

## **MBMBaM 692: The Naming of 2024**

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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 My Brother, My Brother and Me, an advice show for the modren era. I'm your oldest brother, Justin McElroy.

**Travis:** I'm your middlest brother, Travis McElroy. Wuddup, Trav Nation. Woof-woof! Dog pound.

**Griffin:** I thought for a second, I thought—I'm Griffin McElroy. I thought for a second, Travis, you had, without a word, left Trav Nation back in 2023. Part of me thought that Trav Nation was gonna wake up Jan 1, 2024 and be like, "Where did Travis go?"

**Travis:** A part of me considered it.

**Griffin:** I heard.

**Travis:** In that brief moment where I was like, where do I stand? Am I an expat now? Is it time—have I been couped? Have I been couped out of Trav Nation? But no, no coup took place. I'm still in power. Going string.

**Griffin:** Okay. Great.

**Justin:** We are so thrilled to be here with you on this episode of the... the naming of the year. Where we take a step forward...

**Griffin:** And look back!

**Justin:** And look back. Look back.

**Griffin:** Step forward.

**Justin:** Step forward.

**Griffin:** Don't trip.

**Justin:** Don't trip in the future.

**Travis:** We take sides. Is that anything?

**Justin:** We chose a side.

**Griffin:** We look within.

**Justin:** No, we're gonna—Griffin—

**Travis:** We slide to the left. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Griffin, you're the baby of the—

**Travis:** Crisscross!

**Justin:** Griffin, you're the baby of the family, would you like to do the honors of reading all our previous years? Because this is really... what a victory lap this always feels like, you know?

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** It's very rare that some—that three people will work for an hour to come up with one thing. So it makes sense that if we spend an hour coming up with one joke, it's always going to be good.

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure.

**Justin:** And then when you compound them together, to me, it's the experience I imagine Bill Watterson must feel when he cracks open his omnibus.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** You know what I mean?

**Travis:** Can I also just say, Justin, the equation of three people work together for an hour to come up with one thing, I'm not sure which factor in that equation is the impressive part. That there's only three of us, but it took us an hour to come up with one joke.

**Justin:** It's all impressive, Trav. It's all extremely impressive, Trev.

**Griffin:** Let's get—let's do it. It starts off—guys, here's the problem, I don't know that we've beaten 2011. 2010 was Zolo, that doesn't count. This wasn't even a thing back then. This wasn't even a joke back then.

**Justin:** That was like someone else. We didn't even come up with that.

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** But it gave us the idea.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** So Zolo is what—

**Griffin:** If you Ship of Theseus this thing out, anything before 2016 wasn't even us making it. Because all of the cells have—we have sloughed off all of the Justin, Travis and Griffin.

**Travis:** No, I actually stopped doing that.

**Griffin:** Oh?

**Travis:** Yeah...

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** I no longer replace myself.

**Justin:** You got the surgery.

**Griffin:** Travis...

**Travis:** Once you hit perfection, the body stops.

**Justin:** You lock it in.

**Griffin:** If I had defeated atrophy, I believe I would have my own nation also. perfection. I think that's worth—

**Travis:** Yeah, listen, you could do it. Anyone could do it if you follow my 10 step course for 9.99. That's \$999, important to note.

**Griffin:** But then one day you'll get dandruff and you'll be like, "Oh, god, it's me! Me is doing away!"

**Justin:** Zolo.

**Griffin:** Zolo, 2010. 2011, 2000-and-Heaven: Get Right With Christ.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah. We have a—I would say there are a few different categories of year names. And one of those categories is a command. And this is one of the wilder ones we did, because we were trying to get some souls saved. Because we hadn't really—

**Justin:** Just doing our—just get a few jewels in our crown. You can't blame **us** for that.

**Griffin:** 20 does—

**Travis:** Gold bricks? I think that's a thing.

**Justin:** Gold bricks and the heavenly—

**Travis:** And the wall of fire comes.

**Griffin:** Yes. 20-Does: Getting It. Now, does anyone remember why we were getting it in 20 Does?

**Travis:** Oh, we were doing it.

**Justin:** Getting it in 20 does. That's not even a... we actually went backwards with that one, I will say.

**Griffin:** Way back. Yeah, yeah, from get right with Christ.

**Justin:** Because there's no—we're not doing a pun.

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** There's no rhyme. There's no real like... getting it? I mean, I need something a little bit more inspiring, that I'm gonna see on like the side of a paper towel roll. You know, like on the side of a tea bag.

**Travis:** Yeah, it does—it feels like we need to do it a screenshot notes app apology for that one.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that one sucks.

**Travis:** Hey, listen, we were young, we didn't know any better. We were different people then. We were different people then.

**Griffin:** The next three tell a story. 2013, 20-Dirt: Dig it up, get it out.

**Justin:** That's pretty good.

**Griffin:** That's all right. Then 2014, 20-Forward. So that's like we fucked up 2013, let's just pretend it didn't happen and like—

**Travis:** We in fact should not have dug it up.

**Griffin:** We should not have dug it up. We should not have gotten it out. 2015, 20-Grift-Teen: The Con is On. So we've kind of...

**Justin:** 20-Grift-Teen is the best.

**Griffin:** 20-Grift-Teen is quite good.

**Travis:** No, I'm sorry, no. 2017 is the best.

**Justin:** Okay, 20-Grift-Teen is where we hit our stride. Is that fair to say?

**Travis:** Yes, I agree, yes.

**Justin:** We didn't understand the memo.

**Griffin:** We didn't get it yet.

**Justin:** It took us five years to understand our own bit.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** This is what I'm saying.

**Griffin:** 2016, probably our biggest boner. 20-Fix-teen: Building Bridges.

**Justin:** Yeah! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Famously, 2016, not a great year for that.

**Travis:** Not every bridge gets finished. Not everyone bridge goes to somewhere, you know? Sometimes it's the Bridge to Terabithia.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Sometimes it's a—

**Travis:** And it kills the kid, if I remember correctly. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Hey, listen, you're not—

**Travis:** Much like Sergeant Powell, it kills the kid. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** You're not taking an elevator to hell, you know?

**Griffin:** No.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** You're gonna have to get the—you need a bridge! You need a bridge to get there.

**Griffin:** 20-Serpentine, in 2017, Keep 'em Guessing. Or Zag on 'em.

**Travis:** That's a good one.

**Justin:** That was a good theme. That was very useful.

**Griffin:** That was fun. I feel like that is not something I get permission to do enough as a 36 year old father of two, is to really introduce a lot of unpredictability into my whole vibe. [chuckles]

**Justin:** I was good, I started a—you know we kept trying to surprise each other that year, like that was the year I just randomly started taekwondo, just to keep 'em guessing.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah, that was cool. 2018, Collaborate-Teen: Stronger Together. A noble thought, for sure. Probably the one we've done—did the least of.

**Justin:** We did lots of collaborations that year?

**Travis:** The three of us collaborate all the time, Griffin. What are you talking about?

**Justin:** That's true.

**Griffin:** That's true. 2019, Frankenstein-Teen: Become the Monster. This is the other bucket that year titles go into, which is like... a vibe.

**Travis:** Branding.

**Griffin:** A vibe, a...

**Justin:** A vibe, yes.

**Griffin:** Not a command, but just a sort of like let this—it's an energy. It's an energy—

**Justin:** A tone-setter, yeah. We're setting the tone.

**Travis:** And I would say, Griffin, the third bucket is absolute boner misses. So what's 2020 again, Griffin?

**Griffin:** 2020 was; 20-Funny: Fill Your Life with Laughter and Love, if memory serves, in the midnight hour of that year.

**Justin:** It was the—yeah, the—

**Griffin:** We did decide that year had—

**Justin:** Well, chronology is we do this—and a lot of people may have forgotten, but in 2020, there was the novel Coronavirus.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** It was bad stuff.

**Travis:** They came in and just took a real fart on everybody's good time.



**Justin:** Now did we—we changed the theme, but we didn't make it more like virus-centric.

**Travis:** No, no.

**Justin:** It wasn't like a renaming, like in honor of.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It was—

**Travis:** I would say, in many ways, in spite of.

**Griffin:** In spite of.

**Justin:** Travis, what was it?

**Travis:** I believe it was 20-Honey.

**Griffin:** Down to Down to Beesness.

**Travis:** Down to Beesness.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Here's the thing, though. It's not called COVID-20, it's COVID-19. So, did we encourage becoming the monster?

**Justin:** Okay, interesting.

**Travis:** Oh, no. I also will say that I think eventually the 2020 morphed into; Honey-Funny: Fill Your Life With Laughter and Bees, I think was how it settled out.

**Griffin:** 21, 22, 23, all fucking great. 20-Big-Dog-Run: No Bones About It.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] It rules. 2022, 20—

**Justin:** We started—you know what? After that, we started setting the bar lower for ourselves.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** Like it was more achievable, let's just like have a kind of mindset.

**Griffin:** Here's what's happened for the last three years; 2022, 20-Rendezvous: Fancy Takes Flight. Tremendous. And of course, 2023—

**Justin:** Tremendous.

**Griffin:** 20-Sun-and-Sea: Surf the Vibe. We've leaned into less of—less a command, less an energy even, and more of an aesthetic.

**Travis:** More of a prom theme, really.

**Griffin:** Kind of a prom theme.

**Justin:** Well, we started—when people—with 20—I think that was—because with... Fancy Takes Flight, people were like dressing up for those shows and it was really fun.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** So that was definitely in our head.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** When we said surf the vibe.

**Travis:** Well—

**Justin:** We have to serve the year first, though.

**Griffin:** The year—

**Justin:** I think, you know, even—

**Travis:** If we're talking about in our head though, I don't think we can be more in our head than we've been since 2020, where there was a command of like, fill your life with laughter and love.

**Griffin:** And we fucking blew it.

**Travis:** And we boned it so hard.

**Griffin:** Blew it so bad.

**Travis:** All that called shot.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** That I think we softened a little bit.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Travis:** To be like, now it's just a vibe.

**Justin:** My brain was—I don't know about you guys—well, I don't know about you, Griffin, but my brain was electrified with the possibilities of 4.

**Griffin:** Oh, for sure.

**Justin:** We've never had a sound like that.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And it is—it was—I was once again reminded of what a bad rhyming word 20 is.

**Griffin:** It sucks.

**Justin:** It's kind of in its own—it's kind of doing its own thing.

**Griffin:** 30's gonna be fuckin' tight. I hope we get to 30 so bad 'cause there's so—flirty, dirty... squirty. There's like—

**Justin:** Dirty.

**Travis:** Wha, no.

**Griffin:** So much fuckin' cool stuff we can do with that.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Just before we move on from it though, 2023, a look back, a pretty fun vibe, I think. I liked leaning into the beachy vibe.

**Travis:** I would say, yeah, a great vibe that made it fun for live shows.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Great streaming just like you know, backgrounds.

