

MBMBaM 721: Face 2 Face: Cotton Candy Cenneth

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

[audience cheers]

Travis: What's up, Trav Nation?

[audience cheers]

Travis: I'm your middlest brother, Big Dog Woof Woof, Travis McElroy.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Thank you.

Griffin: What's good, Trav Nation? I'm your sweet, baby brother and Thirty Under Thirty media luminary, Griffin McElroy.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Before we get started, I just have a big announcement, I'm really excited. I was waiting to announce this but... Trav Nation has officially bought the Arch.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience cheers]

Travis: And.

Justin: Oh, cool.

Travis: Nothing at all is gonna change about it. Just know that we own it.

Griffin: Gonna flip it upside down.

Travis: Oh, there is one thing. Now legally, 'cause it's the gateway to the west, any plane flying east to west or west to east has to go through it.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: It's gonna be a real—

Justin: Stunts are awarded with bonus points.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: It's gonna be a real bottleneck in our nation's transit system.

Travis: Also one out of every thousand people's gonna get transported somewhere.

Griffin: Right. [chuckles]

Travis: When they go through. We haven't figured out where yet.

Griffin: It just says on the Trav Nation like docket "Turn it into Stargate."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: But he doesn't know what that means or how to do it.

Travis: But it works.

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: I don't know how or why or where, but it works.

Griffin: This is the best stocked theatre I've ever been in, let alone performed in. I'm happy to announce, backstage, I took my first backstage shower.

[audience cheers]

Travis: I'm really glad.

Justin: You know we had to— Yeah, that's right. You were in the same building as a nude Griffin McElroy.

[audience laughs]

Justin: You didn't even know.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: And nude and wet!

[audience cheers]

Griffin: That's as good as it gets, folks.

Travis: I'm really glad you clarified "backstage shower," and not just had my first shower.

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: Okay, so Griffin, walk— You've talked about taking a shower at a show for literal years.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah,,

Justin: It was one of our biggest delights when we started touring was seeing showers.

Travis: 'Cause we're all hayseed bumpkins.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: So like, we can imagine a real rocker [chuckles] a real rock and roller coming through town and needing a shower.

Travis: Whoa.

Justin: We came from our hotel nearby, so we showered there, but can you imagine life on the road? So you finally did it.

Griffin: Yeah, I had to purify my comedy vessel for you boys.

[audience laughs]

Justin: So walk me through the exact moment you realized you had a dirty, wet towel, and no idea what to do with it.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: This whole—

Justin: Did you just take it back and sheepishly hand it to the crew?

Griffin: [wheezes]

Justin: "I did it, I'm sorry. I know they're there as a joke, but I took a shower."

Justin: This bit is me letting the person whose responsibility it is to clean up my dirty towel— [wheezes] It's in a— I hung it up. But I—

Travis: So someone could use it again?!

Justin: To what end?

[audience laughs]

Griffin: I wasn't just gonna leave— Man, I really— Someone is gonna find that and be like, "Why did he need— [laughs] Why did he need this?"

Travis: You think—

Justin: Sorry.

Travis: "He really left it all out there—"

Justin: "He did—"

Travis: "— in the first 40 minutes of the show."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: If this man had seen Janelle Monae, she shows up and is like, "Well, waste not, want not."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "It's only half-used."

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: "I'll go ahead and use the other side of the towel."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: I'm so sorry, everyone who works— Someone has to clean up my dirty— I'll take it with me back to the—

Travis: You know what's worse?

Griffin: I'll clean it and bring it back here tomorrow morning.

Travis: What's worse is that now someone has to do laundry, a load of laundry, for your one towel.

Griffin: Oh no.

Travis: It's not even like, "Everybody did it and there's 30 towels!"

Griffin: I'm just—

Travis: There's one towel.

Griffin: [defeatedly] I'll just steal it.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Just take it with you in your pants.

Griffin: [wheezes]

Justin: I—

Travis: They are big enough.

Griffin: They are—

Travis: They are really bushy pants.

Griffin: These pants— I have a fun tradition of buying costume pieces for this podcast, and not trying them on until the day of show. I put these on for the first time yesterday. They are absolutely gargantuan.

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Your eldest son described it as a long diaper.

Griffin: [wheezes] He did.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Griffin: Yeah. He really razzed me on that one.

Justin: This is an advice show, as you've certainly gathered at this point.

[audience cheers]

Justin: And we are going to take your questions and turn them alchemy-like into wisdom.

"I got some cotton candyyyyy with some interesting flavors. Like dill pickle and ranch dressing." I'm already gettin' excited. "I didn't want to try these alone as they sounded pretty gross, so I brought them into work for everyone to try and suffer together.

Travis: Huh.

Justin: "Unfortunately, this has given me the nickname 'Cotton Candy Kenneth'."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "How can I make sure this nickname doesn't stick like cotton candy?" And that's Kenneth from Jefferson, Missouri. Are you here?

Kenneth: Yeah!

Travis: Cotton Candy Kenneth.

[audience cheers]

Justin: Aw hey.

Travis: Aw we don't need house lights, thank you.

Justin: Yeah, thank you so much.

Travis: I don't wanna see them.

Justin: I don't wanna.

[audience laughs]

Justin: There's too many people, you see, and we get a little scared. Cotton Candy Kenneth, is a pretty good...

Griffin: Incredible nickname, yeah for sure.

Justin: Yeah, it's a pretty good nickname.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: We've heard a lot of questions about a lot of nicknames, and we usually don't take them, but this one's really good, Kenneth.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Are you sure you wanna get rid of it?

Travis: Like you—

Griffin: 'Cause cotton— Cotton Candy Kenneth could be— it's so versatile.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: You could be a child's entertainer, you could be a mafia hitman.
[chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Travis: You could be like a Slenderman-esque like, "Oh, you don't talk to Cotton Kenny. If you see Cotton Candy Kenneth in town—"

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Ugh."

Justin: You could be the drug dealer in a musical written by someone that's never done drugs.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah!

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: “Yeah, you got me! I’m Cotton Candy Kenneth, and I’ve got all the sugar you need, daddy!”

Griffin: Yeah, oh man! [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Travis: It writes itself!

Griffin: Justin—

Travis: Justin, that was incredible, keep going!

Griffin: I realized—

Justin: “I got all the tablets you crave, momma.”

Griffin: [wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Justin: “I’m Cotton Candy Cenneth. All Cs, thank you.”

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: He has to clarify.

Travis: “I even changed Kenneth to a C.”

[audience laughs]

Justin: “I changed to the C.”

Travis: "Just in case."

Justin: "Just in case, with a C."

Travis: "With a C, can't stress enough!"

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: "I deal drugs, but I only go so far."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Anyway, here's my big number. [sings] I'm sellin' drugs tonight!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: [sings] "Cotton Candy is dandy, but drugs are better."

[audience laughs]

Justin: You brought the cotton candy that you knew people would hate, and you made them eat it with you.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: They can call you whatever they want. You're lucky—

Travis: They could've called you Gross Boy Kenneth.

Griffin: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Justin: They should've called you the Scoundrel Kenneth.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: The Made Me Eat the Nasty Cotton Candy.

[audience laughs]

Travis: And when you say "got," you bought it.

Justin: Bought.

Travis: Right? It's not— [wheezes]

Griffin: You didn't win it in some sort of strange contest.

[audience chuckles]

Travis: You bought gross cotton candy and said, "I'm gonna make the co-workers I hate eat this gross cotton candy." And then they said, "We love you, Cotton Candy Kenneth," and you said, "Oh no, my plans backfired."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Did you— Can— By a simple woo or don't woo, did you tell them that the flavors were nasty? Or was this a sort of prank situation, Kenneth?

Kenneth: [from a distance] I told them.

Griffin: You told them, okay.

Travis: Yeah, Griffin.

Justin: You told them, that's fair.

Travis: You did say "woo or don't woo."

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

Travis: And then like—

[audience laughs]

Travis: — didn't make it clear what meant what.

Griffin: I set up a sort of binary answer system, but then did not apply it.

Justin: Yeah, it was very confusing.

Travis: One woo for yes.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Silence for no.

Justin: If you're— Cotton Candy Kenneth, if you're in danger, woo four times please.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Staggered. Do you worry that now you have to keep bringing in different gross cotton candy?

Justin: Ohhhh.

Griffin: Oh no.

Travis: To keep it up?

Justin: It's like a legacy.

Travis: 'Cause you could let— Oh, three weeks go by, no gross— There hasn't been horseradish cotton candy or whatever, and they're like, "Cotton Candy Kenneth, what— What— [sighs] What's the deal? We were startin' to count— I need it! Give me that mustard cotton candy, what's wrong with you?!" But—

Justin: I think it's great to have a bit. I think it's great to have a gimmick.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: They're not gonna fire Cotton Candy Kenneth.

Griffin: No.

Justin: They will.

Travis: Oh, okay.

[audience laughs]

Justin: [wheezes] They will.

Travis: If times get tough.

Justin: Especially it gets to be a distraction.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: What with all the stickiness. Um... Don't make a problem of yourself, Kenneth. [chuckles]

Griffin: Kenneth, are you worried that one day you'll bring in normal flavored cotton candy [chuckles] and no-one will believe you?

[audience laughs]

Justin: You might score like— What if when you retire, there's like a gold-plated cotton candy machine waiting for you. No— They're like, "We thought you'd like nothing better."

Travis: Would it still work?

Justin: No.

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Ah.

Justin: It's purely decorative.

Griffin: [chuckles] This is a giant, decorative, heavy gold cotton candy—

Travis: Like full-sized?

