

## Still Buffering 116: How to Prom (Part Two)

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**Raleigh:**

Hello and welcome to Still Buffering, a sister's guide to teens through the ages. I am Raleigh Smirl.

**Sydnee:**

I'm Sydnee McElroy.

**Taylor:**

And I'm Taylor Smirl.

**Sydnee:**

Well, sisters, I had this whole great intro planned where I was going to tell you about all the food that's been recalled recently, [laughs] due to bacterial infection.

**Taylor:**

What—

**Sydnee:**

I really thought that would be funny and [laughs] our listeners would get a big kick out of it.

**Raleigh:**

I disagree.

**Sydnee:**

But I've been voted down. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Taylor:**

I mean, to be fair, Syd, now that you've dangled that out there's gonna be a, I'd say a large percentage of our listeners who are gonna be like, "You know I really wish Sydnee just had the opportunity to talk about those bacterial recalls."

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Okay, well maybe just for, uh, public safety, I should mention them.

**Taylor:**

Okay.

**Sydnee:**

I'm just saying, this, uh, f— I should not say it's funny. It's not funny. Foodborne illness is very serious and apparently if you have bought romaine lettuce, you should throw it away.

**Raleigh:**

Everyone?

**Sydnee:**

That was the blanket state— That's why I wanted to mention it. There was, I saw this article and it was like... so basically, the CDC is just saying, if you've bought bagged romaine lettuce, just throw it away. 'Cause they're not sure what—

**Taylor:**

All of it? [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

They're not sure what brands got affected, so they're like, there could be E. coli in your romaine. Throw it away. I had—

**Taylor:**

Man.

**Sydnee:**

... Two bags of salad in my fridge with romaine in them, I had to throw them away.

**Raleigh:**

Well, we did not throw ours away.

**Sydnee:**

You should.

**Taylor:**

Uh, yeah, you should get on that. I mean, that's my lettuce of choice, but, uh, but I have not—

**Sydnee:**

Me too.

**Taylor:**

Yeah, I haven't bought any romaine lately though, so that's all right. I switched off to, um, to spinach for the iron content.

**Sydnee:**

Mm, mm.

**Taylor:**

I also like a kale salad every now and then, you know.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Well—

**Raleigh:**

I do like kale.

**Taylor:**

'Cause I live in Brooklyn. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

As far as I know, that's okay. Uh—

**Taylor:**

All right. You let me know about the kale recall. I'll—

**Sydnee:**

And then there were eggs. There were specific eggs from a specific farm that were affected. They, I mean, you have to read the article about it. If you look up salmonella eggs, you can find it, but...

**Raleigh:**

How do I know what farm my eggs came from?

**Sydnee:**

Well—

**Raleigh:**

They come from the Walmart farm.

**Sydnee:**

You, that question, you just— [laughs]

**Taylor:**

I don't think they come from a farm.

**Sydnee:**

That question, you just asked, how do I know what farm my eggs come from, I think is the beginning of like 80 different documentaries that are Netflix at any given time. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] That's true.

**Sydnee:**

That's the thing. You can't know.

**Taylor:**

It sounds like a Vox video.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

[laughs] Like how do I know what farm my eggs came from?

**Sydnee:**

That's the thing, you can't know what farm your eggs came from, but, um, Walmart's were affected.

**Raleigh:**

Oh no.

**Sydnee:**

Yes. I, there were, you could read off the factory, or not fact— whatever, the plant number and found out if yours were. I checked yours, they're fine.

**Raleigh:**

I got an omelet yesterday for breakfast from a local restaurant. Do you think I'm safe?

**Sydnee:**

I don't know.

**Raleigh:**

Uh oh.

**Sydnee:**

I would check that. I would look at the article. There were 200 million eggs—

**Raleigh:**

That's a lot of them.

**Sydnee:**

... recalled due to possible salmonella. They didn't all have salmonella, of course, but due to possible. That was not entertaining.

**Raleigh:**

I—

**Sydnee:**

But [laughs] hopefully I've saved someone.

**Taylor:**

Informative, though. Nevertheless informative.

**Sydnee:**

I think what's more interesting is Taylor's wearing a wig for this recording. You—

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, Taylor has—

**Taylor:**

Well—

**Raleigh:**

... Like, the same color hair we do for this recording. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

You can't see her, so you don't know, so it seems strange to me that she would decide to wear a wig for a podcast, but maybe you could explain. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

I got really into styling this wig, and I kinda forgot that we were gonna record and then y— like, the Skype call was coming through, and I was like, well, I'm at a really good place with this wig, I don't wanna take it off my head 'cause I'm almost there, so I just am gonna leave it on for this and then just dive right back into the styling part of it. What's the big deal? It's just, it's just a wig, guys. [laughs] I just wanted to change things up for you. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Well, I like it.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

I think it's very flattering.

**Taylor:**

Thank you.

**Sydnee:**

Is it for a con?

**Taylor:**

Uh, yes. It's, uh, it's a far off one, but, uh, it's for a Voltron character, uh, it's Lance. Um, but I did just come from a con. Uh, I came from PAX East. Uh—

**Sydnee:**

That's a big one. I went to that once with Justin.

**Taylor:**

Oh yeah?

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

Did you know anything that was happening, Sydnee?

**Sydnee:**

Nothing.

**Raleigh:**

Okay. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

I did not know what was ha— I didn't know what it was. I couldn't figure out like what is the, what is this about video games or what is...

**Raleigh:**

Is it not just about video games? I thought it was just about video games.

**Taylor:**

Ah, uh, it's focus was on games, but not just video games.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Okay.

**Taylor:**

Tabletop games, like all kinds of games.

**Raleigh:**

Oh okay. Gotcha.

**Sydnee:**

That was my first, uh, I think my, the first time I'd ever been to any kind of con.

**Taylor:**

Ah.

**Sydnee:**

So it was a new experience for me.

**Taylor:**

This one was super cool. Uh, and it's in Boston. Uh, this was actually my first time in Boston as well. I don't know how I managed to avoid Boston for 32 years. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

It's—

**Taylor:**

It's right there.

**Sydnee:**

It's nice. I like Boston.

**Taylor:**

It's beautiful.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

Isn't it cold?

**Taylor:**

It was cold, but—

**Sydnee:**

I mean, not always. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

New York is cold, so that, it was actually slightly better weather than New York was that weekend. Um, I stayed at the Omni Parker House. Uh, I booked it 'cause we got into the con super last minute, and it was just one of the things that was semi close, uh, and also looked really pretty. I didn't



realize until like our second night staying there, that, uh, a buddy that I ran into informed me that it's the most haunted building in like, all of Boston.

**Sydnee:**

That's crazy—

**Raleigh:**

Whoa.

**Sydnee:**

... Because I bet Boston has a lot of haunted buildings.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Right? Like, it's old. Like, everything's haunted in Boston.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah. Like—

**Taylor:**

Every tavern's got a ghost. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

By American standards, it's an old city.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

By world standards, it's not. But by American standards—

**Taylor:**

Well, yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... it's a really old city.

**Taylor:**

And there was a lot of stuff going on, you know, a lot of high drama in Boston.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

So, yeah. But, uh, but we didn't, we didn't know it, and like I, uh, kinda [laughs] like kinda wished I would've known it earlier into our stay, 'cause it's always super fun to not sleep at night because you're terrified of ghosts. Um, uh, we stayed on the third floor, which is apparently is the most haunted floor. Um, it's got like, it's like the owner haunts the tenth floor, I think his name is like Harvey Parker. Uh—

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

And like just wanders around like staring at you while you sleep. But this is—

**Raleigh:**

I'm Harvey Parker.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Harvey Parker.

**Raleigh:**

I'm just standing while you sleep.

**Sydnee:**

Like he just wanders around the hotel going, "Don't smoke in here."

**Taylor:**

[laughs] Well I just, I just see him as like a jovial old gentleman with like a big cigar and like a Scotch on the rocks, like just wandering in your hotel room, like, "Hello, I'm Harvey Parker. I hope you'll stay." [laughs] I don't know what that accent is.

