

MBMBaM 745: 2 Year 2 Naming

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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 song, "My Life Is Better With You," by Montaigne, plays]

Justin: Okay. [chuckles] Okay, okay. Okay, okay. Okay. We'll try again. Nobody liked that one.

Griffin: It's not that nobody liked it. Let's unpack it. Let's unpack it. Let's take it out and unpack it.

Justin: Nobody liked—

Griffin: It's not that no one didn't like tummy buddy time. Or tummy buddy life.

Justin: Tummy buddy life. My wife—I told my wife that we had done it, and she looked at me, oh, with sadness.

Travis: The energy from my wife was very much like, "I'm trying so hard to support you in this, but I have to be honest—"

Griffin: That was it. I'll tell you what it—I don't think it's—

Justin: And then from there, the sort of like mind virus. I feel like those bad vibes from our wives emanated to like when we told people we pay to think we're funny.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: And they were like, "Eh, I don't know." [chuckles]

Travis: And then when we told—

Justin: "I don't get it—"

Travis: And then our staff, and they didn't like it either, so—

Justin: Yeah. [chuckles] Nobody likes it.

Griffin: And then we did start to get a lot of sort of like... anatomically correct sort of stomach stuff that...

Travis: There was some vore discussion—

Griffin: There were some discussions that I would rather—I've actually worked pretty hard, I would say, to remove myself from. It's just that I don't think people got it. I don't think people—

Justin: I don't think—

Travis: I don't think people got it.

Griffin: A lot of people, they say, "Tummy buddy life, that doesn't mean anything." But then one I would come back to you with is; if it means nothing, maybe it means everything.

Justin: I, here's what I—the only thing I'm sad about it is reopening this is, one, I hate—

Griffin: [guffaws]

Justin: I hate—

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I hate that we all kind of knew that we had to try again, and that sucked. It sucked to get on this call knowing that we had to do it again.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah.

Justin: And had to start over. But the other thing that sucked is last night, I had the idea of a cookbook called Tummy Buddy Tempters. And we would ask all of our podcasting friends—

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Justin: To give us one great recipe. And it would be like a whole cookbook of tummy buddy tempters. [titters]

Griffin: That's good.

Travis: There was a precedent set five years ago.

Justin: Okay?

Griffin: Sure, sure.

Travis: Of a double-named year.

Griffin: Oh, baby! This is not the—I feel no—we made this shit up. There's no rules—just right. And it's not sparking joy inside of me, personally. I don't think it is for you two either.

Justin: I, here's what I—

Griffin: So fuck it! That was.... it was two hours plus change of recording where we kept talking about how hungry we were. And then we ended up picking tummy buddy life. Do you think maybe those two things are... maybe one begat the other?

Travis: Yes.

Justin: I'm following the—[titters] I'm following the theme, though, a little bit. Because like, dare to care. I am daring to care that nobody liked the theme. And I'm daring to care about doing a better job, you know, with it, and on it.

Griffin: Yeah. I care so much about this process that I'm willing to subject myself to it again in the span of about four days.

Justin: I think we should see tummy buddy life for what it was, a cry for help. [chuckles]

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: From our stomachs saying, ""Please eat. Eat and try again."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "Please, dare to care about your podcast and live the tummy buddy life. And eat some—"

Travis: I just feel bad for everybody that rushed out to get their tummy buddy life tattoos.

Griffin: Oh, you should have known. I'll say this also about the response we've gotten so far; we can handle the criticism. It's not the criticism, it's the people who jumped onto it so fast without recognizing this is clearly first thought, not best thought.

Travis: Well, not really first thought.

Griffin: No, there was two hours of generative sort of like.... process—

Justin: Many, many—many, many other—

Griffin: That went into it. Now, I'll start by saying this. I don't have any ideas.

Justin: Okay, interesting.

Travis: What about 20-Honey-Hive—

Justin: No, wait, hold on.

Travis: Back to beesness.

Justin: No, no. [laughs] No, wait, now come on. Now come on, are we sure? [titters] Because there's like one more chance I feel like we could just be like—

Griffin: Just kidding, it's 20-tummy-buddy-life. Yeah, it's not too late. This is cool, because now we're standing on a different cliff edge.

Travis: This is like a quantum—

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Where we could say, just kidding, tummy buddy life rules, actually.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: And we're not about to do a part two naming of the year too long—two-hour long episode.

Justin: [chortles] Okay.

Travis: 20 Barney Fife.

Griffin: Now that we've let 'ife' into the room...

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: 20-love-my-wife.

Justin: 20-love-my-wife.

Griffin: No one took umbrage with the 'ife.' With the side, the—it would be very generous to call—

Travis: That wasn't the problem.

Griffin: That was not the problem at all. And we understand that. The slant rhyme, people are into it and they accept it. Which, really, I think it's a whole new ball game if we're letting 'ife' in there. Fill your life with laughter and love.

Justin: No, 20-un. Under life. 20-under-life. What lies below. [titters]

Travis: Ooh!

Justin: 20-under-life, what lies below! [titters]

Griffin: That's cool.

Justin: That's cool.

Travis: 20-afterlife—

Justin: How come we didn't' come up with that last time? This is good. We got all the bad stuff out last time.

Griffin: [titters]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: [titters] 20-under-life.

Travis: 20-under-life.

Justin: This year's...

Griffin: 20-afterlife.

Justin: Aft—no, und. Und. Undy, twendy. [titters]

Griffin: Oh, you're right, undy-twendy United States.

Travis: Now it makes sense, yeah.

Griffin: Yeah, for sure.

Travis: 20.

Griffin: 20?

Justin: 20... 20-tonder-life.

Griffin: 20-hunting-knife... long and... beautiful.

Justin: Long and strong.

Griffin: Long and strong.

Justin: [titters]

Griffin: 20-pocket-knife.

Justin: Und-und-und-unda.

Griffin: Und-und-und-und-und-und.

Justin: [titters]

Travis: 20-under-knife.

Justin: 20-under-knife.

Griffin: Hey, gang? And you listening at home? There's gonna be a lot of just sort of undulate—a lot of just kind of like sound jazz.

Justin: You called down the thunder, well, now you got it!

Griffin: By the end of this episode, you'll be praying for tummy buddy life, dare to care! By the end of this episode, you'll be writhing on the floor in agony, praying for—

Travis: 20-thunder-wife.

Griffin: Tummy buddy life. A sweet sound tummy buddy life would be.

Justin: That theme is bleeding out in the corner. You had your chance. It's a corpse. You don't get tummy buddy life, you don't deserve it. [chuckles]

Travis: 20-pirate's-life.

Justin: Und-und—[chuckles]

Griffin: Und. [chuckles] Unt! Unt!

Justin: Unt-unt.

Griffin: Unt!

Justin: Unt.

Travis: Why unt?

Griffin: Unty.

Justin: Because 20. 20, it's rhyming game.

