

MBMBaM 751: Face 2 Face: Tragic Mike Tour

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Justin: Hey, we know you're chomping at the bit to get at this next little dollop of McElroy content, but we've got some big news that we—

Griffin: Can't get enough of it, you nasty, nasty, hungry dogs.

Justin: We're coming back to the road, thanks to those who came to see us in Florida. We're getting right back out there, though, with this leg of the Twenty Thunder Drive Tour. We're coming to Virginia, North Carolina, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio. Tickets are going to go on sale this Friday, February 28th at 10AM in the local time of those venues. We got more info and ticket links available at bit.ly/mcelroytours.

Griffin: Let's grab someone here at this live show we're at now in Tampa, see how they feel about it. Hey, what's up, buddy? How do you feel about the live show you went to tonight?

Justin: [in a silly voice] "It was the greatest night of my life—"

Griffin: Oh my God.

Justin: "Seven out of 10."

Griffin: Why is your pants wet?

Justin: [spoofs sobbing sounds]

Griffin: Okay, well, come see—

Justin: "They ruined me!"

Griffin: Okay, come see us—

Justin: "I'll never laugh again!"

Griffin: Okay, so bit.ly/mcelroytours, come see us. Enjoy the episode.

[break]

Intro (Clint): The McElroy brothers are not experts!

[crowd cheers]

Intro (Clint): 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?!

[crowd cheers]

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

Justin: Hello, everybody! And welcome My Brother, My Brother and Me, an advice show for the modren era! I'm your oldest brother, Justin Tyler McElroy.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: What's up, Trav Nation?! Vroom-vroom! I'm your middlest brother, Travis 'Big Dog Woof-Woof' McElroy!

[crowd exclaims]

Crowd: Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

Griffin: What's up? It's me, your youngest, sweet babiest brother, 30 Under 30 media luminary, Griffin built-Ford-tough McElroy!

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Now, as everyone in the theater can see, we have left the five best seats open for the five original Power Rangers. And once again—

Griffin: As we do it every show.

Justin: As we do it every show, they have declined the invite...

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: I have to take the helmet off or I can't hear anything to do jokes for you that you paid for.

Travis: Can you take it off with the gloves on? Okay.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: It is nice. I will say, it is nice after pretty much every year since we've been doing live shows to have a theme where I don't look like a fuckin' clown and I look cool as shit instead. They thought I was some sort of human avatar of Lightning McQueen, when clearly I'm a human member of Lightning McQueen's pit crew. I thought that—

Travis: Are you imagining the only human member?

Griffin: If you've seen the Cars movies, you know that cars aren't allowed to do work on other cars. That's sex for them.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: They obviously can't do that at a public event like the Daytona 500, or whatever happens in the car—so yes, there's human—[chuckles] human men present.

Travis: That they keep around just to service them.

Griffin: If they had other cars touching Lightning McQueen, you would have to hear Owen Wilson like, "Oh, yeah!" Like...

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: It is weird at that point when he's doing the race, and we've only seen cars at that point. And then the like kind of a little bit blood stained like kind of gate opens up and the humans rush out, quickly fix the tires, and then run back cowering. They never addressed that in the story.

Griffin: I will say this. Not my most mobile costume, ironically enough.

Justin: Yeah, you—

Griffin: Not a lot of freedom of movement, ironically enough, in my racecar pit crew costume.

Justin: Specifically, your movement to the bathroom before the show was impeded, you were mentioning to me, Griffin.

Griffin: It's—

Justin: Your ritual—

Travis: In your movement to access pockets.

Justin: Let's just say it won't come as a surprise to you that the three of us share a pre-show ritual, is that we have to pee as we're walking on stage basically. And Griffin could not get in his last-minute pee because of the constrictions of his uniform.

Griffin: It is extra sad seeing a Lightning McQueen pit crew uniform crumpled on the ground at the foot of the toilet.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: I've seen it at so many Comic-Con hotel rooms, I can't tell you!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: You should have just done what they did in the movie and give you a bucket.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: To use as the only human.

Griffin: This costume gap starts at my navel. There's no access to anything down there.

Travis: Well, that's where cars—

Griffin: This is actually—

Travis: Pees from.

Griffin: This is a big suit-shaped chastity belt in more ways than one.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Griffin and I were standing backstage and the—next to the crew here, were getting their first look at our costumes. And I told 'em, don't worry, no matter how much this may look like a strip show, it is not a sort of Magic Mike tribute act.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: To which I responded Tragic Mike, which is what the name of the film would be.

Justin: Yeah, that's our tour. This is the Tragic Mike Tour.

[group chuckle]

Justin: No, it's not! It's an advice show.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And that—yeah!

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: What we do is we take your questions and we turn them alchemy-like into wisdom. And I think we should get started.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Do you think that there was a small-time stage magician who called himself Magic Mike? And then the movie came out and he was like, "Oh, man!"

Griffin: "Oh, shoot. Everyone's gonna expect me to be cut. And nude."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Speaking of cut, "Local celebrity Hulk Hogan is a regular at the restaurant where I work."

Griffin: [guffaws]

Justin: "And I really don't want to wait on him. What can I do to ensure I never have to be his server? Thanks, [in Southern accent] brothers!"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: And they don't leave a name. I find if I know—

Griffin: Are you here?

Question Asker: Woo!

Griffin: All right, hell yeah.

Justin: [spoofing Ric Flair] Woo! I find if I don't want to wait on Hulk, I just tell him we gotta be there 30 minutes before we actually do. And then he'll be ready in time.

Griffin: Yeah, he'll fall for anything.

Travis: I don't know that you want to even ingest talk about hanging out with Hulk Hogan. [titters]

Griffin: [guffaws]

Justin: Yeah, that's true, I think I'm going to allude to.

Griffin: You could hire also as a server Brutus Beefcake.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: And then Hulk Hogan's not gonna come sniffing around there anymore.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Because Brutus Beefcake will kick his ass.

Justin: Okay, sorry, you mean Brutus 'the Barber' Beefcake? Because—

Griffin: No.

Travis: Or Brutus 'the Baker' Beefcake, or Brutus—

Justin: Yeah. Because Brutus—

Travis: The candle maker.

Griffin: The candles—the candlestick maker Beefcake.

Justin: Brutus Beefcake sounds like he tried to leave wrestling behind him. He's like, "No, I'm no longer Brutus 'the Barber' Beefcake. Now I'm just Brutus Beefcake, attorney at law." [titters]

Griffin: Well, when you become a—when you become a pediatric dentist, you have to change your name so that it's not scary anymore.

Travis: Now he's Brutus 'the Dentist' Toothache.

Griffin: Yeah. That's good. [guffaws]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Do you think—

Travis: Is there a level of excited to wait on Hulk Hogan you could pretend to be that would ensure you were never allowed to wait on Hulk Hogan?

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Speak on that.

Travis: [yells] "Well, the—please let me run wild on him!"

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: [yells] "*Please!*"

Justin: Like you would—you would shape yourself as such a massive Hulk Hogan—now, Travis, I do think that that would probably keep you off Hulk Hogan duty. Is it worth, I wonder, I'm wondering to myself now, is it worth all your co-workers thinking you're an absolute Hulkamaniac now?

Griffin: [guffaws]

Travis: Justin, I'm glad you asked. Part of the fiction would have to be that you're a huge fan who hasn't been able to get any updates in the last like 15 years.

Justin: Okay, all right.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: [yells] "I'm so excited to check in with him finally!"

Justin: Yeah, my AOL—

Travis: [yells] "What have you been up to?!"

Justin: "My AOL free trial ran out, brother. I haven't—"

Griffin: [guffaws]

Justin: "I haven't gotten any updates. What are you into, charity? What kind of good stuff you doing, man? You're an American hero, I can't wait to hear what cool things in the last 15 years—"

Griffin: "You and Bubba Love still pallin' around or what?"

Justin: "You guys still best buds?"

Griffin: [laughs] Oh, man...

Justin: It would be really hard if I ran into him not to tell him about the giant cookie I promised Dwight I'm gonna buy him the day he dies.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But I bet he doesn't want to hear that anecdote at all.

Travis: "Oh, there's a giant cookie on the line, brother?!"

Griffin: [guffaws]

Travis: "I need to start living life more recklessly!"

Justin: "I enjoy taking trips to the beach by myself."

Travis: I don't see what that has to do with Hulk Hogan.

Griffin: Yeah. [titters]

Justin: "But whenever I do, other people always set up way too close to me. Like way too close! Within a few feet of me. Even when there's plenty of space elsewhere. It seems like no matter where I set up to enjoy some sun and see, other people go out of their way to invade my space. How do I stake out my territory at the beach and keep others from getting all up in it?" That's from Beach Bum in Orlando.

Griffin: Are you here?

Beach Bum in Orland: Yo!

Griffin: Hello.

Justin: Hi.

Travis: Is there a level of Hulk fan you could act like?

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: I'm wondering now actually, Travis, if vociferously talking about how much you love—you fucking /love Hulk Hogan in 2025—

Justin: If there was a boom box busting out I am a real American, I would probably sit many, many beach lengths away—

Travis: No, you know what, even—

Justin: Like several towels!

Travis: Even though—

Justin: Seven, eight towels away.

Travis: You would do that, but someone who would sit close to someone else on the beach when there's plenty of beach is probably like, "Hell yeah, brother!"

[group chuckle]

Griffin: A lot of people are too afraid to sit where it's wet, but—

Travis: Not just at the beach, in life.

Griffin: That's a good—on dry land, you shouldn't actually sit where it's—there's not a good wet seat in dry land.

Justin: There's not a good wet seat in the house!

Travis: Ah.

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: I'll say—

Travis: [yells] By the end of the night!

Griffin: For the...

Justin: This is—this is a... this is a really good point, though, Griffin, about the wet suits.

Travis: Thank you for ignoring what I said. [chuckles]

Justin: Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: It's not so much ignore as move through by force. I think that at the beach, I'm not a big beach guy, and this whole thing about sometimes the ocean can come up to where you are doing your day is so hard for me to calculate. If I see somebody else has already posted up, I'm gonna assume they know what they're doing. [titters]

Griffin: Right.

Justin: You know what I mean? Why would I be so presumptuous as to think that I know better than them vis-à-vis distance from ocean.

Griffin: That must be the part of the beach without sand fleas, because someone's there.

Travis: It is interesting, the tide doesn't sneak up on you.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Right? I've never been sitting there and been like, "The water's all the way over there." And then like two minutes later be like, "Ah! Shit, it's at my knees!"

Griffin: I mean, there was—

Justin: Hey, Trav, I should say, you should drink more at the beach. Because that happens... [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: That happens to me all the time.