Um, and then there's also, uh, I like this. I guess Charles Dickens used to like, recite speeches before making like, public appearances in this hotel.

**Sydnee:**

Hm.

**Taylor:**

There's like a, it's authenticated as Charles Dickens's mirror like in the mezzanine. I don't really know what you do to make Charles Dickens appear in the mirror, like is it a Bloody Mary situation? [laughs] Like do you say like, "T'was the night before Christmas, t'was the night before Christmas." Like— something. I don't know, you tip a top hat to it and then he appears. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

And then he appears. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

I'm not sure. Uh, but at... There's also, and this is, so there was, w— the Saturday night after the con, uh, we came home like I had a little bit of wine. I woke up at night, and I thought my friend was sitting up in bed and said, "What are you looking at?" And then I realized, no, no, she's laying down. I was like, is somebody sitting on the end of the bed? I'm drunk, I'm going back to sleep now. So it was the following day that we found out it was haunted, and third floor specifically by like a lady ghost that, that died there. Uh—

**Sydnee:**

So, so the ghost was in your room.

**Raleigh:**

You experienced a haunting.

**Taylor:**

I mean—

**Raleigh:**

A ghosting.

**Sydnee:**

Taylor, you saw a ghost.

**Taylor:**

Well, like at the time i was just pretty sure that I was just, you know, just a little schwasted, um, and that could have been it. Uh, Charlotte Cushman, um, is the lady that haunts the third floor. Uh—

**Sydnee:**

So, wait. You waited til we were seven minutes into this podcast to tell everybody that you—

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... Saw a ghost last weekend?

**Taylor:**

Well, I wasn't sure. And, you know, I felt really bad for the ghost of Charlotte Cushman if she decided to appear before me, of all people in that hotel room—

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

... And I just sat up and went, "Nah!" [laughs] Like she got all her ghostly energy together to make it spooky, and I just was like, "I think I'm still drunk. I'm going back to bed. Good night, lady." [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

I think it's kind of refreshing for ghosts, because they're so used to like every time they pop up, people are all like, "What!" Like freaking out, and then like wanting to come find them and all that. It must be like a celebrity, like somebody who's like, "Hey look."

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

"There's Brad Pitt over there."

**Raleigh:**

She probably came—

**Sydnee:**

"I'm just gonna be cool about it."

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

"I'm not gonna say anything. I'm just gonna keep walking." I bet like they appreciate that.

**Raleigh:**

She probably came back a few days later to look for you and you were gone. She was like, "Oh."

**Sydnee:**

Where's that really—

**Raleigh:**

"Aw, where's that really cool one?"

**Sydnee:**

... Chill person, who was hanging in this room?

**Taylor:**

She was, we just coulda like had a chat, like whatever. I mean, I still chalk it up like 75% to just being half asleep and having a few glasses of wine like I don't know. Like—

**Raleigh:**

And 25% a ghost.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

25% ghost though, 25%. And I will say, I did not know that that lady was, or that floor was haunted by a lady ghost until the next day when we actually found out and then read the history on it.

**Raleigh:**

Well—

**Taylor:**

And it was the third floor, too, so I don't know.

**Sydnee:**

Tey, that's 25% more ghost than I've ever seen in my life.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Me too.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Well there you go. It was—

**Sydnee:**

Oh that's very exciting.

**Taylor:**

I know.

**Sydnee:**

That—

**Taylor:**

And that was my fun ghost story for the weekend.

**Sydnee:**

Next time were in Boston, I wanna stay there. Although that would be very mean to do to my children.

**Taylor:**

It would.

**Sydnee:**

I won't do that with my children.

**Raleigh:**

What if Charlie woke up in the middle of the night and was like, "Mommy, there's a lady in our room." [laughs]

**Taylor:**

She's made a friend. I will say, it is a lovely hotel outside of that.

**Sydnee:**

She would do that just to mess with me too.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Yeah. Yeah, no, Charlie would get down with a ghost. They'd be friends, they'd be braiding each other's hair.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:**

And I mean, best I can say, Charlotte seems like a chill lady, you know.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah?

**Raleigh:**

Their names are very similar.

**Taylor:**

Hey.

**Sydnee:**

She would love that.

**Raleigh:**

Charlie would like that.

**Sydnee:**

She would love that.

**Taylor:**

There you go.

**Sydnee:**

Was she wearing a dress, 'cause then she'd really like that.

**Taylor:**

I mean, like, you know, there's a lot of like overactive imagination probably going on here, but I did think it was a lady with her hair up in like a fancy looking dress, so...

**Sydnee:**

Hey.

**Taylor:**

Also, don't know why I confused it for my friend in her pajamas. Like that's weird.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

[laughs] Like why are you awake and wearing 19th century, turn of the period clothing?

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Uh, what did you do over the weekend, Raleigh?

**Raleigh:**

I went to pram.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Pram?

**Raleigh:**



Pram.

**Sydnee:**

Pram.

**Taylor:**

What is pram?

**Raleigh:**

Prom.

**Sydnee:**

Oh a pram is another name for a, uh, a stroller, a baby carriage.

**Taylor:**

Hm.

**Raleigh:**

Well I didn't go to that. I went to prom. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Well.

**Sydnee:**

Well, uh, I thought we should... I know we talked about prom last year.

**Raleigh:**

I feel like it was a premature discussion of prom, because I had never experienced a prom. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Right, so it was largely one sided. It was pretty much Taylor and I talking about prom. So now, you've been to a prom.

**Raleigh:**

I have.

**Sydnee:**

So now we can tell everyone out there what is prom like in 2018?

**Raleigh:**

Yes, I'm here to give you the inside scoop.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

I went in undercover.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Tackled the big question on everyone's mind.

**Taylor:**

Well—

**Sydnee:**

Much like Nellie Bly.

**Raleigh:**

What is prom?

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Raleigh went in undercover to a prom. No wait.

**Raleigh:**

Everyone thought I was just a regular teen. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Ah, you Never Been Kissed on them.

**Sydnee:**

That's a movie.

**Taylor:**

Does that read?

**Rileigh:**

Oh.

**Taylor:**

Does that read?

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Okay.

**Sydnee:**

No, I got it.

**Taylor:**

An interview with old people.

**Sydnee:**

I got it.

**Taylor:**

Hey, other old people. Sup? That was for you.

**Sydnee:**

I was with you.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Rileigh:**

I didn't get that one.

**Taylor:**

It's all right.

**Sydnee:**

She, you 21 Jump Streeted them.

**Rileigh:**

Okay.

**Sydnee:**

You know what's funny?

**Taylor:**

You get *that*?!

**Sydnee:**

Well, it's 'cause it's a movie now.

**Taylor:**

Oh okay.

**Sydnee:**

See it came back.

**Taylor:**

Oh.

**Sydnee:**

It was an old TV show and now it's a movie. That's why. So that's—

**Raleigh:**

Oh, I didn't know it was a TV show.

**Sydnee:**

That's actually an ol— an even older reference than Taylor's, but then it—

**Raleigh:**

And Lin Manuel Miranda wrote a mini musical called 21 Chump Street.

**Sydnee:**

I didn't know that.

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Taylor:**

I'll just have to wait for the cool teen reboot of, uh, Never Been Kissed, so it can be relevant again.

**Sydnee:**

You know that's coming.

**Taylor:**

I mean, right?

**Raleigh:**

Starring me, undercover teen at prom.

**Sydnee:**

Did you have a good time at prom?

**Raleigh:**

I did. I think it was probably the best time you could have at a school dance.

**Taylor:**

Oh wow.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Oh that's great.

**Sydnee:**

What, well I know I was surprised because you, I, appar— I mean, you stayed pretty much the whole prom, right?

**Raleigh:**

Um, I mean, we got there I'd say... it started at eight and it went to 11:30. We got there probably 8:30 and we stayed until like, 10:30. Like, two hours.

**Sydnee:**

That's a pretty long time at prom.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

I assumed you were having a good time when I knew you weren't, when I found out you weren't home yet.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Not because it was late, just because like—

**Raleigh:**

Dancing.