Griffin: Unty.

Justin: Unt.

Travis: 20-hunty-knife.

Justin: 20-honey-life... 20-under-knife.

Griffin: What's an under—you're really all about under. So maybe we should stick with that first and then—

Justin: Undy.

Griffin: Jazz the life.

Justin: Undy...

Griffin: I'm not—the problem with tummy life also is that there was going to be a lot of expectation of my tummy being out, or my tummy being featured or paid attention to in any way. I don't want to turn the conversation towards my undies. I simply do not.

Justin: Correct, yes. Fair, fair.

Griffin: I simply do not.

Travis: I would like to revisit 20-overdrive.

Griffin: I like 20-overdrive a lot.

Justin: But if we do that now, where's the episode? Do you know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah. It could, I mean this—it could just be part of this episode.

Travis: I also made a question list—

Justin: 20-overdrive, you say.

Travis: What?

Justin: You know what? I didn't think it was funny last time, and I still don't think it's funny, guys.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I'm sorry. It sounds like if you saw a poster of that and you saw us like revving engines, you would think that they—[titters] you know, they legally forced the... kids in the hall to change their name or something and we were... It just...

Travis: 20-thunder-life, time to strike.

Justin: Thunder life? We can't live up to this macho tone. This is what I'm saying. Overdrive, we can't—we're not overdrive guys?

Griffin: There's fuckin' nothing about us that—and can I tell you the hypocrisy of tummy buddy life, as long as we're shitting on it?

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: I'm not gonna have lunch with anyone this year.

Travis: No. God no. A stranger?

Griffin: I don't want to do that, it's a... I can appreciate the like trying to have it mean something, make it mean something. But I'm not gonna—I don't want to do that.

Travis: 20-cozy-life, live comfortably.

Griffin: Not an option for a lot of people. Not doable.

Travis: 20... 20-cottage-life.

Justin: Wonder Knife.

Travis: Now... was that like one knife to rule them all?

Griffin: There's not as many 'ife' words as I thought.

Justin: 20-wonder—20-wonder-knife, find your blade. Hm...

Travis: Take up arms.

Griffin: What does find your blade mean to you?

Justin: [chuckles] Yes.

Travis: On the edge.

Justin: Yes, on the edge. Ooh, on the edge is even—on the edge of glory.

Griffin: On the edge is bad—okay, on the edge means bad. Feels kind of cool. Like it feels kind of cool to see that, on the—

Justin: 20-thunder-knife?

Griffin: 20... 20-something-knife, on the edge. [titters] If we decide what that means and how it could be good for us—

Justin: I don't want people to make a thing out of bringing knives to shows.

Griffin: Definitely, thank you so much. God damn! There's—why—what is it about this year?

Travis: 20-cosplay-knife, just for looks.

Griffin: What is it about this year where every word we come up with sounds so dangerous or so unappealing? Is it just this... is it just 'ive?' Is it just 'ive/ife?' Do we step away from that entirely?

Justin: Is it the 'ife?' Is 'ife' strife, there's—

Griffin: 'Ives.'

Justin: Yeah, knife. Strife.

Griffin: A lot of people were pointing out that 25 is a quarter century, so something along the lines of 20 quarter. 20 quarter—

Justin: 20 quarter.

Griffin: There's not a lot of words that rhyme with 'aurter.' But what I'll tell you about 20 quarter is it frees us from the three syllable 'uh-nu-ny.' 20-quarter, go to...

Justin: 25 is the—

Griffin: On the border?

Justin: Silver Jubilee. So maybe 20 silv....

Travis: 20-butter-knife.

Justin: 20-butter-knife...

Travis: I'm on RhymeZone.

Justin: Oh?

Griffin: We're all on RhymeZone.

Travis: Oh, midlife. What about crisis midlife?

Justin: Hm...

Travis: 20-fish-wife.

Justin: 20-fish-wife? What's that mean to you?

Travis: I don't know. 20-putty-knife, filling your holes.

Griffin: Stop saying different kinds of knives, please.

Justin: We're not having any knife—

Travis: 20-larger-than-life.

Griffin: 20 larger—20—20-larger-than-life.

Travis: No.

Justin: 20-20-fi.

Griffin: Or 20 quarter...

Travis: 20-switchblade. 20-pudding-wife?

Justin: 20... 20-quart?

Griffin: 20—okay, 20-quarter, brick and mortar. This one means it's 2025, go out to the store. Go out to... instead of—this is a year against online shopping. This is a year against online shopping. This is a year where you go to brick and mortar business... businesses.

Travis: Mm-hm. Okay, quarter. Change... 20-change... be the light.

Justin: 20... [chuckles] Here's the thing—

Travis: Because we're changing too. We're willing to change the year name. 20-change—

Justin: 20-quart—

Travis: Be the light.

Justin: Be the change.

Griffin: 20-quart.

Justin: 20-quart, be the change. [titters]

Griffin: 20-quarter, be the change... I hate coins so much.

Justin: Yeah... I don't want people to bring coins to our shows either.
[chuckles]

Griffin: Damn it, you're right! I don't want a bunch of fuckin' change jangling in people's pockets when we're trying to joke around.

Travis: No, we just put out an empty, big water jug at the front. Have 'em put their coins in there, let Paul deal with it.

Griffin: Keep the change.

Travis: All paper bills.

Griffin: 20-quarter, flip coin—flip a coin. Heads or tails...

Travis: Make your own luck.

Justin: Hm...

Griffin: 20-quarter, make your own luck.

Travis: 20... honey-quarter... change of beesness.

[pause]

Travis: There's something about beesness that's really getting me. I think beesness needs to be in there somewhere.

Griffin: Why... why?

Justin: Why?

Travis: Hm?

Griffin: Why do you feel that way?

Travis: Oh, because honey kind of rhymes with 20.

Griffin: Let's decide right now whether or not we're ever actually going to do a honey thing.

Justin: [titters] Let's start there.

Griffin: Let's decide right now.

Travis: Like for the rest of the like decade?

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Decade, yeah.

Justin: Ever.

Travis: I don't think we can make that call now.

Griffin: I don't know what—how actionable honey is. A lot of people are into beekeeping now, and I'm so—

Travis: Jason Statham.

Griffin: [sighs] Hm... yeah. 20... [chuckles]

Travis: Funny-overdrive.

Griffin: 20!

Justin: 20-funny-sight.

Griffin: Welcome to the... 20-funny-site... welcome to our web. Caught in our web. 20-funny-site, caught in our web.

Justin: [titters] Why? Why?

Griffin: Like you're on our funny site.

Travis: Oh...

Justin: I was thinking I-G-H-T. [titters]

Griffin: Like funny sight?

Justin: Yeah, it's like a funny sight. Like our show is a funny sight.

Griffin: That's cool. I was thinking like S-I-T-E like an internet website.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Yeah, that's what I got too.