Justin: Full size.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Made of gold or plated?

Justin: Extremely expensive, he's been at the company for 75 years.

Griffin: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Travis: Medicine has come a long way.

Griffin: Yeah. [laughs]

Travis: Or Kenneth started when he was 10!

[audience laughs]

Justin: Who knew it, cotton candy? Good for you. [chuckles] Very good for you. Long-lasting.

Griffin: How about another question? I have nothing else to say about cotton candy.

Justin: "I work as a physical therapist, that means I work with people exercising, and regularly have patients in prime farting position."

[audience murmurs]

Travis: That's existence.

Justin: “How do I—”

Travis: Any—

Griffin: [chuckles] Any kind of position—

Travis: Any kind of position is prime farting position if you try hard enough.

Justin: “How do I stop getting farted on? And how can I not laugh when they let out a big one?”

[audience laughs]

Justin: That’s from Scent of a Stretch in St Louis.

Travis: This also happens to me, not with my patients because this is my job.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Travis: But—

Griffin: You all are technically Travis’s patients.

[audience laughs]

Travis: But with my children. Like if my childrens— If my childrens rip a beeper.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Travis: I can’t laugh.

Justin: [giggles]

Griffin: No.

Travis: I can’t! Because then it’s like, “Oh... we’re doing this all the time.” You can’t do it.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Travis: And so... [sighs] I don't know man, what do I tell my kids? Where are you? You tell me what to tell my kids, and I'll tell you what to tell your patients.

Griffin: Yeah, we've never done a swap before, that would be so huge for us.

Travis: A cultural exchange. [chuckles]

Justin: Could you get yourself to a point, physically, where you can only— [chuckles] where you can always keep one on deck.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Oh, go amp for amp. [chuckles]

Griffin: Cool.

[audience laughs]

Justin: I'm just saying like if you could get yourself to a point where you always had one on deck, then it's not weird.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's not bad, it's human. And it's like they let it out, and you're like, "Oh, thank goodness."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: You know what I mean? Like, "Finally."

Travis: "I'll see that, and I'll raise you this."

[audience chuckles]

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Is it a HIPA violation if when someone does this to you, you take a quick polaroid snapshot of them, and then put it up [chuckles] on a wall?

[audience laughs]

Griffin: That— Labelled “nasty dogs” on it?

[audience laughs]

Justin: Hey, it’s—

Griffin: I think if no-one else sees your nasty dog wall, [chuckles] with all these nasty farting doggies.

Travis: Yeah, you pull back a velvet curtain. Shink. “I know.”

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Hey, is it a hippo violation if you take all their nasty, dirty lettuce out of the mudhole where they live?

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: I see, Justin. You said, “hippo.”

Justin: Yeah, it’s a hippo joke. [chuckles]

Travis: I get it.

Griffin: Kick ass, dude.

Travis: I appreciate that.

Justin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Travis: I like what you did there, Justin. I thought it was good, and I love you.

Justin: Thanks man, I appreciate it.

Travis: Now here's my question.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Could you get to a point where your bedside manner is so refined.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: So ingrained, that when they fart... you respond like a chiropractor who's just gotten a really good like crack out of a joint, and you're like, "There it is."

Griffin: "There we—" [cackles]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "Didn't wanna come out, did he?"

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: "Yeah, we got it."

Justin: "I got it."

Travis: "That's good."

Justin: "I got it, that's gonna help."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "Yeah, you gotta feel better after that."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Ooph."

Travis: "Ah well."

Griffin: "That's the injury coming out, incredible."

Travis: [laughs] "You should be able to walk again now." [wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Griffin & Justin: [chuckle]

Travis: "Yeah, that was gettin' in the way of your hips or whatever."

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "That was actually a bones bubble, a bubble between your bones. It's gone now. You shouldn't be embarrassed." [chuckles]

Travis: "You should actually be overjoyed."

[audience chuckles]

Travis: "I can't usually get those."

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: Or when they fart, go "What was that?" [wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "Ew, wrong." [laughs]

Travis: "What?"

Justin: [through laughter] "Wrong chi—" [wheezes]

Griffin: "You're the first one that ever did that."

[audience laughs]

Justin: [wheezes] “Yikes!”

Griffin: “Are you okay?” [wheezes]

Justin: “Yikes!” [wheezes]

Travis: “Not just in here, but around me ever.”

[audience laughs]

Justin: “Yikes.”

Travis: “I have no point of reference for what just happened.”

Justin: “The immaturity of it all.”

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: “Yikes, you really got me with that one. Not since grade school.”

Travis: “I was right behind you!” [laughs]

Justin: [wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Justin: “I was doin’ yoga stretching and what have you! Massage, different techniques, and then right on me.” [wheezes]

Travis: When they fart just say, “My work here is done.”

[audience laughs]

Griffin: I think— You can— There’s so many bad an— I’m realizing that the comedy potential of the bad answers is so much more than the good answers.

Travis: Yeah, I actually don’t know what a good answer—

Griffin: You could just— If it happens again, just be like immediately stop doing what you're doing and be like, "I'll be right back."

[audience laughs]

Justin: [giggles] Did it—

Griffin: For like a half hour, you can leave them in there to stew.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Can you imagine what's gonna be running through their minds?

Justin: [claps]

[audience laughs]

Travis: "Not again."

Justin: Stand behind a window and just scream into the phone.

Griffin: "I could be in—"

Justin: Repeatedly pointing out at them.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "I could be in—" [laughs]

Travis: Have a scientist in a lab coat come in. "I dunno!"

Griffin: "I dunno!"

Justin: [wheezes] "I don't know!"

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "I could be in some serious trouble here!"

Justin: [giggles]

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] What if you just turn on all the fans and leave,
[wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Justin: And leave the room.

Griffin: [giggles]

Travis: Bwom!

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Can you scoop it up in a little jar and send it to the lab?

[audience laughs]

Travis: “Yeah, need to have that tested, for pain.”

Griffin: Good.

Justin: “I’m sitting at a baseball game this afternoon, go Cards! Within—”

[audience cheers]

Justin: “Within whispering distance of the bullpen. What—”

Griffin: Did you— Sorry, they’re big *Yu-Gi-Oh!* fans here.

Justin: Oh, okay.

[audience laughs]

Travis: The bullpen is what you call it [chuckles] when a bunch of *Yu-Gi-Oh!* alphas hang out.

Griffin: [laughs] Uh-huh.

Justin: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Justin: “What words are—” [chuckles] “Welcome to bullpen, today we’re talking *Yu-Gi-Oh!* all the hot new cards, keep it locked.”

[audience laughs]

Justin: “Hey weenies.” [chuckles]

“What words of wisdom or evil should I share with these extremely professional and talented sportsball stars?” That’s from *Ballin’ Hard* in STL.

Griffin: Yeah, I get this. You can’t do any of the usual... yelling at baseball player stuff, like, “Hey bi— [chuckles] Hey big stinky butt.”

[audience chuckles]

Griffin: “Your butt’s so big— ‘Cause your butt’s so huge, Mr Batter Man, some of—”

Travis: “What’s with the gyot?”

Griffin: Yeah, that’s the kinda stuff.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: A lot of young—

Travis: “Back that dump truck up.”

Griffin: Yeah yeah.

Justin: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "We want a pitcher, not a big old stinky ass."

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Or like, "Funky pits."

Travis: Yeah yeah yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, "Hey funky pits."

Justin: "Hey funky pits."

Griffin: "Learn to bat, funky pits."

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: "Couldn't get a real job, huh?"

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: That's pretty good. None of that stuff.

Griffin: They've heard all that shit before.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: You can't do that.

Justin: "Bad shoes."

Griffin: Bad shoes.

Justin: [chuckles] All the usual stuff.

Travis: What if you just yelled like, "I'm disappointed in you."

Justin: No, you gotta whisper it. If you say it loud, they're gonna throw you out. You're not allowed to talk to the ball players during the game.

Travis: At all?

Justin: Not at all, not one peep.

Travis: What if I know them?

Justin: Yeah, it doesn't matter, they'll— [wheezes]

Travis: "It's me, Travis, your dad."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "It's me, Travis, your dad. Big stinky ass batter!"

[audience laughs]

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: "Yeah, I don't know what to do. He's yellin' at 'em, but that's his dad."

Justin: "He's—"

Griffin: "I love you, son! How'd you fit that big stinky ass in those baseball pants?!"

[audience laughs]

Travis: "Now I'm uncomfortable in a completely different way."

[wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Justin: You could reassure them that you've been praying for a victory.

Griffin: Huge.

Justin: And that's they're—

Travis: "There's angels on your side, my man."

Justin: And that's— "Hey listen, I know it might not feel like it, but you can really phone it in, 'cause the angels."

Griffin: "The angels got this one."

Justin: "I told them that you— My dad and my mom are gonna get back together. It's a long story, but basically—"

Travis: If all— Yeah. If—

Justin: "Phone it in."

Travis: "If all else fails, Donald Glover's gonna adopt me. There was a little miscommunication there."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: "Mistype, but."

Griffin: Huge *Angels in the Outfields* fans. Um...

[A few audience members cheer]

Griffin: How do you feel about that woo you just did?

Travis: When you're a professional baseball player... nowadays, you have to think— Like they have to have a— even if it's like 0.001% thought, "Are there angels on the other team?"

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Every time you go out there. When you're losing like 12 to nothing, you're like, "I bet it's angels."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "I bet it's these— [chuckles] these frickin' angels."

Travis: "It's not up to me, coach!"

Griffin: I would be—

Justin: I—

Travis: "I left it all on the field, they had angels!"

