

## **MBMBaM 765: Face 2 Face: Ethics of Pissin' in Da Car**

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**Intro (Dan Goubert):** The McElroy brothers are not experts, and their advice should never be followed. Justin insists he's a Chex-spert, but...

[crowd laughs]

**Intro (Dan Goubert):** If there's a degree on his wall, I haven't seen it. Also, this show isn't for kids, which I say only so the babies out there listening know how cool they are for... listening. Take it away.

**Intro (Clint McElroy):** What's up, you cool baby?

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

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

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** What's up, Trav Nation? It's me, your middlest brother, Travis 'Vroom-Vroom' McElroy!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** And I'm your sweet baby brother, 30 Under 30 media luminary, Griffin 'Built Ford Tough' McElroy!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** I wish we had the courage of our convictions to have not just come out on stage and made everybody here just have to buy a ticket to watch an older man eat cereal.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** I feel like that would have been the moment we escalated to high conceptual art.

**Justin:** I do wonder, could we have come out at that point and just been like—the rehearsal, and then gone home?

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** [chuckles] Would that have worked?

**Griffin:** You guys just got rehearsed!

**Travis:** There would have been a moment where you guys were watching it, right? And like, if it had gone—let's say it went 15 minutes, right? And you're like, "Oh, this is like an intro bit," right? And then what if it went 25 minutes?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And then 30, and suddenly it's like 90 minutes. And then just the stage lights go out, house lights come up.

**Justin:** I did—I was—I was backstage, and this is really the thought I was having; I'm having the strangest dream right now. I'm in Grand Rapids, Michigan and I'm dressed like Speed Racer.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** And my co-host is there, and also my dad, randomly. And I'm gonna go on stage, but I can't go on stage yet.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** And they're eating Cinnamon Toast Crunch, but it's pizza-flavored? I don't know.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I don't know, this—I don't know what that means, doctor.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** What you guys could not see is, backstage, the three of us were walking back and forth behind the curtain, waiting to go on. And it worked out so it was like Justin and Griffin on one track, and me in the middle, going opposite directions.

**Griffin:** Just nervously pacing.

**Travis:** Like a cartoon. It was beautiful!

**Griffin:** I'm sorry, people in the front row, you probably didn't know you were signing up for such a up close and personal cereal—[chuckles] old man eating cereal experience.

**Justin:** I hope a lot of the milk didn't end up in his facial hair, I was worried about that. [chuckles]

**Travis:** You know how he eats.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** This is—

**Travis:** With his mouth.

**Justin:** This is an advice show.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Huh.

**Griffin:** Y'all are wilding out. [chuckles] It's great.

**Justin:** I like it. It's good, it's good advice. I'm glad you're ready for it, because we're gonna help a lot of people tonight. We've got questions from you in the audience. If you have—

**Travis:** And questions from us to you.

**Justin:** To you. And you're gonna be able to submit yours and come up later in the show, and imagine. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Not on stage—Justin said up. You're not coming on this fuckin' stage, man!

**Justin:** You're not coming up, don't you dare! [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Hey, we've been doing this shit for like 19 years now.

**Justin:** You know Paul? We've got a stronger Paul that stops people from doing that.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** So watch out, or you'll meet tough Paul!

**Griffin:** We call him Paul the wall, you can't get past this Paul!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** He's Paul's big brother.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Paul's older brother, Paul, with four A's.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Sometimes big brother Paul wall is sick, and little Paul has to be the wall. It doesn't go as good.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** No, then he's more of a gate. But it is—the hinges are rusty, so it's hard to open.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, it's tough when the whole thing hinges on him. My family—

[crowd exclaims and cheers]

**Justin:** "My family member suffered a heart issue while mowing his lawn, ultimately causing him to be in a wheelchair. Recently, he's—"

**Griffin:** Pretty funny so far!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** It gets better. "Recently, he has passed away due to these complications—"

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** [sings] Bu-da-bum-bohw-bohw. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** And that's the end of the question. Just letting us know. Sometimes we like to use the email as a newsletter for people to let us know what happened in their life vis-à-vis family member demise.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Congratulations to the Grand Rapids High School Class of 2025, by the way! [chuckles] That's part of it, is us announcing that.

**Justin:** The rehearsal. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** No. [chuckles] So, recently they passed away, but it was due to those complications.

**Travis:** From the heart attack on the—

**Justin:** From the heart attack on the—yeah, okay. I have a whole—

**Griffin:** The heart attack on the riding lawnmower. It's been so long before Chekhov's gun was put out there.

**Justin:** Yeah. Well, we're gonna return to that concept right now because, "I have an old push lawn mower that takes me hours to mow my lawn, while they had one of those sweet zero turn radius riding lawn mowers, with attachments! I could save so much time and energy with one of these puppies. How long is the standard grieving process before I can ask to purchase this bad boy from family?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** That's from Mowing in Northern Michigan. Are... are you here?

**Mowing in Northern Michigan:** [pause] Yup.

**Griffin:** Yup.

[crowd exclaims and laughs]

**Travis:** You know...

**Griffin:** Can I say, I'm—we rarely have to say this. I'm glad you're still here, and haven't been killed by the haunted riding lawn mower yet.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I also, I want to say, if I were a director, I couldn't have told you how to deliver that 'yah.' And then you did it and I thought, nailed it.

**Griffin:** That's the only way to do it, yeah.

**Travis:** Nailed it, that was the exact—

**Griffin:** A confident 'yah.'

**Travis:** Perfect line read of a response to this question.

**Griffin:** Before we get started, on a scale of one to 10, how allowed are we to make jokes in this—

**Travis:** I hope it's 10!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** I guess it's—I want you to factor in your closeness to this family member—

**Travis:** No, why are you doing this?!

**Justin:** They did that math before they sent it. The deal has been signed.

**Griffin:** guess that's fair!

**Justin:** The pact has been—has been made.

**Griffin:** Oh, man—

**Travis:** "Ah, must be tough looking at that riding lawnmower all day."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** "So many memories. You know what? You know what I'm gonna do for you guys? Take that bad boy off your hands."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I—if you—I don't know, maybe this is just a West Virginia family thing, I don't know. But if the riding lawnmower is the nicest non-home, non-car thing they owned, I—it's not that you're being crass, it's that I don't think you've been crass enough. I believe two family members are already fighting about this thing.

**Griffin:** Yeah, for sure.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Guaranteed. When they found out they were sick, there's was a part of them that was like, "Man, they meant so much to me. Could I be the sort of person that owns a riding lawn mower?" [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Like they've already started picturing it like, "Maybe that could be me. I could maybe—"

**Griffin:** "That's such a fuckin' bummer. I'm gonna just put this quarter right here on top of this riding lawn mower."

**Travis:** Also, even though the owner-operator of the lawn mower has passed away, the lawn's still there, right? They still might have need of it.

**Justin:** You should start mowing the lawn with that riding lawn mower.



**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** And wear their clothes. We were all thinking it.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** We weren't. Okay, I didn't say that part, because everybody seemed to like it before then. So let's—[spoofs silly time machine sounds] Okay.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** So, you're not riding wearing their clothes. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** No.

**Justin:** Just the hat.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** But that's for sun protection!

**Justin:** That's a sun protection!

**Travis:** That's not weird, that's sun protection. And their glasses, which are prescription, and you don't need them.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** But it's nice.

**Justin:** It's nice.

**Griffin:** Say you're trying to recreate the incident for evidence purposes.  
[chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** It's a re-enactment.

**Griffin:** You're filing a class action lawsuit against John Deere himself! You're gonna get his ass.

**Justin:** If you continue to—if you started mowing the—your relatives' lawn that passed away. And then you could just continue to grow your concentric circles in expanding radii. Eventually, you will be at your house.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Right? Eventually you will be mowing your own lawn.

**Travis:** And with that zero point turn, you're gonna get some clean lines.

**Justin:** Yeah, you're gonna get some real—

**Griffin:** You're gonna mow—you're gonna some street! That's unavoidable in Justin's plan.

**Travis:** And maybe some cars, some people, who knows? But it's worth it.

**Justin:** I think you could maybe talk to the other family members and say, "Maybe if you made that riding lawn mower mine, maybe you don't have to worry about your lawn for a little bit." Maybe that's gonna be a—

**Travis:** Oh, get your beak wet maybe.

**Justin:** [chuckles] "Maybe if you slide the lawn mower my way, maybe you don't have to cut grass for 12 months."

**Griffin:** And then if they try—come to you and try and enforce it, be like, "Do you want me to fucking die? This is the riding lawnmower that kills people, sis."

**Travis:** "I'm protecting you."

**Griffin:** "I'm protecting you and myself by not getting on this death trap. I think it just looks cool."

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** "The aesthetics are what does it for me. It's a decoration piece."

**Justin:** Would you like another question, boys?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I'd love one.

**Justin:** Yeah, here it comes. "I often go to the local movie theater, by myself. When I do—"

**Griffin:** Why did you put such weird, judgmental emphasis on that?  
[chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, let me try again. Sorry. "I often go to the local movie theater, by myself!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Also unnecessary.

**Justin:** Okay. "I *often* go to the *local* movie theater."

[group chuckle]

**Justin:** "By myself."

**Griffin:** Great.

**Justin:** "When I do, I order my ticket ahead of time and pick a seat that has space around it." That's the only sane thing to do. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "But sometimes when I arrive, there's someone already sitting right next to me. Brother—" [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** That's the noise of someone who sat down and realized there were people sitting next to them at this show.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That person is surrounded by other people, by the way, no question. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** I have—[chuckles] "Sometimes when I arrive, there's someone already sitting next to me. Brothers, would it be a breach of etiquette to scoot over a few seats once it's clear they won't be occupied? How would I go about doing this without offending my movie-going neighbor?" That's from Personal Bubble Boy. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Are you—

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Are you—are you here, Personal Bubble Boy?

**Personal Bubble Boy:** Woo!

**Griffin:** All right.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, are there—

**Travis:** I assume you bought your ticket—

**Justin:** It's just—

**Travis:** Pretty high up in the back?

**Justin:** Yeah. Are there eight people around you?

**Personal Bubble Boy:** Woo!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Was that a... a "help?"

**Justin:** Can I get a—

**Griffin:** A help scream?

**Justin:** Can I get a quick woo—

**Travis:** I think that was morse code!

**Justin:** Can I get a quick woo from the eight people surrounding Bubble Boy?

[a few audience members cheer]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** That's an imposing lot.

**Travis:** I have been in a place—I've been there where I've bought my ticket, knowing no one was around, even like 10 minutes before the show. And I get there, and there's people sitting next to it. And the temptation to lean over and say like, "That's not your seat." But then they would say, "Oh, sorry, is this your seat?" And you'd say, "No, that's the point."

**Griffin:** "I just know." [chuckles]

**Travis:** "That's no one's seat! And you were in here when I got here, so you didn't buy the ticket after me, you liar!"

**Justin:** There's two possibilities. One is that they intentionally bought a seat next to you. Bad.

**Griffin:** Sucks!

**Justin:** Hate this. Hate this.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Second is that they bought a seat far from you, and then just didn't take the whole thing that seriously and sat wherever. In which case, you're in terrible danger. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah!

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Because that's the risk. You sit down, right? And you sit down, and you realize they're right next to you, so you scoot one over. Then they scoot one over to still be—

**Justin:** They scoot one over too.

**Travis:** And pretty soon, you're outside in your car, and they're in the passenger seat.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah. And you fall deeply in love, maybe?

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** I was gonna say—

**Griffin:** Whoa?

**Justin:** We've got a lot of really spooky chillers tonight, guys.

**Travis:** [chortles]

**Griffin:** [guffaws]

**Justin:** There's the guy in the movie theater that won't sit still, there's the...  
[chuckles] the spooky riding lawnmower.