**Griffin:** Didn't penetrate the broader social consciousness, I would say, in a way that was impactful.

**Justin:** It did also make it that Jimmy Buffett saw that his work had been completed here on Earth, that his vibe—like he saw that he had his disciples.

**Travis:** He passed the mantle.

**Justin:** He passed the mantle on. And I'm glad we were there for that year. Did put—I have to say, all due respect, my friend Jimmy did kind of put a little bumner on the year, on our surf and sea year.

**Griffin:** Yes. I would say yes.

**Travis:** A little asterisk.

**Justin:** A little asterisk. But 2024 is a different kettle of fish. 2024, I was so electrified, I actually brought together my counsel. My best minds.

**Travis:** Ooh?

**Justin:** The best punsters, the best rhymers that I know. I had a teleconference with Lynn and Sydney. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Oh, boy.

**Justin:** Where I just got my two big guns in here to help me pull out something. I got some—

**Travis:** That's like you're Toby and you're Leo.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** It is. Hey, you know what? They would both absolutely adore that reference I know for a 100% fact. So thank you, Travis.

**Travis:** I won't say which one's which though, I wouldn't do them the dishonor.

**Justin:** They have—I will just say, just to get things—because I feel like we've just gotta do it.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Justin:** Rip the band aid off a little bit.

**Griffin:** Yeah, get in there.

**Justin:** If that's okay by you, Griff? Do you have other stuff you want to talk about?

**Griffin:** No, I'm just saying I'm excited too because I also prepped quite a bit for this one and—

**Travis:** I didn't!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** What a weird turnabout!

**Griffin:** Yeah, no. You should've. I don't know what to say. You should have done that.

**Travis:** In the past though, I've brought like a whole list and you guys have shit on it so hard.

**Justin:** Travis, I don't—

**Travis:** And then eventually one of mine becomes the year. And this year I was like, it's time to leave room for these two boys to play.

**Griffin:** Yeah...

**Justin:** Travis, I don't know why Reddit always says you try too hard. Because this is clearly an example of you not trying at all.

**Griffin:** I'm saying the three of us are chefs leaning over a big pot of gumbo.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And even if you're... Andouille sausage, never becomes the star of the gumbo. It is an important ingredient and it lends flavor.

**Justin:** Travis is currently—you can't see this, listener, but Travis is currently ruffling through papers as though he maybe has a list of year names. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Hold on, hold on, I—

**Justin:** Somewhere on his desk. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Hold on...

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** All right.

**Justin:** Okay, I will tell you guys the name. And this is... there was one name that Lynn and Sydney in a vacuum came to together.

**Griffin:** Oh, wow.

**Travis:** Ooh?

**Justin:** And I thought that had a lot of power. But the one that the two of them came at together seems unapproachable, and it's 20-Demi-Moore: Ghost of a Chance. Now...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Why does that seem unapproachable, Juice?

**Justin:** Well, it's just like 20-Demi-Moore, for all her qualities, good and bad, I don't like get an—[chuckles] I don't feel—

**Travis:** Yeah, I don't know how to embody Demi Moore!

**Justin:** I don't feel different after I think about Demi Moore.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** You know what I mean? Like, except for a very limited period when I was in middle school and Striptease came out and I did feel differently after I thought about Demi Moore.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** My day to day life, I don't know that I'd get a lot of—

**Travis:** You don't think that influence of Striptease carried on into your day to day energy? [chuckles]

**Justin:** No, the symbolic power of Demi Moore. I think Demi Moore, for all her qualities, good and bad, has limited totemic power, is what I'm saying. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Yes. Yeah, I'll get—yes, I—I think, Justin, many times we take big swings in our assessments of celebrities. But I think saying that Demi Moore does not exist with powerful totemic energy is a perfectly reasonable statement to make.

**Griffin:** You know what? I think it's wild we don't know what she's all about. I think that's wild that we're not getting out there and figuring out—

**Travis:** That's a good point.

**Justin:** I feel like she kind of closed us off at a certain point.

**Griffin:** Yeah, hey, Demi—

**Justin:** You know what I mean? [laughs] Like she didn't wanna know what we thought so much.

**Travis:** Yeah, I think it's probably when she started dating Ashton Kutcher that she was like, "You know what? From here on in, it's a closed book."

**Griffin:** Yeah.



**Travis:** You guys don't know.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** We need to start a document, Justin, of these shared things.

**Justin:** Ah, okay. Well, you know what? I just decided the person who's going to be in charge of doing that is the person that doesn't have a different list to look at.

**Griffin:** That's Travis.

**Justin:** And that's you, my friend. That's you.

**Travis:** Well, I have a beautiful mind. So my list exists in the ether of my brain space, but—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Oh, that's—you're gonna type. [chuckles] You're still gonna type.

**Travis:** Okay, I'm just not very good at typing...

**Justin:** Okay, I'll type!

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Justin:** God! God... how old are we? How old are we?! [chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm just saying that at this point we all have very specific roles within the family, and mine isn't typing.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Travis has beef with Mavis Beacon. And he always has.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** The MB in MBMBaM is not Mavis Beacon, My Brother and Me.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I'm the one she gave up on.

**Griffin:** Yeah. [chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm the one student that Mavis Beacon broke character, turned to the camera and said, "Get out."

**Griffin:** It's why in every—

**Travis:** Go play Sims Hotel on the computer in the computer lab! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** In every edition of Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing after 1999, when they ask you to type in your name, if you type in Travis, her face changes. And she looks at the screen and she's like, "Travis who? What's your last name?" Just to confirm, because there's one unredeemable typist out there. She knows.

**Travis:** It's me. Did I ever tell you guys in college I used to call home and dictate papers to mom, and she would take them out and email them to me?

**Griffin:** That's fucking bananas, Trav.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** She was such a fast typer.

**Travis:** She was the fastest.

**Griffin:** She was an extremely fast typist.

**Travis:** Fastest typer in West Virginia, according to the—when she took that test.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** For like—there was an agency that like places—

**Justin:** Yeah, man. She was wild. She used to do the kids—this isn't funny, but it's interesting. She just had this thing called a dictaphone, and it was like a pedal operated tape player where she would like rewind and fast forward with her feet.

**Griffin:** It was so cool.

**Justin:** So she could do the dictations, wild.

**Travis:** It was amazing.

**Justin:** Okay, 20-Demi-Moore—

**Griffin:** And as long as we're doing celebs, may I just toss out there—and I hate this this the—

**Justin:** Are you guys seeing this document now? I don't see you in the document. I've shared you on it, so if you could—and I'm sorry, guys, at my age—maybe this is even more important than the passing of the year. It's the passing of the pica. I gotta bump this font up just to get anything going here. Okay...

**Griffin:** Okay, let me hit you with this; as long as we're talking celebs, I want to toss—

**Travis:** Which we always are.

**Griffin:** I wanna throw some chum out in the water here. And this one, being on sochey means that like my—not being on sochey means that like my ability to kind of just know where everyone stands at all times has diminished.

**Justin:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** But so this may be a risk, but I'm gonna say the 20-Pauly-Shore: Bring Him Home.

**Travis:** Sorry, I... what's the bringing him home? What exactly does that entail, I guess is my question. Because it invokes a Les Mis vibe of we are worried about our... adopted son. I like—

**Griffin:** Where is he? 20-Pauly-Shore: Where is he? Bring him home.

**Justin:** He's on Instagram, I think.

**Griffin:** Guys, listen—

**Justin:** But you don't know that, do you? Is that what you're saying?

**Griffin:** This dude used to make fuckin' four movies a year and they all—

**Travis:** That is true.

**Griffin:** They all slapped. Where is he? Bring him home. 20-Pauly-Shore: Bring Him Home.

**Travis:** Well, there's a lot about Brendan Fraser currently.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** But not—and frankly, Sean Astin.

**Griffin:** Uh-huh.

**Travis:** Right? Two thirds of—

**Justin:** I'd love to get Pauly Shore back out there.

**Travis:** Unless he sucks. Unless he sucks.

**Griffin:** Unless he sucks, that's the thing.

**Travis:** I don't know!

**Justin:** I don't know. I don't know if he does and—

**Griffin:** But maybe if he sucks, if we brought him home, we could fix him?

**Travis:** Fixing the weasel.

**Justin:** Griffin, do you—

**Travis:** What about 20-Pauly-Shore: Fixing the Weasel. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Griffin, do you know how it chills me to the bone that your opening salvo rhymes 20 with Pauly? Do you know what that does to me? Do you know how worried that makes me about your—

**Griffin:** I told you it wasn't a good one. Hey, it ends in E, okay? It's a slant rhyme.

**Travis:** Now, I do have one.

**Griffin:** I am married to a poet, sir. Thank you so much.

**Travis:** I do have one.

**Justin:** Okay. You have one. Well earlier you had zero. So, this—[chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, no, the—this one—

**Griffin:** If you say 20-Pauly-Shore, Travis, that's my one. I just did it.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** And it is 20-One-Last-Score: Getting the Gang Back Together.

**Griffin:** Now here's the thing—

**Travis:** Or 20-One-Last—I'm not as sold on the tagline. Because 20-One-Last-Score, and then we retire—this year, we retire.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Would be a powerful statement.

**Griffin:** And not one that I actually want to sort of throw my hat over the fence on.

**Travis:** 20-One-Last-Score: And Then We're Out.

**Griffin:** Here—

**Travis:** 20-One-Last-Score.

**Griffin:** I also had a few ideas that involved one-something-four rhyme, right. The problem is you can't replace a number with a number I don't think. I don't think it can go from 2024 to 20-one-last-score. Where's that one come from?

**Travis:** Hey, Griffin, we could do anything we want to. This is the world of pure imagination.

**Griffin:** Okay, sure, Travis. Let's call it 20-fart-butt-ass. Because we can do anything we want.

**Travis:** Not anything we want to! Not *anything* we want to, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Okay. Okay, do you have another one, Juice? The energy so far—

**Travis:** We talked more about 20 Pauly Shore than 21-Last-Score!

**Griffin:** Guys, can we not get in each other's asses fuckin' from Jump Street?

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** We've just begun.

**Travis:** This is what's gonna happen. This is what happens every year, I throw one out that's absolute gold and you guys shit on it at first. And then an hour passes and eventually your will breaks and you're like, "Actually, 21-Last-Score is really good." I'm proven true by history.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Well, let's start getting through some more names because I've got tons—

**Griffin:** Great, yeah, me too.

**Justin:** It's wild.

**Griffin:** But I don't want to share them because I've been so thoroughly harangued for my first one.

**Justin:** All right, my team—these are all from my team and me. 20-Petty-4.

**Griffin:** I don't know what that is.

**Justin:** They're like little cakes... Like little cakes?

**Travis:** Now once again—hey, Justin, my I ask—and I say this with no judgment, as someone who's brought lists in the past. How many of these—

**Justin:** Hey, you don't know who came up with any of these names.

**Griffin:** Yeah, so—

**Travis:** I know. I know. I know.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Be careful, because—

**Travis:** How many of these are just like good rhymes, the end?

**Justin:** I mean, my team is very rhyme-focused, I will give you that.  
[chuckles] They are very rhyme-focused individuals.