Justin: Like I worry, even if I was trying to be encouraging, I would fail the assignment badly enough to be distracting. Like I don't want... Joey Vato to be up at the plate and thinking "Why did he say 'slam it hard'?"

Griffin: [cackles]

[audience laughs]

Justin: "What does he mean, like the ball?"

Griffin: "What does he mean?"

Travis: "He said 'give 'em the honey'?"

Justin: "He said 'give 'em the stinky honey', what does that—" [chuckles]

Travis: "What did he mean?"

Justin: "What did that husky boy want?"

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: "I don't even think he was watching the game, I think he— He had a GameBoy with him, that doesn't seem right."

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Travis: "That was weird."

Griffin: "He may have been yelling at a little guy on his GameBoy."

Justin: "I've seen him at the snack counter more times than in his seat."

[audience chuckles]

Travis: "You know what, I'm gonna get him up here to pitch."

Justin: "Yeah, he—"

Travis: "Let him take a turn." And then you're amazing.

Justin: Ohhh, that would be good.

Travis: That wouldn't be good! [chuckles]

Justin: "Put me in! One time! Let me try. Let me try to hit it."

Travis: What kind of pitch would you do, if you had one shot?

Justin: Oh, I couldn't be a pitcher, 'cause they— you got some pros there. I might get—

Travis: Oh okay, so what is the easiest of major league baseball?

Justin: On the hi— No, on the hitting side.

Travis: Oh yeah.

Justin: You got some—

Griffin: That's where Justin really shines.

Justin: No that would be— No, here's the thing, like if I'm pitching... they're gonna knock it out of the park.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: No problem, get lots of points.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And— But if I'm hitting, if you give me enough shots.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Eventually, I will hit the ball one time.

Griffin: A little bit, kind of.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah yeah.

Justin: I will hit the ball one time, kind of.

Griffin: Maybe not in one of the points directions.

Justin: No, I hit it—

Griffin: Where it goes towards points.

Justin: No no no, no no no, I'm— I'll—

Travis: How many chances do you think you'd need?

Justin: How many? I think they call 'em "at bats," but um...

Travis: Oh I meant swings, I didn't know you were getting multiple at bats.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: Is this a season-long thing?

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah yeah yeah, sorry. I strike out all season. [wheezes]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: It's really inspirational.

Travis: So they— Wait, hold on.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: So you're in the stands.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: You're whispering something to pitcher Joey Vato.

Griffin: Right, yeah. [chuckles]

Travis: And they're like, "Well you try it," and you're like, "Well not pitching—"

Justin: [wheezes]

Travis: "I'm actually gonna stick to the other team."

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And then you start batting with their team, and you—

Justin: I wanna try—

Travis: You strike out so easy, and they're like, "We're gonna keep going until he hits one."

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Travis: That team is losing every game.

Justin: No no no no no no, I don't want the pressure of having to stand up there and having to wait til I get one right. I wanna play a regular season just like everybody else.

Travis: [chuckles] Okay.

Justin: Okay?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: I don't want her to put— be put into rotation unless it makes sense for the team.

Travis: I would actually love this if it extended out, where once a season, every team had to pull somebody at random from the stands.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And they're on the team the whole season.

Griffin: Kick ass.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Whether they want to or not.

Griffin: Yeah. This is what baseball has needed all along.

Travis: Yeah, let's spice it up.

Justin: "I am dog-sitting for my mom this week, and her apartment complex has a pool. I don't know anyone here. Can I go to the pool alone? I don't know why, but it feels weird. Insert Pool Related, Rochester." The people that have a legal right to be in that pool.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Known one thing better than they owe their own names, and that is the faces of every other human being that is legally allowed to use that pool.

Griffin: [chuckles] Be in that pool, yes.

Justin: They have burned it into their memory.

Travis: If I have learned anything from TikTok, it's that give someone a pool and they become a dictator of that pool.

Justin: Yeah yeah yeah, they know all the faces of the pool.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And you're—

Griffin: Because it's basically a big bath you're taking with strangers.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Griffin: You don't wanna take a big bath with— [chuckles]

Travis: I don't wanna extend that out too far, 'cause then that's the oceans too, Griffin.

Griffin: Yeah man. A lot of people don't recognize this, but when you're in the ocean, you're takin' a big bath with strangers.

Travis: And fish.

Griffin: And fish and sharks and whales and jellyfish.

[audience laughs]

Travis: All at the same time?

Griffin: Yeah, man.

Travis: So the whole time a shark's in the water, it's a bath?

Griffin: Yeah man.

Justin: Weird.

Travis: They must be pruny as fuck.

Griffin: [chuckles] They sure are, Travis.

[audience laughs]

Travis: We don't talk about how pruny sharks are enough.

Griffin: No, we sure don't.

Justin: Any—

Griffin: Is there another joke?

[audience laughs]

Travis: [chuckles] I was trying to give Justin time to come up with something.

Justin: What do you want me to—

Travis: Now here it is. Go for it, Justin!

Justin: Okay. Alright. Here it goes. You could have a shirt that said, "I'm Barb's girl."

Griffin: "I'm Barb's girl."

Justin: "I'm Barb's girl."

Griffin: "I'm allowed— I'm Barb's girl, I'm allowed!"

Justin: "I'm Barb's girl."

Travis: "In this scenario, Barb is your mom."

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: I just made up a name for— I didn't know— It's not in the question.

[audience laughs]

Travis: I know, I just didn't get there as fast as you did.

Justin: I just made it up. Whoaaa.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: From here, like I don't know if it's Barb or not. Is it Barb? [in a higher voice] Yes.

Audience Member: [from a distance] Yeah.

Justin: Whoa.

Griffin: Whoa, holy shit, from downtown.

Justin: I got it in one, amazing.

Griffin: No scope Barb.

Justin: Yeah, if the shirt says, "I'm Barb's girl," then someone will come up to you and be like, "Hey, really?" and you'll be like, "Does it matter?"

Travis: [wheezes]

Justin: "I went through the work of doin' the whole shirt bit."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "Just let me swim, okay?"

Griffin: If you jump in the pool fast enough, no-one can say anything.

Justin: Oh that's true, they're not gonna make you—

Travis: Just stay under the whole time.

Griffin: Just— [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, it'll be hard.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Can you—

Travis: But with enough preparation.

Justin: Can you repeatedly pull some sort of chemical measuring tool out of the pool? "Damn it, not yet."

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: "God, I thought I had it. Let me try again."

Travis: "Yeah, I'm gonna get out in just a second, there's a bunch of pennies in there."

Griffin: You— Turn `em—

Justin: Actually—

Travis: "I gotta grab `em all first."

Justin: "You all should get out. I'm not safe. I may need to be in here alone. Everybody go. I'm—"

Griffin: "I have special pool inspector skin."

Justin: "Yeah. I'm a—"

Griffin: "It's super chemical resistant."

Justin: "I'm Barb's girl, and she asked me to come fix the pool, so everybody could leave."

Griffin: "Y'all haven't—" If you turn it around like, "Y'all haven't been pissing, have you?"

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Oh no." I know that—

Travis: [chuckles] "You mean in the pool, or just in general?"

Griffin: If you— [chuckles] If you walk in and just go "You all aren't supposed to be here! It's pool inspectin' time."

[audience laughs]

Travis: And then slap a siren on top of your head, the lights flashing around, that's so they know to get out.

Griffin: Absolutely.

Justin: [makes high-pitched beeping sounds]

[audience cheers loudly]

Justin: [beeping becomes more musical]

Griffin: It's not usually a song.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Now it is. Welcome to a *Haunted Doll Watch*, where we—

[audience cheers loudly]

Justin: — head on over to the electronic bay and find the most haunted items available for purchase right now. Paul, whenever you're ready, let's meet Touches You Bert.

Travis: Oh.

Griffin: [laughs] I'd rather not!

[audience laughs]

Travis: I misread it at first, and I'll let the audience figure out how I misread Bert.

Justin: Uuum...

Travis: No.

[audience reacts in disgust]

Griffin: That's Touches You Bert?

Travis: Now.

Justin: That's Touches You Bert.

Travis: This is a haunted doll where, according to the headline, an 18+++ year old.

Justin: It's at least a 22-year-old, Touches You Bert.

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Despite his cute exterior, the spirit is extremely sexual."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles] Oh, Touches You Bert.

Justin: And—

Travis: I mean I can already tell that he's horny.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Travis Patrick.

Justin: "And very devious."

Travis: 'Cause he— People at home, he has horns.

Justin: "He doesn't seem to respect boundaries, and can be very menacing and forceful. He will say extremely inappropriate things—"

Travis: Say?

Justin: "— and often touch you. He has incubus vibes."

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: No.

Travis: [sings] "We all have somethin'—"

Justin: No. Not like—

Travis: [sings] "— that touches us."

Justin: No. "However, he says his name is Bert, and that he passed away at 18 from taking a bunch of his medication. I often see Bert's shadow, which is incredibly tall, at least 6 feet."

Travis: At least.

Justin: Which is weird 'cause of how small the toy is.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: I—

Griffin: Well if the sun is really low.

Travis: Yeah.

[audience chuckles]

Justin: "When I've been in the bath, I've seen a shadow walk by underneath the door, stop, and then the door opens. He watches you

constantly.” That sentence should probably read “the very last time I ever took a bath.”

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: The— It does feel weird to just—

Justin: “For ever and ever.”

Travis: — stop after “and then the door opens.”

Justin: “And then the door opens.”

Travis: “Anyway.” No, you’ve left out what the third step is.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Justin: I—

Travis: “And I said ‘Get the fuck out, Bert’.”