**Griffin:** The Midnight Society! It's the uncle killing lawnmower, bffshh-fshh.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** And the elbow bumper.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** I hate having to figure out what seat I'm gonna like the best when I'm looking at a screen. I hate that. [chuckles] Because I am gonna sit in the—

**Travis:** Go off, king.

**Justin:** Exact seat that I picked. But sometimes when I get in there, I don't really like the look of it anymore. [titters] You know, I don't want to sit there anymore. It seems too big, or the screen seems really big from—

**Travis:** When it's too loud?

**Justin:** It's not like that. It's not unlike that, it's just saying like...

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** That sometimes I want to sit wherever, but they—if you go back and you're like, "Hi, I'd like to file a change order." [chuckles] They look at you like, "Huh?"

**Travis:** Hey, as long as we're going off, kings—

**Justin:** Okay?

**Griffin:** Hold on, you can't...

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** [titters] You can't tell yourself to go off, king.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** You need someone to—

**Travis:** I thought we were collectively going off, kings?

**Griffin:** No, man, you invited Justin to do that, but then you can't step in and be like, "I guess we're all going off kings." Like you need someone to... you know how it works, because you set Justin up.

**Travis:** No, I said it to him, and then I figured it would just spread.

**Griffin:** Start talking and saying like dope shit, and then me and Justin will then back you up with like a, "Go off—"

**Justin:** [chuckles] If all three of us going off kings, none of us are going off kings, it doesn't—we can't all three go off kings?!

**Travis:** Okay, one of us is going on king, one of us is going off king, one of us always tells the truth king.

**Griffin:** Pass.

[crowd laughs]



**Justin:** [chuckles] Third base.

**Griffin:** Give Travis—

**Travis:** Why—

**Griffin:** The shell so he can be going off kings. It's his turn.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** You gotta say it.

**Justin:** Go... go off—I don't know if your shit's good or not!

**Travis:** How come—

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Why do they make it so hard to tell which seat number goes with which seat? Because then it's—

**Justin:** Okay! Hold on, hold on, wait! Go... go—go off—go off, king. Go off, king.

**Travis:** No...

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** It's so not working—

**Travis:** That was—

**Justin:** It was a cursory like "go off, king," I agree. I wasn't—

**Travis:** Continue on, king, and then—

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** We'll allow it, king!

**Griffin:** Can you drag over the theater trash can to your seat? And when you get there, and they are also there, be like, "Hey, I'm so sorry. I gotta sit super close to this garbage can. You may want to scootch down a few."

**Travis:** Now, in a way of like "I'm going to be sick," or like, "This garbage can is my friend and I bought it a ticket."

**Griffin:** I'm sorry, Travis, if someone comes to you with a garbage can they've dragged over from the corner of the theater and says, "Hey, king, I'm so sorry—"

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "I need to sit—I'm looking—"

**Travis:** Scoot over, king!

**Griffin:** "I need to sit here with my trash can in immediate proximity," you're telling me you're gonna go. "Why?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Tell me why now."

**Travis:** No, I'm not saying I would have follow-up questions, so much as if I thought they were gonna throw up so hard they needed the trash can right next to 'em, I don't think I'd stay for the movie.

**Justin:** What if—what if they did this, and they sat in their unauthorized seat next to your authorized seat. And then after the film was over, they left their snack receptacles and empty drinks under their seat. And then, when the staff comes by and they check the computer to see who was sitting there, they're gonna assume it was me, right?

**Travis:** Mm-hm!

**Justin:** Absolutely.

**Travis:** Go off, king.

**Justin:** That I'm getting.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** That's how you fuckin' do it!

**Griffin:** Yeah. You're a giver, Travis.

**Justin:** Thank you, Travis—

**Travis:** What if you walk over there and you just yell, "Scoot over, king!"

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

[pause]

**Griffin:** Sometimes that tension in real life can make a movie so much sweeter, don't you think?

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** That's why we go to the movies.

**Griffin:** That is why we go to the movies, to be seated too close to strangers. [titters]

**Travis:** I need you guys' help with something real quick, if I could. So...

**Justin:** Oh, no.

**Travis:** I started a company, that I call Rhyme Crimes.

**Griffin:** Yeah, all right. [chuckles]

**Travis:** And different organizations and people reach out to me for help.  
And—

**Justin:** That's cool.

**Travis:** The University of Michigan reached out to me.

**Griffin:** We never get stories with Travis' bits.

**Travis:** Yeah. The University of Michigan reached out to me. They said Wolverine's—

**Griffin:** Do you like the—do you like them? It sounded divided.

**Travis:** So they said, "We've been doing Wolverines for a while now."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** "And it's played out."

**Griffin:** Okay? [titters]

**Travis:** And they want a new mascot, and they want my help coming up with it.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** But the catch is, there's a lot of chants that include Wolverine in it.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** And Wolverines. So they want it to rhyme with it.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** So I have some ideas for what the mascot could be, but I just can't put the word to it. So I'm gonna describe my idea for what the mascot could be, and you guys help me figure out what word I'm thinking of.

**Griffin:** Jesus fucking Christ. Travis...

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** And it—

**Griffin:** Backs—no. Eh! Backstage, Travis, I got this kind of idea for a thing.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Me, "Okay, it sounds like it needs a bit workshopping." Justin, "No, king, you will go off."

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Okay, in my defense, in my defense, what was the name of the place we got dinner from?

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

**Griffin:** I don't know either.

**Justin:** Paul, what was it?

**Paul:** Rome.

**Justin:** Rome?

**Griffin:** Rome.

**Justin:** Rome? Okay.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** They had this elephant ear. And I was eating it. And I wasn't really listening...

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Or hearing, I guess you would say—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** What Travis was saying. And I was in a very jubilant mood, so I just wanted to support him, as a fellow king. That's all!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** All right.

**Travis:** Okay, so picture this. The mascot is a team of famous tap dancers.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Who once started as the MC in Pippin, and was in Zoboomafoo.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Okay, the—

**Justin:** Ben Vereen?

**Travis:** The Ben Vereens! Yes, that would have been perfect!

**Griffin:** Wait, it's a game?! Hold on, wait! There's gamification?!

**Justin:** Yes!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Hold on, you didn't say this was a game, Travis. I thought you wanted some help with a bit. I didn't know it was a competitive game. Are there points and shit?

**Travis:** I don't know what you're talking about, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Is there prizes and points and shit, man? Travis, the answer to my question is gonna define how much I get into it.

**Travis:** Yeah, there's points and shit.

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah! Let's go!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Okay, so here's my other idea that I'm picturing. All the football players come in.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Travis:** They're packed in tight together, in a small metal container.

**Griffin:** Sardines—can off sardines?

**Travis:** Yes!

**Griffin:** Yeah, all right.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** The Michigan canned sardines. Very good, Griffin.

**Griffin:** This feels like a clean enough for TV version of Work of Fart, if we're giving—are we in the feedback phase—

**Travis:** Completely different! Work of Fart is related to great works of art.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** This is rhyming.

**Griffin:** Okay. I shouldn't reference that bit, because it only happens at live shows now. And those do not make the cut, usually. [chuckles]

**Travis:** So now I'm picturing maybe a mascot that's something like... oh, like something that Billy Joel would describe as taking place at an Italian eatery.

**Griffin:** Fuck, man, see—the scenes from Italian restaurants?

**Justin:** Italian restaurant scenes?

**Travis:** Restaurant scenes, yes.

**Justin:** Restaurant scenes!

**Griffin:** Jesus!

**Justin:** Wait! Are you submitting that 'restaurant scenes' rhymes with 'Wolverines?'

**Griffin:** This explains a lot about—

**Travis:** Say it out loud!

**Justin:** [chuckles] Okay, I just did.

**Travis:** Yeah!



[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** And I think we all made our own judgments, right, gang? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** This explains a lot—

**Travis:** Okay, no! Fuck you, king! Does...

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Don't pervert it like that! That's not how kings do it, Travis!

**Travis:** Fuck off, king!

**Justin:** No!

**Travis:** Do—

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Does 'restaurant scenes' rhyme with 'Wolverines?' Cheer for yes.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** It's close enough. If you dropped it in a freestyle, people would be like, "That's good. That's good shit."

**Travis:** Okay, I got one more.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** I'm picturing a football team comes running out.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** And they've got some all-star players.

**Griffin:** Hell yeah.

**Travis:** Their quarterback, Kevin James, their safety, Leah Remini. Oh! And who's—

**Griffin:** King of Queens! The University of Michigan King of Queens.

**Travis:** That's it!

**Justin:** Wow!

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Griffin wins the not-game rhyme crime.

**Griffin:** It's...

**Travis:** How does it feel to be a winner?

**Griffin:** It's half—it's like good. It's like halfway there. It's like halfway there. And we—

**Travis:** This is my *business*?

**Griffin:** Yeah, no. Yeah. [chuckles]

**Travis:** What do you mean it's halfway? This is... With this job that I've gotten from the University of Michigan, I can make all my dreams come true, and you're shitting on it in front of all these people?

**Griffin:** No, man, I'm helping. This is help, what I'm doing. This is good feedback. And if—

**Travis:** Justin loaned me two million dollars to start this business!

**Griffin:** And how are we feeling about that decision and your endorsement of—

**Justin:** In my defense, I was eating an elephant ear at the time.

**Griffin:** Big elephant ear.

**Justin:** A big elephant ear when he asked me for the money. It's not my fault.

**Travis:** I do need more money, by the way. I spent—

**Justin:** I got another elephant ear backstage, so you're good.

**Griffin:** Wait for your moment.

**Justin:** Wait until intermission. "I work as a nurse's aide in a public school. Every year, our seventh and eighth graders get to go canoeing at the end of the year. I love canoeing, and desperately want to go on this field trip. But here's the catch, I can only go if there's sufficient medical need. How can I convince my boss that I definitely need to go canoeing? Please. I need this." That's from Critical Need for Canoeing. Are you here?

**Critical Need for Canoeing:** Woo.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Now...

**Travis:** Does it have to be existing medical need or an abundance of potential medical need?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** That is a—that's a tricky game, though, because if you start putting up a bunch of headlines in the principal's office about recent canoeing fatalities, you may just scuttle the whole trip, honestly.

[group chuckle]

**Justin:** You can only make it seem so dangerous before the principal's like, "This is reckless. I shouldn't be doing—"

**Griffin:** You really gotta split the uprights.

**Travis:** That's true.

**Justin:** Yeah, it can't be too dangerous of an event where they're gonna like... but it doesn't have to be, you know, a *piquant* of danger. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** A whiff of danger.

**Travis:** Yeah, I think you could work that out. How deep is the river? This is important.

**Justin:** You are taking kids, in the year 2025, outside. They're in danger. Like...

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Do you—we can't keep doing this with our kids, guys. We can't just take them from YouTube to a river, okay? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** We can't! There have to be some steps. You have to take them like downtown, to their aunt's house, some other places, right? Outside.

**Travis:** Or like a VR outside experience, just to get started—

**Justin:** Something. Right?

**Travis:** Keep the bumpers on.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You just have 'em sit on a bench. Like, they can't go straight to river, okay? They're gonna freak out. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Point at like... point at an iPad and say, "Cloud. Cloud!"

**Justin:** Cloud.

**Travis:** And start making connections.

**Griffin:** Do you feel good about this bit? Because—[chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** I'm just saying—

**Travis:** Not now?

**Griffin:** Yeah. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I felt pretty great about the cloud, cloud thing. I felt very clever.

**Justin:** Shut down, king.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Should I... should I scoot over closer to Justin?

**Griffin:** No.

**Travis:** What's going on on that side of the table?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** The essential thing is that someone is speaking, Griffin. That's the only covenant.