**Griffin:** That's good, maybe I should get a team like that, because my shit, I just throw Polly in there sometimes just to get like fucking wild with it.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Now this is a good one; 20-Center-Court.

**Griffin:** 20-Center-Core?

**Travis:** Center-Court?

**Justin:** 20-Center-Court: Game, Set, Match.

**Griffin:** 20-Center-Court: Game, Set, Match. That—

**Travis:** Accept it's not twenty-twenty-fort, is the one problem I'm having.

**Griffin:** Okay, time—time out!

**Justin:** Time out! Time out!

**Griffin:** Time out!

**Justin:** Time out!

**Griffin:** We are coming—we can't—the acoustics inside of our butts is not good enough to do a podcast with. We are human-centipeding each other for no reason whatsoever.

**Justin:** There's no reason.

**Griffin:** Yeah.



**Travis:** Okay, okay.

**Justin:** We need to celebrating these.

**Griffin:** You know it doesn't rhyme with 13? Dirt.

**Justin:** Love.

**Griffin:** So we can be—we can be—this can be whatever it needs to be, but we need to be able to all feel safe.

**Travis:** Yeah, you're right.

**Griffin:** To bounce off the walls and have a little bit of fucking fun in here. It's not a—now don't get me wrong, I didn't like the suggestion either, Travis. I thought it was not good.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** No, no, I'm saying your suggestion was bad, Justin. I am agreeing with Travis about that. But just—

**Travis:** I wasn't kind. I was kind.

**Griffin:** You weren't kind, vibe with it. You know what I mean? Like—

**Justin:** Yeah... it's just 20... 20-Runny-Sore: Get That Looked At.

**Griffin:** Okay, you've just put up quite a few in a row, Juice, that I think even you know it's not going to be that. If the—

**Travis:** Has everything shifted one brother to the left? What's happening?

**Griffin:** It kind of seems like, yeah.

**Justin:** See, Lynn and Sydnee both really like—yeah.

**Griffin:** Not bringing a bunch of suggestions seems like a real Griffin thing to do. So I can actually see the rotational—

**Travis:** Yeah, it's very strange.

**Justin:** [chuckles] That means—wait, if I'm Travis—oh, no, sorry. I'm Travis, Travis is Griffin. That means Griffin is about to be—hold on. Wow me, baby. Because that only leaves one brother and I'm ready for you to shine. If you're the Justin. I am thrilled.

**Griffin:** 20—

**Justin:** Do you know how long I—do you know how tired I am of being the Justin?

**Griffin:** Yeah, I know.

**Justin:** Whoo!

**Griffin:** Yeah, 20—

**Travis:** Hey, hey, if we're talking about which one of us just got the better end of the deal—

**Griffin:** It's Travis.

**Travis:** If I'm the Griffin, this is my fucking year, buddy!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I am—yeah!

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

**Griffin:** 20-20-Score: Take it to the Hoop.

**Justin:** Wait, hold on, 20...

**Griffin:** 20-20-Score: Take it to the Hoop. 20-20-Score: Take it to the Hoop. I like—now this is, again, turning away from aesthetic. Unless we don't treat

it like a command. You can treat it like a command, take it to the hoop. Finish it. Take it to the hoop. Finish it. Score. Finish it. Or it could just be a general sports aesthetic. It could just be like a... kind of like how in like the—in like 1996, I was a big Bulls Basketball fan. But just sort of the vibe and not so much the athleticism or the names of any of the people involved other than Michael Jordan.

**Travis:** I think there was a Pippen in there?

**Griffin:** Pippen was definitely in there and—

**Travis:** I remember because of the musical.

**Griffin:** Yes. And I believe there was the nasty man.

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Griffin:** But I just sort of was all about the vibe. That could be—that could also be the direction we go into.

**Travis:** The one problem I'm having there Griffin is the two 20s. If we can replace the second 20 with something else...

**Justin:** Three 20s.

**Travis:** Oh? Okay.

**Griffin:** 20-20-20. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Think about that.

**Travis:** 20-20-20.

**Justin:** 20-20-Score. [chuckles] 20-20-Score. That's three 20s!

**Travis:** This one just—

**Justin:** It's all 20s. 20-20—

**Griffin:** Score.

**Justin:** Score!

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure. It's a fair point, yeah.

**Justin:** Because you know what I mean? It's like the—yeah, it's great.

**Travis:** This one just popped into my head, let me throw this out—

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** 20-Ancient-Lore: The Prophecy Fulfilled.

**Griffin:** Okay. I'm going to be a big man here and not talk about ancient. Not even address ancient.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm not worried—I'm less worried about the 20 rhyme.

**Justin:** Yeah, what you're worried about seems to be a real moving target, pal. [chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm just saying, 20-Rendezvous—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Right? 20-Sun-and-Sea—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** We weren't worried about that second 20 in there?

**Griffin:** This is not gonna be it, but 20-Baltimore: Wild Night in Charm City.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** We've never done an extremely local one before.

**Travis:** Now hold on.

**Griffin:** We've never done a local one before where it's like, this year, it's all about Baltimore. What I like about that, it's—I can get there in 45 minutes if I needed to. I could hop on the train, also be there, no problem, by the time we finish recording.

**Justin:** It would be nice to give one—

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin:** You know what I mean?

**Travis:** Yeah, and I get the feeling, just from my gut, that maybe Baltimore hasn't always had it easy.

**Griffin:** Hm...

**Travis:** Wasn't it—it was one that one—The Wire. Wasn't it on The Wire?

**Justin:** It was on The Wire.

**Griffin:** Baltimore was—

**Travis:** It was featured on The Wire, right?

**Griffin:** Baltimore had a small speaking role in The Wire.

**Travis:** Not like Sex in the City, where the city is like the fifth character.

**Griffin:** Yes, exactly. I mean, damn, y'all, though—I mean, Baltimore's got it going on. They got the big National Aquarium up there. We didn't get that in ours. The National City—

**Justin:** Why isn't the National Aquarium there?

**Griffin:** I don't know.

**Justin:** In your city.

**Griffin:** I don't know.

**Justin:** That doesn't make any sense.

**Travis:** What about 2020-4: Getting into Gold.

**Griffin:** 2020-4: Hitting the Links.

**Travis:** Oh!

**Griffin:** But again, this is—again, we—

**Travis:** 2020-4: A Good Walk Ruined.

**Griffin:** A good—that's just a joke about golf, though, is the problem.

**Justin:** Golf.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And not even ours.

**Griffin:** Not even our joke about—

**Justin:** Mark Twain's, I think. [chuckles]

**Travis:** No, but with this one—this one—hey, this year is for your dad. [chuckles] This is what we're telling our audience. Hey—

**Justin:** Hey, wait, does public domains mean that we can start claiming Mark Twain quotes as our own?

**Griffin:** I think so, yeah.

**Justin:** Is that how public domain works?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** That dude's been dead for way more than 70 years. We can totally just crib his whole shit.

**Travis:** Oh, okay. Hey, speaking of quotes, 20-Nevermore: Beware the Raven.

**Griffin:** I mean, again, not... practical. Not especially practical.

**Travis:** Oh, not like 20-Baltimore?

**Griffin:** 20-Baltimore is extremely practical. 20-Baltimore is extremely practical. It tells—

**Justin:** You don't get to where Baltimore is today without being a practical city.

**Travis:** Hey! You know who else is from Baltimore? Fuckin' Edgar Allen Poe, buddy!

**Griffin:** Okay, so he would—

**Travis:** I'm just saying, it all ties back together. Edgar Allen Poe, famous writer. The ravens exist! I don't know—

**Justin:** [chuckles] He was British.

**Griffin:** Wait.

**Travis:** There are more ravens than there are Baltimores! [chuckles]

**Justin:** He seems so British.

**Griffin:** Holy shit, their football team is the Baltimore Ravens. That's wild.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** I've never thought about that though. Shit, that's crazy, Trav. That's actually wild.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I've really never of—this is not me being facetious. I've never thought about the fact that the Baltimore Ravens is like a Poe thing.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Shit's cool.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, man! Books, check 'em out.

**Justin:** This show's educational too!

**Griffin:** That's awesome, yeah.

**Travis:** Books, check 'em out.

**Justin:** Hey, guys?

**Travis:** Read about stars and cars and electric guitars—

**Justin:** No. We don't need it.

**Travis:** Books, check 'em out.

**Justin:** 20-Dinty-Moore: Hot, Hearty and Always Delicious. Now this one is—here's how this one works.

**Griffin:** Dinty?



**Travis:** What is that one?

**Justin:** Dinty Moore, it's the beef stew company. They make beef stew. And we call it 20-Dinty-Moore and then we use their tagline. Hot, hearty and always delicious.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** And then we go to Dinty Moore, owned by Hormel, thank you. We go to Hormel and we say, "Hey, you've gotta pay for this sponsorship you guys requested." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "You've gotta pay for it. We set it up with Linda down in advertising."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "And you guys have gotta pay us for this."

**Travis:** Listen, Justin—

**Justin:** And then their—they think there's crossed wires.

**Griffin:** Uh-huh.

**Justin:** We're over here, we're counting... They're like, "We can't give you any money, we'll send you a year supply of beef stew."

**Griffin:** Hell yeah.

**Justin:** Enough said.

**Travis:** Justin, if your plan for 2024 is to weaponize gaslighting against corporations, I am 100% here for it.

**Griffin:** That could be cool, actually.

**Justin:** Can that be—that's the tagline of the year no matter what.

**Travis:** Yeah, weaponizing capitalism.

**Griffin:** Oh, no. Hot, hearty—

**Travis:** Against—

**Griffin:** Hot, hearty and always good to go. What was it?

**Justin:** No—

**Travis:** Tom Hardy and always good to go. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Tom Hardy and always delicious.

**Griffin:** Tom Hardy is always delicious is the tagline of—

**Justin:** "I'm Tom Hardy. This is my drag queen best friend, Always Delicious."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Together, we're fighting crime."

**Griffin:** 20-Open-Door: The World is Waiting.

**Travis:** Hm...

**Justin:** Hm...

**Travis:** Hm, 20-Open-Door...

**Justin:** 20-Open-Door... That sounds—

**Travis:** 20-Open-Door: We're not paying to air-condition the whole neighborhood.

**Justin:** Like, here's my—I like 20-Open-Door, but Griff, if you say it like this; 20-Open-Door: The World is Waiting. Like it sounds kind of sinister, like the world's waiting to get you.

