

MBMBaM 707: Beef Me Down to Beefy Town

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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*, an advice show for the modern era. I'm your oldest brother, Justin McElroy.

Travis: What up, Trav Nation? It's me, your middlest brother, Travis McElroy.

Griffin: Whatever, Trav Nation. It's Griffin, you know.

Travis: Guys.

Griffin: Who it is.

Travis: Guys. Monday.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Monday, the eclipse. Watched it.

Griffin: The previous Monday.

Travis: Previous Monday.

Griffin: A week— a whole ass week ago.

Justin: A week ago. Yeah.

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Travis: Was the eclipse. I watched it.

Justin: Yeah, we remember.

Travis: With my children. I stared at it the whole time, start to finish, the moment it started to now. And I am so excited to say, guys, my powers have come in.

Griffin: Aww, Travie!

Justin: Aww, good Trav.

Travis: Yeah. Sin—

Griffin: I'm so proud of you.

Travis: Since the eclipse, I have gotten 1 to 4% stronger.

Griffin: [mutters] Sidebar, Juice. Real quick, sidebar.

Travis: 1 to 4% faster, 1 to 4% more invincible.

Justin: [mutters] What's up, Griff?

Griffin: [mutters] It's not very big.

Justin: [mutters] No, it's not that large.

Griffin: [mutters] I think he needs this.

Justin: [mutters] Increase—

Griffin: [mutters] I think he needs this.

Justin: [mutters] I mean, he says increase, but.

Griffin: [mutters] When he says, "powers" I think that maybe he's talkin' about his pubes.

Travis: And it's just made me—

Justin: [mutters] You can get that from just better hydration. [wheezes]

Travis: I think I'm better—

Justin: [mutters] Like sleep.

Travis: I'm ready to start fighting crime, saving people. Like normally, like say I'm like doing bicep curls, right?

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: And I'm doing like a 25 pounder.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Travis: Now I'm able to do like 26 or 27, right?

Griffin: That's wild.

Justin: [chuckles] How do you find those? Are you just taping a one-pound plate—

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: — to the 25 pound one.

Griffin: Just dangling off.

Travis: I would say it's a lot of washers and like safety pins that I find.

Justin: [chuckles] Sure.

Travis: Some like bolts, yeah.

Justin: Sure.

Travis: And like normally I can walk a mile, I mean, like comfortably in like, I don't know, like 17, 18 minutes. I could probably do it in like 16:45, 17:15, somewhere in there.

Justin: Now—

Travis: Just feeling a lot faster. Like if I got shot by a bullet, I think it would take a little longer to pierce my skin.

Justin: A little longer. Hey, Trav, you were—

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Were you in the path of the totality in your home?

Travis: I— Justin, thank you for asking. I follow the path of totality, that's where I'm at now, that's my mindset.

Griffin: He is—

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: He is on— He is walking the path of totality.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: But yeah, I was not in the path of totality in my own home, but in my in-laws' home, yes I was. We drove up.

Griffin: Damn, your in-laws must be strong as fuck, dude!

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah. Yeah. I'm— But I'm hoping that over time, my powers do continue to develop, and I get maybe 10% stronger over time.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Did you guys—

Griffin: So maybe the totality path went through seven cities named Niniva, because God wanted to make his soldiers stronger. Everyone heard about this, yeah?

Justin: We all— Oh yeah.

Travis: I'm sorry, what?

Griffin: There's a thing— They— Last eclipse.

Justin: Oh, this always feels bad, doesn't it, Griff.

Griffin: The totality.

Justin: It always feels bad.

Griffin: [chuckles] The totality went through seven cities called Salem.

Justin: It feels like the zombie's closin' around you, you just got the one pistol, you got one chance. [chuckles]

Griffin: This time baby, we're goin' through Niniva, another bible city name, so you know what that means.

Travis: I don't.

Griffin: The big one.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: The big one's comin', with all the horses and whatnot.

Travis: Well, I'll be able to fight the horsemen. Now, as long as they are just a little bit stronger than I used to be.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: But not stronger than I am now.

Griffin: I've always said that about Travis, he's almost as strong as a horse, on a good day and a bad horse.

Travis: Now, I did say, "horsemen," not— I don't think the pale horse shows up, just like, "What up? It's actually me."

Griffin: Dude.

Travis: "I'm the horse of Death."

Griffin: You think you 360 no scope Pestilence off of his horse, and the horse also isn't still going to be a problem? Celestial sort of like skele-horse isn't gonna try and cause a little bit of mayham.

Travis: I think that you would get a moment of confusion from the horse.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: If that's your opening.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: I would actually take out the horse first.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Because I'm saying—

Justin: Psst.

Travis: — I would have an easier time fighting Pestilence—

Justin: Psst.

Travis: — on the ground.

Griffin: We could've made such a better *Left Behind*—

Justin: Psst.

Griffin: Like it's not even fuckin' funny—

Justin: [whispers] Psst. You guys. You guys.

Griffin: — how much better of a *Left Behind* we could've—

Justin: [whispers] Psst, guys.

Griffin: What's up, Juice?

Justin: Did you look? [wheezes] You can tell me. Did you look?

Travis: At the eclipse? I had glasses.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: I looked at it for like—

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: I'll be honest, I stepped outside.

Justin: You got a little.

Griffin: I stepped outside.

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: And I was like, "Where is it even?" And then I looked right at it without the special stuff on me, which I did eventually then put on, but it doesn't feel good to do that. I get why people—

Travis: What's it feel like to have a second blind spot, Griffin?

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: It actually perfectly hit the first one.

Travis: [laughs] Is that it?

Griffin: Yeah yeah.

Travis: You always kind of have a little bit of an eclipse going on.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah, I'm always— It's not quite totality, but I'm always— It's quite real.

Justin: Charlie came over to me and said, "Guess what, Daddy? At the next eclipse, I'll be 30," and I said, "Fuck." [wheezes]

Griffin & Travis: [laugh loudly]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: That's— That can't be right.

Justin: Pfffft.

Travis: The next eclipse somewhere, they're always happenin' somewhere.

Griffin: Wait, what?

Travis: No.

Justin: [wheezes] That's not right either, Trav.

Travis: No, it's not.

Griffin: I mean, from someone's perspective in space, the moon is in front of the sun all the time, if you think about it that way.

Justin: Woah.

Travis: That's so sad.

Justin: Woah.

Griffin: I mean it's— that's life, man.

Justin: That's beautiful. But aren't we lucky to be here, on this podcast, and on this planet here together.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Fuck yeah, man.

Justin: To talk about the world. The... This is an advice show, and we have— Do you guys ever— I started thinking about it during the eclipse. Do you guys remember, I guess it was like eight or nine years ago now.

Griffin: Probably not then.

Justin: During the— No, you'll remember it. During the last eclipse, we like fucked up the audio really bad, and talked like we were from a parallel dimension, and we changed the album art so it was like negative.

Griffin: There's no way we did all that work for one episode of this podcast.

Travis: I think that was a dream, Justin.

Justin: Okay guys.

Griffin: I think you're dreaming this.

Justin: Okay guys. Head on out to the boneyard. I see both of you all furiously Googling.

Griffin: I'm trying to figure it out.

Justin: Rachel, if you could play a clip of that audio right here, so my brothers can hear, that would be great.

[cassette player button sound effects play]

[audio clip plays]

Bob Ball: [in a deep, pitch-shifted voice] The McElroy Brothers are not experts and their advice should never be followed.

Justin: Social media.

Griffin: Frankly it's weird saying anybody used Twogger for anything other than just like complimenting each other and just like being really, really nice to each other.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Exactly.

Griffin: Which is of course in this world. And I don't know why I said, "in this world," but in this world, just sort of the way that everyone uses Twogger.

Travis: I mean, it— it—

Justin: How did you guys—

Travis: To be fair, though.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: President O'Connell has never been a traditional Pres— I mean after he broke the country up into eight different countries.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Like at that point, using Twogger to make announcements isn't really that big a deal, if you think about it.