**Griffin:** That's a fair point.

**Travis:** These people pay for content, damn it!

**Griffin:** They pay—these—

**Travis:** [yells out] Get dad back out here with more crunchy, gross cereal!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** No, don't.

**Travis:** [yells out] These people must be satisfied!

**Griffin:** I think the work that you do is obviously vital and important. If there is canoe danger, I don't know that... it satisfies a medical need, as much as I need just a big, strong person. A big, strong person who can swim—

**Travis:** Named Paul.

**Griffin:** A big—Paul's big brother on a canoe would be absolutely a dream.

**Travis:** You're on a jet ski, they're on a canoe. I would trust that.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** I'd feel so safe if someone was coming down a river on a jet ski, just whippin' shitties around me the whole time.

**Griffin:** [titters] Whippin' shitties?

**Travis:** Yeah!

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** That kicks ass! I loved it!

**Travis:** Yeah, doing donuts! But calling it whippin' shitties is way better!

**Justin:** I've never—wow. That's great.

**Griffin:** I've never heard that before, that's really good!

**Justin:** That's really cool. Go off, king.

**Travis:** Thank you!

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** [yells out] *Yeah!*

**Griffin:** Yeah, you earned that one, for sure.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** I can think of other ways to canoe than having to wheeze the juice of your—[chuckles] of your school. I think you—

**Travis:** There's a pretty good chance that will take away from your peaceful enjoyment of the experience. "I love canoeing! The only thing that would make it better is if there were like 75 12 year olds with me."

**Griffin:** "Whose lives were in my hands!"

**Travis:** But whose behavior wasn't. [titters]

**Griffin:** Yeah. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Sometimes I see people at like a theme park that are corralling like 30 sixth graders, and I get so scared. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** I start thinking about like being that one person who's like, "I guess they're all here." Like, it's terrifying.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I also have just thought about, I doubt very much, with the state of things, that they get paid extra to take all those kids with them. And it's not like hazard pay. They should get hazard—if I'm going there—

**Justin:** You get a percentage you have to clear, 80% of the kids have to make it back.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Ah?

**Justin:** That's the deal. If you get 80% back, they're like—

**Travis:** Some children left behind. [titters]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** As long as it's the shitty ones. [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** You know, like Derek!

**Griffin:** I was gonna—



**Travis:** [groans] *Ugh!*

**Griffin:** [chuckles] I was gonna say, forgive my ignorance, I was gonna say, I doubt they're gonna take him on a particularly wet and wild course, on this canoeing field trip for children. But then I did remember the name of this city is *Grand Rapids*.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Which seems to suggest that maybe they do go pretty hog wild out there.

**Travis:** Or it could be they're all made of like glowing, beautiful crystal. But they're easy to get over. They're simple rapids, but damn, are they good to look at!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I'm a simple rapid. One time, Justin and I went white water rafting and almost and almost died.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And we were like children, but like adult age children.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Travis:** If you will. And so if it's anything like that, it's not safe.

**Justin:** It's not safe, don't do it.

**Travis:** I almost died, my old brother saved me.

**Justin:** Saved his life.

**Travis:** Where were you?

**Griffin:** I did it once with a church group, and there were—there was no danger or threat whatsoever. [titters] We were sailing on the good Lord's mercy that night.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** It was whitewater rafting.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Sure.

**Justin:** "I was a theater kid in high school and college, and during that time, I participated in a mime training summer school."

[a person in the crowd exclaims]

**Justin:** "It's been many years since I last mimed anything—"

**Travis:** Ooh! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I heard a genuinely like, "Wow."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "But I recently realized one of my former classmates goes to the same climbing gym as me. We've encountered each other several times, but neither of us has initiated conversation or acknowledged the other's presence. Don't get me wrong, he's a good guy and fun to be around, but now I feel too awkward to break the silence. How could I climb in peace without him noticing me?" That's from Mason, the former mime, in Michigan.

**Griffin:** Are you here?

**Mason:** Woo!

**Travis:** Why would you break the silence?!

**Justin:** Like fucked up—

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** What the fuck?! There's a code, man!

**Griffin:** Yeah, Mason, that was—that was actually a test, and you just failed it.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Your mime teacher just stands up and goes—[spoofs the sounds of keeling over]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Can you imagine, though, when being a former mime, that first moment when you break your vow of mime silence, how good it feels to just bust right there with a sound? To sound bust. "Bah!" You probably—I would hit 'em with like a "Bah! Ah, yeah!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I have a question. This mime training course, what were they training the mimes to do?

**Griffin:** Miming, probably.

**Travis:** Oh, okay, I thought it was like a workplace safety thing, or...

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Like HR or some shit. "All right, mimes, get together! We've had a lot of complaints lately!" [miming sounds]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Wouldn't it be—

**Travis:** Mime jokes aren't working in an audio setting, is it?

**Griffin:** They wicked don't, we're realizing.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Yeah. This one's—

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Not gonna make the final cut, is it? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Can you—oh, gosh... Can you do mime tricks, and then just wait? And do 'em pretty publicly, do mime tricks.

**Justin:** Mime tricks.

**Griffin:** I don't know what they fuckin' call a—

**Travis:** Well, you can fake throw a ball and see if they catch it.

**Griffin:** That's a good starting point.

**Travis:** Yeah. It might take a minute, and you're like—[mimes] and they're like—[mimes] and you're like—[mimes]

**Griffin:** Damn, you gotta be pretty sure that's them, though, huh?!

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Hey, hey! You gotta be—hey! You gotta be fucking sure, dude! You cannot be doing mime tricks at someone you think is your old mime friend!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Also, were they good at mime? Even if it was them, you throw the ball, and they like—and like it hits them in the face and you're like, "No!"

**Griffin:** Sorry, Trav, do you think being good at mime means you catch the invisible ball? [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** if you're good at mime—

**Travis:** I was thinking of improv.

**Griffin:** [titters] Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Well, you don't—

**Travis:** No, baseball. [titters]

**Justin:** Don't leave him hanging? I mean, I wouldn't leave a fellow mime—if he chucked it to me, I'm gonna catch it. I... when I was in college, I took a master class from Marcel Marceau in the art of mime.

**Travis:** Wait, really?

**Justin:** And here's how it happened. Marcel Marceau came to my college, and the boss of our college said, "Marcel Marceau is gonna teach a master class. And if you miss that, I just don't know what to tell you."

**Travis:** The boss of your college said that?

**Justin:** The dean of the college—

**Travis:** That's not what you said.

**Justin:** Of acting...

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Said that, "If you missed that master class with Marcel Marceau, I just don't know what to tell you." So I showed up to the master class with Marcel Marceau, the greatest mime ever.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** And here's what I'm gonna—

**Travis:** Wait, hold on, Justin. Go off, king.

**Justin:** Thank you.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** At the end of it, I can remember my main takeaway was, I thought there would be more practical, entry-level mime instruction.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** He assumed a great deal of miming experience that I did not possess. And it was a great deal more theoretical that I could really utilize.

**Travis:** We have kind of very much undermined the idea of a master class, haven't we?

**Justin:** Yeah, I would say I undermined it. And I...

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Would get an Oscar for that. But yeah, that was—so, basically, anything that I've said in this question is accurate. [titters]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Because of that, I'm the only one who has... trained with Marcel.  
[chuckles]

**Travis:** Well, show us some of the stuff you learned!

**Justin:** Again, I have already established that—

**Travis:** In a box!

**Justin:** The only mimes I've ever liked—

**Travis:** Get in a box!

**Griffin:** Get in a box, *king*!

**Justin:** I like the Christian one.

**Travis:** Get in a box, king!

**Justin:** Okay, I'll try. I'll see what I remember. It's kind of like a...

**Griffin:** Yeah!

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Okay, he's gonna—he sets down his Speed Racer helmet.

**Griffin:** All right. All right.

**Travis:** He's... okay, here he comes walking—oh?

**Griffin:** Oh, he's doing a little fuckin' wiggle—a little wiggle walk.

**Travis:** Oh yeah, he's fucking killing it.

**Griffin:** Oh, he found his helmet?

**Travis:** Oh, look, there's his helmet!

**Griffin:** He's gonna grab that—

**Travis:** Oh, no!

**Griffin:** It zapped him?

**Travis:** No, I think it's stuck.

**Griffin:** Oh, it's heavy.

**Travis:** It's heavy.

**Griffin:** It's too heavy. He's trying really hard. I can see Marcel's ghost.

**Travis:** Oh, no, he shit himself!

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** He snaps his fingers.

**Travis:** Where's the box? [chuckles] Oh, there it is.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** He got... he forgot about the box for a second. He's leaning on a—

**Travis:** [yells out] He's leaning on—how's he doing that?! Oh, no, he's getting in a... a womb?

**Griffin:** And then—

**Travis:** What is he getting into? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** He's rebirthing? Yeah?

**Travis:** Yeah?



[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Oh, he's Ace Ventura'ing!

**Griffin:** Yeah, he's bowing. Great job.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Hey, dude?

**Justin:** Yeah?

**Travis:** Fuckin' nailed it.

**Justin:** Thanks, man.

**Griffin:** Dude, you did fucking great.

**Justin:** Thanks, man. I feel really good about it.

**Travis:** I was ready to make funny, and then you did a really good job.

**Griffin:** It's like Marcel Marceau was sitting on your shoulders, pulling your hair, to make you do all the stuff—

**Justin:** Here's—here's—

**Travis:** He—he's more like Marcel Mar-so-so. And you're Marcel MarGreatKing.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** We gotta—hey, actually? I'm gonna say we can't say king anymore.

**Travis:** Can I save one more to the end of the show?

**Griffin:** Yeah, but it better be good!

**Travis:** Oh?!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Hey—

**Travis:** I'm just gonna use it now, king.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Now it's done.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** My genuine take on the last segment is thus. While doing it, I began to feel very relieved that I was being entertaining without having to speak. And I wished in that moment that I had a deeper repertoire of things I could do physically that would be entertaining to people. You know what I mean? Like, I get juggling now—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Sure.

**Justin:** If you want to take a break from doing jokes and entertaining people, at least you can throw some stuff around.

**Travis:** Just take it easy.

**Justin:** Yeah, just take it easy for a bit and throw stuff around.

**Travis:** Was there a moment, Justin, when you started it and you were like, "I don't know." And then halfway through you were like, "I'm pretty fuckin' good at this."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** No, no, no, it was—I had the full arc of, "I'm not good at this. Oh, I think I might be good at this." To, "Oh, you actually don't know if you're good at it or not. Actually, you should sit down." [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Art is a lie.

**Justin:** Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** How about another question?

**Justin:** "I'm 28 years old, and I started work at a new company a few months ago. Everyone at my job is *much* older than me." That's not—

**Travis:** Like 40 or something! *Gross!*

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "That's not normally a problem, but—everyone is super nice. But there's one small issue; co-workers keep asking me about trends and slang that their kids and grandkids are using. Sometimes they even show me videos of TikTok dances, and they're doing—to ask what it means. I've literally never been cool or on social media, ever. I've never used TikTok. I have no idea what their grandkids are doing online. How do I show my coworkers that I'm not that interesting? I have no idea what a Beast Game is."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** That's from *Wildly Out of Her Depth in Waterford*. Are you here?

**Wildly Out of Her Depth in Waterford:** Let's go!

**Justin:** Hi.

**Griffin:** [titters] Let's go.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** I was gonna say that being on social media and being cool are mutually exclusive, but then I—

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Travis:** But then I also remembered, I'm 41, and maybe I don't get to make that judgment call.

**Griffin:** No, you do not, sir!

**Justin:** Dang, you're 41?! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [guffaws]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Yup, Only a couple of years left!