Griffin: “Get out of this—”

Travis: “And he said ‘Sorry, I didn’t know anyone was in here’.”

Justin: “I keep him separated from other spirits, kids, and pets.” Which of those is the most impressive, do you think?

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: ‘Cause I could go either way, honestly. I don’t know how you keep spirits apart, but good on yah. “However, I don’t believe he would be harmful. So far I’ve felt—”

Travis: [shouts] Based on what?!

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: The next sentence is “So far I’ve felt him touch my chest.” Like what do you want?

Griffin: Whoa!

Justin: “So far he’s been very cold. He is—”

Travis: “He also opens the door when I’m takin’ a fuckin’ bath.”

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: “But he’s chill.”

Griffin: Super chill.

Justin: “He’s cool. He’s cool.”

Travis: He seems more of a—

Justin: “It’s just every time I wanna poop, he’s like ‘Keep it cracked’.”

“He’s very clear through spirit box, and very active with paranormal tools. However, he doesn’t like to use them much while being recorded. He likes to give scares, so he— be prepared to scream a few times, from being startled.”

Griffin: I would love to buy this voluntarily, and have it in my home.

Travis: For— What— And if I remember correctly, the price had been marked down. [chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, I think Touches You Bert is no longer available, which is horrifying.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: In its own right, 'cause he's just out there free, for anybody that might want him.

Travis: Can we just acknowledge that if— In the modern day, if you were a Ghostbuster now, your job would be so easy.

Griffin: So frickin' easy.

Justin: So easy.

Travis: Just going through eBay, being like, "Yup. Yeah, oh."

Justin: "Yup, that one, that one, that one. Got 'em."

Travis: "Oh, they went up. How much are we at? Okay, yeah, we'll take it."

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: "Alright man, we're shutting these down left and right."

Justin: Paul, can we bring on our next contestant?

Griffin: Easy enough.

[audience reacts in shock]

Griffin: Oh shit.

Justin: "Warning; highly active incubus doll. Haunted attachment, spirit possessed entity."

[audience reacts in disgust]

Justin: "Adam is a veeery powerful incubus."

Griffin: Shhhh.

Justin: "For experience—"

Travis: Now, I've also taken unflattering photos.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: From inside of a wicker box.

Justin: They had to talk Adam into doing that one, and afterwards he was like, "Promise me you won't use that one."

Travis: "You won't use that one."

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: "It's honestly offensive—"

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: "— to haunted dolls."

"Adam is a very powerful incubus, for experience collectors only. You will hear his deep laugh in your dreams when he visits you."

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: "And his physical presence can be domineering, and strong when he enters."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: How did he get up there, guys?!

Travis: He's not up there, they've broken the 180-degree rule, Griffin.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay.

Justin: “You will hear his deep laugh in your dreams when he visits you, and his physical presence can be domineering and strong when he enters. When he becomes too much to bare, he gets put in his box.”

[audience laughs]

Travis: Well, yeah! No wonder he’s upset!

Justin: “This subdues him. Box included when he—”

Griffin: Kinda looks like the baby from *Dinosaurs* in that picture.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah. “When he gets too much to bear, he gets put in his box. This subdues him. Box included when you bring him into your home.” May I say, thank fuck.

Travis: Yeah man.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: The alternative is frankly absolutely crackers.

Travis: You get the idea—

Griffin: You get a letter [chuckles] saying “Wait, you need a special box to subdue Adam, and you don’t got it!”

Justin: “Big news!”

Travis: “Box is extraaaa!”

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Big news, box is \$1300!"

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: "It'll be well worth it though. This guy is a maniac."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Note; I'm not responsible for sleep disturbances you might have by bringing her into your home."

Griffin: No, I mean when you buy the "I will spend \$80 on this doll" link on eBay, I think you are taking on sole responsibility of Adam at that point.

Travis: Are you responsible for the sleep disturbances I have unrelated to the doll?

Justin: Just the ones right now with these pictures?

Travis: Yeah, these normal ones?

Justin: Oh, we have one more bachelor I'd love to meet, Paul.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: No.

[audience groans in disapproval]

Travis: No.

Justin: "You will receive—"

Travis: No.

Justin: "— the tangible doll in the photo, but that is only the beginning."

Griffin: Holy shit, man.

Justin: "Evangeline the Succubus is not for the weak-hearted, and must be held only by those extreme collectors of haunted objects."

Griffin: [giggles]

Justin: "She—"

Travis: Nope!

[audience reacts in disgust]

Travis: Nope!

Justin: "She manifests herself as a tall woman with a curvy body."

Griffin: Ugh.

Travis: Well now, hold on. [laughs]

Justin: "Sensual eyes, and a deep hunger for sex."

[audience laughs]

Travis: Wait, who's writing this?

Justin: Me. "Her very presence can be said to provoke even the most pronounced, at times overwhelmed, feelings of desire and lust."

Griffin: Oh my god in Heaven, Juice.

Justin: "The succubus within the doll feeds off these intensified feelings, drain—"

Travis: What if it's weird though?

Justin: "Drain—"

Travis: Do they feed off of that too?

Justin: "Draining energy from unsuspecting souls who've fallen under her spell."

Griffin: Will the Adam box also—

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Will the Adam box work on Evangeline? This is important.

Justin: Won't that be a tough day when you're like—

Travis: What— Ugh.

Justin: "Listen, Adam, I hate your fuckin' guts. [wheezes] You know that and I know that."

"Yeah yeah yeah."

"But listen, Evangeline's—"

Griffin: "Evangeline's vibe's sucks dude."

Justin: [through laughter] It sucks actually.

Travis: "I have— Hey, I trust you more."

"Wait no, hold on. Tell me more about this Evangeline."

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Nah man.

Travis: "Oh actually!"

Justin: Hey—

Travis: "I think you guys might get along great!"

Justin: "Why don't you put both of us in the box and see what happens."

[audience laughs]

Travis: "And have you met Touch You Bea, or whatev— Touch You Bert?"

Justin: “This—”

Travis: “Hey, you guys, I think the three of you are gonna get along great.”

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: “Hey, we say your spiritual energy from across the bar.”

Griffin: [cackles]

[audience laughs]

Justin: “Yeah, my—”

Travis: “I like how you’re a weird, perverted like lamb doll or something? Let’s all get in Adam’s box and just see what happens.”

[audience laughs]

Justin: “That makes the doll a genuinely unique and dangerous addition to any collection, as her seductive powers are as potent as they are perilous.”

Travis: [chuckles] Okay.

Griffin: I mean, eyebrow— eyelash game strong though, I think we can all agree.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: But uneven.

Griffin: Yeah. Well yeah, that’s a part of it.

Justin: Oh no.

Griffin: It’s the asymmetry.

Travis: She has cascade tracks.

Griffin: That's the scary energy.

Justin: "That's the doll, but it and it make you horny."

[theme music fades in]

Griffin: [chuckles] Alright, fantastic. Thanks, Justin.

Justin: You're welcome.

Griffin: For your personal endorsement.

[audience claps]

[transition theme music plays]

Justin: You need a doctor? I got a doctor. I don't got a doctor. ZocDoc got a doctor.

Travis: I mean you got a doctor, but it's not like—

Justin: I got several doctors. I got a team of doctors keeping me in my peak physical condition, but—

Travis: Yeah, Justin, you send me a lot of videos of you like on a treadmill with a lot of sensors hooked up.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And tubes coming. And you have a lot of doctors around you going like, "Whoaaa!"

Griffin: And they're collecting—

Justin: Doctor Pierson and Doctor—

Griffin: — And they're collecting a bunch of your sweat in a bunch of tubes.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: And the sweat is blue, for some reason.

Justin: Doctor Pierson and Doctor Augusta thought it would be better if I shared my fitness journey as an accountability marker.

Griffin: Interesting.

Justin: So that's what's happening. I have a team of doctors, so if you're not lucky enough to have a team of doctors monitoring your every physical sign and symptom, I would recommend ZocDoc.

It's a great way to find the exact specialist that takes your exact insurance. The— Who lives close to you, lets you filter by exactly what you need, so you find the perfect doctor for you. Griffin has moved recently, and he can speak to what a pain it is trying to find a doctor.

Griffin: Huge fuckin'—

Justin: Especially in a new community.

Griffin: A huge pain.

Justin: Yup.

Travis: Justin, I don't wanna ZocDoc you, but did you use ZocDoc to find the doctors that have been working on your, let's just call it "mechanical upgrades."

Justin: Yes. ZocDoc is deep into cybernetics.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You wouldn't believe. [chuckles] If you wanna find an unlicensed guy to upgrade your deck. [wheezes]

Griffin: I don't know if ZocDoc wants that to be said.

Justin: [snorts]

Griffin: Here.

Justin: Cyber stuff. I don't know if cyber stuff's on ZocDoc.

Travis: They'll inject you with like phosphorescent, you know, give you bioluminescent stuff if you want.

Griffin: I really don't know if ZocDoc wants this.

Justin: Bioluminescent algae. [wheezes]

Travis: Bioluminescent algae.

Justin: Algae.

Travis: Do you wanna glow in the dark? Yeah, we all do.

Justin: I used ZocDoc to find my kids' dentist. It's easy. It was fun.

Griffin: I use ZocDoc to find my everyone's everything [chuckles] here in DC, 'cause it's really the only way to do it.

Travis: I used ZocDoc to find my real dad.

