

## Still Buffering 396: "Legends of the Hidden Temple"

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**Rileigh:** Hello, and welcome to *Still Buffering*: a cross-generational guide to the culture that made us. I am Rileigh Smirl.

**Sydnee:** I'm Sydnee McElroy.

**Taylor:** And I'm Teylor Smirl.

**Sydnee:** I had an adventure this week.

**Rileigh:** Oh.

**Taylor:** Wahoo.

**Sydnee:** And I tried to tell Rileigh about this already. You didn't ask. I'm gonna tell this story, and then I'm gonna get to the part where you don't ask me any questions. I—

**Taylor:** [wheezes]

**Rileigh:** Syd, I just wanna pro—

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Rileigh:** I actually don't know what you're referring to.

**Sydnee:** Uh-huh.

**Rileigh:** But I just wanna say that you— so much wild stuff happens to you on a regular basis—

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Rileigh:** — that you talk about so casually that I don't feel a need to ask a lot of questions. You could say most things to me and I'd be like, "Okay. Well, that checks out."

**Sydnee:** I do feel like that— You know those TikToks of like, “Having lunch with your chaotic friend.”

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** Mm.

**Sydnee:** Or “your friend whose life is a mess,” or whatever? Sometimes I feel like, “Oh, that’s me, I’m that friend.” [chuckles] Like, “I’m sorry I’m running late like, I don’t know, a zebra got loose from the zoo—”

**Raleigh:** Checks out.

**Sydnee:** “— and, I don’t know, trampled my car,” like that sounds like something I would—

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** I don’t know. So, the other day, I was visiting a patient. I was doing a home visit, as I do sometimes. And after the visit was over and everything was fine, the— my patient casually mentions that another tenant in that apartment building had been evicted.

And that all of their s— all of their belongings had been put in the dumpster, and so a lot of the other tenants were looking through, because like there was like—

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** — good furniture and stuff that had just been tossed, like you know. And among the items that they found was a live giant ball python.

**Raleigh:** Oh yes, you did text me about this.

**Taylor:** Oh, you don’t throw out a snake.

**Sydnee:** So somehow the snake also got put in the dumpster.

**Raleigh:** Was it just like—

**Taylor:** That's not where snakes go.

**Raleigh:** Was it—

**Sydnee:** It's a python.

**Raleigh:** Was it just like in like a box?

**Sydnee:** No.

**Raleigh:** Or like its container?

**Sydnee:** No they—

**Raleigh:** You know, and they just like picked it up and threw it 'cause they thought it was like furniture?

**Sydnee:** I don't think— I mean I think like— I think this person had like a— It was their exotic pet. And I don't know— I don't wanna make a claim as to who may have put it in the dumpster.

Obviously, please don't do that, that's terrible. But whatever, someone did it. And the way they discovered it was that they were digging through things and felt something moving.

**Raleigh:** [gasps] [shudders]

**Taylor:** [chuckles quietly]

**Sydnee:** And there's just a loose python... in the dumpster. And so I was like, "Oh my gosh. Did you call anybody?" No, everybody was freaked out and scared, and also like, I don't know. I don't know the legality. Can you dig— You're not supposed to dig through a dumpster, right?

**Raleigh:** No.

**Taylor:** I don't think you can get arrested for dumpster diving, can you?

**Raleigh:** It depends on who owns said dumpster, and whose property is in it.

**Taylor:** But—

**Raleigh:** And where it is.

**Taylor:** But rescuing an abandoned animal from a dumpster? You can't get caught for that.

**Raleigh:** No. I mean, you can also like break a window out of a car to, you know, save a dog that's, you know, been locked in there with the windows rolled up on a hot day. So I think you could do that—

**Sydnee:** Yeeeeeah...

**Raleigh:** — to save an animal. My question is I don't know the legality of owning a python. [wheezes]

**Taylor:** Yeah, that might be—

**Raleigh:** In West Virginia. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** That I do not know.

**Taylor:** Well, if you can own a python anywhere in America.

**Raleigh:** It would be West Virginia.

**Sydnee:** I assume—

**Taylor:** I would put money on it.

**Raleigh:** You can—

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** You can own a kangaroo without a permit here.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** Nice.

**Raleigh:** So.

**Sydnee:** You can own a kangaroo without a permit here.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** You can— I would assume you can own any pet you want in West Virginia 'cause it's West Virginia. West by God Virginia. [chuckles] I don't know.

**Taylor:** What?

**Sydnee:** And like—

**Taylor:** Is this—

**Raleigh:** I gotta look it up.

**Sydnee:** There's a whole like— There's a local like reptile rescue here, I will say, with like tons of exotic reptiles and amphibians and like, I don't know. That they like display regularly, you can go and like learn about them and hold them, and like kids' schools go, like there's— That's a big thing here. [laughs]

**Taylor:** Did somebody rescue this? This—

**Sydnee:** Okay. So I found out, and I— And like— And I think— Here's the truth, in my—

**Taylor:** Tell us the truth, Syd.

**Sydnee:** I think, in this case. I think in this case, I would be concerned that the landlord involved... finding out that tenants are going through the dumpster would evict them all. I would be very concerned about that.

So, I think that was why everybody involved in this was very unwilling to alert anyone. This is— Listen, I'm not gonna go off on landlords, I'm just gonna say—

**Taylor:** Oh, you can go off on landlords.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] I'm just gonna say...

**Taylor:** I think—

**Sydnee:** You're profiting [chuckles] off of owning other people's homes. I'm just gonna say that. And I'm gonna say that there are a lot of really terrible, vicious landlords probably everywhere, but definitely here.

**Taylor:** Yes.

**Sydnee:** Who are taking advantage of and destroying our community, so there it is. Anyway.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I am intimately familiar with this whole situation. I feel—

**Taylor:** I like that you said that as if like, "I'm gonna say something controversial," says the most agreeable statement there is.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** "Landlords suck," yeah, absolutely! [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I have a lot of problems with this— the— I'm too personally involved with this. I don't blame anyone for not wanting to alert the authorities, because I think everyone involved would've felt like, "If I alert the authorities, they are gonna somehow blame me for this, and I had nothing to do with this but I'm gonna get blamed anyway. And I don't want that kinda noise."

I totally, totally believe that that is true. But, I can invite that kind of noise on me. I have privilege enough to do that, right? Like that's just me recognizing this.

**Taylor:** You have snake rescuing privilege.

**Sydnee:** If I call Animal Control and say, "I found a snake in a dumpster," they will come— They're not gonna come ask like, "Well, did you put it there?"

**Taylor:** [wheezes] Well, I don't think the Animal Control would—  
[chuckles]

**Raleigh:** I don't know—

**Taylor:** "We see the old snake dumpster trick."

**Sydnee:** Okay.

**Taylor:** "This is just you trying to get rid of a snake.

**Sydnee:** Can I— But this is something I don't know, and Raleigh maybe you know 'cause it's sort of legally adjacent.

**Raleigh:** Oh gosh.

**Sydnee:** The— I have seen— Okay.

**Taylor:** Mrs. Smirl, are you familiar with snake law? [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Well, I'm really invested in it now. That's what I've been looking at silently for the last however many minutes we've been doing this podcast.

**Sydnee:** Is Animal Control the cops?

**Raleigh:** No.

**Sydnee:** 'Cause sometimes—

**Taylor:** No way.

**Raleigh:** No.

**Sydnee:** Okay. Animal Control has to show up in my— In my line of work, I see Animal Control not infrequently.

**Raleigh:** Sure.

**Sydnee:** Let's just say that. And they— When I have interacted with people who are wearing the vests, the black vests that say, "Animal

Control" on the back, but what they're wearing underneath it... appears to be a police uniform, and they do carry a gun.

**Raleigh:** Well yeah, but I mean it was West Virginia.

**Sydnee:** But I think they're police. I think they're like—

**Raleigh:** I don't— I mean, I don't think you have to go through the Police Academy to be Animal Control.

**Sydnee:** I don't know. But the point is, I think—

**Raleigh:** Now I gotta look that up too.

**Sydnee:** I have— I know we have called— I know— I have been party to Animal Control arriving in situations, and the people who show up look to me to be police officers, armed. And so if you are someone who doesn't want an armed police officer showing up, I can see why you wouldn't call Animal Control here.