Travis: That's fair.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: What you should do is set up at the edge of the ocean and just every two minutes inch backwards.

Griffin: Or don't, you'll get—

Travis: Just slowly—and don't worry if there's anyone seated behind you, they'll move.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Just sit in the—sit in a wet hole at the beach. It's a... it's—

Travis: Wait, it's a hole now?

Griffin: [titters] Yes. It's primarily a body of water. What are you doing there if you're not getting wet?

Travis: The problem is, is if you get there early and it's already wet. By like the end of the day, you've drowned.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Find a tight little sand bar, get out there and yell at anybody who swims too close about all the eels.

Travis: "This is my island!"

[group chuckle]

Justin: Can I tell you guys, and this is gonna come as a surprise to you, I think. But I used to have this exact problem.

Travis: People sitting too close to you.

Justin: Yeah, at the beach, I was like a person magnet. Like people would roll up to me and they would like—it's just, I realized what my problem is and I'm going to share it with you. Because once I fixed—adjusted this behavior, the problem fixed itself. What I—it was not about what I was doing, it's about what I stopped doing. What I stopped doing was every time someone was in 50 feet of me, I stopped shouting, "Hey, I got suds from my buds. Let's do this thing."

Travis: Mm-hm.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah.

Justin: And I would shout every time anybody adult would get within like 30 feet like, "Hey, I got suds for my buds! Let's do this thing!" And then they would inevitably come over.

Travis: And you'd be like, why did they come over?

Justin: Why are they coming over? And I don't know if you ever yell, "I got suds for my buds, let's do this thing," at passersby.

Travis: Repeatedly—

Griffin: Adult—

Travis: Until they come over.

Justin: Adult—

Griffin: Adult passers—

Justin: Passersby.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Because I'm, I—

Travis: And then if they're children, he has Milk Duds.

Justin: I do—

Travis: And he yells, "Duds for my buds—"

Justin: I know—

Travis: Those are kids.

Justin: If you ever yell at kids, because you don't, because you're here. And I appreciate you not yelling at kids. Thank you.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Here's what I do. It's a simple trick. There's a little life hack that you guys can have. It's two things you need. You just need some like big, wooden sticks, right? And you're gonna set those up in corners, however big you want. And then some police tape.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: And you're just gonna set up a perimeter around yourself, and you sit in the middle. And I promise you, people will leave you alone.

Justin: Hey, here's a question for you, folks. This is one I've been thinking about. No matter how close you set up to somebody, it's weird at the beach, right? But if you move even three inches closer to them, that's way weirder. Why is that?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: If I sit four feet away, but I move a little bit closer, people get weird, you know? But if you start two feet away—

Travis: Like the tide!

Justin: Like the tide, exactly! Travis, that's a really good point.

Travis: You're a human tide.

Justin: I'm a—the human tide, that's what they call me.

Travis: When you wrestle against Hulk Hogan! It's all gonna be about Hulk Hogan tonight!

Griffin: Please, Christ—

Justin: I'd rather not.

Griffin: No, no.

Justin: I'd rather that not be the case. "I'm a marine biologist, and a couple of times a year I'm asked to speak to children about my job. The problem is, I work with sea grasses."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "And the kids find this incredibly boring."

Travis: Huh.

Justin: "They prefer cool stuff like sharks and manatees." Hey, thanks for examples of things that are cooler than sea grass.

Griffin: Yeah, I was gonna struggle to come up—yeah.

Justin: I would have been... yeah, I would have been flailing up here.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Like grass in the waves.

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "The sea grasses are a super important habitat. Brothers—"

Griffin: All right! [guffaws]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "Brothers, how do I get children interested—"

Travis: You know what else is? Dirt.

Justin: "In my extremely exciting underwater plants?" That's from Super Sea Grass Savvy in St. Pete. Are you here?

Multiple Audience Members: Woo!

Justin: Wow, there's so many of you.

Travis: Wait, how many—

Griffin: That's awesome.

Travis: Marine biologists are here?

Justin: That's cool.

Travis: You know what? Actually, I bet Tampa Bay has a lot of marine biologists.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: I will... I will say, for your sales pitch in the future, the leading bullet point shouldn't be 'cool stuff lives there.' To me that feels like I would rather hear about the cool stuff living in the house of the sea grass. I already don't care a lot about the ocean, but I recognize there's some cool stuff down there.

Travis: That's true. People don't focus on the Fortress of Solitude as the main character in Superman.

Griffin: True.

Justin: Yeah, it's tough when you have things that we already have up top.

Griffin: Yes!

Justin: It's never gonna get the billing, it's never gonna get the hype as the things that are unique to water. I'll give—and if you are something that already exists up on land, you gotta come with some [surf hash heat??]. I'll give you guys an example. Sponges underwater are alive.

Griffin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, that's what it takes. Because otherwise I'd be like, eh, I got sponge. You know what I mean? Like, but then they're like, "This one, J-Man? It's alive."

Griffin: If just one representative from the marine biology community who asked this question could answer this. Scale of one to 10, how many fun facts are there about sea grass? Four?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Now what's interesting is Griffin did say a scale of one to 10, how many. Does that mean on a scale from one to 10—

Griffin: I think that—

Travis: There's a four-level amount? Or there are four?

Griffin: Or there are four fun facts about sea grass. One, bigger than land grass. Two, slimier, significantly, than land grass.

Travis: Wetter. [titters]

Griffin: Wetter.

Justin: Wetter.

Griffin: Habitat for all kinds of cool shit that I do not have time to go into right now.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: To Justin's point, these kids aren't gonna study this. And if they do, by the time they get to that point, they're jaded adults. Tell them they can talk, but only underwater. They won't know.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: That's cool.

Travis: They won't know!

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: This, oh, the sea grass? Dances when you're not looking at it.

Griffin: Yeah. It's the hair of dead mermaids!

Justin: Wish.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Well, now hold on. That might not play the way you want it to.

Griffin: [laughs] Yeah. Good point, Travis.

Travis: What? Yeah, that's right, mermaids are real, but they are all dead.
[chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Their lifespan is four weeks.

Justin: We trick—we trick kids into pillaging turkey carcasses because we told them there's a special bone that grants wishes.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: So I feel like we could get this going for sea grass, like a—it needs a rebrand. I think if we could call—

Travis: Yes.

Justin: I mean, it's... wet...

Travis: You could call it wet weed!

Griffin: Is sea grass different from seaweed?

Super Sea Grass Savvy in St. Pete: Yes!

Griffin: Okay. You took long—

Travis: You had to think about it.

Griffin: You took a long time to answer that. I'm not so sure...

Travis: Well, sea grass, you want to grow. Seaweed grows in the sea grass and you're like, "I gotta pull this out now."

Griffin: "I gotta get this shit out of here."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: We're—we're doing—I got a problem right now, sometimes this happens on the show where we talk about something that I know nothing about for long enough that I start to think like, I should really learn more about sea grass. [titters]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: That's the—that's the age I am now.

Travis: I don't know about earth grass, and I deal with that shit all the time!

Griffin: Yeah, wait a minute. You just need to change your audience. I don't want to hear any more shark facts. I've been fed those against my will for like two decades now. I don't know shit about sea grass! If sea grass showed up in my TikTok algo I'd be like, hm—

Travis: Can I just say—

Justin: Hello.

Griffin: Let's check in here on sea grass.

Travis: You need to start grass week! Grass week is like a week-long all special things where like maybe the MythBusters are covering episodes about sea grass. And Terry Crews is there for some reason to talk about sea grass.

Justin: Everybody's, yeah, everybody loves sea grass. And it's a rebrand, right? We call it... [chuckles]

Travis: We gave you so long! You had so long to think about it!

Justin: Still nothing there, I thought there would be, but I didn't think about it in the interim. I know I looked like I was thinking about it, but I wasn't.

Travis: Sea grass, by Fortnite. [titters]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: That's right, guys! We finally did it. We went and put sea grass *in* Fortnite!

Travis: We've partnered with sea grass!

Justin: To put it in.

Griffin: What's the... what's the... I'm sorry to keep asking you questions, this isn't usually the format of the show. But just like, what's the coolest animal that calls sea grass its habitat?

[pause]

Griffin: Seahorse. Yeah, all right. What you gotta do is be like, "You kids like seahorse? They may or may not—" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: I was hoping it would be something fuckin' rad like barracuda or some—but like you hold up a seahorse and you say, "Pretty cool, huh?" You say, "Mr. Seahorse, how do you feel about sea grass?" To get the seahorse to vouch for how cool sea grass is.

Travis: And it says whatever you want so you'll put it back in the water.
[chuckles] "Whatever you want, please!"

Griffin: "I love sea grass! It's a great home!"

Travis: Do you think that the problem isn't that the kids don't think it's cool, but that when you say a seahorse that lives in sea grass, that they're like, "You need to come up with better terms, because you're just putting 'sea' in front of things I have."

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah. You also wouldn't say a horse lives in grass.

Travis: Wouldn't you?

Griffin: No, I guess horse has his own home. Nobody's down there building sea house barns, are they?

Travis: No.

Justin: No...

Griffin: That'd be pretty cool if they were, though.

Travis: I mean, horses spend a lot of time around grass. They love that shit.

Griffin: They do actually.

Justin: You gotta go and talk to the kids about sea grass when they're looking at the sea horses already. Because they're interested in something.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: That's the time—

Griffin: "Oh, you like those guys?" They'd all be fucking dead as disco without this sweet green stuff!"

Justin: "Oh, you guys are enjoying the sea horses, huh? I'd like to talk to you about the glue that's holding this whole thing together. Hi, I'm Justin McElroy, paid endorser for sea grass."

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: "My ecosystems is in danger of collapsing right now."
"Not sea grass, baby!"

Justin: Not sea grass, baby!

Griffin: "We can't get enough of this slimy leaf!"

Travis: "We haven't figured out how to mow it, but someday we will!"

Griffin: "Someday we'll get down there and master the sea grass!"

Justin: "I'm a proud tummy buddy for life."

[crowd cheers]

Justin: "We recently did some testing and learned that I have grown out of a deadly allergy to nuts."

Travis: Allergies for nuts is for babies!

Griffin: Whoa, hey!

Justin: Whoa, no, we don't mean that.

Travis: No, no. No, no, no.

Justin: "This is great news, but I'm still afraid to eat the food that has meant certain death for my entire life thus far. How do I stay true to my tummy while also becoming faster than fear?" That's from Potential Pecan Eater in St. Pete. Are you here?

Potential Pecan Eater in St. Pete: Whoow!

