

Sawbones 520: Tesla Medbed

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Justin: Hello everybody, and welcome to *Sawbones*, a marital tour of misguided medicine. I'm your cohost, Justin McElroy.

Sydnee: And I'm Sydnee McElroy.

[pause]

Sydnee: That's it.

Justin: That's it, that's a whole show, that was it.

Sydnee: That was all we had in us. [chuckles]

Justin: No, it wasn't— We're just getting started.

Sydnee: If you— If it wasn't so cold.

Justin: Oh boy.

Sydnee: In your office.

Justin: Hmm, honey, I— can I tell you something? Honestly, I left my phone upstairs so I can't adjust the temperature, but I— for you? For my wife? I'm gonna try to log into the web browser interface.

Sydnee: No, we can't—

Justin: Of our thermostat.

Sydnee: You can't turn on the heat because then it makes a noise, and I am so dedicated to the quality of our show for our listeners that I will huddle in my sweatshirt.

Justin: Kidding aside though, remind me, I'll get the ceramic heater and bring it down here for you.

Sydnee: I know, and it's probably— Here's the truth, it's probably like 74 degrees in here, and I'm still—

Justin: Oh no no no, I should've said for the listener, it's perfectly comfortable.

Sydnee: [chuckles]

Justin: [laughs] Absolutely, you can't even— It's the perfect temperature for anybody on earth, would be like, "Oh, comfortable in here."

Sydnee: Except me.

Justin: Except for old four-layer Syd. [wheezes] If you can find her under the blankets, you'll hear her complaining about how cold it is. [snorts]

Sydnee: Justin, I got an email [chuckles] from a couple of our listeners.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: As in I got one email from two people, so thank you ahead of time Faiga and Mozell for this email, and it was titled— Oh, it was so exciting, the subject line of this email. "Tesla Medbeds."

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: And I got so excited because I thought...

Justin: Wow.

Sydnee: "Tesla's Medbeds?!"

Justin: That was quick.

Sydnee: Could we be so lucky?

Justin: [laughs]

Sydnee: [chuckles] Could there be a fake medicine thing?

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: A sham product, medical product.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: That is tied to Elon Musk.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: Is that possible?

Justin: Now listener, you're— We kinda used a version of this on you, right, 'cause you downloaded the episode really quick.

Sydnee: I know.

Justin: 'Cause you wanna find out too, right?

Sydnee: Right.

Justin: So you're in that same liminal space as Syd was.

Sydnee: And I thought like, "This'll be great for everyone because then we can all laugh at this ridiculousness together, and then we'll feel angry about it. And then we'll feel sad."

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: "But maybe then we'll feel angry again." [chuckles]

Justin: [laughs]

Sydnee: And I was so excited to go on this journey together Justin, you and I, and then with our listeners, about what has the creator of the cybertruck wrought upon us next?

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: But I am going to tell you right now that Tesla Medbeds have nothing to do with Tesla the car company.

Justin: We already got your download, it's too late.

Sydnee: [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles] We gotcha.

Sydnee: I've read a bunch of articles about this, I'm gonna tell you about what these are and why it's still hilarious, but the thing about Tesla Biohealing Inc is that very frequently in news articles, when they're writing about Tesla Biohealing Inc, they will put immediately following that "Not related to the car company."

Justin: Right.

Sydnee: Which is feel like I— Are they— I wanna reach out and say are you tryin' to help 'em like do the work for— Like is this— Who mandated this? It almost feels intentional.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: Like did the— When they interviewed them, were they like, "Now listen, every time you name our company in your news article, you do need to contractually, we do need to put 'not related to the car company' afterwards."

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: "Or we will get in trouble," and how is there another Tesla?

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: How has Tesla allowed there to be another Tesla?

Justin: Well, somebody's name, right? Maybe it's because you can't trademark somebody's name.

I do think it says something about both Mr Musk and his business that the articles have to specify like come right out and say, "There's a part of you that may think that this is a Tesla thing, but it's a different Tesla." Like they have to specify, it's close enough to believable where you're like, "Yeah, that tracks. It could be that."

Like if there was a company called "Burger King Waterslides," they wouldn't have to come out and say, "It's not the burger restaurant," like yeah we know, it's waterslides.

Sydnee: Sure, sure. No, that makes total sense. But like when I saw Tesla Med— And can I tell you?

Justin: "Mm, plausible!"

Sydnee: As soon as I started researching this and reading the articles, because our listeners helpfully linked me to a few to get me started, I— As I was reading them, I thought it was Tesla, In my head, I assumed. Like I hadn't read anything to confirm that, I just thought "Well yeah, of course. Of course, of course."

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: But then it is not. So this has nothing to do with Tesla the car company. If you are somebody who understands the law better than me, I would— I'd love to know why this is happening. I feel like a company as large as Tesla and someone with, I mean, unchecked power I assume, like Elon Musk, would have stopped this.

Justin: I don't know.

Sydnee: So I don't know.

Justin: I don't know.

Sydnee: It feels wild to me.

Justin: Mm.

Sydnee: Maybe the clock's ticking, maybe I— Listen, I have no intention of—

Justin: Yeah, it's whoever wins, we lose. [laughs]

Sydnee: I don't wanna help either of these companies.