Griffin: Can the year be a—can the year be a plug for our website?

Travis: If we're gonna plug anything, I'm going back to—

Justin: Maybe it could be C-I-T-E, and listeners can cite where our episodes used to be funny. [titters]. Like a notation.

Travis: 20-like-subscribe.

Justin: Yeah... 20-funny-vibe.

Griffin: Vibe we did. We did surf the vibe.

Justin: Funny...

Travis: 20-funny-life.

Justin: Funny—20-funny-wife.

Travis: They're better than us. They would have come up with it already, can we acknowledge that? If our three wives were sitting here.

Griffin: I mean, if any other combination of three human beings on the Earth were sitting in our chairs, they would have come up with a thing by now.

Travis: It wouldn't have been maybe the best or the right one.

Griffin: Someone made a chart, I saw it online, of how long it took us to come up with each year name. And it really shook me to my core. Because 20-grift-teen we came up with in the span of about 90 seconds. We came—and it was at the end of the episode. We forgot to do it, and then we just fucking blasted it out.

Travis: Well, here's what happened. Here's—let's look at that, Griffin. Because it used to be—

Griffin: What changed?

Travis: They used to make years—

Justin: I'll tell you what changed, do you want to know what changed?

Travis: They used to make years that had the different sounding things—

Justin: Different sounds in them!

Travis: In there.

Justin: They didn't keep jamming 20 in there! You know?

Travis: Then we got to 20, and now all we have—

Justin: 16!

Travis: It used to be 16, 19.

Justin: 17!

Travis: 18, 17. And now it's just 21, 22, 23.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: *Fucking boring.*

Griffin: It sucks.

Travis: Maybe we reset. Maybe this is the new year one.

Justin: 20-X-25.

Griffin: 20-X-X—X-X-V!

Travis: Now, wait, hold on—

Griffin: X-X-V is looking pretty good right about now, isn't it, boys?

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: 25 is something.

Justin: X—here's the—20-X-25 is 20-X-2 because it's 2020, right? So 20-X-25. 20-20-five.

Travis: Looks like a collab between 20 and 25. [titters]

Justin: Right. No, it would look like a collab—20-X-two space five.

Travis: So, 200?

Justin: [titters]

Griffin: Hah!

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: [titters] 20...

Justin: 20... Okay, here's—okay, here's—we're gonna just—

Travis: Okay.

Justin: Here's the game. We're gonna take turns. We're gonna go around.

Griffin: Oh, a game?!

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Oh, man, a game!

Justin: A parlor game.

Griffin: Oh, fun! I love games!

Justin: [titters] Yay!

Griffin: I love games and—

Travis: 20 questions.

Justin: We're gonna take turns—

Griffin: Does the game have anything that's coming up with a name for—

Justin: Yes, you're gonna take turns. There's three parts.

Griffin: Ah, shoot!

Justin: 20, 20, five. Right? 20, 20, five. What we're gonna do is we're gonna go in a round, one of us will say 20. Another one of us will say a word that rhymes with 20, and then another one of us will say word that rhymes with five. And we'll find it.

Griffin: This sounds, Justin, like what we've been doing, only putting way less pressure on you.

Justin: 20. No, we'll take turns—

Griffin: Oh, okay, okay.

Justin: Being the first. It's not always me as the first.

Travis: Okay, great.

Justin: Okay. 20.

Griffin: 20.

Travis: Wait, so now I'm just rhyming five?

Justin: Well, you don't have to, Griffin just said 20 again. So just say five, and we'll get that one out of our system.

Travis: Five.

Justin: Okay. Now you start, Travis.

Travis: Okay. Runny.

Justin: Bunny.

Griffin: I'm already gonna stop this one.

Justin: [chuckles] Okay. All right. Sunny.

Griffin: We already did sun and sea. I'm gonna ahead and stop this one too. I hate to—I hate to dump all over the game, Juice!

Justin: No, no, no, it's good, it's good. Let's just start with some 20s.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Let's get some 20s.

Travis: Unfunny.

Justin: Hm...

Griffin: 20.

Justin: 20. What? Go ahead. You go.

Griffin: 20...

Justin: Dunny.

Travis: Isn't that a toilet?

Justin: [titters] Okay—

Travis: What about spending money?

Justin: No, I don't wanna talk about money.

Travis: Okay. Oh, bad news, that's a lot of the stuff that rhymes with funny. Okay.

Justin: I know.

Griffin: 20... This game sucks! This is the worst game I've ever played in my life. It feels bad to play it.

Justin: [titters] It was just a thought start, Griff—

Travis: Pun... punny.

Justin: I don't know. We're not doing a honey thing, that we have agreed upon.

Travis: I said, punny. Punny, with a P.

Justin: Punny... no. Don't think puns are fun.

Griffin: You guys are lost in the sauce. If you guys think at this point we can come up with also a good joke about 20 and a good joke about 'ife' or 'ive,' then you've not been listening or participating.

Travis: Ife for an ive.

Griffin: I don't want to espouse that, necessarily.

Travis: 20-open-eyed.

Griffin: Is there a metaphorical knife? Is there a knife that's not tangible, that you—is there a type of knife you can't bring to a—

Justin: There's no knives in this year's theme. I can say for sure we're not gonna mention knives. I don't think we should have knives in there. Personally. That's me.

Travis: That's strong coming from Justin.

Justin: That's strong coming from me. I plan on talking about knives a lot this year.

Travis: 20-pain-and-strife.

Justin: 20-pain-and-strife is so good, Trav. 20-no-more-strife.

Travis: 20-strive-to-thrive.

Justin: [whispers] We have to keep making the podcast.

Travis: We do.

Justin: The law says we can't—

Travis: Mummies Alive.

Justin: Mummy alive...

Travis: 20-sleep-deprived.

Justin: 20-sun-deprived. 20-sunder-life. [chuckles]

Travis: 20-more-high-fives.

Justin: 20-thunder-life... 20-thunder-life, what about that? 20-blunder-life.
[titters]

Griffin: 20!

Justin: [laughs] The sage is sleeping once again!

Griffin: [chortles] Retire to my hermitage!

Justin: Let him rest! He sapped all his energy from—

Griffin: Let me consult with the vapors!

Justin: [chortles] Okay.

Travis: 29—

Griffin: 20—

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: 20... 20-cyber-life, change the game.

Justin: [chuckles] Cyber doesn't sound like—

Griffin: It doesn't fuckin' matter! We're not gonna make the 20 rhyme, Justin!

Travis: 20-nine-to-five.

Griffin: That's just... I'm giving up on 20.

Travis: Oh?

Justin: Okay?