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

**Travis:** Like the door's creaking open slowly, you know what I mean? Like, "I thought I closed it!"

**Griffin:** Then what about; let 20 open the door to your heart. Let 20—

**Justin:** Let 20—

**Griffin:** Let 20 open the door.

**Travis:** I'm—

**Justin:** Whew...

**Travis:** It's breaking some conventions there...

**Justin:** Yeah, it's [absurd??], but like we're free to do that. But let's talk about the good ones and then we'll see what other ones there are.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Yeah, save the chaff.

**Justin:** Save the chaff—20—I mean... do you guys know what a pinafore is?

**Griffin:** You've done—

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Once again—now, Justin, more and more, I feel like your team—

**Justin:** Like H.M.S. Pinafore.

**Travis:** Your team has started to devolve into—this sounds like something from like Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway shows. And less like actionable year themes. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Best sketch writers in history, who was it? [chuckles] Gilbert and Sullivan. Sorry, listen to this—

**Travis:** Sorry, Justin, was that a—was that a Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip reference?

**Griffin:** Studio 60 on the Sunset—yeah.

**Justin:** And it can't be too of a cut because you nerds both got it. 20 to the—

**Travis:** Oh, I owned Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip on DVD. I don't know what you're talking about, Justin.

**Justin:** Okay, guys, 20-Scentsy-Store: Hey, girlfriend. Sorry we haven't talked since high school.

**Travis:** [chortles]

**Justin:** Looks from your pictures like you're killing it. Are you down to YOLO and be your own girl boss?

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** That's the whole theme.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** That's cool.

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah!

**Griffin:** That kicks ass, can I—I like the energy of that. I hate the name of it. I love the... I love the whole energy around it. But the name of it I don't like. But that's cool. That's a cool spell to cast.

**Travis:** I do like that. I like that energy a lot, Justin. That was very revitalizing to me in a big way.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Well, I'm glad. I wish it didn't have a brand name in it. It is so trifficult when you have a brand in your thing that you sell T-shirts of.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You know what I mean? It's really hard to get it in there.

**Griffin:** Did you just say trifficult?

**Travis:** Yeah, it's trifficult.

**Justin:** I think I accidentally said trifficult, Griff.

**Griffin:** Is that like tricky and difficult? I like it.

**Travis:** Yeah, it's from Bluey. Come on, man.

**Justin:** It's from Bluey and I—we say it around the house sometimes, it just kind of slipped in there. Apologies to all involved.

**Travis:** Yesterday, my daughter said, "Is it pastable that bla-bla-bla." And it cracked me up so bad.

**Justin:** That's good.

**Travis:** And hey, this was—hey, Kraft? This one's for you. Anything's pastable is an amazing tagline for your product. You're welcome.

**Justin:** Are you guys—are you guys been writing these down?

**Travis:** Some of 'em.

**Justin:** Okay, good.

**Travis:** The ones I liked.

**Justin:** No one's written that—okay, you are really dropping the ball.

**Travis:** You're supposed to be typing! Wait, how am I dropping the ball?

**Justin:** Do you know how—history will not look kindly on this, Travis. 20-Baltimore, 20-Scentsy-Store...

**Griffin:** Okay, how about this; 20-Hear-Me-Roar: Make your power known.

**Travis:** Ooh.

**Justin:** Oh! Oh my!

**Griffin:** 20-Hear-Me-Roar.

**Justin:** 20-Hear-Me-Roar, that's like—that works on a lot of levels.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** I gotta say. It's like a pretty close rhyme. I mean, in the grand scope—I'll say this, Griffin, it sounds a whole lot more—a whole lot more like 24 than it does not sound like 24.

**Travis:** Yeah, that's a good point.

**Justin:** Like it's got a lot more of the parts.

**Griffin:** Yeah, I agree.

**Travis:** 20-Hear-Me-Roar.

**Justin:** Roar. 20-Hear-Me-Roar.

**Griffin:** I don't know about 'make your power known.' That—

**Travis:** Yeah, heart of a champion?

**Griffin:** Hm...

**Justin:** Hm... 20-Hear-Me-Roar.

**Griffin:** 20-Hear-Me-Roar: Unleash the Beast.

**Travis:** Prove them wrong.

**Griffin:** Unleash the beast.

**Justin:** I noticed this hasn't gone on the list yet. I'm gonna add it. 20-Hear-Me-Roar.

**Travis:** 20-Hear-Me-Roar is good. 20-Hear-Me—that's my favorite so far.

**Griffin:** Thank you, Travis.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** 20-Hunt-the-Boar... 20-Hunt-the-Boar: A Traitor in our Midst.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Whoa, holy shit! We've never painted with the beautiful color of paranoia.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** In our tapestry—

**Justin:** I gotta say, Griffin, I got pretty pumped about that one—

**Griffin:** About 20-Hunt-the-Boar?

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, I got pretty excited about that! That sounds fun!

**Griffin:** All right! Hey, listen, me too, man! This is jazz! We are just jazzing right now.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Speaking of jazz—

**Travis:** I know what the year name was and the tagline just kind of sprang out at me and surprised me. [chuckles] I surprised myself.

**Griffin:** Now why is the boar the traitor? I don't know, we will explore that, I promise, when we return to the name.

**Travis:** I think I was channeling like some Succession stuff in there.

**Justin:** Yeah, for sure.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** 20-to-the-Core: Get to the Meat.

**Griffin:** 20-to-the-Core.

**Travis:** Ooh, 20-to-the-Core!

**Justin:** 20-to-the-Core.

**Griffin:** Saying that I—but saying that someone is 20 to the core feels like you are saying that they—their whole attitude is that of a perpetual 20 year old, I feel like.

**Justin:** Okay, what do you guys think—



**Travis:** 20-to-the-Core: Embody the Power. I think it's something about like this year—

**Griffin:** Power, here—can I say something? Because it's come up a couple of times now in our suggestions so far, I'm not interested in power.

**Travis:** Yeah?

**Justin:** Thank you. Thank you.

**Griffin:** And I'm not interested in power, I'm not interested in strong. I'm not interested in like—

**Travis:** How do you feel about rooting out a traitor?

**Justin:** No, see, I'm with Griffin on this. In need love, I need one-ness.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** I need unity.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** That's what I need. A spirit of forgiveness.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** Of remembering that we are all part of one consciousness. That this is water, yeah?

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** 20-Eagle-Soar.

**Justin:** 20-Eagle-Soar.

**Griffin:** 20-Eagle-Soar. 20-Eagle-Soar. 20-Eagle-Soar.

**Justin:** 20-Eagle-Soar. Soar is good. I feel like we can get a little... like other things soar.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I mean—

**Travis:** Ravens. Ravens do.

**Griffin:** Ravens do soar. 20-Dinosaur.

**Travis:** Huh?

**Griffin:** Glee-historic.

**Travis:** Oh, I see.

**Justin:** What?

**Griffin:** 20-Dinosaur: Glee-historic.

**Travis:** My only worry with that, Griffin, is I feel like the show Glee—

**Justin:** Sorry, what is the tagline?

**Griffin:** it's like prehistoric, but—

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** But Glee-historic.

**Travis:** But with Glee!

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Oh, my brain was really trying to ration that into a constellation. Okay... 20—

**Griffin:** But you get it now, right?

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Now that you've had some time to think about it, you understand it now, right?

**Travis:** 20-Dinosaur: Which one's your favorite?

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Here's the problem, is that 20-Dinosaur is very good. There is no good tagline for 20-Dinosaur. I sat here thinking for probably a half hour this morning trying to get one. I thought about 20-Dinosaur: Shake the Earth.

**Justin:** Is there a different sore, like ankle sore or something like that? Like—

**Griffin:** 20...

**Justin:** That would be—

**Travis:** I mean, Tyrannosaur, but—

**Justin:** Like...

**Travis:** 20-Dinosaur—

**Griffin:** We're all just trying to think of dinosaurs now—

**Travis:** It's one big pile of shit. 20-Dinosaur: if you didn't stop to think about it, you should.

**Griffin:** 20-Brontosaur... us. There's not one. 20—

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** 20—okay, here's two—three directions we can go. 20-Carnivore: Gobble up the Meat. 20-Herbivore: Unleashed the Meat. [chuckles]

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** 20—

**Travis:** Protect your meat!

**Griffin:** 20-Omnivore: Decide on Me.

**Travis:** It's all fair game.

**Griffin:** Decide on me. It's all—20-Omnivore: It's All Fair Game is kind of—  
[chuckles] no, I don't actually like that. I don't want it all to be a fair game.

**Justin:** Eh, it's not all fair game, is it?

**Griffin:** I don't wanna—I need boundaries.

**Travis:** I need boundaries, yeah, yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah. I like—there's a part of me that really likes 20-  
Herbivore: Protect your Bean. [chuckles] But that's just me.

**Justin:** Eh... yeah...

[theme music plays]

**Griffin:** I don't know when you're hearing this, because we forgot to do ads  
while we were naming the year. Which is not surprising, because—oh, wait,  
it was—

**Travis:** We were just in a flow state.

**Griffin:** Yeah, we were vibing so hard and making all the great jokes that  
we've heard or haven't heard yet, but—

**Justin:** I don't know what to say to people who have heard half of what we did in this episode. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** That's a good point, yeah.

**Justin:** I don't recognize them. I understand people who have heard none.

**Travis:** Hey—here's what we'll say; hey, stay tuned and you know, follow, like and subscribe for part two. You'll never believe what happens.

**Justin:** You'll believe it. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Three brothers attempt to name the year immediately regret it.

**Griffin:** 2024 should be the year in which you drip. You get it all drippy this year with Stitch Fix. I typically—

**Travis:** Get soaking wet with Stitch Fix.

**Griffin:** Let Stitch Fix get you wet, effortlessly. Because they have stylists that get you, know you and can know how to do drip towards you.

**Justin:** That's why we at Stitch Fix like to call our service wetfurless. It's wet, but it's effortlessly wet.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** Yeah. That's what we love to say here at Stitch Fix, a company this is, that we are in right now. You're listening to Stitch Fix.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** No, Stitch Fix is an easy way to get clothes that fit you without having to endlessly browse through options or break the bank. With choices in mind and a wide range of styles available from XS, extra small, to XXXL, third extra-long.

**Justin:** No, it's not that. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** They'll find your perfect—

**Travis:** [sings] Extra-long.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] They'll your find your perfect fit and send you clothes handpicked just for you. And they'll show you how to wear those clothes, which is good. Not like where the pants go.

**Travis:** Yeah, they're not gonna show up now, it's important. They don't like show up and say, "Let me show you how to zip that."

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** Yeah. But they can.

**Justin:** This isn't a what not to wear situation. Yeah.

**Griffin:** I bet if you ask them, they'll help you zip up your pants at Stitch Fix. So thanks, Stitch Fix. They just get me and they'll get you... dripping too. Try today at [stitchfix.com/mybrother](https://www.stitchfix.com/mybrother) and you'll get 25% off and you keep everything in your fix. That's [stitchfix.com/mybrother](https://www.stitchfix.com/mybrother).  
[Stitchfix.com/mybrother](https://www.stitchfix.com/mybrother).