**Sydnee:**

Wow, she must be enjoying prom. So what... give us the breakdown. How does prom work in 2018?

**Raleigh:**

So, I got ready for about five hours on Saturday. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Okay, that still happens.

**Sydnee:**

That's the same.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, I started getting ready at, uh, 10.

**Sydnee:**

Can I also vouch for part of that experience. So, so we were there for part of it.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Uh, Raleigh and Cooper and I.

**Taylor:**

Raleigh.

**Raleigh:**

Charlie.

**Sydnee:**

Charlie, not Rileigh. [laughs]

**Rileigh:**

I mean, I was there.

**Sydnee:**

Rileigh was there, but Charlie's the one I gave birth to. Um, we were there for part of it because Justin was out of town, and you went through the exact same—

**Rileigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

... Hair situation that I know I went through every time for every school dance with mom, and Teylor, you probably did too?

**Teylor:**

Mm, for, the couple homecomings. I think by my, the only prom I went to, I'd cut it all off by then, rebellion. But yes. [laughs]

**Rileigh:**

Yeah. It's like the stages of denial except the stages of hair acceptance.

**Teylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

So when I showed up, Rileigh had her hair up in curlers and was in a great mood.

**Rileigh:**

And I will say, like I always do my own makeup and mom always does my hair for dances and I think mom did probably all of your all's hair for dances as well.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

I never get it done.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

So mom has always done my hair and I've always trusted her to do my hair. She—

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

... Has always done a good job.

**Sydnee:**

So your hair was up in curlers. You were like, having fun getting ready.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, I was just getting ready, starting my makeup, I was eating some snacks.

**Sydnee:**

And then, the next time I visited Raleigh, mom had just taken her hair down from rollers, and it was a very different scenario. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Oh no.

**Raleigh:**

It was a very different Raleigh. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

I know that stage.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] It, the hair did not look like Raleigh had hoped it would.



**Raleigh:**

Which, Sydnee, now that prom is over, my hair ended up looking good, and we're here after the fact.

**Sydnee:**

It looked great.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, I mean when you first saw it after it had gotten out of the rollers.

**Sydnee:**

It was in progress. I knew.

**Raleigh:**

So it did not look good.

**Sydnee:**

It, whatever you take your hair out of rollers, it always looks like poopy curls. You gotta work on them.

**Raleigh:**

Which is why no one uses curlers anymore. This is my one big problem with mom doing my hair for the dances is every single time, no matter if I'm wearing my hair that curly or just kinda full, she always puts on a full head of rollers, probably for you all as well.

**Taylor:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

No one uses rollers anymore.

**Sydnee:**

Can I just say, it worked.

**Raleigh:**

After she used a curling wand as well.

**Sydnee:**

Is that what everyone uses now, a curling wand?

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Taylor:**

Yeah, you can just use that.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

I don't... [laughs] Like when you were—

**Raleigh:**

We could've just used that, it would've taken like half as much time and looked way better from the beginning. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Well I think it depends on what you're going for. Like, Sydnee, the few like activities like dances or whatever, performances, that we did when you had the massive like—

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:**

How do you describe it? Just that pouf.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, I don't know.

**Taylor:**

Just that pouf.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

But yeah, just that whoosh of like, hairsprayed until a solid mass, like curly, like frizz.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm

**Taylor:**

Like that I think you need the curlers for, but if you want like gentle curls, then, you know—

**Raleigh:**

No. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

I always wanted my hair just to be big and curly.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, and that, like the curlers worked for that.

**Taylor:**

That was the look. Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

I wanted to look like Jessie Spano.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

That's from Saved by the Bell.

**Raleigh:**

Okay.

**Sydnee:**

You know who I'm talking about?

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Sydnee:**

She had the hair.

**Raleigh:**

Yes. I do.

**Sydnee:**

She was the only one with hair like that, so.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

I was gonna say, well Screech had some pretty good curls going on.

**Sydnee:**

That's true. You knew I didn't mean Screech though. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

I was pretty sure you didn't.

**Sydnee:**

I always wanted to look like Screech. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Ah, here is the final misconception of Sydnee's youth. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

That was what I was going for. I was trying to look like Screech at every school dance, and for some reason, I just couldn't hit that mark.

**Taylor:**

That's a, that's a high mark.

**Sydnee:**

Uh, but by the end, you had reached the final stage where you go, "Oh it does look great."

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Well this is after—

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Thank you mom.

**Raleigh:**

... I had, 'cause I was try, I wasn't trying to tell mom she was doing it wrong, I was trying to convey to mom the look I was going for.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

And how far this was from where we were at this current stage in my hair process. [laughs] Like looking at pictures from Pinterest on my phone and looking at my own hair and going, "What happened?"

**Taylor:**

There, there is just, when mom does hair, this is not an insult to her, there is just a hair uncanny valley that occurs somewhere mid-styling.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] It's like—

**Taylor:**

Like it looks like hair, it looks like hair, oh no, what is this, it's a monster. Oh it's hair again. Yay.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. It's like when you're doing your eye makeup and you start doing your eyeshadow and it looks good, and then you put on a lot of eyeshadow and it looks really bad before you add eyeliner and mascara. You know what I mean?

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Like you have to add it all in before it looks good. Sydnee doesn't.

**Taylor:**

Right.

**Sydnee:**

I don't know.

**Raleigh:**

Taylor, you know what I mean. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

But I trust I underst—

**Taylor:**

I—

**Sydnee:**

I've seen those videos on YouTube.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Like the eye—

**Taylor:**

Yes.

**Raleigh:**

... Doesn't look good until you have all three components.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

It's like when you see somebody doing contouring.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Like you paint all—

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

... This stuff on your face, and you look like a scary clown.

**Sydnee:**

There's always, there's always a moment with contouring, yeah, that looks horrifying and then—

**Raleigh:**

Like when Charlie walks into my bathroom while I'm doing it and goes, "Oh, you look like the beast."

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] You're like, "Well, okay. That's fair."

**Sydnee:**

How does it feel to read by a baby?

**Raleigh:**

I, like, I can't even get upset about it 'cause she's so little. It's like, well something must be wrong here, 'cause she wouldn't say it unless it was somewhat true.

**Sydnee:**

That's what, I wish all of my harsh criticism could come from a sweet baby angel. [laughs] Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Like when she looks at my face and goes, "Baby sis, what are all those bumps on your face?"

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

I'm like, "Well Charlie, let me tell you."

**Sydnee:**

She looked at me the other day and said, "Mommy, why is your tummy still so big?" [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Oh. I'm like, "Well there's no more babies coming out, honey. If that's what you're worried about. Thanks."

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

She went, "Oh, okay." Oh, Charlie.

**Taylor:**

She just was concerned there were more people to share the attention with.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

That's what it was. That's what I have to remember. She was asking because she was like, "Is there another baby coming?" [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Is there another one coming out of there?

**Sydnee:**

You didn't tell me about this.

**Taylor:**

You gotta warn me.

**Raleigh:**

You warned me about one. [laughs] I signed up for one.

**Sydnee:**

Um, okay, so you got ready for prom.

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Sydnee:**

And you looked great.

**Raleigh:**

Thank you.

**Sydnee:**



And—

**Raleigh:**

I did it all myself. I mean, mom did my hair, but like—

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

... The makeup and everything, we did it all at home. Painted my own nails.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

Um, and then we, I got picked up.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

I got my flowers, which I guess is a new thing. You get the bouquets now instead of corsages.

**Sydnee:**

That's what I was gonna ask.

**Taylor:**

Oh yeah.

**Sydnee:**

The bouquets.

**Taylor:**

I saw that.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

'Cause we all did wrist corsages.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Um, I had one of those my freshman homecoming, which I feel like I've talked about before. I had a wrist corsage on like a bracelet.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

But my two dances this year, I have had little bouquets of flowers and they've been beautiful, and that's what everyone does now. They get—

**Taylor:**

What, is there any sort of tradition, like I know a bride throws the bouquet, it'll decide the next person married. What do you do with the prom bouquet? Do you just all throw them at each other and like— [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] Um—

**Taylor:**

And whoever hits the hardest gets a prize? I don't know.