**Justin:** *Sheesh*. Sheesh.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Of being cool and young, I mean.

**Justin:** I feel like you have a responsibility to learn this stuff for your audience, for your—listen, your brain is ready to accept this information on a level that their extremely old brains cannot process. Do you—you know they remember when there was like big bands on TV and stuff? Like...

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** They can't—they can't understand Mr. Beast, a man whose whole career is just giving Arby's sandwiches to people. They can't process—  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Their Mr. Beast was Lawrence Welk. You know what I mean? Like that was their—

**Justin:** Their Mr. Beast was Lawrence Welk. Our Mr. Beast is a man that hands out Arby's sandwiches stuffed full of \$100 bills to everyone in the entire city, or whatever.

**Griffin:** That's my favorite. [laughs] That's my favorite of his videos.

**Travis:** I don't know why he does it driving down the street at 70 miles an hour, but...

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** It's beautiful.

**Griffin:** Yeah, he just, "We got the beef!" Zuh-pshh!

**Travis:** I heard that the Arby's sandwich hit somebody so hard, it cured their color blindness.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** If you—

**Travis:** It killed them, but...

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** If you learn all this and begin to apply it in your life, you have—you are willingly joining the losing team, I will say. And if you teach these older folks how to then go up to their grandkids and be like, "Pretty..." I can't even fucking come up with one.

**Travis:** Pretty Skibidi, my rizz.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs and cheers]

**Travis:** Nailed it.

**Griffin:** I think you're doing it—

**Travis:** Ohio!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs and boos]

**Travis:** Hey, whoa!

**Griffin:** Wait, hold on! Really?!

**Travis:** The state or the—

**Griffin:** No! Hold on!

**Travis:** The university?

**Griffin:** Can we unpack this?

[crowd exclaims]

**Justin:** Both.

**Griffin:** Hold on.

**Justin:** Hey—

**Griffin:** If we could just take a—

**Justin:** Hey—

**Griffin:** Let's just take a beat, because it's getting a little fuckin' heated in the room right now.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Let's just take a beat right now—

**Justin:** Wait, can I ask one question to kind of chill things out a little bit?

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** Do Ohio drivers come over here and fuck everything up? Or is it just—

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Welcome, we have this in West Virginia too. We should get a pen pal thing going.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** They're the absolute worst, right?

**Travis:** Hey, guys?

**Griffin:** I'm gonna get on the—

**Travis:** The import—there's an important question there to ask. But you like Cincinnati, though, right?

[approximately half of the audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Hey, okay now wait—

**Travis:** Not as many of you as I would have liked!

**Griffin:** And then—and let me try. You guys don't actually like Cincinnati, right?

[a slightly larger amount of audience members cheer]

**Griffin:** It's more people.

**Travis:** I don't really like Cincinnati. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Listen—[chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** You can't say that.

**Travis:** No, I love Cincinnati. Please don't come for me.

[crowd exclaims]

**Griffin:** Do you hate its diverse biomes?! You fucking lunatics?!

**Justin:** I think what it is, is Griffin—

**Travis:** [yells out] It touches the Great Lakes too! You're like brothers!

**Griffin:** Stop!

[crowd exclaims and boos]

**Justin:** Listen, stop.

**Griffin:** This is not going to get fixed tonight.



**Justin:** This is not—listen, this is not working. The thing is, the problem is, Griffin doesn't live in a state, so he's very jealous.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Taxation without representation...

**Travis:** [chortles]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** The idea that you could live in a state, like just any state, is so cool.

**Griffin:** Fucking—

**Travis:** The only state Griffin lives in is a state of denial.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, man.

**Griffin:** Our fucking rival city is Dollywood.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** The closest—like, it's you guys and the Vatican!

**Griffin:** [guffaws]

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** And we're in the lead right now, is...

**Justin:** You—[titters]

**Travis:** Of dead popes!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] I guess so.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** So, I've got—

**Justin:** It says "taxation without representation" on your license plate.

**Griffin:** Yeah, it sure does. [titters]

**Justin:** It's the only—it's the only—it's the only place with a license plate basically that says, "We've been cucked." It just says it right on there.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** It's also the ones that people who make that decision have to see every day. And they look at it and go, "Well, fuck off."

**Griffin:** Yeah, man! It's a *whole thing*!

**Justin:** Normally, we want people to clap at the end of act one, but I think we should probably leave in silence this time.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** And you know what? Here's what I'm gonna say. Justin and I get to leave first.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Griffin has to count to five.

**Justin:** And then he can leave.

**Travis:** And then he can leave.

**Justin:** Please don't—

**Griffin:** We got this—

**Justin:** Pause. We have posters, they're by Samara Jethwa. Look at 'em, they're great.

**Griffin:** They're fuckin' so rad.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** This is your chance to buy 'em. Only chance.

**Griffin:** Please send us questions that we can consider in the next half of the show. We're gonna take a brief intermission and—

**Justin:** We're gonna be reading 'em backstage, so please send those and...

**Travis:** Oh yeah, don't forget! We have a Challenge Coin out there for the Paul Saborian—excuse me, Paul Sabourin Memorial Canned Food Drive. I forgot we did that since the last tour, and I just cracked myself up looking at it. But we are donating the proceeds of that to Feeding American West Virginia—west...

**Justin:** Michigan.

**Travis:** Michigan. God damn it!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** All right.

**Travis:** Make sure you check that out. Justin and I are going to leave the stage. Griffin, once we've left our seats, you count the five, and then you get to go.

**Griffin:** All right, man. Weird vibe. [laughs] All right, my man, one, two, three, four, five. Thank you all. We'll be right back.

[crowd cheers]

[theme music plays]

**Travis:** Hey, brothers.

**Justin:** Hi, Trav.

**Griffin:** Hi, Travvy!

**Travis:** Hi, everybody. We're here in St. Paul. And you know what, that reminds me of another saint. A little saint called Saint Rocket Money!

**Griffin:** Oh, I remember him from the Catholic Bible.

**Travis:** Of course! His miracle? Well, that's canceling unwanted subscription services—

**Griffin:** Sorry, dad is here because we—we're recording these ads right after sound check. And dad's here. And his laughter just got on the—

**Travis:** No, it's okay! He's just standing—

**Griffin:** You can be in the Rocket Money ad if you want to?

**Justin:** No, I love the Ed McMahon energy you're bringing to it.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Just—

**Travis:** Anyways, Saint Rocket Money saved millions of people money. And he could do the same for you, if you let him into your heart. Because Rocket

Money is both a saint and a personal finance app that helps find and cancel your unwanted subscriptions, monitors your spending, and helps lower your bills so you can grow your savings! Rocket Money has over five million users and believers, and has saved a total of \$500 million in canceled subscription, saving members up to \$740 a year when they use all the app's premium features.

**Griffin:** And you could just put that right into your tithe!

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Right in your tithing.

**Travis:** You can give it right back to him. He loves it. So, cancel your unwanted subscriptions and reach your financial goals faster with Rocket Money! Download the Rocket Money app and enter my show name, my show name, My Brother, My Brother and Me in the survey, so they know I sent you.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [titters]

**Travis:** Don't wait! Download the Rocket Money app today! And tell them you heard about them from our show.

**Justin:** "Dear McElroys, I didn't think—we at Rocket Money didn't think we were gonna like the religious thing. But by the end of it, we liked it a great deal."

**Travis:** "We were into it."

**Griffin:** "We super liked it." And here's one, stamps.com—I actually read ahead. It said, "No religious stuff in ours, please."

**Travis:** Yeah, it says, "Agnostic as hell, please." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah. So, in—when you're enjoying your secular workday—

**Travis:** Uh-huh?

**Griffin:** And you're not being swayed—

**Travis:** Maybe even on Sunday or Saturday, because you don't care what—

**Griffin:** Because you do not care, because those are just normal, secular days for you. But you need to send off some mail, but you don't feel like going to the post office. I've been there. I mean, not—my experience has been a little bit more faith-based, but I've been there. So—

**Travis:** I feel like sometimes, just mailing a letter is pretty magical, when you think about it.

**Griffin:** That's true.

**Travis:** How does it get there? Nobody knows.

**Griffin:** No one know—well, Stamps knows and—

**Justin:** In a sense, stamps and letters stand in defiance of prayer.

**Griffin:** That's cool.

**Travis:** That's true. They're earthly prayer, if you think about it.

**Griffin:** That's—oh, yeah, they're loving it. With stamps.com, tedious tasks like sending certified mailer packages can be done on your time, not someone else's. They handle all your mailing and shipping needs, whenever, whenever, wherever.

**Travis:** However, whoever.

**Griffin:** However, who done it? You done it. With stamps—

**Justin:** They won't ship Flat Stanley, don't—though. Don't even ask.

**Griffin:** Don't even try to ship your little brother. Access to all the USPS and UPS services you need to run your business right from your computer or phone, anytime, day or night. No lines, no traffic. It couldn't be easier. Plus, you get rates you won't get anywhere else, like up to 88% off USPS and UPS. Amazing! You can have more flexibility in your life with stamps.com.

**Travis:** Just like flat Stanley.

**Justin:** He has stood motionless watching the entire ad break.

**Griffin:** Dad is—

**Travis:** Dad's just judging—

**Griffin:** Hand on the microphone—

**Travis:** His hand is on the microphone, ready to give feedback if he needs to.

**Justin:** So unsettling!

**Griffin:** Okay, get ready, he's about to send it home. Have more flexibility in your life with stamps.com. Sign up at stamps.com, and use code My Brother for a special offer that includes a four week trial, plus free postage and a free digital scale. No long-term commitments or contracts, just go to stamps.com, code My Brother!

**Clint:** [sings like a Gregorian Monk] Amen.

**Travis:** There it is perfect.

**Griffin:** Perfect. Thank you, daddy. Hey, before you go...

**Travis:** Don't leave!

**Griffin:** Don't leave.

**Travis:** Come back, sit down.

**Griffin:** Because we have some news for you. We want to tell you about all the exciting stuff we got going on, including some live shows that we have coming up in Columbus, Ohio, and Anaheim and Sacramento, and Texas and a bunch of other places. You can get tickets and links over at [bit.ly/mcelroytours](http://bit.ly/mcelroytours).

**Travis:** And it's a new month! So make sure you go over to [mcelroymerch.com](http://mcelroymerch.com), check out the new stuff there.

**Griffin:** Yup. That's it, I think. Is there anything else, man?

**Travis:** Also, you're great.

**Justin:** Never give up.

**Griffin:** Never give—never give up.

**Travis:** Take a deep breath. Let it out. Go away.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[break]

**Alonso:** After 400 episodes, the Maximum Film universe is kicking off a brand-new phase.

**Drea:** We have got a brand-new host! Hilarious writer and comedian, Kevin Avery!

**Kevin:** Hey, that's me!

**Alonso:** Kevin's teaming up with me, film critic, Alonso Duralde.

**Drea:** And me, producer and film festival programmer, Drea Clark!



**Alonso:** Together, we're taking on summer blockbuster season by talking about some of the biggest movies in theaters.

**Drea:** That makes this the perfect time to join the Maximum Film gang.

**Kevin:** Reserve your Maximum Film ticket!

**Alonso:** Pre-order your Maximum Film custom popcorn bucket.

**Kevin:** We're trying to say it's a great time to start listening to the podcast!

**Drea:** So jump back into the continuing adventures of Maximum Film! Every week, on [maximumfun.org](http://maximumfun.org).

[break]

**Benjamin:** Hey, do you have a favorite episode of Star Trek?

**Adam:** If you do, you should also have a favorite Star Trek podcast.

**Benjamin:** Greatest Trek is about all the new streaming Star Trek shows, and it's a great companion to The Greatest Generation, our hit show about back catalog Star Trek that you grew up with.

**Adam:** It's a comedy podcast by two folks who used to be video producers. So it's a serious mix of comedy and insight that fits right into the Maximum Fun Network of shows.