Griffin: I'm saying fuck—I'm saying fuck 20. If we can come up with anything, anything, anything at this point that is even... just even remotely sounds like 'eye-m.' Eye... consonant, I'll be totally, totally fine with it at this point. And you just shit on 20-cyber-life, change the game. Can you think, Juice, about the—I want to walk you through how actionable that would be for us. We're gamers already. We wouldn't have to do that much hard stuff. Everyone else listening at home would be stoked. They'd be like, "I'd love a cyber life."

Travis: 20-cold-as-ice.

Griffin: I like where your head's at, Trav. I mean, not... not that one, but that you're willing to reach as far out as cold as ice, I think gets me excited.

Travis: I'm going through the alphabet.

Justin: 20-under-light, neon for everyone. 20-under-light, neon for all.

Travis: 20-satellite.

Justin: 20... hm. Satellite...

Travis: 2-guiding-light.

Justin: Yeah, real religious. That's how I like it. [titters] 20-angel-life. [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: They're all around you.

Travis: [chortles]

Griffin: That'd be cool if we followed up. There's a mushroom God who's like hanging out and watching you and listening to your wishes too. Angels are real, and they are checking in non-stop.

Justin: 20-angel—[titters] 20-angel-life, they're all around you. Hm...
Grinder...

Travis: Huh?

Griffin: [guffaws] Fuck yeah, man! This is that good shit! This is what I'm talking about. There's not gonna be words by the end of it. Just checking in with you, listener at home, how's tummy buddy life feeling?

Travis: 20—

Griffin: Just wanna check in with you at home. How's tummy buddy life feeling? Probably all right? Probably all right? A little better than it was.

Travis: Grab your—

Justin: I hope it feels a million miles away, because that's how far it is from you. And you'll never have it again.

Griffin: 20-drum-and-Fife... 20-drum—

Travis: March to your own beat.

Griffin: 20 drum and Fife...

Justin: Rat-ta-tat-tat.

Griffin: 20-drum-and-fife, get in formation.

Justin: Get in line. Hm, that's hard...

Griffin: That's a bad...

Justin: [titters] Tough one. 20-wonder-life, look around you.

Griffin: I don't know that if people looked around them, they would sigh contentedly and say "Wonder life."

Justin: No, that's right. No, you're—I mean, I met—I full... philosophically disagree with you, but I understand your sentiment. 20-under-knife, fix it. And we all get a lot of surgery. [titters] To every part of us—

Travis: Oh, going under the knife is what you mean.

Justin: Yeah, going under the knife. 20-under-knife—

Griffin: No problems I see with that—

Justin: No problems I see at all.

Griffin: Thematically.

Justin: And it gets knives back in there. [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Which I'm wild about.

[theme music plays]

Travis: I want to talk about Warby Parker.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Mm-hm...

Travis: I can see clearly now the frames are here.

Justin: Oh my gosh.

Travis: Right? Like, because it's how it works.

Griffin: Yes.

Justin: Travis, I love that.

Travis: Because Warby Parker, they change the game frame. They keep changing it. Making glasses that are stylish and affordable. They design frames in-house. Their collection includes silhouettes, colors, fits, made to suit every face. You can get them online. You can get them sent to your home or in stores. They have over 250 retail locations across the US and Canada. And they start as low as \$95, and include prescription lenses with anti-reflective, scratch-resistant coatings. I have many pairs of Warby Parker glasses at this point.

Griffin: I'm wearing 'em right now. These are the Chamberlains, gotten a lot of compliments on these puppies.

Travis: There you go. You look classy as hell, Griffin.

Griffin: Thanks, buddy.

Travis: You're welcome. So get started with the Warby Parker's virtual try on. You can try on glasses and sunglasses, seeing the realistic color, texture and size of each style right from home, right now. Or head over to warbyparker.com/mybrother right now to take your home try on quiz, and pick five pairs of frames to try on at home for free! That's warbyparker.com/mybrother. [Warbyparker.com/mybrother](http://warbyparker.com/mybrother).

Griffin: I don't know—we're recording this after we finish recording the episode, because you can't interrupt the flow. I don't know where you're here in this right now, but we do need to send out a lot of letters about the new theme name that we do come up with.

Travis: Mm-hm.

Justin: Yes.

Griffin: And I am not trying to lose my fucking shirt over that. Luckily—

Justin: You gotta save a little money.

Griffin: Luckily, I have stamps.com. I own stamps.com.

Justin: Whoa?

Griffin: You—

Justin: Griffin?

Griffin: You can own stamps.com too by going to it. And then it's like, it's part of you and part of your life.

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: Because they make it so easy—

Travis: Oh, you own it like connection to it, not like any kind of legal ownership.

Griffin: No, you don't own—you can't make decisions for the company.

Travis: Yeah, you can't own a company.

Griffin: But when you have a website on your computer, it's like you have it.

Justin: True, like you're participating in it.

Griffin: Exactly.

Justin: Part of the magic.

Griffin: Stamps.com handles all your mailing and shipping needs, [sings] 'Wherever! Whenever!' That was in the ad copy and I thought it would be fun to do like a Shakira thing, but I don't think it was good.

Justin: I liked it.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: I'm just, I'm just all chuckled out. [titters] But I liked it.

Griffin: You can do all the USPS and UPS stuff you want. You can do it from your computer or from your phone. You can do it at any time, no questions asked. And you get great rates, like up to 88% off USPS and UPS shipping rates. Have more flexibility in your life with stamps.com. Sign up at stamps.com and use code My Brother for a special offer that includes a four-week trial, plus free postage and a free digital scale. No long-term commitments or contracts. Just go to stamps.com, code My Brother.

Justin: Also, if you are in Florida, we are coming for you. February 20th, 21st and 22nd. Those first two dates, 20th and 21st—

Travis: Coming to do a show. Important. We're not coming for you in a threatening way.

Justin: No, in a fun way.

Travis: Okay.

Justin: February 20th and 21st, we're doing MBMBaM and TAZ. For the first time ever live in Florida, in Tampa. February 22nd is MBMBaM in Jacksonville. Tickets are going to go on sale—oh, they're already on sale! So you can go get them right now. Go to bit.ly/mcelroytours.

Travis: Our Clubhouse series, streaming series on YouTube, we're back. We're doing episodes. We just did, as of recording this yesterday, an hour and 45 minute long book report on Yellowstone season one!

Griffin: We've been doing a lot of jumbo eps lately.

Travis: Yes, we have, absolutely. You can go check that out, just go to McElroy Family on YouTube. Also there we talked about, we're doing a Miggy plush with YouTooZ. It's available for two weeks, starting on January 14th. If you go to M-I-G-G-Y-Y-O-U-T-O-O-Z.com, you will be able to order yours. There's a giveaway happening with that too, so go get that!

Griffin: Enjoy the rest of the episode! We do—we'll get there! Trust the process.

[break]

Hannah: Hello?

Clint: Hannah?

Hannah: Yeah?

Clint: It's Clint McElroy! Hi, Hannah Ray.

Hannah: Oh my God, hello! [chuckles]

Clint: I don't know if you know who I am.

