right in my bean.

Justin:

I wish he had called it Beanfreak. [laughs]

Griffin:

Guys, oh, it got me right in the bean. Oh, you gotta finish the show without me. Oh, why did I watch this GD video? Oh! [panting] It's still on, the video's still going. The three balls are back in the original cups. My bean! My bean. My bean! Oh, my bean! Oh, my bean.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

[laughing] This is podcast history, someone's having their mind freaked in media res as Griffin is having his mind freaked.

Griffin:

It's hard. I can't even think right anymore. Guys?

Justin:

That's what happens.

Griffin:

Ah, shit. My legs and arms feel numb. Is this it?

Justin:

Well, folks. This has been My Brother, My Brother and Me, an advice show for the mod-ren era. Now just My Brother and Me, I guess. Um, my name is

Justin McElroy. And, um, thank you to John Roderick of The Long Winters for the use our theme song It's a Departure off the album Putting the Days to Bed. Uh, thanks to everybody who has listened to our show and shared it over the years, during the Griffin years, as we will now think of them. And, uh, Trav, do you have anything you, you would like to say?

Travis:

Uh, yeah. Go check out all the other amazing shows on MaximumFun.org. There's a ton on there, they're all great. You can also go to mcelroyshows.com to find all the projects that we're associated with, uh, as well as contact information, like PO Boxes and email addresses and Twitter accounts, uh, Facebook groups, all that kind of stuff.

Um, also wanted to say we're, uh... My wife and I have a new show we do called The Kind Rewind where we watch different things and discuss them. We are wrapping up Season 1 of Buffy, and then, uh, the next episode after that we'll be watching, uh, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial. So that will be...

Griffin:

Oh, yeah!

Travis:

... episode 5. Um, we're gonna watch the first three episodes of Cheers. And we don't wanna commit ourselves to a whole first season in case we hate it. But episode 6 will be the first three episodes of Cheers.

Justin:

Um, uh...

Griffin:

I've got to do the closer, hold on.

Justin:

Okay. Okay. Oh, Griffin's back, thank God.

Griffin:

I can do the closer. Okay. Also we're about to do our live show in Austin. If you're coming to that, please send in questions to MBMBAM@maximumfun.org.

Here's a final Yahoo sent in by Morgan Davy, keep it wavy, Morgan Davy. It's a Yahoo Answers user, they're anonymous, everybody's just completely undercover. This one's asked by Cream Dream who asks, "Did Arthur from the cartoon ever go to a funeral in the show?" [laughs]

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 music plays]

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I'm Barbara Gray.

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I'm Brandie Posey.

Tess:

And I'm Tess Barker.

Barbara:

We're Lady to Lady. Do you wanna sleepover in your ears?

Brandie:

Is that a friend in your pocket or are you just podcast to see me?

Tess:

We're a portable hangout you can bring to the gym, on the subway or on an oil rig.

Brandie:

Seriously, we have listeners who do that.

Tess:

Share with us while we get high with Margaret Cho.

Brandie:

Top show girls with Katya from Drag Race.

Tess:

And hear Broadway star Anthony Rapp singing Hamilton.

Anthony:

[singing] I am not throwing away my shot, I am not throwing away my shot. Ay, yo, I'm just like my country, I'm young, scrappy, and hungry, and I'm not throwing away my shot.

Tess:

That's Lady to Lady.

Barbara:

Can you keep a secret?

Brandie:

Neither can we.