**Benjamin:** And Greatest Trek is one of the most popular Star Trek podcasts in the world.

**Adam:** So, if you're following Lower Decks, Prodigy or Strange New Worlds, come hang out with us every Friday, as we roast and review our favorite Star Trek shows.

**Benjamin:** It's on [maximumfun.org](http://maximumfun.org), YouTube or your pod catching app.

[break]

**Justin:** [mouths Haunted Doll Watch alarm sound]

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Welcome to Haunted Doll Watch. For today, I'd like to introduce you to a new seller that's been burning up the charts. I'll be playing dark—

**Travis:** There are charts?!

**Griffin:** Yeah, man.

**Justin:** Today, I'll be playing Dark Magi 38 in this skit. First—can we do it like that, and you guys like pretend with me too?

**Travis:** I love pretending!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Okay. Hi! I'm Dark Magi 38, and these are all my spells.

**Travis:** What's your real name?

Justin: Greh...

**Griffin:** Greh?!

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Cool name, dude!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Gurry.

**Griffin:** Gurry?!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Gregory. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Gre-gurry, nice!

**Travis:** No—

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Sorry—

**Travis:** Gurry is their last name.

**Griffin:** Got you.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** First—

**Travis:** Greh is their first name.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** First up in my list of spells, I got a haunted doll activation. Are you telling me you got a doll—

**Traivs:** Wait.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Are you telling me you got a doll and it's not haunted enough for your taste? Well, good news. I can infuse a vessel with spirit energy.

**Griffin:** Fuck yes! Finally!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Do you have a spirit doll vessel, figure or item you wish to activate?

**Travis:** Look at that doll! So plain, so unhaunted.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** This haunted doll activation ritual is designed to spiritually awaken your chosen object.

**Griffin:** *"Wake up! Get up!"*

**Travis:** "I know you're in there!"

**Griffin:** "Come on!"

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** And it turns it into a paranormal companion, familiar or conduit for metaphysical communication.

**Travis:** What about bad roommate? Will it do that for me? Because a lot of the time, the haunted dolls we hear about turn lights on and off and clunk around—

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Are you—are you asking for the types of spirits available? Because I, Dark Magi 38, have a wide range.

**Griffin:** Yes, please, Dark Magi 38! Tell us of your wares.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Well, we—

**Travis:** And can you tell us what happened to the other 37 dark magi?  
[chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** The difference—the different spirits that get smooshed into your doll include guardian spirits.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Watchers.

**Travis:** Ah...

**Griffin:** What's the difference?

**Travis:** I think you know exactly what—the guardian will intervene to save you and the watcher's like, "Hm, sorry that happened."

**Griffin:** One of 'em...

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** One of 'em *has* to watch. One of 'em *likes* to watch.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** I could do child-like echo spirit?

**Travis:** Nope!

**Griffin:** [titters] No thanks, man.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Like a wiener dog, a sword, witch's familiars, past life—[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Wait, hold on, hold on, hold on!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Sorry, those are my balloon animals. I got confused. Witch's familiars and past lives, soul fragments. I do a lot of—

**Travis:** Wait, my own past life?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah, well, whatever past life you want to put in there. If you just want to put in your first 30 years just to store 'em in some doll nearby, that's no problem. Also—

**Travis:** Oh, wait, sick! It's a USB stick?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah, I can do custom requests too. Now, I need... I need three things. Can you guess what they are?

**Griffin:** The doll?

**Travis:** Money.

**Griffin:** The money?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Nope. No.

**Griffin:** Money and the doll is—hold on, wait! The doll's not one of the three things?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Just need a photo of that, thank you. A photo will suffice. I do not need you to send me the doll, just a photo of the doll.

**Griffin:** That's smart. That's smart.

**Travis:** A crystal of some sort.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Nope. Type of energy or purpose you'd like the spirit to serve. And then they need your name and intention.

**Travis:** Oh, okay, it's all non-physical things that don't require shipping of any sort.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Right, no problem.

**Travis:** Ah!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Then it's all done remotely, which is—

**Travis:** Whoa!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah, because there's—

**Travis:** The internet age is incredible!

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** So—

**Travis:** You know, you used to do these in person until *COVID 19*.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** So there's nothing at all to ship. I could tell that I'm not really making much of an impact here. So maybe we could take a different kind of a pact, maybe a blood pact?

**Griffin:** [exclaims] Shew...

**Travis:** What a big jump! Hup!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** In case you were uncertain as to what blood is and comes from—

**Griffin:** Can I just—can I just say, before you tell us what this is all about. If you were to ask me what the price should be on a blood pact sold online, I would probably have said \$120 or best offer.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Thank you. We—

**Travis:** It's high—

**Griffin:** You fucking—

**Travis:** But high enough—

**Griffin:** You crushed it.

**Travis:** That I believe it works. Not too high that I'm gonna say no.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** We pride ourselves on our pricing. So, thank you, I'm so glad that that works for you. So, you—this is— You're gonna forge an unbreakable bond with a divine or infernal forces through our blood pact with God.

**Travis:** For only 120 American dollars?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** This ritual is a profound commitment that offers immense power, protection or knowledge in exchange for your devotion and loyalty. Honestly, when you think about it that way, 120 bucks is a small price to pay.

**Travis:** Wait—

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Compared to your—

**Travis:** Hey, Magi 38? It kind of seems like I'm already paying something.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** No, see, that is—a lot of people get that confused. I'm more of a middle-man.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** You're giving me the \$120, you're giving the demon your devotion and soul, I guess. I'm not a big demon guy.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Just to jump ahead a little bit, Magi 38, does this involve—

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Dark Magi 38, please. Magi 38 is my nice brother.

**Griffin:** [guffaws]



[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** [chuckles] Okay, sorry, Dark Magi 38.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Thank you.

**Travis:** Does the blood pact involve me shipping you blood in any way?

**Griffin:** Gosh, I hope not.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** That's such a great question.

**Griffin:** I'm gonna guess, just based off what I learned about you and your frugality from the previous—the previous—

**Travis:** The fact that you haven't bought into stamps.com!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah, there is no physical product. That said, if you are worried about the effect, I will allow for up to one recast. [titters]

**Griffin:** Whoa? [chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** So if you feel like the blood pact with the demon didn't take the first time, I'll try again, I guess? [chuckles]

**Travis:** But to be fair, they'll allow for up to four Dreamcasts.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure. [titters] You get four Sega Dreamcasts with this—with this item. Damn, for Sega Dreamcasts for \$120 is insane.

**Travis:** That's actually pretty good. Especially if they're functional.

**Griffin:** There's no way.

**Travis:** I could fix 'em up.

**Griffin:** Does it come with VMUs, or what's up?

**Travis:** Oh yeah.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** This is your—there's divine or eternal power. Infernal power, sorry. Choose to align with either a—either a god's holy strength and wisdom, or a demon's dark power and forbidden knowledge, shaping your future with their influence.

**Travis:** Which one's better?

**Griffin:** Yeah, you choose for me, Dark Magi 38.

**Travis:** Dealer's choice.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** It's our sacred and serious commitment made through a ritual that involves offering a drop of your blood to seal the bond. The pact is not to be entered lightly, as it binds your soul to the chosen entity for life. And more importantly, binds your \$120 to me.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** For good. There are no refunds on this, whatsoever.

**Travis:** So, I assume that you wait until you receive the funds to actually do the ritual?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yes, that is the—

**Griffin:** It sounds like what you get is like a PDF with the instructions to follow at home.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** No, I promise, I do the whole thing at home.

**Travis:** You promise?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** I promise.

**Griffin:** How do you give my blood, though? Who's blood is—

**Travis:** No, it's just the idea of you have blood, right? Good enough!

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** I can see that you guys don't have \$120. Maybe you have \$100, in exchange for an angel DNA activation spell?

**Travis:** Now, I'm curious about the—whoa.

[crowd exclaims]

**Travis:** Now, hold on!

**Griffin:** Hold on, am I buying an—

**Travis:** Now, hold on!

**Griffin:** Angel DNA activation spell or a fuckin' Lucifer marriage ritual?!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Okay, shh, shh, now listen. Just to keep—

**Travis:** It looks like it's a counter offer! Yeah, you could get the angel DNA activation spell, or...

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Can I be honest with you guys? Let's just keep fuckin' eBay off my nuts. [titters]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Because if you say that you're gonna marry the devil, they're like, [in a doofy voice] "Well, they gotta marry someone," whatever.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** So it's just like, I just put angel DNA— whatever. You're gonna marry the Lucifer, okay? That's where I'm—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** That's what you're gonna get with this, okay? You're gonna step in—

**Travis:** Oh, so the angel DNA I'll be receiving is...

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** You got it.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Hey-oh! Step into a union of unmatched power and passion with our Lucifer marriage ritual spell.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** This dark and seductive spell is designed to bind two souls in a marriage blessed by Lucifer the light-bringer. Whether you seek to deepen your existing bond or forge a new and unbreakable connection—

**Travis:** Now, wait.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah?

**Travis:** Can I offer a lower price to just strengthen the bond I already have, or just go with buds who see a movie together sometime? Like, I'll give you 50 bucks to make us like text occasionally and forget to respond—

**Griffin:** That ain't gonna—that ain't gon' get you the DNA though, Trav!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** I mean, you can—you can—Lucifer will—invoke the blessing and presence of Lucifer to sanctify and empower your union. So I guess that could be with your buds.

**Travis:** Yeah. [titters]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** [chuckles] [I don't see a reason??] that Lucifer can't sanctify your fuckin' Settlers of Catan group, I guess.

**Travis:** Now, wait! Hold on!

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** I don't get to marry Lucifer! Lucifer just says, "I'm glad you're married, and I like it."

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** You really think you're enough man for Lucifer?!

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** For \$100?!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Full time? You think Lucifer's—

**Travis:** No, I don't expect full time from Lucifer!

**Justin:** Lucifer is gonna marry a dude that can't pony up 120 bucks for a blood pack?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** All I'm saying is, I don't expect him to be mine full time. But when he's with me, I expect him to be 100% mine.

**Griffin:** Yeah. That costs so much—

**Travis:** You guys get—

**Griffin:** More than \$100.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** I'm only with him 10 minutes a year?!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Now, I should mention, there is no physical product.

**Travis:** Okay?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** If you're worried about the effect, I will allow for up to one recast.

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** And this one does have a small other corollary. Could take up to two years to take effect. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah. [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Now—

**Griffin:** He's so busy.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Make sure you put something in your calendar! [titters] You know, or you might forget that you need to go be mad at this eBay person.

**Travis:** Wait, so, I have a follow up question, Dark Magi 38.

**Griffin:** I have like five.

**Travis:** Okay. When you talk about effect—

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah?

**Travis:** If Lucifer is just blessing my marriage, is that like... we have a fight like six months in and I'm like, "I don't think that fuckin' spell worked."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** No, no, he—

**Griffin:** It could take up to two years, Trav.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** No, what it means is that after the fight, Lucifer comes to both you and he's like, "Hey, I love you two together."

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** "And I hate to see this."

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** "You two are one of my favorite couples."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Please—

**Travis:** [aggressive tongue sounds] Ahl-al-al-al-al-al-al-al-al-al!

[group chuckle]

**Griffin:** Now check me out—

**Justin:** "Maybe I could be a third! I'm seven feet tall and have black leathery wings."

**Griffin:** "Now check me out, while I activate my DNA!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Skrra!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** [chuckles] I can see you guys don't like any of this. I have one more product I'd like to offer you.

**Griffin:** Damn, Dark Magi! That's a lot of products.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Please keep an open mind about my final offer!

**Griffin:** That scares me. [guffaws] That's a—

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Show me the picture, Paul. Get 'em pumped!