Hannah: Oh, I do. I love The Adventure Zone. It is probably my favorite DnD podcast.

Clint: You've been a faithful member of Maximum Fun since March of 2019, and this is them rewarding you as our Maximum Fun member of the month.

Hannah: It's awesome. I love it.

Clint: So, what made you decide to become a member of Max Fun?

Hannah: You know, it was so long ago, I'm sure what the exact moment where I decided was. I think I've kept it up intentionally because a lot of those different podcasts have been there for me when I felt really alone and sad, and just needed something to laugh at. [titters]

Clint: Aw, well, that's—Hannah, thank you so much. Thanks for being a member. Thanks for being a TAZ fan. Thanks for all the nice things you had to say about me, specifically, and I guess my kids.

Hannah: [laughs]

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[break]

Jackie: Jackie Kashian. Hi. And welcome to the maximumfun.org podcast, the Jackie and Laurie Show, where we talk about stand-up comedy. And how much we love it, and how much it enrages us.

Laurie: We have a lot of experience and a lot of stories, and... a lot of time on our hands. So, check us out! It's one hour a week, and we drop it every Wednesday on maximumfun.org.

[break]

Travis: Okay, I've got here some words with a long 'eye' sound.

Griffin: Great. Just go, just blast.

Travis: Okay, I'm just gonna read these out.

Griffin: Blast me!

Travis: Ice, bike, bite, dice.

Justin: 20-bunder—

Griffin: Okay, slow down, slow down! Slow down, slow down.

Justin: Okay, wait! How's 20-wonder-bike?

Griffin: 20-hover-bike.

Travis: Huh... 20-tandem-bike.

Justin: No, it's not even close—

Griffin: Okay, start over. Ice, I don't like this cold—

Travis: Okay, bike, bite, dice, dime.

Griffin: Dice... dice...

Travis: Dive.

Griffin: Dive—

Travis: File, that's not it. Fine, fire, five. Heh. Hide, hike, hire, hive.

Griffin: Hike?

Travis: 20-take-a-hike?

Justin: 20-wonder-hike. Now—

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: 20-wonder-hike, nature's all around you.

Griffin: Juice, you've got-

Travis: Is it W-A, wander?

Justin: 20-wander-hike!

Griffin: Get lost.

Justin: It's with an A.

Griffin: 20-wander. 20-*wander*-hike.

Justin: I don't want somebody to die—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Trying to do this.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Kite, lice, life, like, lime, line, live, mice, nice.

Justin: You're going too fast. I can't think this fast. Wonder mice.

Travis: Did you say wonder mice?

Griffin: [titters] Justin has to say wonder before all these, Travis. You didn't let him—

Justin: [chuckles] Hey, Trav, do the list again, but just add wonder—

Travis: Wonder ice—

Justin: Before each one, it's—

Travis: Wonder bike, wonder bite, wonder dice, wonder dime, wonder dive. Wonder file, wonder fine, wonder fire. Wonder five.

Justin: Okay, you have to—we are just naming a tech startup, and I can't. I can't do it anymore.

Griffin: It does feel like I'm trying to come up with a...

Travis: Wise?

Griffin: With a name for a fictional company.

Travis: Smile, wonder smile.

Griffin: Cool.

Justin: Wonder smile—

Travis: Grand prize.

Justin: So far—

Travis: 220...

Justin: It sounds nothing like 25. [titters]

Griffin: [titters] 20 big grand prize...

[pause]

Griffin: Are these the worst bits, the silence? Are those the worst bits for you guys?

Justin: [chuckles] Can I say why they're the worst? Because there is always a bit of me, and it's the part of me that I've been trying to kill, there's a part of me that hopes that one of us is about to bust through the silence.

Griffin: Uh-huh.

Justin: With an all—an absolutely all-timer.

Griffin: It's gotta come eventually. Eventually, it's gotta come out.

Justin: Yeah, we knew it didn't last time, but we just were so hungry—[titters] that we had to stop and pretend like we found it.

Griffin: But the jokes—guess what? Doing an afternoon recording now. I already ate my lunch!

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: I won't be hungry for a long time, I got a lot of podcast in me.

Travis: I got calzone power. Time to tithe. Pay the piper.

[pause]

Justin: We should just call it 20-blunder-guys at this point, because that's what we are. [titters]

Travis: 20-tired-guys.

Justin: 20-blunder-guys.

Travis: 20-20-knife... 400 blades.

Griffin: 400 blades is cool. Too much math. We obviously can't do anything on the list from the first episode, but there's a lot of stuff on the list from the first episode that if one of you just said it spontaneously now, I would be like, yeah, absolutely 20-20-chive, ramp it up.

Justin: [chuckles] Well, we can't—I do think it is fair that we must have some loss.

Travis: It just feels like this point we're living 20-take-a-dive, they can't all be winners. I feel like that's the spirit that's being embodied. And yet our refusal to accept it—

Griffin: Is there something to—I don't want to encourage people to fail. But what has been personally transformative of revelation I've had in my adult life is that I oftentimes succumb to all or nothing thinking. And that can stop progress, right? It can stop you from even trying something, because you don't know if you're going to be the best at it or the shittiest person in the world at it. That's not how it works. But that's the kind of trap your brain likes to get you in. Something along the lines of a 20-take-a-dive, that does sound like I'm encouraging people to fail. But they all can't be winners is not the—not a terrible sentiment to get out there.

Travis: Well, what I like about it is it's both take a dive, as one might throw a match. But also like dive in.

Griffin: Jumping in, yeah!

Justin: That's why I thought 20-dive—20-take-a dive, I meant to do that. And then also you get Urkel in there.

Griffin: Did Urkel say "I meant to do that?"

Travis: That was always the follow up, "Did I do that?"
"Yes."

"Oh, I meant to. Sorry."

Justin: [titters]

Travis: They usually cut

Griffin: Urkel was really—

Travis: That second part.

Griffin: He was always really confident about—

Justin: No, who did—who said, "I meant to do that?"

Griffin: Which sitcom character said, "I meant to do that?"

Travis: Uncle Jesse.

Justin: Yeah, it was like a quote.

Griffin: Tim the tool man Taylor.

Justin: No, Pee Wee Herman, sorry. That's what I was thinking about.

Griffin: 20-cool-tool-time.

Justin: [titters]

Griffin: 20-cool-tool-time. 20-cool-tool-time...

Justin: Under hunters Fife.

Griffin: Hunters five...

Justin: Under hunters Fife. Under... under... under... under... [titters]

Griffin: Sunder... sunder time?

Justin: This isn't a podcast at this point, right? Like—

Griffin: That's okay, it doesn't need to be. And don't you—it's the second guessing that actually is slowing us down.

Justin: Read the list again, Griffin, from last time. Just read the list again.