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: Wow, you're excited to eat nuts. And who can blame you? There's a lot of great nut stuff.

Travis: Before we discuss this, three dummies in these outfits. Your doctor told you it was cool to eat 'em?

Griffin: You're sure, right?

Justin: Sure, you—promise.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Can I get a clear, legal, yes?

Potential Pecan Eater in St. Pete: Yes.

Travis: Okay!

Griffin: And you agree that if anything were to—like maybe there's one nut, like macadamia or something way off the map, that you eat and that it—at your funeral, they played a video of us on stage right now. You're clearing us of any legal obligation—

Justin: And they have—your family's lawyer has to let the tape play past to this part, right? They can't cut it off—

Travis: Yeah, legally speaking!

Justin: We should have said this earlier, but they could have just cut off the beginning too.

Griffin: Damn it!

Justin: God, your family's lawyers are good!

Travis: And your doctor didn't say like it's—your doctor wasn't like, "It's probably cool." He didn't say it like that, right? He was like, "It's 100—" Not like there's a 99% chance you're cool if you eat pecans.

Griffin: Did you ask, "Hey, so Have I grown out of my nut allergy yet?" And the doctor just said, "Go nuts." And laughed.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: And then he laughed so hard he passed out and you left. [titters]

Griffin: But maybe he didn't mean it, he just had a killer joke.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Okay, assuming that you are truly over your nut allergy—

Justin: What's like the least—

Griffin: Nut?

Justin: Nut. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Oh, no. Oh, is that the way you're going? Because I'm thinking buy a thousand Planters mixed nut and Scrooge McDuck right into them.

Justin: No! Don't—

Griffin: No fuckin' way, man!

Travis: It's fine! A doctor said!

Justin: No, Travis, you have to ease in because the problem is not with the—it's the fear.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: You have to ease in so you have the least nuts, which is, of course, the Tootsie Roll. Because nobody's quite sure, is it chocolate, is it nuts? Is it caramel? No one—

Travis: Is it gum?

Justin: Is it gum? We don't know!

Griffin: Maybe start at baked beans to get used to the shape.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Wait, no, like actual baked beans or Boston baked beans? Like the crunchy—

Justin: You start—

Travis: Candy?

Justin: With the regular—you get Boston baked beans wet.

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd exclaims and chuckles]

Griffin: I think—

Travis: So, an unbaked bean!

Justin: An unbaked bean.

Griffin: You have—

Travis: A raw bean. [titters]

Griffin: You have Bush's baked beans, you start cutting in Boston baked beans, 10%, 20%, 30%. If you start with a big vault of peanuts, the... Dude, they're so fucking good! Like...

Justin: [chortles]

Travis: You're gonna love 'em!

Justin: You're gonna—

Griffin: If you start a—if you go and you eat a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup right now, you'll fall down dead from the ecstasy of it.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: You know what? I'm gonna say start with those circus peanuts that are like the orange—

Justin: No!

Travis: Thing—no, because there's not a peanut! But it's gonna get you—

[crowd exclaims]

Travis: It's gonna get you into the form!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: You're gonna get used to the form.

Justin: It's just like—

Griffin: I'm sorry, is anyone looking at circus peanuts and being like, "Hm, a fat-free candy, huh? Well, that swayed me. I'll go for it."

[group chuckle]

Griffin: I'll do the—

Travis: Free of major allergens!

Griffin: What's that? There's—[laughs] we got a—we do have ragweed.

Justin: That's how we get the color. Sorry, folks!

Griffin: We got some real underground shit happening in here.

Travis: The [??] are made from chinchilla fur, is that okay?!

Griffin: Got the little bit of tungsten!

Justin: Let's say, let's break it this way—

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: It's illegal, but only because they don't know to make it illegal.
[titters] They haven't heard about it yet. That's why it's okay. "My sister is on farmersonly.com, despite having only four chickens."

[crowd laughs]

Justin: How many... "How many chickens would you say you should have to be on FarmersOnly?" That's from Lily L.

Griffin: Lily R.

Justin: Lily R.

Griffin: Are you here? Is Lily L here?

Travis: I heard the quietest sound.

Griffin: It's okay, you don't have to identify yourself.

Justin: Yeah, maybe you're here with your sister, I get it.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: What this question presupposes, and I love, is that FarmersOnly isn't just a clever name, that it is a strict policy. That if you were to go on a date with a farmer, and you started talking about your chickens, and then let sleep you had four, they would stand up and be like, "This date's done."

Justin: They would probably, yeah, I think they would be well within their rights, because you will have lied.

Griffin: [guffaws]

Justin: To be on FarmersOnly because four chickens does not a farmer make. Now, here's what I'll say to you. A thousand chickens does.

Travis: But then that, Justin—

Griffin: Somewhere between—

Travis: There must be a number betwixt the two!

Justin: I don't know what it is, but I'm saying four ain't it? And a thousand is.

Travis: Now, I will start here. Let me—

Justin: 5000? You're a farmer, right?

Griffin: [chuckles] Well, you're a... you're a computer at that point.

Justin: You're like a—yeah, 5000, you're a conglomerate. Like you're a big, major AG like huge corpo.

Griffin: You're not on FarmersOnly, you're on like CEOs—

Travis: Mm-hm. You're the owner of Tyson's Chicken.

Justin: Blackrockfans.com.

Griffin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I'm gonna slide forward this offer to you, Justin, and you tell me a metaphorical number written on a paper. With 12 chickens—

Griffin: No.

Travis: I could—no, hear me out. I could fill a dozen container every day and sell that dozen container one time a day to someone.

Justin: Farmer I can't spin up in a day. And I feel like I could—I could buy a chicken house, buy 12 chickens, get that going in—

Travis: I think the fact that you call it a chicken house means it might be a little harder than you think.

Justin: Hey, I'm not trying to be a farmer right now. You'll know when I'm trying to be a farmer, okay? That's not now. I'm happy with my one two-foot by two-foot square of sunchokes that my wife lets me grow every year.

Griffin: [chuckles] Your wife, the farmer of sunchokes.

Justin: A popular farmer—

Travis: That's true! I grow tomatoes every year and I've never been like, ah, rain, good for the crops.

Justin: But—

Griffin: [chuckles] Well, hold on—

Justin: But if you grew 20,000 tomatoes—

Travis: Yes, now Justin—

Justin: You would be a farmer, right?

Travis: But what I've got, Justin, is a three-foot by two— [chuckles]

Griffin: I want to—I want to talk about your sister's frame of mind here. Because I'm having trouble resonating spiritually with someone who has four chickens and is like, "I can't relate to anyone who is not on this fucking vibe."

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Griffin—

Griffin: "These four chickens mean fucking everything to me, and I do not give a shit about anything else in the world."

Justin: "I would love a fifth chicken. I don't have room in my heart! I love these four idiots so fucking much."

Travis: I would posit a different possibility, Griffin, that this sister went, "Man, I wanna date a farmer, but where do I find them? I know, I'll meet the bare minimum I can think of to register for farmersonly.com."

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: The chicken are but a gateway to the dating website. I also said Only Farmers, and I think that's a different thing.

Griffin: [guffaws] "All right, I just finished up my work—day of work. Who wants to see how muddy my feet got?"

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Why—have you ever—

Griffin: "No, I don't do teat stuff anymore."

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Have you ever been more clearly a podcaster than when you said "My work day of work?"

[crowd laughs]

Justin: That's how people with jobs talk, right? "Well, honey, I'm home from the mill of working!"

Travis: "Now I'm home daytime."

Justin: "Tough day at the time clock, honey bunches!"

Travis: "Ooh! My boss a big rat? Eek!"

Griffin: [chuckles]

[theme music plays]

Justin: I want to try something new, Griffin. I don't know what our sponsor is for this week.

Griffin: There's two—

Justin: We're out on the road—

Griffin: We got two sponsors. We're in the money!

Justin: I want to do something that nobody's ever done before, Griffin, here in the bowels of the Tampa Theater. I want to try to guess the sponsor this week.

Griffin: Ooh, okay.

Justin: And you're gonna give me some clues. Give me some clues about our first sponsor, Griffin.

Griffin: Okay, well—

Justin: Give me some hints.

Griffin: How about I just start reading the ad copy?

Justin: Now, I'll warn you, I'm really bad at this kind of thing, so—

Griffin: Yeah, so, but don't say the wrong—don't get it wrong, because that will—

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: They won't work with us again, so stakes are pretty high. I'll just read the ad—

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: I'll read the ad copy for a little bit, but I'll remove the name of the sponsor.

Justin: Okay!

Griffin: They will love that.

Justin: Okay, okay.

Griffin: Blank—

Justin: My Pillow. Nope? [titters]. Crap, sorry. Let me try—I—you do it—keep going, sorry. My Pillow—it's not My Pillow.

Griffin: It's not my—this one's not My Pillow, they didn't get up on this particular track.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Blank makes it easy to create a beautiful website, engage with your audience and sell anything from products to content, to time, all in one place, all—

Justin: Oh. Oh, man.

Griffin: On your terms.

Justin: This is embarrassing, it's a shape. It's one of the shape ones.

Griffin: It is one of the shape ones.

Justin: Give me another thing. Give me another thing.

Griffin: If we don't say the name of the sponsor soon, they legally don't have to pay us, so—

Justin: Okay, it sounds like Squarespace, but I feel like—

Griffin: It is Squarespace.

Justin: That's what you want me to say, so I'm not—that's not my official guess, because that's what you want me to say.

Griffin: It is square—I do real quick—

Justin: Uh-huh.

Griffin: And just to go back for the times I missed it, Squarespace, Squarespace, Squarespace, Squarespace.

Justin: That's very clever, Griffin. Go ahead.

Griffin: Thanks. Square—

Justin: You finish your little ruse.

Griffin: Squarespace payments is the easiest way to manage your payments in one place with Squarespace. Get started in just a few clicks and give your customers more ways to pay with popular payment methods like Klarna, ACH and Apple Pay. Get that money on your own damn terms.

Justin: Whoa. [titters]

Griffin: It doesn't say that—

Justin: It doesn't say that.

Griffin: In the copy, I had my own—

Justin: They would never. They would never.

Griffin: Cuss flair there. You can grow credibility, engage visitors with an unrivaled suite of visual design effects. We've all used Squarespace. I mean, the three of us have to make bunch of websites. I don't know if the whole world has used it. If they did, Squarespace probably wouldn't need to advertise with us.

Justin: I would think that's money well wasted, I would think.