**Travis:** It's a new year.

**Justin:** Yeah, it is, Trav. I was about to say the same thing to you.

**Travis:** Oh, really?

**Justin:** It is a new—yeah, it is a new year. And that's the time for reflection. Is that what you're going to—you were thinking?

**Travis:** No, so, I think the end of the year is the time for reflection. The beginning of the new year, time for commitments.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Make wild, wild, unattainable commitments. But while you're at it, maybe make one completely attainable like normal commitment. You know, people make resolutions and it's like, "This year I'm gonna learn how to fly. Not like in a plane or anything. But you know what? I think if I flex the right muscles, I can hover."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And it's like cool, work on that. But while you work on that, maybe also commit to learning a new language with Babbel. And balance those two things out.

**Justin:** But I don't have a lot of time, Trav. I'm pretty hurried.

**Travis:** Oh, Justin, you beautiful, beautiful idiot. Babbel's quick 10 minute lessons are designed by over 150 language experts to help you start speaking a new language in as little as three weeks.

**Justin:** Wow!

**Travis:** I know you have that time, Justin. 10 minutes a day?

**Justin:** Yeah, absolutely. I've got loads more than that, actually. [chuckles] So I'm in good shape over on this end.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, I wasn't gonna say it, but you need to—

**Justin:** Yeah, things are a little dry right now, but as long as I keep my nose to the grindstone, I know that they're going to strike gold any day.

**Travis:** Okay. So Babbel's tips and tools are approachable, accessible, rotted in—

**Justin:** Sorry, I took 40s businessman from Babbel.

**Travis:** Oh, no!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And I'm only a couple of weeks in, but I'm getting some of the lingo already.

**Travis:** See, I'm fluent in formerly rich tycoon now lives in a barrel.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm fluent in that, so...

**Griffin:** [in silly voice] Well, gosh, you guys, I just took Goofy.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [in silly voice] I just took Goofy from Babel—

**Justin:** Yeah, they got a class.

**Travis:** I'm looking here and I think they explicitly want us to not—

**Griffin:** They got a Goofy class that helps you talk like Goofy.

**Travis:** They want us to make sure that we don't claim that they teach classes that they don't. So hey, y'all, don't be dumb. Don't email Babel and be like, "I want to take the Goofy class." Come on, don't be narcs.

**Justin:** Yeah, we don't—they don't—

**Griffin:** Please don't! We'll get in trouble. I didn't even see that until—please don't tell them.

**Travis:** Yeah. But they do have a lot of other great languages that like real people use and you could really learn. So, here's—



**Griffin:** I used it to brush up on my Spanish very recently, it's great. Just to say one very real thing about Babel. It was great.

**Travis:** So here's a special limited time deal for our listeners. Right now, get 55% off your Babel subscription. But only for our listeners. At [babel.com/mybrother](http://babel.com/mybrother). Get 55% off at [babel.com/mybrother](http://babel.com/mybrother). That's [babel.com/mybrother](http://babel.com/mybrother). Rules and restrictions apply.

**Justin:** Well, they may.

**Travis:** Well, they may apply.

**Justin:** [chuckles] You never know.

[The Jackie and Laurie Show theme music plays]

**Laurie:** Hi! This is Laurie Kilmartin.

**Jackie:** And I'm Jackie Kashian. And we have a podcast called The Jackie and Laurie Show on Max Fun and it's very exciting because what do we talk about?

**Laurie:** Comedy!

**Jackie:** Stand-up comedy. We both do stand-up comedy and have since the dawn of Christ.

**Laurie:** Well, Jackie...

**Jackie:** Is that offensive?

**Laurie:** It is offensive, to me, because you've aged me.

**Jackie:** [laughs]

**Laurie:** We started in the late '80s and we're still here! You can't kill us!

**Jackie:** So, go to The Jackie and Laurie Show on Max Fun and listen to that.

**Ad:** The Jackie and Laurie Show, new episodes Monday. Only on maximumfun.org.

[The Jackie and Laurie Show theme music concludes]

**John:** The following are real reenactments of pretend emergency calls.

**Operator:** 911.

**Caller:** [panting] My husband! It's my husband!

**Operator:** Calm down, please. What about your husband?

**Caller:** He loads the dishwasher wrong! Please help! Please help me!  
[crying]

[radio fuzz]

**Operator:** Where are you now, ma'am?

**Caller:** At the kitchen table. I was with my dad. He mispronounces words intentionally.

**John:** There are plenty of podcasts on the hunt for justice. But only one podcast has the courage to take on the silly crimes. Judge John Hodgman, the only true crime podcast that won't leave you feeling sad and bad and scared for once. Only on maximumfun.org.

[ads end]

**Justin:** Real quick, 20-Money-Score: Time to Fix Your Credit. That could be a very pragmatic one.

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Griffin:** I don't—I'm not feeling power or pragmatism this year. Unfortunately.

**Travis:** Oh, okay, well maybe that's—that—

**Justin:** No pragmatism—

**Travis:** Yeah, I think it's good to figure out what we're not feeling. To give us some boundaries, as we've discussed. Because I think the more we can rule out, the quicker we can get back to 20-Hunt-the-Boar.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** 20—

**Travis:** I think the faster we rule things out—

**Griffin:** No one is writing these down. This is heartbreaking.

**Justin:** Yeah, 20-Plenty-More?

**Travis:** 20-Paramore.

**Justin:** Bring it on. 20-Paramore!

**Griffin:** 20-Paramore.

**Justin:** 2-Plenty-More.

**Travis:** Plenty—I—hm... 20-Paramore: Business of Misery. 20-Paramore...  
20-Paramore: This Year's Emo.

**Justin:** 20-Any-Chore: Just pitch in.

**Griffin:** 20-Any-Chore: Clean up your act.

**Travis:** Hm...

**Griffin:** I can't believe I'm the one who's having to type this. This is absolute—

**Travis:** You're the Justin. Sorry.

**Griffin:** I guess so.

**Justin:** Yeah. Sorry.

**Travis:** That's what the Justin does.

**Justin:** I'm the Travis, so...

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** 20-Funny-War: Us Against the World.

**Griffin:** Not good, I think.

**Travis:** No, no...

**Justin:** I know. I know it's not good.

**Griffin:** 2020—

**Justin:** I'm just trying to say 'em.

**Griffin:** 2020-Spore: Don't Wait, Germinate.

**Travis:** Not wild about that.

**Justin:** Yeah, we don't even—

**Travis:** Because I—in many ways, Griffin, I would say before one germinates, they should wait.

**Justin:** Not necessarily our reproductive cycle either.

**Griffin:** 2020-Spore.

**Justin:** Different organisms.

**Travis:** Especially not with spore.

**Griffin:** 2020-Spore: Spray—

**Travis:** I don't wanna think about humans sporing.

**Griffin:** 2020-Spore: Spread Your Seed.

**Travis:** No!

**Griffin:** But it's not a sexual thing! It's not a sexual thing or a reproductive thing at all. It is about sort of taking your essence, what makes you you, and finding the courage to spread that out into the world. Spread your seed.

**Travis:** Hey, Griffin, you didn't say any sexual words there, but... you did.

**Griffin:** I don't think I did.

**Travis:** In many ways.

**Griffin:** I don't think I did? I do not think so...

**Justin:** All right, I have—

**Travis:** You can't talk about spreading our essence on the world! [chuckles]  
And not—

**Justin:** I have one more good one. 20-Connoisseur. See, now that's nice.

**Travis:** Ooh. That's the tagline? See, now that's nice?

**Justin:** Yeah. [chuckles] 20-Connoisseur: See, now that's nice.

**Griffin:** Here's a—

**Justin:** Because you're savoring. What are you savoring this year? What are you—what new passing can you pursue?

**Travis:** Yes, but Justin, as evidenced by Griffin attempting to type it into the chat, no one can spell connoisseur, is the problem.

**Justin:** Like rendezvous?

**Travis:** That's still not it, Griffin. I've seen Griffin try, hm, six times now.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Seven. Seven attempts! Griffin's got it wrong seven—eight! [chuckles] Eight times! Nine!

**Griffin:** You gotta Google—

**Travis:** Nine different iterations! Ten!

**Justin:** He typed 10 different wrong ways of spell—[chuckles]

**Travis:** [laughs] Now it just says 20—

**Justin:** Now he's writing, "Eat my ass, Travis." [chuckles] "I hate your guts," it says. That's not even close.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles] Now what about—now Griffin, you just instantly deleted— [chuckles] you just instantly deleted 20-Eat-My-Ass-Travis.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** I hate your guts. Which I feel like—

**Griffin:** All right, you know what?! Fuck you guys! Hands on the keyboards right now! Three, two, one, go. Spell connoisseur. Don't—stop laughing, spell connoisseur. Don't you dare look it up. You fucking auto-corrected! I watched you write—

**Travis:** It autocorrected on its own, Griffin, I don't know what to tell you.

**Griffin:** I watched you write coin-o-saur and it changed. And I watched it change. How come I don't get Clippy? How come Clippy was like, "Fucking dangle, bitch."

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I don't understand why Clippy fucked me like that but Clippy was like, "Oh, Justin and Travis, let me get in there, let me help you." It fuckin' sucks.

**Justin:** We are gonna write this excellent suggestion into—

**Griffin:** "Mm-hm, Justin fucked it up. Oh, that's not it. Justin goofed it up, look at the red line. That means Justin's bad at it."

**Travis:** [chuckles] How do you spell it? [chuckles] That can't be it! No! That can't be it!

**Justin:** Yeah, I'm actually gonna—I'm gonna leave it on the list, but I'm gonna leave it like in red so know it's not this one, because it is really hard to spell.

**Griffin:** Not this one. It's dangerous, this one.

**Travis:** It's got way different letters in it than you would think.

**Justin:** Yeah. Some of the classics you're hoping will be in there at certain places—

**Travis:** It's not there!

**Justin:** Not there.

**Griffin:** I have a couple more.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore. 20-Fun-Galore: The party don't stop. The party don't stop. 20-Fun-Galore. Fun-Galore sounds like the name of some sort of... shiitake god, or something.

**Justin:** A shiitake wizard that you have to seek out.

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** I am Fungalore! That's cool, that could be cool. Oh, this is a new—guys, this is a different direction that we could go in entirely. We've done commands, we've done energies, we've done aesthetics. We've never—we could do a town with 20-Baltimore. We've never done like an OC, like an original character. This is 20-Fun-Galore. He is a mushroom wizard that is here to help you get through the year.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** This is Fungalore.

**Justin:** He's pulling for you.

**Griffin:** He's pulling for you.

**Justin:** Fungalore.

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore: Spread your seed, because he's a mushroom with spores and stuff. [chuckles]

**Travis:** No!

**Justin:** No, they use spores. Again, it's a different system of reproduction!

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore.