Griffin: 20-honey-hive, back to business. 20-it's-alive, rebuild the monster. 2045, welcome to the future. Pretty cool.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Thunder Force Five, the Omega Continuum. 2020-knives, 400 blades. 20-Jony-Ives—

Justin: Okay, now wait. Hold on, now wait. Hold on. Now wait. Now listen, hold on. If we were to take the theme 2045, at this point, then all we would have to do is pledge that in 2045—

Griffin: We'll do tummy buddy life?

Justin: We'll do tummy buddy life, right? So at this point—

Travis: Oh, we're just swapping!

Justin: It's just a clean swap, right? So it's not even like we're bailing, it's just like—

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: The year theme for this year was 20... you know, tummy buddy life. And we'll just send that to 2045.

Travis: Like Blooper.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: I think.

Justin: Yeah. And then we'll take the year theme 2045 for this year. 2045, welcome to the future. We'll do that now.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And we'll just send the next one 20 years into the far flung future.

Travis: Now, I like that part of it a lot. Where we're kicking this can down the road 20 years.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: I will say it does sound sort of like a celebration of the 45th president of our United States of America. Which I'm not wild about!

Justin: No.

Travis: Why not 2085?

Justin: 2085.

Travis: 2095.

Justin: Because 40 sounded closer to 20, but I see what—I do see what you're saying, Trav.

Travis: If we're gonna go to the future, why just 20 years? That wouldn't make for very fun costumes.

Justin: We will not—I think, Trav, there's some problems. Like—

Travis: 2055.

Justin: Mine felt—2055, maybe. [titters] You know, clean living—

Travis: 50 found—sounds like more—Justin, that's 70. Like, it's not that much! [chuckles]

Justin: I'd like to keep my expectations low. You know?

Travis: 55 sounds more futuristic.

Justin: Fifty, feefty—

Griffin: Feefty.

Justin: Leafy—

Griffin: Feedy.

Justin: Flifty five.

Travis: Sorry, what was that?

Justin: Fleefty five, it sound—let's do 'ee.' If we can have another 'ee' sound—

Travis: I didn't realize it sounded so Italian?

Justin: Bunty, runty...

Griffin: Runty dive.

Justin: Blunty dive.

Travis: Then why I not 3025?

Griffin: Fuck yeah. What about 6219?

Travis: 20-cyber-five.

Griffin: 20-cyber-life, the game has changed.

Travis: Well, 'cyber life, welcome to the future' still works. But I don't want to sound like we're embracing AI!

Griffin: Eh, it won't sound like... it is what...

Travis: Circle of life?

Justin: 20-we're-alive, no bots, only dreams.

Griffin: Hm... real dreams only.

Justin: Real dreams only. [titters]

Griffin: [titters]

Travis: So just to summarize, it would—

Griffin: 20-in-your-life, real dreams only.

Justin: I'm sorry, did you say 20-in-your-life, real dreams only?

Griffin: 20-in-your—be in—like be in your life. Real dreams only.

Justin: I know, but we have to have some—there's nothing... of substance.
[chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: There's nothing for me to... there's nothing with chew or depth.

Travis: 20-human-life.

Griffin: 20-thunders-cry.

Travis: 20-thunder-strike.

Griffin: 20-thunder-strike. Hm. Thunder doesn't really strike, though, does it? That's the sound.

Justin: 20-thunder-wife.

Travis: I already said thunder wife, and no one reacted to it at all.

Griffin: I just don't know what a thunder wife is, I guess.

Travis: You know, like if you married Thor.

Griffin: I guess so.

Travis: 20-lightning-strike. 20... thunder bike?

Griffin: That's cool. It's not going to be it, but I'm glad you said it, because it's cool. It's a cool thing to think. Like I'm so tired right now, but sometimes we're saying stuff that's like cool to think about, like something like a thunder bike. Or a wonder knife.

Travis: What about if the year name is just, what is thunder bike?

Justin: But can I say the reason I like it, is because I was thinking about the posters that we would have at live shows.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And how like everyone would just be us on a thunder—

Travis: Well, that—and that's cool!

Griffin: That's cool. Is there anything to—hey, let's just take a second, just as a joke. It's kind of cool to think about yourself on a thunder bike.

Travis: It really is.

Justin: Right? Yeah, yeah.

Griffin: And—[chuckles] and maybe it's something like if you get scared... If you get—if the year makes you scared, you think about yourself on a thunder bike and—

Travis: And not a motorcycle, but like a bike. Like an actual bike. Like a bicycle.

Griffin: Yeah. And so like, what's actionable about it is it's like, when you get scared, you can think about the thunder bike, and then you'll feel a little bit better. And it's got—and it's yours, but only in your imagination.

Travis: Now, if we went 20 tandem bike, people could draw it as a thunder bike if they wanted to. But 20—

Griffin: Yeah, but that's not—

Travis: Tandem bike, in this together. Picture the three of us in like old-timey like straw—

Griffin: Tandem bike's not going to make you stop being scared when you get scared.

Travis: Yeah, because you're not alone! I'll pedal for you if you need me to. We're going downhill. You're not on that bike alone. I'm there with you, buddy.

Justin: Hm... 20-thunder-bikes, demand—

Travis: Tandem thumb—tandem thunder bikes.

Justin: 20-thunder-bikes, demand abundance.

Griffin: Demand abundance?

Justin: [titters]

Griffin: Is what you want more of?

Justin: 20-thunder-bikes is so many, right?

Travis: Yeah, almost too many! Because you only have the one set of legs.

Justin: Expect abundance.

Travis: Expect—ooh.

Griffin: Expect abundance.

Travis: Oh.

Justin: [laughs] Recognize abundance.

Travis: 20-recognize.

Justin: 20-recognize. [titters]

Griffin: 20-number-spike, a big bump in the... in the tally. Bump in the—

Justin: Number.

Griffin: 20-number-spike, bump in the tally.

Travis: 20-how-time-flies.

[pause]

Justin: Hm.

Griffin: 20-no-goodbyes.

Travis: Why don't we just call this—this is the last year we'll make the show. 20-last-goodbye. And we'll just—we're never doing the year naming again.

Justin: Done... dundo...

Griffin: This is just an off year for us, Trav. Next year we're gonna crush.

Justin: Remember when we talked about blunty for like a long time?

Griffin: Yeah, what's dundo? Don't change the subject. You can't just say dundo.

Justin: [titters]

Griffin: Who do you think you are? Like what do you—

Travis: You said dundo like it was a conversation starter.

Griffin: What do you think your job is? What do you think your job is?

Travis: You said dundo like it was gonna spur us all on.

Griffin: You just said dundo, and then you really quickly—

Justin: I was about to say—[chuckles]

Travis: Sorry, babe. It's gonna be a little while before I can record Shmanners. We're still working on the year. We went back, we dove back into it.

Justin: I thought—[chuckles] I thought—I was about to say—okay, hm! I was about to say dundo kyve, and then I thought that sounds like a Star Wars character.