Griffin: Yes. But you can make your own beautiful website, it's so easy, it looks so good. Go to squarespace.com for a free trial. And when you're ready to launch, go to squarespace.com/mybrother to save 10% off your first purchase of a website or domain. Now, for our second sponsor, I don't know if you want to play the game again. It's a new—

Justin: No, I'm gonna try—

Griffin: It's a new sponsor—

Justin: New sponsor, okay, so I'm gonna try to get you to guess. Okay, so you give me your phone and I'll give you the clues and you try to guess, okay? So we'll flip it.

Griffin: Okay.

Justin: We'll flip the game.

Griffin: Cool.

Justin: So you—

Griffin: But how are you gonna do that if you don't know the copy?

Justin: You give me your phone. I said that. So you give me your phone.

Griffin: Oh, okay.

Justin: Okay. You ready?

Griffin: Yeah, yeah.

Justin: All right. Now. Griffin.

Griffin: Yeah?

Justin: Have you ever wanted to leave a legacy?

Griffin: Sure. Yeah, absolutely.

Justin: Okay, well, can you think of any better way of doing that than the planning—

Griffin: Jimmy John's.

Justin: [titters] So close, actually.

Griffin: Is it not?

Justin: No, we were looking for Fast Growing Trees. We don't—

Griffin: Fast Growing Trees.

Justin: I'm excited about Fast Growing Trees, Griffin, to let the bit go, because I have fast growing trees in my backyard from Fast Growing Trees that have been growing there happily for quite some time now. They are two little apple trees that are doing very well. And they're doing very well because fast growing trees makes it easy to pick plants. They're going to thrive well in your environment, they give you all the tips that you need to grow the plant properly. And if you're having issues, this is—these are real people that you could reach out to and say, hey, I'm having a problem. And they've got amazing support. I've done this, I've made use of it. They helped me troubleshoot something with one of my beautiful apple trees, and now it's doing better than ever.

Griffin: Make freakin' lemons.

Justin: It made lemons and I had to—they said, "Pull it out of the ground, turn it upside down, J-Man. You done did it wrong." But that's not what they said.

Griffin: No.

Justin: They gave me the right advice.

Griffin: They probably said real stuff that actually helped.

Justin: Probably something about nitrates, you know.

Griffin: But you probably also didn't have lemons come out of the apple tree. That wasn't—

Justin: No.

Griffin: That wasn't—I do want to tell the crowd, that's—

Justin: It is not born—

Griffin: That's a joke.

Justin: It has not borne fruit yet, but I'm looking forward to it because I got berry bush too. They're all working together. They even recommended two apple trees that would work nicely together, pollinating each other.

Griffin: Oh, gross.

Justin: No, I'm sorry, that was a little bit forward.

Griffin: Blasting... blasting each other.

Justin: I don't have the details though about—

Griffin: Yeah, well, listen, this spring, they have the best deals for your yard. We haven't said their name a lot, it's fast growing—

Justin: Fast Growing Trees.

Griffin: My favorite Radiohead song. But this spring, Fast Growing Trees—

Justin: [sings] Fast growing traces.

Griffin: They have the best deals for your yard, up to half off on select plants and other deals. And listeners to our show get 15% off their first purchase when using the code My Brother at checkout. Now is the perfect time to plant. Use My Brother to save today. Don't use my—don't use my brother's body.

Justin: No, don't use me to save. Use our—

Griffin: No.

Justin: Don't make a friend with me just to help get my discount on Fast Growing Trees. Anybody can.

Griffin: Anyone can do it with the promo code My Brother to save today. Offers valid for a limited time. Terms and conditions may apply. Hey, before you get back to the rest of the episode, we did want to tell you we got some new tour dates on the Twenty Thunder Drive Tour we're excited to share right now. We're coming to Virginia and North Carolina and Michigan and Minnesota and Ohio, so come see us if you live in those places, or even nearby states and territories. Tickets go on sale this Friday, February 28th at 10AM local time. More info and tickets are available at bit.ly/mcelroytours. Come see us. Thanks to everybody who—in Florida who came out to see us, in tampum—Tampum! And Jacksomville. We had a good time and we sure do appreciate you.

Justin: Yeah, absolutely.

Griffin: We got—you wanna tell us about the new merch?

Justin: Oh, yeah, we got some beautiful stuff, Griffin, especially the holographic Dare to Care sticker. You know, 50% of the proceeds from that beauty are going to be donated to the World Central Kitchen. And 10% of all our merch proceeds this month are going to go to that group which uses the power of food to nourish communities and strengthen economies through times of crisis and beyond.

Griffin: We got a list of all the organizations that we have been working with over the years and have been able to donate to over the years over at mcelroyfamily.carrd.co, if you're looking for some places to give, to help out, that's one spot you could do it. That's it. Enjoy the rest of this episode, this live episode that you're listening to. We just did it last night and it was a hoot. And we'll be back with a new episode next week! All right, later.

Justin: Later. Bye.

[break]

Allan: Walkin' About is the podcast about walking. It's a walkumentary series where I, Alan MacLeod and a fun, friendly guest go for a walk about. You'll learn about interesting people and places, and have the kind of conversations you can only have on foot. We've got guests like Lauren Lapkus.

Lauren: I figured something out about this map, like how to read it.
[chuckles]

Allan: Betsy Sodaro.

Betsy: I had no clue, that's awesome and nuts.

Allan: John Gabris.

John: This is a great first date for like broke 20-somethings, you know?

Allan: [titters] And more! Check out Walkin' About with Alan McLeod, on Maximum Fun.

[break]

[sound of phone ringing]

Benjamin: Hello, Podcast Recommendation Service.

Caller: Hello there, young man. I'm looking for a new podcast to listen to. Something amusing, perhaps?

Benjamin: Oh, what about Beef and Dairy Network?

Caller: Something more surreal and satirical?

Benjamin: Well, I would suggest Beef and Dairy Network.

Caller: Ideally, it would be a spoof industry podcast for the beef and dairy industries.

Benjamin: Yes. Beef and Dairy Network.

Caller: Maybe it would have brilliant guests such as Josie Long, Heather Anne Campbell, Nick Offerman, and the actor, Ted Danson.

Benjamin: Beef and Dairy Network!

Caller: I don't know. I think I'm going to stick to Joe Rogan.

Benjamin: The Beef and Dairy Network Podcast is a multi-award-winning comedy podcast, and you can find it at maximumfun.org, or wherever you get your podcasts.

[break]

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Like Chilean miners, we've returned from the bathroom.

Griffin: You can't do that after the intermission.

Travis: No, but I assume they went to the bathroom at some point?

Griffin: I'm already so uncomfortable with the fact that we have another what seems like please—[titters] like Jeb Bush please clap moment as we come out after very obviously using the bathroom.

Travis: Would you rather come out in complete silence, in darkness? Lights come up, we're just sitting there like we've been here the whole time.

Griffin: I don't know.

Justin: Don't worry about it.

Griffin: My costume is too small! And I can't return it now. And it was \$80.

Travis: I really leaned into the thunder aspect. I didn't lean into the drive aspect as hard as you guys did.

Griffin: Yeah, but mine's driving, and a guy named Lightning McQueen, it's two things—

Travis: God damn it!

Griffin: At once. The only problem is that if I flex my neck hard enough, I can fucking bust out of it.

[crowd exclaims and cheers]

Travis: Oh my God, yeah! It's like when—it's like when Lightning McQueen gets angry and turns green. And then he's Lightning McGreen.

Griffin: Yeah. Uh-huh. For sure. [guffaws]

Travis: I keep waiting to be interrupted by our older brother.

Justin: You gotta stop talking for even a half a second for that to happen—

Travis: To be interrupted?

Justin: [mouths Munch Squad riff]

[crowd cheers]

Justin: [continues riffing and sings] I wanna munch!

Travis and Audience: Squad!

Justin: [continues riffing and sings] I want to munch.

Audience: Squad!

Justin: [concludes riffing] Welcome to Munch Squad. It's a podcast within a podcast profiling the latest and greatest in brand eating.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: This is like a podcast! You came for one podcast. Well, you're getting two. Because this is another one inside of that one. Which a lot of people don't talk about, that's a huge value. So, may I?

Griffin: Yeah, what's on the menu today?

Justin: Ah, thank you. Because he's back! Grimace is back.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: And he's bringing—Grimace is back and he's bringing his uncle! That's right, guys, it's happening. Uncle—[chuckles]

Travis: Please, yes?

Justin: Uncle O'Grimacey is no back. [chuckles]

Griffin: No...

Travis: No...

[crowd exclaims]

Travis: Now, can I just say real quick for the people at home listening, you can't see this, but they chose to put a green Grimace with a green hat and a green vest in front of a green screen.

Justin: Okay, they didn't choose to do that, God made him green.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: But the screen could have been any color, Justin?

Justin: But then they couldn't pretend that they're in Gladiator II or whatever they're gonna do with this image.

Griffin: This is the first time this has ever happened to me, but I feel culturally offended. It doesn't feel very good.

Justin: Right, yeah. Well, let's talk about the history here. You're in luck, Shamrock Shake is back starting February 10th. 25 cents from every Shamrock Shake—

Travis: Oh, 'cause luck!

Griffin: Jesus, Travis!

Justin: A special sham—

Griffin: Let him cook, chef!

Justin: This shamrock season celebration came to life when Grimace stumbled upon his family's original shamrock shake recipe. That discovery sparked Grimace to reconnect with his vibrant, joyful and generous uncle, Uncle O'Grimacey.

Travis: Now, wait.

Griffin: Fuck, man. Wait, what's that pouch in his mid—what's that lump in his—

Travis: Griffin!

Griffin: Thorax?

Travis: Griffin! You know exactly what that is. That's an opening, my friend. Where the luck comes out.

Griffin: I didn't need to see Uncle O'Grimace's cloaca?

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Can I just say—

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Actually, with that cleft, he looks so much like a ball sack.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah, man.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Yeah, you climb in there to hide your mom's sword.

Travis: So, Justin, what you're telling me is that Grimace found a recipe for the shamrock shake, a thing that's been at McDonald's many times. And he said, "Huh, I've never thought about who I'm related to before."

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Right.

Travis: And then maybe did a swab for 23andMe.

Justin: Right.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: And then said, "Oh, I'm related to this green Grimace. I should have noticed the similarities."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Especially since his name is O'Grimacey.

Griffin: "His name has mine in it," in a sort of wild Irish pastiche.

Justin: Yeah, Uncle O'Grimacey has been in the mix for quite some time, but he's been off of the—off the radar for a while. We haven't heard from Uncle O'Grimacey. Who used—

Travis: Recovery.

Justin: He used to bring the Shamrock Shakes every—

Griffin: He needed time.

Justin: He's—while McDonald's tried to figure out, is this okay?