I don't know if this is a Huntington thing, a West Virginia thing, a US thing, a... circumstantial, like it was because of... the kind of situations I'm in, and the kind of people that I take care of, I don't know. I'm just saying, I can see why you would be hesitant to call Animal Control in this community.

**Raleigh:** So.

**Taylor:** And it looks like it varies state to state.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Interesting.

**Taylor:** Whether Animal Control are cops.

**Sydnee:** I have seen—

**Raleigh:** Some places you have to have like a Bachelors in Law Enforcement or something like that, but it doesn't mean Police Academy,



it just means like an Associates or a Bachelor's degree. But in some places, you just get your training through Animal Control.

**Sydnee:** It's— I just— I was shocked the first time like, "Hey, we've got this dog that's biting a bunch of people and we're worried, like somebody's gonna get hurt." And then you call Animal Control, and then what rolls up is like a big black SUV with two armed officers come out. I— That is not what I thought...

**Raleigh:** Well, and I guess it depends, you know—

**Sydnee:** Happened. I didn't think that.

**Raleigh:** I guess it depends how you define "law enforcement," 'cause I don't think they could arrest you. I don't think they have the power.

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

**Taylor:** They could arrest the dog, though.

**Raleigh:** They could arrest the dog, though.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** They have—

**Taylor:** Let's be real, they're just gonna shoot the dog.

**Raleigh:** — canine power.

**Taylor:** That's like regular cops.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Well yeah.

**Sydnee:** That's— Well that's what scares me is like I don't— And so anyway, the point is, I am— I don't want anyone listening to get the idea that the people involved who didn't call Animal Control were just being like negligent or uncaring. They were very concerned, but I think they also felt like they were not—

**Taylor:** [chuckles quietly]

**Sydnee:** — in a situation where they could call the help. And they couldn't help.

**Taylor:** They didn't want the snake police to come and arrest the snake! That's valid!

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** Huh.

**Sydnee:** And I think we can— we can say like there are many situations where the people who are supposed to help you... you can't necessarily trust to help you, and so you are hesitant to call them, right? That's all I'm saying.

I am privileged that I— Myself and the outreach workers who were with me felt like we could safely call Animal Control. So first we thought is, we could lay eyes on the snake, it might be helpful. So.

**Taylor:** [wheezes]

**Sydnee:** I spent one afternoon this week.

**Taylor:** [chuckles] "If we could lay eyes on the snake, it might be helpful."

**Sydnee:** Digging through a dumpster.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I'm just chewin' on that sentence for a second.

**Sydnee:** Digging—

**Raleigh:** So you can describe its color, you know, it's size. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** It's black and gold.

**Taylor:** Gotta get eye contact with the snake. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Its personality.

**Sydnee:** It's black and gold, and it is longer than the outreach worker I was with is tall. And I would say he's about—

**Taylor:** Did you measure it up against the outreach worker?

**Sydnee:** No, the person who was tellin' us about the snake said— like looked at the other person I was with and said, "Probably taller than you."

**Taylor:** [snorts]

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Okay.

**Sydnee:** So— But I don't know, I— Me and the outreach worker are about the same height, so taller than me.

**Raleigh:** A six-foot snake.

**Sydnee:** It was like a six-foot snake. It's like a six-foot black and gold python.

**Taylor:** Okay.

**Sydnee:** That is loose in Huntington. And so—

**Raleigh:** Still?!

**Sydnee:** Well, that's the thing, I couldn't find it.

**Raleigh:** Oh god.

**Sydnee:** I spent quite a while digging through this dumpster, and through like— There was some like furniture sort of like littered around it, so we were like digging through old couches. And we found a big pipe and

we thought like, "That seems like a good place," 'cause it was hot, and so we thought the snake—

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** — was probably lookin' for somewhere cooler to be. So that's—

**Taylor:** I thought you were gonna say you confused it with the big pipe.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Now that would be funny.

**Sydnee:** I'm like down on my knees.

**Taylor:** "It's a snake!"

**Sydnee:** I'm down on my knees with my little— I've got one of those little pen lights they use for looking down people's throats, and I'm like looking down a pipe like, "I don't see it." [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I'm really—

**Sydnee:** Looking for this python.

**Taylor:** I'm bummed that this story ends with no snake.

**Sydnee:** We could not find the snake. I do not believe the snake would have perished in that timeframe. It had only been like a day and a half.

**Raleigh:** I think snakes are pretty hardy, right?

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Right. But my—

**Taylor:** But like it heard you were gonna call the snake cops on it, and it got outta there.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] My concern is that there's still a python loose. And—

**Taylor:** I'm not concerned. Good for the python. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Well but, okay. Now listen. Cat lover. [chuckles] I'm assuming—

**Taylor:** I don't let my cats outside. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I'm assuming that lacking other food sources, the python will eat whatever is—

**Raleigh:** Oh god!

**Sydnee:** Around, right?

**Raleigh:** Wreath and Ellie!

**Taylor:** Ellie, they are fit for the python.

**Raleigh:** Nooo! [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I mean I'm just—

**Taylor:** They're not outside... pets, so that's fine.

**Raleigh:** Ohhh, oh no.

**Sydnee:** I would assume that small pets in the neighborhood are at risk.

**Raleigh:** Oh no. We leave—

**Sydnee:** Right?

**Raleigh:** We leave our doors to the outside open so often.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** They're always open. Oh god.

**Taylor:** Well there you go.

**Sydnee:** Well it's pretty—

**Raleigh:** That snake's gonna come inside.

**Sydnee:** It's pretty far from here.

**Raleigh:** They're gonna get eaten.

**Sydnee:** This place where I was, like.

**Raleigh:** Well, Syd.

**Sydnee:** But.

**Raleigh:** I think snakes can travel.

**Sydnee:** I—

**Taylor:** They can.

**Sydnee:** How fast? How far? I don't know enough about snakes to know.

**Taylor:** What's the mile per hour snake...? [wheezes]

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** And I don't know, like I think pythons are constrictors, right?  
Like—

**Taylor:** [chuckles] It's like *It Follows*, with like it's coming for you.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I don't know how long it'll take—

**Sydnee:** It will take a while.

**Taylor:** — but it is on the way. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** It heard us—

**Taylor:** Somewhere.

**Sydnee:** It heard I was gonna call the cops on it.

**Taylor:** It's gettin' revenge! It was chillin' in its dumpster, it was livin' its best life.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** It was like, "This lady has ruined my set up. I'm gonna get revenge, and eat all the pets."

**Raleigh:** So—

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** — if you wanna hear something horrifying.

**Sydnee:** Uh-huh.

**Raleigh:** That fastest snake in the world can move 18 miles per hour.

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

**Raleigh:** But that's not the worst part. The worst part is that it moves sideways.

**Sydnee:** [wheezes]

**Raleigh:** It goes side to side.

**Sydnee:** Oh man.

**Raleigh:** [giggles]

**Taylor:** You don't even think it's comin' for you 'cause it's over there, then it's like, "Oh no, it's comin' right at me."

**Sydnee:** "Oh no!"

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I don't think— Can I run 18 miles an hour?

**Raleigh:** It says it is unbeatable in the ground.

**Taylor:** I can. I can.

**Sydnee:** Well, I'm sure you can.

**Taylor:** No, I can't run 18 miles an hour.

**Sydnee:** Taylor, you could get away from this snake.

**Taylor:** I—

**Sydnee:** Raleigh and I would be doomed.

**Raleigh:** Listen.

**Taylor:** I don't need to outrun the snake.

**Raleigh:** Yes.

**Taylor:** I just need to outrun one of you.

**Sydnee & Taylor:** [chuckle]

**Raleigh:** Exactly.

**Sydnee:** Well, we know you could.

**Taylor:** That's what I've been practicing for! You think this is just for exercise? No!

**Sydnee & Raleigh:** [chuckle]

**Taylor:** My entire life, devoted to outrunning the inevitable snake. Everybody's got an inevitable snake out there, I'm just trying to beat mine.

**Sydnee:** Mine's in a dumpster downtown.

**Taylor:** [chuckles] Not anymore!



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

**Raleigh:** Oh.

**Sydnee:** I just was— I wanted the snake to get to a proper rescue, and I wanted the neighborhood pets— And I don't know, small children? Like is that a worry? Like?

**Taylor:** [grumbles indecisively]

**Sydnee:** I have no idea. I don't— But I wanted everyone to be safe, snake and humans alike. We did not find it but we did contact Animal Control to just let them know there's a loose python. [chuckles] In this part of Huntington, and just it— I don't know.

