

MBMBaM703: GDP: Good Darn Podcasts

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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 music, "My Life (Is Better With You)!" by Montaigne plays]

Justin: Hello everybody and welcome to *My Brother, My Brother & Me*, it's an advice show for the modern era. I'm your oldest brother, Justin McElroy.

Travis: What's up, Trav Nation? I'm Travis McElroy and we've got a challenge this week.

Justin: Oh.

Travis: That's right, we're spending the next 1,000 hours trapped in this box.

Griffin: Oh shit. How many buttons are in the box, Trav Nation?

Travis: There's over 10 million buttons in this box.

Griffin: And when I press one, will my mom and dad pour rubber worms on me?

Travis: That'll happen, and if you press the wrong one, someone on Earth will die.

Griffin: [chuckles] Alright! [imitates flute music]

Justin: Welcome to the MaxFunDrive 2024.

Griffin: Wait, I didn't even say my name, did I?

Travis: No, go ahead.

Griffin: [imitates flute music] I'm Griffin McElroy and I'm playing the flute to get your rats and kids to run away. Because it's time to pay the piper.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: Who is me.

Justin: MaxFunDrive means it's time to dig into your wa— Now Travis, I—

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: Somethin' occurred to me when you were talking about Trav Nation.

Travis: Yeah, what? What's that, Justin? What is it that you need?

Justin: This is the first MaxFunDrive... [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: Where our failure or success.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: Oh my gosh.

Justin: Is not a simple question of— It's not my fa— Like before, last year.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: When we didn't do as much as we were quite hopin' for—

Travis: When we didn't overdo, right?

Justin: We didn't overdo it.

Travis: We did great, but we didn't do super great.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: Like that was all of us failing. [wheezes]

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: But this time.

Justin: [laughs] I feel like if we don't hit our MaxFunDrive goals this year.

Griffin & Travis: [simultaneously] Yeah.

Justin: Then it is a reflection on [chuckles] Trav Nation—

Travis: Oh boy.

Justin: — vis a vis being a failed state. [wheezes]

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Oh boy.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Not only that, but you can look at certain heuristics and be like, "Travis... Trav Nation up in the Pacific Northwest, that whole region—"

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: "— it's underperforming. You need to drop a fortress in there, you need to—"

Justin: I find it—

Travis: Maybe this'll be the first year that we can check the Trav Nation GDP, is what you're telling me.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: [through laughter] Exactly.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: And GDP means “Good Darn Podcasts,” and that’s what we’ve tried to bring you all year long, and now we ask you to please support that content with— by joining the Max Fun Network.

Which you can do for just five bucks a month. Now if you do it for just five bucks a month, there’s a bajillion hours of bonus content over— There’s a lot.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I counted it up last year, and it actually took me too long to count.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: That’s how much there is, it’s wild.

Travis: For *My Brother, My Brother & Me*, me, Justin and Griffin designs a one-shot RPG based off of Plato’s Rave. We did a Plato’s Rave one shot.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Designed it.

Griffin: For *TAZ* this year, the three of us DM at the same time our one dad, who then goes through Plato’s Rave, the RPG experience, it’s—

Justin: Y’all, not—

Griffin: — next level.

Justin: Not kidding.

Griffin: It’s very good.

Justin: Not kidding, I think it's the best podcast we've ever done.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin & Travis: [laugh]

Justin: Like I think the two— As a two-parter.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It is our— our Black album.

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: It is the—

Griffin: But we've also got, I mean, pranky doodle dandy is in there.

Travis & Justin: [simultaneously] Yeah.

Griffin: If you're not a member already, you don't even know what the fuck that means. You've gotta get down on pranky doodle dandy.

Justin: All the shows, by the way.

Travis: *Adventure Zone* shows.

Justin: All the Max Fun shows.

Griffin: All the Max Fun shows.

Justin: You're getting like— All have this, from all the years, and that's from five bucks a month. And listen, I'll just mention this 'cause I don't— At 10 bucks a month you're gonna get all that stuff and a pin, and the pins this year, these enamel pins, they're back. Pins are back, and they are...

Griffin: Choice.

Justin: Adorable.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So cute, I love all of our pins these year, you've gotta check 'em out.

Travis: But more than that! You'll be proving to the haters that the trollar is strong. That's a Travis dollar, a trollar.

Griffin: Whoa, the trollar?

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: We gotta prove that the trollar is strong. Lot of people out here saying that it is only strong on paper, you can only spend it at Travis stores for Travis merch.

Griffin: Right right.

Travis: Which is simply not true.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: It's just that it does take a lot of trollars to equal one dollar.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And if we could bump that up a little bit.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: I think that would really help with some of our infrastructure problems.

Griffin: Sure, yeah.

Travis: If I'm being honest.

Griffin: You know I— Boys, I was talking to Terry last night.

Travis: Yup.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Terry Gross, and—

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: Just talking about sort of like—

Travis: I hate it when you call him that, by the way, that's a really mean nickname.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah. Well, I was talkin' to Terry.

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: And Terry was like, "Yeah, it's important when you're doin' a pledge drive to make the people who might support you sound like machines or royal subjects."

Justin: [wheezes] Feed `em bars.

Griffin: Terry said that, so we're in the clear so far—

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: — with this particular drive break.

Justin: It— The main thing is that your pledge is not just buying a gift, that's a little thank you. The money goes to help make these shows possible. These are how we feed our family and clothe our kids and pay our—

Travis: Protect ourselves from our enemies.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Sure up our borders.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: Everybody always talks about how cool our moat is.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And moats don't pour themselves, folks.

Griffin: They do not.

Travis: The Trav Army isn't gonna shoe itself!

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: No.

Travis: I need you to help me buy shoes for the Trav Army.

Justin: This is— We're able to use—

Travis: The low gang's comin' for me, guys. I don't know how to tell you guys this. We've been— I've seen some storms on the horizon.

Griffin & Justin: [simultaneously] Yeah.

Travis: We've gotten some messenger birds, I'm terrified.

Justin: [chuckles] Okay.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: We're able to do this important work because of your support, and it really does mean the world to us. And if you can go to maximumfun.org/join and join up at five, 10, whatever feels comfortable.

There are higher levels and we'll talk about those later. But if you could do that right now while you're thinking about it, then you— during these pledge drive breaks, you can just space out.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Or feel superior, even more so.

Travis: You can also upgrade, if you're already a Max Fun member, and you're like, "Oh, I wanna go from 5 to 10 this year."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Show even more support," you could do that as well. It all counts.

Griffin: Or if you're drivin' in your car, you could roll the windows down, turn the volume way up, and drive real slow by peop— by bystanders on the street.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: That's also super-duper helpful.

Travis: That helps share the message. And we've got some bonus goals ourselves that we'll tell you about later, but right now, enough of the shilling, time for the... killing.

Justin: For the killing.

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: Killing? Is that what it is?

Travis: Like killing it, like oh.

Griffin: Yeah, both—

Justin: The killing?

Griffin: Both of you got there so fast. So effortlessly.

Justin: We both went to killing.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: This is an advice show, still. And we are going to continue to help people.

Travis: Whether you like it or not. [chuckles]

Justin: No, hopefully you like it.

Travis: Yeah, oh okay, yeah yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: Yeah yeah yeah. "I've recently started going to a new gym, one with classes, so everyone comes and leaves at the same time. It's CrossFit but not CrossFit."

Travis: Class system, that's terrible.

Justin: "There are a lot of supportive hi-fives during the workout to and from each other. We love this. Whenever I'm leaving class, I usually lift my hand to wave goodbye to everybody.

Every time, without fail, someone thinks I'm goin' for a hi-five and I end up in this awkward situation where I'm denying one a hi-five for the good of the group and my goodbye. How do I make my waves less hi-five-able?" [sighs]

Griffin: That—

Justin: This is the level! Just in case you're wondering, this is the level we can help with.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, this is so perfect.

Travis: I got this.

Justin: Like this is for us, right?

Griffin: Got this.

Justin: Yeah, this is exactly where we can assist.

Travis: We—

Griffin: This is from Waving Bye in Wisconsin sent this one in.

Travis: Now.

Griffin: I don't know why Justin doesn't read the names.

Travis: I— Something— Oh, 'cause he was just so inspired, he just—
Sorry, did you just flip Griffin off?

Justin: That wasn't—

Travis: Sorry, was there—

Justin: It's— Hey, listen. [laughs] If I slip one of you two a cold one,
mid-show.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: That's not for them!

Griffin: That's right.

Justin: It's for you. [wheezes]

Travis: That's the bonus—

Griffin: Probably not gonna get the video clip edit on TikTok.

Travis: Because this— of the support of our Max Fun supporters—

Justin: [giggles]

Travis: — we've been able to do a lot more video content.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Which means now I get to see.

Justin: [giggles]

Travis: 'Cause Justin has to do it on camera, when he flips one of us off!

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah, he makes—

Justin: It's for you!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Not everything is for them!

Griffin: It's a special—

Justin: Some things I need you to know and not them to know.

Griffin: It's an undertone to the flavor of the energy—

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: — of the recording of the podcast.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: It's—

Griffin: And now we all get to be a part of it because of the support you've shown in the MaxFunDrive.

Travis: Thank you for letting me know when my brother flips off my other brother.

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: You— I've been thinking about *Lost* a lot lately.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: It's not important why, but you could do a Charlie move and just write on your hand like, "Not a hi-five."

Griffin: [chuckles] That's cool.