Justin: So you're convinced? [chuckles] I'm convinced. This is a free app, free website. You can click to instantly book any appointment. Stop putting off the doctors appointments and go to zocdoc.com/mybrother to find and instantly book a top-rated doctor today. That's Z-O-C-D-O-C.com/mybrother. Zocdoc.com/mybrother.

Travis: You know, the internet's full of liminal spaces.

Griffin: Yes, thank you.

Travis: Videos, pictures, make you wildly uncomfortable. But I'll tell you one space that's gonna make you way comfortable. It's Squarespace.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Okay, interesting.

Griffin: Sometimes when I'm wandering around the web, and I'm like in the back room of—

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: — like a bowling alley, but there's no doors.

Travis: Uh-huh. Yup.

Griffin: And everything's kind of poorly lit and dirty, and I've been there forever.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Squarespace is like my guiding light.

Travis: Yeah. That's true. I've escaped many a nightmare dreamscape by logging into Squarespace and saying "Get me out of here," and they have so many helpers.

Griffin: When I'm getting chased by Freddy Fazbear.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: And Huggy Wuggy, and the Rainbow Friends, what I like to do is look for Squarespace, the hand that comes in from the ceiling, I grab it, it takes me to a beautiful website, and like easy to make beautiful websites.

Justin: We all remember the classic bit in *Jurassic Park*, when the little girl created a website to trap the dinosaurs.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Using the Unix system. Now I don't know Unix and you probably don't either, but Squarespace doesn't care what you know.

Travis: I believe it's when you castrate people for religious reasons.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Oh.

Griffin: And it's better than Windows and Mac.

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: To do it that way. It's an all-in-one website platform, Squarespace is, for entrepreneurs to stand out and succeed online. We've all used Squarespace, I mean the three of us have, I don't know if you at home have, but if you've ever made a website—

Travis: No, I assume if everyone at home had used it, they would stop—

Griffin: Would not be interested.

Travis: — hiring us to do ads.

Griffin: So I'm gonna say you all have definitely not done it. In fact, there's a lot of hold outs. If you're listening, Squarespace, who are just on the edge.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: [chuckles] Of going for it.

Justin: They need— They just need that 120th podcast ad, and if the 120th podcaster says they'll try it, that'll be it.

Griffin: Get this personalized website. They got this guided design system, Squarespace Blueprint, where you pick a, you know, a beautiful template, beautiful layout, and you can style it however you want, from the ground up.

You can do a bunch of different payment options, if you're offering stuff for money, and if you have video content, they have this whole way to organize your library and sell access to it by adding a paywall to your content. It's anything you need a website to do, they can set it up for you easy peasy, lemon squeezy.

Justin: Yeah. So, go to squarespace.com for a free trial, and when you're ready to launch, go to www.squarespace.com/mybrother to save 10% off your first purchase of a website or domain.

[pause]

John Moe: Hello sleepyheads. *Sleeping with Celebrities* is your podcast pillow pal. We talk to remarkable people about unremarkable topics, all to help you help you slow down your brain, and drift off to sleep. For instance, the remarkable actor Alan Tudyk.

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[pause]

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Speaker Two: Ma'am please, what about your husband?

Speaker Three: He loads the dishwasher wrong. Please help! Please help me.

[transition sound effect plays]

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Speaker Four: The kitchen table, I'm with my dad. He mispronounces words intentionally.

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[pause]

[audience claps]

Griffin: We have asked you all for questions in advance, we have chosen some backstage. We are gonna call down some names and seat numbers down to this microphone at house... right, stage left. When you get to the microphone, if you wanna tell us your name your pronouns if you wish, and what your question is. Hello.

Travis: Hi.

Savannah: Oh, I'm Savannah S.

Travis: Hello.

Savannah: And she/they. I— Yeah, this is me. [chuckles]

Griffin: Hi. [chuckles]

Justin: Hi, Savannah.

Travis: Hi, Savannah. What was your question?

Savannah: It was the question about the boat salesman, so—

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Okay, yeah. Go ahead, Savannah.

Savannah: Yeah.

Justin: Tell us your issue.

Savannah: Yeah, so I think it's next week, my sister is marrying this guy.

Travis: You think?

Griffin: You should know.

Justin: You think? Yeah.

Griffin: You should probably know.

Justin: You should know.

Travis: Savannah.

[audience claps]

Justin: "I think it's next week."

Griffin: It's Saturday, so next week's pretty wicked soon, Savannah.

Savannah: [chuckles]

Justin: Hey, if you wanna zone out in the next question just to double-check, we won't be offended. [chuckles]

Savannah: No, it is next week.

Justin: Okay, for sure. Okay, cool.

Savannah: I don't know a lot about the guy.

Travis & Justin: [simultaneously] Yeah.

Savannah: I do know that he sells boats.

Justin: Right.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: Mmm.

Savannah: My question was how do I get to better know him, understand him, learn more about him?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Savannah, do you know what kind of boats?

[silent pause]

Griffin: [cackles]

Travis: Oh no.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Because you must understand.

Justin: Things are more dire than I thought. [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Travis: Savannah, there's a wide range of boats.

Griffin: [laughs] I was gonna—

Travis: You know that, right?

Justin: Not important.

Savannah: Okay.

Griffin: Jet ski salesman is not the same as a speedboat salesman.

Travis: It could be remote controlled boats, or it could be like four mast schooners.

Justin: It's probably not a professional, full-time, remote control boat salesman.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Do you know that? Savannah doesn't.

Justin: No, it's probably not.

[audience laughs]

Justin: I think that would've gotten around. What's your read on, what, Dirk? Todd?

Griffin: I bet we could get it. We're— Not kidding.

Justin: Bono?

Griffin: I bet we can get it in 10 names.

Justin: Could we guess it? Yeah.

Griffin: I bet there's only 10 boat salesman names.

Travis: Wait, do you know his name?

Savannah: Yes, I do know his name.

Justin: Is it one—

Travis: That's a start!

Savannah: [chuckles]

Justin: One syllable or two?

Savannah: Two.

Griffin: Damn it. That gets rid of all the good boat salesman names,

Travis: Derek.

Griffin: Michael.

Justin: Phillip.

Griffin: Geoffrey. Stephen.

Travis: Tony?

Justin: Ocean.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: I can't believe I wasted on ocean, I just thought boat salesman, I panicked, um.

Griffin: What's the— Set us free, what is that name?

Savannah: Garrett.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: There it is.

Justin: Yeah, fuck.

Travis: Damn it.

Justin: That was—

Griffin: That was my next one, and we didn't—

Travis: That was my next one. Do you like boats?

Savannah: ... They're okay.

Travis: No. No.

Justin: No.

Griffin: Yeah but.

[audience laughs]

Travis: So you nothing boats, is what you're saying.

Savannah: Yeah, I don't own a boat.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: That's not what I asked, Savannah.

[audience laughs]

Savannah: [laughs]

Griffin: Savannah, what would it take to get you into a boat today?

[audience laughs]

Griffin: This is practice.

Travis: If we had some financing options available.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Would you be interested?

Griffin: I mean— [chuckles]

Justin: Hey Savannah, if you had to own a boat, what kinda boat would you want?

Savannah: Well, so I do know the types of boats he sells. I know there's fishing boats, which he doesn't sell.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Any boat's a fishing boat.

Justin: Hey, hey, the way you chose to reveal this *Deal or No Deal* style.

Griffin: It's really thrilling!

Justin: Is thrilling.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Ohhh.

Justin: Way to keep me in suspense, waiting on another kind of boat he doesn't sell. [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: Canoes?

Griffin: How about this—

Travis: Does he sell *Dexter* murder boats?

Justin: I'm on the edge of my fuckin' seat.

Griffin: [wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Savannah: [chuckles] No canoes. No canoes.

Travis: No canoes.

Justin: No canoes.

Griffin: Wooo!

Justin: Hey, everybody who had canoes, scratch that out.

[audience laughs]

Justin: That was wrong, it wasn't canoes.

Griffin: [chuckles] Savannah, I know a pretty kickass way to get to know your boat salesman brother-in-law.

Savannah: Uh-huh.

Griffin: You gotta buy a boat, Savannah.

[audience laughs]

Savannah: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: You know one thing about this boat salesman, and that's that he sells boats.

Savannah: Yeah.

Griffin: You're not gonna take a bunch of time to learn what life is like as a boat salesman. Come on.

Travis: But you can learn to be a boat owner.

Griffin: Yeah, absolutely, by asking for advice. "Hey, you know, I've been thinking about boats. I'm at that point of my life where I've been thinking about returning to the sea."

[audience laughs]

Travis: You know the happiest day in a boat owner's life.

Justin: Here it goes.

Travis: Is when they get to know their brother-in-law.

Griffin: Right.

[audience laughs]

Justin: It's a good joke.

Travis: Thank you, Justin. [chuckles]

Justin: Yeah. It's a solid— It's a solid gag, Trav. I'm proud of it.

Travis: Thank you very much.

Griffin: Make sure you say, "I'm trying to buy a boat, but not to fish out of! Gross!"

[audience laughs]

Savannah: [laughs]

Justin: Man, this is— this is— The only good thing about being a middle-aged man that no-one— no longer cares what people think about him with overactive curiosity, leave me alone with a boat salesman, I got a hundred questions.

Griffin: Absolutely.

Travis: That's all I wanna know.

[audience laughs]

Justin: What's the cheapest boat you have? Next, what's the most expensive boat? I'm like the little kid from *Home Alone*, like just asking like all the questions of Joe Pesci.

Travis: Okay, here's the question you ask that kid. You ask that kid, you ask that dude. You're gonna ask him "Has anyone ever wanted to buy a boat, and you, on moral grounds, refused to sell them one?"