**Taylor:** What do you—

**Sydnee:** I don't know what you do! I don't know if you send out an investigative team to find the python, I don't— I have no idea. I was out— I was telling my friend Jan—

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** — who was fire chief, and she said, "You would be shocked how often we get these calls," and I'm like, "Seriously?! Seriously?!"

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** Specifically about pythons?

**Sydnee:** About pythons or other exotic snakes, yeah.

**Taylor:** [laughs] What is the average number of pythons loose in West Virginia at any given time?

**Sydnee:** Right?!

**Taylor:** More than you'd think! [laughs]

**Raleigh:** I think Cooper's gonna come home from school with that snake. She's gonna find it.

**Sydnee:** "I found this."

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** "It's my new pet."

**Raleigh:** Yeah, and it's just gonna be drawn to her.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** That's alright.

**Raleigh:** Like her familiar.

**Taylor:** I mean a—

**Sydnee:** I— [sighs]

**Taylor:** Snakes make pretty good pets, from what I understand.

**Sydnee:** I don't— We—

**Taylor:** Like I know they're scary, but I think pretty chill dudes usually.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, I mean I don't— Like this is not snake slander.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I have no— I'm not trying to spread—

**Taylor:** Ssssnake sssslander.

**Sydnee:** I real— [chuckles] I really—

**Raleigh:** I'm okay with spreading snake slander. I hate those things.

**Taylor:** Awwww.

**Sydnee:** I really wanted the snake to be safe and I— But anyway, in the middle of this whole conver— In the middle of this, I get a text from Raleigh, and she's like, "Come swim in the pool with me."

**Raleigh:** Yes.

**Sydnee:** And I'm like, "I'm in a dumpster looking for a ball python."

**Raleigh:** Now—

**Sydnee:** And I get no reply to that!

**Taylor:** [wheezes]

**Raleigh:** Okay. A couple things.

**Taylor:** Well, she was swimmin' in the pool, Syd.

**Raleigh:** Yes.

**Sydnee:** [laughs]

**Raleigh:** Yes, that's one. Two, again, it wasn't a weird text to receive from you.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Pretty much anyone else would've sent me that I would've been like, "What are you talking about?"

**Taylor & Sydnee:** [chuckle]

**Raleigh:** Sydnee, I was like, "Well okay, that checks out. That's a normal day at work for Syd." Number three, I text you at like one PM and you text me back three and a half hours later.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Mm.

**Raleigh:** And said, "Oh sorry, I was looking for a ball python." And at that point I had been outside in the pool, consuming some beverages.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** For three and a half hours, so when I see that response I'm like, "She didn't even wanna answer me in the first place. She took her three and a half hours lookin' for this snake to answer me. And I'm her sister."

**Sydnee:** I was lookin' for the snake for a long time.

**Raleigh:** Well. That's why I didn't answer.

**Taylor:** Well. Syd. Even if you're looking for the snake, phone etiquette says you should respond... quicker than three hours.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** So.

**Sydnee:** I should stop lookin' for the snake and respond?

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** I just can't believe that got nothin'.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Again, if anyone else had sent it to me, I would've been like, "Woah, that's crazy," but from you I was like, "Well."

**Sydnee:** I hope the python and all the neighborhood pets are okay. Anyway, if you see a python—

**Raleigh:** I hope it stays far away.

**Sydnee:** — in Huntington.

**Raleigh:** From me.

**Sydnee:** I guess call Animal Control, call the snake police.

**Taylor:** I mean—

**Raleigh:** I did look up—

**Taylor:** Go ahead.

**Raleigh:** I was just gonna say I did look up if you could have a python in West Virginia, and the first thing that came up was a news headline about how they [chuckles] had found a 10-foot python that had been on the loose in West Virginia a couple years ago.

**Taylor:** Ahhhh.

**Raleigh:** So, this could become like a state-wide manhunt. Snakehunt.

**Taylor:** It's—

**Sydnee:** I'm gonna—

**Taylor:** It's six feet now, but maybe it's still growin'.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** There we go. I don't know.

**Taylor:** Wow.

**Sydnee:** I mean... To me, it's pretty unsettling. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I— You know, I think if any of us knew the average amount of pythons around us at any given moment, we'd probably be unsettled. It's best not to know.

**Raleigh:** That's like the other day when a spider landed on me in our home. And no-one listened to me and no-one believed me, and I was like, "No, this just dropped out of the ceiling and landed on me, and now I can't find it." And our father's response was "Oh, you would be surprised how many spiders you consume in your lifetime."

**Taylor:** [wheezes]

**Sydnee:** Now that's not true.

**Taylor:** That—

**Sydnee:** That's a myth.

**Taylor:** That is a common fallacy, but there are a lot of spiders around you at any given moment.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yes. Yes. There are spiders.

**Raleigh:** 'Cause I told him my fear of not being able to find it wasn't that I wanted to murder it, I wanted to be able to— Like you said about the snake, I wanted to be able to lay eyes on it.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:** Because I'm a mouth breather when I sleep.

**Taylor:** Mmm.

**Raleigh:** So I was terrified of the prospect of this spider crawlin' up in my mouth when I'm trying to sleep.

**Taylor:** I think that myth... really assumes a lack of intelligence on the spiders' part, I feel like.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles] Why would you just crawl into an open mouth?  
[wheezes]

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** Like [chuckles] "It is my time!"

**Sydnee:** I—

**Taylor:** “My human cavern has emerged!”

**Raleigh:** [laughs]

**Taylor:** “I must sacrifice myself!”

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I guess it sounds like they just line up along your mouth at night and one of them has to jump in.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** Like, “This’ll be fun!”

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** [chuckles] I don’t think they do that.

**Sydnee:** Well they must crawl around looking for mouth breathers, right?

**Taylor:** Yeah no.

**Raleigh:** It’s my downfall in life.

**Taylor:** That is not true. I have a couple spiders. They all— Like they live under a very specific shelf in my apartment, and when I find a bug in my apartment, I take it and I fling it into the spiders. [wheezes] Like it’s my offering. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** But they stay there, they don’t wander around at night, they don’t crawl into my mouth.

**Sydnee:** That’s nice of them.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** That’s nice that you found a way to—

**Raleigh:** That you know of.

**Taylor:** It's— Well I don't like to kill things, but I will give the thing that I want dead to the spiders to kill.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, uh-huh. That's nice symbiosis that you've achieved there.

**Raleigh:** You're a hit man.

**Taylor:** Oh, absolutely.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** We have an agreement. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Mm. Oh, I couldn't do that to our stink bugs. See, I do like our stink bugs.

**Taylor:** Do you? [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I do, I've grown—

**Raleigh:** You're insane. What is wrong with you?

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Raleigh:** What do you mean you like your stink bugs?

**Sydnee:** They don't— What I like about—

**Raleigh:** They smell like farts!

**Sydnee:** Only if you—

**Taylor:** Well sometimes.

**Sydnee:** Only if you smooch or startle them. Just don't startle them.

**Raleigh:** Oh yeah, I'm sorry. Let me control how I move about my home as to not startle the stink bugs.



**Sydnee:** You just need to be—

**Taylor:** Uh, it's very easy, Rileigh. When you come in your door, you say, "Hello stink bugs! I am home!"

**Rileigh:** "I'm here."

**Taylor:** "Don't be afraid." [chuckles]

**Rileigh:** "Don't worry." [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** They— When I found out— So they don't reproduce in your house. They're just wintering with you. They don't like the cold, so they come in during the winter. They're not reproducing—

**Rileigh:** "Hmm, I winter indoors."

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** They do, they winter in your house, and then if you notice like have you seen any lately? They're all outside now. They're done. Like it's warm, so as long as there's some way for them to get back outside, they'll leave your house of their own volition.

So I don't know, they just winter with us. The girls are not afraid of— They'll carry `em outside when they find `em like, "Oh, come here," and they'll scoop `em up gently—

**Rileigh:** I hate those things.

**Sydnee:** — and they'll take `em outside.

**Taylor:** They have bad PR. A bad name, you know.

**Sydnee:** You should— If they weren't called "stink bugs" they'd just be friendly... house bugs.

**Rileigh:** What would they—

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Rileigh:** [confrontationally] Yeah, what would they be, Syd, if they weren't stink bugs?

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** [chuckles] Give 'em a different name. How 'bout Deborah?