Griffin: [titters] Yeah.

Justin: So I said half of it and I—before I could stop myself from saying Dundo Kyve, I just said dun—[chuckles] dundo.

Travis: Uh-huh?

Justin: Then I stopped. And that's the story what happened with Dundo Kyve. And someday you'll be reading a Star Wars almanac about Dundo Kyve.

Griffin: 20-jumbo-wife! My *huge* wife!

Justin: 20-jumbo-jive.

Griffin: No! No!

Justin: [titters] 20-gunner-knife. [titters] I just want to get it out. You guys keep thinking about 20 thunder bike, I don't know why you keep making—bringing that back up. Man... it was pretty good, I guess. I feel like I'm recording this to myself.

Travis: Well—

Justin: A little bit. Because I feel like there's not—there's not a part of us—can I say the part—the problem?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Please.

Justin: Is that—okay, seriously. Look at me for a second. Engage me.

Travis: Okay.

Griffin: I'm here, baby.

Justin: Part of the problem is that we are just spouting things—

Griffin: But not building.

Justin: And we're not take—we're not building. And nothing can get momentum just saying it. We gotta explore some of these ideas to see if there's anything there. Just to like bat it around a little bit, you know what I mean? Just to... just to...

Travis: So like ride the thunder bike, charge ahead.

Justin: Hm...

Griffin: Now wait, Juice, this is interesting, because you're trying to—you're saying a thing to try to help me and Travis. And it's to help us do our best and make our best—so, is there a year name in that? In what you just said?

Justin: How do you mean?

Travis: Like a tandem bike.

Griffin: Like work to... 20... 20...

Justin: 20-wonder-bike. Here's...

Travis: I feel like, Justin, you want the 'undo' feeling so bad that you refer to and—you refuse to engage in tandem.

Griffin: You also want bike, and that's—you can't have both words, man.

Justin: Yeah, you're right. You're right.

Travis: I just want you all to picture the three of us riding a tandem bicycle and tell me it doesn't fill your life with joy.

Justin: Tandem... bike. 20... five. There's just no—I mean, maybe meter, but that's about it.

Travis: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't realize that we had—

Griffin: Don't.

Travis: Such an abundance.

Griffin: We're so close. We're so close. I can tell that we're so close, but if we get nasty with each other now when we're so close, it will have been for nothing.

Travis: You're right. You're right. You're right. I apologize.

Justin: 20-underground... 20-thunder-crimes. [titters]

Travis: Hm...

Justin: 20-thunder-guys.

Travis: 20-thunder-time.

Justin: Thunder time. 20-thunder-time.

Griffin: 20-thunder-drive.

Travis: Go on?

Griffin: I am speed.

Justin: What? Say it again.

Griffin: 20-thunder-drive, I am speed. Built for speed.

Travis: 20-thunder-drive—

Griffin: 20-thunder-drive—

Travis: Faster than speed!

Griffin: Built for speed! Faster than—

Justin: 20-thunder-drive, faster than fear?

Griffin: Like you're driving into the storm. Oh, wait, a thunder drive. A thunder drive is like you're driving into the storm.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: A cool storm chaser type, if you will.

Travis: Chase the storm, ride the lightning.

Griffin: Now, I don't want to—

Travis: 20-thunder-drive—

Justin: No.

Travis: Into the storm.

Griffin: Into the storm... Faster than fear hit like way better than anything we've said guys so far.

Justin: Guys, 20-thunder-drive, faster than fear?

Griffin: Does that just mean not be afraid? Like, don't be afraid?

Travis: No, it's okay to be afraid. You just have to move faster than your fear. Don't let fear stop you.

Griffin: There's a storm—

Justin: There's a storm in front of you. It's making scary noises.

Griffin: It's not here yet.

Justin: No, but you know that no matter how little sense it makes, it's harder for the lightning to hit you if you're moving. You're gonna drive faster than fear. You're gonna drive through the storm, through the lightning, through the thunder. Unless you've been advised not to by authorities.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You know what I mean? Like—

Travis: You know, a trusted source. But this is mostly—

Griffin: 20-thunder-drive, faster than—faster than fear. But—

Justin: Within reason.

Griffin: But if the government says—

Travis: A trusted source!

Justin: How about 20—

Travis: I said a trusted source.

Justin: 20... 20-thunder-drive, faster than fear, within reason.

Travis: There's an asterisk. Faster than fear—

Justin: Right.

Travis: [whispers] Asterisk.

Justin: Asterisk. Within reason. You know what makes me happy?

Griffin: What? 20-thunder-drive, faster than fear?

Justin: Yeah. It's that we have—it's taken us 45 minutes to get here.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: There's no way we would have recorded for three solid hours.

Griffin: No.

Justin: It just so happens that this one took three hours to come out. You know what?

Griffin: Yeah, yeah.

Justin: Like it just took this long to get here.

Griffin: What are you gonna dress as? What are you guys gonna dress as? For 20-thunder—

Travis: Probably Glen Powell.

Justin: I mean, because there's like a...

Griffin: I don't know that that'll hit.

Justin: From Twisters?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, I'm into it, dude. Yeah, for sure.

Travis: Or like a full—

Justin: I think there's—

Travis: Like racing suit.

Justin: Racing... storm—man, we gotta hurry up and tell McKay before she draws anything else with the old theme on it, because I think everybody's going to be pretty excited about this one. Now, is the 'asterisk within reason' canonical? Or is that more of a vibe? Because I do like the idea of every poster—

Travis: Has an asterisk?

Justin: Has an asterisk, you know, just sort of...

Griffin: Let me Google thunder drive and make sure it's not like a new racist truck.

Justin: [chuckles] A new electric racist truck.

Travis: Is that a truck for racists, or is racist?

Griffin: The truck is racist.

[pause]

Justin: All right, thunderdrive.com looks like it's just being squatted, which makes me feel pretty good.

Griffin: Yeah, but there is—there's a cloud-based technology company—

Justin: Oh, that—whatever! I don't care about that. Yeah, baby!

Griffin: It's not the best reviewed.

Travis: Good.

Justin: Well, that's fine, we're not gonna use them. That's all the more reason for us to use the name. There's no confusion. Because we crush it every single time, except for this time. [titters]

Griffin: [laughs] 20-thunder-drive, faster than fear. What are we telling people?

Travis: We just explained it to you, Griffin.

Justin: We explained it to you already.

Griffin: Did you?

Justin: Yeah, yeah. You're gonna move faster than your fear.

Griffin: Yeah, so—right, definitely. I get that you gotta go faster than your fear. What does that mean?

Travis: It means don't let fear stop you. Like if you sit there and think about all the reasons not to do something, you'll convince yourself not to. You need to move before that fear hits.

Griffin: Okay, that's cool. That kind of gets back to the all or nothing, thank you.