Justin: So boys, the question on everybody's mind is how did you spend the sun period? The—

Griffin: Locked in a fu— Locked in a closet by bully children. I told—

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: I literally just said it.

Justin: I know, okay. Obviously Dane is— Uncle Dane is on one of his cantankerous rants. Dane's drops.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Justin: That he does. His—

Travis: Dane's veins.

Justin: Dane's veins.

Griffin: Listen, I'll be the first one to go against the grain here.

Justin: Dane's grains.

Griffin: Against sort of the— Against one— This is one of Dane's Grains, where I'm going against it and sort of rubbing up against sort of—

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: 'Cause I know everybody's always sort of saying how great millennials are. I'll be the first one to say that I think there's some issue here. I'll be— And I'll be the first one to highlight those.

Justin: Whoaaaaa!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: From downtown, Dane.

Travis: That's so weird— Like I can't even get on board with you, Dane, 'cause like think about all the things that millennials have saved. They've saved the napkin industry.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah.

Travis: They've saved the housing industry, they've saved the magazine industry, they've saved everything, like—

Griffin: This is a— This might be a weird thing to say, 'cause we're literally just like saying things that happened today on this like, you know, very special day where the sun came out.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: But I f— And we're just saying the truth, right? But for some reason I feel this thing in my gut where like this bit isn't working.

[audio clip ends]

[cassette player button sound effects play]

Travis: Did we keep it up for the whole episode?

Justin: Memory serves, everyone hated it.

Travis: Ah!

Justin: So it lasted at least five minutes.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I would say.

Griffin: Cool.

Justin: It may have been for the whole episode. Are you guys still not finding any evidence of this?

Griffin: No man, I think you are being...

Justin: [mutters] Alright, irritating.

Griffin: I think you're being Mandela-ed pretty hard.

Travis: You're Mandela-ing yourself, a self-Mandela.

Griffin: "The Sun Shines on Our Dark Planet." Yeah no, okay. That was a long time ago.

Justin: "The Sun Shines on Our Dark Planet," yes. That was the episode.

Griffin: Damn, that's good.

Justin: "Justin, Travis, and Dane are back to talk about—"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: "— the few blissful moments of sun our world received on this blessed rotation." [chuckles]

Travis: Aw yeah, man.

Justin: "This is from an alternate universe—"

Griffin: Oh my god.

Justin: “— in which Justin is the oldest brother, Travis is the youngest brother, and Griffin doesn’t exist.” [wheezes]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] What?

Travis: We used to be way funnier than we are now.

Griffin: It’s not the funniness.

Justin: “Instead voicing a completely new character named Uncle Dane.” [wheezes]

Griffin: Cool, man.

Justin: [laughs] And this is— “Instead of the eclipse that—” This is on our Wikipedia page, so thank you to every— whoever writes this.

“Instead of the eclipse that occurred on this date in the real world, in this AU, the sun shone on the Earth— on this Earth for one day out of [chuckles] every one hundred years. ‘Uncle Dane’ was locked in a closet all day by cruel—”

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [wheezes] “— cruel children.”

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, man. Cool.

Travis: He got Bradbury-ed real hard.

Griffin: These are great—

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: These are great— Is seven years the statute of limitations where you can laugh at your own jokes as if they're fresh and someone else did it.

Travis: Yeah, we're all new skin cells at this point, to be fair.

Griffin: I have no fuckin' idea— Yeah, this—

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: There is not one fuckin' iota of this Griffin that was that Griffin.

Justin: [wheezes] "Everyone has translucent skin, tentacles, and 18-inch eyes. There is no light, and therefore no agriculture; everyone eats rocks."

Griffin: Wow, gosh.

Justin: "The president of the United States is *Sliders* actor Jerry O'Connell."

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Justin: "And the United States has been split into eight separate countries."

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: "The device most analogous to a— [wheezes] to a computer is called a 'Com Box' and hooks up to a monitor analogue called a 'Vision Cube' or 'Sight Cube' which becomes painfully hot. [chuckles] The national sport is competitive *Yu-Gi-Oh!*"

Griffin: This is unhinged. I can't believe all of those things happened in one episode.

Justin: [laughs] I had to read all that because you guys had no memory of it!

Griffin: No idea.

Travis: I still don't!

Griffin: No sir.

Justin: It's all completely new to you.

Griffin: Yeah, cool.

Travis: Aw man.

Griffin: Alright.

Justin: Oh man.

Griffin: I mean, we make a lot of shit, Juice.

Justin: Oh boy.

Griffin: A lot of shit.

Justin: I was— Did you find the cover yet? The cover is terrible.

Griffin: [chuckles] No.

Justin: Everyone hated the cover, that's the one thing I do remember is that the cover was broadly despised.

Griffin: Yeah, I— Actually, when I Googled this, the top result is a Reddit post from three days ago saying, "Why didn't they do that again?" The answer is 'cause we forgot completely and entirely about it.

Justin: Completely forgot about it. That would've been a hell of a thing to return to.

Griffin: For sure.

Justin: But since none of us remembered it, probably none of you remembered it either. It would've been quite a thing.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So, my advice? Don't dwell on the past.

Travis: Don't dwell on the past.

Justin: Or previous eclipses. And I got more advice too, it doesn't stop there.

Travis: Well first, I have—

Justin: Oh my god.

Travis: It feels good to see the world gettin' Mr Worldwide! In the bullpitiit.

Griffin: Get the world get in Mr World— Get—

Travis: No he—

Griffin: The world gets into Mr Worldwide?

Travis: So sometimes Pitbull does this thing, Griffin, where when he is singing, he somehow also interrupts himself to announce his title of—

Griffin: That's cool.

Travis: — either Mr. 305, Mr. Worldwide.

Justin: They do it with reel to reel. You gotta have two reels goin' and you record one reel.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Then you play it back.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: But we're here.

Justin: You gotta tape yourself over it.

Travis: We're not talkin' about that—

Griffin: Cool.

Travis: — we're talkin' about the bull pit. We're in the bull pit. Now you guys have both, numerous times in your life, told me that you consider yourself to both be experts in the lyrics of Pitbull, correct?

Justin: Indeed, indeed.

Griffin: I don't know fuckin' anything about this dude.

Travis: Correct. No, I've heard you Griffin, you sometimes go on and on about how you know every Pitbull lyric off the top of your head.

Griffin: I don't know this fucking guy.

Travis: We're here to test it. Here's what's gonna happen, I'm gonna put a minute on the clock. You're each gonna get a turn, and you're gonna have to fill in the blank of these lyrics, and here's the rule. You can't pass. You cannot pass.

Griffin: Why?!

Travis: You have to guess what it is.

Griffin: Why can't I pass?!

Travis: Because I think you have—

Griffin: You legally can't— You can't come—

Travis: 'Cause I only pulled five for each of you, and if you pass, we'll be done [chuckles] before the 60 seconds is up.

Justin: Okay. If I have to actually—

Griffin: I'm just saying, you can't come to my house and make me make jokes.

Travis: I will.

Griffin: Like I can pass on anything in this show ever, whenever I want to.

Justin: I gotta say—

Griffin: And you guys can't do anything about it.

Justin: One thing first is that if I got to pay attention to you Travis, the V can't plunge that deep, my man.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: I gotta go one up.

Griffin: You gotta go one more up.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: I gotta get one more button up there.

Travis: I gotta cover up the shield?

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: I'm seein' too much of your chest power.

Travis: Aw man.

Justin: Alright.

Travis: I don't— The button's not even broken in. The buttonhole's still tight as new. Hold on. Agh!

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: [chuckles] Tight as new!

Travis: Tight as new, man. Gotta get— Agh, there we go, okay.

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: That's dis— That's horrible.

Justin: Ugh! Tight as— "It's tight as new."

Griffin: [giggles]

Travis: Okay, who wants to go first? Flip a coin?

Justin: Griffin does. He's stoked.

Travis: Griffin?

Griffin: Aw yeah, man. I am dying for it.

Justin: Dad told me Griffin wanted to go first. [wheezes]

Travis: Yeah. Now Griffin.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Your time will start when I finish the first lyric, okay? You ready?