Griffin: [cackles]

[audience laughs]

Justin: Have you ever refused to sell a boat on good conscience?

Travis: Because I guarantee he's got a story.

Griffin: Even if it's a—

Justin: They had broken shackles around their legs. [laughs] He's like, "I can't."

Griffin: Even a—

Travis: They asked a lot of— It might just be "I knew they would hurt themselves, like they're not responsible enough to own a boat, and I said 'I can't let you do that'."

Griffin: Yeah. Even not being a boat salesman, I see plenty of people who I think "No fuckin' way, man."

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Savannah: [chuckles]

Justin: Does that help?

Savannah: Yes, that helps.

Justin: Good.

Griffin: Thank you so much, Savannah.

Justin: Thank you so much.

Savannah: Thank you.

[audience applauds]

Justin: Savannah.

[audience claps]

Justin: Hello my friend.

Hannah: Hello, my name's Hannah, I use she/her pronouns.

Griffin: Hi.

Justin: Hi Hannah.

Griffin: What's your question?

Hannah: My question was I went really hard at the office decorating competition.

Justin: Yes.

Travis: Nice.

Hannah: And I won twice.

Travis: Yeah.

Hannah: But now I don't wanna put the effort in, but how do I look— How do I throw it?

Travis: Yeah.

Hannah: The competition, without [chuckles] acting like I'm—

Griffin: Getting caught for throwing it.

Hannah: Yeah.

Justin: You got— Yeah right, so we were talking about this backstage, like you can't... just not, right? That would be so obvious.

Travis: Well like if you're a boxer taking a fall, right?

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Like if you just walk out and trip, [chuckles] and just like, "I give up," like that's not gonna work.

Justin: Like huge asterisk on the win for anybody else if you don't get— They gotta take you down naturally.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's gotta be fair.

Travis: Oh, weak tape.

Griffin: Oh.

Travis: Right? So it starts falling down, and you're like, "Oh no!" right? And then—

Justin: There's nothing sadder than that.

Griffin: [chuckles] Just go to Staples and say, "Where's the weak tape at?"

[audience laughs]

Travis: "What's your shittiest adhesive?"

Hannah: [chuckles]

Justin: Maybe if it's like so annoy— Like if you just dumped sand everywhere around your desk.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: Like it's gonna be impressive, like you tried, but everyone's like, "This is not okay." [chuckles]

Hannah: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Justin: "This is a workplace."

Travis: Yeah, the tricky thing is that you don't wanna make it seem like you tried too hard, 'cause then you might get the like, "Oh, maybe that heat's gone."

Justin: What was the occasion, if I may ask, of the decoration?

Hannah: Halloween and then Christmas.

Justin: Ohhh!

Travis: Switch `em! Switch `em, Hannah!

Griffin: No.

Justin: Lot of houses are satisfied goin' for one, but no you're takin' both the holidays.

Hannah: Yeah, yeah.

Justin: Nice.

Griffin: What's your game look like?

Justin: You know people who go hard for Halloween don't normally go hard for Christmas, and vice versa.

Travis: I didn't know that was a thing.

Griffin: Kick ass, Juice. Thanks so much.

Justin: I just watched this documentary called *Home Haunters* recently.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Oh yeah!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: It's incredible.

Travis: You all talk amongst yourselves for a moment.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, it's so haunting.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: What's— What does your decoration technique look—

Justin: Mm.

Griffin: Like what are we— I need to know how high the bar is.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: So that I know like where to—

Hannah: Well, we had a door decorating competition.

Travis: Yeah.

Hannah: And so I basically bought a bunch of PVC pipes and made like a—

Travis: Mm.

Hannah: Like what do you call it, like sconces and—

Justin: Okay.

Hannah: A heat gun and everything.

Justin: Oh.

Hannah: And I made a giant paper mâché like golem head.

Travis: Yeah.

Hannah: And now everyone's like, "Wow, it's so great. I can't wait to see what you do next."

Travis: Yeah, now here's—

Justin: Yeah. Hey, can I—

Travis: Here's the problem with this question. The person who would say— I don't know if they gave away second place, but the person who you're like, "That's my num—"

Griffin: That they hate your fuckin' guts though.

Travis: No.

Hannah: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: That's not my question, but how close was it?

Hannah: Um, they bejeweled the *Ghostbusters* symbol.

Griffin: Oh! [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah, fuck them, right.

Griffin: Now perish!

Travis: Hannah. I think you could've—

Griffin: My sensibilities have been offended!

[audience laughs]

Travis: You could phone it in, and you might still win.

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Hannah, I'm—

Travis: You need to hype up the other person.

Justin: Hannah.

Travis: Start leaking ideas to them.

Justin: I'm gonna tell you something I think you need to hear right now, Hannah. I saw the way you light up when you talked about your decorations from last time.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Here we go.

Justin: I think that you're scared of one person in this competition, and you know what their name is? Hannah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: I think—

Travis: And I'll—

Justin: I think you're a little afraid of what you're gonna do for a third time, and you may not be able to come back from who you are after making that third whatever Arbor Day.

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Flag Day.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You just missed West Virginia, but whatever the door is, I think you're just afraid of putting the rest of the office into the fucking ground.

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Are you—

Justin: I think—

Travis: Are you afraid you don't have the heat for a third time?

Justin: I want them to not have this competition anymore, 'cause what's the point?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Right.

[audience laughs]

Justin: 'Cause Hannah's al— just gonna take it all the way home. Would you be open to maybe winning it instead?

[audience laughs]

Hannah: [scoffs] I'll come out of retirement and uh—

Justin: Yes!

Griffin: Yeah.

Hannah: Keep it going.

Justin: Yes!

[audience cheers loudly]

Justin: A folding chair.

Griffin: Yeah, if you could—

Justin: Just running up with a folding chair and then sets it down, like, "This is part of it."

Griffin: If you rea—

Travis: Change the hinges on your door to swing the other way.

Hannah: [chuckles]

Travis: You have no decoration on it. Day of the competition, boof! Door opens out. Boom!

Justin: What?!

Travis: Full decoration on the back.

Justin: Oh!

Griffin: [chuckles] Oh shit!

Justin: The prestige. Does that help?

Hannah: That helps very much.

Griffin: Thank you so much.

Hannah: Thank you.

Justin: Great, thank you.

[audience applauds and laughs]

Justin: Yes, wow!

Travis: Paul, I don't know what sparks you to look up the specific things that you do.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: No, this is from his hard drive, he had this saved already. Hello.

Griffin: Hi.

Riann: Hello, I'm Riann, she/her.

Justin: Hi.

Travis: Hi.

Riann: My question was how do you pronounce, and I'm gonna nail it this time.

Griffin: Yeah.

Riann: So this is gonna be weird. Um, how do you pronounce "abom— abomina— abominable."

Travis: Yeah, you got it.

Riann: Confidently, like the abominable snowman? Ooo, I did it.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Riann: Confidently each time, 'cause I always get stuck.

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Now how often?

Justin: We mainly just wanted to talk to you, okay?

Riann: [chuckles]

Justin: We don't have a lot of—

Griffin: [cackles]

[audience laughs]

Justin: We mainly just wanted to like—

Griffin: We mainly just saw this email and were like—

Justin: Just wanted to see what was going on.

Griffin: — "That kicks ass."

Justin: My first question, and I think you probably know it, is... Well, no I got two. The first one is... why do you have to say, "abominable" so much?

[audience laughs]

Riann: Well, I just think it's a really fun word, and it's cozy, but I can't—

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: It is a kickass word.

Travis: You like the challenge.

Riann: Yeah.

Justin: That's so interesting.

Griffin: I'll tell—

Riann: It comes up. [chuckles]

Griffin: I'll tell you how most of us do it, and that's that we say, "abo—," and that part we're like, "Fuck yeah."

[audience laughs]

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: 'Cause I didn't say, "abdominal."

Griffin: Yeah.

Riann: [giggles]

Griffin: We say, "abo," and then you hit that point in the word and you're like, "Oh no."

Justin: [chuckles] "Oh no, oh no."

Griffin: And your brain— Your brain's an incredible machine.

Riann: [giggles]

Griffin: It can do a lot of things so fast, and all it's gonna tell you is like, "Just do 'abibidiba' real fast."

Justin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Riann: Okay.

Griffin: So everybody just hits it with like, you know, the abominable snowman.

Justin: It's like when you're not certain of somebody's name, but you know the first three letters.

Griffin: Yeah.

Riann: [laughs]

Justin: So you're just kinda swallow it.

Travis: "Eyyy, Reb— [murmurs]!"

Griffin: "The Yeti, the Yeti. I believe you mean the abomi— [murmurs] snowman."

Riann: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: "The [scats briefly] snowman."

[audience laughs]

Travis: That's what I call him.

Riann: [laughs]

Travis: I think we—

Justin: The second question of course is how many times in line did you say, “ab—”... Now you’ve got me doing it.

Griffin: Real fucked up, huh.

Justin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: I used to say it confidently and now I’m in my head about it.

Riann: [laughs]

Travis: Abdominal.

Justin: How many— No.

Griffin: Nope.

[audience laughs]

Justin: How many times in line did you say, “abominable?”

Riann: In my head, like 10, but back at my table, like a bajillion.
[giggles]

Travis: Oh, can I tell you, that’s the problem.

Riann: And I messed it up so many times.

Travis: Stop practicing it before you do it.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Just run at it.

Justin: You get it in your head too much.

Travis: You’re like, you have to learn enough.

Griffin: Leap of faith.