Travis: And then you hold it up.

Griffin: Oh yeah.

Travis: People know.

Justin: That would be moving.

Griffin: I mean, it—

Travis: [laughs] Now they're all thinkin' of *Lost* and just cryin' in the CrossFit, you know?

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: I will say, it's gotta be a tattoo, because otherwise you're gonna sweat that—

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Sweat that right off.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: And that is gonna be...

Justin: Get your splats and you splat it right off your hand.

Travis: Splat it right off.

Griffin: Splat it— [chuckles] Splat right off your body. I—

Travis: "Aw man, I splatted in my ding dang palm."

Griffin: There is a moment at the end of the gym I go to, at the end of the classes, where they're like, "And now if you want, fist bump your neighbor." It's very like, "If the spirit of Christ is moving you—"

Travis: Yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: Oooh.

Griffin: "Come on down to the pulpit." But it like everybody always fist bumps. I have started to write—

Travis: "And bump it with you."

Griffin: [chuckles] "And— "

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "And bump it with you, also."

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: I've started drying my knuckles off when the timer hits like 59 minutes and 30 seconds.

Travis: Oh yeah.

Justin: Gettin' ready to bump?

Griffin: If I see that I'm like, "Here it goes," I don't wanna give someone a wet fist. And—

Travis: Do you remember back— There was a time— I can't remember the setup for it, but in our days of being churchgoing youths.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Where I think you just turned and shook hands with everybody around you?

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, that's pretty common at pretty much every church.

Justin: Pretty much every church, yeah.

Travis: I remember reaching a certain age though where it became so strangely ironic. Like I think I was just shaking hands [chuckles] with like Justin and Griffin, like, "Yeah guys."

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: "Good job bein' here. We're doin' it, man."

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: It was somethin'—

Griffin: Yeah we were really set up to fail in that one part of church.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: That rest of church we were great at.

Travis: Everything else was great.

Justin: [wheezes] The rest of church.

Griffin: We were great at church.

Justin: It's our highest endorsement.

Travis: You could do a couple different moves, like a tip of the cap, do two finger salute. Like, "Well."

Griffin: "Well." Someone— And over eager beaver might see that and be like, "Uh-huh, rampin' up to a hi-fi— He's got two fingers up there, let's get those other three piggies wigglin' and let's get a five goin'."

Travis: Is there a Disney point version of a hi-five? Or like a wave, Justin?

Justin: Uh.

Travis: Just holding up two fingers?

Justin: It's—

Travis: Like scout's honor?

Justin: Just holding up two fingers, like Walt used to do.

Griffin: Like one of your competitors in *The Hunger Games* just died.

Justin & Travis: [cackle]

Justin: The— [chuckles] Maybe you could get a call and response goin'. Like that is your classic exit. So your classic exit doesn't need to be a wave. 'Cause it's like...

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "Hey everybody, great job today. [singing] Zoot Suit Riot."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: And then they're like—

Griffin & Justin: [simultaneously] "[singing] Riot!"

Griffin: Yeah yeah, sure.

Justin: And then it's like that's your good— That's how you do goodbyes.

Travis: That's so fucking cool.

Griffin: That's cool, yeah.

Justin: [giggles] God, if I could pull that off. Hey, you know how for a long time, kids were doin' the— [wheezes] Kids were doin' the "Can I get a 'hya'?" You know that trend?

Griffin: No, I have no fuckin' idea what you're talkin' about.

Travis: "Aw yeah." I do. Justin, I do.

Justin: Thank you, Travis.

Travis: 'Cause we're hip and trendy.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Anyway, it's a thing that is actually—

Travis: I don't think it's "High yeah" though. I don't think that was it.

Justin: Yes. But it's like, "hya," it's like very annoying, right? It's this very annoying noise, but you— It is this bizarre call and response that you saw the Gen Z kids doing for a little bit.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And you could still squeeze one out, where someone says, "Can I get a hya?" in public, and then everybody responds.

Griffin: It's nostalgic.

Justin: Who's in on it?

Griffin: Awesome.

Justin: "Hya." So this is what I'm sayin'.

Travis: Zoot Suit Riot.

Justin: I think we need a Gen X, Gen Z— A Gen X version, which is...

Griffin: I'm so—

Justin: You're in public and you hear someone call, "Zoot Suit Riot." Anybody within earshot has to call back, "Riot!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: That would— I think that would be...

Griffin: That would be cool.

Justin: A lot of fun.

Griffin: You know I'm like wicked not in the Generation X.

Justin: I know, but like there's a lot of stuff for you, you know?

Griffin: That's a good point.

Justin: Not everything needs to be for you. [chuckles]

Griffin: That's true. Renting.

[pause]

Travis: Renting is for you?

Griffin: Yeah, that's us.

Travis: But—

Griffin: We basic— We practically invented that stuff.

Travis: Tell me some other things, Griffin, and a Gen Xer—

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: — that you feel ownership of.

Griffin: Oh man. Starbucks.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Fucking—

Travis: Are Bird scooters yours?

Griffin: Yes. Grunge music.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: Is huge for us.

Justin: How often do they do new generations?

Griffin: Uh—

Travis: Just about every generation, I would say.

Justin: What generation are—

Griffin: Our—

Justin: No, like how often do they do— We were all born within seven years of each other.

Griffin: Do you—

Justin: How— What generation would you say I am?

Griffin: I think you're borderline Millennial/Gen X. I think Travis and I are pretty squarely Millennial.

Justin: You think Trav's a Millennial?

Travis: Yeah, baby.

Griffin: I mean—

Justin: I'm borderline Gen X.

Griffin: I mean, I—

Travis: I'm borderline Gen Z, frankly.

Griffin: Do you—

Travis: Like I—

Justin: Okay, speak on that. I knew I'd get you.

Travis: Um, I'm just saying—

Griffin: [cackles]

Travis: — that like the year I was born.

Justin: I knew I'd get you, welcome to my fuckin'—

Griffin: Right into his snare.

Justin: Like I— You Winnie the Pooh-ed right into hat pot, baby.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I knew you'd come around, pantsless.

Travis: If you're just talking about the year I was born, sure.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Travis: But let's talk about the year in which I life.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [singing] "It's a fee-ling. Doo doo do do."

Griffin: Do you guys know what our children's generation is?

Travis: Gen Alpha.

Griffin: 'Cause Henry— Yeah, Henry learned—

Justin: Aw.

Griffin: — he's an Alpha, and he will not let that go, just marchin' around the house. "Excuse me, I'm Generation Alpha. Uhhhh..."

Justin: Would you—

Travis: I'm terrified of the day that my eldest learns that.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Because she also— After she learned her astrological sign, now often refers to herself as a Scorpion.

Griffin: Oh, cool.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: She doesn't— Can't care about that part, like—

Griffin: "I'm the Alpha Scorpion."

Travis: The Alpha Scorpion. When that happens, I've lost all control.

Griffin: You can't raise the Alpha Scorpion.

Justin: The Alpha Scorpion.

Travis: Are you kidding me?

Justin: Yeah. We could—

Travis: How am I coming back from that?

Justin: We could, together, in a my three dads scenario—

Griffin: Raise one Alpha Scorpion.

Justin: At the height of our powers.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Raise an Alpha Scorpion.

Griffin: Um... Hey, do you all want to go to the Wizard's house?

Travis: More than anything.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: I got to get back to Kansas.

Griffin: Take off your shoes.

Travis: Whoa.

Griffin: That's just— That's not—

Travis: Is— The Wizard's into toes?

Griffin: I mean it's— Yeah, the Wizard's really into toes stuff.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Brian sent this in, thank you Brian. It's "How to Stop a Wedding."

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: "We've all seen the movies where a person halts a wedding in progress in order to get back the one they truly love. In reality, stopping a wedding is a much more serious undertaking. It involves a lot of—"

Travis: No wait, hold on, slow down wikiHow. You're telling me that in real life, stopping a wedding is way more serious than when I see someone like Owen Wilson do it on the big screen?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: It's slightly more serious.

"It involves a lot of thought and planning and taking an honest look at your motives and intentions. If you truly believe the couple shouldn't be together and you believe you're justified in doing so, [chuckles] we have some suggestions for going about stopping a wedding with logic and legal action."

Travis: Dooooon't.

Griffin: "God spoke to me. God spoke to me in a dream. It is my responsibility, and I think that I'm justified in doing so, to stop this union."

So, step one, "Approaching the Couple. Consider your motivations."

Travis: Hmm.

Griffin: You're in love with one of them. You don't need a— There's more here, but like.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: You're in love with one of them.

Justin: You're in love with one of them.

Travis: You're in love with one of them. Both of `em.

Justin: You might— You may be a little bit of both with them. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But you are—

Travis: Or neither of them.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: There's so many options!

Griffin: Or half of each of them.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: A third party.

Justin: Not the whole.

Travis: Not related, but affected by the wedding.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: "I'm in love with their left bottom corner."

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: "And the—" [chuckles]

Travis: "I'm in love with the officiant, and this seems a good time."

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: "To kind of push them out of the way."

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: "Step in there, just hijack their wedding."

Griffin: "Talk with family members or other people involved in the wedding to find out if someone else feels similarly." You gotta get—

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: Trying to take this on solo—

Justin: Alliances, yeah.

Griffin: — is no—

Justin: You have to build a confederacy. [wheezes]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: A confederacy is what you have to build, a conspiracy against the wedding.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: How do you broach that subject without knowing the answer already? Like, "Hey."