Griffin: Oh, it's timed.

Travis: Yeah, you—

Griffin: So I have to make the jokes extra fast.

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: 60 seconds on the clock, you ready?

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: Okay, here we go. "What I'm involved with is deeper than the blank."

Griffin: Money.

Travis: Masons. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall. This biggity boy's a..."

Griffin: [pause] Basketball.

Travis: Diggity dog. "Ask for money and get advice. Huh? Ask for advice, get..."

Griffin: [pause] Laid.

Travis: Money twice.

Justin: [giggles]

Travis: "Just 'cause you ain't me, don't hate me. As a matter of fact, you should thank me. Even if you don't you're welcome, blank."

Griffin: Um... You're welcome, little baby.

Travis: Yankees.

Justin: [giggles]

Travis: "I told her 'Wanna ride out?' and she said yes. We didn't go to blank, but I got blank."

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: We didn't go to bed—

Justin: Is it the same word?

Griffin: We didn't go to Hawaii, but I got laid?

Travis: Didn't go to church, but I got blessed.

Justin: [claps]

Griffin: Damn it.

Travis: So that was zero for five from Griffin.

Justin: Really good, Griff.

Griffin: [angrily] What did you fuckin' ex—?! What did you fuckin' expect, man?

Travis: I thought you might get one.

Justin: Really good, Griff. Really good try.

Griffin: Thank you.

Travis: Okay, Justin.

Griffin: Thanks, yeah.

Travis: You're up. Are you ready? Justin, you feel warmed up? You feel ready to go?

Justin: Yeah, I feel like I know all these.

Travis: Okay. "Now give me that sweet, that nasty, that blank."

Justin: That candy bag.

Travis: Gucci stuff.

Griffin: [giggles]

Travis: "Not a goon or a god, I'm a blank."

Justin: True blaster. [wheezes]

Travis: Monster. "Mine got an ass like a donkey, if a monkey look like blank."

Justin: [pause] Charled.

Travis: King Kong.

Justin: [wheezes] [snorts]

Travis: "I'mma make sure that your peach feels blank."

Justin: Fuzzy and warm.

Travis: Peachy.

Justin: `Kay. [laughs]

Travis: “Your man just left, I’m the plumber tonight. I’ll check your pipes. Oh, you the blank.”

Justin: Princess Peach.

Travis: Healthy type. [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs] Oh god, Pitbull!

Justin: [giggles]

Travis: So Justin also zero for five.

Justin: I feel like—

Griffin: Pitbull!

Justin: — I would get the next five right though.

Travis: Oh, now that you’re in the flow state?

Griffin: Yeah, now that we know the pattern. Yeah, for sure.

Travis: Now that you’re in the flow state?

Justin: Yeah, exactly.

Griffin: There’s a playfulness to Pit that I didn’t appreciate.

Justin: There’s a playfulness.

Griffin: That I didn’t appreciate.

Justin: And an abstract nature that I celebrate.

Griffin: "Make your peach feel peachy" is pretty fucking good stuff—

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: — actually Mr Bull.

Travis: "Not a goon or a god, I'm a monster" is— I want that on my tombstone.

Griffin: [chuckles] "Not a goon."

Travis: [wheezes] When I die—

Griffin: "Not a god."

Travis: Also, there's something about the lyric that I've been trying to decipher. "Mommy got an ass like a donkey, if a monkey. Look like King Kong."

Justin: No, Travis. I— We granted you this one game to talk about Pitbull.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: We can't explore the game.

Justin: It can't be a launching pad to you pontificating about Pitbull. I'm sorry.

Griffin: This is— We told you you need to contain that energy.

Travis: I—

Griffin: And it seems like this is a good container for it.

Travis: Though I will— I just wanna say one last thing here in the bull pit.

Griffin: [weakly] Travis...

Travis: “Ask for money, get advice. Ask for advice, get money twice,” sounds like it’s straight out of *Poor Richard’s Almanac*, [wheezes] and it makes me so happy!

Griffin: [chuckles] It really does! There’s a sageness to it.

Justin: I would take a second *Poor Richard’s Almanac* written by Pitbull.

Travis: Yes. *Poor Pitchard’s Almanac*.

Griffin: With foreword by Khaled.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: That would be the dream.

Justin: “We the best book!”

Griffin & Travis: [chuckle]

Justin: [wheezes] “I’m—” [chuckles] “I’m going to convention soon for work in Columbus, and the hotel my company’s putting me up in has a pool. Is it weird to hit up the hot tub after a long day on the trade show floor?”

Griffin: Ooo, baby! [claps]

Justin: “What do I do about the other convention goers or worse other convention goers who are staying in the same hotel. I wanna take advantage of the free amenities, but I don’t know what to do if hot tubbing turns into a networking session.”

Griffin: Yup!

Justin: “Session.” That’s from Corporate Cutie in a Two Piece Suitie.

Griffin: We—

Travis: You’re talkin’ to three 80s dudes right here!

Griffin: Three 80s boys. Yeah.

Travis: You're talkin' to three 80s boys. We came up in the 80s.

Griffin: We're gonna— I don't see what that has anything to do with this situation.

Travis: Oh, you don't Griffin?

Griffin: No.

Travis: You don't see what 80s business culture might have to do with hot tubbing and networking?

Griffin: Okay okay okay okay.

Justin: We were not boss babies.

Griffin: We weren't.

Travis: You weren't.

Justin: We were not involved with the business culture of the 80s.

Travis: You weren't. You— Maybe you were out here Justin, askin' for money and gettin' advice.

Griffin: This is—

Travis: I was out here askin' for advice and gettin' money twice.

Justin: Gettin' money twice, yeah.

Travis: So.

Griffin: 60s babies would've been the ones who would've been in the work culture, I feel like, during the 80s, Travis.

Justin: Right.

Griffin: So this is a flawed concept.

Travis: I was networking at seven. I don't what you're talk— That's—

Griffin: That's true, actually.

Travis: — how I got to where I am today.

Justin: That's true. Always on his grind.

Griffin: This is such a great question, because we go to a lot of hotels.

Justin: Mm.

Griffin: When we hit the road.

Travis: I don't wanna brag.

Griffin: On tour, we go to— [chuckles]

Travis: But we stay at a lot of places when we're not at home.

Justin: I don't wanna brag but we don't have homes in any cities other than—

Griffin: In any city in the country.

Justin: — the places we live.

Griffin: And Vancouver. And so a lot of the time I'll go, especially if I'm like on tour flyin' solo, and I'll see a hot tub.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: Or a pool, but mostly a hot tub, and think like, "Woo." I never bring trunks, like never bring trunks.

Travis: You swim nude?

Griffin: I never, ever bring trunk— What?

Travis: Oh, you don't bring trunk— Okay. I thought you meant you don't bring trunks to the hot tub. You meant you don't bring hu— trunks on the trip. Those are—

Griffin: I don't drink hunks on the trip.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: And I don't bring trunks for the hot tub.

Justin: You don't drink hunks in the hot tub.

Travis: That's rule number one. [chuckles]

Griffin: You don't—

Justin: Unless you've been extremely well compensated.

Griffin: I feel... like I want that life, but I also feel that I can't— I'm not there for the right reasons. I'm here for business, I'm puttin' on a kickass show tonight, at the theatre.

Travis: Mm.

Griffin: And then I— To come back and get in the hot tub makes me feel like I am... trying to pretend to be like I'm in White Snake or something. Which I'm—

Justin: And you are not— And Griffin is not— This is not an imagined scenario, because we try to get hotels near the place where we're doing the show, so ostensibly, there will be other people in the hotel who also have just participated in this show.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So they could—

Travis: But maybe in a different way than Griffin has.

Justin: They've attended in a different capacity.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But they will come in to see Griffin with his hair hanging down [chuckles] in front of his eyes.

Travis: Just sweating.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Just trying to sweat the show out of his body.

Griffin: Just a towel around my neck, always.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah, just huffin' in eucalyptus or whatever he needs to get his instrument right.

Griffin: The geometry. The English put on the power dynamics ball by then a hot tub is unthinkable.