Travis: Yeah, is this fine?

Griffin: [guffaws]

Justin: And then they looked around and they were like, "I guess this is fine, whatever." So, he reconnected. Grimace had his Eat, Pray, Love journey through Ireland and reawakened. Inspired to—

Travis: No.

Griffin: Fuck off! Jesus Christ

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Whatever is the problem? That's just a regular man named Uncle O'Grimacey.

Travis: Well, yes-

Justin: With regular eyeballs, just like yours or mine.

Travis: But the human being that those eyeballs are connected to shifted three inches to the left.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Is that AI or is that a stock photo? [chuckles]

Griffin: The shillelagh in his hand gives it a Five Nights at Freddy's vibe.

Travis: That's not the only thing giving it a Five Nights at Freddy's vibe.

Griffin: Yeah, that's fine.

Travis: I also like that they make it very clear in this ad that it's mint flavored, so you wouldn't think it's shamrock flavored.

Griffin: Right, that would be gross.

Justin: Yeah, gross. "Inspired to reunite with Grimace and support his favorite charity's 50th milestone, Uncle O'Grimacey packed his bags and embarked on a journey from Shamrock, Ireland."

Travis: What?

Griffin: What?

Justin: Why? I mean, why, guys? Why?

Travis: Why not just name a real place?

Griffin: Why not name a real Irish city?

Justin: Because then people would go looking for him. You know, that's the problem.

Griffin: [laughs] I bet he's not hard to find.

Justin: Now—

Travis: [spoofing an Irish accent] If you kiss the shamus of Grimacey, you get a gift of the lint in your mouth.

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: Now that he's here, Uncle O'Grimacey—

Travis: [yells] No!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: This image right now tells me that Uncle O'Grimacey has seen some shit.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "Our fans eagerly await the Shamrock Shake—"

Travis: Is that Grimace talking? [chuckles]

Justin: "Our fans eagerly await the Shamrock Shake each year. We're thrilled that proceeds from this minty flavored treat will aid RMHC in keeping families together," said Joy Silmon, a second-generation McDonald's franchisee.

Travis: Cool!

Justin: "Family is a core value at McDonald's, and we live this every day!"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: And then the person was like, "Joy, could you not say that in the article? Because it's kind of weird."

Griffin: It's wild.

Travis: "And my son will be a franchisee owner! And his children will be a franchisee owner."

Griffin: We've also never met like Ronald McDonald's wife. Like family—this is a gambit you all have pulled exactly one time, if I'm not mistaken.

Travis: And can I also say, I love the way that they say "we're thrilled," as if it wasn't their decision to partner with Ronald McDonald House.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: As if McDonald's and Ronald McDonald House weren't going to get together—

Griffin: We finally—

Travis: Until Uncle O'Grimacey stepped in and said, "Let's get these two kids together!"

Griffin: Uncle O'Grimacey really got us over our beef with the Ronald McDonald House. We used to fuckin' hate those guys.

Travis: Oh, B-reel, excuse me.

Justin: "Together with our crew, customers and iconic McDonald land character, Uncle O'Grimacey... we're helping RMHC make families feel at home even when they can't be." And then there's another couple paragraphs about the Philadelphia Eagles. And then it says—

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Oh, wait is that because they've realized the Griddy is related to Grimace?

Justin: Yeah, they're best friends. "Our long—"

Griffin: Not the eagle—not the Eagles mascot, but close... close-ish.

Travis: Sorry, I was doing my B-reel, I wasn't paying attention.

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay, great!

Justin: Our long—imagine how terrifying that feels to be on stage with that kind of energy, just like—

Griffin: Sucks. It sucks, gang.

Travis: Well, if I'm not gonna be real!

Griffin: Also, if I—

Justin: It is—it's a—it's fuckin' real, though! It is a real as it gets!

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You wanted to be real! [titters]

Griffin: If I could pull my phone out of my pocket without having to reach deep into my crotch to do so.

Travis: I actually saw you for a minute!

Griffin: Did you see me—

Travis: I saw you do a move and went like, "Ah, fuck."

Justin: Griffin texted Paul to bring the seam ripper out. [chuckles]

Travis: It would be the same as if you needed to post a B-reel on your appendix. [titters]

Justin: Okay. "Our long-standing tradition of the shamrock shake is a testament to the joy we bring our customers. This year, we're getting back to the first fundraiser that started our incredible partnership with RMHC," said a guy at McDonald's. "This Shamrock Shakes season, with a little extra cheer from the grimace family, we're reminded that the most precious gift is being close to those you love." Hey. Hey, it's me, Justin McElroy. If you ever have to be reminded of what the most precious gift is by Grimace...

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: You should probably pack it in. That's probably it for recognizing joy in your life. You should probably give up on joy as an idea if you need Grimace to remind you about your family being good.

Travis: Especially since what they're kind of overriding here is that clearly there was some kind of family falling out.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Because Uncle O'Grimacey has been in the canon before.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: So it's as if there were—they should be saying, and we're very thankful to Grimace for reminding us that like, yeah, man.

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Some shit's definitely gone down in the past.

Justin: Yeah, it should be Uncle O'Grimacey like, [spoofs frantic shuddering] "I just climbed out of the mine hole with the Bing Bong, I'm back!"

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "I've been nothing for 20 years, aah! What's happening?! Aah!"

Travis: Them talking about re-establishing their first charity, once again, as if the Ronald McDonald in Ronald McDonald House was a different Ronald McDonald!

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Unrelated. Not like Grimace and Uncle O'Grimacey.

Griffin: Can you imagine what a bummer it would be if the only other member of your whole species was your Uncle O'Grimacey?

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: You're not bringing him by.

Justin: Well, Griffin—

Travis: He's my only living relative.

Justin: Okay, Griffin? Just real quick, Grimabeth, Grimace's mom; Louie Grimace, Grimace's dad; Winky, Grimace's grandma; Jenny Grimace, Grimace's great-great grandma; King Gongga, grimace's brother who rules over all grimaces.

Travis: Whoa!

Griffin: [chuckles] Whoa! Whoa, whoa, hold on, hold on! Does he rule over the Irish grimaces too? It's not like they all live together in grimace land?

Travis: Wait, hold on. Can we jump back? His mom's name is?

Justin: Do his mom's name is Grimabeth.

Travis: And then his dad's name is?

Justin: Louis Grimace.

Travis: So that would make—

Griffin: That's fucked up!

Travis: So that would make his name Grimace Grimace?!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: That's definitely—

Travis: Named after Grimabeth. Grimabeth, her last name would then be Grimabeth Grimace?

Justin: I mean, she's a strong, independent grimace. Maybe she's—

Travis: She kept her own last name, Grimabeth Johnson.

Justin: She kept her own last name in a... not applicable.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Are there any grimaces that aren't related to Grimace?

Justin: That's the real big one, Griffin. That's the—the—that's the big one that's really gonna cook your noodle.

Travis: So the brother rules over his dad?

Justin: Yeah, that's the—that's—yeah.

Travis: "I'm king! My dad?" And he's like, "I'm not dead."

Justin: We are going to now help you. We've helped Grimace.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Here's how this is going to work. We're going to call down people by their names, and if they've been provided seat numbers. When it's your turn, give us your name, your pronouns, if you'd like. Please don't come to the microphone if we don't call you, because we'll have three synchronized panic attacks.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: But at different pitches, which could be lovely.

Griffin: It could be cool.

Justin: Come on down the mic, my friend. Hello.

Tanner: Hi, I'm Tanner. I also go by Persephone. Any pronouns.

Travis: Hello.

Griffin: Cool.

Justin: Hello.

Griffin: What is your question?

Tanner: My question is, so, I work at a clothing store.

Justin: Yeah.

Tanner: And on the first day I ripped my pants. How do I go back?

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Now, this is a great question. I worked in a clothing store. I would like to posit, if it were to happen again, which God willing—

Justin: You can't—you can't pause it if you tear your pants at work. You can try it. Everybody, pause—

Travis: That happened to me.

Justin: "Pause, pause, pause, there—pause!"

Griffin: "Pause, no one look!"

Justin: "Pause. Everybody, pause it, pause it, hold on."

Travis: Can I tell you, this actually did happen to me—actually unrelated to what I was about say. When I worked at Best Buy—

Justin: Because it's—

Travis: And I was counting money, in my count—[that was like Scrooge??]! No, I was in—I was supposed to count money. And I ripped my pants, and I stapled them back together.

Griffin: How did you—okay...

Travis: You did too?!

Tanner: I tried.

[group laugh]

Travis: Now, I'm gonna tell you that when I say I ripped my pants up and I stapled them together, and then you say I tried, it does bring to mind that there might have been an injury associated—[chuckles] No? Thank God. Okay, great.

Griffin: Great.

Travis: But here's what you do, if it happens again, you say, "Oh, don't you hate it when this happens to you?"

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: If only I had stronger, better pants.

Justin: The first word—

Travis: Like these over here!

Justin: The first words out of your mouth have to be, "I bought these somewhere else."

Griffin: Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: "Ah. Ah, oh, darn it, Persephone, that'll teach you to shop at Brand X."

Travis: Yes.

Justin: "Why did I ever go anywhere else for my great pants?"

Griffin: They weren't pants from the store, were they?

Tanner: I was—they replaced them for me. [titters]

Griffin: Okay, good.

Travis: Okay, can I just say?! Then you are—wrong question. How do you ensure that it happens every time so you get free pants from work?

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Yeah, free new pants.

Justin: Or you can even play it off like, "Oh, you know, with other pants, I might worry. But here, they'll replace them if you tear them at work. So it's not even a problem, it's—"

Griffin: It's like anytime I'm in the parking lot of a hospital, my mind just sort of, without any sort of reason, will offer up the thought; it's the best place to get in a terrible car accident!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: They'll fix you up right here!

Travis: If I had worked at Best Buy and day one, for whatever reason, I brought in my TV from home and dropped it and they gave me a new one? You best believe I'm bringing in every electronic I own from—[yells] "Oh, no!" And doing it every time.

Griffin: Were the pants you got nicer pants?

Tanner: Yes.

Griffin: Did you have to pay for 'em or was it—

Tanner: No, my manager did. [titters]

Griffin: The manager paid for the pants?

Justin: Aw.

Tanner: Yeah—

Justin: Persephone, this is a good place.

Travis: Hey, I—

Justin: I would stick with this place. It sounds all right.

Travis: It is great—

Tanner: I quit because of—[titters]

[crowd exclaims and cheers]

Travis: Now, Persephone, can I ask you a question?

Tanner: Yes.

Justin: And it—

Travis: Did you—

Griffin: You made me bust my collar, Persephone!