Travis: Yes, this is what I'm saying.

Griffin: It's the—it's the—it's the—I don't want anyone to do anything dangerous, because sometimes fear can be a good.

Travis: It's not faster—

Justin: All you need—

Travis: Than reason?

Justin: Sometimes all you need is 20 seconds of insane courage. Do you know who said that?

Griffin: Lee Harvey Oswald.

Justin: Matt Damon, in We Bought a Zoo.

Griffin: [laughs] He's living faster than fear in that. You know what? I fuckin' like faster—this is more applicable to me than I'm afraid of something, so let's rush right into it.

Travis: Yeah, this is move faster than fear.

Griffin: It could just be—

Travis: Move before the fear hits.

Justin: I'm not thinking—you can't get scared if you're already—

Travis: You can't let the fear sink in. It'll stop you. You have to move faster than fear.

Griffin: But don't use this to do anything shitty..

Travis: No, it's not faster than reason or morals.

Justin: No, that's why asterisk, within reason.

Griffin: I don't know that we can do a subtext. I don't know if we can do a PS to our year.

Justin: Yeah, I mean, it can be acknowledged or implied.

Travis: Yes. There's an implicit asterisk.

Griffin: Well, can we just put 20-thunder-drive, faster than fear, asterisk. But not explain—like come to us if you want to know what the asterisk is.

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: But canonically, that asterisk is there.

Justin: But it's too long! But like you get it, like...

Travis: Clearly, there's more to it. That's what the asterisk—

Justin: There's more to it, yeah.

Griffin: Thunder drive. I'm living faster than fear... I'm living faster—I'm just thinking about saying this. Yeah, I'm living faster than fear over here. Matt Damon was living faster than fear when he bought his zoo.

Travis: Feels good.

Griffin: It's a bad idea, and if he had stopped to think about it for more than a second—

Justin: Is it—

Travis: I haven't seen the movie, Griffin, but I assume it doesn't end with him going, "Fuck, I wish I hadn't bought that zoo."

Justin: It's so—he—

Griffin: Well, can you see a situation where someone—

Justin: He gets—it ends with him getting trampled by 30 impalas. [titters]

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: And then—and I—whoever else is in the movie goes, "I guess those weren't tame impalas." And everybody laughs.

Griffin: [laughs] He was faster than fear, but not faster than those 30 impalas—

Justin: Impalas. [titters]

Griffin: Who trampled him. Is there going to be people who send us emails like, "Hey, I robbed a store because I thought I was being faster than fear."

Justin: The McElroy brothers are not experts, and their advice should never be followed. Done. Done—

Travis: Also, I think that one should examine their life if the only thing stopping them from robbing a convenience store is fear, and nothing else.

Griffin: Or three chuckle fucks giving a great name for a thing.

Justin: I don't—here's what I'll say. We're all gonna agree that this is a one-time thing, it just took us a long time to find it this time, and we had to take a break, and that's fine. Everybody makes mistakes—

Griffin: This is feeling better with every passing moment.

Justin: Yes, it was the right thing to do, but we're not going to do this again. And I just don't want any negativity about 20-thunder-drive. I think everybody needs to get on board. And if you don't like it, please don't say that, because...

Griffin: [titters]

Justin: [titters]

Griffin: This is—we're, listen—

Travis: Faster than fear! Slower than shame.

Griffin: The three of us are immediately living faster than fear. Don't say anything mean about any of the stuff we do, ever.

Justin: [chuckles] No, it's just this one thing. If you could—it's so much pressure and like we really cracked underneath it last time. This—

Griffin: Thunder drive sounds so much like 25, I'm shitting. [titters] I'm absolutely shitting at how close those two are phonetically. Absolute shitting my pants over here.

Justin: That's been one of my big things from the beginning. We absolutely smashed it, bruv. Smashed it.

Griffin: And we got there by free associating, just saying fucking garbage. Tried and tested, proven. Mom's approved, kid approved—

Justin: We're back in top!

Griffin: We fuckin' ripped—

Justin: We're back in top.

Griffin: This shit up this year.

Justin: Yeah, we're back on top. Hey, listen, I'm about—I was gonna tell you where to find our shit, but you know where we're at!

Griffin: Now, Travis just told us—

Justin: You know!

Griffin: Travis just told our work Slack the big news. Which I think is selfish.

Justin: How could you?! That's—Travis!

Griffin: Because we haven't even—

Travis: I'm just trying to get in there before they finalize any poster designs.

Griffin: Oh, and now they're all saying not to do it. They say don't change it. But now we're—we have to tell them.

Justin: Oh, God, there's so much—well, we can always—

Griffin: We'll release a chase poster of 20-tummy-tummy... I've already forgotten what it was, it's not—it's so bad.

Justin: Yeah, nobody liked it.

Griffin: We'll have a chase poster for tummy buddy life out there for those—

Justin: Yeah, it's better this way. It's better this way. Thank you guys so much for listening to this podcast. Make sure you go check out some of the new merch we got over in the store. If you go to mcelroymerch.com, we got—what's new this January? We got a new T-shirt with my "I'm going to wake up and keep trying to do good" quote. And there is an energies dragon pin that you can purchase there.

Travis: Also, we've got a new year sale going for the remaining Champions Grove packages. Go check that out at championsgrove.com. That sale is

going through the 18th, so go check it out. Come join us for an immersive gaming weekend in Hocking Hills, Ohio.

Griffin: [chuckles] I'm just gonna go ahead and say immediate feedback from our team is just annoyance with us, I would say at this point. Annoyance with us and our... our second guessing, our—it's not a second guess though, it's a continuing—

Justin: It's not a second guessing, it—

Griffin: It's a continuation of the first guess!

Justin: We were as surprised as you all were that we—

Griffin: My heart's racing right now at how disappointed they are in us. But I'm gonna live faster than fear.

Justin: Guys, I cannot tell you how disappointed Amanda is in us and how hard it is hitting right now. We gotta wrap up—

Travis: Yay!

Justin: I feel so guilty.

Travis: Thank you, Montaigne!

Griffin: I feel guilty, they've done a lot of—thanks to Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life Is Better With You. Strap in, guys, it's gonna be a long year.

Justin: I can't believe Travis is still messaging in the work Slack.

Travis: I can't leave 'em hanging now, Justin?

Griffin: Travis just hit 'em with the actual name, and there's been no response whatsoever. I'm guessing because they're just busting up so hard.

Justin: There's an ellipsis. We've gotten one ellipsis. This is fun. Thanks, everybody. Hey, I hope you have a great 2025—

Griffin: No, no, no! Don't show any weakness! That's what we did during tummy buddy life, and it came back to bite us in the ass.

Justin: There's no weakness? My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin: [chuckles] You can't say there's no weakness—

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy!

Griffin: Thunder drive, Juice!

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.

[theme song, "My Life Is Better With You," by Montaigne, plays]

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