Justin: Right.

Sydnee: So I don't— Justin, here's what I want you to do. I want you to go to Pittsburgh.

Justin: Alright, see yah!

[chair creaking]

[microphone wobbling]

Sydnee: Well not yet. Hold on, no. We gotta finish the podcast first.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: Okay, but here's what you're going to do, you're gonna go to Pittsburgh.

Justin: Aw man, I'm really paying for standing up so suddenly.

Sydnee: [chuckles]

Justin: Woof. [snorts]

Sydnee: I feel like this is how— this is what it's like to get directions in Appalachia. Okay, here's what you're gonna do, you're gonna go to Pittsburgh, okay? Then you're gonna turn and you're gonna head 45 minutes up north, okay?

[chuckles] Yeah, I did say minutes. I'm not gonna give it to you in miles, this is Appalachia, we give it to you in minutes, okay?

Justin: No, it's stoplights.

Sydnee: Or hours.

Justin: Or stoplights.

Sydnee: Or stoplights. It's a time thing, it's not gonna be a miles thing, we don't know. And then you're gonna arrive in Butler, Pennsylvania, and you're gonna see an old building that looks like a roadside motel, and there's a good reason for that, it was indeed a Holiday Inn.

Justin: [chuckles] Okay.

Sydnee: [chuckles] Roadside motel, but now it isn't. It is the Tesla Wellness Hotel and Medbed Center. Justin, I— it made me think we once stayed at a wellness hotel, do you remember this?

Justin: Oh yeah!

Sydnee: Accidentally.

Justin: On our— Accidentally.

Sydnee: Accidentally, can I just— I mean if you didn't already know this about us, it was accidental.

Justin: It was an accidental, yeah. We were in town for Lin's birthday party, and we booked ourselves into a wellness spa. What was it called? It's Equinox, something like that?

Sydnee: I don't even know.

Justin: I don't know, I can't remember.

Sydnee: I don't remember what it was called, but I mean it's— It looked pretty, it was a nice hotel, we thought we were giving ourselves a nice exper— And it was, I'm also not gonna sit here and say that it wasn't, but—

Justin: We had also— I had— It was also not our first choice. I had booked for the wrong night and remember we had to do like Hotels Tonight or something—

Sydnee: Oh yeah.

Justin: — to see what was available.

Sydnee: So we stayed there, and it was perfectly nice, but they did have like an infra-red sauna and a cryoroom you could pay for.

Justin: [giggles]

Sydnee: And then in your room, there were like I mean things that like I don't think of as weird wellness stuff, like there was a yoga mat, that's nice. That's pleasant, you know.

Justin: Do some yoga.

Sydnee: But then and like a foam roller, but then also some oils or something, and some supplements that you could purchase from your room if you wanted.

Justin: Yeah, the supplements were fun, yeah.

Sydnee: This was an accident. We did not know that we had— [chuckles] That the duo behind *Sawbones* was staying in a wellness hotel. But if you stay at this wellness hotel you know, 'cause it's right there in the title. You can rent rooms nightly, so it is a hotel. But it's also a wellness center.

Justin: Mm.

Sydnee: So I guess you can stay more if you want to.

Justin: But that's like— that's— I mean, lots of places do— Like the Great Wolf Lodge is like that.

Sydnee: And it is a hotel.

Justin: You know, it's a hotel, but it's also a waterslide park, and not a Burger King.

Sydnee: [chuckles] Can you imagine if you got a room at the Great Wolf Lodge like not knowing, like just thinking it was a hotel?

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: Like, "What a weird name for a hotel. Whatever."

Justin: "Phew, I'm sure tired. [chuckles] Ready for a good night's sleep."

Sydnee: "Ready for a peaceful night's sleep."

Justin: "What? The kid's arcade is open 24 hours a day?"

Sydnee: "Why does the entire building smell like pizza? Why does every inch of this building—"

Justin: [wheezes]

Sydnee: "— the showers smell like pizza, the bathroom smell like pizza."

Justin: Bad pizza.

Sydnee: "Everything smells like pizza." I love Great Wolf Lodge. So okay, these rooms in the Tesla Wellness Hotel and Medbed Center. It's not the only one of these, there are others.

If you're thinking like, "Well, there's another—" Yeah, I know, I know, we'll get there. So these rooms come with biohealers. Now what is a biohealer? It's like a— It's a can. [chuckles]

Justin: Isn't it a—

Sydnee: It's a small cannister.

Justin: Can we do— I hate this crap. Bio. [claps] Healer. [claps] Healer, bio. Like it's just saying healer. Like.

Sydnee: I know. You can— You know—

Justin: Like biohealing is like nonsense, like it's not even like good flimflammy, you know what I mean?

Sydnee: I get— Oh.

Justin: It's like threadbare.

Sydnee: There's so much of that in this.

Justin: Great.

Sydnee: There's so much of that.

Justin: Keep it comin'.

Sydnee: Can I was that as I was reading through this, the word "healing" does a lot of work for these like fake kind of medical companies. I think my guess is that you can get away with saying "healing" when you can't say, "treat" or "cure."

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: So, because those specifically, they're regulations.