Justin: Is it—yeah—

Travis: Did you quit—did you quit between the time you sent this question in and now?

Tanner: [chuckles]

Travis: So you had already quit before you asked us how do I go back?

Tanner: This was a while back.

Justin: Okay, Persephone, did you quit while you were wearing the pants that were gifted to you?

Tanner: I might have.

Griffin: Oh, Persephone...

Travis: Did you say—did you say, "These new pants are giving me such confidence."

[group laugh]

Justin: "I realized I don't need this job anymore."

Griffin: "I came here to pull off one very specific short run grift!"

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: "I don't need the pay check, thank you. These pants cost \$340!"

[group laugh]

Travis: Everybody here can learn something from this. [chuckles]

Griffin: [titters] Absolutely.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Persephone, does that help?

Tanner: Thank you!

Justin: Thank you! Ah, what a riot.

Griffin: Hi, how's it going?

Mackie: Hello. I'm good, how are you?

Griffin: Very good, thank you so much.

Mackie: Hello, Tampa audience.

Griffin: Hello, Tampa audience.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Everyone say hello!

[the audience responds with a mix of 'hi' and 'hello']

Mackie: Hi! I am truly going faster than fear right now, because this is... a little intimidating. [chuckles]

Griffin: Hell yeah! That's good. That's actionable.

Justin: I appreciate you taking the time to hype up the audience. No one ever does that.

Griffin: Literally, it's never been done before.

Justin: It's never been done before, so I appreciate that. No one ever says hi to everybody.

Mackie: [chuckles]

Justin: It's just basic manners. [titters]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Who are you?

Mackie: Oh, I'm Mackie.

Griffin: Hello, Mackie.

Mackie: Hi.

Travis: Hey, Griffin, can I just say real quick? When they say that they're moving faster than fear and then you ask, who are you?

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Is maybe not...

Justin: Who are you?

Travis: Justify yourself!

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: I don't think I asked it in a way that made you feel nervous, did I?

Mackie: It's okay, that should have been the first thing I said, but—

Griffin: No, it's—I mean, yeah, but...

[group laugh]

Griffin: But other than that, you're doing great so far! [laughs]

Mackie: Please!

Griffin: Mackie, I'm sorry, I really don't want to project this energy. It's the fuckin' jumpsuit, I look so cool right now.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Griffin, why does this energy never fuckin' stick to your brand? That's what I wanna know. Why is this brand all like rainbows and eating bananas?

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: And you forget that he's a dick like 80% of the time.

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: He just like gives you this like "ain't I a stinker" look, like I guess you are!

Travis: Water off a dick's back! [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Mackie! I'm so excited for your question—

Justin: Maybe when he hits 40, then the gravy train will finally run out, right? Everybody then will get onto his fuckin' act!

Griffin: So, I'm so sorry. I'm really curious—

Justin: I'm sorry too, Mackie—

Griffin: To hear your question, but my brothers—

Justin: I'm sorry you're—

Griffin: Are just chatty.

Mackie: It's okay, it's okay.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: What's your question?

Mackie: I had a couple of questions.

Griffin: You had one about being a NASA employee.

Mackie: Ah, yes.

Griffin: And a certain factor of your job.

Mackie: Yes, I am a NASA employee.

[crowd cheers]

Mackie: Yeah! Space program! [chuckles] I love my job. How can I be more interested in the very frequent launches that happen while I'm there?

Travis: Okay, that—

Griffin: This is so interesting Mackie, because there was a sort of syntactical debate between us on stage.

Justin: Yes.

Travis: A discrepancy as to what your intention in the question was. So, when you ask that, when you say, how can I be more interested? My read was, and I'm feeling very confident now that you were like, "These launches are so frequent, I've lost interest in them."

Griffin: Versus, "How do I sneak out to go to these kick ass rocket ship launches?" Which is what me and Justin thought the question was. But you're saying—

Justin: Yeah, where are you at?

Griffin: You're saying these launches are so frequent, you need something to rekindle the fire, perhaps.

Mackie: So, yeah, they happen a lot. And—[chuckles]

Travis: Wait, not *a lot*, though, right? Wait, how frequent?

Justin: Like more than you guys are telling people a lot.

[group laugh]

Travis: Don't just say a lot, how many times *a day*?

Justin: Yeah.

Mackie: It's—

Griffin: How frequently?

Mackie: It's a lot.

Justin: Yeah.

Mackie: Like they have a counter before you get in through the gate. I think we're at 15, somebody—

Griffin: 15 launches for the year so for far.

Mackie: For this year—

Justin: This week.

Mackie: So far. Yeah.

Justin: So here's one thing I would do. You could see that from a lot of different places, I would probably try to sell tickets.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Like if you set up a cool little theater someplace, or maybe just some lawn chairs.

Griffin: Open a Burger King franchise nearby.

Mackie: [laughs]

Justin: How close can you open a Burger King?

Travis: Good question!

Griffin: And then sell tickets for parking at the parking lot.

Justin: Actually, it would be interesting to record for history how far away you have to build a Burger King from a rocket launch place, in case that number changes.

Travis: But not a Johnny Rockets?

Justin: Right, you could just remember that, you know, it used to be illegal to build Burger Kings near rocket places.

[group laugh]

Travis: All I'm saying is if I'm an astronaut, I'm on my way to the launch and I see a window where I could order a burger on my way? That's a good market that no one's capitalizing on.

Justin: Does that—does the explosion—does it scare you if you don't know it's about to happen?

Mackie: It does, actually.

Travis: They don't tell you?!

Mackie: They do, but I... I delete the emails.

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Okay. I can't blame you, yeah. If I—

Travis: So they tell you big fire explosion is happening nearby and you're like, "Meh, seen it."

[crowd chuckles]

Mackie: The windows just start shaking, and you hear a noise, and I'm in the middle of a meeting trying to like, "Oh... is this planned? Everybody, is this planned?" [laughs]

Travis: Is this planned?!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Is this planned?

Travis: Is this plan—

Justin: Can I be honest—

Travis: [yells] As opposed to what?!

Justin: It's really good that I'm not a rocket person, because I think that I would probably try to get you fired if I heard that. [chuckles] If I was like—if I saw you like freak out one time about a rocket launch that everybody around me was like, "Hell, yeah, 337 today. Right, Mike?"

Griffin: [guffaws]

Travis: Mackie—

Griffin: They did the countdown and everything!

Travis: Can you not assume that if it was not planned—like here's the thing, if you've ever flown on an airplane and you start to panic about plane travel, look to the flight attendants and see if they're freaking out or not, right?

Mackie: Mm-hm.

Griffin: Yeah. Hey, hold on—

Travis: But then—

Griffin: Hold on. You sure?

Travis: Okay.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: But now—

Griffin: Just saying!

Travis: Okay, so two years ago, what I just said is true.

[crowd laughs]

Travis: But what I'm saying now is this is as if I'm on the plane and I look out the window, and the plane starts to leave the ground. And the flight attendants go, "What the fuck is happening?!"

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Is there someone in the office who goes around like, [yells] "Oh, boy!" Is there someone in the office sort of monitoring enthusiasm—

Justin: The launches—

Griffin: From the employee—

Travis: Okay. [laughs]

Griffin: Well, no, there's obviously some—

Travis: There must be someone like, "Oh, shit! Again?!" [chuckles]

Griffin: Is there someone who's like looking—

Travis: "That was today?!"

Griffin: There's someone who's like, "Did you see the launch, Mackie?" Like is anyone making sure that you're as fired up about this as you're supposed to be?

Justin: Does that help?

Mackie: It does.

Justin: All right, thank you, Mackie.

Griffin: I just, I want to let you know, Mackie, before you go, that there's a little bit of perspective I'd like to offer. Which is that our jobs do not offer us any kind of exclusive rocket launch access.

Travis: Not exclusive.

Griffin: No, we get to see it with everyone else, basically. So...

Mackie: Until I sell tickets?

Griffin: Until you sell tickets—

Justin: Yeah! You sell tickets, we'll be there.

Griffin: To your Burger King drive-in.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Mackie, I'll switch places with you. We'll switch places any day.

Justin: Yeah.

Mackie: I love my—

Griffin: Does that help, Mackie?

Mackie: It does.

Griffin: Thank you so much for coming. You did an amazing job.

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Hello!

Benjamin: Hi, there! I'm Benjamin.

Travis: Hello, Benjamin.

Griffin: Did I say your name weird?

Benjamin: You said it perfectly fine, I don't know why—

Griffin: Thank you so much, Benjamin.

Travis: Benjamin, do not! Do not suck up to my brother.

Benjamin: Benjamin.

Griffin: Hello, Benjamin.

Travis: Benjamin!

Benjamin: My father and I've learned that your father have very similar tastes in music.

Travis: So you're saying we have the same father.

Griffin: Whoa, Benjamin.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: A twist I didn't see coming.

Benjamin: Am I the fourth?

Justin: Like a bee?

Benjamin: [chuckles]

Justin: Or am I the fourth?

Benjamin: Oh, shit.

Travis: Oh, wait... hm!

Justin: Anyway, please, go ahead.

Benjamin: My dad *loves* Chicago, the band.

Justin: Right.

Travis: Thank you for clarifying.

Benjamin: I have recently come to discover that your dad loves Chicago, based on the most recent McElroy Family Clubhouse.

Griffin: Sure.

Benjamin: Fantastic episode, by the way.

Justin: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Wow. Wow. Thanks.

Travis: Wow. Ha-ha-ha-ha.

Justin: Thank you. Thank you so much.

Griffin: Thank you so much for—

Travis: You'll get your money later, Benjamin!

Griffin: Thank you so much, Benjamin, like and—

Justin: Always a pleasure to meet a fan.

Griffin: Like and subscribe, like and subscribe.

Justin: What a weird place to meet a fan. Wow. Sheesh.

Benjamin: Anyway, my dad lives about an hour north of here. I flew down from Vermont just to see you guys.

Justin: Ah! Thanks!

Griffin: Holy shit, thank you, Benjamin.

Travis: So wait, you flew down from Vermont, but your dad lives an hour north of here?

Benjamin: Yeah, we're not... we're not super tight.

Justin: Nice.

Benjamin: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Okay, you want us—

Griffin: Hey, Benjamin! Speak on that!

Justin: No. No, no. Actually, don't, because the stakes of this are already super-high. And now they're kind of weirdly super-duper high?

Benjamin: Yeah, I don't want to infringe on the—

Griffin: Thank you so much, Benjamin, yeah.

Benjamin: But yeah, I wanna impress him with a deep cut Chicago, the band, factoid.