**Raleigh:**

I still have my one from homecoming just sitting on my desk at home, just, you know, of dead flowers.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

So—

**Sydnee:**

Mm. Well, there's that.

**Raleigh:**

There's that.

**Sydnee:**

Like, you keep them.

**Taylor:**

You guys should really create some sort of festive game with those.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Charlie dressed up with you.

**Raleigh:**

Yes, she did.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

She wore her, quote, unquote, prom dress, which was a princess dress, and a crown.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

And—

**Sydnee:**

That said, "Birthday Princess."

**Raleigh:**

It said, "Birthday Princess." And, um, she wanted my date to bring her flowers, which I did not convey to my date because I was unaware. So mom made her flowers and we gave them to Charlie and told her that my date did.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, well, it was nice. You ran outside and handed it to him, so he—

**Raleigh:**

So he walked it and presented her with flowers. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

She thought, she really thought she was going.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, she did.

**Sydnee:**

She was very confused as to like—

**Raleigh:**

I think she was half convinced—

**Sydnee:**

... I don't know where we're going, but I know I'm part of this.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, I think she was half convinced that when we went to the park to take pictures, that was prom.

**Sydnee:**

I think she was, and she was very disappointed.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] Like, this is prom?

**Sydnee:**

That, so that, I don't remember ever doing that. Teylor, did you ever go to the park and take pictures?

**Taylor:**

No. Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

When did, I don't know when that started, 'cause—

**Raleigh:**

Uh—

**Taylor:**

That's the thing.

**Sydnee:**

... That was not a thing when I was in school.

**Taylor:**

I don't know, you know what, I feel like people did that, um, like had, maybe not just the park, but people had like destination photo shoots, like specific places they'd go to look nice in their—

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:**

... Prom attire—

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

... Back in my day. I definitely didn't do that, but I think that that's been going on for a while.

**Raleigh:**

Well that was... Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

No, we just posed under the picture tree. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

At the house.

**Raleigh:**

Um, that makes sense to go somewhere that's very pretty to pose with like your date and your dress and take nice pictures. But the thing with our park is, everyone goes and crowds around the fountain, which is not a very large area.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

And there are many teens attending prom, with many parents and siblings and grandparents and people taking pictures.

**Sydnee:**

It was crazy crowded.

**Raleigh:**

So like, yeah, you don't take pictures with pretty trees and the fountain in the background, you just take pictures with a lot of other people in the background. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Hm.

**Sydnee:**

And, and to make matters worse, on prom day, it was overcast and like—

**Raleigh:**

About to rain the entire time.

**Sydnee:**

... Mid 50s. Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Geez.

**Sydnee:**

And yeah, and like with a cool wind blowing the whole time. Um, and on top of that, the fountain right there, because the wind was blowing, the fountain kept spraying everyone. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

So like I watched as all these like people in dresses and suits were getting sprayed by the fountain constantly.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. And someone always puts bubbles in the fountain.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, on—

**Raleigh:**

And there were bubbles in the fountain, so—

**Taylor:**

Awesome, but that's pretty.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

It did, it looked, your picture looked like you had a snowy background.

**Raleigh:**

It did, it looked like snow in the background.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

That was very nice.

**Sydnee:**

But it was not, and, um, because I had a three year old there, uh, she dunked her hands down in the fountain.

**Raleigh:**

Of course.

**Sydnee:**

And those soap suds were something gross.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. How—

**Sydnee:**

They were like—

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

They were weird. They were like flat and greasy soap suds.

**Taylor:**

Oh.

**Sydnee:**

It was very weird. Ugh.

**Taylor:**

But I can—

**Raleigh:**

You don't touch the prom bubbles. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

You just look at the prom bubbles. I can see how that would be a bigger trend thing, because I'm thinking like, you know, so when we would get our prom pictures, you couldn't put them anywhere for people to see them. I mean, you'd maybe exchange one with like your close friends, but you didn't give them out to your class. Like no one saw your prom pictures.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

That's true.

**Taylor:**

Like—

**Raleigh:**



Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

There was nowhere to post them.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

And now it's all over the social medias.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

You al— you know it's prom weekend when you open up social media on Sunday and it's just prom picture after prom picture after prom picture.

**Taylor:**

Just all the prom pictures.

**Sydnee:**

Well, and it's also interesting because I, at prom, might get, 'cause they had like, do they still do pictures at prom?

**Raleigh:**

They had pictures you could take, um, but I did not partake in the pictures you could take. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

And I'm sure we'll get into that more, but like, uh, at prom, you could have photos with your date and then with your friends, if you wanted to—

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

... Like friend photos. And I have a couple of those, um—

**Taylor:**

Yep.

**Sydnee:**

And like Taylor, I think you and I have a prom, or homecoming picture together.

**Taylor:**

Yes. Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Uh, but that was it. Like so you wouldn't wanna pose with all your friends in different iterations of friends, because then you'd be standing there in line all day waiting for pictures and you have to buy them and all that.

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

But now, you can pose with everybody you ever knew.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. And I took pictures with a lot of people I wouldn't even like consider my close friends, but that were just there and like, "Hey, you wanna take a picture?" Yeah, sure. Okay.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Like—

**Sydnee:**

And if you're listening, Raleigh just burned you. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

No, I don't mean that, I just mean like people that I have classes with.

**Taylor:**

Oh no.

**Raleigh:**

And know at school, but I wouldn't consider like—

**Sydnee:**

I'm joking.

**Raleigh:**

... My besties.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Um, well I wanna get into the next phase of prom. I guess, the meal. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Taylor:**

Ah yeah.

**Sydnee:**

But, but before we do that...

**Raleigh:**

Let's check the group message.

**Sydnee:**

So we got a couple sponsors to tell you about this week—

**Raleigh:**

We do.

**Sydnee:**

... On a group message. Um, first of all, Simple Contacts. So for, support for Still Buffering comes in part from Simple Contacts, which is a convenient way to renew your contact lens prescription and reorder contacts from anywhere in minutes, which, uh, I'm a contact wearer. Taylor, you are a contact wearer.

**Taylor:**

Indeed.

**Sydnee:**

Uh, and it is, it can be a hassle when you get down to your last pair and you're trying to make them last way longer than you should, which is very bad for your eyes, you shouldn't do that. But you're trying to do it anyway, because you know like, oh I've gotta get new, a new prescription and this is gonna be a pain and I don't have the time for this right now.

Well, if you need to renew your prescription, you can take a five minute vision from Simple Contacts on your phone or computer. It's reviewed by a licensed doctor. You receive a renewed one year prescription, and you reorder your contacts. If you have an unexpired prescription, you just upload a photo or your doctor's information, and then you order your lenses right away and they're delivered to your door, which is super convenient.

I've used Simple Contacts. It's great and I have a ton of contacts now. I'm not gonna run out any time soon.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Which is nice. Um, it's a really easy thing to do if you're busy. So, get \$30 off your contacts at [SimpleContacts.com/StillBuffering](https://SimpleContacts.com/StillBuffering), or you just enter the code 'stillbuffering' at checkout. Now, it is important to remember that this is not a replacement for your periodic full eye health exam. This is just to get your contacts renewed.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

You should still go get your eyes checked out. Um, I, that is obviously important, but if you just need your contacts renewed in the meantime, this is a great way to do it. So, \$30 off your contacts at [SimpleContacts.com/StillBuffering](https://SimpleContacts.com/StillBuffering) or just enter the code 'stillbuffering' at checkout.

We have another sponsor to tell you about this week.

**Raleigh:**

We do. Our next sponsor is Squarespace, and Squarespace is a website that allows you to create a beautiful website all by yourself, where you can turn

your cool idea into a new website, you can showcase your work, you can promote your physical or online business, and anything else you can imagine doing with a website. And it's all up to you.