**Justin:** 20-Fun-Galore.

**Travis:** I actually kind of—can I say—



**Griffin:** You like Fun-Galore.

**Travis:** I kind of like Fun-Galore a lot!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Damn it! No, wait!

**Griffin:** No, listen, this mushroom was a—he kicks ass! I just took my socks off, my feet got really sweaty. That's how powerful Fun-Galore is. Fun-Galore, that's cool! That's just a guy. He's like a magic—

**Justin:** Is he—okay. Okay... he's definitely a deity.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Useful every day to people. I need a deity—if we're going to get a little quickie religion going, Yeah, I need this deity to be offering something to people.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's a good point. Not a seed. Definitely not a seed.

**Justin:** Not a seed.

**Travis:** Support? What...

**Justin:** 20-Fun-Galore: He Heard Your Wish.

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore: He Heard Your Wish. [chuckles]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Like he—

**Justin:** Every part of that is fuckin'—it's like a refracting prism.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Justin:** You twist it a little bit and it's like, "Ooh, yikes!" And another one's like, "Oh, that's nice!"

**Griffin:** I feel like the existence of any kind of name or even pronoun in the title of the year is such a wild—like people are gonna see that and be like—

**Travis:** Yeah, unexplored!

**Griffin:** "He? What?"

**Travis:** Yeah! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "This year refers to someone? Who? Certainly an existing person on Earth. Who is Fun-Galore?" Let's say this; even if we don't end up going with 20-Fun-Galore, there's a mascot opportunity in there for the year.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I really, really am getting excited about Fun-Galore though.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah. The more I think about 20-Fun-Galore and picture him in my head—

**Justin:** A lot of people are really getting pumped for Fun-Galore!

**Travis:** We haven't even released the episode, Griffin, and I'm telling you that Fun-Galore is already charting.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Travis:** Across all social medias.

**Griffin:** We gotta make sure that there's not already a guy named Fungalore.

**Travis:** What are the odds?

**Justin:** Fun-Galore.

**Griffin:** Let's see, Dokapon—I don't know what Dokapon is. Fungalore is a Dokapon. But I don't know what a Dokapon is, so that's fine. This can be... it doesn't appear to be trademarked. I like our imagine—our like imagine version of Fungalore.

**Justin:** Can you get—can I just real quick—can I just check fungalore.com real quick? Just to like—

**Griffin:** Or Fungalore is watching or Fungalore, he heard—Fungalore heard your wish.

**Travis:** Fungalore.pizza.

**Griffin:** Wish for Fungalore.

**Justin:** In my brain, it doesn't have an E at the end. What about your guys' head?

**Griffin:** He does in mine. Because it's fun galore.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That's gonna be harder to get from a URL perspective. Just a heads up.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Fungalore.com...

**Justin:** What about Fungalore—there's gotta be Fungalore—

**Griffin:** Now let's say this; fungalore.com, just to really—just to sort of like provide a little bit of table setting for this. You type in fungalore.com and then it shows you like, "This website is for sale." And then it shows like a list of suggested links that could go on a website called funlaore.com. It is not different opportunities to have fun. So many of which exist that you would say you have fun galore. The results are; nail fungus care, cure for

meningitis, treatments for meningitis, meningitis outbreak, symptoms of meningitis, meningitis signs and symptoms, bacterial infection causes. Is it possible we're gonna fuck up the SEO of something that people need to deal with the meningeal issues?

**Travis:** No, I think it provides a moment of respite.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Does it help that I can get fungalore.fun? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** No... Fungalore fun... Fungalore is—Fungalore fun.

**Justin:** No, I'm just saying fungalore.fun would be just—

**Travis:** Is fungalore.xxx available?

**Griffin:** I would love—

**Justin:** Those are really expensive. I bought pollenstorm.xxx and it was way too expensive for the gag.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Trust me, you don't wanna do it. Wasn't worth it.

**Griffin:** I also just—this is the last one I have, was 20-Candy-Store: Keep it Sweet. 20-Candy-Store...

**Justin:** 20-Candy-Store...

**Griffin:** 20-Candy-Store.

**Justin:** I worry that's not uniting us enough.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Like Fungalore does?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, Griffin. That's the point of religion.

**Griffin:** Okay, hold on, wait, wait, wait—

**Travis:** I don't know about—

**Justin:** Not religion!

**Travis:** I don't know about religion!

**Justin:** Who said religion?! I didn't say religion—I don't mean religion like you think—

**Travis:** I don't know about religion! Philosophy!

**Justin:** It's just... he's just 20-Fun-Galore. A guy you'd pray to. And you can just pray to—well...

**Travis:** No, you wish to, Justin!

**Justin:** You wish to.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** You speak to! Like a friend. He's just a friend!

**Griffin:** He's just a friend, when—Juice, when the—

**Travis:** [chuckles] 20-Fun-Galore: He's just a friend.

**Griffin:** When the Philadelphia Flyers were coming up with a mascot and someone was like, "What about this big, orange monster named Gritty?" The response in the room wasn't like, "Yeah, let's pray to him. Let's all pray to him and worship his name."

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "And lift it highest and holiest in the mountains."

**Travis:** And Justin, to that end, when they were inventing Christianity, they weren't like, "We need a great mascot. What about this guy, Jesus?"  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Fungalore.

**Justin:** Can I take—can I tell you guys right now, I feel a lot like our distant relative, purser Thomas McElroy aboard a little ship I like to call—

**Travis:** It was Herbert, but go on.

**Justin:** A little—yeah, Thomas Herbert, same difference. On a little ship I like to call the—

**Travis:** Herbert's a nickname for Thomas, everyone knows that! [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, he was the purser on a little ship I like to call the Titanic. And I like to imagine that for a while they were just watching the iceberg like, "Fuck, somebody needs to turn." I feel like we have been watching—we have been spending so much to with Fungalore that he's starting to get a sort of like—

**Griffin:** he's getting bigger.

**Justin:** He's getting like an internal mass.

**Travis:** Yeah, we're getting closer.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Justin:** And like I'm part—I'm complicit, right? And I think I may have even said something like, "That's it, no more discussion over Fungalore."

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "He heard your wish." I may have said that several times. But like I wanna try to give a little oxygen to some of these others that we feel like—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] I almost like 'he heard your wish' better than Fungalore.

**Justin:** Who just combined 20-Fun-Galore: A Traitor in our Midst?

[group chuckle]

**Travis:** I don't know, what do you mean?

**Justin:** It can't be—it can't be that! It can't be that. [chuckles]

**Travis:** It was either that or 20-Fun-Galore: Beware the Raven. So I don't know which one you like better. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** 20-Hunt-Fun-Galore.

[group chuckle]

**Griffin:** His historic machinations must be stopped.

**Travis:** He's grown too powerful! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] That's cool! Hey, Fungalore—I also kind of like casting Fungalore as an enemy that we are all united against.

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore: Take up your blade—the quest begins—20-Fun-Galore: The Quest Begins.

[group chuckle]

**Justin:** 20-Fun-Galore: This Far, No Farther.

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore—

**Justin:** 20-Fun-Galore: The Time Halts Here!

**Travis:** [chortles]

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore: The Quest Begins.

**Justin:** 20-Fun-Galore: The Tide Turns Today.

**Travis:** Today we declare our independence day.

**Griffin:** I'm just imagining—

**Justin:** [chuckles] Cast off your—20-Fun-Galore: Cast Off Your Shackles.

**Travis:** [chortles]

**Griffin:** In terms of aesthetics, the idea of all of us dressed up as fantasy heroes, god knows we have the costumery ready for it. And just every live show rolling up under a giant sort of like... hero quest portrait of Fungalore in the background. And then, this is the most important part, not addressing it even a little bit at all. I kind of do like that. Are people gonna not like it though?

**Travis:** Not like Fungalore?

**Justin:** They never like it. And then they get over it. That's the arc of them.

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore—

**Travis:** Oh, I almost forgot, I gotta throw it out just for consideration—

**Justin:** No, we're not—no, no, don't—no, don't you take that descending tone, as though, "Before we wrap up, I just need to say these other names." We've gotta steer away from Funaglore.



**Griffin:** [chuckles] Please save us.

**Travis:** 20-Honey-Store: Down to Beesness.

**Griffin:** Travis, save us, please! That's—you know that's not it! We just reached a hand up—

**Travis:** 20-Honey-Store: Down to Beesness.

**Griffin:** It's not honey store, Travis, you know—Travis, we need you now—

**Travis:** 20-Honey-Store: Money for Honey.

**Griffin:** Travis, we need you now more than ever, bud...

**Travis:** 20-Honey-Store...

**Griffin:** Here's the challenge, and I think it can be 20-Fun-Galore. And then normies will read it as 20 fun galore. And so then we have plausible deniability.

**Travis:** 20-Door-to-Door: Have you heard the good word?

**Griffin:** Is there a subtitle that works for both Fungalore and fun galore?

**Justin:** Oh, so it can be both.

**Griffin:** So we have plausible deniability, if we don't end up liking that we have based an entire year around this either good or extremely evil wizard.

**Travis:** 20-Fun-Galore: Spread the Word.

**Griffin:** Spreading the word of fun?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** And of Fungalore? I don't think it works for either of them. Which is another direction we could go.

**Travis:** 20-Fun-Galore: A Totally Normal Year. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** All right, this helps us sometimes when we get sort of in the quagmire here; we take—we just sort of mix up the subtitles and the titles.

**Travis:** 20-Fun-Galore: Bring Him Home!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] 20-Fun-Galore: Wild Night in Charm City.

**Justin:** No.

**Travis:** 20-Fun-Galore: A Prophecy Fulfilled.

**Justin:** Can we even—just like for—just for my own sanity, can we make a little separate list at the bottom under 20-Fun-Galore, of ones that are even like... that are workable.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** Because I feel like 20-Fun-Galore...

**Travis:** 20-Hunt-the-Boar... 20-Nevermore: Beware the Raven.

**Justin:** 20-Hunt-the-Boar i don't love. That's an energy I don't love bringing to the year. I feel like—

**Travis:** Griffin, I couldn't tell if you were lowering down or the camera was rising up.

**Griffin:** The camera's rising up? Uh-oh. My tripod doesn't go up that high. We're gonna do a little tilt... [groans] Ah! Okay. 20... 20... 20...

**Justin:** No, we're boiling this list down. That's what we're doing now.

**Travis:** Justin, did you mix 20-Hunt-the-Boar? Sorry, I was distracted by Griffin's camera.

**Justin:** I feel like 20-Hunt-the-Boar, hunting... I don't love the energy. I don't know. Maybe—

**Griffin:** I don't know what the boar is.

**Travis:** It's the traitor in our—

**Justin:** I don't know what the boar is.

**Travis:** It's the traitor in our midst.

**Griffin:** Why is the boar a traitor? Why is the boar a traitor? The boar is not an animal that is known for its subtlety or its—

**Travis:** Yeah, that's how you know it's subtle, Griffin! If you knew it to be duplicitous, it is not good at duplicity.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Travis has a really fuckin' good point, I will say. Real quick, just to like... I mean, 20-Connoisseur is out. 2020-Score... 20-Any-Chore...