Griffin: Sure. [chuckles]

Benjamin: And I know your dad's here, so like—

Justin: Clint. Clint!

Griffin: Dad, are you—dad, do you wanna come out and drop some...

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Hi, Mac.

Clint: I need to talk to you three.

Travis: Can I tell you, it would be wild if with your fake family you also use the name Clint McElroy?

Benjamin: [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: And Benjamin was a fan of the podcast and never put that together.

Justin: Okay.

Griffin: Dad, Benjamin needs a sick-ass Chicago fact.

Benjamin: Yeah!

Clint: How many you need?

Griffin: Benjamin also watched the most—

Justin: Hey! Hey! Hey! Can I answer? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Hey, can I also stress—

Justin: Like three, tops!

Clint: Got it!

Travis: I'm also gonna stress, when we got this question, I told our dad he was not allowed to do any research about this. This had to be off the top of the dome. So what dad is about to spit is what dad knows in his heart.

Griffin: Also, Benjamin, watched the most recent McElroy Family Clubhouse and will burn your ass to the ground if you bring anything that you shared there.

Justin: Recycle that old business.

Clint: Oh, it's got to be something new?

Griffin: Yeah, about the—

Travis: [yells] Yeah, a new Chicago fact in the last 24 hours!

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: In the album Chicago Seven—

Griffin: If you guys need to go to the bathroom, by the way, this is basically going to be a little convo between dad and Benjamin.

Clint: There was an iron-on transfer of the Chicago logo with a cardinal on it. Yeah, when was the last time you got an album—

Travis: Wait, sorry, dad!

Clint: With an iron-on transfer?

Travis: Hey, dad! Can I just tell you, just a quick director's note. You didn't deliver that like it was the end of the fact, you delivered it like it was a question you were asking Benjamin.

Clint: Gotcha.

Travis: Maybe next time the inflection should be, "There was—"

Clint: Okay.

Travis: "A thing with a cardinal on it!" Instead of—

Justin: I have been talking about—

Travis: "There was a thing with a cardinal on it!"

Griffin: Shh!

Clint: I am—

Justin: I've been talking about how we need to, at our live shows, have less pressure on ourselves to always be joking. Like we need to leave room—

Griffin: [guffaws]

Justin: We need to leave room to like just talk as people, because the energy gets a little like eh. I am now second guessing that in a major way. I actually think that impulse is completely wrong.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Sorry, dad, go ahead.

Clint: I am talking to your brother. So...

[crowd chuckles]

Clint: They were once sued by a bus company.

Benjamin: Chicago Transit Authority—

Clint: They were sued because their original name was Chicago Transit Authority—

Benjamin: There it is.

Clint: They were sued by the actual bus company, Chicago Transit Authority, to change their name. Which is why they are known as Chicago.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: It's weird that the city of Chicago never sued them. Like, what if people are confused and they think you're the city of Chicago?

Griffin: What if people travel to you, the band, Chicago?

Benjamin: [laughs]

Travis: And then try to eat pizza while standing on you.

Benjamin: [laughs]

Clint: Factoid number two, the original seven members—

Griffin: Wait, no, no, no! You've done two already! Don't try to fuckin'—

Travis: This is three!

Clint: I said—they said three but—

Travis: [yells] Yes, but this is three! The cardinal dumb one!

Clint: Peter Cetera—

Travis: The one you said before—

Clint: Robert Lamm, Terry Kath, Danny Seraphine, Lee Loughnane, Walter Parazaider, James Pankow. The original seven members—

Justin: Wow! Wow!

Clint: Of the funky windy—

Justin: Wow!

Clint: City seven!

Justin: Hey, ladies and gentlemen, my—

Clint: Chicago!

Justin: My boring old dad, ladies and gentlemen, give him one more big round of applause!

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: Does that help, Benjamin?

Justin: Thank you, Benjamin. Thank you, Benjamin.

Benjamin: Cool, thanks, dad.

Griffin: Thank you, Clint.

Justin: Thank you. Thank you, Mac.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Man...

Griffin: Hi.

Justin: Can you imagine how—[chuckles] can you imagine how dad—jazzed his dad's gonna be when he plays that bit for him? Like, "Can you believe it? The McElroy brothers talked about you."

Griffin: "Sorry that he said that he was my dad so much."

[group chuckle]

Travis: Also—

Griffin: "That's pretty weird for you."

Travis: Benjamin, I'm gonna give you the beginning of this and you can finish it. Something about Peter Cetera. There's something about pet et cetera. There's something about like he—

Griffin: He opened his own pet store called Pets Et Cetera—

Travis: Something in there.

Griffin: And it's—when you find it, it's gonna—

Travis: You can use that, it's probably better.

Griffin: This isn't funny, but when you find it, it's going to be fucking—

Travis: Yeah, you're gonna laugh in about two weeks.

Justin: Yeah, okay—

Griffin: Hello.

Justin: Hi.

Griffin: Hey, what's up?

Charles: Hey, brothers. I'm Charles. He/him.

Justin: Hi, Charles.

Griffin: Hi, Charles.

Travis: Hi, Charles!

Charles: So I just moved to Florida from Des Moines, Iowa. And I just got a job at a warehouse last month.

Justin: Right.

Travis: You sound so surprised, Charles.

Charles: No, it's shocking!

Travis: As if, yeah, it sounds like they called you and said, "You're working at a warehouse—"

Griffin: Did you apply to this job? Or—

Charles: I was an independent artist prior to this, so the fact that I got a job at a warehouse is shocking to me—

Griffin: [chuckles] Okay, cool.

Charles: In a huge way.

Travis: You are Only Farmers. [chuckles]

Charles: Yeah, that's exactly right, yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

Charles: So, I work at a coffee roastery. And we, a few months before I got hired, we got a machine that packages K-Cups specifically.

Justin: Cool.

Charles: And everybody at the warehouse is terrified to use this machine, except for the one person who's allowed to use this machine. And they decided that I should be the trainee that learns under them how to use this.

Justin: All right!

Charles: So the training that I got was, first you push the start button.

Griffin: Yeah.

Charles: And now you guys know how to use the K-Cup machine.

Griffin: Fuck yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: Okay—

Griffin: I could go get my license right now, you're saying?

Charles: Right now.

Griffin: Amazing.

Justin: So what's the question? What's your question?

Charles: The question is, I need to know how to keep kayfabe that this is a scary machine that only I should be allowed to touch. Because while I was being trained, the person who trained me said, "Push the start button." And then started watching Wedding Crashers on their phone.

Griffin: Fuckin' hell, man!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Now, wait, sorry, Charles, is that an intrinsic part of the process?

Justin: Did they look—Charles, did they look up from their phone and say, "Charles, if you fuck this up for me, I will kill you."

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: "I've been running this gift for 10 years."

Griffin: [chuckles] Did they say you can watch any movie with Vince Vaughn in it? But if you don't, the machine will explode!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Also, don't get it twisted, Fred Claus doesn't count.

Griffin: Fred Claus weirdly doesn't work.

Travis: And I get this, Charles, because K-Cups can—

Justin: Wait, wait, wait, what is your question, Charles? [titters]

Charles: How do I keep everybody thinking that this machine is very scary, so only I get to use it?

Griffin: Yeah, sure, cool.

Travis: Okay, but here's the thing, because I think K-Cups are inherently scary, because people are used to tampons and pads and K-Cups are new. And—

Griffin: Travis!

Charles: [laughs]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

Justin: It's a good joke! I mean, it's a good—you gotta admit, it's a good—

Griffin: It kicks—it kicks ass. It kicks ass.

Justin: It's a good joke. It's a good joke. Charles—[chuckles]

Griffin: Does your—

Justin: How much of a buildup do you think you can sustain before you actually press the button? Like, do you think you could get a good—

Travis: [yells] "Stand back!"

Justin: Like a good 15 minutes of like getting close to it and you're like, "No, okay, no, no, no, no, no—"

Travis: "Wait! What's the weather outside? Cloudy?! [yells] Fuck, no! Everybody, back!"

Griffin: "The humanity is too high!"

Justin: "Everybody just shut up. Everybody just shut up for one second, I can do. Everybody just shut up."

Travis: [yells] "Let's check the pH!"

Griffin: Can—

Justin: "You're too close, Paul. You're too close, Paul!"

Griffin: Can you bring a friend into work under the guise of they now work there, but they only show up one day, and then they never show up. And if anyone asks you what happened to them, you'd be like, "Yeah, man, they fell in the fucking K-Cup machine and got turned into K-Cups."

[crowd laughs]

Travis: Got cupped, bro! Got cupped real hard.

Justin: Hey, how much of your pinky do you need?

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Cool.

Justin: Hey, I said need!

[crowd chuckles]

Charles: Probably not as much as I think.

Justin: Yeah, you're fine.

Griffin: You need one finger for the K-Cup machine, bud, I know that much.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: One button to start, one other one to start Wedding Crashers.

Justin: Wait a minute, wait, wait, wait. This is actually really important, really important. If you press the start button, will it just go forever? Is there some way to stop it? Is there—is it going right now?

Charles: So, the—

Travis: Is there a mannequin of you sitting in the seat? [chuckles]

Justin: Is there an off?

Charles: There is an off switch.

Justin: So why are we freaked about AI?! This is my thing. Sorry, go ahead.

Charles: The machine will stop itself if the lid is off a little bit. And then you go, oh, I'm sorry. And you fix the lid.

Griffin: Now, that sounds scary to me.

Charles: And then you push the start button again.

Travis: Do you have to reach it deep into the machine to knock the lid in place?

Justin: It keeps going, so you just have to wait for your opportunity to just reach in real quick and grab it out. Charles, does that help?

Charles: That super helps, thank you.

Justin: Thank you, Charles.

Griffin: Thank you so much.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: Thank you.

Griffin: Hello.

Rosie: Hello.

Justin: How's it going?

Rosie: I'm pretty nervous, I'm living faster than fear just being here, so...
[chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

Griffin: I appreciate you living faster than fear while very clearly wearing a protest shirt for tummy buddy life.

Travis: Yeah... is that why you're nervous, because of the bootleg merch?

Rosie: [chuckles] I didn't think you'd see this, so I was like—

Travis: You didn't think we'd see it?!

Griffin: [laughs]

Travis: You wrote a question and then you sat in the spotlight! I'm actually really glad you asked a question.

Rosie: [laughs]

Travis: Because at the beginning of the show, like before when we did sound check I said, can we move the light a little bit? Because it's like right on that person's face. And they scooted it over a little bit, and then it was right in your face. And then you stood up to ask a question and went, "Oh, okay."

Griffin: Okay, good.