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**Teylor:**

Ah, what you can do is if you check out [Squarespace.com/Buffering](https://www.squarespace.com/Buffering), you can get a free trial, and when you're ready to launch, use the offer code buffering to save 10% of your first purchase of a website or domain. So that's 10% off, just go to [Squarespace.com/Buffering](https://www.squarespace.com/Buffering).

**Sydnee:**

So check that out today.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Launch your new hit website.

**Teylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

So, um, so we were all, I was there, present, for the, I witnessed the park extravaganza.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, which, you know, I was wearing heels and then we couldn't find a parking space more than like, or less than two blocks away.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

So then we had to walk two blocks to the park and from the park.

**Sydnee:**

And everyone who was wearing a dress had like leaves stuck in the bottom of it and little spiny things that fall off trees. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

My dress was like, yeah, five layers. I got water on it from the spraying fountain, I got leaves in it.

**Sydnee:**

Charlie was absolutely soaked, but she was playing in the fountain, which I imagine most of the prom goers were not.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. No. And she also had a stick at one point that she's holding in one of the pictures with me and—

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

... She kept dunking it in the bubbles and kind of just like twirling it. So she was probably added to that chaos of bubbles and water [laughs] getting on all the dresses.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

It seems to me like you guys are missing out on the, the good old green screen here. [laughs] Like—

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

I think all you and your prom buddies shoulda just invested in a little studio space there. You could've been in an epic forest, uh, ancient Egypt, uh, space. Just a f—

**Raleigh:**

This is very true.

**Taylor:**

... A field of lasers. Um—

**Sydnee:**

I get the impression it's also a 'see and be seen' kind of place.

**Raleigh:**

It is. Like when you're at the actual dance, because everyone goes to dinner separately, and there are a lot of different places... Not a lot of different places, there are many different place you can go for prom dinner in the downtown Huntington area.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

So you aren't gonna see everyone there. And at the dance, it's dark and like you're not paying attention to what everyone's wearing, so that's not where you like see everyone. So that's where you get everyone to see your look and everyone sees your look.

**Taylor:**

Mm.

**Sydnee:**

Uh, I have noticed that, um, the two piece dress trend seems to continue.

**Raleigh:**

It is.

**Sydnee:**

That's been like I feel like the entire time you've been in high school.

**Raleigh:**

Everyone digs the two piece dresses.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Which, I mean, my homecoming dress is a two piece dress, and it's a, it's very, I mean, comfy, 'cause it's like you put on a shirt and then you put on a skirt instead of like putting on a whole thing.

**Sydnee:**

I'm just surprised it's such a big departure from what I feel like were the popular dresses when I was in high school.

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

There were two piece dresses, but now I feel like almost every single dress I saw there was a two piece dress.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Um, I will say though, there were multiple people at the park who did hire professional photographers for 30 minutes to an hour to take their prom pictures. I did not do this.

**Sydnee:**

For prom?

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Sydnee:**

Huh.

**Raleigh:**

But I know several people who did hire people to come like take professional pictures of them.

**Sydnee:**

Well.

**Taylor:**

Wow.

**Raleigh:**

And edit them and make them fancy.



**Sydnee:**

I guess if that's what you wanna do.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, which I mean, my method of getting fancy pictures done was turning my phone onto portrait mode and giving it to mom and going, "Just press the button." [laughs]

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

We got some good pictures of you though. Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

We did. They looked very good. Um, so, you know...

**Sydnee:**

So you went to dinner.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, we did. I went with, uh, my date, my boyfriend and five of his friends, and three of them had dates, so we went to a Chinese restaurant downtown. We had good food. There was no one else in the entire restaurant. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Really?

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Yeah.

**Taylor:**

It wasn't busy with the prom crowd?

**Raleigh:**

It was not. Uh, Taylor, it was in that same place where you worked for a little bit when it was an Italian restaurant.

**Taylor:**

Oh, yeah.

**Raleigh:**

And now it's a Chinese restaurant.

**Taylor:**

Oh.

**Raleigh:**

Um, and—

**Taylor:**

Still can't make eye contact with that restaurant. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

It's been like, six different things.

**Raleigh:**

It's been like six different restaurants, and I, no one's ever sure a restaurant's actually in there, so no one else made a reservation there except for us. So we got this whole like section of the restaurant to ourselves. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

That's cool.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Um, you know what, I don't know if this is still true, but like the dances back in the day would always fill all the like... I would not consider now as an adult, like, the most special or romantic or exciting place to go to dinner.

**Raleigh:**

Like the Olive Garden. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Like, right. Like on prom and homecoming night, you can't get into The Olive Garden, you can't get into Outback, [laughs] you can't get into like—

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... Chili's. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Like, all of those restaurants are full.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Applebee's was packed. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

That's very true.

**Sydnee:**

Are there still the, is it still ironic to go to Chuck-E-Cheese's? That was the thing, I remember back in... Well, it's Billy Bob's here, but—

**Raleigh:**

I was gonna say, uh, I don't—

**Taylor:**

We don't have a Chuck-E-Cheese here. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Well.

**Raleigh:**

I don't think so. I know there's always like some people who will go to like, a Taco Bell.

**Sydnee:**

Right.

**Raleigh:**

Or a Bob Evans or something like that, where it's like, not the typical place you go to prom dinner, 'cause it's not—

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

... necessarily like the, quote, unquote, fanciest or whatever. Um, but I don't know about going to Billy Bob's. I don't know if anyone did that.

**Sydnee:**

We only went to a fancy place once ever, and my, uh, we didn't have enough money to pay.

**Raleigh:**

Oh no.

**Sydnee:**

So we had to call dad. [laughs] Actually, my date, it was my boyfriend at the time, called dad [laughs] and said—

**Raleigh:**

Can I have some money?

**Sydnee:**

"Mr. Smirl, I don't have enough money to pay for dinner."

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

"Could you come bring us some money?" [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Oh no.

**Taylor:**

Oh man.

**Raleigh:**

Oh no.

**Sydnee:**

And he had a go like ask to use the phone at the restaurant to do that, if you can imagine that, 'cause—

**Raleigh:**

Oh yeah.

**Taylor:**

Right.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

'Cause you didn't have the cellars.

**Sydnee:**

Uh-huh.

**Taylor:**

No, you, there was no cell phones, apparently no debit cards... I guess.  
[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Right.

**Sydnee:**

Nope, so he brought... It was because they ordered escargot, 'cause they thought that would be fun to try.

**Taylor:**

Ugh.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Silly, silly. Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

And then the prom.

**Raleigh:**

And then the prom. The big event, which seems to be everyone's least favorite part of prom, is the prom.

**Sydnee:**

Yes.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Um, which I guess I get.

**Sydnee:**

I, for me it was always, I didn't particularly enjoy the vast majority of the music they played.

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

It was so loud you couldn't talk.

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

And, I mean, I guess I like dancing, but again, it came back to the music. There were so few songs I really wanted to dance to.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. There were very few songs that I wanted to dance to as well at the prom. And our DJ that we had was not very good at being a DJ. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Like I went to homecoming this year, and the DJ we had there was very good at like making one song into the next song, which I think is what DJs are supposed to do at like dances.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Right?

**Taylor:**

I think that's part of the— [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Like there's never a break in between songs.

**Taylor:**

No.

**Sydnee:**

Well, that an, no, that's a newer thing though.

**Raleigh:**

Mm.

**Sydnee:**

Because back in the day, like you would play a song, and then you would say something or tell people what the next song was, or something like that.

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

Like this like endless fading in and out of one song to the next and mixing songs together and stuff—

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... That's more, that's more like a club thing.

**Raleigh:**

Okay.

**Sydnee:**

And that has, I guess, infiltrated school dances.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

'Cause that was not necessarily what was going on at all my dances.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

I—

**Raleigh:**

And think that's what he was going for, was the constant music, but that was not quite what he achieved. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

I don't know, even back to my senior prom, I remember it feeling like, EDM, like, just like, even endless stream of like kinda droning dance music that would be split up by like a hit.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

And then it would kinda go back to just dance around to this music, and then another hit.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.