Justin: Fixing.

Sydnee: If you try to say, "treat" or "cure," the FDA will jump on you.

Justin: See why does the FDA— Why— I feel like, "treat" is not— does not imply an effect.

Sydnee: Well it does. No, I think legally, "treat" does imply an effect.

Justin: Really?

Sydnee: Now how did our language evolve to think treat is an effect but "heal" isn't, I can't tell you.

Justin: I'm talking about semantics. Yeah, continue.

Sydnee: I think a lawyer would just tell you “Cause it does. ‘Cause we have decided legally that it does.” So these cannisters exude what is called by the company—

Justin: That is— It’s—

Sydnee: — “lifeforce energy.”

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: Uh-huh.

Justin: [scoffs]

Sydnee: Or technically—

Justin: Well if— [giggles]

Sydnee: Scientifically, these are biophotons. Now I do want— I think it’s bad in a podcast to tell people to pause your podcast [chuckles] and go look at a website, and maybe if you’re like me and your brain gets itchy if you’re not doing at least two things, you could do this at the same time.

Justin: Unless it’s driving.

Sydnee: No.

Justin: I do wanna make that like super clear.

Sydnee: Do not— Please don’t look at your phone or another computer while you’re driving. But if you can.

Justin: Well now I gotta see it.

Sydnee: Go, I really want you to look at the website for the Tesla Biohealing Wellness Hotel and Resort. Because what you will notice, I think this is one of my favorite parts of it, is that it is— I didn’t tell you the whole title of it. It’s the Tesla Biohealing Wellness Hotel and Resort... Ramada by Windham.

Justin: Nice!

Sydnee: It is a Ramada, folks.

Justin: Yes. Good.

Sydnee: It is a Ramada. [chuckles]

Justin: That's good, that's a name you can trust.

Sydnee: Which also I wanna call Ramada and say, "This— You— Y'all are into that?"

Justin: "This is your thing?"

Sydnee: "Like this is— You're good? This good?" This is a Ramada, so it's all the amenities you can expect from a Ramada.

Justin: Yeah, I like that they definitely still have the smoking gazebo outside.

Sydnee: Mm-hmm.

Justin: You know, the legally mandated smoking gazebo that every Ramada must have. [chuckles]

Sydnee: Yes, they're right there. And then they—

Justin: There's a geocache in the one at the Huntington Mall, by the way, if you're ever up around the smoking gazebo, you remember that Syd?

Sydnee: Yup.

Justin: We had— We— Quick sidebar, we— [chuckles] we— During Covid, there was a— peak of Covid is should say, there was a— we did a lot of geocaching 'cause it was a very safe way to get out in the world. But we— [chuckles]

There was a geocache at the smoking gazebo at the Ramada up at the mall and that we stood— There was people out there smoking, and we stood just kind of like... watching people smoke, debating like, "I don't think we could just roll up to get our geocache—"

Sydnee: No.

Justin: “— while people are smoking, I think we’re gonna have to wait.”

Sydnee: “We should wait.” And then well we were trying to keep our six feet, so.

Justin: Right, yeah. The combo of that too.

Sydnee: Yeah. So anyway, it is a Ramada, with all the amenities of a Ramada, I mean it says right there free breakfast, you got free Wi-Fi, it’s got a pool. But then also you have special cannisters in every room that emit lifeforce energy, and will help your body heal itself.

Justin: Now you’ve gone from exude to emit. I— First of all.

Sydnee: I don’t know. Honey, it’s all made up.

Justin: It’s so incredible that you have all these different words—

Sydnee: [chuckles]

Justin: — of things gooshing out of things just on hand.

Sydnee: So, the company, let me give you a little bit of context for what—

Justin: On— Okay.

Sydnee: How did we get here?

Justin: Well.

Sydnee: How is there a Ramada?

Justin: The Ramada was a family of—

Sydnee: No, not— [chuckles]

Justin: — hoteliers. [wheezes]

Sydnee: No no no no no.

Justin: Oh, okay.

Sydnee: Not— Listen.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: That's— That— Man, that is your kinda thing, isn't it.

Justin: Oh.

Sydnee: Knowing the history of Ramada?

Justin: Oh honey, I remember when I was at—

Sydnee: Oh, that's your thing.

Justin: When I was at the— The last time I was at a Double Tree, there was like a sign about why it's called the Double Tree.

Sydnee: Oh no.

Justin: And like the ranch that it's named after, and all that stuff. Oh man, I think that stuff is fascinating.

Sydnee: I know you do, love. I know. [laughs] So, what's happening here? Tesla Biohealing Inc was— is a company that was founded by Dr James Lu, I think it was within the last four or five years.

It's really hard to find a lot of great history on this company, or on its founder because there's some legal issues in the past. I'm not sure, but it was created to treat and cure chronic diseases in an innovative way, and when I say, "treat and cure," I of course don't mean treat and cure.

Justin: [laughs]

Sydnee: Because right there—

Justin: A classic switcheroo.

Sydnee: Yes, right there on the website, for Tesla Biohealing Inc, which you can go explore if you so choose, "Tesla Biohealing does not provide any medical advice. Our products, FDA registered Tesla Biohealing OTC," over the counter, "medical devices and services are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease or medical condition.