Rosie: [chuckles]

Griffin: What—hello.

Justin: How can we help?

Griffin: May I please ask your name?!

Rosie: My name is Rosie. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: Was that better?

Justin: That was really good.

Griffin: Kick ass, awesome.

Justin: Actually, Griffin, it was... it was worse. You heard it, though, right?

Griffin: I did, I heard that one.

Justin: Okay, but you heard it, even—

Griffin: The vibe—the vibe was off.

Justin: Like even in trying to riff on it, it's like—

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, sure.

Justin: Okay. Sorry, go ahead.

Rosie: This is also kind of about my dad, coincidentally.

Griffin: Kick ass.

Travis: Wait, what?!

Rosie: [laughs] I didn't mention it in the question, I didn't think you'd choose it, actually, so—[chuckles]

Griffin: It's a kick ass question, Rosie!

Justin: Yeah, Rosie.

Rosie: So my dad likes to buy pheasants.

Travis: Yeah, we've been there.

Rosie: He lives in Missouri. This is his second pair of pheasants that he's gotten. He had—

Griffin: Hold on, hold on, hold on. You just dropped two things on us really fast.

Rosie: Yeah. [chuckles]

Griffin: With a tone of voice of like, you know... he lives in Missouri, pheasant country, and bought a pair of them. Like you have to do, or they'll kill... each other.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: And can I also say, the second pair of pheasants implies that the first pair went out at the same time?

Rosie: No, the first pair is fine. They're still there.

Griffin: Okay, great.

Travis: *Okay?*

Rosie: [chuckles] It's...

Travis: So why not his first quadrantal pair—

Griffin: Let's hear Rosie's—

Travis: Of pheasants?

Griffin: Let's hear Rosie's question.

Rosie: So, he got a golden a pair of golden pheasants originally—

Travis: Sure.

Rosie: And then he got really interested tragopan pheasants.

Travis: Yeah.

Rosie: I don't know if you've seen their mating displays. They're really weird. I thought—

Justin: Sorry, trag... tragopan?

Rosie: Tragopan, I think?

Justin: I've not seen their mating displays, no.

Rosie: They—

[crowd chuckles]

Griffin: I've seen a lot of other pheasant mating displays.

Justin: A lot of other mating displays—

Travis: I thought you said dragon pan at first.

Justin: Dragon pan. I've their—sorry, go ahead.

Rosie: [titters] They're really weird. I thought it was an AI—

Justin: Even for pheasant mating displays, they're weird.

Rosie: Yeah! [chuckles] Yeah.

Travis: Really?!

Griffin: Weird in, can I ask—unless it's like yucky?

Rosie: No, it's really cool. They look kind of like aliens. They've got this like multi-colored flap that like opens up—

Travis: Oh, sorry, hey, hey, hey, Rosie?

Rosie: That's weird.

Travis: Where's the flap?

Rosie: On their like head.

Griffin: Okay, but hold on. No, hold on.

Rosie: Look at it.

Griffin: They do look like an Avatar bird.

Rosie: Yeah!

Griffin: Paul, if you could pull up a picture of a tragopan pheasant?

Rosie: [laughs]

[crowd exclaims and laughs]

Travis: No.

Griffin: No, there's better pictures.

Travis: Paul?

Justin: Hey, you shot your shot, Paul. It's all good, man.

Travis: Okay, but we can all agree that just saying, in a breeding thing, in a meeting ritual, they open up their flap, that maybe there might be—

Griffin: These guys look fuckin'—this picture does not do credit to how fucking Avatar-ass these birds look. Holy shit.

Justin: Can I say something earnestly for a second? I never would have thought that I would have a career that is specifically built to just bring me the world's most fascinating people.

Rosie: [chuckles]

Justin: But I feel so thrilled to come out here—and this is our first show this year. I feel so thrilled to come out here and meet you absolute maniacs.

[group laugh]

Justin: You're the most fascinating humans on the planet.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: And can I say it my favorite thing? We haven't even gotten to the actual question.

Justin: So, how can we help?!

Rosie: One of them escaped the enclosure.

Justin: Fuck!

[crowd exclaims]

Rosie: [chuckles]

Travis: Male or female?

Rosie: The female. We have the male—

Griffin: The tragopan or the golden?

Rosie: The tragopan.

Griffin: Okay, this all helps.

[crowd chuckles]

Rosie: The female's name is—no, the female's name is Winter. The male is Vivaldi.

Travis: Yeah.

Rosie: There's another female that they have not named yet.

Travis: They didn't want to go spring or fall, or the other four seasons?

Rosie: Again, my dad is an interesting guy. He loves Vivaldi—

Travis: I'd say!

Griffin: Yeah, sounds like.

Travis: Way more interesting than our dad! He was just out here, did you hear him?

Griffin: Did you hear him? He just talked about the band Chicago, not cool bird shit.

Rosie: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: I bet pheasants make cool bird shit.

Griffin: I bet so.

Justin: What if pheasant—I—so pheasants.

Rosie: Yeah, and I was—

Griffin: Right?! That's fucking crazy! They look like—

Travis: [yells] Imagine the stumbling on that shit!

Griffin: He looks like the spitter dinosaur that killed Wayne Knight.

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: Or like a cool rave vagina. [titters]

Griffin: Travis!

[group laugh]

Justin: Travis...

Travis: I'm saying if you saw—

Justin: How dare you say what Griffin was thinking?

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: You scandalize him—

Griffin: No! No, hold on! What's a—

Travis: If you—

Griffin: No, hold on! [yells] What's a rave vagina, Travis?!

[crowd chuckles]

Travis: [chuckles] It's when you—

Griffin: What the fuck does that mean, Travis?!

Travis: If you saw vagina under a black light. [titters]

Griffin: Travis! That's...

[crowd laughs]

Griffin: Yeah... get that gone. Get that gone. So...

Travis: My face hurts.

Griffin: You need help.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: What do you want?! Like, what do you want? [chuckles]

Griffin: You've destroyed our family—

Travis: We're doing our best!

[crowd exclaims]

Griffin: Look at that shit, that's crazy!

Justin: What do you want?! Why do you want this to come back?!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: You should want this to be away from you!

Travis: This is, somebody painted this mural on the wall of a laser tag place and the boss was like, "I think I need to fire him, because I think that's a vagina."

Griffin: I need that—that's a burn.

Justin: It probably got stolded by an insane wizard!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Like look at it, it's incredible!

Griffin: What's the question?

Justin: What do you... [yells] What do you want?!

Travis: How do you kill it? [chuckles]

Griffin: [titters] No.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: It's weak spot? Just look! It's the purple!

Rosie: Need some tips on how to catch it. [titters]

Justin: Okay.

Travis: Oh, yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: So what does a pheasant—

Travis: Hey, can I just say, when I look at that bird? Don't look fast.

Rosie: [chuckles]

Griffin: Or it looks extremely fuckin' fast. It's either one of the two.

Travis: Yeah, you actually don't get to look that stupid and be slow at the same time.

Griffin: Can your dad get his hands on some space mushrooms?!

Rosie: [chuckles]

Griffin: Because that's the diet of this guy, I bet.

Justin: What you're going to want is a varied environment that'll appeal to a pheasant. So you're going to want to put out some grain, some sorghum, some... wheat.

Griffin: Did you look up pheasant shit backstage?

Justin: So... I did. But then... then I got on TikTok.

Rosie: [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: So I have burnt through—

Travis: Could you recreate—

Justin: What I remember—

Travis: Justin, could you recreate some pheasant calls?

Justin: Travis, let me finish!

Travis: Some pheasant calls for us?

Justin: [mouths a sound similar to rubbing a balloon]

[group laugh]

Griffin: Shh!

Travis: That was him clearing his throat!

Justin: Guys?

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: If you laugh during it, you can mess it up.

Travis: This is something that Josie can play on their phone.

Griffin: [titters] Yeah!

Justin: You can't play it on your phone, just record it.

Griffin: Pheasants are easily spooked. Please stay absolutely silent—

Justin: Please be quiet.

Griffin: While my brother does pheasant calls he learned—

Justin: Please be quiet!

Griffin: On TikTok.

Justin: [mouths a sound similar to that of a dolphin chocking]

[group chuckle]

Griffin: Shut up!

Justin: [yells] Shut up!

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: [spoofs chocking sounds]

[crowd chuckles]

Justin: [mouths wild tribal calls] There you go.

Griffin: Does that help? [titters]

[crowd cheers]

Rosie: Yes. I will play these for my dad.

Justin: Thank you! Thank you!

Griffin: Go play those for your dad, he's gonna love 'em.

Justin: Tell your dad he owes me \$20 on Only Fans.

Travis: Whoa.

Griffin: [titters] Whoa.

Justin: Thank you, you can bring the lights down. Hey, Tampa, you have been such a lot of fun.

Griffin: Tampa, thank you. This is our first show of 2025, of Twenty Thunder Drive. You all have been fucking incredible.

[crowd cheers]

Justin: You're amazing.

Griffin: Thank you so much.

Travis: I'm waiting an appropriate amount of time for Paul to get back to the table to talk about Matty's posters, whenever Paul's ready... Can we go to the poster, Paul? When it—there it is!

Griffin: Thank you so much. There's our poster.

Travis: Thank you, Maddie Lundquist!

Griffin: Grab one of those if there's any left. We signed a whole bunch of them. There's also coins out there. All proceeds from these coins go to feeding Tampa Bay. It's the—it's a beautiful double-sided, no matter which theme you've really resonated with this year, we've got you.

Travis: And if you don't already have tickets, we're going to be here tomorrow night as well doing The Adventure Zone.

[crowd cheers]

Travis: Doing TAZ Versus—

Justin: And we're gonna be—

Travis: TAZ Versus Romeo Versus Juliet.

Griffin: It's going to be a fun time.

Justin: I don't—

Griffin: Thank you to Montaigne for the use for theme song, My Life Is Better With You. It is a fantastic track, we're so grateful to be able to use it. And...

Travis: Yeah. We have a faster than fear, this is going to be our first live faster than fear. And I think because of the outfit Griffith is wearing, and the character discussed in the thing and maybe what he might be if you squint your eyes and reminisce enough.

Griffin: What are you talking about?

Travis: That Griffin should read this question. And maybe Justin and I will quietly vroom-vroom-vroom? Yeah? Vroom, vroom, vroom—

Griffin: That's not what cars—you will practice this, but that's not what cars sounds like.

Travis: [spoofs silly engine revving sounds]

Justin: Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-pa.

Griffin: This year, I'm going to be faster than my fear of the Kool-Aid Man.

[crowd cheers]

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!

[crowd cheers]

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

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