**Sydnee:**

I think that changed like throughout the time I was in high school. I feel like—

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... When I started, it was a lot more like song, song—

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

... And like DJ talking in between and stuff like that, and that by the end, it was a lot closer to that.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Um, I will say, everyone who goes to the prom and the homecoming always says prom is better. And I will agree with them for this one thing, well two things. One, our prom does not take place at our high school.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

So it is not in a gym, it is in a much nicer, uh, ballroom type area with a lot of table and it is more well lit. It is not as dark or loud.

**Sydnee:**

Was it at the Civic Center?

**Raleigh:**

It was at the Big Sandy Superstore, so—

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

**Raleigh:**

Is, is that the same—

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, that's the Civic Center.

**Raleigh:**

Okay. Um, and it was not as loud, you could actually talk. There're not as many people because it's only juniors and seniors. Um, and it was... What was my, what was my second thing? Maybe it was just that there weren't as many people.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] Like it was a much less stressful environment—

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

... To be at a dance.

**Sydnee:**

It is tough in the gym.

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Sydnee:**

Because—

**Raleigh:**

Because they turn off just all the lights.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

And it gets really dark in there, and—

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

So it that, now that leads me to a question. So, I asked mom, when I was talking to her, I was like, "So Raleigh's still at the dance. She must be having a good time." And she said, "Yeah." Now I guess this was actually after, 'cause she said, "Except that..." She said that they didn't play a single slow song.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Which, one, let's explore that. One, no slow music.

**Raleigh:**

No.

**Sydnee:**

Just none?

**Raleigh:**

They, uh, and I mean, I've been at school dances before where they have played some slow songs. They didn't at homecoming this year, but I've been at ones by myself where they have. But this was the first time I'd ever been to one where I actually had someone I could've slow danced with, 'cause I had a date.

**Taylor:**

Aw.

**Raleigh:**

And, uh, they started playing one slow song, and I was like, oh man, this is it, this is like in all those high school romcom movies. And then it suddenly morphed into a not slow song at all. For about 15 seconds it was a slow song, and then something happened. It was the closest thing to a slow song that happened that whole night.

Um, and then the last 45 minutes that we were there, my boyfriend kept saying, "Let's wait until there's one slow song. They have to play one." And then they announced prom king and queen, and he was like, "They have to play one after they announce prom king and queen, like they do—"

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

"... In all the movies and stuff." They didn't. So we finally left [laughs] after waiting, to no avail, for one slow song.

**Sydnee:**

That's, see that's a bummer. I, that I feel like is a big shift, 'cause I mean, yes—

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... It was definitely weighted towards fast music, but they definitely played slow songs.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

And I asked mom, "Why do you think they didn't play slow songs?" And she said, "Well, they're just worried that they're gonna have sex." And I said, "What?"

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Well—

**Sydnee:**

And she said, "Well, that one time, that girl got pregnant."

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

And I said, "What are you talking about?" And she said, "Yeah, I heard about it. At the school, they were playing... But it was fast music. They were playing the fast music, and everybody was, you know, dancing and twerking, and then people started having sex and a girl got pregnant."

**Taylor:**

Have you seen the way that kids dance to fast songs? I have—

**Sydnee:**

How did, Raleigh, did someone get pregnant during prom? [laughs] Like on the dance floor?

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] Not that I'm aware of.

**Taylor:**

I don't think it was the style of music that made that choice. Um, but obviously like the way that people, this is back in my senior year, that would dance to fast music, was way more like, oh, I don't know if they are dancing or copulating, um, than any slow song. [laughs] At least like—

**Sydnee:**

Well mom said that it happened to... That's what she was saying, she's like, "I don't know why they're worried about the slow music, the girl got pregnant during a fast song." And I'm like w—

**Raleigh:**

H—

**Sydnee:**

... How does, how does everyone know this?

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

What, who, like who pinned that down that to the second? Like well...  
[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

That's my question. Like even if she did eventually get pregnant following this day, how was everyone so sure this was the moment—

**Sydnee:**

I feel like—

**Raleigh:**

... That she did?

**Sydnee:**

... This has to be, uh, folklore. This has to be—

**Raleigh:**

'Cause this is not a story I told mom.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... High school folklore. Now—

**Taylor:**

No, this is scared parents making things up. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Well it was told to her by some other girls that went to your high school.

**Raleigh:**

That were like three years older than me.

**Sydnee:**

Yes,

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

That's what she said. And that that's where she heard the story. And I said, "Mom, there is no way. There's no—"

**Raleigh:**

There's no way. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

There's no way people were actually having intercourse on the dance floor, right?

**Raleigh:**

No. There's no way.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Because we have too many principals at my school. We have like seven of them. All of them were just kind of like swooping around the dance floor, like making a lap and then they'd like tap out to the other one. And then they'd make a lap. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Right. Well, I—

**Raleigh:**

Like they were always principals lapping the dance floor, just making sure there's no bad things going on.

**Sydnee:**

I remember that happening back when I was there. Like you would've... And why? I was gonna say, you'd really have to work to make that happen and why would you want—

**Raleigh:**

Why would you want that? [laughs]

**Taylor:**

No.

**Sydnee:**

In the middle of the dance floor?

**Raleigh:**

There was a lot of inappropriate dancing going on. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

This is not like the year where they banned twerking and everyone had like a sit in because they couldn't twerk, and they kicked people out for twerking. There was just a lot of twerking going on all over the place.

**Sydnee:**

It, but twerking isn't inappropriate, is it?

**Taylor:**

No, that's fine.

**Raleigh:**

I mean...

**Taylor:**

I mean, you teenagers get to do—

**Raleigh:**

Not inappropriate, just like, you know, a little whoa there.

**Sydnee:**

A little whoa there.

**Raleigh:**

A little whoa there.



**Sydnee:**

It's not something you wanna do is what you mean.

**Raleigh:**

It's not something I wanna do, but I guess—

**Sydnee:**

That's fine. You don't have to. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

... If everyone else wants to do it, that's fine.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, I mean, don't get me wrong, like you guys are kids. I don't wanna watch any of you twerk.

**Raleigh:**

No.

**Sydnee:**

'Cause I'm a grown up.

**Raleigh:**

I don't wanna watch any of us twerk.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] But, um, uh, well, that, I had, uh, I had to ask you that, 'cause I could not imagine that there was... You have not heard those rumors, right?

**Raleigh:**

No.

**Sydnee:**

That people are actually... I mean, like I'm sure people are making out.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

You know.

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Sydnee:**

But.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, that is... Yeah. I don't enjoy watching that either.

**Taylor:**

Well and I mean, there's not gonna be any dance move that has more like... It is more like personal than making out. [laughs] Like that's—

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

If that's fine, then all dancing is fine. [laughs] You know.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

So it was not a footloose situation? [laughs] All dancing was allowed. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

It was not. [laughs] There was no ban on dancing.

**Taylor:**

Mm.

**Sydnee:**

Uh, so does everybody, is that normal that people stay for the whole prom, or most of the prom now?

**Raleigh:**

I mean, I guess so. There were a lot of people there. I think, I again think it's like a prom versus homecoming thing. Like at homecoming, um, we were kind of waiting for our friends to leave, because it was people who were having parties. Like you obviously can't go to their house for their party until they leave.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

So, you have to wait for them to leave, but everyone stayed—

**Taylor:**

Ah, you can ask.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

I mean, everyone stayed for maybe like 40 minutes, 45 minutes. I think that's probably about how long I stayed at homecoming, was maybe an hour at the most.

**Sydnee:**

Well that's what, I feel like in all the dances I went to, there was like a 30 minute sweet spot where there was a good number of people there.

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

But then like everybody came late and everybody left early.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

And I, maybe someone stayed til it ended, I don't know 'cause I never stayed til they ended.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

But I mean, I imagine someone—

**Raleigh:**

I didn't stay til it ended.