Justin: [laughs] Yeah. "Who's into this?"

Travis: "Hey, um... Wouldn't it be wild if someone had a good reason to stop the wedding? I'm not— [scoffs] Me? No, no no no no. No, I know I wrote all those poems and songs and stuff, but wouldn't it—"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: "Like what do you think about the wedding?"

Justin: Even a— Even for wikiHow, this is unfathomable. Like you— These are mostly going to be strangers to you.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: So, you literally are like, "Uh, tap tap tap. So, Aunt Doris was it?"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "Do you think that this... is gonna go down or what?"

Travis: "Hey."

Justin: [chuckles] "Where are you at on that, do you think it's gonna happen?"

Travis: "Talk to you nephew, any dirt on him?"

Justin: Yeah. [laughs] "Which one do you... Which team are you on?"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: "Yeah, mmm..."

Justin: "Have you chosen a side yet?"

Travis: "Mmm."

Griffin: Usually you just find the one who's outside, smoking a cigarette. No-one really smokes anymore.

Travis: Mm.

Griffin: And so if you see someone outside a wedding smoking a cigarette, they are basically asking someone to come and conspire to stop this wedding.

Travis: Oh man.

Justin: Ooo...

Travis: But can you imagine if you go out there and you're looking for like a future father-in-law, or some kind of powerful ally, and you get out there and it's like, "Oh, it's like a step second uncle," or something like—"Aw man, ahhh."

Griffin: Yeah, you need blood ties to the family to stop this wedding.

Travis: "Yeah, I don't know how much influence he's gonna have on this scenario."

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: "Ahhh..."

Justin: Yes. Somebody with juice.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You need someone with juice.

Griffin: You need like the groom's mom. Like that's the power you need.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: [inhales sharply]

Griffin: That's the kind of power you need to channel.

Travis: But like two ushers. Unless it's Usher. If Usher is there.

Griffin: No fucking—

Justin: If Usher is there, yes.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: Although! Although! You get two— Now let's say this, you get two ushers. The amount of Joker-like chaos you can now weave into this wedding by having them ush. Like, "Come on grandma, this way. Back row, wrong side."

Travis: Ahhh.

Griffin: "Come on grandma, this— This way Grandma, into this bathroom. Click, lock."

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "We can't start the wedding!" Because the two ushers have kidnapped Grandma.

Justin: Nooo.

Griffin: "Oh no."

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: It should work though.

Justin: Eat. The. Rings.

Griffin: "Meet with the bride and groom to—"

Justin: Eat. The. Rings.

Travis: Eat the rings.

Justin: Eat. The. Rings. You eat the rings!

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Travis: But if you're not—

Justin: You just eat the rings!

Travis: How do you get the rings?

Justin: How do you do any of this, Trav?

Travis: Okay.

Justin: I'm not the— I'm an ideas guy.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: I see. Eat the Grandma.

Justin: You're a logistics guy. Griffin's the XO, I'm the ideas guy.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Justin's the body man.

Justin: I'm the face.

Griffin: When someone has to do a flip to stop the wedding, Justin's gonna be there for us.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Meet with the—"

Travis: He won't do the flip, but he'll say, "Somebody do a flip."

Griffin: "Someone, please."

Justin: "Quick, someone." [chuckles] Remember when that guy—
Remember when we were all in Philadelphia.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And it was nighttime, and I— And we were walking around, and that guy [chuckles] walked up to us, out of nowhere. This man walked up to us and said, "I do something the whole family can enjoy."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "Backflips."

Travis: And us—

Griffin: And he was right.

Travis: — children were like, "Yeah!"

Justin: "Hell yeah!"

Travis: And he did it.

Griffin: Yeah, fuck yeah.

Travis: And it was really good.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: It was really, really cool.

Justin: It was sick. So cool.

Griffin: Life is beautiful. "Meet the—"

Justin: It was, it was a beautiful moment.

Travis: It happens in the in-between.

Griffin: It's true.

Travis: When you think about it, it's not about the destination—

Griffin: It happens...

Travis: — or the journey. It's about the pit stops.

Griffin: It happens in the Upside-Down.

Travis: [chuckles] Yeah.

Griffin: "Meet with the bride and groom privately to talk. Go directly to the couple-to-be and calmly discuss why you believe their wedding should be stopped." I'm gonna actually veto wikiHow on this one, for this reason.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: For this reason. If they know.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: That someone is conspiring.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Then they're going to start counter-conspiring.

Justin: Ohhh.

Griffin: To take you down before— And I'll tell you, in the wedding like venue, in the wedding sphere.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Bride and groom are two of the most powerful and influential people.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah. Yeah.

Justin: If one of them flat out refuses, it's gonna be difficult for it to proceed.

Travis: Now.

Griffin: It's gonna get nastier.

Justin: Yeah, it's—

Griffin: If it proceeds.

Justin: It— Yeah. Yeah, that's true.

Travis: You can— You might be able to do a little bit like, "Hey, Mom said that if you said it was cool." Like go to the bride and groom separately—

Griffin: Oh cool.

Travis: — and be like, "Hey, she seems... not super enthused about that."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: What about that?

Griffin: I think this is suggesting you do these things well before the wedding.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Justin: Oh, yeah yeah yeah.

Griffin: "Address your concerns one-on-one. If you need to—"

Travis: Is the best hope there that you go to one of `em and they're like, "Okay, thank you!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Somebody said it! I didn't know what to do about this!"

Justin: Now listen, if you do it— If you do— If you talk one `em out of getting married, you break the other one's heart, that's not gonna feel good.

Travis: Mm.

Griffin: No.

Justin: But. I'll say, risk reward, if you convince both of `em independently, well then you've done your good deed, right?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: This was not meant to be. You are a blessing in this situation. Because if that subtle, subtle manipulation—

Griffin: Was all it took.

Justin: — could bring a house of cards down.

Griffin: For sure.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: What's it gonna be in a year?

Travis: This is what you need. You're in love— Let's say you're in love with participant one, right?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: You need to find someone who's in love with participant two.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Mmm!

Travis: Now you're not breaking up a marriage, you're multiplying a marriage!

Griffin: *Midsummer's Night Eve.*

Travis: It was gonna be one marriage, now it's twooo!

Griffin: Now it's two, you blessed the marriage.

Justin: More money. [chuckles]

Griffin: Well done.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: Well—

Travis: More money for the wedding industry!

Justin: More wedding, more money for the wedding people.

Travis: More gifts, more guests!

Griffin: I got a cer—

Travis: Everybody wins!

Griffin: I gotta circle back to step two's "Meet with the bride privately, and groom privately to talk." Step three is "Address your concerns one-on-one." So in— This scene goes "Hi."

"Hey, what did you need, Jimmy?"

"Yeah, tell us all about it."

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Well, I think you guys should not get married."

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Oh, no Jeremy, we're gonna get married."

"Yeah, we're definitely going to get married."

“Okay. I need to talk to... just you.”

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: “You can— You—”

Travis: “Not about that! Not about this, something else.”

Griffin: “Not about that! Not about that! Not about that!”

Travis: “So anyways, about that...”

Griffin: “It’s a— It’s a *Dune 2* spoilers and you haven’t seen it yet.”

Justin: [snorts]

Griffin: “So why don’t you go wait in the hallway.”

Justin: [laughs] It’s—!

Griffin: “And then afterwards, you guys switch places, and I just do him. But it’s different.”

Justin: Or you come out after the participant one, and they say, “Okay, is it my turn to—”

“No no no, that won’t be necessary.”

Travis: [chuckles] “No no, no no.”

Justin: “I think I’ve got it handled pretty good actually. You’re fine.”

Travis: “They answered my question.”

Griffin: “I’m done.”

Justin: “They got the uh— Yeah, I’m good.”

Griffin: Step four. “Convince the couple to wait a year.”
“You know... the weather.”

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: If someone had come to us.

Travis: "In this economy?"

Griffin: If someone had come to us in our winter wedding that was supposed to be quite warm, according to the Farmer's useless shitty Almanac.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Well, you're not a farmer.

Justin: Drag 'em.

Griffin: Supposed to be a beautiful, great— Good point, Travis. And instead ended up being about nine degrees and our grandma f—

Travis: Only on that one day too.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Day before, 73.

Griffin: Gorgeous.

Travis: Day after, 73. Day of, nine.

Griffin: Day of, cold. Cold cold.

Travis: In Texas.

Griffin: If someone said, "Wait a year. It'll be about— It'll be like 71 next year," probably still wouldn't have done it 'cause it's been pretty kickass to be married. And I can't even pretend like I would do that. But this might work for you. "Suggest a 'fake' wedding"! That won't work for you.

Travis: Now... How? How does that sales pitch go?

Griffin: Well, something like this.

“Discuss holding a wedding celebration, but without the minister and paperwork. No one else has to know it's not legally binding and everyone can still enjoy themselves. This may satisfy a couple looking forward to the event and festivity but avoid any trouble later with divorce lawyers if it doesn't end well.” Cool.

Justin: What the f—?

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: The ultimate—

Justin: What the fuck are you doing? This is a—

Griffin: The ultimate pre-nup.

Travis: So...

Griffin: The ultimate.

Travis: I would argue, and I think I could make a strong case, that this is actually a harder sales pitch than just cancelling the wedding.

Justin: Um, yeah. I would also say man, if you uh... If you have a big ceremony about how you're gonna be together forever, and then all your friends and family are there and they see you do that. Um... In my book, that's pretty married. I mean that's extreme—

Griffin: Yeah, that's a good point.