**Travis:** 20-Hear-me-Roar is still very strong to me.

**Justin:** 20-Hear-me-Roar, okay, I like that. I like that. 20-Hear-me-Roar, you go down on the list.

**Travis:** And how do we feel about 20-Nevermore: Beware the Raven?

**Griffin:** What percent—

**Travis:** Become the raven.

**Griffin:** What percent—just to go around the triangle here, around the horn, coast to coast. What percent if your brain RAM currently is being spent thinking about Fungalore versus trying to avoid Fungalore. Justin, you first?

**Travis:** 72%.

**Griffin:** 72% for Fungalore?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Okay. Juice?

**Justin:** 80%. I can feel his thrall—

**Griffin:** I'm at like 86% Fungalore right now.

**Justin:** [chuckles] I can feel his thrall. This is a really interesting—this is an interesting exercise, I will say.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And I'm being—I'm—this part is not—this part is honest.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** I'm not making jokes for the show.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** There is a part of me that does not feel that Fungalore will be the best choice going forward.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** As a businessman—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yes.

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

**Justin:** Right?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And as someone who is in charge of this brand—

**Travis:** As someone who employs people and is responsible for people's well-being.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I feel like I'd get to maybe June before I'm like, "What the—why is it—"

**Griffin:** But that's the thing, Juice!

**Justin:** Why is it Fungalore?

**Griffin:** If we get to June and now we hate the dark sorcerer, Fungalore, now it's just 20-Fun-Galore. And we can do like a—

**Justin:** But can I tell you—

**Griffin:** Like a big top sort of—

**Justin:** But so here's what—here's what is interesting to me.

**Griffin:** Yeah?

**Justin:** And I think this is what Elizabeth Gilbert describes as big magic.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Justin:** I'm trying to keep Fungalore out of the part of my brain that makes up jokes. Like this part, the front part, the good part, right? And I feel him trying to get in.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** I feel him—

**Travis:** My brain—

**Justin:** I feel him trying to push—

**Travis:** Somehow my brain is zooming in, which is not a thing I knew a brain could do.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** [chuckles] I feel like he's so close to like—what I was trying to do by changing the subject there was I feel like sometimes the light of predetermination can seem very bright.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And if you like cast any doubt into it at all, it can start to crumble. Like for Fungalore to be it, it has to have always been Fungalore.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** Right, there's no—so trying to second guess it—

**Travis:** 20-Fun-Galore: He is Undeniable.

**Justin:** I feel like—

**Griffin:** He heard your wishes.

**Justin:** By like making—I don't wanna make another fuckin' thing that people have to be like, "Oh, it's stupid. This podcast I listen to, they have this mushroom—"

**Griffin:** No, dude! If it's just a badass-looking wizard with like a mushroom head in like some kingdom of mushrooms? That kicks ass. You won't have to explain what that is. People will be like, "What's on your shirt?" You can be like, "Some cool fuckin' mushroom art."

**Travis:** Yeah. That's true. Justin, how often do you think the members of Grateful Dead, "Well, it's a bear."

**Griffin:** It's a bear thing.

**Travis:** And it's kind of a cool bear...

**Justin:** Well, Trav, probably not many. Since they were literally surrounded by people who followed them around because of how much they liked them.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** So they didn't have to explain anything. I don't know about you, I'm looking around and I don't see anybody in this room that's lifting me up.

**Travis:** You don't think people would follow Fungalore around?

**Griffin:** I don't want people to follow Fungalore—

**Justin:** That's my worry, that they will. I don't want them to follow Fungalore.

**Travis:** Oh, are you worried that they'll like Fungalore more than us?

**Griffin:** I don't—that's a real issue that I'm running into now, Travis. I don't—

**Justin:** It's a real issue.

**Griffin:** I don't want people to like Fungalore too much.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Griffin:** I don't want 'em to like him... too much. I don't wanna be responsible for making that—

**Justin:** I feel like Fungalore's power is really in his aesthetics.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** You know what I mean?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I think—like Fungalore I feel like is an observer.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You know? He is not acting on your behalf, but he is not acting against you. But he is watching and hearing all of it. He heard your wish.

**Travis:** That is what I love about the tagline. He heard your wish. Does not—

**Griffin:** He heard your wish.

**Justin:** He heard your wish.

**Travis:** You feel like that means he's now acting on your wish.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** That is not—

**Griffin:** I—

**Travis:** That is not stated.

**Justin:** It also doesn't mean he's judging your wish.

**Travis:** Yeah! He simply heard it.

**Griffin:** He just knows it.



**Justin:** If it bothers you that Fungalore knows your wish, don't wish it.

**Griffin:** Don't wish it.

**Justin:** He knows your wish.

**Travis:** Yeah, heard chef. You know? 20-Fun-Galore: Heard, Chef.

**Griffin:** Heard Chef.

**Justin:** Fungalore just stands on a bluff on a outcrop, overlooking, listening to wishes. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, he unfolds—

**Justin:** And then just—every second is just, "Heard, Chef."

**Travis:** [chuckles] Heard, Chef.

**Justin:** Heard, Chef.

**Griffin:** The gills under his cap unfurl and he just sort of vibrates up there. And he's like, "Heard, Chef. Heard, Chef."

**Travis:** Heard, Chef.

**Griffin:** Heard, Chef. I hear.

**Travis:** Heard, Chef.

**Griffin:** I almost don't wanna characterize Fungalore too much. I like leaving him as like a big, empty space. With a very strong aesthetic.

**Justin:** Yes.

**Griffin:** But I don't wanna spend the whole year going like—like pretending like Fungalore is like... I don't fun—I don't want one of us to walk in one day

with like a big wizard hat and a big mushroom hat and be like, "Hey, guys, it's me, Fungalore." Like do you know what I mean? Like I don't wanna play like that.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** No, that feels sacrilegious, Griffin.

**Griffin:** No but I—even that, Travis, I don't wanna like... I don't know how much I wanna—

**Justin:** You don't wanna dip into theism. I understand that.

**Griffin:** I wanna avoid that at all costs. I wanna look at this man like a... like I'm seeing him on the street. And being like, "That's a cool vibe that Fungalore's got."

"What's your name, friend?"

"Fungalore."

"I like your vibe. Thank you very much."

**Justin:** And he says, "I heard you wish."

**Griffin:** "I heard you wish." As he walks away. And you're like, "What? Tell me everything."

**Travis:** You did what?

**Griffin:** But I don't wanna know everything about Fungalore. Do you know what I mean?

**Justin:** Yeah, I wanna share—I wanna share him. You know what I mean Like there's a temptation right now to get out the pen, isn't there?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Isn't there's a temptation to give the pen and start inking in these lines.

**Travis:** It would be—

**Justin:** And I don't feel like we should.

**Travis:** It would be so powerful if for the first time in 14 years we banned fan art of Fungalore. Fungalore, you're—

**Griffin:** Do not draw Fungalore.

**Travis:** Hey, we'll come after you.

**Griffin:** No, no, no—

**Travis:** We've never been litigious in 14 years. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** No, I want—no, no, no. I want there to be art of Fungalore because that's beautiful.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Justin:** That's your interpretation. That's your—how you see him. That's cool!

**Griffin:** I don't—

**Justin:** Everybody can like him because he's—it's like—he's just awareness, okay?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** The thing about Fungalore is you—he's just—he just hears your wishes. But you can like that or not like it. It's completely up to you!

**Travis:** Yeah! Whoo!

**Griffin:** I think what we're saying is we want Fungalore art. We don't want Fungalore lore. We don't want him to be so clearly defined that he can disappoint us.

**Justin:** Thank you. Yes!

**Travis:** Yes. I couldn't—

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** I can't handle if it turns out he's got some problematic views. You know what I mean? Like—

**Justin:** He's got nothing—

**Griffin:** He has nothing! He has nothing, Travis.

**Justin:** He can't! He can't break bad!

**Travis:** He's merely a receptor.

**Griffin:** Do you know why? He's a fucking mushroom.

**Travis:** Oh?

**Justin:** Yes, here's the thing about—

**Griffin:** Like a lot of people forget that about Fungalore, he's a mushroom.

**Justin:** [crosstalk]—are true about him that we know for sure this is true, you can't make anything up different.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Uh-huh?

**Justin:** The mushroom, he heard your wish. Those are the two things that you know about him. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Eh... he does have powers though. He does have powers. It's important that we do say he does have powers.

**Justin:** Well, okay, I mean—

**Griffin:** We don't have to get into it like—

**Travis:** Undefined! Undefined! Undefined!

**Griffin:** Undefined! Like what the powers are and what he does with them doesn't matter. But he does have 'em.

**Justin:** I say that you have already—by saying he heard someone's wish, I think you're already saying this is a metaphysical being.

**Griffin:** Okay.

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

**Justin:** He's a metaphysical mushroom who heard your wish.

**Griffin:** Yeah. He heard your wish.

**Justin:** Hey! That's kind of catchy. 20-Fun-Galore: A metaphysical mushroom that heard your wish.

**Griffin:** Hm... Is he—

**Justin:** Too concrete.

**Griffin:** Too concrete. I don't even like saying, is he metaphysical? I don't know.

**Justin:** He heard your wish.

**Griffin:** He heard your wish.

**Travis:** He heard your wish.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] 20-Fun-Galore: He heard—

**Travis:** Ah, man, we're gonna have to McKay—

**Justin:** Be he could be—it could be a scientific—

**Travis:** McKay's gonna have to do something with it. Like we have to go back—we have—we employ real adults.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** To be fair, there could be—

**Travis:** That we're gonna have to go back to and be like, "Hey, guys! We've got another real great year! This year's 20-Fun-Galore: He Heard Your Wish!" [chuckles]

**Justin:** What you're talking about is the ego, Travis. And I'm less concerned about that.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I'm trying—I'm at a point now where I'm trying to just make space for Fungalore.

**Griffin:** Make space for Fungalore.

**Justin:** You know, like—you know what I mean? Because I fought it—

**Travis:** That's a real Travis move, yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I get that.

**Justin:** I fought it long enough. So it doesn't have to be metaphysical. You're right, Griffin, there could be a scientific explanation for why his various fungal aspects allow him to hear all wishes.

**Travis:** Like in the Matthew McConaughey film where he travels through space and—

**Griffin:** Mud?!

**Travis:** Mud! [chuckles] Like the hit Matthew McConaughey film, Mud—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Y'all see Mud?!

**Travis:** [chuckles] Travels—

**Justin:** Oh, you're talking—oh, the metaphysical time travel one.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah, Mud.