**Rileigh:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** Deborah bugs.

**Taylor:** They're all Deborah.

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** They're all Deborah.

**Taylor:** Deborahs.

**Sydnee:** Aww.

**Taylor:** They've been— Aww, Little Debbie's—

**Sydnee:** "Deborah's here for the winter."

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** Little Debbie's! Aww! Little Debbie's!

**Taylor:** There you go.

**Rileigh:** But then that insinuates a level of like [grumbles]

**Taylor:** Don't eat them. No, don't eat them.

**Sydnee:** Don't eat them.

**Rileigh:** Yeah, I don't—

**Taylor:** Don't eat them.

**Raleigh:** I don't wanna eat that.

**Sydnee:** Don't eat them. [chuckles] Sometimes— So if you have something that's just full of like a liquid, stink bugs will sometimes try to go— Like I don't know if they're trying to drink it or what, but they'll just fall in it. So like you have to be careful, if you leave something with like a drink out long enough.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** And there's stink bugs, one of 'em might fall in there, and you might not find out until you go to take a sip of it. And this has happened to both Justin and I. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Oh no.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** I just don't like that they drop in everywhere. Like it's not like another bug where like you can see it crawling and like kind of headin' your way.

**Sydnee:** Mm.

**Raleigh:** You could just be sittin' on the couch, mindin' your own business, and then it just drops from the ceiling onto your lap.

**Sydnee:** It does— Yeah. They're kind of clumsy.

**Raleigh:** Right?

**Sydnee:** They just kinda like run into you sometimes.

**Taylor:** Well.

**Raleigh:** I hate that.

**Sydnee:** And then they get startled, and then they fart.

**Raleigh:** [sighs]

**Sydnee & Teylor:** [chuckle]

**Teylor:** Is it like a some sort of— I mean, is that like a protection element? Or is it just unfortunate circumstance? Like—

**Sydnee:** I assume it's for protection.

**Raleigh:** Like a skunk.

**Sydnee:** I have no idea why they would've evolved to do that. Yeah.

**Teylor:** Yeah. Well. That's—

**Sydnee:** To ward things off.

**Raleigh:** Mm.

**Teylor:** Aww, Little Debbie.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Teylor:** Lil'— Just Little Debbie. Debbies.

**Sydnee:** I know that cats don't— the cats don't mess with them too much, like— So it must work, like—

**Raleigh:** Yeah, I bet they can smell `em.

**Sydnee:** Yeah. I bet they smell them and it w— I think it must work, `cause the cats don't tend to eat them, so.

**Teylor:** Your cats eat bugs and de— I can't get Jack to hunt those things. That's why I had to cultivate spiders.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Teylor:** `Cause Jack will not hunt a single bug in my apartment.

**Raleigh:** He's too sophisticated.

**Taylor:** No, absolutely not.

**Sydnee:** Oh, Olive will hunt bugs, Amelia will not. Amelia's afraid of anything that moves.

**Taylor:** No, I've watched Jack walk up and headbutt, like lovingly, a roach in my apartment.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Like, "Hello friend! Hello, welcome, welcome! Would you like a drink? Hello!"

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Like, "What are you doing?! Jack!" [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] That's so friendly.

**Taylor:** I know, he's— he gets along with everything.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** Including the pests. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Well—

**Raleigh:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** I know—

**Taylor:** Who knows—

**Sydnee:** — we're supposed to talk about *Legends of the Hidden Temple*. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I guess we should.

**Sydnee:** Yeah. Well, but before we do that! [laughs]

**Taylor:** [cackles]

**Rileigh:** Before we get to the content of today's episode, let's check the group message. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Ahhh!

**Sydnee:** I am very excited to once again talk about Raycon's everyday earbuds. And I know that you've heard us talk about them before, you've heard us rave about their audio quality, except at half the price of other earbuds. But the everyday earbuds have been upgraded, and so I wanna tell you about this brand-new model that has just been launched.

You also— In addition to all that audio quality, which again, half the price of other brands. In addition to that, you're also gonna get active noise cancellation, ergonomic design, and multi-point connectivity. So you can pair them to two devices at the same time, which is super cool, that's a really great feature.

My favorite thing about Raycons has always been that they stay in my ears. I have, I don't know. I don't know what shape my ears are. I've never had like a cast of them done to examine it. But all I know is a lot of earbuds pop right back out of my ears, and that can be really annoying, especially if you like to wear your earbuds when you're travelling.

If you're in a car or in a plane or a train or whatever, and then one pops out and falls under the seat, that's a whole ordeal. I have never had that happen with Rayon earbuds, and now you have all these other features, like noise cancellation and the multi-point connectivity.

They're available in a variety of vibrant new colors to compliment any and all skin tones. I don't know about you all, I always like go for like classic like... black earbuds. That's like...

**Rileigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** My vibe, but if you have a color that you prefer, check it out. Now you got a lot of variety. And again, not all earbuds will give you that kind of option, right? And... They also, as I've already mentioned, they're not gonna fall out 'cause they've got the optimized gel tips, so they have a cozy custom fit in your ears.

They've got three customizable sound styles, and awareness mode, and again all these new features, active noise cancellation, plus they're weather proof. And! Sweat resistant, so if you're gonna pop your earbuds in while you're taking a jog or a run or are workin' out, or if it's just hot and you're out in the pool maybe, ignoring your sister's texts about a python.

**Taylor:** [wheezes]

**Raleigh:** Hey.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] You can wear your earbuds while you're relaxin' in the pool, and they're not gonna fall out, and they're not gonna be damaged by all that sweat. So I can tell you I love— For me, earbuds are great.

The main time I use them is when I'm travelling, and having my Raycon earbuds when I'm gonna be on a long trip, knowing I can listen to my favorite podcast or my favorite tunes, and they're gonna be comfortable and cancel out all the noises around me on the plane, I really love Raycon earbuds. So Taylor, if our listeners want to check them out, what should that do?

**Taylor:** They should go to [buyraycon.com/buffering](https://buyraycon.com/buffering) today to get 20% off your Raycon order, plus free shipping. That's right, you'll get 20% off and free shipping at [buyraycon.com/buffering](https://buyraycon.com/buffering). Once again, that's [buyraycon.com/buffering](https://buyraycon.com/buffering).

[pause]

**Sydnee:** So, um...

**Taylor:** [snorts] [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** *Legends of the Hidden Temple* was a game show.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** It was on Nickelodeon.

**Raleigh:** Hey, guys.

**Taylor:** Welcome to the episode, everybody.

**Raleigh:** Uh-huh, yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yeah. Back in 1993 to 1995 was the whole— It—

**Taylor:** That was it?

**Sydnee:** You know, isn't it weird when you look up— Yes. But when you look some of these things up and they were like such big— That was such a big thing in your childhood, and then you read like how many episodes? And now, I mean granted, they were making like 40 episodes a season or whatever, but still. That was it.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** 1993 to 1995, and then they were gonna renew for another season but they just couldn't justify it because they didn't have the audience. It's so weird to think about, and they wanted to develop some other game shows for kids, so they just didn't keep it goin'. It—

**Taylor:** How did it not have the audience? It was so good.

**Sydnee:** I don't know, it was like an iconic— It came out about the same time as *Guts*.

**Taylor:** Mmm.

**Sydnee:** Which *Guts* I believe lasted longer, I think.

**Taylor:** Yeah. It went global, in fact.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** *Global Guts*.

**Taylor:** Exactly.



**Sydnee:** Which— I don't know— No. You know what? 1992 to 1995 with *Guts*, so nope.

**Raleigh:** Man.

**Taylor:** Wow.

**Sydnee:** Nah, they just churned right through these things. Which—

**Taylor:** [chuckles] They used up all the kids, and so—

**Raleigh:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Taylor:** That they had in Orlando, Florida.

**Sydnee:** Well that was basically it, right? So they would film these things in Orlando and they would pull from the area.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** For all of these game— I guess that's true.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Like eventually, you run out of kids in Orlando to be on like *Double Dare* and *Guts* and *Legends of the Hidden Temple* and— [chuckles] I wanted to be on—

**Taylor:** Everybody's had their temple-related injury.

**Sydnee:** Uh-huh. I wanted to be on *Wild & Crazy Kids*.

**Taylor:** Oh yeah.

**Sydnee:** That always looked like so much fun.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** So, *Legends of the Hidden Temple* was a game show that I liked because of the theming, I love a good theme.