Travis: Oh my god.

Griffin: It's unnavigable.

Justin: Mm.

Travis: You— Okay.

Justin: Mm.

Travis: Boys.

Griffin: "Hope you had a great time tonight." Like no fuckin' way, dude.

Travis: Boys, I love you very much, but once again I'm gonna say maybe you guys are comin' at this from maybe a more socially anxious direction.

Griffin: Abso—! Crab-solutely, Travis. I know no other direction!

Travis: Yes. Griffin is One Direction.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: If One Direction, the band, was incredibly socially anxious.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: No, the difference—

Travis: If that was kind of the bulk of their music. Because here's the thing boys, there's two different kinds of networking at these events.

Justin: Okay okay, yes yes.

Travis: There is networking that happens when you're at the event, right the business networking. But then you have the "I play golf with them" networking.

Griffin: Ooookay.

Travis: You have the like—

Griffin: I did forget about that.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: — "Let's get a big steak dinner" networking.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: That kind of networking that's like not only is this person fun in the boardroom, but maybe— I don't know, board game room. I wanted to make a pun, but you get what I mean.

Justin: Right.

Travis: They wanna hang out with you...

Justin: Right.

Travis: Outside of that.

Justin: Right, you're right.

Travis: That's when you're makin' the connections, man.

Griffin: Yeah. Yeah.

Justin: So that's a good time to get— If you're with other peers, a hot tub is a very vulnerable place to make a human connection.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: You know what I mean? This is the time on *Survivor* when you're all enjoying a meal together. You don't have to play the game.

Griffin: That's a good point.

Justin: You could form a real human bond. You know what I mean?

Travis: And that's why you come in playing the game where all these other chuckleheads aren't playin' the game.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: And now you've got— You know how you win at *Monopoly*? You're the only one playing.

Justin: You're—

Travis: That's right, solo *Monopoly* while everyone watches you play *Monopoly*. It's the coolest thing you can do.

Justin: It's— When you're in the hot tub with the CEO of LinkedIn.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And you. It's just you—

Travis: Yeah, Abraham LinkedIn.

Justin: — and the CEO of LinkedIn, and no tricks.

Griffin: [chuckles] Abraham LinkedIn is very good, Travis, thank you.

Justin: [chuckles] There's no tricks, there's no weapons.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: It's just the two of you.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: It's just man to man, in hand-to-hand combat.

Justin: Survive on skill alone, you know? It's just the two of you. There's no power dynamics.

Griffin: Nah.

Justin: Either one of you could choke the other one just as easily, so let's talk.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Can we just talk? They're not the boss, I'm not the boss. We're both the boss as you sit in the tub.

Travis: That's what you say as you slide into the hot tub. You say, "Let's acknowledge that either one of us—"

Justin: You want to—

Travis: "— could choke each other out just as easily, so let's just talk."

Griffin: Yeah. I think there should be a sign up at every hotel hot tub that says the hours of just like 10 to 11pm is just quiet, and like no talking. No talking in this hot tub. It's just a place for tired people with sore bones, tired from a day of— [chuckles] tired from an hour of kickass alt comedy.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Need to just soak their bones, but not have any kind of—

Justin: You can't—

Griffin: Not have to have a discussion.

Justin: You can't talk. I think it's illegal if a person is contained in some sort of vat with you.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: If you are part of a meal, a soup that's being prepared.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: You can't talk because I can't get out.

Travis: Correct.

Justin: Of it.

Griffin: I can't leave.

Justin: I'm a prisoner. We're prisoners.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: There is no way to easily remove yourself from a hot tub.

Justin: Right. [chuckles]

Travis: That isn't very clearly like, "Well, this person started talking, so I left."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Like—

Justin: Imagine if the person across from you is like, "Well so, tell me partner, how do you earn your money?"

Travis: Ah, oop!

Justin: I'm like [straining sounds] "I can't get out."

Travis: [chuckles] Just lift themselves out of the hot tub.

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: [makes more straining sounds]

Travis: Or worse yet, it's one of those big ones, where there's only stairs on one side. And they start talking and you're just like—

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: — trudin' through the hot tub swamp to walk up the stairs.

Justin: And it's definitely gonna end with me with like a half flop.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Like onto the end. [wheezes]

Travis: [chuckles] And a roll out. [wheezes]

Justin: Yeah, 'cause I'm tryin' to get some of the water off, 'cause I forgot my towel, so I'm just rolling on the ground [chuckles] to try to get the moisture off, like, "So uh... marketing?"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Oop!

Justin: "Advertising?"

Griffin: The ideal for me.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Is doing this in the Japanese style, because in Japan I did do a couple hot springs. There's a tradeoff there in that it is usually completely quiet, especially if there is a sort of language barrier situation, it's extremely quiet. But also your wiener is out, and so there's two—

Travis: Extremely quiet, extremely nude.

Griffin: Extremely quiet. Extremely nude! But extremely quiet, so it's like—

Travis: Which would be a weird way to advertise like a dance club— like an exotic dance place, like, "Yeah, they're nude as hell, and completely silent." [chuckles] "In here?! There's no sound."

Griffin: "No music. No coughing."

Travis: [laughs] "Nothin'. Totally chill, totally nude."

Griffin: "Dude sneezed in here last week and it wrecked the whole fuckin' vibe of this nude erotic establishment."

Travis: Here's— Okay, Question Asker, here's a little tip. You can look really good in this scenario. You need a third party there to be overly chatty, overly talkative, trying too hard.

Griffin: Mmm...

Travis: And then you make some kind of like eye contact with the boss of LinkedIn, and you do like a "Ugh, this guy" kind of look at him.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: That's all you gotta do. And now the CEO of LinkedIn is like, "Right? Yeah. Workin' too hard over here."

Justin: In the— In the hopes of making this more universal, I should also mention that we are, of course, answering this question from the perspective of three white cisgender men.

Travis: Good point.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: And I would say that I never get into a hot tub... if someone's already in it.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Because they're gonna see me, a dude.

Travis: Correct.

Justin: And they're gonna think, "Aw, fuck."

Griffin: "Uh-oh." Yeah.

Justin: "Aw, this fucking guy."

Griffin: "This guy's not gonna have anything good—"

Justin: That's fair right? It's right. I get it.

Griffin: Yeah, for sure.

Justin: I get it.

Travis: Especially if there— if the people in the hot tub that clearly know each other already.

Justin: [claps] Oh yes.

Travis: And they're the only ones in the hot tub.

Justin: Oh no!

Travis: The idea of me being like, "And now, here's that third heat. Me!"
[wheezes]

Justin: No.

Griffin: "Do you guys like— "

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: [in a mildly creepy voice] "Do you guys like to play?!"

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: "And also, Juuuice is here."

Travis: "Did you guys check out that 1.6 update or what? Where are you going?!"

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: "Hey, come back."

Justin: "You guys talkin' about crypto?"

Travis: [laughs] "You talk about cr— You talk a crypto?"

Justin: "Hey everybody, I hate to butt in."

Travis: [chuckles]

Justin: "But I and my blockchain brethren."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "I have a rather an excite— Don't get up. No. Shh, shh, shh. You're fine. You're fine, don't get up."

Griffin: [giggles] Can I—

Justin: "I got Austy. Got Austy."

Griffin: Can I ask you guys a question?

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Always.

Griffin: When you picture the li— the CEO of LinkedIn in your head.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Does he have like cables for hair, and like cyberpunk like—

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: — sunglasses implants like on his eyes that slide in, and like a duster?

Travis: He's—

Justin: I imagine like a man—

Griffin: And like a sawed-off shotgun, and he's like deck— like on his—

Travis: Ooo.

Griffin: Like that's what I envision.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: Is like a real—

Travis: You go for kind of like a cyberpunk post-apocalypse feel.

Griffin: A real street samurai, is what I imagine.

Travis: Oh, okay.