Travis: That it's just there.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And when you, I guess, bring it up 12 times a day, it sounds like.

[audience laughs]

Travis: Then you just say it, right? It's like learning to drive. You have to like, "Oh, I'm turning over to this other side," and then you don't think about it. When you come up to it, you can't build in the—

Griffin: You can't bring the— You can't bring that baggage.

Travis: You just have to do it, like how I overthink spelling the word "restaurant" every time. Where the fuck does the U go?

Riann: [giggles]

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: It's not that confusing.

Justin: It's stupid.

Travis: Yet every time it gets away from me.

Justin: The U is stupid. It's a Wednesday thing, we get it.

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: Yeah.

[audience chuckles]

Justin: Does that help?

Riann: Yeah.

Justin: Oh, oh, one more thing.

Riann: [giggles]

Justin: Just say bad.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Just say it bad.

Travis: Just a bad snowman.

Griffin: Yeah.

Riann: [giggles]

Justin: Just say—

Travis: “The bad snowman!”

Justin: “The bad snowman,” yeah exactly.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Riann: Oh. [giggles]

Travis: We don’t use that word for anything else.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah yeah.

Justin: Like it’s a—

Travis: Like who says, “Oh yeah, my day at work? It was abominable?”

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Travis: Like nobody says that.

Justin: Hey you— that was—

Travis: Do you say that?

Justin: Can I say though, Trav? That was clean.

Travis: Right.

Griffin: You did it so good.

Justin: That was good, nice job. [claps]

Griffin: But listen.

[audience cheers]

Riann: Bravo.

Travis: Hey, thank you.

Griffin: If I put \$20 down on the table and said, “say it again,” there’s—

Travis: Abominable. Abominable. Abomitable. Abom—

Griffin: It’s not quite there, I don’t think.

Travis: Abominable.

Justin: You’re losing it, it’s getting farther from God’s light.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Did that help?

Travis: Abominable! Abominable!

Riann: That helped, yes, that helped.

Travis: Abominable! Abominable!

Griffin: Okay, great.

Justin: Great.

Griffin: This is bad. [laughs]

Justin: It drove our brother insane with arcane madness.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Abominable. Hello.

Jamie: Hello.

Justin: I love your hat.

Jamie: Thank you.

Justin: How can we help?

Jamie: So my name's Jamie.

Travis: Hello.

Justin: Hi Jamie.

Jamie: Hi, and a couple Christmases ago, my husband Kevin—

Justin: Hi Kevin.

Jamie: — got— He got me a plastic lawn goose, are you familiar?

Justin: Sure.

Travis: Wait.

Jamie: They're the ones where—

Travis: I like all the words you just said.

Griffin: Yeah. [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Jamie: You dress `em up in different outfits.

Travis: Oh yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Jamie: For different holidays.

Travis: Yeah.

Jamie: And his name is Scooter, and—

Justin: I buy mine at the Pumpkin Festival, that's where I get my goose outfits.

Travis: Yeah, locally sourced.

Justin: There's the— Yeah.

Jamie: I have a combination of like homemade custom—

Justin: Nice.

Jamie: — and the Gaggle Ville catalogue.

Justin: Nice.

Jamie: Very— They're very nice.

Travis: StitchFix.

Jamie: You know.

Griffin: I feel like I am having a dream right now.

Jamie: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Travis: And Jamie, can I just say, you're moving further and further away from the microphone.

[audience chuckles]

Jamie: 'Cause I'm in shock that he's not vibing with—

Griffin: No! No!

Justin: Yeah, nice.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: It's just I really feel the—

Justin: Like what's sick to me is what he wants is naked geese, I think.

Jamie: I know.

Justin: And it's like—

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Justin: Huh. Okay.

Jamie: We run in a Christian household.

Justin: Yeah, thank you Trav.

Jamie: And our goose is clothed.

[audience laughs]

Justin: You're safe, you're safe here. So what is the— [chuckles]

Travis: I don't wanna have these geese in the library, I'm just gonna say it.

Justin: You have a goose, this is excellent. What is the problem?

Jamie: I have a goose, his name is Scooter, he's my son and I love him. But there's another woman in our neighborhood.

Travis: Mm.

Jamie: Who has three geese.

Travis: Mm.

[audience reacts dramatically]

Jamie: And—

Travis: Fake.

Jamie: Fake geese. Scooter clones, false Scooters.

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: Yeah.

Jamie: And every month, I roll out Scooter's new outfit.

Griffin: Yeah.

Jamie: And she's got—

Justin: First of the month, or do you got a specific day? What's your policy?

Jamie: Based on when in the month the relevant holiday.

Justin: Month and the relevant holiday, yeah.

Jamie: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah, of course.

Justin: I understand, I gotcha, me too.

Jamie: Yes.

Justin: Same here.

Jamie: Yeah.

[audience chuckles]

Jamie: Anyway.

Justin: Yeah.

Jamie: But I'll break out his new outfit.

Justin: Sure.

Travis: Yeah.

Jamie: And hers will be flanked by a whole posse of companion outfits.

Travis: Okay. Okay.

Jamie: And so I wanna know your advice for making Scooter the dominant goose—

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Yeah.

Jamie: — in the neighborhood.

Justin: Get the easy stuff out of the way first. Could you smash hers up with a hammer?

[audience laughs]

Jamie: I think she also has the new plastic ones.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: You don't think you could smash—

Jamie: So I can't smash `em.

Travis: You could smash plastic with a hammer.

Griffin: Yeah, it's pretty easy.

Jamie: I've got little spaghetti arms.

Justin: Yeah.

Jamie: And she probably has a camera.

Justin: And it wasn't a good suggestion, that's fair.

Travis: Who—

Jamie: That's okay.

Justin: I can't be right all the time.

Travis: This doesn't change who's the alpha, but I am just curious. Which goose came first?

Jamie: I think she probably had geese first.

Travis: Okay.

Jamie: She's been going for a while.

Justin: That doesn't mean—

Jamie: So he's the new kid in town.

Justin: That doesn't mean anything.

Travis: Yeah.

Jamie: Right.

Justin: You know, you deserve to be there as much as she does. Maybe you could uproot her geese and lay `em in the street?

Griffin: [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Sorry, just to let you know, Juice is gonna have five or six in a row that is related to destroying the other geese.

[audience laughs]

Justin: It's just the cleanest path. Just so clean.

Travis: Just steal! Just steal the geese.

Justin: I'm all about big moves. [wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Oh yeah. Have you ever thought about having four geese?

[audience laughs]

Travis: Have you ever thought about taking her geese, and then moving them over behind Scooter?

Justin: [scoffs]

Travis: And raising Scooter up maybe on a pillar that they circle around, kneeling in front of.

[audience laughs]

Justin: You know yourself, how long could you keep up the act of like, “They are all four your geese and you don’t know what happened to her geese?”

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Jamie: I would break immediately.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: Okay good, it’s good to know your limits, that’s huge.

Griffin: Would it be— [chuckles] Would it be easier if you did one at a time?

[audience laughs]

Griffin: And so now it’s two and two, and you can be like, “I don’t— This is embarrassing, they are friends.”

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Travis: “I’ll send `em home after dinner.”

Griffin: Yeah, don’t—

Justin: You could just ask that, out of fairness, and out of neighborly spirit, she has three and you have one, so she should give you one.

Griffin: Yeah yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: And which one is her least favorite.

Griffin: Take—

Travis: You're gonna go over to her yard, you're gonna say, "I'll call the geese and you call the geese."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: And we'll see—

Travis: "And we'll see who it comes to." And what she doesn't know, you've got a zip line attached to those geese.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Zip!

[audience laughs]

Griffin: How about—

Travis: "Whoa! How'd you know?"

Justin: What— How about you call 'em, and even if they don't come, then they would rather be with you?

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, yeah yeah.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: I think take one of the geese. Now you have two. Say, "It's just for today."

Justin: [wheezes]

Griffin: But then [chuckles] when she comes back the next day, be like, "They got married."

[audience laughs]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "They're so in love."

Justin: And you have to put `em in marriage outfits.

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: Have blue—

Travis: And then— "Oh, they're pregnant and it's overwhelming. They need some help. I'm gonna have one of those other ones over here, just for now, they need support from family."

Griffin: Yeah yeah yeah.

Justin: And then you start calling the neighbor at three in the morning like, "Hi. It takes a village, and if you could get your ass over here—"

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "— and help me birth these geese babies."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "I can't do this all on my own."

Travis: With plastic eggs coming out.

Justin: "We were gonna be a family."

Travis: And rubber duckies inside.

Justin: "I thought this meant something to you." Does that help?

Jamie: That's immensely helpful.

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay.

Justin: Thank you.

[audience cheers]

Griffin: If you say so. Hello.

Justin: How's it goin'?

Question Asker: Hi.

Travis: Hi.

Question Asker: Last year I made a wild career pivot, and became an EMT.

Travis: Yeah.

Question Asker: And so—

[audience cheers]

Question Asker: — super fun, love it, it's really good. I had been baking muffins, and like doing coffee shop management for 18 years before that, so it was a real—

Justin: Oh, that's a big change, cool.

Question Asker: — wild one. Anyway, so... Ambulance, whenever you get to the hospital, to the ER, get, you know, your patient on the bed and you're like giving your report to the nurse, and so on and so forth. And then you like have this moment before you leave the room where you feel like you should say, you know, something.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Question Asker: To that person. And there's such a range.

Justin: Yeah.

Question Asker: And it's hard to find things that are neither too cavalier, nor possibly untrue.

Griffin: [chuckles] Sure.

Justin: Right, yeah.