Please consult your own healthcare provider if you have any medical issues." But like all of these scam artists, they put that, and then they proceed to sell you a variety of products.

Justin: "Now that that's out—" Honey, this is like... it's the exact same thing you see on haunted doll listings, right? You have this incredible tapestry of a story about, you know, all the ways that the spirit has appeared to the person.

And then the last paragraph is always "eBay says that I have to tell you that this whole thing I just told you was for jokes, but yeah, you and I both know, but it was all a lie. I have to tell you I was lying about that. Wink."

Sydnee: "Wink." Yeah, well and that's the thing is you're allowed to list a bunch of diseases on your website.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: You can't say that you are treating and curing them, but you can say that this is a medbed center, that these are healing devices, and then you can list a number of conditions that people who have used them might also have. So the implication.

Justin: "You— I don't know, you connect the dots."

Sydnee: Right.

Justin: "What do you think?"

Sydnee: And I mean this—

Justin: "I'm just laying the pieces out here."

Sydnee: And I think that it's— I mean I guess part of that would be based in sort of a caveat emptor kind of idea. It's on you if you're gonna spend your money in a bad way, I guess too bad.

But I think the problem is, as always, when it comes to quote unquote "wellness products," is that they are preying on people, and specifically they talk about it, with either chronic diseases that are difficult to manage and maybe we don't have a lot of great tools for, of things that are incurable currently.

And so people who have this diagnosis, or family members of these people, may feel very desperate and may engage with something that typically they would be too rational or too logical to engage with.

Justin: Sure.

Sydnee: Right?

Justin: Right, right, they're vulnerable.

Sydnee: They're depending on that, they're depending on you being so vulnerable and scared that you'll put those dots together for yourself and try it out. So I— So let me tell you about what— First I'm gonna tell you about the science, quote unquote, these are air quotes, "science" behind it.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: So the products harness biophoton energy, that means that— And this is— So going back to like 1920, we found that living things, living cells, can emit small particles of light energy, photons. Hence the biophotons.

Justin: Right, and it's the source of all magic. We all know this, it's mana.

Sydnee: [chuckles] Sure, you know what? I— I feel like that will be called upon in one of these books I'm reading at some point, all of my... fairy sex books. So anyway, there are biophotons.

Now the implication of that, we don't really— In actual medical science, we are not trying to harness your biophotons to do anything. It— Just

because something exists doesn't mean it has value in medicine in any way.

But that is exactly what they are trying to do is use this biophoton energy that is being released by these cannisters, and then there are other products as well, and help your own living cells, which also emit biophotons... cure themselves.

Justin: Yeah okay. Sure.

Sydnee: So it's creating this energy field that will fix you.

Justin: Easy, yeah.

Sydnee: But it won't— We can't say, "fix," it will—

Justin: Treat.

Sydnee: Can't say, "treat."

Justin: Oh.

Sydnee: It will...

Justin: Heal.

Sydnee: Help.

Justin: Help, okay.

Sydnee: Heal. I don't know, one of these. So your body's going to fix itself, but this is just going to create the energy field that allows you to do that. Or the guy in charge of the Ramada, James Millen, who's not all Ramadas, just this Ramada.

James Millen who's a chiropractor and the Butler facility's clinical team leader says, "Lifeforce energy is the body's ability of innate intelligence to make changes or repair itself." Don't try to parse it, it's impossible.

If you go to the website, here's how they explain it. "The energy field generated by our devices is the same biophoton energy that any human

body or living being naturally generates and emits, and we've harnessed this power using natural pre-activated materials, through a proprietary process rooted in a comprehensive understanding of biology, physics, and chemistry.

These devices effectively recreate or elicit invigorating or revitalizing energy within our environment, offering a compelling and holistic approach to optimum health and well-being."

Justin: I— Can I ask you a question, Syd? Are chiropractors at a point like applied kinesiology where the ones who are actually doing anything need to change... the name of what they do, so it's not the same as the rest of us? [chuckles]

Sydnee: I think that— And I'm gonna be real careful here because I li— I'm a doctor, so I live in a glass house.

Justin: Sure.

Sydnee: Right? But I do think—

Justin: And it's very pricey. [wheezes]

Sydnee: [chuckles]

Justin: So you see that—

Sydnee: Yeah.

Justin: Only doctors can afford these elegant glass houses.

Sydnee: I think that there is this idea that certain professionals are so professional that they can all regulate themselves, and they don't have to— we don't have to watch them too closely 'cause certainly they will call out... the bad actors within their community.

And I would say that yes, the chiropractic community would do well to be very [chuckles] vocal about guys like this guy, who is— I mean, that— I don't know what that has to do with chiropractics, and I certainly don't know what that has to do with science or medicine.

Justin: Mm.

Sydnee: And if he were saying "I am a doctor of medicine and this is something that we believe," I would want to vocally say, "No, we do not."
[chuckles]

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: "That is not a thing we believe, this is not a thing."

Justin: Y'all get your house— Y'all gotta get your house in order, alright?

Sydnee: "Please, no. He does not speak for any of us." And you know like I say that, I am not looking for press releases from whatever the national society of chiropractors is called. They may have—

Justin: They may have.