**Griffin:** Yeah! A werewolf spell!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Werewolf spell for—

**Griffin:** A werewolf spell!

**Travis:** I hate—Dark Magi 38, I can't believe you got the actual picture of werewolf.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Yeah.

**Travis:** That must have been so dangerous to take that photograph.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** It's not just any werewolf spell, it's a \$70 werewolf spell for the bargain conscious.



**Griffin:** Fuck yes, dude!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** I will perform the casting starting at 11PM! And finishing *exactly* at midnight. I will do it every day for seven days, for maximum efficacy. Warning, this is really powerful dark magic!

**Griffin:** Yeah, clearly!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Do not have me cast this if you are not sure that you want me to cast this!

**Travis:** To do what?!

**Griffin:** Turn into a werewolf—

**Travis:** No! It could just be a spell for a werewolf.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** My—

**Travis:** It could be a spell about a werewolf. [chuckles]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** My werewolf transformation spell—I'm not gonna over promise, guys. This is my business, okay? I'm a small business owner, and I'm not gonna over promise. It offers an extraordinary opportunity to tap into the raw, untamed power of the legendary werewolf. The spell is designed for those who seek not only a transformation of the body, but also a path to immortality.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Good, yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Now—

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Was I burying the lead with the immortality thing? Mayhaps, mayhaps, mayhaps.

**Travis:** Dark Magi 38, are there refunds?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Well, are you asking about one recast?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** This connection is breaking up a little bit, do you... are you asking about a recast? Because there is no physical product.

**Griffin:** Do I get a guarantee that I'm gonna turn into a fucking hot werewolf, like this?

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Are you—can I just—are you ready to unlock the untold potential that lies within you?

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Yes!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Shrouded in the mystique of the werewolf legend?

**Travis:** Yes!

**Griffin:** Yes! That sounds so much easier than therapy and medication.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Or working out!

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Our werewolf transformation spell offers a—

**Travis:** I'm fine being a schlubby werewolf, actually, that still feels better.

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** It's a once in a lifetime chance to become immortal and embrace the wild, untamed forces of nature.

**Travis:** Okay!

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Begin your incredible journey today and experience the thrill of a lifetime!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Wow. Now, it could take up to two years to take effect.

**Griffin:** Sure.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** But after that two years, I will have definitive proof whether it worked or not.

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Hey—

**Griffin:** I'm thinking about it. Selling immortality on eBay is a pretty foolproof scam.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Because it's not like—[chuckles]

**Travis:** Worst case scenario.

**Griffin:** It's not like they can come to you after and be like, "Hey, I died. What the fuck?"

**Travis:** Can you imagine like your meemaw dies and you're going through the will. And you're like, oh, they leave it—and then it says here, "If I die,

contact Dark Magic 38 and ask for a refund, because that's bullshit. I'm a werewolf!"

**Griffin:** That sucks!

**Justin [as Dark Magi 38]:** Hey...

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** "Also, tell him I wasn't one of the *hot* werewolves. I was like half dog, and it fucking sucked."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** We're gonna end now, and that's the end of my skit. But I do want to say, it says on here how many have been sold. And if that number goes up, I'm going to be disappointed in you.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** [chuckles] So, please...

**Griffin:** Please don't—

**Travis:** What's the number at right now?

**Griffin:** I think it was four.

**Justin:** We're not gonna speak on that.

**Griffin:** But it's—don't—please don't do this.

**Travis:** Don't do this.

**Griffin:** There are so many better ways. Before we get to the audience questions, this has never happened before—

**Travis:** And will never again!

**Griffin:** Maybe it'll happen again. I don't know why Travis said that part.

**Travis:** No, I don't want to encourage people! Because then we'll get fake ones.

**Griffin:** We got so many questions from you all about you all. So now we're going to do a brief segment called Grand Rapids MBMBaM Live Missed Connections.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Danny J in F-25 says, "Hey, brothers, how do I figure out if my coworker Steve is sitting two seats in front of me without embarrassing myself?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Danny...

**Justin:** Okay, now everybody—

**Griffin:** Danny, if you can just send up a holler?

**Danny:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah, that was very quiet. But Steve, if you're sitting two rows in front of the person who just spoke, and your name is Steve, can you also holler?

**Steve:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** So you're good.

**Justin:** Yeah!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** All right, so you all wave at each other awkwardly, moving on!

**Griffin:** Liam R. in lodge D-5 says, "My friend Colin is here, but I don't know where he's sitting. Can you help me find him?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Colin, if you're out there and you're friends with Liam R., if you could just shoot up a holler?

**Liam:** Hey...

**Griffin:** There we go!

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** So, Colin, I heard Liam somewhere over there! So, get at—get at Liam!

**Justin:** c[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Avery says, "How can I ask my boss to play Fortnite with me?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** "He is also at the live show, so I know we have a lot in common, and I want to play online games with him, but I'm not sure how to break the professionalism barrier. If you're the boss of an Avery—this one's gonna be hard. If you're the boss of an Avery and you play Fortnite, and you want to play Fortnite with Avery, just holler!

**Avery's Boss:** [hollers]

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin:** Yeah!

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** That's good. That's good. We got that going.

**Griffin:** And then we got this one, no name, but it seems legit. "Hi. I'm pretty sure I'm the boss being referenced in the question about going on the school canoe trip. Can you let the health aide know they can go on the trip? Thanks." That's from Boss of Health Services in Grand Rapids Schools.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** No problem. No problem.

**Travis:** We're making magic tonight.

**Griffin:** I really hope that one is real. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You should—I will say this. I would get a second source on that one.

**Griffin:** Double check that one!

**Travis:** Yeah, I wouldn't just show up to the canoe trip!

**Justin:** That is coming from them, through us, so I don't know.

**Griffin:** All right, we're gonna call some folks down to the microphone. It's down here, stage right, house left. Please don't approach the microphone if we don't call you. Hello!

**Justin:** Whoa! Welcome.

**Griffin:** Hi.

**Justin:** Hi.

**Griffin:** Who are you?

**Nick W:** I am Nick W.

**Griffin:** Hi, Nick W!

**Justin:** Hi, Nick W.

**Griffin:** Nick W, what's your question?

**Nick W:** So I think what I wrote in the email is—

**Griffin:** Yeah, what you wrote in the email is why you were chosen, Nick! Because of how you wrote it in the email. Do you want us to say how it was written in the email?

**Nick W:** No, no. No, no.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** All right.

**Nick W:** I believe what I wrote in the email is... "ethics of pissing in da car."

**Griffin:** Yeah, you said, "Ethics of pissin' in da car."

**Justin:** Ethics of pissing in—

**Griffin:** No, not pissing!

**Travis:** Pissin'!

**Griffin:** Pissin' in da car!

**Travis:** In da car!

**Justin:** Ethics of pissin' in da—[chuckles]

**Travis:** And we rolled the dice on you, Nick!



**Justin:** Yeah, Nick, you are—you really delivered, though, I gotta say. So, speak on that.

**Nick W:** So...

[crowd chuckles]

**Nick W:** So, I'd like to paint a picture for you boys.

**Travis:** Oh, yeah.

**Griffin:** Okay, not too detailed!

**Justin:** More than sure you've already painted with words? Okay! [chuckles]

**Nick W:** You're... you're on the road—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Nick W:** To see your three favorite boys—

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Nick W:** In a live show.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Where are you—

**Nick W:** You're stuck in—

**Griffin:** Where are you coming from? Just to fill out the picture. Don't dox yourself, but like fuckin' how far?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** You're in town. [titters]

**Griffin:** I need to know how long a drive it is, so that—

**Nick W:** Four! Four hours. Four.

**Griffin:** Four hours?! Okay, that changes the math significantly, Nick.

**Travis:** So you're on a road trip to see Justin McElroy, Griffin McElroy and Hank Green.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Okay.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Nick W:** Yes.

[crowd chuckles]

**Nick W:** I'm sad he's not here, but—

**Travis:** Yeah, man—

**Justin:** Me too.

**Travis:** Me too, man! I'd take some time off—

**Justin:** Hit him up for some money. [chuckles] Go on.

**Nick W:** [titters] And you know, you're in gridlock traffic.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Nick W:** And nature calls, as it does.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Nick W:** And—

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Who's in the—who's in da car, Nick? That's the secret—

**Nick W:** Me—

**Justin:** That's keeping the stars apart, isn't it? Who's in da car?

**Nick W:** It's me and God, Justin.

**Justin:** Okay! Well, that's fair—

**Nick W:** And—

**Griffin:** Wait, no! What else?

**Nick W:** And a Baja—

**Griffin:** Okay. Because you know if someone else had been in Da Car, the ethics would have been quite severe.

**Travis:** It would have been da difference.

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah. The ethics, Nick, I would say, are 100% about da sight lines, honestly.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** [laughs] And da indecent exposure charges that you could be subject to.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah! If you are able to be da-screet, then I—then...

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Then I guess it's your car. But again, I think da sight lines are da ethics for this specific—

**Griffin:** So you're—are you suggesting, Nick, that the traffic was so gridlocked, so bumper to bumper, that you could not make it to a rest stop. And therefore had to explore car piss options?

[crowd chuckles]

**Nick W:** I would like to add that there was an empty Baja Blast container in the—

**Travis:** Now, hold on—

**Griffin:** Hold on!

**Travis:** Nick! Nick! Nick! Nick!

**Griffin:** Two liter—two liter or 20 ounces?

**Nick W:** It was the—it was the one you get from the store—

**Travis:** Nick, would you—

**Nick W:** The cup.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Say that maybe the emptiness of said Baja Blast may have contributed to the question?

[crowd chuckles]

**Nick W:** I'm not a biologist, I don't know anything about that.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Okay.

**Justin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Ashes to ashes, dew to dew!

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** It somehow has less sodium weirdly now?

**Travis:** [sings] It's the circle of piss!

**Justin:** It's like more—it's like more green. I don't know how that works.

**Griffin:** Bottle, not a cup? Bottle?

**Nick W:** It was a cup from a taco—

**Griffin:** It was a cup! Okay, believe it or not, it changes the ethics of pissin' in da car, Nick! If you can believe.

**Travis:** Wait, I have one final question about the... qualities of this situation. How long had you been in this gridlock traffic?

**Nick W:** How long had I been in traffic?

**Travis:** Yeah, like this bumper to bumper, and everybody's like witnessing.

**Nick W:** Half an hour.

**Travis:** Okay. I think at that point, if anyone were to side eye you pissing in a Baja Blast cup, they're—this is how I think it's gonna go. 25% "Wha..." And then slowly into, "Yeah, man."

**Griffin:** Yeah, man.

**Travis:** "This situation does!"

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, yeah, yeah!

**Griffin:** For real, I don't want to watch you piss, Nick. For real—

**Justin:** Can I—

**Griffin:** For real. But if I look over and I catch you pissin' because you've been stuck in traffic next to me for 30 minutes? I'm gonna give you the nod like, "Correct."

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Especially if I happen to, in that quick glance, scope that it's a 20 ounce Baja Blast cup, I am gonna put two and number one together.

**Griffin:** You've got to.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Like what come... but what comes next, Nick?

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** How about ethics of what comes to next?

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Where does the pee go? It don't vanish, Nick. What'd you do with the pee, Nick? What'd you do with the pee?

[crowd chuckles]

**Nick W:** My pants are dry and my conscience is clear.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] All right, Nick!

**Justin:** Thank you, Nick! Thank you, Nick!

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you, Nick.