**Sydnee:**

... Must be there when it ends. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

I will say, the whole time we were there was s— like a big crowd of people, and I'd say the majority of people were leaving around when we left.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

Although I could never tell if people were moving closer together on the dance floor and that was why more space was opening up, or whether people were leaving. Because there was always a large crowd of people, but it also seemed to just keep getting tighter together. [laughs] So I couldn't quite tell what was happening.

**Sydnee:**

That's 'cause they were hiding the sex.

**Taylor:**

Right.

**Raleigh:**

Sydnee, I don't think that's true.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

No that's what you do, you get like 10 of your best buddies and—

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

... Everybody circles around you [laughs] and they all distract with like wild hand motions, and then—

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

[laughs] So that's how you—

**Raleigh:**

No. No.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Is this what a flash mob is? [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Well, exactly. It's, uh, hiding public sex. Now we know. We're onto you, flash mobs. I—

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] This is the latest thing to scare parents with.

**Taylor:**

[laughs] Raleigh, this is how all sex happens.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] On a dance floor in the middle of all your friends, while principals try to stop you.

**Taylor:**

You don't have to have friends, you could just sometimes just circle yourself I those car— like sale like guys that wave their arms, you know.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Just a circle of 10 of those. It's a while ritual. You'll, you'll learn when you're 88.

**Sydnee:**

This is the part of Still Buffering we reserve for parents to, to tell them what their teens are doing that they need to worry about.

**Raleigh:**

This is the clip you play for your kids.

**Sydnee:**

We told them about the, we told them about vaping and the JUUL and all that stuff, and now we're talking about [laughs] be careful. Your kids are trying to have sex on the dance floor of prom. Oh no.

**Taylor:**

[laughs] If you notice some kids with crazy arm movements, look past. Look beyond.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

You're almost there. You've almost found the teenage sex.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Stop them, stop them! [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Um, I will say, the last part of prom that I think you all mentioned was not a part of prom when you all were in high school, is the senior skip day.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:**

Hm.

**Raleigh:**

Which is the Monday following prom. I'm not really sure why, well I wasn't sure why. I didn't get this. I didn't get why it was the Monday after prom. Like I guess if prom were on a school night, I would get senior skip day being the day after, but it's the Monday after prom. So like two full days after.

**Sydnee:**

You're just still recovering from all that promming.

**Raleigh:**

I was exhausted. I slept Saturday night after prom until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

**Sydnee:**

Well—

**Raleigh:**

Which like is not something I've never done before, but I was dead asleep until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

**Sydnee:**

How, how late were you at the after party?

**Raleigh:**

Well I didn't end up going to an after party is the thing—

**Sydnee:**

Oh.

**Raleigh:**

... Because I fell asleep. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Oh.

**Raleigh:**

I fell asleep after changing my clothes and waiting to go to the after party. So, yes. I did not go to an after party. I just slept. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Huh.

**Sydnee:**

Well you have no excuse.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Well, I know.

**Taylor:**

I—

**Raleigh:**

And I was exhausted and my feet were covered in blisters because I forgot to bring extra shoes to dance in, so I was wearing high heels all night, so—

**Sydnee:**

I would just take my shoes off and dance bare foot.

**Raleigh:**

See, I thought about it, but then I thought about the germs.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Um, well, I'm sorry that you missed the after party, although—

**Raleigh:**

That's okay. I got a nap in and then I got to sleep the, that night for like 12 hours.



**Taylor:**

Wait, I don't think a nap followed by sleep is called a nap. I think that's just called more sleeping.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Well, I got a nap in the sense that like I had to wake up and go home.

**Taylor:**

Oh.

**Raleigh:**

And then I got to sleep.

**Taylor:**

Oh, so you slept in two different places.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Okay.

**Sydnee:**

Okay.

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Taylor:**

All right.

**Sydnee:**

All right.

**Taylor:**

All right. That's, that's worth use of the term nap there, but that's fine.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

And I can't imagine, I mean, the only after parties I ever went to after dances were theater after parties, and so—

**Raleigh:**

Happening parties.

**Sydnee:**

Huh?

**Raleigh:**

The happening parties. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

They were and we would, it would be a slumber party. It would be a coed slumber party.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Which I think was, I think that was common in the theater world.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Um, and so we would stay up all night watching like—

**Raleigh:**

Rent. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Rent, but also like Kevin Smith movies features big at our—

**Raleigh:**

Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:**

... At our sleepovers. So we would stay up all night watching like Mall Rats and Clerks and all that stuff.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

And talking and singing loudly and—

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

... That kind of thing. But I bet that wasn't the kinda after party you were going.

**Raleigh:**

No, that was not.

**Sydnee:**

So it's probably not as fun.

**Raleigh:**

No.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Probably not as fun, you're right.

**Sydnee:**

Those are the best. [laughs] Um, well I don't think we had a senior skip day afterwards to recover from prom.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, my principal threatened to go down to our, to the park and catch t— uh, seniors who would be skipping on senior skip day, but little did he know, it was about 40 degrees yesterday and snowing off and on, so no one was at the park. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

I love the idea that he thought that's where they'd be anyway. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Gotta go, go check out the park. Gotta go to the food court of the mall.  
[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Who thinks that that's where teenagers go? No they—

**Taylor:**

I gotta go to the record store, the chocolate shop, and find you all. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Let me tell you, principal, let me give you a little piece of advice. I do this podcast where my [laughs] teenage sister tells me what teens are doing today, and I can tell you where they all were. First, they were sleeping and second, they were watching Netflix on their computers. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yes. Um—

**Sydnee:**

That's what they're doing. So unless you wanna invade their bedrooms, which I would not advise you to do, you're not gonna find them.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. Except I did not just watch Netflix. I did senior skip day activities. I went to breakfast.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

Oh.

**Raleigh:**

I woke up before noon, and I saw a movie.

**Sydnee:**

Well then.

**Raleigh:**

All during the day I was supposed to be at school.

**Sydnee:**

See, I bet the movie theater was on his list of places teens go. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Yes. Did you go in disguise? Do you need to borrow a wig for... Oh yeah, you're done with them, but— [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

That, I love that, the park . I'm gonna go check out the park and see where all the teens are.

**Raleigh:**

Which I guess seniors have done that before, like they've planned a picnic during the day because I mean—

**Sydnee:**

Ah.

**Raleigh:**

... It's, it's April. And prom used to be at like the beginning of May.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

So they would used to plan like a big class picnic and like play like, I don't know, outdoor games and eat food and listen to music, and that was what they have done in the past. But that is not the case for this year. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

I have a hard time, uh, thinking that he could actually do anything to you if he did catch you. Like—

**Raleigh:**

Right?

**Taylor:**

... You're allowed to miss school, as long you—

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

... Don't do it repeatedly. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, like what would he do? Like we're not on school property. Like he just came and found us. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Like a— all of you, get back to your classes, like what are you—

**Raleigh:**

Nobody's gonna leave.

**Sydnee:**

Call your, call your parents?

**Raleigh:**

Which all of our parents know we're not there anyways.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Like I just told—

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

... Mom like, "Hey, it's senior skip day," and she's like, "Oh, okay." [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Like— [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, I don't know.

**Taylor:**

I don't know if he really thought that through. That probably wouldn't—

**Sydnee:**

No, you know— [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Sydnee, he said that for the few people in Raleigh's class that are like us, and went oh no. [laughs] we don't wanna get caught.

**Raleigh:**

We got to go to school.

**Sydnee:**

We better go to school. [laughs] No you're absolutely right. We would've been like, well we gotta go.

**Raleigh:**

He'll find us somehow.

**Sydnee:**

Mom, we've gotta go. He said he was gonna go to the park and look for us.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Raleigh:**

I wasn't even gonna go to the park, I was gonna stay at home. But what if he knows?

**Taylor:**

He'll find us on Netflix. I don't know how. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

What if he f— what if he thinks I'm at the park? What if he goes to the park, he sees somebody that looks like me, and he thinks I'm there?

**Taylor:**

And it'll go on—

**Raleigh:**

And then I get expelled.