Griffin: He's the CEO... of LinkedIn.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: He's the nexus through which all that shit—

Travis: I went a different way. Because I did say Abraham LinkedIn to myself.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: So then I did picture Abraham Lincoln. But I pictured it in like one of the pre-cog vats from *Minority Report*. Where—

Griffin: I was about to say that's the other option! He's floating in goo and just like his impulses are—

Travis: Because he's linked into everything.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Travis: Right? Just cables running off in the goo, the goo is transcending thought. So that way, at any given time, you could be like, "Abraham, Abraham. I need somebody to fill in for—," and he's like [groans prophetically].

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Here's Todd Perkins' resume."

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah. "Get him."

Travis: And like—

Justin: How about— I just had a good idea.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: What if the next wave of like CEO peacocking is granting yourself like superhuman abilities.

Travis: Mm-hmm.

Justin: But you can only do it with the—

Travis: Biohacking.

Justin: Biohacking, but you can only do it with the resources within your company.

Travis: Ohhhh.

Justin: So your specific super abilities—

Griffin: That's so fucking good, Justin.

Travis: That's cool, man.

Justin: Alright, your super abilities are linked to whatever. So the CEO of LinkedIn has access to like he knows your entire history, he can tell anybody— Anybody he sees, he can tell who they've worked for, you know what I mean?

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Oh my god, that's huge. Just a HUD.

Griffin: Yeah, dude.

Travis: That have—

Griffin: Fuckin'—

Travis: — where it's just like, "Oh, juggling huh?" Right, like that would be incredible.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: But no, Ju— I think Justin's suggesting your cyber persona is aesthetically, at the very least, by the business that you conduct, for example—

Justin: Aesthetically and the powers of...

Griffin: The C— Yes.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: The CEO of some pharmaceutical company would be like a David Hyde Pearce in the *Osmosis Jones*.

Justin: Yes.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Emitting different medicines from their—

Griffin: Just a big pill.

Travis: I love that.

Justin: From their skin.

Griffin: Armored man. That shoots medicines out.

Travis: And then the CEO of Ford can transform into a truck, if he needs to.

Griffin: That's really cool.

Travis: He does that.

Justin: That doesn't make— That— Okay, Trav. It doesn't make sense the—

Travis: I'm open to notes. Yeah, go on.

Justin: See, it has to be height— He can just make cars extremely well out of anything. You know what I mean? Like Ford knows how to like—

Griffin: That's a fun kind of limitation that you've just suddenly put on this wonderful world you've—

Justin: Ford knows how to make cars.

Travis: Well that's the—

Justin: They don't know how to turn people into cars. So he would just do what his company—

Travis: No, he can turn into a car. Maybe it was a truck first who turned into a man.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: No, you're not understanding.

Travis: That's who I would want to lead my car business.

Griffin: Same.

Travis: Is like somebody who used to be a truck.

Griffin: Knows what cars want.

Justin: The abilities have to be mundane.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: So the CEO of Ford is just— he becomes the best at making cars.

Travis: He spits gasoline.

Justin: Out of anything. [wheezes]

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Like he can make cars out of whatever.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: Now Justin, let me throw this out as an idea.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Individual hot tubs.

Justin: Uh, okay.

Travis: Single person hot tubs. It's like a two-foot circle.

Griffin: That's cool.

Travis: And it's four feet deep.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: God, we're gettin' rich this week, huh?

Travis: I know, right.

Justin: Gettin' rich.

Griffin: [cackles]

Travis: You just stand in it, right?

Justin: Fuck.

Travis: You— There's enough room to sit, and maybe you can put 'em in a beehive kind of ass thing. Or maybe they're just spread out around the pool, with enough room in between so no-one can talk to each other.

Griffin: There's— I can't stop thinking about the anime of *Super CEOs*.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: I can't stop thinking about it. I can't stop thinking about it.

Justin: Yeah, we'll do a—

Griffin: I do love your field of— I do love that you walk onto the first floor and you look by the pool of the hotel, and you just see a row of heads on the ground.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: As people have submerged into their own private hot tub like popsicle molds.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: It's all great stuff. It's all great stuff.

Griffin: It's all good.

Justin: I'm so glad.

Travis: They could be in the same world, we don't have to limit ourselves.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: We can have *Super CEOs* and individual hot tubs in the same world.

Justin: Yeah, they recharge in their individual hot tubs.

Travis: There we go.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: That makes perfect sense to me.

Travis: Thank you.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: You can't network. These people can't network, they're too powerful.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: They're connected to a network, right?

Griffin: Like—

Justin: Yes, it is a network.

Griffin: Exactly.

Justin: It's a physical network, yeah. Hey, listen.

Travis: I think that was maybe the least helpful. And we set new standards every so often of least helpful answer we've ever given someone.

Griffin: Just draw a nice bath. I've done that before.

Justin: Aw man.

Griffin: Go to hotel see hot tub, think "Agh, those power dynamics though," and then just draw a nice hot bath.

Travis: Yup.

Griffin: And slip on into that instead. It's for you, it's nude and quiet. What more could you ask for? Plus you can watch cool videos on your iPhone while you do it.

Justin: [chuckles] No problem.

Griffin: No problem.

Justin: And if you have a need, a physical need.

Griffin: Justin Tyler McElroy.

Justin: [chuckles] You can do it right there, no problem. No problem.

Griffin: You can't shit in a hot tub, man.

Justin: You shouldn't shit in the hot tub. But in your room—

Travis: No, you shit out the side of the hot tub.

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Like a gentile—

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: — refined human being.

Justin: That's why I always—

Travis: You raise yourself up to the side.

Justin: That's why the baggies are there, folks. Hey listen, let's take a break and go to the Money Zone.

[theme music fades in]

Justin: Is that okay?

Griffin & Travis: [simultaneously] Yeah.

Travis: That'll be fun.

[transition theme music plays]

Griffin: I only have Bombas socks.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: And I don't like to brag— No, I do like to brag about this one.

Travis: But you have other clothes too, right?

Griffin: No. So, all my other clothes I have sort of stitched together out of Bombas socks.

Travis: That explains so much.

Griffin: Yeah, it's nice. It's great, it feels good, and I haven't known the touch of moisture in so long. `Cause it just gets wicked— Like moisture's afraid of me. Like it sees me in my—

Travis: So every time you try to take a drink, your clothes are pulling the moistures away from your mouth?

Griffin: No, like my mouth still gets plenty wet.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: But the rest of me, the Bombas sort of wick away. I'll tell you a really delightful day for me was when I got rid of all of my old kind of fucked up socks to make room for all these beautiful Bombas.

Justin: Yes. Yes, that is a treat.

Griffin: It is a really nice day, and it's, you know, it's spring-cleaning time. Make that difference in your life with these comfortable ass socks.

Justin: Make that change.

Griffin: They have— It's not just that they are— that they get the moisture away.

Travis: What do they do?

Griffin: They have arch support.

Travis: What?

Griffin: In the sock. They have honeycomb arch support.

Justin: Woah.

Griffin: They have anti-blister tabs and cushioned foot beds that feel like little pillows for your feet.

Travis: I gotta— Okay, I'm so glad you said that, 'cause my— the current socks I'm wearing have pro-blister tabs.

Justin: [snorts]

Griffin: Oh Trav.

Travis: And that is— I—

Justin: Yeah, you gotta switch.

Travis: I knew that when I bought `em too.

Griffin: No.

Travis: And I don't know why I finished the purchase.

Griffin: You gotta get those off your feet. They also have the one purchase one donated mission, where every time you buy socks, or they also have tees or underwear, which honestly I should probably just go for those instead of cutting up socks to make T-shirts and underwear.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: But whenever you buy one, you also donate essential clothing to someone facing homelessness.

Justin: We get a lot, Harmony House has received—

Griffin: They've donated over a hundred clothing items. What's that?

Justin: Harmony House have received a lot of garments from Bombas over the years.

Griffin: Oh really? Oh, that's awesome.

Justin: They've been really supportive. Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, it's— it genuinely is great. I love my Bombas socks. It's one of those things where like once I figured it out like, "This is— Oh, these are my socks now," and then that part of my life was just kinda squared away in the best possible way.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: And you can— You can live that live also. Get comfy this spring and get back with Bombas. Head over to bombas.com/mybrother and use code "mybrother" for 20% off your first purchase. That's B-O-M-B-A-S.com/mybrother and use code "mybrother" at checkout.