Justin: I don't know what you're trying to prevent that is not that exact situa— Is it just a legal issue? [laughs] Like I kinda thought you were in love with one of `em.

Griffin: Now—

Travis: You also then are having to begin the sales pitch to these two participants with “Hey. Let's face it, you guys are probably gonna get divorced, right? Well have I got a life hack for you!”

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah. "Get pre-voiced."

Travis & Justin: [laugh]

Griffin: I also like the "Do it without a minster and paperwork." I mean yeah, but someone's gonna have to [chuckles] get up there, my man.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Someone is gonna have to get up there—

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: — and be like [in a gruff voice] "Uh, by the power vested in me by United States of America, these guys are going for it. Yahoo!"

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Yosemite Sam?

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah, that's right.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Taking Other Action. 1 – Call out the lies!"

Justin: Thank you.

Travis: Whoaaa.

Griffin: "If you know the wedding is a fraud, or there are legal weas— reasons the wedding should not go through as planned."

Justin: [in a cutesy voice] "Legal weasons."

Travis: Legal weasels.

Griffin: "Wegal weasons the wedding should not go through as planned, you have at least 28 days to take legal action. Couples must let a

registrar know of their decision to get married and the registrar is required to make that information public for at least 28 days.”

Travis: What?

Griffin: What’s this gonna—

Justin: Why? [wheezes]

Griffin: What’s this gonna do? The image is someone at Country Court, and talking to someone behind a desk who looks like really entertained by this sales pitch. What could they possibly be saying?

Travis: “Now listen.”

Griffin: “Hey, she’s actually in love with me. So that’s a lie.”

Travis: Well now we are assuming that the motives here are love. But there’s also the possibility of like you’re—

Justin: It is though, we confirmed that earlier on.

Travis: But you’re a detective.

Justin: It is.

Travis: Right?

Griffin: Oh cool.

Travis: And you know that this person is like an international jewel thief, smuggler, scam artist.

Griffin: Oh my god.

Justin: Mm.

Travis: Who’s posing to marry this dowager and steal all her jewels.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Now, ho! What's that, boys? Your tone has shifted, they're a hero for breaking up this wedding.

Griffin: Fucking shit.

Justin: Mmm...

Griffin: Well, I mean, I'm not here to... bust someone's grift wide open. [chuckles]

Travis: That's fair.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: Like what are you talking about? If they're runnin' a clean grift.

Travis: Is it— If it's a clean grift.

Justin: It's a clean grift.

Griffin: If they're trying to scoot off with boomer jewels, like. [laughs]

Justin: Yeah. It's a—

Griffin: Go with God, my man.

Justin: It's a quick— If it's a clean grift for boomer jewels and the bodies ain't piling—

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: — I say go for it.

Travis: Yeah, okay. Yeah.

Justin: If you're not stackin' corpses and you're clean swindlin' boomer jewels.

Travis: Those things are insured!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: A clean swindle. Boomer jewels are insured.

Travis: Boomer jewels.

Griffin: At least make sure to insure the boomer jewels.

Travis: Swindle away.

Griffin: Swindle your hearts out.

Justin: Swindle away. Just don't pile up bodies.

Griffin: No way.

Travis: No bodies pilin' up.

Justin: That's how you get the law [chuckles] sniffin' around.

Travis: Yeah, you don't want that.

Justin: That's when we have to intervene.

Travis: That McElroy brothers have to intervene.

Griffin: Yeah. "Follow the money. If the couple are relying on both or one of their parents to support the wedding, you may want to try to stop the money source so the wedding will be called off. If you have legal reasons, again, share this with the parents and let them know they may be financially supporting a harmful situation."

Travis: Boomer jewels.

Griffin: "If there aren't legal reasons you can still voice other concerns and attempt to stop the money flow."

Justin: How is it fuckin' possible that these steps are getting so much harder?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You have now gone from like, "Talk to 'em and try and talk 'em out of it" to like... Sun Tzu *Art of War*—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: — levels of like, "They have three distinct sources of support. We cut the columns out from underneath them."

Travis: "Hey. So you're Deborah's Poppy. Listen. He's an international thief known as the Crayfish."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "And you're gonna need to get in there and put a stop to this. There will be some danger, but don't worry, the bodies haven't started piling up. But."

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Clean one. Clean so far."

Travis: "But I need you to help me take down the Crayfish, I've been hunting him for years."

Griffin: Now you could also go to Poppy and say, "Poppyyy. You follow crypto?"

Justin: Ooo.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: And Poppy's like, "What are you talkin' about?," and you're like—

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: — "You know how you've got like \$15K and you were gonna do that for the wedding?"

Justin: No no no, wait Griff. Now when they say, "What are you talkin' about?," you have to say, "Aw, never mind."

Griffin: "Never mind, it's not—"

Justin: "It's—"

Travis: "Oh, okay."

Justin: "If it—"

"No no no no."

I'll be Poppy. I'll be Poppy.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Okay okay.

Justin: [in an elderly voice] "No no no no no."

Griffin: "It's like future money stuff, don't worry— Like don't even."

Justin: [in an elderly voice] "Oh, well you know, you say crypto, that makes sense."

Griffin: Sorry, can you be more clear with your...?

Travis: Yeah, old is—

Justin: "Now that—"

Travis: How old is Poppy?

Justin: [in an elderly voice] "Now that I'm remembering, I saw that in Time magazine."

Griffin: "You know computers?"

Justin: [in an elderly voice] "Now well, I've dabbled."

Griffin: "They're doin' money now, so."

Justin: [in an elderly voice] "Oh, you're kidding me. No, I do my bankin'—"

Travis: "Hey. Hey, sorry. Let Poppy finish chewing, and then you can have this conversation with him."

Justin: [chuckles] [in a clearer voice] "Yes, I do my banking online, yes."

Griffin: "Oh you do? Shit?"

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "Um... This is different than that."

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: "I... I wanna show you a very cool picture of a car, and it has a gorilla in it."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [wheezes] "I enjoy this picture."

Griffin: "If you give me 50— If you give me all the wedding money, I'll put it in this gorilla, and then it will get twice as much."

Justin: "Please don't be ridiculous, I've already sunk 17 boomer jewels into this thing, and those are non-refundable."

Griffin: "Umm... You don't have those insured? The government?"

Justin: "No, no. Is that what crypto is for?"

Griffin: "If— Now hold on. Wait a second. Did you just say all 17 boomer jewels? 'Cause if someone gets all 17 boomer jewels."

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: "They get the power."

Travis: They'll be unstoppable!

Griffin: [sings the *Sonic the Hedgehog* theme] "Oh no."

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: "Dr Robotnik got all the boomer jewels."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: "And the rings are missing!"

Griffin: "Oh shit."

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Okay. "Waiting it Out. Void the marriage after the wedding. You can use an annulment to legally cancel-out the marriage as if it never happened."

Travis: But you can't.

Justin: But you can't!

Travis: You can't.

Griffin: I know— [cackles]

Travis: I don't think! [laughs] There's a third-party annulment!

Justin: Yeah, this article is written in second person, and it— you have to remember that. They can't— You can't just throw a "you" out there like that.

Griffin: It's great. I think this would be a funny prank. If you're like, "How's your uh... Ha, how are yous liking being married? Tee hee hee!"

Justin: [snorts]

Griffin: "I annulled you."

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "And guess what, you get to do it again! 'Cause I annulled it."

Griffin: "Wait for the marriage to fail down the road." [chuckles]

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: "If the couple's fairly young and it's their first marriage there's a 40% chance the marriage will end in divorce."

Travis: That's not quite, by the way wikiHow, how to stop a wedding.

Griffin: Well.

[pause]

Griffin: It will... stop.

Justin: No. No, they failed.

Griffin: Yeah, that's a fair point.

Justin: I mean, this is a consolation prize, at best.

Griffin: 40%, I think those numbers are gettin' better. So whatever we all are doin' to keep our wedding— our marriages strong and—

Justin: I think fewer people are gettin' married. [chuckles] Is what is happening.

Travis: Hey. Hey!

Justin: That would be my guess. Whatever it— Hey, whatever it takes to make that all-important number.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Get lower, if we—

Griffin: I want— I would love 0%. I think we all think that that would be the ideal circumstances.

Justin: Okay, well let's shoot for it.

Travis: Only cool people get married to other cool people, in happy cool weddings.

Justin: But somewhere, there's a divorce la— divorce— [chuckles] divorce lawyer saying "Hey. But wait." [chuckles]

Griffin: Hey, sorry.

Justin: "I'll be— But, what do I do now? I have all these books."

Travis: Sorry, you craven vulture. [chuckles]

Justin: [laughs] "No, I was just trying go help people—"

Travis: No, sorry—

Griffin: Picking at the bones of society!

Justin: "No no no! I just help people navigate—"

Travis: I haven't been hunting the Vulture, Griffin.

Justin: "All I was—"

Travis: That's a different jewel thief.

Griffin: You're right.

Travis: I've been hunting the Crayfish.

Griffin: The crayfish, that's a different one, sorry. And then step three is Move On.

Travis: That should've been step one, wikiHow.

Justin: Oh look, you already— Yeah, you skip right to it. Just stop, cut it out.

Griffin: Um... Hey.

Justin: Yeah?

Griffin: Can we talk about the MaxFunDrive?

Travis: Yeah, man.