Sydnee: Honey, they may have done that.

Justin: They may have, right?

Sydnee: Like they may be doing this.

Justin: But it's not just for this one cat, right?

Sydnee: No, there's a lot of—

Justin: Like I'm not just saying this one cat needs to go get picked up by the chiropractors. [chuckles]

Sydnee: I'm gonna get emails for this, but I think you all know this chiropractors, there's a lot of quackery among chiropractors.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: There is.

Justin: Not telling you anything you don't know.

Sydnee: And I'm not saying every single, certainly. There's a lot of quackery among doctors! We talk about it on this show constantly.
[chuckles]

Justin: I'm just— Yeah.

Sydnee: And so, but yeah, I do think it's important that we call out our own profession when we're doing something wrong. Which is why I repeatedly say the American healthcare system is a disaster.

Justin: [wheezes]

Sydnee: And needs to be completely rebuilt. Not in the way it's about to be destroyed! But in a good way that is in service to humanity. So Justin, what is in these cannisters?

Justin: [sadly] I don't know, honey.

Sydnee: I'm gonna tell you, but first I'm gonna make you go to the Billing Department with me.

Justin: Let's go.

[transition theme music plays]

[ad break]

Justin: Okay, Sydnee, the secret of the ooze, I'm ready.

Sydnee: What could be in these cans? And if you— like look— You can look at a picture of them, hun. The Tesla— If you go to the website, you— they've got all their products, and like right now all their products have little red bows on them 'cause I guess the holidays.

Justin: [vocalizes for a moment] Love that.

Sydnee: So, what is in this can? It's a mix— This is a quote. "A mix of fine naturally active stones and activated fine metal, grout, sands, and proprietary polymers that are manufactured with a special technology."

Justin: That is— I'm sorry, can you— One more time?

Sydnee: "It's a mix—"

Justin: It's really good.

Sydnee: "— of fine naturally-active stones and activated fine metal, grout, sands, and proprietary polymers that are manufactured with a special technology."

Justin: Alright.

Sydnee: It's like rocks, and... dirt. And some metal.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: I— One person who bought it I know gave a bad review and said, "This is just a can of concrete, I hate it," [chuckles] so.

Justin: [cackles]

Sydnee: Now. I don't— [chuckles] I don't— I am not—

Justin: "Nooo, it's special polymers."

Sydnee: I don't know if it— I don't know. Listen, that concrete is not my area of expertise, I don't know if this is indeed how you make [chuckles] concrete. But maybe this is a similar process to making concrete.

Anyway, that's what's in the cans that they put under your bed in the motel. So basically if you go stay at the Wellness... Ramada. The Well— The Tesla Wellness Ramada, whatever, you know, that place in Butler.

And I'm sorry, if you live in Butler, this is no shade on you. I'm sure you feel very frustrated by the presence of this Ramada.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: In the—

Justin: [giggles]

Sydnee: In the motel they just put these under your bed. [chuckles] And you can sleep on the bed, and then they're emitting the energy in your room, and so they're great. They also have some in the pool, they—

I found like a news article where they had a picture of someone swimming in the pool, and they're all these big like plastic— 'Cause I guess they didn't wanna put metal 'cause it would rust. So they're like plastic jugs that are like sitting at the bottom of the pool, I assume also full of the concrete-esque mixture.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: And then you swim in the bioenergy, you— the life energy. A night's stay is gonna cost you like 300 bucks. Although when I looked at the— That's what they say, but when you look at the website, they've got deals right now, [chuckles] so you might be able to get in for like half that.

Justin: Wow, nice. Okay, cool.

Sydnee: And can I say, I'm talking about this— This facility has gotten a lot of press, so it's really easy to read some details about it. There are other Wellness Resorts, Hotels across the country. Not a ton, but there's more than one, and each one offers slightly different things.

So like this one you sleep on the beds and you get the energy, and there's a pool. There are others that have specific like spa areas, where you go in a room and get a treatment as opposed to just sleeping on the bed. Or like they have pet facilities if you wanna treat your pet.

Justin: Mm.

Sydnee: With life energy.

Justin: Alright. Convenient.

Sydnee: Then you can do that do, so there are different things on offer at different facilities. But— And I'm sure some are more expensive depending on where you live too, right? Like different areas of the country. But let's say you wanna own one. Why just one night?

Justin: Mm. It's too powerful, you can't have it underneath you, you get overwhelmed.

Sydnee: No, you can own one, honey. They're just— You just buy 'em off the website.

Justin: Wow.

Sydnee: So the small— So the adult-size— [chuckles] cannister for adult... help? Healing? Whatever. Is 599, a in \$599. Let me be very clear, I know it sounds like a can of rocks and dirt would only be \$5.99.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: That is not what I mean.

Justin: You mean \$599.

Sydnee: \$599, for the adult-size, that's like a 2.2lb can, okay? But if that's expensive, maybe you just wanna treat your dog. the pet one is gonna cost yah \$499, it's slightly smaller, it's like a 1.8lb can. And then your... Let's say that you wanna treat your kid.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: Now that's your cheapest model. Yes, that is right.