Travis: Here at Rocket Money, we believe in one central core idea.

Justin: Mm.

Travis: Ask for money, get advice.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Ask for advice... you get money twice.

Justin: Thank you.

Griffin: That's so good. That's good.

Travis: Because here at Rocket Money, we're not just gonna give you new money.

Justin: Mm.

Travis: We're gonna let you keep your money. Because we're gonna maybe send you a message when you make a big, weird purchase to be like, "Hey, that was a big, weird purchase, Travis. Are you sure about this?"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "Is that— Did you make that purchase? Did someone steal your card? Why would you buy—"

Justin: I love gettin' those. "Justin, this— People don—" I get this message sometimes. "People don't normally spend this amount here."
[wheezes]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And then "Is this normal? Is everything okay?"

Travis: "Are you cool? Is everything cool?"

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: And I'm like, "Unfortunately yeah."

Griffin: It's good to get that perspective. Yeah.

Travis: "Yes, that was me." But not just that, they'll also let you know like, "Hey, do you remember when you signed up for a free trial of that thing for a week, and you were like— told yourself like 'I'm definitely gonna cancel that', but then you remembered that you had ADHD?"

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "And by 'remembered', I mean completely forgot to cancel it, and you've been paying for it for two years?"

Griffin: Uh-huh.

Travis: "Let us at Rocket Money help you cancel that."

Griffin: I had three different kids drawing apps.

Travis: Mm.

Griffin: That I had somehow subscribed to, and was costing me like 25 bucks a month.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: So I— And Rocket Money was like, "Heeeey." So I appreciate Rocket Money, it has saved me a tremendous amount of money already.

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[pause]

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Teresa: So if that sounds like something you’re into...

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[music fades out]

[pause]

Justin: [imitates rock guitar]

Travis: Ugh.

Griffin: Ooo?

Justin: [imitates rock guitar] Yeah.

Griffin: [grunts]

Travis: Okay.

Justin: [imitates rock guitar] [sings] I wanna munch.

Travis & Griffin: Squad.

Justin: [imitates rock guitar] [sings] I want to munch.

Travis & Griffin: Squad.

Griffin: You look really worried, Justin.

Justin: [imitates rock guitar] Welcome to *Munch Squad*, the podcast within a podcast, profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating. I felt like I was rushing your guys' tempo, and so I felt—

Travis: Oh, so I felt that we were behind. I thought— Okay, yeah.

Griffin: It felt like we were dragging it.

Justin: Okay, maybe it's a lag thing. I just think it's—

Travis: Do we wanna practice it?

Justin: Okay. [imitates rock guitar]

Travis & Griffin: [grunt]

Justin: [imitates rock guitar]

Griffin: [grunts]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [imitates rock guitar]

Griffin: Yeah no, it's the lag. It's the lag.

Travis: Yeah, it's not something—

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Maybe we should keep— We should go at it a couple more times.

Griffin: We should do a remake of *Whiplash* over Discord.

Travis: Yeah. That wasn't my— No, sorry, you go.

Griffin: Sorry, my—

Travis: No, that wasn't my— It— Oh—

Griffin: What were you—

Justin: [snorts]

Travis: It— Oh—

Justin: Can I—

Griffin: Slap yourself.

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: Slap yourself now for me.

Travis: If JK Simmons had said it like that. "Uh, slap yourself."

Justin: [imitating JK Simmons] "Slap yourself."

Travis: "Slap yourself."

Griffin: Was that JK? Simmons? In the room with us right now?

Justin: May I continue?

Griffin: Yeah, please. Please.

Justin: Thank you. [laughs]

Griffin: [in a film noir-ish voice] "Go right ahead. It's me, JK Simmons."

Travis: [in a film noir-ish voice] "Nya, see."

Griffin: [in a film noir-ish voice] "Nya. Go right ahead with your *Munch Squad*, Justin."

Travis: [in a film noir-ish voice] "JK, JK."

Justin: [wheezes] "JK. JK."

"Arby's is Turning Skeptics into Fans with Free Sandwich Month this April."

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: This story was released on April 2nd, 'cause Arby's wants you to know they're not fucking with you.

Griffin: No, no.

Justin: Even though this story's gonna sound like it is.

Travis: I also think it's wild to have a thing that's happening in April and not announce it til we're in April.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's important, Trav. 'Cause this is a big program. And they—

Travis: No- this is what I'm saying. Why not announce it then in March?

Justin: I guess, yeah, but then they would've thought that if it started on April 1st that it might be a joke.

Griffin: Might seem—

Travis: Oh, yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: You know what I mean? "This April, Arby's has an offer too good to resist for both die-hard fans and skeptics – and everyone in between."

Griffin: Are there a lot of Arby's [chuckles] skeptics out—? "I don't believe Arby's... exists."

Justin: Griffin, can I— May I?

Griffin: Please, yeah.

Justin: "Whether guests are longtime supporters or roast beef doubters, Arby's is aiming to end the—"

Travis: Huh.

Justin: Quote "— 'Who actually eats at Arby's?' debate—"

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "— with a new monthlong offer—"

Griffin: Why—?!

Justin: "Free Sandwich Month!"

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: What?

Justin: Arby's wrote in a fucking press release "Arby's is aiming to end the 'who actually eats at Arby's?' debate."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: You don't see in a lot of press releases "Now, do a lot of people think our shit tastes like dirty dog shit? Yes."

Justin: [giggles]

Travis: "Yeah, but it doesn't."

Justin: [laughs] "It doesn't."

Griffin: "It doesn't, though."

Justin: "And we're gonna prove it!"

Travis: "And we know that we seem like we're going bankrupt and like no-one even eats here, but guys, some people do." [wheezes]

Justin: They— It's— [chuckles] They're giving away—

Travis: "We have the meat, we promise."

Griffin: "We really do."

Travis: [wheezes]

Justin: They have the meat so much they're giving the meats away.

Travis: "We have too many meats!"

Justin: They're saying "Please, take' em. Please, believe us, it's good meats."

Travis: "Please?!"

Justin: [chuckles] “We have a lot of `em and they’re good meats. We tried our best.”

Travis: “You guys like meats!”

Griffin: “We make the sandwiches as big as your frail human arms can hold. If we made them any bigger— If you guys were fucking stronger—”

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: “— we could give you even more meat.”

Travis: I would say that more than any fast-food [chuckles] company I can think of, Arby’s has tried the hardest—

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: — to be like, “Is this what you want? We’re try— It’s so—”

Griffin: “Please.”

Travis: “Nobody else is doing roast beef sandwiches, we don’t have any competition left.”

Griffin: No.

Travis: “Is this what you want?”

Justin: “With four free online sandwich redemptions throughout April, Free Sandwich Month gives Arby’s lovers the perfect chance to enjoy their go-to order or further explore the menu, while also providing Arby’s skeptics with an opportunity to put their Arby’s `beef’ to rest—”

Travis: I get it.

Justin: “— once and for all.” So throughout April you’re gonna get four coupons. Now, and you get a free sandwich deal loaded into your Arby’s rewards account. So this is for Arby’s skeptics—

Griffin: Who are also—

Justin: — who are willing to like—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: — “Okay! I’ll sign up for your rewards program. Okay.”

Griffin: [chuckles] “I think your sandwiches are fucking disgusting—”

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: “— but I would love your newsletter. Sent to my inbox.”

Travis: “I’m excited to earn enough points for that free koozie.”

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: “With this deal, Arby’s is doubling down on its sandwiches.”

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: “Inviting fans—” Yeah. It’s either that or the jamocha shake, right?

Travis: [laughs] Yeah man, aw yeah.

Justin: Like what are you—? Okay.

Travis: “We think our napkins are the best.” [wheezes]

Justin: Horsey sauce. “Ar— With this deal, Arby’s is doubling down on its sandwiches. And what better time for Arby’s skeptics to give the brand another shot—”

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: “— than when they can try it for free not once, but four times?”