Justin: Yeah, real— Yeah, I think we should, man.

Travis: Can I talk about some additional rewards we have planned when we hit certain levels?

Griffin: Ooo, I would love to hear some of those, Travie.

Justin: Oh yeah, line `em up.

Travis: At 3000 new and upgrading Max Fun members... Fungalore will hear your wishes live.

Justin: Wow!

Griffin: We legally can't say that they'll all come true.

Travis: No, that's not what Fungalore's about, but Fungalore will hear your wishes live. What does that mean? When we hit 3000, you will find out.

Griffin: Fungalore will hear your wishes live.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Fungalore—

Travis: Fungalore will hear your wishes.

Griffin: Fungalore... will hear your wishes, your wishes... live.

Justin: Now does that— Doesn't that happen every time you wish to Fungalore?

Griffin & Justin: [simultaneously] Yes.

Travis: Yeah, but now it'll be live.

Justin: Yes, it does.

Griffin: Now it's live.

Justin: And it always is live, but this is also live.

Travis: But it's—

Griffin: But this is also that.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: And it's— You can see.

Travis: At 6000, we will release a bonus *Starfield Monster Factory* just for Max Fun members.

Griffin: [claps once]

Travis: Do you guys wanna...

Justin: Skuzz!

Griffin: Skuzz Lightyear—

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: — was our first attempt to play *Starfield*, back before it was functional as an entertainment product. And so we did one episode with Skuzz and then we put him back in the Disney vault until a later date.

Justin: I think— Hey, let's ramp the stakes up right now. I think this is okay. Let's— This is— Let's try somethin' new, okay?

Griffin: Olay.

Justin: Skuzz Lightyear's already been recorded, right?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: If we don't hit 6000... we delete it.

Griffin: We'll kill Skuzz Lightyear.

Travis: Oh no.

Justin: We'll delete all copies of the video. There we go, now the stakes are there.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: I like that.

Justin: It's huge.

Travis: At 9000, we will write and illustrate a wikiHow article on a topic chosen by our staff, and we'll post it on our website.

Griffin: And maybe on wikiHow.

Travis: If they allow it.

Griffin: If they let it.

Justin: We will try.

Travis: We'll submit it.

Justin: We will try.

Griffin: 12,000 we're gonna do a six thumbs one heart percent version of *Celeste*. [chuckles]

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: Live stream.

Justin: Oh...

Griffin: So that'll take probably a good 36 hours.

Travis: And I still know nothing about *Celeste*.

Griffin: Oh man.

Travis: It's—

Justin: It's great.

Travis: I hear it's challenging.

Griffin: It's—

Justin: It is a little difficult.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: It has some difficulties.

Travis: Now at 15,000, we will record and release a commentary track for *Avatar*, not the *Last Air*— the blue person one, on the bonus content feed for Max Fun members. Now here's the thing about this.

Justin: Oh my god, guys. I— Please do this for me.

Travis: Here's the thing about this.

Justin: Please do this for me.

Travis: Observant listeners may know, Griffin and I have never seen it, still.

Griffin: Don't want to see it.

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: It looks so fucking bogus.

Justin: Please, I need this. Please.

Travis: And Justin has seen it and loves it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And this will be the kind—

Justin: [noncommittally] Well, the first one— It's more— Yeah, okay— Yeah.

Travis: You love that you've seen it.

Justin: I love that I've seen it.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And I hate that you guys haven't.

Travis: Yeah. So it would be—

Griffin: It's not fair.

Travis: This commentary will be mine and Griffin's first time watching it.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Justin will have a lot of answers. A lot of answering to do when we hit 15,000.

Griffin: So if you guys see the counter and it's at 14,999.

Justin: Here's the problem.

Griffin: Maybe just think about waitin' til next... next year. [chuckles]

Travis: Or skip over.

Justin: We're gonna... We're gonna need to figure out. It's occurring to me now, we're gonna need to figure out what our setup's gonna be. 'Cause if you guys are watching it where you record this podcast.

Griffin: Aww...

Justin: You will have watched *Avatar*.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: But you won't have seen *Avatar*. You know what I mean?

Griffin: Oh, huge. Yeah.

Justin: So we gotta figure out a way—

Griffin: So this is the kind of energy Travis and I are going to have to contend with.

Justin: [through laughter] Yeah!

Travis: Maybe we'll rent out a movie theatre.

Griffin: Yeah. Oh great.

Justin: Now we're talking.

Griffin: Do that.

Griffin: Listen. Maximumfun.org/join is the link you can go to. Genuinely, we are doing this, we've been doing this, this is our 14th MaxFunDrive. Because of the support that we continue to get from y'all, we've been able to start more shows. *TAZ* exists because of the MaxFunDrive. We've done about a million times more video stuff—

Travis: Yip.

Griffin: — in the last year than we have in all of the years previous because we were able to hire a video editor and producer, and that is because of the MaxFunDrive.

It is so important to us, to continue to like grow and make cool stuff, and you are the ones who make that possible.

Justin: And just being completely frank, and you've probably noticed this if you read stuff. Or heck, if you just listen to podcasts. The ad revenue side of our business has been really rough lately.

Travis: Been tight.

Justin: It's been tight, it's been rough for everybody.

Griffin: *MBMBaM's* weathered the storm okay.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: But if you listen to our other shows, [chuckles] you will notice some empty spaces where the ads used to go.

Justin: So we really, now more than ever, like really do need your support and it really is— If you're a— If you're somebody who makes stuff in this current climate, you know where we are at.

So if you can support us and the people who work for us and the stuff that we make, it really does— It really is a huge help. So if you could do that—

Griffin: Maximumfun.org/join. [chuckles] If you are able to do it at a screen right now, do it while you're thinkin' about it.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: 'Cause it really makes this all possible.

Travis: You have—

Justin: There's a— By the way, if you can do 20 bucks a month, where there's a bucket hat you can get. Or a games on the go kit. They're both—

Griffin: It's a bandana that turns into a chess board.

Justin: I mean come one.

Travis: Whoaaa.

Griffin: I mean come on, stop it.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: And listen, you have three options, as far as support goes. You can become a member.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You can upgrade your membership.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: You can also boost your membership.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Which means maybe you're not ready to move up to the next level, but you can increase it by a couple bucks, go for it. And on top of that, if you're already a member or you're not able to, just sharing links, talking about it.

Griffin: [desperately] Please!

Travis: Reminding people that it's MaxFunDrive. All that stuff helps.

Justin: Yup. Thank you so much.

Griffin: I was stretching when I said, "Please" just there, I didn't [chuckles] mean to sound so like—

Travis: It did seem pretty desperate.

Griffin: — desperate and in pain.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: But.

Justin: Maybe that energy works though. Maybe that's the energy we need.

Griffin: Yeah, maybe someone likes that. Maybe imagine me dangling off a bridge. [chuckles]

Travis: [singing] In the arms ooof a Griffin.

Griffin: Alright. That's—

Travis: [singing] Far away from here.

Griffin: Let's stop this.

Travis: We need a picture of a crying Griffin, some slow zooms.

Griffin: I've— [chuckles] I haven't cried since like high school, man.

Travis: [singing] In a dark, cold wreckage. [normal] Something like that.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Travis: [singing] And an Edmund Fitzgerald.

Griffin: Wait, why is he there?

Travis: It's the wreck of Edmund Fitzgerald.

Griffin: Yeah, Christ.

Travis: And Griffin is the sad ghost captain.

Griffin: New question!

Travis: Okay. [chuckles]

Justin: New question. "I desperately want to be friends with my dentist. I get my teeth cleaned every six months, and every time I go my dentist and I get into great banter. We discuss what music we're into."

Griffin: Proper bants!

Justin: Prop— [in an English accent] "Proper bants."
[normal] "Our similar upbringing, and we even have tattoos from some of the same artists."

Travis: Whoa.

Justin: "The problem is every time I speak to the dentist, I'm in full teeth cleaning mode."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "The bib, the silly glasses, the whatever."

Griffin: Sorry, no no no, you can't skip that.

Justin: "The wet mouth and everything. There is never an appropriate moment to ask if he wants to hang out sometime. On top of that, the dental hygienist is always present while we're talking."

Travis: Ugh!

Justin: "Which makes me feel even weirder."

Travis: Third wheel!

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: Yeah. "Hey, can they uh clear out?"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: "Please? They're harshing the vibe."

Griffin: "I'm clean."

Justin: "Emailing him or calling the office both feel wrong. Brothers, how can I invite my dentist to hang out without making it awkward." That's from Dental Dude Dilemma.

Griffin: I could be at... a cool guy make friends club.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Griffin: I could be attending... the 100th meeting of the Cool Guy Make Friends Club. And I could show up.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: And not know how to spearhead a conversation about making a cool friend with the cool guy.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: You have asked us for advice on how to do this exact situation in... the most... socially dynamic imbalanced like state—

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: — that two human beings can possibly occupy.

Justin: You are both at an incredible imbalance of power, and absolutely immobilized.

Travis: You—

Griffin: Absolutely.

Justin: As— No matter what stew you make at this point, you are gonna be sittin' in it.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Now this I gonna surprise you guys, but I'm gonna beg to differ.

Justin: Oh my god.

Griffin: No, yeah, of course.

Travis: No, and here's why. As an adult, I would make the point it is easier to find a new dentist than to make friends as an adult.

Griffin: That's a really, really, really, really good point, Travis.