Justin: Why?

Sydnee: It is cheaper to heal your child than your pet.

Justin: Smaller can, smaller can.

Sydnee: \$399 for the 1.2lb kid can.

Justin: [sighs]

Sydnee: And—

Justin: Can you imagine getting bombarded with that kinda energy from such a young age, it's fantastic.

Sydnee: And you just put these little cans under your bed. Or I guess maybe if you're like working all day, you could probably put it like under your chair. Like right now you could have one under your chair, and you could just be absorbing life force energy all day long.

The— Now they do have bigger ones, so these are the little... Like I said, these are just the little guys. They have big cans if you want a real big one, and those are really gonna cost yah.

Justin: They are.

Sydnee: So a 28lb cannister.

Justin: Oh wow.

Sydnee: Which also is like I— They have a number on the website, it's like, "100 times stronger," so that's why you would pay more, right? Is \$11,000.

Justin: Wow.

Sydnee: But.

Justin: Wow wow wow wow wow.

Sydnee: Sometimes they offer a two for, so you can get two for 20,000.

Justin: Why do I need two of them?

Sydnee: 'Cause then it's 200 times stronger. [chuckles]

Justin: Whoaaa!

Sydnee: Well.

Justin: Wait, wait!

Sydnee: Here's what I think—

Justin: 'Cause all of a sudden there's no— I had— numbers higher than two, I should be okay.

Sydnee: [chuckles] I think what you want— what you're trying to decide is do you just wanna put this under your bed, or do you want to, I don't know, like dig into your foundation and put a bunch of these under your house?

Justin: I mean it's a question of like—

Sydnee: You know someone would.

Justin: — do you want one port with one modem that you use to call Prodigy, or do you want like 8 gig Wi-Fi booming through your house? Like obviously, you— If you're gonna go to town, you might as well go in a Lincoln.

Sydnee: Get the big cans.

Justin: Get the big cans.

Sydnee: But maybe you don't want cans.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: Maybe you want a box.

Justin: That's wild. A box?

Sydnee: Yeah.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: Because—

Justin: Flexible.

Sydnee: — after they released the cans, and they came out with the boxes.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: And the boxes—

Justin: Changed everything though.

Sydnee: — are caused the “Biophotoniser Plus,” which is \$2490. Or the “Biophotoniser Alpha,” which is \$4950.

Justin: I’m just—

Sydnee: And the advantage of the box is that depending on which side of the box you have pointed at your head, it’s different amounts of energy. So like the— like it— I mean it’s a rectangular box, right. You’re picturing that? Like a shoebox.

Justin: Mm.

Sydnee: If you’ve got the broadest side facing you, that’s the most, but the least concentrated energy. So then as you go to the two smaller sides, right? So you’ve got the edge.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: That’s long and thinner, and then the smallest edge on each end of the box. That’s the most concentrated beam of life force energy—

Justin: Got it.

Sydnee: — that you’re gonna absorb. Okay.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: So it gives you options. You know, you get an option with the can, you get an option with the box. They also have a biophoton infused eye mask for \$299, which they have a whole list of things it’ll do for you, and one of them is improve your self-esteem.

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: So I don’t know.

Justin: Uh-huh.

Sydnee: I mean, you do like to sleep with an eye mask.

Justin: I don't— I do like to sleep with an eye mask, but I don't know how it would impact my self-esteem to spend \$300 on an eye mask. [chuckles] I think it would already be pretty low at that point.

Sydnee: They also have a biophoton-infused pillow for \$495, and it comes with fluff instructs.

Justin: That's gonna be a pass for me, I already found my pillow.

Sydnee: I know. I had a moment as I was reading about the pillow where I thought—

Justin: Not my pillow. [chuckles]

Sydnee: — I cannot— No, well.

Justin: [chuckles]

Sydnee: No. Similar energy in this whole thing. But I had a moment of fear, Justin, as I was reading about their special pillow, because I know you're on this lifelong quest for like the perfect pillow.

Justin: I used to be. I used to be, not anymore. The pillow cube is—

Sydnee: No but I get nervous if I start describing a great pillow to you that you might start— You might be vulnerable.

Justin: No, that search is done, I've moved on to blankets.

Sydnee: Okay.

Justin: It's a new thing.

Sydnee: Mm-hmm.

Justin: And—

Sydnee: Listen.

Justin: And the most comfortable wrist braces for carpal tunnel syndrome.

Sydnee: They— [chuckles] They don't sell any wrist braces or blankets that I found, but now that we've said it, I feel like it's gonna happen. And of course, energized— biohealing energized spring water, of course they have to sell water. Everybody who is making a fake wellness anything is gonna wanna sell you a bottle of water that costs too much! For a bottle of water, right?

Justin: Yeah, right.

Sydnee: Everybody's gonna do that. This one is sourced from the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

Justin: [laughs]

Sydnee: It's local water. Now let me— Now listen. It comes from some sort of reservoir, I'm sure it's— I'm sure that it's fine for drinking, I'm not—

I'm not questioning whether or not the water is dangerous, but I'm just gonna tell yah, as somebody who grew up here in Appalachia, and as somebody who knows very well the history of the coal mining industry here, and as somebody who did a science fair project on acid mine drainage that did win.