**Justin:** Thank you, Nick!

**Griffin:** Hi.

**Cassidy T:** Hello. Okay, I'm Cassidy T.

**Griffin:** Hi, Cassidy T.

**Justin:** Hi, Cassidy.

**Cassidy T:** Okay, my question. So, my boss is allowing me to work from home starting on Monday. But I'm the only one in the office allowed to do this. And she has told me not to tell anyone—

[crowd exclaims]

**Cassidy T:** That I'm working from home.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Cassidy T:** Indefinitely.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Cassidy T:** How do I explain to my coworkers my forever absence—

**Justin:** So, okay—

**Cassidy T:** While my work still gets done.

**Justin:** Right.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** So Cassidy—in Cassidy's fiction, here in a year or so, people are going to be at your workplace like, "Where is Cassidy, though? Like, where is Cassidy?"

**Cassidy T:** Like my—

**Travis:** Is it—

**Cassidy T:** My desk is still going to be there.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Cassidy T:** All my stuff will—

**Travis:** Is it—

**Cassidy T:** Still be there!

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Cassidy T:** I have to come in—

**Travis:** Cassidy—

**Cassidy T:** Every now and then.

**Travis:** Is it—is it possible that you are in a reverse Severance situation?

[crowd chuckles]

**Cassidy T:** [titters] Okay—

**Travis:** And which—



**Cassidy T:** No, because—

**Travis:** Hear me out.

**Cassidy T:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Your bosses told everyone the exact same thing they told you.

**Cassidy T:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Oh, shit, man.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** So that on Monday, your boss can come in and not have to deal with any of you.

**Justin:** Frick, that's good.

**Cassidy T:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Hey, do any of you look a lot like Cassidy, perchance? Because I might have an opening for you.

[group laugh]

**Justin:** Just to come in like an hour a day like, "Ah, dang may—I forgot my other work at home." And then you leave every day.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And they're like, "You're a veterinarian." [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** But I eat—I eat fish! I'm a veterinarian, but on the—occasionally...

**Griffin:** [laughs] All right.

**Travis:** I like—I like that.

**Griffin:** Cassidy, it seemed like you had additional information to add.

**Cassidy T:** Oh, well, see, I told them I would quit if I couldn't work from home.

**Justin:** Okay?

**Griffin:** [titters] Okay?

**Cassidy T:** So...

**Griffin:** It seems—hey!

**Cassidy T:** They gave me what I wanted.

**Travis:** How stupid are the people you work with?

**Cassidy T:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** Can I just say, Cassidy, a bold negotiating tactic. And congratulations on it panning out!

**Cassidy T:** Thank you.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Cassidy T:** Thank you.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** I like that your strategy was, "Here's the deal. I'm gonna be at home. Whether or not you pay me to be there is completely up to you."

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Cassidy! I just realized the answer! You have to tell everyone you work with that they're allowed to work from home if they threaten to quit.

**Cassidy T:** Yeah! [laughs]

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** It is the only logical, ethical thing to do. This is the—this is the—the ethics of working in da house is to tell everyone exactly what you're doing.

**Travis:** One other option, unless...

**Griffin:** Unless! Ooh, you're treading on treacherous ground, Trav!

**Travis:** If you have a trusted confidant at the office, maybe someone you could pay to do this, have them leave notes around saying, "I was looking for you. Guess I missed you. I'll find you later like to talk about this thing. Cassidy."

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** And have them just sporadically leave those around. So now it's not that they can't find you, you can't find them.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Maybe you put up a poster that's like, "This person has gone missing."

**Cassidy T:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "What are they hiding?" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "Stop burying the truth. Where is Cassidy? We demand answers."

**Travis:** "What isn't the company telling us?" [titters]

**Griffin:** You gotta come back to the office once—how often are you willing to come back to the office to keep—to keep this ruse afloat?

**Travis:** Is the answer 10 minutes every day? [chuckles]

**Justin:** And have you ever tried to grow a huge, long beard?

[group chuckle]

**Justin:** Just out of curiosity, to try a Rip Van Winkle thing.

**Cassidy T:** I only have to come in once a week.

**Griffin:** Once a week—

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Okay, Cassidy, you gotta come in different. And it's up to you what that means. And you just be like, "Man, life in the annex sure is pretty hard."

**Cassidy T:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And they'll be like, "What?" And you'd be like, "Yeah, I'm—"

**Travis:** If you can do singe marks and maybe like some soot? That would really work.

**Griffin:** Yeah, have some soot and be like, "It's sooty in the annex, y'all."

**Cassidy T:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** "I gotta keep the boilers fueled."

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Does your building have a basement?

**Cassidy T:** I wouldn't know.

**Justin:** Exactly.

**Travis:** Exact—[chuckles]

**Justin:** Perfect. That's perfect.

**Cassidy T:** Yes. [laughs]

**Justin:** Exact. That's what I—that's what we need, Cassidy. [titters]

**Griffin:** I mean, tell everybody they can work from home if they do this one neat trick. But if you don't do that—

**Travis:** "The bosses don't know that I know this one hack."

**Cassidy T:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** But if you don't do that, I do think that annex play is the—

**Cassidy T:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Is the move for you. Does that help?

**Cassidy T:** I like it. It does, thank you.

**Griffin:** Thank you so much—

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** Cassidy.

**Cassidy T:** [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** And Cassidy's boss writes in, "What the fuck, Cassidy?"

**Griffin:** "What the fuck, Cassidy? You promised not to tell."

**Justin:** "You're done."

**Griffin:** Hi. Who are you? What's your name?

**Bethany:** Wow! Great, thanks. My name is Bethany.

**Griffin:** Hi, Bethany!

**Justin:** Hi, Bethany.

**Bethany:** Hi! So my question is, is that myself and my two sisters who are here, we just hiked the Grand Canyon, rim to rim. And I want to talk about it, because that's crazy.

**Griffin:** That is absolutely crazy. What's rim to rim mean?

[crowd chuckles]

**Bethany:** We start—

**Travis:** I think you know exactly what it means!

**Griffin:** I don't actually know what it means, that's why I'm asking—

**Travis:** it's when you suction cup together—wait. Sorry.

**Griffin:** [titters]

**Bethany:** No, I appreciate that you asked, because people do go there. We started at the south rim—

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Bethany:** And we hiked 21 miles to the north rim.

**Griffin:** Okay, cool.

**Travis:** Wouldn't it have been faster and easier to go east to west?

**Griffin:** It is shorter that way, I will say.

**Travis:** Or not do it.

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** You are looking for opportunities to bring this up more organically.

**Bethany:** Yeah, really organically. Because I want to brag.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Right. Now—

**Bethany:** People need to know that they're talking to a rim to...

**Griffin:** [chuckles] A rim to rim Grand Canyon no scope 360—

**Travis:** I would stop leading with rim to rim!

**Justin:** You gotta stop. Yeah.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** That's just first note.

**Bethany:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Also, we're currently in a city called Grand Rapids. And you could say, "You know what else is grand?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** The canyon.

**Justin:** That's good.

**Griffin:** That's cool, yeah.

**Bethany:** Like naturally?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Bethany:** You know what else is grand?

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin:** Yeah, that's pretty good. I like that. Do you have a fake cast?

**Bethany:** Do I have a what?

**Griffin and Justin:** A fake cast!

[crowd laughs]

**Bethany:** Not—no.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** It did for a second sound like 'fake ass.'

**Justin:** Fake cast!

**Bethany:** It did! It did! I was like, okay!



**Justin:** I thought if you wore a fake cast, and you—and people would be like, "What happened?" And you're like, "Well, I was hiking in the Grand Canyon recently." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** No! But Bethany doesn't want people to think that Bethany fell into the Grand Canyon?

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

**Griffin:** Bethany has a kick ass rim to rim travel log.

**Travis:** You need to develop a good like long distance stare off into space, remembering your time.

**Griffin:** What you— "What you thinking about, Bethany?"

**Travis:** "Oh... Just when I went rim to rim."

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs] You could end that with, "Against Kareem Abdul-Jabbar," and I'd be like, "Damn! You went rim to rim—"

**Justin:** Rim to rim!

**Griffin:** "Against Jabbar? Dang!"

**Travis:** "In the Grand Canyon?!"

**Griffin:** "Holy shit."

**Travis:** "Yeah, man."

**Griffin:** "You played a death match one V one basketball game against Kareem Abdul Jabbar, in the Grand Canyon?"

**Travis:** "No holds barred, all razor blade elbows."

**Griffin:** "Shit!"

**Travis:** "He's dead now." [chuckles] Wait, is he?

**Griffin:** He's fine. Can you point at...

[crowd chuckles]

**Bethany:** I didn't kill him?

**Griffin:** Cracks... cracks in the sidewalk. You don't come across a lot of chasms in your day to day, do you?

**Justin:** No grand ones, that's for sure. [titters]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Well, that's how you bring it up. "Ah, seen grander."

**Griffin:** [titters] Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah, "It's not a bad chasm, I guess, all things considered."

**Travis:** "Ah, it's an all right chasm, if you haven't seen the Grand Canyon."

**Bethany:** [laughs]

**Travis:** "Oh, what's that, you haven't, Doug? Let me tell you a little story."

**Justin:** Did you buy a novelty shirt while you were there?

**Bethany:** No?

**Justin:** Oh, what a pity.

**Bethany:** I bought a sweatshirt.

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** That would have been quite an easy way of doing this.

**Bethany:** I bought a keychain, but my sister made fun of it.

**Griffin:** Aw... which one?

**Justin:** Wait, did she—

**Travis:** One of the ones who went with you?

**Bethany:** Yeah, no—

**Justin:** Are you telling me that after you went rim to rim, the bond—the bond wasn't so strong?

**Bethany:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Can you imagine if we three went rim to rim?

**Justin:** Rim to rim?!

**Bethany:** [laughs]

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** This would be a different fucking product we would be providing.

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** We wouldn't be—even be able to make jokes anymore—feel so connected.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Bethany:** She did try to take it back, but it was—

**Griffin:** It's too late, you can't, it's—

**Justin:** The insult or the keychain? [chuckles]

**Bethany:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** When you go rim to rim—

**Bethany:** Oh, I was looking at—we were looking at the keychains and she was like, "Ugh, who would buy these loser key chains?" And I had already picked it—

**Justin:** Ah!

**Bethany:** And I was like, "Yeah, ew. We hate them."

**Travis:** You know what that sounds like? Someone who wants to buy it, but they're unsure of themselves. They haven't gone rim to rim.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Bethany:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sister who's here. You're chicken shit, Travis says.

[crowd laughs]

**Griffin:** I would never ever say that.

**Travis:** I'll fight you in the whole state of Michigan.

**Bethany:** Drag her!

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Does that help?

**Bethany:** Yes, thank you.

**Justin:** Oh, good.

**Griffin:** Thank you so much, Bethany.

**Justin:** Thanks, Bethany.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Grand Canyon, rim to rim. Get that. Oh, fuck. You guys sit really close. I just shit talked someone's sister real, real close to them.

**Travis:** Which one of you was the one who wrote in about losing their toenails? Yeah, we're never gonna do that question.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** Hard pass.

**Griffin:** For next time—next time we come back to Grand Rapids, and we will, you gotta—

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** You gotta keep—

**Justin:** Now listen! We really mean that, because the band Fun came to Ashland, and they said, "We're definitely coming back." And then they broke up. So, we meet it though, we really—

**Travis:** Well, because the lead singer was dying to come back to Ashland, the other dude went, "I don't know." The lead singer said, "Then fuck off."

**Justin:** "We promised Ashland we would come back." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Hello. Hi, how's it going? [chuckles] Sorry, we were doing our own thing there.