Travis: So, okay. Arby’s.

Griffin: That’s a lot of free Arby’s.

Travis: Arby's I understand that promising more sandwiches is more enticing.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: But saying "We're gonna change your mind, and maybe the first sandwich won't do it."

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: "And maybe the second sandwich won't do it."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "And maybe you'll eat the third one and you won't like that one either. But give it a fourth chance!"

Griffin: The—

Travis: "And maybe by the fourth sandwich."

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Travis: "I don't know, you'll acclimate to it?"

Griffin: The number... of fundamental, structural... changes to the whole Arby's model, system, everything that would need to change in order for me to become a returning customer of that business.

It's so vast. The thing would be unrecognizable by the time I was done with it. It would— The curly fries can stay, those fuck, absolutely. I need the sandwiches smaller and more interesting. [chuckles]

Travis: Can I tell—

Justin: You—

Travis: Can I tell you?

Justin: Griffin. Griffin, you— both of you, but more you, are so high up on your fuckin' throne over there.

Travis: No.

Justin: Over in Biden's backyard.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Where all the cuisine of the world gathers at your feet.

Griffin: Right.

Justin: And gives their greatest to you. Arby's is mid here.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Okay? Arby's is mid! By the way, this week, Charlie told me that she wanted me to buy canned [chuckles] water, liquid death, I asked "Why, honey?" and she said, "Tap water is mid." [wheezes]

Griffin: [cackles] [claps]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Man!

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: The next— The— Gen Alpha can do no wrong, man.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: And I—

Justin: "Tap water is mid," I mean I get it.

Griffin: It's true.

Travis: Yeah man.

Justin: It's true! It's free.

Griffin: Hey.

Justin: So like—

Travis: It's the most, yeah dog water, baby. It's dog water.

Justin: It ain't poisoned and it ain't Baja Blast. It's mid.

Travis: It's mid, yeah.

Griffin: It's mid.

Justin: You know.

Griffin: Depending on where you are in the country, it can also be...

Travis: Toxic.

Griffin: Lower than mid.

Justin: Low to mid. Low mid.

Griffin: Low to mid, at best, yeah.

Travis: Can I—

Justin: Low to mid at best, yes.

Travis: What I never expect— When I woke up this morning, what I did not expect is, by some point in the day, to feel for Arby's.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: The emotion that I would label "sympathy."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And here's why.

Justin: Right.

Travis: We have been privy to a lot of press releases on *Munch Squad*, a podcast within a podcast, that are usually like, "Check us the fuck out."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Our food artistry has unveiled a new level of fry technology or whatever."

Griffin: "The boys in the lab are at it again."

Travis: Yeah. Meanwhile, Arby's is over here going "Please. Please just come in."

Justin: "Just come in."

Travis: "Just give us a shot. Just try— If you would just— We're giving you the sandwich."

Griffin: "Four sandwiches."

Travis: "All you have to do—"

Justin: "The sandwich is the whole—"

Travis: "— is eat them. Please!"

Justin: This isn't like a free sample at Sam's Club, right? Because what this business trucks in is sandwiches. This would be as though you went to Sam's Club, and they were like, "If you will let us give you four microwaves."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Mm-hmm.

Justin: “And then at the end of that, you decide how you feel about our business.”

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: “Then we can repeat this.”

Travis: “Please?”

Griffin: I still remain unmoved. That’s the tragic thing for Arby’s here. There’s gonna be a lot of people who eat four free Arby’s sandwiches and at the end of that are like, “Yeah, I don’t like how they make me feel. I don’t like how I feel after.”

Justin: I wanna get— This is a quote and— that I want to give its due respect. It’s from Ellen Rose, who’s Arby’s Chief Marketing Officer. Now, what I like about Ellen Rose, that I can say pretty certainly even though I don’t know Ellen personally, is that Ellen... I’m guessing, at some point, had to stand up in a meeting and say, “Alright y’all. [wheezes] Listen. I think it’s time—”

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: “We’ve been putting it off for a bit.”

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: “I think it’s time for us to publicly admit that not a lot of people like our sandwiches. In fact, there’s some people that actively dislike them who haven’t even tried them, and it’s time to address it.”

Travis: In fact! In fact!

Justin: “It’s time to get—”

Travis: “I would go so far as to say there are people who believe no-one actively eats here.” [wheezes]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah. "So we're gonna try to disprove that."

"During Free Sandwich Month, we're putting our money where our mouth is with our biggest rewards promotion to date." Actually, you're putting no money where the beef goes.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [cackles]

Justin: Is what you're doing.

Travis: We're actually putting money— We're taking money from where your mouth is.

Justin: Yeah, you're putting beef in the mouth, and nothing else is happening.

Travis: And nothing's coming out.

Justin: [wheezes] Nothing's—

Griffin: This executive should have to go cow to cow, and tell them—

Justin: [chuckles] What a—

Griffin: — "Hey, so you're not gonna like this next part, but also we're just gonna give this stuff away, and people are gonna talk about how yucky it is. Anyway, head on in there."

Justin: "Arby's sandwiches are so delicious, which—" You think every cow thinks "I hope I'm not an Arby's one."

Griffin: [wheezes]

Justin: [chuckles] "— which is why Free Sandwich Month is the perfect opportunity for any skeptics out there—"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: “— to try any of the sandwiches they’ve been eyeing. We’re so confident that our sandwiches will turn even the biggest Arby’s disbeliever into a fan that we’re willing to give them four free trials—”

Travis: Four.

Justin: “— throughout the month of April.” Guys... it gets worse. “To prove that Free Sandwich Month is changing minds, Arby’s is also putting four skeptics to the test with the Arby’s Try Detector, where each participant will be strapped into biometric scanners—”

Travis: No!

Justin: “— as they try free Arby’s sandwiches to see how they truly feel!”

Travis: No!

Griffin: Now we’re fuckin’ talking.

Justin: “Keep an eye on @Arby’s social accounts to watch this experiment unfold!”

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: Absolutely.

Travis: What does that mean?

Griffin: Peel back all— Peel back my liberty, Mama.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: And feed me Arby’s.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I will hide no secrets from you, Mama.

Travis: What?

Griffin: When you put me in this Try Detector.

Travis: What... What biometric is there in my body that tracks how much I like Arby's? [wheezes]

Justin & Travis: [laugh]

Griffin: Travis, it's called—

Justin: I want it—!

Griffin: It's—

Justin: I want it surgically removed!

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: That metric—

Justin: I want that system disconnected!

Griffin: That metric, Travers, is called your blood pressure. That's what it's called.

Travis: [wheezes]

Griffin: I can look at that and be like, "That's—"

Travis: "Sir! His yum factor is spiking!"

Griffin & Travis: [chuckle]

Griffin: "We need to put him on special medicine."

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "His Arby's yum factor is through the roof!"

Justin: "It's too delicious." So that's what Arby's is doing, they're giving—
[laughs] [wheezes]

Griffin: It's just, it's not the—

Justin: They're giving people four free Arby's just to try to make 'em say— You know what it is? I wanna put forth this. It's not that you're an Arby's skeptic. It's that you currently have a hifalutin opinion of yourself as a human being, and you don't see yourself as a person who goes to Arby's.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Arby's is not changing your opinion of them; Arby's is changing your opinion of yourself.

Travis: Oh my god.

Justin: You eat four Arby's sandwiches in a month, you get to the end of that month and you're like, "Well fuck."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "I guess I'm the kind of person that eats at Arby's!"

Griffin: Yeah, it's been institutionalized at that point.

Travis: I think—

Justin: It's been conditioned.

Griffin: Internalized.

Travis: So, when I picture myself, I now picture myself inside an Arby's.
[chuckles]

Justin: I— Do you think an Arby's executive somewhere in the world just stopped a tape and they're like, "They got us."

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] I want Arby's to know, it's not the quality of the food. Like when I get— I've gotten Arby's maybe a couple times in the last few years, on a road trip usually. And it's not the flavor of the food. Again, your curly fries—

Justin: Through the Bible Belt, through middle America, away from your coastal palace.