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: Sayin' that your water comes from the Appalachian Mountains isn't always as clear cut. [chuckles]

Justin: Yeah. Yeah.

Sydnee: A— Of a positive as you think it is. So anyway, this one is bottled and sold to you for only \$150 for a 24 pack.

Justin: Yup.

Sydnee: Yeah.

Justin: Wow.

Sydnee: They have financing options, so don't worry.

Justin: Oh thank goodness.

Sydnee: Don't worry. Now, the thing that stands out the most when you look up Dr James Lu, or Tesla Biohealing Inc, is all the letters [chuckles] he's gotten from the FTC and the FDA.

Justin: Lot of disagreements there I think.

Sydnee: Yeah, that's— Actually it's interesting, when you try to Google, just like look up "Tesla Biohealing Inc," those are the first kinds of things you get are like these letters of warning, and there was a— there's a court case that came up against the facility in Delaware. There's a facility in Delaware too.

And I haven't— I didn't read all of the specifics, but obviously— And I don't need to because there are claims implicit to this that are not backed by any sort of science. So it appears that Dr Lu at one point was selling an asthma treatment device, I think it was advertised as a treatment device.

Justin: Mm.

Sydnee: Called the "Asthma Care Kit."

Justin: Okay.

Sydnee: And this was under a previous company called "Dr Natural Healing Inc."

Justin: Mm-hmm.

Sydnee: And the asthma care kit, and this is from the letter from the FTC that he got. I could not find any trace— I was— I have tried to find like a picture of this or something to tell me like what does this look like? It's been like scrubbed from the internet.

But the asthma care kit consists of a nasal irrigation device and homeopathic spray that purport to prevent or reduce the occurrence of asthma attacks, as well as alleviate or reduce the severity of asthma symptoms, including minor shortness of breath, wheezing or tightness in the chest.

So he made these claims, they were false because it was a— I mean it sound like a neti pot, or no, a nasal irrigation device, that would be like those— You know those sinus.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: Instead of a neti pot where you're just sort of pouring the water in.

Justin: Blasting it.

Sydnee: It'd be one of those things where you could spray, yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: Irrigate your sinuses, and then a homeopathic spray, and we know homeopathy isn't real, so.

Justin: There you go.

Sydnee: It wouldn't do these things. We had to stop making these claims, and then FTC noted in their letter that they were closing it out because one, he took a bunch of these claims off the product, and two, he's sold very few, so.

Justin: [laughs]

Sydnee: So they were kind of over it. The FDA has— I found a letter from last August, as in 2023, so this has been over a year ago, where the FDA sent a letter about the Tesla Medbed, Biohealing products, and said basically you are marketing medical devices, these constitute medical devices, and there is a process for getting—

Justin: Right, we have laws.

Sydnee: Yes, a medical device approved and you haven't done any of it. I couldn't find a closing letter in that action to see what happened with that.

Justin: Mmm.

Sydnee: So I don't know if that's ongoing, I don't know what's happening there, but definitely the FDA has noticed. But Dr Lu is always quick to remind you that these aren't medical devices, these aren't treatments, these aren't cures.

The people who he takes money from at the old Holiday Inn aren't patients, he says that very clearly. "We are not a clinic, not a doctor's office. For me, for the company, I always call them customers."

Justin: Alright.

Sydnee: That's what they are.

Justin: And customers come first at the Tesla Biohealing Resort by Windham.

Sydnee: Mm-hmm. There is a process by which you can receive refunds, but it's— I read— was reading through it on the website, it's very complicated and is not a complete refund. There are other facilities in Delaware, Illinois, Arizona, Massachusetts, and there are two... in Florida.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: Oh Florida. Listen, I can't say much, I live in West Virginia, but you never fail to disappoint. So you can find other facilities across the country. [chuckles] Please don't. So there is no— I don't even— I don't know how I would unravel why this would not work—

Justin: It's so nothing.

Sydnee: — because it doesn't make any sense what they're saying it would work.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: It's a big nothing, I— it would be a waste of money. I will say, and now they do— they have two clinical trials that they say they're working on to prove that it works. There was a— One was ongoing, so you could still get enrolled in it, which is on Alzheimer's, dementia, and traumatic brain injury and Parkinsons.

And then they have another one that they say they've completed on chronic stroke patients, and they put out a press release about how great it went, but I can't actually find the data from it, there's just the press release, so that means nothing, right?

Justin: Right.

Sydnee: It's not published and peer-reviewed and blah blah blah, we know. A press release about it doesn't mean anything. Here's the weirdest thing. If you start digging into medbeds, this is a— this is not a corner of the internet I want to be on ever again.

I looked it up on TikTok and I will hate my algorithm for a long time now. Because the idea that medbeds in general are the future of medicine, it has really penetrated a lot of Qanon type conspiracy circles.

And I don't just mean the Tesla Medbeds, there are definitely people who are huge fans of this as the thing that's gonna save us all, but if you start digging, there are tons of medbeds out there. Some of them are sort of like weird Space Age-looking pods that you can pay to go sleep in.

Justin: Yeah.