Travis: [chuckles] So here's what you're gonna do. You're gonna wait until one of those bands that you guys both like, are in town.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: The— You're gonna schedule a cleaning.

Justin: Ooo.

Travis: And then you're gonna be like, "Hey, did you hear that they're coming?"

Justin: And so you're gonna schedule a cleaning—

Travis: "Did you wanna go?"

Justin: Sorry, real quick. Quick pause. You're gonna schedule a cleaning. So you're gonna say— You're gonna call them and they're like, "You just got your teeth cleaned two weeks ago, you don't need—"

Travis: Hey Justin, there's gonna be some machinations happening.

Justin: Okay, you're right.

Griffin: Say [chuckles] "I ate some squid ink spaghetti!"

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: "And I need to get back in there, I don't know what to tell yah."

Justin: Yeah, okay.

Travis: And they're gonna be like, "Yeah, do you wanna go? You wanna go? Like I'm lookin' for somebody to go with, you wanna go see the show?" Boom, friends.

Griffin: Is it— That feels... romantic.

Justin: It does.

Griffin: And I don't know why that's true to me.

Justin: It's really—

Griffin: But it feels romantic.

Justin: But how do you navigate this ever? [wheezes] Like right? It's— [sighs]

Travis: Listen. I have watched my children recently at a playground have this interaction with another child.

"Hey, do you wanna be friends?"

"Yeah."

"And what's your name?"

That's— They don't even know!

Justin: Yeah, I mean—

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: They don't even know that. We build up all these barriers.

Justin: It is much easier to be a kid, like.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Like the tartar and plaque, building up on your teeth.

Justin: What are you teaching— Like yes, I miss being a child too. It was much easier then.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Which I didn't appreciate, yes.

Travis: Just ask you dentist, be like— When they're done be like, "Hey, feels great in there now man. You wanna be friends?"

Griffin: That's not—

Justin: That's insane. That's insane.

Griffin: [chuckles] What you said is so wrong, Travis.

Justin: Travis, it doesn't make sense what you said.

Travis: Mmm, you guys, your hearts are so hardened.

Griffin: It's like— One time I saw—

Travis: The enamel around your heart is so hard.

Justin: No, if someone—

Travis: I'm gonna give you a love root canal.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I love— Listen, if someone said to me, "Do you wanna be friends?" And I would instinctively say to them, "What could that possibly mean?" 'Cause I don't know what that—

Travis: You...

Justin: I don't know what changes, you know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Like what has shifted? Is there a—

Travis: You just— No! Now you know.

Justin: You've played— No, there's—

Travis: You've played "Do you like me, yes or no? Yes."

Justin: No, here's what's happened Travis. You played too many video games.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: And you are— you're like, "Hey, we've built up a lot of relationship points."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "Do you wanna level our status?"

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: "From acquaintances to friends."

Griffin: Yeah. The problem is that it rarely in video games stops there.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: And a lot of the time you'll be like, "I got you a new broadsword," and they'll be like, "Get that dick out."

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: Here's all I'm saying.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: If this dentist—

Griffin: "I got you tickets to the Weezer concert."

Travis: Let's— See boys—

Griffin: "Let's go."

Travis: This isn't as big a risk as you think it is. Let me tell you why. This dentist is in your mouth, one of the top five worst orifices on your body, right?

Griffin: Yeah yeah.

Travis: And they are choosing to continue a conversation with you, not about general surface level stuff, but the tattoo artist that you share.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: The bands that you both like, your similar upbringing. This dentist also likes talking to you.

Griffin: You're right. You're right. You're right. You're right!

Justin: You're right. You're right.

Griffin: You're right. Of course you're right.

Justin: I know you're right.

Griffin: Then what— Travis, tell me and Ju— Me and Justin are like little kids, curled up at the foot of your rocking chair, in front of the fireplace. Tell us how to make friends. How to do that.

Travis: You need to revert back to like middle school asking someone out. "A group of friends are getting together, we're going bowling tonight, you wanna go?"

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Or like, something like that.

Griffin: That's cool. That's cool. I have so many— That's cool, I'll tell you why that's cool. I have— "Come to this concert with me and my friends. That's right, I've already got so many fuckin' friends."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: "So like I don't need this. I don't need you. But I wanna include you in it."

Travis: "I'm welcoming you in."

Griffin: "I'm welcoming you into it."

Justin: Travis, if you were gonna ha— If you were capable of coming up with a good idea like that, why did you say the bad idea earlier?

Travis: I—

Justin: You make it so hard to trust you.

Travis: I— Because Justin, there needs to be dips.

Griffin: It's true.

Travis: Sometimes, in Trav Nation. Oh, we're starting to get a little restless. I'm gonna throw a tournament! And now everyone's excited and happy again.

Griffin: [chuckles] That's true.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: That's true.

Justin: Trav. It— The— I think you have to see it's important for us to swat down the stinkers.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: This is— It's 'cause you don't get to the gold unless— if we're not swattin' down stinkers.

Travis: It's called brainstorming. Blue sky, baybee.

Griffin: Yeah, true.

Travis: It is how we make friends.

Griffin: This is how we cook.

Justin: Hey. You guys— - Can you guys just talk for one second?

Travis: Oh boy.

[pause]

Justin: [imitates classical music] [howls]

Griffin: [laughs] Alright.

Justin: [imitates classical music] [howls]

Travis: Lil' spooky.

Griffin: Squad.

Justin: [imitates classical music] I vant to munch!

Travis & Griffin: [simultaneously] Squad!

Justin: [imitates classical version of Munch Squad theme] I vant to munch!

Travis: Squad!

Griffin: Squad!

Justin: [imitates classical version of Munch Squad theme]

Travis: Hey Count.

Count Donut: Velcome to Munch Squa—

Travis: I love that you—

Count Donut: How dare you.

Travis: Okay, sorry Count.

Count Donut: Welcome to Munch Squad, a podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating.

Travis: I love that you waited too long to turn your camera on, because for a while I was like, "What is ha— Who is this? What's going on?"

Count Donut: Well, I couldn't figure it out.

Griffin: You couldn't figure it out?

Count Donut: I was having trouble figuring out buttons to press.

Travis: Well, listen, there's like a—

Griffin: Hey, do you know a—

Travis: There's like a million buttons in here. One of 'em dumps worms on you, the other one...

Griffin: That's true.

Count Donut: I would love that. [chuckles]

Travis: Kills someone.

Count Donut: That one would be—

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: And the rest of the buttons don't do anything.

Count Donut: Drive me absolutely bananas.

Travis: Worms?

Griffin: [wheezes]

Count Donut: [chuckles]

Griffin: Do you know about crypto, Dracula? I mean—

Count Donut: A couple of beautiful wigglers.

Griffin: Count Donut, do you know about crypto?

Count Donut: What?

Griffin: Do you know about crypto?

Count Donut: Is it— Is this like boomer jewels?

Griffin: Yeah, oh shit, okay never mind.

Travis: It's sort of like boomer jewels.

Griffin: He knows.

Count Donut: I wanted to tell you about some donut extreme happenings from Krispy Kreme. Uh... It's St Patrick's Day.

Griffin: Do you know him?

Count Donut: I killed him act— Not actually.

Griffin: [chuckles] Whoa!

Travis: Whoa.

Count Donut: I know, a lot of people are surprised by this when I tell them.

Travis: Did you turn him?

Count Donut: Sorry?

Travis: Did you turn him?

Count Donut: Turn? Turn him dead, yes.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Oh, okay.

Count Donut: Turned him from alive to not alive anymore.

Travis: How do you decide— Count Donut, I've always wanted— I can't believe I've never asked you this 'cause I've always wanted to ask a vampire. How do you decide which victims to kill and which ones to turn?

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: Well. If you're like me, you make a lot of mistake.

Travis: Oh.

Count Donut: You turn people that you think at first are fun.

Travis: Yeah.

Count Donut: Or maybe what you are lacking. So you're kind of a home body.

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: And you turn someone who loves to go out and party, and at first you're like, "Maybe this is me."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: And then you realize of course you miss being at home.

Griffin: Right, of course.

Travis: Mm.

Count Donut: And this person they love, they love to go out. And so you stick `em thought the heart.

Travis: Aw, man.

Count Donut: It's tough.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Count Donut: It's-a tough to make a mistake. But this had a little extra life for them they would not have otherwise received, I'm certain, it's—

Griffin: That's true, an extension.

Count Donut: So no lose.

Griffin: Huge.

Count Donut: It's a bonus. Look at these donuts.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: That's beautiful.

Griffin: There's a lot of—

Count Donut: Krispy Kreme—

Griffin: Lot of shit on `em.

Travis: Yeah.

Count Donut: Yes. This are the Sham— “The St Patrick’s Day collection sure to make fans feel like they’ve hit the jackpot, including the Luck of the Rainbow Doughnut – an Original Glazed Doughnut dipped in green icing, rainbow explosion sprinkle blend and topped with a buttercream cloud.”

Travis: I have noticed a pattern...

Count Donut: Mm.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Where when donut companies are like, "Here's a set of like specially themed donuts," you can tell a design decrease in focus, where they're like, "This one, this is the rainbow, this is the cloud, and like oh this one, kinda swirly and sprinkly. This one's a thing. This one, there's some lines on it?"

Griffin: "We'll put some green lines."

Count Donut: Yes yes.

Griffin: "It's St Patrick's Dayyyy."

Travis: "Eyyy."

Count Donut: Well that's—

Travis: "I needed to have four for the meeting?"