**Taylor:** Mm.

**Sydnee:** It was very much supposed to look kind of like *Indiana Jones*, like that was very intentional that the whole vibe of it has an *Indiana Jones* feel. And the idea is that, if you've never seen it... pairs of kids on, what are there, five teams?

**Raleigh:** I think six.

**Sydnee:** Six teams.

**Raleigh:** Right?

[pause]

**Sydnee:** I think that's right.

**Taylor:** Yeee— Wait wait wait wait, let's go through them.

**Sydnee:** Okay. So there's—

**Taylor:** Blue Barracuda.

**Raleigh:** There's a snake one.

**Sydnee & Taylor:** [simultaneously] Silver Snakes.

**Raleigh:** P—

**Sydnee:** Purple Parrots.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Green Monkeys. Orange Iguanas.

**Taylor:** There's a red one, isn't there?

**Sydnee:** Red... Jaguars.

**Raleigh:** There's six.

**Taylor & Sydnee:** [simultaneously] Six.

**Sydnee:** There's six teams, and they go through a series of challenges until they're whittled down to one team of kids, who get to actually run through the titular Hidden Temple, and try to find the big prize. And so like the whole— every episode is structured around a different legend. Which is like a loose interpretation of the legend, I will say. [chuckles] I was—

**Taylor:** So factual legends, but not factually told.

**Sydnee:** Yes, exactly.

**Taylor:** Okay.

**Sydnee:** These are real things within the story. Almec, the temple itself, talks to the kids and tells them the legend. And so they are looking for something in the temple that is connected to this legend.

And your challenges will start with like there's a moat. There's always a moat you have to cross in some creative way, and the first like four teams to cross the moat go onto the next round, which are the steps of knowledge.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** And on the steps of knowledge, Almec tells you legend, and then you have to answer questions to see how well you— [chuckles] to see how well you listened.

**Taylor & Raleigh:** [chuckle]

**Raleigh:** Reading comprehension.

**Sydnee:** That's it. And then— So I like that aspect of it, like, "Ah, you've also gotta be smart. Not just athletic, you gotta be smart."

**Taylor:** Well you have to listen, I don't know if that... [wheezes]

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] But you answer the questions and descend the steps of knowledge, and the two teams that make it to the bottom first win that

round, and then they go on to compete in the Temple Games, which are just like three feats of athletic prowess.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** [giggles] They really are— Can I just say— I mean when you all watched it, didn't you think they seemed hard?

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Like...

**Raleigh:** It definitely seemed like it would've been more of a challenge than like a *Double Dare*.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, that's what I'm saying.

**Taylor:** Oh, absolutely.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** These were actually athletic.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Like you would have to have some strength and, I don't know, agility. [chuckles] Like it— Crossing the moat, one of the episodes I was watching, they have to like one crosses in an inner tube, and then they have to toss it back to the other kid.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** I don't think they had thought about like, "Can these little kids toss this inner tube all the way across this moat?" Absolutely no, they cannot do that, is what they learned.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** As we were watching the kids do it. But like I— you would have to be kind of athletic to do any of these things. And then in the Temple Games, you can win... medallions. They're called— They're not called "medallions." Are they called medallions?

**Rileigh:** Um...

**Sydnee:** I'm calling them medallions, but you win the amulets.

**Rileigh:** Pendants.

**Sydnee:** Pendants.

**Rileigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** And those will help you when you make it to the temple. And then whoever wins the Temple Games makes it to the temple.

And then you run through the temple for a certain amount of time, I think you get like two minutes, and the first kid goes, and if they get caught by one of the temple guards then the next kid gets to go, and you can use your... pendants to... ward off the temple guards.

They like try to capture you, you hand `em a pendant, then you can keep goin'. And if you make it back out in time, you get to go to the Cayman Islands.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I mean, not always that, but it's something like that.

**Taylor:** I feel like al— I would love to see the percentage of people that actually won, because the temple itself seemed impossible.

**Sydnee:** I bet that is available data.

**Taylor:** Mm. It just felt like—

**Sydnee:** I bet— Don't you think somebody would've—

**Taylor:** — so few people made it out of there. You— It was a very short time period and—

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** — there were a lot of temple guards, and—

**Sydnee:** And there were a lot of— there were so many directions you could go.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yup, somebody figured this out. The win rate for the temple run is 25%.

**Raleigh:** Hmm.

**Taylor:** Mm, that's not—

**Sydnee:** Out of 120 episodes that have been produced, on 32 have been completed successfully.

**Taylor:** That feels right. I mean, that feels like what I would've thought. [wheezes] Like it was not—

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** It was more likely to fail than to not.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, you were— I mean it really does make— It was— I found it confusing 'cause Almec would walk you through like, "Here's what you might do as you go through the temple," and would tell you like all the ways you could go.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** And by the end of it I was always like, "I don't know."

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** “I didn’t follow any of that. I would not have—” I mean, and then they get hung up in certain rooms. There’s the pit you have to climb out of, and the kids would get stuck in that room. There’s of course the famous Shrine of the Silver Monkey.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** Nobody knows if a monkey’s butt is forward or backwards is what we’ve learned.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** All of us are very bad at monkey anatomy.

**Raleigh:** Uh-huh.

**Taylor:** Is what we’ve learned from that. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** That is what we’ve learned. The monkey is in three pieces, you have to assemble the three pieces. We cannot.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** It’s so similar to our own—

**Sydnee:** Kids can’t—

**Raleigh:** — you’d think we’d be able to get that one down.

**Sydnee:** No.

**Taylor:** [through laughter] You would think.

**Sydnee:** Kids can’t get it right. It was also always terrifying when the temple guards would come through a door and grab the kids, because the temple guards kinda look intense and scary. Plus they’re adults, like these are kids and the temple guards are all adults.

**Raleigh:** Mm.

**Sydnee:** And they would just like nab the kid, and then disappear through the wall with them. It's like—

**Taylor:** It was pretty— Like as a child, it scared me.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** I read that the initial... idea for this game show was not a hidden temple, it was a haunted house.

**Taylor:** Oooo.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** It was called like, "Secrets of the Haunted House."

**Raleigh:** I would've liked that.

**Sydnee:** And it would be the same format essentially, except as you ran through the haunted house, there would be like monsters or something that would jump out and grab you. Can you imagine how terrifying that would've been?!

[office chair creaks]

**Taylor:** That'd be so good.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** It'd be a fun— I mean I would watch it, absolutely, but like a monster pops through the wall and grabs you, and spirits you away to the netherworld or whatever, I don't know.

**Raleigh:** Yeah. That would've been a lot.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** [sighs]

**Raleigh:** As a kid, I feel like that would've freaked me out.



**Taylor:** I would've love that.

[pause]

**Sydnee:** But yeah, so I just— It's weird, it was on such a short time. Almost nobody won it, apparently. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Sydnee:** And I just— It was such a big— Like it had such a big cultural impact, I felt like. Like everybody knew about getting stuck in the Shrine of the Silver Monkey, and about like the different teams and their colors.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** And I just feel like there was so much of it that... I mean, everybody knew about.

**Taylor:** I feel like every Halloween in Bushwick, I see an ironic couple of—

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** — of *Legends of the Hidden Temple*. Like they don't necessarily do the whole like shoulder or like arm pads and helmet and everything, but they'll do the t-shirts, like, "This is my costume."

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** "We're the Blue Barracudas." [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] Wa— I mean I have not purchased one of those shirts, but I have like put them in a cart on Red Bubble many times. Like, "I should just...", and then I'm like, "No, I don't really want that shirt."

**Raleigh:** What team would you wanna be?

**Sydnee:** Purple Parrots.

**Raleigh:** Mm.

**Taylor:** Oh yeah?

**Sydnee:** Well they're purple and they're parrots, those are two things I love, so.

**Taylor:** Alright. What about you, Raleigh?

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** That's fair. I think a Blue Barracuda.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** The blue.

**Taylor:** I am—

**Sydnee:** Tey?

**Taylor:** I like the Blue Barracudas, but now— See, Raleigh chose the Blue Barracudas, so now I want to choose—

**Raleigh:** [simultaneously] We can be on the same team.

**Sydnee:** [simultaneously] You can pick something else.

**Taylor:** Well. That's true, it's— [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Yeah, you all are— [chuckles]

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Yeah, there's two.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** You all can be on the same team and I'm the lone Purple Parrot.