Sydnee: The science that the people who pay— who take your money so that you can sleep with them, the science that they try to explain for them makes no more sense than this does. Sometimes they don't always talk about biophotons, but they're always just talking about some vague idea of energy that they're surrounding you in.

Justin: Right.

Sydnee: And then the idea that you're treating yourself.

Justin: Right.

Sydnee: Which maybe that's the loophole, you're curing yourself.

Justin: Hmm.

Sydnee: "We're not curing you, we're just facilitating your body's ability to cure itself."

Justin: "You didn't cure you good enough, so how can we— You can't blame us, you should've cured you better."

Sydnee: "You didn't believe hard enough."

Justin: That's right.

Sydnee: That's what it is, right. What I have found is that there is one specific conspiracy theory that... there are people like Donald Trump who have been using these for a long time, and many other wealthy and powerful families. It could be alien technology, we're not sure. And that now that he has won the election, he will make sure that all of us get a free medbed.

Justin: Well that's— At least that's something to look forward to. I wanted to point out, on their— I've been looking at the menu. [wheezes]

Sydnee: The website is truly wild.

Justin: I've been looking at the menu for the onsite restaurant, and I just wanna— I wanna— I'd like to close with this thought, Sydnee.

One of the energized sweets [chuckles] at the café is the g— And this is one of their signature dishes, right? Guinness brownie trifle. House made Guinness chocolate brownies layered with Bailey's Irish whipped Cream and chocolate sauce.

Sydnee: That sounds great. [chuckles]

Justin: Now, that sounds great, right? So obviously I'm not shaming me, 'cause I would eat that. But what exactly are these beds fixing? What damage are they undoing that is [chuckles] not being done to me specifically by Guinness brownie trifles—

Sydnee: [chuckles]

Justin: — layered with Bailey’s Irish whipped Cream? That is the exact thing that I’m trying to get out, right? Everything in that is— Aren’t those the toxins that they’re worked up about? Why are they chucking you full of Guinness whipped cream?!

Sydnee: Justin.

Justin: And like, “We’re fixing you.”

Sydnee: Justin.

Justin: This is a wild one, babe. Like this one’s up like pretty beyond.

Sydnee: They—

Justin: It— There’s fish and chips!

Sydnee: Justin.

Justin: I mean there’s fish and chips!

Sydnee: It fits perfect— This is why when I saw “Tesla,” I just assumed it was the Tesla, is because we are also talking about a time where the soon to be head of the Department of Health and Human Services a week ago was talking about basically how food like McDonald’s is poison, and then just now was photographed sitting across from Donald Trump eating McDonald’s.

Justin: Yeah. I mean it’s—

Sydnee: Because the cognitive dissonance is part of it.

Justin: Right.

Sydnee: But what I will say is I did find what I’m pretty sure, and I’m not good at identifying this, a very deepfake of Elon Musk talking about Tesla Medbeds.

Justin: Weird.

Sydnee: I cannot imagine it's real though because this has no relation to Tesla, and I would think, if he wanted to sell Tesla Medbeds, oh he could.

Justin: I mean yeah.

Sydnee: But he probably wouldn't let this other company get all the money. I don't know, but anyway, there's nothing here, this is wild.

Justin: This is a wild one.

Sydnee: I would not advise, please, don't buy these products.

Justin: We could get up here, Syd.

Sydnee: Don't go get one of these things.

Justin: We could get out here. If you wanna go out for a week with a camera.

Sydnee: I—

Justin: Just go film ourselves hanging out.

Sydnee: I can't, I don't wanna—

Justin: Oh no.

Sydnee: I really don't wanna like— That feels too predatory. I don't wanna like yell or argue with people, and I would not be able to just like experience it, because what I—

Because [sighs] for us it would be like investigation, but for some people they go to these places as the last— They're clinging to this last shred of hope.

Justin: Right, no you're absolutely right.

Sydnee: And that's what makes—

Justin: Right, it's all predatory.

Sydnee: That's why it's okay to get angry about it. That's why if this upsets you, that's okay. Like it's not— Yes it's ridiculous and we can laugh at how ridiculous it is, but at its core, we need to call it out when we see it, because it's predatory and harmful.

Justin: Thank you so much for listening to our podcast. Thanks to the Taxpayers for the use of their song "Medicines" as the intro and outro of our program. They're on Bandcamp and often puttin' out new like vinyl releases and doing show from time to time, so go support the Taxpayers, if you can.

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It's gonna be December 14th at 9pm Eastern, but there'll be a VOD that is available for some time after that. I think two weeks after that. You can head on over to the mcelroy.family to find the post about that, and... I hope you will join us.

Sydnee: Yeah, please do, it is— It's a lot of fun, and we think you'll enjoy it, but it also is such a huge help at Harmony House. I can personally attest since I'm there many days of the week that it is—

It's been a rough year, and it looks to be getting to be a rougher winter, and so your support really helps us provide basic necessities for people who may spend a lot of this winter outside.

Justin: That's gonna do it for us, folks.

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Justin: Thanks so much for your support. That is gonna do it for us, until next time, my name is Justin McElroy.

Sydnee: I'm Sydnee McElroy.

Justin: And as always, don't drill a hole in your head.

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