Count Donut: Yeah, there has to be one that an adult feels comfortable taking.

Travis: [chuckles] Okay, that's fair.

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: Even a boring restrained donut that says, "Yes, I am hungry, but I'm not a child."

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: There's a "Shamrock Cookies 'N Kreme Made With OREO® Cookies – an un—" They— It's so appetizing, listen. "And unglazed shell filled with cookies & Kreme filling [chuckles] and made with OREO cookies, then dipped in white icing with green drizzles and St Patrick's fusion sprinkles."

Travis: Ohhh.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Count Donut: Sure.

Travis: It's also just occurred to me.

Count Donut: [snorts]

Travis: Why is cookies and cream always Oreo cookies and cream? It's never a different kind of cookie.

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: Because cookies and cream is the off— This— Okay, I realized this. I was 2— 317 days— years old before I knew this.

Griffin: [chuckles] Wait, hold on, you were under one year old?
[chuckles]

Count Donut: No, 317 days and years, both.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Count Donut: Yes.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Count Donut: It was almost 318. I realized that cookies and cream, the flavor? Is just the off-brand way of saying Oreo.

Griffin: Interesting

Travis: Ohhh, yeah you're right.

Count Donut: Right?

Travis: 'Cause it's the cookie, and the cream is in the middle. Ah.

Count Donut: Yes, you're just— That's why it's always— 'Cause if you can afford Oreo, go nuts.

Griffin: Go for it, yeah.

Count Donut: But you— I mean who's— Who advertises—

Travis: And Count Donut—

Count Donut: — a Hydrox filling.

Travis: — when did you realize what “Not if I see you first” means?

Count Donut: Sorry.

Travis: “Not if I see you first”? It's like if I see you, I'm gonna hide and then they won't see you. When did you realize what that means?

Count Donut: I was on this—

Griffin: Travis is on his own shit right now, Count Donut. I apologize for him.

Count Donut: I was about to do a funny thing about Hydrox cookies, and you absolutely... derailed the— Who can hear this—

Griffin: I would still love to hear that joke, Count Donut.

Count Donut: Thank you. Ah, which... Griffin?

Griffin: Yeah, that's right.

Count Donut: Yes. “Luck is meant to—” Oh sorry, this is Dave Skena speaking.

Travis: Oh yeah.

Count Donut: [in Justin's regular voice] “‘Luck is meant to be shared, and our colorful, fun, all-new St Patrick's Day doughnuts will make everyone feel like they've pound— found a pot of gold,’ [Count Donut voice] says Dave Skena, Global Chief Brand Officer for Krispy Kreme.”

Griffin: What did he say they were? Cool, fun, new?

Count Donut: They're colorful, fun.

Griffin: Colorful cool fun.

Count Donut: All new.

Griffin: New donuts?

Travis: Sexy.

Griffin: Sexy. Fuckin' Dave Skena really knows how to unpack his adjectives, and I appreciate that.

Count Donut: They're all new donuts. This is— Can I say this? All new. There's four. Why put so much pressure on yourselves?

Travis: Yeah.

Count Donut: [chuckles] We don't have to invent new donuts, there are many great ones.

Travis: There.

Griffin: Yeah. True.

Travis: There are also new designs, sure Dave, but just looking at them.

Count Donut: Yes, sure.

Travis: They're donuts.

Count Donut: No. I actually have another... story from Krispy Kreme and involve Dave Skena, but this one I... You have to understand, I don't get much news of your country. Just unless it's related to donuts.

Griffin: Okay.

Count Donut: So I came across this one.

Griffin: Where do you live? Do you live in Transylvania, or is that like...?

Travis: Or Trav Nation?

Count Donut: No.

Travis: Oh.

Count Donut: I would rather not dox here.

Travis: Oh, I see. Yeah.

Count Donut: Too many...

Travis: Sorry about that.

Count Donut: Stake-happy adventurer jockeys start poking around.

Griffin: Is— Yeah.

Count Donut: [wheezes]

Griffin: Sure, man.

Count Donut: You know. So, listen. "Krispy Kreme celebrates Doughmocracy."

Travis: Oh boy.

Count Donut: "With two free original glazed doughnuts for all guests on Super Twosday, March 5th."

Travis: Uh-huh.

Count Donut: "Americans who elect to visit [chuckles] any Krispy Kreme shop—"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Count Donut: "— throughout the United States on March 5th – Super TWOSday."

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: "Can receive two free Glazed doughnuts, no purchase necessary."

Griffin: I mean—

Count Donut: [in regular Justin voice] "While encouraging everyone to vote, our primary role on Super TWOsday will be to sweeten your day,' [in Count Donut voice] says Dave Skena." Hey. How's it going over there for you guys?

Griffin: [cackles]

Count Donut: It is seeming less than good, because—

Griffin: It's been better, it's been better. Yeah, for sure.

Count Donut: "Krispy Kreme's Super TWOsday offer is available nationwide, not just in states conducting primary elections." So how—

Travis: So you're telling me on Super Tuesday... Krispy Kreme donuts is giving away two donuts—

Count Donut: Two—

Travis: No purchase necessary, anybody who came in. Did they, the next day, be like, "What the fuck were we thinking?!" [chuckles]

Count Donut: They were—

Griffin: "We were so fucked up, guys."

Count Donut: It's so many donuts. They were really excited about people voting, but not so much that they would make them vote to get the donuts. You get the donuts regardless.

Griffin: Okay. Wild.

Count Donut: But it seems— Yeah, I don't know what they— It seems like they— Oops, they made too many, a little bit. [chuckles]

Travis: They forgot what step two was gonna be.

Count Donut: Yes.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Step one, people come in and get free donuts. Okay, now that we've got— Oh they're leaving. Fuck."

Count Donut: Oh, I see the rest of the quote from Dave Skena, it says [in regular Justin voice] "Please, God, buy something else while you're here."

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Please."

Count Donut: "We'll be ruined."

Travis: "Take some napkins even, just anything."

Count Donut: "For the love of God." [in Count Donut voice] Anyway, I hope you two did your part to celebrate doughmocracy, it says here.

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: Doughmocracy.

Griffin: I mean I live in DC, so really I celebrate doughmocracy every time I step out the door.

Count Donut: Can you imagine— And then they said, "Show how you're celebrating 'Doughmocracy' and Super TWOsday [chuckles] with Krispy Kreme by using #KrispyKreme and tagging—"

Can you imagine being a dear friend, acquaintance, or family member who posts on their Gram, a picture of them enjoying two un— [chuckles] unglazed free donuts, while they say, "Don't forget to vote. Or do. But come get free donuts."

Travis: Yeah.

Count Donut: "#KrispyKreme."

Griffin: [chuckles]

Count Donut: I would send help. I would send the St Bernard with the barrel of stuff around the neck to them.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [wheezes]

Count Donut: I would help them, do something.

Griffin: How many instances of election interference do you think Krispy Kreme is going to be responsible for when they're like, "I tried to vote. I tried to vote but my fingers were too sticky."

Travis: Mmm.

Griffin: "It slipped on the screen."

Travis: That's why it's unglazed.

Count Donut: Mmm.

Griffin: "I went with Marianne Williamson because of the glaze."

Count Donut: Go on.

Griffin: "And I think that this was Krispy Kreme's plan the whole time."

Count Donut: I hate when they leave pictures up too long, 'cause it makes me so hungry.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Hey, Count Donut.

Count Donut: And there's not a Krispy Kreme for so far.

Travis: Count Donut, can I ask you a question?

Count Donut: What?

Travis: Turn, marry, kill. Me, Griffin, and Dave Skena.

Count Donut: I... would rather... put my head... into a gigantic garbage disposal, and slap the button until the whispers became screams became quiet, than do this game with you right now.

Travis: So, turn, marry, kill.

Griffin: Yeah, I don't want— I also don't wanna play this game, Travis.

Count Donut: I will cease the call. I'm looking at the counter, you have enough podcast to now get fired. [chuckles] I will just leave. [wheezes]

Travis: So just if you had—

Count Donut: Please, not—

Travis: But if you had to say. Turn, marry—

Count Donut: Do you know who pays my airfare to get over here to do this?

Travis: Is it Dave Skena?

Count Donut: It's the MaxFunDrive.

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: Oh, awesome.

Count Donut: I really appreciate— Yes, I wanted to say please keep it coming. I really appreciate being able to come over here and kill different kinds of... people.

Travis: Yeah.

Count Donut: That I don't get to at home.

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: So thank you for your donations to that.

Travis: When you're on the airplane, do you ever see Isaac the child chocolatier?

Count Donut: I...

Travis: Or the Riddle Master, or?

Count Donut: I don't— I'm not on the airplane. [wheezes]

Travis: You— But you just said—

Count Donut: That was—

Travis: — they pay your airfare.

Count Donut: I could— Yes, I have to ship the coffin. Have you— I— What's wrong with you? [chuckles] I have to ship the coffin. I buy a ticket for the coffin, I put the coffin in the seat, I fly, I'm a bat.

Travis: Are you in the coffin?

Count Donut: No, I'm not in the coffin, that would be exhausting. No, I'm a bat, I fly along next to the plane.

Travis: So wait!

Griffin: Wait.

Travis: Flying as a bat the speed of a plane is less exhausting?!

Griffin: That's less exhausting?

Count Donut: [giggles] Yeah, oh absolutely. If you're in a coffin, I'll be honest with you, if I'm not super sleepy, it gives me the heeby jeebies a little bit. [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, it is weird.