**Taylor:** No, you— Justin'll be a Purple Parrot with you.

**Sydnee:** He will, it wouldn't be his choice, but I'd make him. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I also like the— it's Silver— Silver Monkeys, right?

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** No, Silver Snakes.

**Taylor:** Silver Snakes.

**Raleigh:** Snakes, yeah.

**Taylor:** Ah, I'm thinking of the—

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** [chuckles] There is a Silver Monkey.

**Raleigh:** The one—

**Sydnee:** There is a Silver Monkey.

**Taylor:** But it's not the Silver Monkeys.

**Sydnee:** No, the Green Monkeys.

**Taylor:** Oh...

**Sydnee:** Charlie and Cooper were watchin' it with me, and she was like... "I don't want the Silver Snakes to win 'cause I'm afraid of snakes."

**Taylor:** [giggles]

**Sydnee:** And I was like, "Okay, fair enough." And then after we— they started playing, she went "Never mind, I take it back, the Silver Snakes are smart."

**Taylor:** [wheezes]

**Sydnee:** And I said, “How can you te—” They had not answered questions yet, and I was like, “How can you tell?” and she was like, “You can just tell. They’re smart kids. I’m rootin’ for them.” They had just crossed a moat in an inner tube.

**Raleigh:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Sydnee:** I don’t know how you—

**Taylor:** They did it intelligently.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] I don’t know how she knew they were smart.

**Raleigh:** She knew.

**Sydnee:** They hadn’t even started answering the questions about Blackbeard’s... whatever.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Whatever they were looking for.

**Taylor:** Syd, what was it about this that you were drawn to, do you think?

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] Again, I like the idea of a game show with such a like— a consistently present theme.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I mean it’s very— Like everything... Nothing is just like a game we’re playing.

**Taylor:** Right.

**Sydnee:** Like they all are very like you’re collecting gold from the bottom of this pit before you have to climb these walls or whatever. You know

what I mean? Like it's all— it's that, I like... I was fascinated by the idea of actually getting to run through the temple.

I mean I think that was always my favorite part. Like the other stuff was cool. I like the legends part. I didn't know when I was a kid that they were [chuckles] kind of making it up too.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Like it was based on real stuff but making stuff up, I didn't know that, so I thought I was learning, and I always liked learning things. So I really felt like, "I know all this new information, it's from a game show, this is great." [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** It was all fake information. [giggles]

**Sydnee:** I know. Rewatching it I was like, "Oh, that's wrong."

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** They were like, "Blackbeard had 14 wives," and I said, "No, he had one husband." [chuckles] "This is totally wrong."

**Taylor:** "I learned that from TV."

**All:** [chuckle]

**Raleigh:** "It must be true."

**Sydnee:** "I learned it from actual factual shows in my adulthood." [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Did a generation raised on *Legends of the Hidden Temple*, is that why we all love escape rooms? Is this like kind of— 'Cause I feel like it's the same vibe. I was thinking like you could rebrand this as an escape room, and people would pay. You don't need to shoot it for a studio audience.

**Sydnee:** No.

**Taylor:** You just could get adults to pay lots of money—

**Raleigh:** Oh yeah.

**Taylor:** — to run through the temple and try to solve puzzles. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I abso— I— You know what? There have got to be themed escape rooms across the country from *Legends of the Hidden Temple*, right? There have got— This has got to be a thing.

'Cause you're exactly right, it is an escape room. You are in an escape room and you're solving puzzles and you have to find your way out, and I do love escape rooms. There's something about the combination of puzzles, like sol— like logic and solving puzzles, and then an immersive experience.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** That just is very... I don't know, it's— I seek that.

**Taylor:** I know that *Sleep No More* is closing, so I'm just saying, take that space.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Turn it into immersive [chuckles] *Legends of the Hidden Temple*.

**Sydnee:** I mean—

**Taylor:** You can still charge \$300 a head.

**Sydnee:** Yes.

**Taylor:** People will pay it.

**Sydnee:** You have— Oh, there's a whole generation of us who would come to that.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Just have like themed—

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** — themed drinks.

**Taylor:** I was gonna say, have some pina coladas, have them run through the temple.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** It's add a whole other element!

**Sydnee:** And now we're all in our 40s.

**Taylor:** [laughs] Yeah.

**Sydnee:** So there is that too.

**Raleigh:** Now Taylor, there is one on Long Island.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Oh really?

**Raleigh:** Yes.

**Sydnee:** Well there you go.

**Raleigh:** It is called— It's like a bigger escape room place, and they have a themed one called "Legends of a Hidden Temple."

**Sydnee & Taylor:** [laugh]

**Raleigh:** Which I assume is to avoid any sort of, you know, copyright infringement.

**Taylor:** No copyright infringement there.

**Sydnee & Taylor:** [simultaneously] "Legends of a Hidden Temple."

**Raleigh:** But it does say, "You're curious to see the temple so you've trespassed and fell into the temple guards' quicksand trap. The guards

have been alerted and are on their way back. Find your way out of the sand, crack the codes to get into the temple, make your way through the Walls of Despair and through the cove to freedom!”

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** “Good luck making your way through *Legends of a Hidden Temple*.” [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** There was— I always wanted to go into the one— There’s the room, I forget which one it’s called, but you get to crash through a stone wall if you go into the one room.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yeah. I always wanted to go through that one room, I was like, “That’s where I’d go. I just wanna crash through a wall.” [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** “Like the Kool-Aid man.”

**Raleigh:** Makes sense. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** “It’d be awesome.”

**Raleigh:** [laughs] “Like the Kool-Aid man.”

**Sydnee:** [chuckles] Just once in my life, I wanna crash through a wall like the Kool-Aid man.

**Taylor:** Well, I mean Syd, you can always crash through a wall.

**Sydnee:** [giggles]

**Taylor:** You just— There is repercussions most of the time. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Yeah. Well, it’s not encouraged.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, I think most of the time it would be crashing into a wall.



**Taylor:** Well...

**Sydnee:** But this is— No, I... I think it was that, I think it just was.. I would've wanted to be on it, for sure. I don't think I would've been very good. The kids— I don't think I would've qualified to get on it.

I was reading that to get *Legends of the Hidden Temple*, you had to do like some of the— like you had to climb ropes and stuff to show you could do some of the athletic kind of things.

**Taylor:** Ooo...

**Sydnee:** Like they didn't wanna put kids in there who would like just not— Which I mean, I guess that's I guess recognizing that "We are going to expect things of you that if you can't do, will probably ruin the experience for you," you know?

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** But yeah, in condition two, they had to do like— they had to take a test of some sort. Some sort of written test.

**Taylor:** A written test, yeah.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yeah. Which like, what do you think that was all about? I don't know.

**Raleigh:** Reading comprehension. [laughs]

**Sydnee:** Maybe. Maybe it was a reading comprehension test.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** And then they had to do several different athletic sort of things before they would let them be contestants on the show.

**Raleigh:** Do you think any of the other Nick shows had that? Like I feel like *Double Dare* was just kind of like anyone could just show up and be there. You know what I mean?

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** Well. The—

**Sydnee:** I don't think you'd have to take a test to be on *Double Dare*.

**Taylor:** [chuckles] No.

**Raleigh:** Or like do like a physical like per— [chuckles] performance.

**Sydnee:** I—

**Raleigh:** Test.

**Sydnee:** Well what about *Guts* though.

**Taylor:** *Guts* was intense.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** *Guts* was intense.

**Taylor:** Like you had to just like straight up run on *Guts*. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yeah and like that's what I was wondering, like I was wondering if— I feel like shows like this eventually ended in— Don't they do like the *Ninja Warrior* thing for kids?

**Raleigh & Taylor:** [simultaneously] Yeah.

**Sydnee:** There's like a kids *Ultimate Ninja Warrior* thing.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** I— That’s where this ends, right? Like you have these kids that are doing these game shows where you kinda have to be a little athletic or have a little bit of a skillset in some arena to do them. And then we just ran with that, we were like, “Let’s just get, I don’t know, super scary tough kids competition.”

**Taylor:** [chuckles] I would pay money right now, as an adult, to climb the Aggro Crag.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** And I— Like you just wanna hit those buttons and see the confetti go in the air.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm. And get a piece of that radical rock.

**Taylor:** I feel like I could.

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I feel like I missed my calling as a child to climb the Aggro Crag.