Griffin: Yes, exactly. [chuckles]

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: The curly fries fuck, that's not what it is.

Travis: It's called "White Castle," Justin. It's not called "Coastal Palace."

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: The— [chuckles]

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: The beef tastes like pretty good, and you guys do a pretty good job with it.

Travis: You have the meats.

Griffin: After I eat it, I feel so bad. I have a friend— I know this is gonna sound like one of those things where I talk about it was a friend but it was really me, but it was really a friend. One time got an Arby's meal that came with two roast beef sandwiches, and he ate them, and then he had to go to the hospital.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: It's not that you guys make food that taste bad or isn't appealing to me. I love-a to eat a lotta beef. It's the problem is then some— I'm worried I might have to go to the hospital afterwards because of it.

Travis: And Arby's, if you're listening. It's not just you. I'm 40 years old and—

Griffin: There's a lot of it. Oh yeah, man.

Travis: I'm 40 years old now, and the idea of putting fast food into my human body is the equivalent of when I was like in my early 20s and went and had a wild night out with friends. Right? Where it's like, "Fuck tomorrow!" [laughs]

Griffin: No.

Travis: That's how it is when like fast food for dinner, fuck tomorrow, YOLO, I'm eating this tonight.

Griffin: It's hard sometimes when we're gettin' happy meals, for the guys.

Travis: For the boys.

Justin: [wheezes] For your hungry boys?

Griffin: And I'm like, "I'm gonna get that," and then I'm like, "Hey, as long as we're gettin' some Mickey Ds, let me hit that up too." The clown has nothing for me that will— The Grimace shake was a documentary—

Justin: They used to have fake adult offerings.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Exactly.

Justin: They used to have things like, "Oh, for me? Just the salad."

Griffin: "Just the wrap, please." They don't do that—

Justin: "Thank you. Thank you, Ronald."

Travis: "Give me the Shake-Up Salad, or whatever it was called."

Justin: "The salad in a cup please Ronald, thank you."

Travis: "Thank you."

Griffin: They have nothing for me that's not— I have shit to do tomorrow, I can't— I absolutely can't be—

Travis: Including shit.

Griffin: I can't be damned up like that. By any of you guys.

Justin: I wanna make sure that we get credit for somethin'.

Griffin: `Kay.

Justin: Arby's is one of the few companies that we have, in our careers, actually had meetings with, like brand deal meetings in terms of like lucrative sponsorship offerings.

Griffin: That is true. Another thing that happened so long ago I forgot about it.

Justin: One of very few companies.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: That has ever expressed such an interest, and we are the kind of podcast that has the gaul, has the courage to say that their foods may be poisonous here in our jokes show.

Griffin: Not poisonous! Not poisonous.

Travis: Not poisonous! Detrimental.

Justin: I want to—

Griffin: To my gut health.

Justin: Detrimental to your health. I just want to get— I want to get credit for how punk rock we are.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: That we are willing to take this potential lucrative opportunity that we had many years ago and just tear it all down.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Just for the goofs.

Travis: If you are still interested in working with us after this though, we are still open to it.

Griffin: Dude, hey. I can find three no more skeptical gentlemen than us three skeptics.

Justin: To walk— Yeah. Hook me—

Griffin: Hook us up to your liberty peeler.

Justin: Hook me up to your thing, Big Beefer.

Griffin: [wheezes]

Justin: Put me on Big—

Griffin: Feed me a Beefer.

Justin: Hook that to your—

Travis: Beef me up, Daddy!

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Beef me up to your machine and beef me down to Beefy Town.

Justin: We—

Griffin: Put a cage on my head in the Ministry of Truth.

Travis: Yup.

Justin: Okay. [wheezes]

Griffin: And beef me, hard.

Justin: We've always been at war with Wendy's.

Griffin: [wheezes]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: We fuckin' hate Wendy's— Like you know that about us. That's not true actually.

Travis: Not that's not— I mean—

Griffin: Wendy's has quite a bit.

Travis: The junior bacon cheeseburger's the best.

Griffin: It's— I mean, it's pretty good.

Travis: It's the best out there.

Justin: Oh, here it is.

Travis: It's the one thing I can eat at a fast-food restaurant because it has lettuce and tomato right on there, and for crisp— And I'm like, "This feels good."

Griffin: "This is alright."

Travis: The size too, the size sandwich—

Griffin: The junior, right?

Travis: — to amount of veges on there feels good.

Griffin: The junior for me, please.

Travis: Yes please.

Griffin: Hey, let's wrap it up.

Justin: Let's wrap it up.

Travis: These sandwiches, wrap `em up.

Griffin: Hey, we got some new tour dates coming up.

Justin: Mm-hmm

Griffin: First of all, we got our Chicago tour dates at the end of this month. We're gonna be in Chicago, doin' *MBMBaM*.

Travis: Chicago!

Griffin: And *TAZ*. *TAZ* is going to be *TAZ Versus Moby Dick*.

Travis: Chi-Town.

Griffin: That's happening just before C2E2 up there at the end of the month. And then—

Travis: Windy City.

Griffin: There is still some tickets available for the *TAZ* show, but not *MBMBaM*.

Travis: The Small Apple.

Griffin: I don't think we call it that.

Travis: No?

Travis: Here, in Chicago. In May, we're comin' to Vancouver, then Tacoma.

Travis: [laughs] Dave Matthews' Bathroom. [giggles]

Griffin: [chuckles] What?

Travis: Dave Matthews' Bathroom.

Griffin: They don't call Chicago "Dave Matthews' Bathroom."

Travis: Yeah, it's where they dump—

Justin: [sings] For baby.

Griffin: First of all, Dave Matthews wasn't the only— This is what pisses me off!

Travis: [laughs] Okay! Okay!

Griffin: Just 'cause his name on the fucking bus—

Travis: Here he goes!

Griffin: — doesn't mean that he made all the poop that got dumped on that boat.

Travis: [chuckles]

Griffin: And that he pulled the trigger.

Justin: I imagine Dave Matthews has the kind of diet where he makes three square pellets a day.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Exactly.

Travis: A day?! I think he eats enough.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: To sustain— He eats— [chuckles] He eats only what he needs, and leaves only footprints, you know what I mean?

Griffin: He shits completely—

Justin: [chuckles] And the dookie from his bus.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: He shits 100%—

Travis: Smoke.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: — biodegradable.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Diesel fuel, that the bus runs on. So you guys should be embarrassed.

Travis: Have you had Dreaming Tree wine? Spoilers.

Griffin: [chuckles] Spoilers.

Justin: Another sponsor gone.

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: Fuck. Vancouver, Tacoma, we're comin' to you in May. Kansas City, St Louis, Tysons, Virginia, we're comin' to you in June. It's gonna be a hell of a time. Go to bit.ly/mcelroytours for tickets and more information. Tickets are on sale right now. So let her rip.

Travis: If you haven't checked it out yet, make sure to go to mcelroymerch.com, check out all the merch we got there. We got a *TAZ Versus Dracula* poster by Zack Sterling, we've got a "Rest in peace Miggy the Mackerel" sticker.

There is a Gerall the binicorn and Tyler Thrasher stuffie bundle you'll find over there, that has a stuffed Gerall as well as Tyler's Schrodinger's Cat blind box. And 10% of all proceeds this month go to the Palestine Children's Relief Fund.

Griffin: Thank you to Montaigne for the use of our theme song “My Life (Is Better With You).” Great track—

Travis: Great track.

Griffin: — to put on at the gym, when you’re crankin’ iron. It make you stronger to hear it.

Travis: That’s true.

Griffin: So.

Travis: 1 to 5%.

Griffin: Exactly.

Justin: Mm.

Griffin: This is a wild wish, man.

[theme music fades in]

Travis: Are you gonna do it?

Justin: Just grip it and rip it.

Griffin: I’ll do it.

Justin: You grip it.

Griffin: Yeah, I’ll do it.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Yeah, go Griff, go.

Travis: [holds a note]

Justin: [makes a light beat]

Griffin: “I wish my bird would stop biting my nipples.”

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

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

[outro theme music plays]

[ukulele chord]

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