Griffin: Sure man.

Count Donut: A little bit.

Griffin: Kinda get that.

Count Donut: If I'm like super tired—

Griffin: Yeah.

Count Donut: And I want to get in and rest. That's the little bit nice.

Griffin: Do you do the— Whatever air— Do the people that work for whatever airline you fly get annoyed at all of the—

Count Donut: Spirit. [chuckles]

Griffin: You fly Spirit Airlines?

Travis: Makes a lot of sense. Makes a lot of sense, though.

Griffin: Spirit Airlines! Spirit Airlines rolls-

Count Donut: The McElroy brothers will ship.

Griffin: — crates of dirt from your castle.

Count Donut: [wheezes]

Griffin: To wherever it is that you're going. To Huntington, I guess.

Count Donut: Right. Yes. But they're going to charge you \$74 to do it!

Griffin: That's a pretty good deal to move a bunch of dirt.

Travis: It makes sense, I guess. It's the spookiest name of an airline too.

Count Donut: I think so.

Griffin: That's too.

Count Donut: Except for Alaska. [wheezes]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Count Donut: That is the only one that scares me more.

Griffin: Yeah, alright. Good stuff so far.

Count Donut: Thank you.

Griffin: Count Donut. It's good to see you.

Count Donut: Thank you, it's good to be here.

Travis: Talk about the MaxFunDrive?

Count Donut: It feels wrong.

Griffin: It does.

Count Donut: I have to go.

Griffin: Goodbye, Count Donut.

Travis: I'll miss you.

Griffin: Oh shit. Oh fuck.

Travis: Oh, he died.

Griffin: He died. [chuckles]

Travis: Again, yeah. Oh, but his body is flailing around, unbuckling the cape.

Griffin: Oh, off.

Travis: Oh, flicked off again. [chuckles]

Griffin: The finger, there it is. There's the good stuff.

Travis: Just uh— Just keep a counter going. Oh!

Griffin: It's stuck.

Travis: The cape is stuck.

Griffin: He's stuck in his cape.

Travis: Oh, the cape's stuck! Oh no.

Griffin: Justin's gonna need special surgery to get this cape off.

Travis: Oh no, the third flip off, a fourth!

Griffin: Oh fuck, oh ow. They sting, they're physically hurting.

Travis: They're—

Justin: [in a high-pitched voice] I am— [squeal]

Griffin: Justin needs money for a cape surgery, please.

Travis: Please! Please!

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: Go to maximumfun.org/join.

Travis: He's turning red, he can't breathe!

Justin: The Velcro came off, so I had to cut a hole before I did this.
[laughs]

Travis: Yeah?

Justin: And now this— this bootleg hole I made has become—

Griffin: [wheezes]

Justin: — irrevocably intertwined.

Travis & Griffin: [simultaneously] Oh no.

Travis: Breathe, he did it.

Justin: [sighs]

Travis: He's free.

Justin: [sighs heavily]

Travis: A real baby Jessica situation.

Justin: Hoooo.

Griffin: Yeah. Hi, Justin.

Justin: Hey.

Griffin: Count Donut was here.

Justin: No shit.

Griffin: Yeah, he was here, he did his stuff, it was great.

Justin: Amazing. Amazing. I'll tell ya what makes that visit possible. This is funny, we actually pay his airfare.

Travis: Well...

Justin: Over here.

Travis: Technically that's true, Justin, but get this. [chuckles]

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: He just puts a box of dirt with a coffin in it in a seat, instead of putting it in the luggage area and sitting in it himself.

Justin: What's his favorite airline to fly?

Travis: Get this.

Justin: Did he mention?

Travis: Spirit.

Griffin: Spirit.

Justin: Oh, okay. It's the sca— It's also the scariest.

Travis: It's the scariest one.

Griffin: Yeah, scariest thing.

Justin: Yeah. Except for Alaska. [wheezes]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, it's so wild, Juice. You guys are so like in sync, like.

Justin: It's weird, yeah.

Griffin: You guys are really.

Travis: Is that why it works, 'cause you guys are in the drift?

Justin: Yeah, we were— We synced to each other. And I am ready for— hungry for murdering now.

Griffin: Whoaaa, crazy.

Justin: It will pass, it will pass.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But right now, I would love to get a little killing done.

Griffin: Can I tell you if— [chuckles] If you need to transport a body that's been Draculized, you could do no better than the Maximum Bag. What's that?

Well at— If you decide to support us at 35 bucks a month, here at the MaxFunDrive, you get all the stuff that we're talked about before. The games on the go bucket hat, one of 40 enamel pins, you get a membership card, you get a million billion hours of bonus content.

And then you get a tote bag y'all, that is so fucking big. It is 27 by 35 inches.

Justin: Unfathomably big. Irresponsibly big.

Griffin: It's so outrageously big. It's big enough to fit all the bonus content in it.

Travis: Whoaaaaa.

Griffin: And that's saying something.

Justin: That's sayin' somethin'. Even if we put it on cassettes.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: I think you could carry it all.

Griffin: Listen, no matter what level, if you are able to support us, it genuinely not only means the world to us, but it makes this very, very much possible. Just even at five bucks a month, you get all kinds of bonus content from every show throughout the history time and space.

You can hear the episode where we redid episode 400 on the blue carpet premiere of *Escape to Margaritaville*, except we switched each other's brother who read which stuff, and also Matt Doyle was there and read every other celebrity who was there. Outrageous.

Travis: I just wanna say too, when we talk about like supporting us through the MaxFunDrive, I want to make it clear that that support doesn't just support like *My Brother*, *My Brother & Me*, *Adventure Zone*,

Shmanners, Sawbones, Wonderful!, Still Buffering, and shows like that. It also allows us—

Justin: It's a political candidate.

Travis: What?

Justin: That we choose. It goes to political candidates that we choose.
[chuckles]

Travis: No, no no no no no.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: If it's divisible by five.

Travis: No no no.

Justin: Hey, no.

Travis: No, the rest of it is if you like stuff like *Monster Factory*, if you like stuff like the six thumbs one heart, if you—

We've just premiered, and this is super secret, you can watch the real episode tomorrow, *McElroy Family Clubhouse*. On our YouTube channel. If you like... Candelights, we're able to like do all that stuff because of support through Max Fun.

It makes this our like primary jobs. Like working on the graphic novels, like we got paid to do that, but it's a lot of work and a lot of time that we might not have if we had to, you know, have jobs not in this field, outside of it.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: Yeah, and it makes— your support makes it so we can just spend all our time making you happy. And it is a beautiful— it's a beautiful gift.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: That you have given us, and we really, really appreciate it. If you haven't donated before, maybe just try it. You know, five bucks a month, maximumfun.org/join. You go over there, type type type, click click click, and see how it feels, 'cause I bet it's gonna feel pretty good.

Griffin: And if you don't wanna do like a recurring thing, you can pay a year upfront also, if that— if you're more comfortable with that. I mean that is— would be more appealing to me. Then you can also do that at that same link, maximumfun.org/join.

There's a lot of ways that you can help out, and we really, really— I mean we need it and we appreciate it, and we appreciate you, and yeah.

Justin: Keep us on the air, please.

Griffin: Keep us, in your heart.

Travis: And the last thing I'll say is—

Justin: Don't let 'em shut us down.

Travis: We do MaxFunDrive for 10 days. You can become a member any time.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: But this is the time where, you know, we're gonna be talkin' about it the most, that we're able to say thank you directly, and it's the time where you're gonna get those rewards from the different tier levels.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: That only happens during this 10-day period. So if you're like, "Oh, you know what? I've been meaning to do that. I've been thinking about it." Doing it now while you're thinking about it, don't let it drain out of your head and then you forget and you miss your chance to get the rewards for yourself.

Justin: And it's also a lot scarier if everybody waits.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: So if you would just go ahead and do it, that would be really nice.

Griffin: Yeah, that's a good point also.

Justin: If you would— Honestly. Please. [wheezes] If you would just go do it right now, that would be really nice.

Griffin: That would be so huge.

Justin: That would feel really good.

Justin: Thank you.

Griffin: Hey, hey. Thank you. Thank you to Montaigne.

Justin: Mm.

Griffin: For the use of our theme song "My Life (Is Better With You)." It's a club blang— a club— a cub blanger. It's a cub blanger, it blangs cubs non-stop. We're not gonna bore you with a bunch of other shit here at the end.

Justin: [snorts]

Travis: I do wanna say thank you thought to like our editor Rachel.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: And like Sarah and Amanda, people who help us make all this show, all of this stuff. 'Cause you're not just supporting us, you're supporting all the people who also support us, to help us make these things, make them better, make them more often. All of that stuff, like there is a team of people—

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: — that you are able to help support as well.

Griffin: We pay Fungalore.

Justin: Yes.

Travis: Exorbitant.

Justin: Too much.

Griffin: [chuckles] Exorbitantly, yeah.

Travis: So much.

Justin: Too much, it's not cool.

Griffin: Not cool, Fungalore, but you do— I mean he gets results. Should we send up a wish?

Travis: Oh yeah.

Justin: Yeah, let's pop one out.

Griffin: Okay. I'll do this one.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: If you'd like.

Travis: [hums]

[theme music fades in]

Griffin: "I wish flossing... wasn't so boring."

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin: This has been *My Brother, My Brother & Me*. Kiss your dad square on the lips.

[theme music plays, then fades out]

[ukulele chord]

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