**Raleigh & Taylor:** [laugh]

**Sydnee:** I feel like you could’ve succeeded.

**Taylor:** I could’ve been somebody! I could’ve gotten a piece of the radical rock!

**Sydnee:** And then I could’ve met Mo and Mike O’Malley.

**Taylor:** [sighs]

**Sydnee:** Man. I would not have made it to the— I don’t think so. I’m very aggressive, but that doesn’t always mean I’m athletic. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** [chuckles] “I’ll punt the rock!”

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** "I don't know if I'll climb it."

**Raleigh & Taylor:** [laugh]

**Sydnee:** I wouldn't—! The problem is if anything required upper body strength, I'm out.

**Taylor:** Ah, fair fair.

**Sydnee:** So like rope climbing activities, that would be a no-go for me.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Raleigh:** You would like answering the questions.

**Sydnee:** I would.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** I would like answering the questions. I would've— If I could've had the opportunity to go on *Legend of the Hidden Temple*, I would've worked out. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** [wheezes]

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Sydnee at 12 years old in the gym. [laughs] Liftin' weights.

**Sydnee:** "I'm gonna be on *Legends!*"

**Taylor:** I always though they just pulled people in off the street. It's like, "Kids, hey do you wanna be on this show?" Sydnee's like, "I've been training my entire life." [chuckles] "I'm ready."

**Raleigh:** [chuckles] "I've been hanging around, lurking around outside the Nickelodeon studios."

**Sydnee:** That's what I've always said— If I was— I would never go on a reality show, but if I was, it would be *Survivor*. And I would spend at least a year before I would even audition just like... like a *Rocky* montage.

Just getting like as fit as possible so that I would be able to do all of the challenges, and then learning like survival skills. Like I'd be so good at building a fire, you would— I would not even need that flint. I would be so— I would not go on it unless I—

**Taylor:** [laughs] Just light it with my teeth!

**Raleigh:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** Yes, unless I could light a fire anywhere any time. I would learn how to fish, like spearfishing. I would like go take classes in spearfishing. [chuckles] I would have to take an entire year of my life to do nothing but learn *Survivor* skills, and then I would feel comfortable auditioning.

**Taylor:** And you wouldn't win because the people that have the best survival skills do not win *Survivor*.

**Sydnee:** [sadly mumbles] I know.

**Raleigh:** That's true.

**Taylor:** Sydnee, you've watched the show!

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** I know, I wouldn't win. No, I know this.

**Taylor:** You have to be the most manipulative like conniving, like you've gotta make everybody like you and everybody think you're on their side, and then you have to manipul— You're— That's what matters.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** I would like everybody and want them to be on my side, and then until somebody—

**Taylor:** But you would do that in earnest. You have to do it in a manipulative way.

**Raleigh:** Yeah. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** I know, that's what I mean, it would be earnest. But then I also like if I was tired and hungry. Sometimes people say really dumb stuff on there, and you can see other people being like, "Ha ha, like I'm going along with it 'cause I wanna be— I wanna win *Survivor*, and so whatever," and I can see myself just being like, "Oh my god, shut up." [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** For a million dollars though? For a million dollars I feel like I could play along.

**Sydnee:** [mumbles] I don't know.

**Taylor:** I've seen both of you hangry, and I'm gonna say no. [wheezes]

**Sydnee & Raleigh:** [chuckle]

**Sydnee:** I don't know, It's hard for me to see— See, *Big Brother* would suit you more.

**Raleigh:** Oh yeah.

**Sydnee:** I can't—

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** It's hard for me to see you doing the like you've slept in a shelter while it's been raining for three days.

**Raleigh:** Yeah, no I know.

**Sydnee:** And all you've had to eat is like a spoonful of rice. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** No, I could do *Big Brother*, 'cause they do some physical comps there, but also you get like sleep in a real bed.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Rileigh:** And like full meals between the physical comps, so I feel like I would need that.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Rileigh:** I did see, on the most recent— Have you been watching this *Survivor*?

**Sydnee:** Yes.

**Rileigh:** And they won a trip to Applebee's. And this one woman in a challenge, like you won like an Applebee's meal, and this one woman started crying and said like, "[sighs] Every Wednesday, my daughter and I have a *Survivor* sleepover and we go to Applebee's, and I get that exact burger at Applebee's every Wednesday," but she didn't win, and then no-one picked her for the challenge.

**Taylor:** [pained] Ohhhhh!

**Rileigh:** And then no-one ate the burger 'cause they were all [chuckles] too full on everything else.

**Sydnee:** And she... Oh my gosh.

**Rileigh:** She lost her mind.

**Sydnee:** She got so mad. No-one has ever gotten that mad about not getting Applebee's.

**Taylor:** [wheezes]

**Rileigh:** No-one's ever gotten that mad about anything on *Survivor*, I think. [wheezes]

**Sydnee:** No. I've never seen— But like the idea that right now, this woman is screaming— She's— I don't know who wins, obviously the show's still in progress, but I'm assuming she's not going to win *Survivor* now.

**Raleigh:** Well. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** After that outburst.

**Raleigh:** About Applebee's. [giggles]

**Sydnee:** But I ne— But it's about Applebee's. It was about not getting to eat Applebee's. [chuckles]

**Taylor:** Awww.

**Raleigh:** Oh man.

**Taylor:** That's really good advertising for Applebee's though.

**Raleigh:** Well.

**Sydnee:** Right?

**Taylor:** Good brand placement.

**Sydnee:** I mean seriously.

**Raleigh:** That was the first commercial that came on—

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** — immediately after she had her meltdown, it was an Applebee's commercial—

**Taylor:** Oh no! Is that—?!

**Raleigh:** — and I was like, "Man, that burger does look pretty good." [chuckles]

**Taylor:** I love that Applebee's is like, "If we put ourselves as a brand placement on a show where people are starved—"

**All:** [laugh]



**Raleigh:** "Then we're good food." [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** People will— No-one has ever enjoyed Applebee's, period, until this episode of *Survivor*, when these people loved that— That Applebee's food to them was the best food they'd eaten in their entire lives.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** [sighs] That's good.

**Sydnee:** Those big, giant, blue bowls of sugar. They had big blue drinks.

**Taylor:** Oh, they got drinks.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yes, they got the big—

**Taylor:** Oooo.

**Sydnee:** It's the Shark Bowl? Or the Shark—

**Taylor & Raleigh:** [simultaneously] Yeah.

**Sydnee:** — something.

**Taylor:** Mmm.

**Raleigh:** Yeah. Yeah.

**Taylor:** Something like that.

**Sydnee:** You know that's— I mean, all that tastes like is sugar.

**Raleigh:** Oh yeah.

**Sydnee:** All that tastes like is sugar, and they were just like, "This is the best drink I've ever had," [chuckles] and I'm like, "No, it's not." [laughs]

**Taylor:** [chuckles] I love that.

**Sydnee:** It was a great— You know what? I hope she gets a brand deal from Applebee's. I hope— You know?

**Raleigh:** I would sure hope so. If she goes to Applebee's once a week and eats the same burger.

**Sydnee:** I hope she gets to do commercials for Applebee's out of this.

**Raleigh:** Poor Liz.

**Sydnee:** I know. I felt bad, she was really hungry.

**Raleigh:** It was just the fact that they panned back to her face when someone mentioned that they didn't eat the burger—

**Taylor:** That's so sad!

**Raleigh:** — when they got back. [wheezes]

**Sydnee:** It was rough.

**Raleigh:** It felt intentional that they all were like, "Aww, this is the exact burger that Liz gets every Wednesday. Well, none of us are gonna eat it." [wheezes]

**Taylor:** Couldn't they just like wrap it up and bring it to her?

**Raleigh:** Mm-mm.

**Sydnee:** Oh no.

**Taylor:** Make an alliance or something? No?

**Sydnee:** Jeff Propes would never allow that.

**Raleigh:** No.

**Taylor:** Aww. I think they could make an exception.

**Raleigh:** Jeff Propes says all the food stays in the little cabana with the food. [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Jeff takes *Survivor* so seriously, if you're not taking it seriously enough, he gets mad at you. And like it shows now.