[audience laughs]

Question Asker: Like—

Travis: “Everything’s gonna be okay.”

Justin: You don’t know.

Question Asker: Yeah.

Justin: You simply don’t know.

Question Asker: Like, “Hope you feel better soon,” and it’s like they’re a hospice patient, like they’re not gonna feel— You know.

Travis: This is where— Can I just— I’m gonna stop you right there before it goes down an alley, and say—

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Travis: This is where he Mid-Western “Welp!”

Griffin: Welp!

[audience laughs]

Travis: Comes in real strong.

[audience cheers loudly]

Travis: Real strong. Slap your knees.

Griffin: You practice slapping both your—

Travis: Welp!

Justin: Welp!

Griffin: Both your knees at the same time, just a.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: They'll get it.

Travis: I'm gonna also say people don't know—

Griffin: Us, in general.

Travis: How it works when an EMT is called.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You could just pull out your phone like, "Oh, got another one."

Question Asker: Look.

Justin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Hey, one more thing before I— Fuck."

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [wheezes]

Justin: "Got another one, it's a bad one. Gotta go."

[audience laughs]

Travis: "From everywhere? Oh no."

Justin: "Oh no."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: I also have to imagine that if someone has been called that required your services to get to the hospital, they're probably not, an hour later, be like, "Did the EMT seriously leave without saying bye?"

Justin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: "How rude."

Griffin: "How rude."

Question Asker: I mean—

Travis: "I thought we really made a connection."

[audience laughs]

Question Asker: I mean the perceive they should—

Travis: "When they shot a needle into my arm."

Question Asker: You know, yeah. If they're alert enough to... to remember what you said. I mean honestly 90% of the people it's like why did you call?

Travis: Yeah.

Question Asker: Why did this happen?

Justin: Yeah, you can't say that.

Travis: Then maybe just say that.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Yeah, maybe just like—

Travis: "I don't think you really needed me, so I'm gonna go."

[audience laughs]

Justin: "Hey, next time, don't."

Question Asker: "Next time maybe just—"

Griffin: Or give them what they want, which is you saying "Good call, chief."

Travis: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: "Worst I've ever seen."

Griffin: "You're gonna be fine, but you needed me."

[audience laughs]

Griffin: "Definitely."

Travis: "That was close."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You see—

Travis: "I gotta go save another life."

[audience laughs]

Justin: You could say what I have hoped every medical professional would say every time I've ever gotten a shot or an injection or a stitches or anything, which is "Hey, you were incredibly brave."

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Every time, I go to CVS to get my COVID booster, I linger.

Griffin: Yeah, waiting.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Just hoping they'll be like, "Wow, pretty brave." [wheezes]

[audience laughs]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: That's the—

Justin: Maybe it's not even to me!

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: But to a coworker like as I'm leaving, like, "The guy was so brave." [wheezes]

Travis: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: That—

Justin: "Did you—"

Travis: "They did the best at that I've ever seen."

Justin: "Did you see that guy? He was... really brave."

[audience laughs]

Travis: "He didn't even cry like they normally do."

Justin: "He did cry like one time, like at all."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "I could've given him like 4 shots, I reckon."

Justin: Just real— Like that would be hugely meaningful if the EMT came to me before you left and you're like, "Hey, really brave."

[audience laughs]

Justin: And left. Although that—

Travis: No, that—

Justin: Like 30 minutes in I'd be like, "Wait, what did that mean 'really brave'?"

[audience laughs]

Justin: Like what—

Travis: I think you have to be careful because "really brave." But if you said like, "I— You were so brave."

Justin: "You were so brave."

Travis: Like, "You're a— You were so brave to— I was freaking out."

Justin: No, now—

Travis: "And you were so calm."

Justin: I no longer buy it. You sold it— You oversold it at this point.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: I don't think I was that brave.

Griffin: What I—

Justin: I think you're making fun of me.

Griffin: What I love about... social anxiety is it has so many different ways of materializing inside of all of us. Because my [chuckles] more pressing concern would be what do you say when you meet someone who

has called you out for your EMT services? I imagine that's another situation that requires...

Question Asker: See, what—

Griffin: [chuckles] Delicate choice of words.

Question Asker: What I do is— So I've realized that pet names are like the dominus grooming of human emotion.

Griffin: [wheezes] Okay!

Question Asker: And—

Travis: Okay.

Question Asker: 'Cause I don't come from a pet name family, like there's no like, "honey, baby, sweetie," like none of that.

Justin: Sure.

Question Asker: I don't like that or—

Travis: So you show up like, "Hey honey baby, you bleedin'?"

Griffin: "Hey tiger."

Question Asker: Yeah. No, seriously!

[audience laughs]

Question Asker: Because— Okay, so if you say like, "ma'am" or "sir," like that's naturally establishing—

Travis: That's not a—

Question Asker: — a power thing.

Travis: That's not a pet name.

Griffin: Yeah.

Question Asker: And you don't want—

Griffin: "Hey buddy."

Question Asker: You don't have the power when like you need help.

Griffin: Right right right.

Question Asker: Like you want somebody like, "Sit back and relax, it's fine, we got this."

Travis: "You're the bravest I've ever seen."

Question Asker: And so—

Griffin: [chuckles] "You're the bravest—"

[audience laughs]

Question Asker: Yeah, and so like—

Travis: "You're a big brave boy, I'm so impressed, Justin."

Question Asker: — "sweetie" or whatever.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: That's good, that hits.

Question Asker: Naturally, it naturally establishes like, "I am more powerful than you in this situation."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Right.

[audience laughs]

Question Asker: You chill.

Travis: I'm with it.

Question Asker: Without like being a dick about it.

Griffin: Yeah, fair.

Travis: Sure.

Question Asker: You know, like.

Griffin: But if you can tell they're one the—

Question Asker: And so—

Griffin: — 90% that are probably gonna need you there, you should also at the front hit them with a, "Yowza!"

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: "Good call gettin' me on the horn."

[audience laughs]

Travis: Yeah, and afterwards say like, "Can I be honest? I was freaking out, you were so calm. I couldn't have gotten through it if it wasn't for you."

Question Asker: I feel like that would—

Griffin: That's so good.

Justin: I was hearing your—

Travis: If she was talk—

Justin: "I was worried you would've left before I got to tell you goodbye."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "And thank you." And if they say that, you just be like, "How much do you enjoy the podcast *My Brother, My Brother And Me?*"

Question Asker: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: 'Cause if you're thinking about how to thank your EMT, you definitely listen to our podcast.

Griffin: [laughs]

[audience laughs]

Travis: Does that help?

Justin: Does that help?

Question Asker: Yeah, no, it does.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Thank you so much.

[audience cheers]

Travis: Boom!

Justin: You're a hoot, thank you. Alright, you can bring down the houselights now.

Travis: Take them away

Justin: It's a little scary. Hey.

Griffin: Thank you all so much.

Justin: Thank you all so much.

Griffin: For coming.

Justin: Thank you to the Factory, this has been a genuinely beautiful place.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: And so nice.

Griffin: Sorry about the towel, you're incredible.

Justin: Sorry about the towel thing.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Thanks to Jack, and Paul Sabourin, and Amanda, and Rachel, and...

Griffin: Thanks to *Wonderful!*

Travis: Thanks to *Wonderful!*

Justin: I— Thank you.

Griffin: I did that.

[audience cheers]

Justin: That was next. Beautiful.

Travis: Thank you *Wonderful!* you were great.

Justin: Hey, and thanks to all of you for coming, it's so cool of you. Thank you so much for coming.

Griffin: Thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song "My Life (Is Better With You)."

[audience cheers]

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Club banger.

Travis: I'm excited to see you all in Tysons, Virginia tomorrow.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Travis: I assume.

Justin: Yeah, we'll be there, I assume you will too.

Travis: Following us like The Grateful Dead.

Justin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Griffin: Bit of a jaunt, sure, but get there.

Travis: But you're real fans, right? [chuckles]

Justin: Remember, that show will be—

[audience laughs]

Justin: — at least half different from this one. We'll only be repeating half of the jokes tomorrow night, so—

Travis: But it's one half of each joke. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

[audience laughs]

Justin: Just the setups.

Griffin: We like to, at the end of our live shows, raise a wish up to Fungalore for him to consider, maybe—

Travis: To just hear.

Griffin: To just hear and think about and pray on, and so... I can read it this time.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: If y'all wanna lead the congregation.

Travis: So here's what we're gonna do. We're gonna have you guys do a bit of a sound bath with us. We're gonna start low, we're gonna build up. You get it, you guys have sound bathed before.

Griffin: That's such a wild thing to assume.

Justin: That's a wild thing to blaze through, yeah.

[audience laughs]

Travis: You don't think that they're cool?

Griffin: Create a sound bath.

Travis: You get it.

Griffin: And we'll do a— we'll do one joke, and it's gonna absolutely kick ass.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Okay. Here it goes.

Justin: So this half of the audience is mine.

Griffin: [laughs] Okay.

Justin: And that half is Travis's.

Travis: How about every other person?

Justin: Yeah, we'll just alternate. Okay, here we go. [holds a note]

Travis: [holds a wavering note]

Griffin: [holds a note]

Travis & Justin: [raise the pitch of their notes]

Griffin: [chuckles] You can switch the sound.

Justin & Travis: [hold a constant, higher note]

Travis: Like a theremin.

Justin & Travis: [guide the audience through singing a changing note together]

[theme music fades in]

Griffin: "I wish automatic toilets would chill out."

[audience laughs]

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.

[audience cheers loudly]

[theme music plays]

[ukulele chord]

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