**Justin:** How to lose a guy in 10,100 million days. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, right?

**Griffin:** [chuckles] 10,100 million, billion, bajillion days. That's a cool flick. Fungalore!

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** I mean... god, let me check and see how long we've been recording and let me save—

**Travis:** I gotta tell my wife that—I gotta leave this room—

**Justin:** Fungalore!

**Griffin:** We need a subtitle.

**Travis:** And Teresa's gonna be like, "Oh, so what did you guys settle on?" And I'm gonna have to look at her and she's gonna go, "Oh..."

**Griffin:** A little mushroom man named Fungalore. Or giant. He's the size...

**Justin:** Can I say—

**Travis:** Perspective is a funny thing.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Can I say though, honestly guys, it does—it is kind of, for me, kind of empowering to come up with a year theme that I will be embarrassed by.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** You know, sometimes it's a lot—sometimes it's a lot to always try to be like the coolest, slickest like, "Yeah, we got it, 20-Rendezvous." And they're like, "Fuck, that's fuck."

**Griffin:** "That's fucking good!"

**Justin:** Now I can look at my wife and be like, "It's 20-Fun-Galore."

**Griffin:** He's the guy.

**Justin:** He heard your wish.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** He heard your wish.

**Justin:** He's a mushroom and he heard your wish.



**Griffin:** It's so good! Guys, I'm already imagining this episode in 2028 when we're going through the list.

**Travis:** [chortles]

**Griffin:** When we hit 20-Fun-Galore, that's gonna hit so fuckin' right every time.

**Travis:** It is.

**Griffin:** That's gonna—

**Travis:** That's a little treat for future us that I really enjoy.

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore: He Heard Your Wish. That's fucking great! That's fucking good.

**Travis:** Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!

**Griffin:** He heard your wish. 20-Fun-Galore.

**Travis:** He Heard Your Wish!

**Griffin:** Don't—don't... 20-Fun-Galore: He Heard Your Wish. Do not be weird about this, folks at home. Do not get like—

**Justin:** Yeah, don't be weird about it.

**Griffin:** Don't be weird about it. Don't be like—

**Justin:** And don't—and—

**Travis:** Your response to hearing about Fungalore should be like, "Ah, cool."

**Griffin:** Cool. Cool vibe.

**Justin:** And here's the thing, I—here's what I want you to take away from this, listener; is if you're inspired by Fungalore and you wanna start thinking about him and stuff like that, and like thinking about what that mean to you

in your life, do that. Don't start putting walls around Fungalore like they're some kind of... established mythos, okay?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** He's whatever we all want him to be.

**Travis:** It's important—Justin, this is a great thing. He heard your—he's a receptor.

**Justin:** Mm-hm.

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

**Griffin:** Yeah, he heard your—he heard *your* wish.

**Travis:** Your wish, right.

**Griffin:** You didn't hear his wish.

**Travis:** So if anything, the existence of Fungalore should make you more you.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Not you making Fungalore more Fungalore, if that makes more—if that makes sense.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** He is a receptor for your wish, not—he is not for you to build on.

**Griffin:** He is not a cup for you to fill.

**Travis:** There you go.

**Justin:** That's so beautiful.

**Griffin:** 20-Fun-Galore: He Heard Your Wish.

**Justin:** Well, you can—but you can—but it's yours, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Yeah! Yeah, yeah, yeah!

**Justin:** It's a personal relationship with Fungalore.

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** And I don't care what it is. I don't care what your relationship with Fungalore is.

**Griffin:** No, in fact—

**Travis:** But it doesn't define my relationship with Fungalore.

**Griffin:** After today, I don't even want to talk about Fungalore anymore.  
[chuckles]

**Justin:** I probably will keep talking about Fungalore on here. It's all I can think about.

**Griffin:** Yeah, but be—don't be fuckin' weird about it.

**Justin:** I can feel my own hyper fixation fixation—yeah. Here's what I'm thinking about already, guys, I'm kind of flashing forward to—it's kind of become a little thing where the people on team Big Giant Head know when we're recording the year's theme—and it's kind of a fun little tradition that we like tell them and everybody's like reacting to it, so—

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** This one's not gonna hit with them.

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** You know what I mean? Like I'm gonna say it and they're gonna be—we're gonna say it and they're gonna be like, "I don't get it." And it—

**Travis:** I actually think we should type it into the Slack and then not respond to any questions that come up afterwards.

**Griffin:** Just 20-Fun—guys, it's December 19<sup>th</sup>, it's a little bit early to punch out for the year. But I will say dropping 20-Fun-Galore, he heard your wish in the company chat and then disappearing for the next 12 days is a huge power move that no one's gonna forget any time soon.

**Justin:** Can we just establish the E—[chuckles] the E is the only thing that keeps tripping me up a little bit.

**Griffin:** The E, Juice, this is—honest to god, Juice, the E has to be there so the have—the thing about Fungalore that I like that most is that he has a ripcord on it that you can pull at any time and turn him into a serviceable, kind and normal year theme. If we—

**Justin:** Can it be both? Like—

**Griffin:** No, it can't.

**Justin:** Fungalore, and then if somebody asks you about it more you can just be like, "Oh, fun galore."

**Griffin:** You should get Fungalore without an E .com just for the typo like redirect.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** But it's, I think—Travis, you—I guess you can be the tiebreaker on this one but I feel pretty strong.

**Travis:** Wait, hold on, Justin, while you looking, see if goggle.com is available. Because if nobody has scooped that up yet, I bet that gets typed in a lot.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah, goggle.com would be huge.

**Travis:** Goggle.com. No, the E has—the E has to be there.

**Griffin:** Okay, cool.

**Justin:** Because I can get Fungalore with—I'm not even sure I can get Fungalore with no E .com.

**Griffin:** I doesn't read right. It reads like fun-galor. Fun-galor. Fun-galor.

**Justin:** Yeah. Fungalore.art. Yeah, it needs the E. Yeah, you're right. But that's—

**Griffin:** Fungalore.wish? Fungalore.wish?

**Justin:** Oh, man, is that available?

**Griffin:** I don't know. You're the internet guy.

**Travis:** You're kind of our hacker.

**Justin:** I'm the hacker of the group.

**Travis:** Yeah. I'm the bad boy.

**Justin:** They don't offer wish.

**Griffin:** Bullshit.

**Justin:** Do they offer penis?

**Griffin:** I'll... let's think about it.

**Justin:** Fungalore.fun is available for \$5. [chuckles]

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

**Justin:** Eh... is it?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** We gotta—I think we're—I think we should end—

**Justin:** Yeah, in a sense, I guess.

**Travis:** It's a slant palindrome.

**Griffin:** We should end the episode.

**Justin:** Yeah, I think you're probably right. Okay, so—

**Griffin:** I do this once a year, and every year I remember how much I enjoy standing up while recording this podcast.

**Justin:** Yeah, but next episode you'll be seated again, right? You promise?

**Griffin:** Am I making you nervous?

**Justin:** It looks like you really have to go use the bathroom.

**Travis:** It does, yeah.

**Justin:** And you're waiting for play rehearsal.

**Griffin:** I got the zoomies.

**Justin:** It looks like you're waiting for play rehearsal to be over. Like I'm trying to give notes and you're like, "And anything else for me?"

**Travis:** You're moving so much it's actually making you pixelated for some reason, your camera can't—

**Justin:** Yeah, "I've got soccer. I gotta go to soccer. Is there anything else I need to do? Okay."

**Griffin:** I'd love to play some soccer right now.

**Justin:** Are we sure?!

**Griffin:** Justin Tyler McElroy, do not—don't you dare! Don't you dare!

**Justin:** Okay, I'm calling! I'm calling! I'm calling it then!

**Travis:** Justin, let me—I'll give you this, Justin; I am sure. But even if I wasn't, I don't think my brain could generate anything else.

**Justin:** Is it a dereliction of our duty—

**Griffin:** Justin Tyler McElroy.

**Justin:** Okay. It's official, I'm gonna call it. The theme for this year—

**Griffin:** Is a guy—

**Justin:** Is—

**Travis:** A guy.

**Griffin:** A dude. A guy.

**Justin:** 20-Fun-Galore: He Heard Your Wish.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Good, print it.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Do we even need to do the outro shit? Like people know what the fuck we're all about now.

**Justin:** [guffaws] Yeah. You know what, Griffin? Yeah.

**Griffin:** I mean, I'll say thanks to Montaigne. But that's just be I want to.

**Justin:** Thanks to Montaigne!

**Griffin:** And then we have merch over at [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com).

**Travis:** Does this open up—

**Justin:** We're done.

**Travis:** Does this open up a different—get rid of the sound bath and now it's just a wish for Fungalore at the end?

**Griffin:** No, I don't really wanna talk about Fungalore that much.

**Travis:** Or we just hit 'em with like 'praise be.'

**Justin:** No, he's not a deity! You can't—I'm not gonna make any more boundaries around what he is. Because I already disagree with you guys. And I can't—that's not what it's about, right?

**Griffin:** That's not what it is about.

**Justin:** It's about perfect acceptance of who Fungalore is to you.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Damn it. All right, well that's the show. That's the show, everybody.

**Griffin:** I'll also say we got merch over at [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com). We've got a new shirt that is us as three wolves in front of the moon, that McKay designed. It's incredibly good. 10% of all merch proceeds this month will go to World Central Kitchen, which uses the power of food to nourish communities and strengthen economies through times of crisis and beyond. So, go—

**Justin:** And you know what? I'm not even gonna—I was gonna thank everybody for coming to Candelights virtually, but I'm not even gonna do that.



**Griffin:** I'll do it. I'll say that. Thank you. Thank you all so much. It was a special time.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I'm going to be at Sketch Fest, the last weekend. I'm doing a D&D live show with some great guests and comedians and stuff.

**Justin:** Great.

**Travis:** So, come and see that.

**Griffin:** Let's bathe 'em.

**Travis:** It's gonna be fun.

**Griffin:** Let's bathe 'em!

**Justin:** Let's do the sound bath.

**Griffin:** Aaah—

**Justin:** May Fungalore lead us to a stronger exit this year.

**Griffin:** No, this is not—no, this is not Fungalore doing this.

**Justin:** No, you're right.

**Griffin:** This is not what he's about.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Aaah-aaah-aaah-aaah-aaah-[Gregorian monk-like chanting]

**Travis:** Ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-

**Justin:** [Didgeridoo-like buzzing] bjwww-www-zzz-www-zwww-www—

**Travis:** Wi-wi-wi-wi-wi-wi—

**Griffin:** Aaah-aaah-aaah-aaah-aaah—[Gregorian monk-like chanting]

**Justin:** [Didgeridoo-like buzzing] Zww-www-zzz-www-zwww-www-bzzz—

**Griffin:** [Gregorian monk-like chanting] Ooh-ooh-ooh-oooh.

**Justin:** My name is Justin—

**Griffin:** [spoofs triumphant trumpet sounds]

**Justin:** [chuckles] 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!

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