**Taylor:**

It'll go on my permanent record. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

I got big plans for the future. I can't let this hold me back. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

You get a call from your college, "Well I know we offered you a scholarship, but looks like here you, uh, you've skipped on senior skip day, so, uh, it's retracted. I'm sorry." [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Good luck.

**Taylor:**

We've also banned you. All colleges have banned you.

**Sydnee:**

You're, you're banned from all colleges forever. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Yes.

**Raleigh:**



Also jobs.

**Sydnee:**

Also jobs. You can have no job. No jobs for you. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Feels pretty good now, huh?

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] How was the park? [laughs] Well, I'm glad that you had a good time at prom.

**Raleigh:**

Thanks. I am too.

**Sydnee:**

And now you know what it's all about.

**Raleigh:**

And now I'm four weeks away from being done with high school.

**Sydnee:**

Aw.

**Taylor:**

Man.

**Raleigh:**

I know.

**Sydnee:**

That's so close.

**Raleigh:**

I know.

**Taylor:**

So close.

**Raleigh:**

One month from today is my last day of school.

**Taylor:**

Wow.

**Sydnee:**

Well, new adventures await.

**Raleigh:**

I know.

**Taylor:**

And more school.

**Raleigh:**

And more school. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

And new topics for us to talk about.

**Raleigh:**

And new topics.

**Sydnee:**

Which I'm excited about.

**Taylor:**

All right.

**Raleigh:**

Next season on Still Buffering. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

80 ways to cook ramen. [laughs] Well actually 40 ways, we don't cook it at all, it's, you just eat it raw with various sauces on it. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Um, well good. Well, uh, thank you for sharing your prom experience.

**Raleigh:**

Your welcome.

**Sydnee:**

It occurred to me, I— did you know prom was short for promenade?

**Raleigh:**

Yeah. At other schools in our area, they do an actual promenade and like have people like walk in and they announce them and they do the thing.

**Sydnee:**

I was thinking about that in context of today's prom and how odd it would seem. I bet it's odd.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, we don't do that. [laughs] It is not a promenade of any sort. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

I d— nobody looked like they were promenading at the park. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

No.

**Sydnee:**

Um, all right. Well thank you sisters for discussing prom again. This is our last prom episode ever, so— [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

Maybe.

**Sydnee:**

Maybe?

**Raleigh:**

Who knows.

**Taylor:**

I mean, I hope you're, you are graduating. That's not a secret way of being like, don't worry guys, I want Still Buffering to keep going, so I failed my senior year. Wah! [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] Surprise!

**Sydnee:**

I haven't been to school all year.

**Taylor:**

You know what, I'm gonna go back to school and do my Never Been Kissed moment. That's, that's what's gonna happen. 33 year old Taylor roll up, "What's up my fellow teens? This is fine."

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

I need somebody to ask Taylor to prom next year, please. [laughs]

**Raleigh:**

I know... Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Um, for legal reasons, please be 18. [laughs]

**Taylor:**

Actually, yeah. That's, that would, it would still actually be really creepy. So not even there.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

If you're an above 28 year old that is going to prom next year, let me know. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

[laughs] Um, so thank you for listening. Uh, thank you to everybody who, um, donated during the Max Fun Drive.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, it was great.

**Sydnee:**

It was a wonderful drive. It was a huge success. We were blown away by the response, um, the network, everybody's just thrilled. So thank you for everybody who donated, thank you for everybody who tweeted about it or talked about it on social media to let people know, even if you didn't donate. You know, if you just listened and let people know, thank you. Thank you. And thank you for listening.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah, that's you.

**Sydnee:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Thank you.

**Sydnee:**

Thank you.

**Taylor:**

Thank you.

**Sydnee:**

Um, you, you really help us out and allow us to do this and do this better, so thanks. Uh, you should go to [MaximumFun.org](http://MaximumFun.org) to check out all of the other great shows on the network that you can listen to. And, uh, we should tell you about the Columbus Podcast Festival.

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Taylor:**

Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

That we're going to be at.

**Sydnee:**

So, tell, uh, say something about it while I'm looking up all the details, Raleigh.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs] Um, it's a podcast festival in Columbus, Ohio, and it's the weekend of May 11th through the 13th.

**Sydnee:**

Yep.

**Raleigh:**

And we are performing on Saturday.

**Sydnee:**

Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:**

May 12th.

**Sydnee:**

That's right. And, uh, you can check it out. By the way, the website's easy to remember, it's [ColumbusPodcastFestival.com](http://ColumbusPodcastFestival.com)

**Raleigh:**

That's easy.

**Sydnee:**

Ah, we'll be there, Sawbones will be there, Court Appointed will be there, and a lot of other podcasts that we don't have family members in that are also wonderful, I assure you. [laughs] Uh, we just don't happen to be related to them.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Um, but you should come. The Columbus Podcast Festival, it's on Short North Stage.

**Raleigh:**

Yes.

**Sydnee:**

May 10th through 13th, and—

**Raleigh:**

We were there last year. It was a lot of fun.

**Sydnee:**

A ton of fun. And, um, like Raleigh said, we will be performing on Saturday. I don't know what time yet.

**Raleigh:**

I don't either. But I know it's Saturday. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

Yeah, which is important to know because you can buy tickets for like one day or all days.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Whatever you wanna do.

**Taylor:**

Oh.

**Sydnee:**

So, um, and I think all our shows will be performing on the same day, I should say.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

So, uh, so go. Check that out so you can get tickets if you want to.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

Yeah, and I, a couple people that knew about it tweeted at me, but I, we'll do some sort of meet 'n' greet or handshake or high fives before or after, I imagine. Yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

Probably, yeah.

**Raleigh:**

Probably.

**Sydnee:**

I think so.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Taylor:**

All right. [laughs]

**Sydnee:**

We'll have to figure that out.

**Raleigh:**

[laughs]

**Sydnee:**

We'll have to figure out how we should.

**Raleigh:**

Yeah.

**Sydnee:**

But yeah, something. Something.

**Taylor:**

All right.

**Sydnee:**

Uh, I mean, I'll have little kids there, so it will be limited, but, yes.

**Taylor:**

All right.



**Sydnee:**

Um, all right, but thank you. Uh, you can tweet at us @StillBuff, you can email us at StillBuffering@MaximumFun.org if you have thoughts or, uh, topics or comments. And thank you to the Nouvellas for our theme song, Baby You Change Your Mind.

**Raleigh:**

This has been Still Buffering, a sisters' guide to teen through the ages. I am Raleigh Smirl.

**Sydnee:**

I'm Sydnee McElroy.

**Taylor:**

And I'm Taylor Smirl.

**Raleigh:**

I am a teenager.

**Sydnee:**

And I was too.

**Taylor:**

And I was too.

[theme music plays]

**Raleigh:**

That's a pram.

**Sydnee:**

[laughs]

**Taylor:**

That's still not the right word.

[theme music plays]

**Emily:**

Are you tired of trying to keep up with the news cycle?

**Lisa:**

Is bad stuff happening too fast for you to process?

**Emily:**

Don't you wish there was an easy way to find out about only the most important information you need?

**Lisa:**

Hi, we're Lisa.

**Emily:**

[laughs] And Emily.

**Lisa:**

And why don't you try our podcast Baby Geniuses?

**Emily:**

In each episode of our podcast, we discuss a Wikipedia page such as...

**Lisa:**

Flatulence humor.

**Emily:**

Clamato.

**Lisa:**

Catalan witches.

**Emily:**

Clippy, the Microsoft Office helper.

**Lisa:**

Death during consensual sex.

**Emily:**

And the talking mongoose.

**Lisa:**

We ask each other stupid questions.

**Emily:**

Uh—

**Lisa:**

[laughs]

**Emily:**

If you... [laughs] If you got a packet with like 300 seeds in it, what kind of plant would you choose the seeds to be? [laughs]

**Lisa:**

[laughs] That felt like you were assigned to ask me a question, and there were certain words you weren't allowed to use.

**Emily:**

We talk about Martha Stewart, her pony, and other celebrity horse news. Ben Church.

**Lisa:**

Every other week on Maximum Fun.

**Emily:**

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