**Taylor:** Wow.

**Sydnee:** It'll be like, "You're not playing hard enough. This is—"

**Raleigh:** He is— I mean, it's his life.

**Sydnee:** It is, I mean he is—

**Taylor:** Well at this point, yeah.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** He— And I mean he does, like he makes up some of the challenges, he's a producer on the show, like he is— It's not— He's not just the host.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** This is Jeff Propes—

**Taylor:** He lives there.

**Sydnee:** This is Jeff Propes' house you're in now.

**Taylor:** I feel like— I don't— There's a lot about *Survivor* that I don't I would be good at, but when you were describing the like, "Oh, can you like do all these challenges on like two spoonfuls of rice" I would be great at that, 'cause that's just—

I've worked two doubles in my restaurant for the last two days, and literally I've had half a quart container of cold rice. [wheezes] That was like it 'cause that's what—

**Raleigh:** Maybe you'd do great.

**Taylor:** That's what was—

**Sydnee:** You literally could.

**Raleigh:** Maybe you— Yeah.

**Taylor:** 'Cause yeah, that's what— No, that's all? Great, yeah. [chuckles]  
Like—

**Sydnee:** Now, be careful eating cold rice.

**Taylor:** I know, I know.

**Sydnee:** Okay.

**Taylor:** Fried Rice Syndrome, I'm aware.

**Sydnee:** Okay. Alright.

**Taylor:** I put it in the fridge. It's okay if it's in the fridge, right?

**Sydnee:** For a while, yes.

**Taylor:** Oh, oh okay.

**Sydnee:** But you can't just indefinitely refrigerate rice and keep eating it.

**Raleigh:** I love cold rice.

**Taylor:** No, this was like— It was hot and fresh for family meal, I just didn't get to eat it for 12 hours.

**Sydnee:** You should— I should— There's a caveat here. I should— The CDC posts very clear guidelines on like eating leftover rice and how to safely consume leftover rice. The main thing is you don't wanna leave it out at room temperature.

**Taylor:** Right.

**Sydnee:** I think I believe it's like 4 hours.

**Raleigh:** Mm.

**Taylor:** Then you get botulism. Is that the thing?

**Sydnee:** No. It's basilar series, but similar idea. It's a toxin mediated illness. It's not botulism, but same concept.

**Taylor:** Alright.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, you'll get sick, so...

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Please, if you're eating old rice, read the guidelines, don't—

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** And I am not giving you advice.

**Taylor:** It is—

**Sydnee:** Don't listen to *Still Buffering* to find out how to eat old rice.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Taylor:** No no, yeah.

**Sydnee:** Go read like actual food safety guidelines.

**Taylor:** In the three minutes I get to eat dinner over a trash can, I'll look up the guidelines next time. [wheezes]

**Sydnee:** Okay yeah, look up the food safety guidelines. Well, I don't wanna— I'm trying to think Raleigh, is this how I don't get our show sued—

**Raleigh:** Yip.

**Sydnee:** — for giving out medical advice?

**Taylor:** Yes.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** This is not medical advice.

**Raleigh:** Thank you.

**Taylor:** This is why we have a lawyer on the show.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** It's also not legal advice when I was talking about what exotic pets you can and can't own. Please don't buy one because you said you thought you could because you listened to our podcast.

**Sydnee:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** So.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, we are not offering any advice.

**Raleigh:** I'm not even a lawyer yet, so.

**Sydnee:** Well thank you both for— [chuckles] For watching. I guess I was in a limited number of people who like loved this show, since it was such a small...

**Taylor:** It felt so massive.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** It's so wild that it was that short.

**Raleigh:** And I mean I know all about it and I've heard about it, and it's been off the air for, you know, 27 years.

**Sydnee:** It was just iconic. It was just one of those iconic 90s kids things. Short-lived but wonderful.

**Raleigh:** Mm.

**Sydnee:** Taylor, what's next?

**Taylor:** I wanna talk about another iconic 90s thing. The movie *Hackers*.

**Sydnee:** Oh, it is, yeah.

**Taylor:** Came out in '95, it's got Angelina Jolie and Matthew Lillard. I realize that there's this like if Matthew Lillard did something.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** I'm going to talk about it on *Still Buffering*, basically.

**Raleigh:** I appreciate that.

**Sydnee:** That's a good thing.

**Taylor:** Yeah.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yeah, that's a good thing.

**Taylor:** Well, and the kids like him now too 'cause he was in that Freddy Five Nights.

**Raleigh:** *Five Nights at Freddy's*. Yeah.

**Taylor:** That *Freddy Five Nights* movie.

**Raleigh:** That's right. *Freddy Five Nights*.

**Taylor & Sydnee:** [chuckle]

**Sydnee:** Oh, that'll be great.

**Raleigh:** I've never seen it. I'm excited.

**Sydnee:** Oh, I— You're gonna enjoy our understanding of computers in the mid-90s.

**Raleigh:** Oh boy.

**Taylor:** It wasn't great.

**Sydnee:** No. No.

**Taylor:** We thought hacking was just like doo doo doo doo doo.

**Sydnee:** Mm-hmm.

**Taylor:** Like typing a lot on a computer to intense music, and there was like a 3D grid that you moved through. It's very exciting.

**Raleigh:** Well to be fair, that is what I believe hacking to be now, so.

**Taylor:** Fair, fair.

**Sydnee:** I think you just set a program to run on something and walk away—

**Taylor:** Shh, shh.

**Raleigh:** Shh shh shh.

**Sydnee:** Well, anyway. [laughs]

**Taylor:** That is actually how hacking works. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** That's not as exciting, Syd, don't ruin it.

**Sydnee:** I don't— Listen, I'm not pretending like I know anything about computers. I didn't know how to Skype.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Today, so.

**Raleigh:** So.

**Sydnee:** You know.

**Raleigh:** You know, there's that.



**Taylor:** You tried to look up “Justin McElroy” on Skype. [laughs]

**Raleigh:** And then you just picked the first Justin McElroy you found—

**Sydnee:** It was—

**Raleigh:** — and you called him and it wasn’t the right one.

**Sydnee:** It was not my husband.

**Taylor:** [laughs]

**Sydnee:** Well, sorry, Justin McElroy, whoever you are. Anyway, thank you. I think— There was a reboot, I’ll just say this.

**Taylor:** Mm.

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** *Of Legend of the Hidden Temple*, for adults, I believe.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** In like 2022 or something?

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm, that sounds right.

**Sydnee:** Which I did not watch, so I don’t know. Maybe that would be more modern, although it lasted only a year, so.

**Raleigh:** It lasted a year, yeah.

**Taylor:** That’s too bad.

**Sydnee:** But the old ones were available on YouTube.

**Raleigh:** Yeah.

**Sydnee:** Yeah. And there are like all these compilations of like greatest temple runs and stuff. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Mm-hmm.

**Sydnee:** There— I mean, there are other people out there, there are other fanatics like myself.

**Taylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** Well, thank you all. [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** Sydnee runs those YouTube accounts.

**Sydnee:** I do— They're all me.

**Raleigh:** [giggles]

**Sydnee:** It's just me.

**Raleigh & Taylor:** [chuckle]

**Sydnee:** I have constructed a temple in my basement, just for personal use, though.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

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[theme music fades in]

**Raleigh:** I am Raleigh Smirl.

**Sydnee:** I'm Sydnee McElroy.

**Taylor:** And I'm Taylor Smirl.

**Raleigh:** I am still buffering.

**Sydnee & Teylor:** [simultaneously] [slowly] And. I. Am. Too.

[theme music plays]

**Sydnee:** It was also the way he would say, "Try to pursue the monkey."

**Teylor:** [chuckles]

**Sydnee:** That was a little more Dracula actually.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Teylor:** [chuckles] I'm just imagining people coming to in Sydnee's basement, in this construction paper temple.

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Teylor:** Like, "Welcome to the Temple Games!"

**Raleigh:** [laughs]

**Teylor:** "I'm your host!"

**Raleigh:** God, it's like *Saw*.

**Teylor:** "Oh no!"

**Sydnee:** "Watch out for the temple guards! They'll get you!"

**Teylor:** [laughs] "I'd like to play a game!" [laughs]

**Sydnee:** [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** The temple guards are just Sydnee.

**Teylor:** [cackles]

**Sydnee:** "Now listen closely!" [laughs] "To the story of Benjamin Franklin's electrified key!"

**Raleigh:** [chuckles]

**Taylor:** "I want to go home! I have a family!"  
"No." [chuckles]

**Raleigh:** "This is your life now!"

**Sydney:** [chuckles] "Only if you make it down the steps of knowledge."

**Taylor:** [laughs]

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