**Duncan:** You're good.

**Griffin:** You were being so patient, and I applaud you for that. What's your name?

**Duncan:** Oh, my name is Duncan.

**Griffin:** Hi, Duncan.

**Justin:** Hi, Duncan.

**Griffin:** Duncan, what's your question?

**Duncan:** How do I let my coworkers know that I was very serious about having a chili cook off?

**Justin:** Right.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** So—

**Griffin:** So, we need, obviously, Duncan, quite a bit of background here.

**Duncan:** Understandable.

**Griffin:** So, what—how—

**Travis:** Right now, you're giving off a vibe of very serious about chili cook off. I'm just letting you know—

**Justin:** I would have assumed you were—

**Griffin:** For sure.

**Justin:** Yeah, I would have assumed.

**Griffin:** But what did you do when you brought up the chili cook off that maybe suggested you were doing so like sarcastically?

**Travis:** Or a bit.

**Duncan:** Honestly, I don't know. Because I'm making a lot of chili.

**Griffin:** Okay, cool—

**Justin:** Do you have—

**Travis:** Wait, hold on! Wait! Wait! Wait! Wait!

**Griffin:** Can I just say, Duncan, the vibe is fucking great right now. I love it so much.

[group laugh]

**Justin:** Duncan, are you telling me that a date has been set and it's happening, whether or not they participate? Is that where we're at?

**Duncan:** I'm practically giving this stuff away.

**Travis:** Okay, so Dillon—

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Hold on.

**Justin:** You're being real squirrely right now, Dillon! I'm not getting a straight answer out of you!

**Travis:** Dillon?

**Griffin:** Duncan!

**Travis:** Are you somehow—

**Justin:** Duncan, forgive me.

**Travis:** Laundering money through chili?

**Justin:** Yeah! Is this is a chili-based scheme?

**Duncan:** God, I wish.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[crowd chuckles]

**Travis:** So did you pitch a chili cook off to your coworkers because you were already making a lot of chili and you needed an outlet?

**Griffin:** Please tell us the origins of this scenario, so we can weigh in.

**Duncan:** It's probably twofold. One, every Friday, I'm in charge of figuring out what the entire group of us eats for lunch.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Duncan:** So, I'm already doing—

**Travis:** That's a huge responsibility.

**Duncan:** It's a huge responsibility. And I love making chili. So the other half of it—

**Travis:** I assumed so, Duncan!

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** By the way!

**Justin:** The alternative.



**Travis:** Because if you're like, "How do I let them know I'm serious about this? Also, side note, I fucking hate chili, and the making of it."

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** "I'm scared of chili."

**Duncan:** Well, and I also need to let them know that my chili whips ass.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Duncan:** Yeah!

**Travis:** Do you think that that might be it?

**Duncan:** It's the best!

**Travis:** Are you making chili for them every Friday at lunch? Probably not every Friday, but often enough that they're like, "There's no way we could go toe to toe—"

**Justin:** Have they had your chili?

**Duncan:** Never! Not even once!

**Griffin:** It's bullshit.

[crowd exclaims]

**Travis:** Wait! You say that like they refuse it, Duncan?!

**Duncan:** I'm offering it!

**Justin:** Duncan, if you go in to the chili, cook off with your incredible chili and wipe the floor with everybody, no one's gonna like that, because they're gonna feel like you lured them into the chili cook off. You gotta have one chili cook off with bad chili. And then have a—

**Griffin:** Are you willing to do that?

**Justin:** Are you willing to have a redemptive chili cook off in three years?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** Or—wait, sorry, what was the person's name whose boss said they didn't have to come to work anymore?

**Griffin:** That was Cassidy.

**Travis:** Have Cassidy show up at your work and pitch the chili cook off.

[crowd laughs]

**Duncan:** This is good. This could work.

**Travis:** No one's gonna know if Cassidy works there or not!

**Justin:** Hey, make everybody do a sign in sheet of the kind of chili they're gonna make, so you have a wide variety. Because some people like beans, some people are not enjoying beans.

**Griffin:** [laughs] I just have—I don't—

**Justin:** Texas red!

**Travis:** Now—

**Justin:** If I may?

**Travis:** What Justin's backed up into here—

**Justin:** Bear day!!

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Bear day.

**Travis:** That I love. Justin, what you backed into was the idea that, rather than gage like acceptance of the idea of a chili cook off, you would just start passing out a sheet saying, "What chili will you be making?"

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** At this mo—

**Travis:** For—

**Griffin:** Just a yes or no question, Duncan. At this moment, is there going to be a chili cook off?

**Duncan:** Well, there is now.

**Justin:** Yeah! This is what I'm saying.

**Griffin:** Well, hold on, Duncan! Because I don't know that I trust you! You're kind of a chili fuckin' fiend over there.

[crowd laughs]

**Travis:** This is starting to feel like a "mom said if you said it was okay," and "dad said if you said it was okay" kind of scenario.

**Justin:** Hey, Duncan, you ever seen the movie Field of Dreams?

**Duncan:** Oh, yeah.

**Justin:** Ah. How it was it?

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** [titters] How it was it, Duncan? He asked you a simple question, Duncan! How it was it?! Field of Dreams.

**Duncan:** It were good! They built it! They came!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** So it was—

**Travis:** [yells out] Whoa! Wait, hold on! They what?!

[group chuckle]

**Griffin:** Yeah, man.

**Justin:** Are you telling me in the movie, Field of Dreams, they build it—  
[chuckles] and come?!

**Griffin:** Yeah, man! Ectoplasm, hither and yon!

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** This is gonna be a good chili cook Off, Duncan.

**Griffin:** Duncan, did that answer your—did that—when we talked about how they come in Field of Dreams, did that help you?

**Justin:** [chuckles]

[crowd chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah—

**Duncan:** Yeah! That helped.

**Justin:** Thank you.

**Duncan:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Duncan:** That solves it!

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Thank you so much, Duncan.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** I believe we have one more? Hello!

**Justin:** [laughs] If you—[laughs] if you build it, they will come. And then they're in the background like, "Yeah!" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Leah, you made it—

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** Give us a moment for some cleansing breaths. I think my brothers need to re—

**Justin:** No, I'm good, I'm back. Hi, Leah, how's it going?

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Leah:** Hi, I'm Leah.

**Justin:** Hi, Leah.

**Griffin:** Hi, Leah.

**Leah:** Which question did you get? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Oh, Leah, you had a question, and that question was about your portable karaoke machine.

**Leah:** [shudders] Ah... So—

**Griffin:** The groan you just did sent a shiver up my spine!

**Leah:** [chuckles] So this Sunday, I'm going to like Airbnb like house vacation with a bunch of friends.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Leah:** And okay, so I've mentioned to a couple of them that I was like, I have a mini portable karaoke machine. Like, does anyone want to do that? But what my question is is, how do I, when we're there, like bring it up? Like when's the time to be like—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Leah.

**Leah:** "Should we do karaoke?" [chuckles]

**Justin:** That's always the hard thing, isn't it? When everybody's done with dinner and your eyeing board game like, should I just open it, or...

**Griffin:** Yeah, oh, god, it's so—

**Justin:** Where are we at?

**Travis:** Leah, I'm so glad you're here, and I appreciate you so much. That said, you kind of skipped over a middle part there where you said, "I told them I have this thing." Bum-bum-bum. "Anyway, how do I—"

**Griffin:** They were—

**Travis:** Bring it up—

**Griffin:** You omitted—

**Travis:** How did they respond when you told them you had it?

**Leah:** They were kind of like, "Okay, like..."

**Justin:** Okay, okay.

**Griffin:** Yeah!

**Justin:** You need to leave it at home, all right. I'm trying to look out for you.

[crowd laughs]

**Leah:** [laughs]

**Justin:** If you could maybe—does it have other functions? Like maybe you could use it as a Bluetooth speaker, and then when you're like looking at the buttons like, "Look. Damn, guys, it's got karaoke function on here. That's fun."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[crowd laughs]

**Justin:** You can use that as a clock! Like—

**Travis:** When friends get together at an AirBnB, we all like to make morning announcements.

**Griffin:** Yeah. [titters]

[crowd chuckles]

**Leah:** [laughs] I tested it out, and it does have like—

**Justin:** What song? What song?

**Leah:** [chuckles] Oh, I was just...

**Justin:** What? No, just, I was—

**Travis:** You—

**Leah:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Hey! You don't—hey, Leah?

**Justin:** Travis?

**Travis:** You don't buy a mini portable karaoke machine without like —

**Leah:** I didn't buy it, I didn't buy it. [chuckles]

**Travis:** "Oh, I don't really do karaoke—"

**Justin:** Just curious what song you tested it with.

**Leah:** I was doing like musicals—

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Travis:** Hell yeah.

**Leah:** [chuckles]

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** That's cool. That's all. I won't—I won't push any farther.

**Griffin:** Leah, did you think everyone in this room was gonna be like, "Boo!"

**Leah:** [laughs]



[crowd laughs]

**Leah:** No, I know everyone's down—

**Griffin:** [titters] Yeah. Yeah.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** What if you had a sign-up sheet?

[crowd chuckles]

**Griffin:** That's cool.

**Travis:** "What kind of chili will you eat while we do karaoke?"

**Griffin:** Oh my god, that's great! If you say, "I got this portable karaoke machine," everyone's gonna think like, "Oh, no, all they want to do is sing in front of us." But what you do is you set up a little tip jar, and you put on headphones, and you act completely disinterested in everyone at the house the entire weekend.

**Leah:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** And then when they come up and hand you their slip, you just be like—

**Justin:** [chuckles] Repeatedly call up people that aren't at the house.

[group chuckle]

**Justin:** "Next up, we got Darla! Doing Walk the Line! Come up, Darla!"

**Travis:** "Last call! Last call, Darla! Okay—"

**Justin:** Darla!

**Travis:** "Moving on! Maxine!"

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Reminder, three dollar Jell-O shot! Stephanie brought 'em from home!"

"They're not—again, I'm not charging for the Jell-O shots." [chuckles]

**Travis:** "It's for the experience!"

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Does that help?

**Justin:** Help?

**Leah:** Of course, it does. Thank you. [chuckles]

**Justin:** [chortles]

**Griffin:** Thank you so much.

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Hey, that's the best dismissal I've ever heard—

**Justin:** Very fair, Leah!

**Travis:** Leah. Thank you.

**Griffin:** You're very, very kind.

**Justin:** Yeah. Very kind.

**Griffin:** All right. You can make the house lights go away now as we wrap up our show.

**Justin:** Grand Rapids, Michigan, thank you so much, this has been so fun.

**Griffin:** You all have kicked absolute ass, thank you so much.

[crowd cheers]

**Justin:** Thank you. Seriously.

**Griffin:** It is genuinely, still, after all these years, quite scary to do this or any show. And you all have made it truly wonderful being out here tonight. So thank you all very much.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you to our tour manager, Paul Sabourin, for all of the stuff that he does. Couldn't do it without him.

**Justin:** Thanks, Paul.

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you to our business manager, Amanda, who is also recording the show tonight, doing double duty. Thank you so much, Amanda.

**Justin:** Amanda!

[crowd cheers]

**Travis:** Thank you to our dad and Dan.

**Griffin:** Thank you to our dad and Dan.

**Justin:** Dan Goubert. If you haven't listened to The Empty Bowl, why not fall asleep to me and Dan tonight?

[crowd cheers]

**Griffin:** We have a poster, can we get a—

**Travis:** I wanna—no, hold! I was gonna do it, and then you jumped in to be like, "Fall asleep with me and Dan."

**Justin:** Take my hand. Fall asleep with me and Dan.

**Griffin:** We have posters out in the lobby. We signed some of 'em. Those are probably gone, but maybe not. They're for sale. They were designed by Samara Jethwa, and they're fuckin' so rad. And please get them. And we also still have the Challenge Coins for the Paul Sabourin Memorial Canned Food Drive, feeding America, West Michigan, will receive the benefits of that.

**Travis:** Griffin, do we have a fear to read tonight?

**Griffin:** We have one final fear to read tonight, and I will read it right now. This was sent in by someone in the audience. You're gonna be faster than this. Here we go. "This year, I will strive to be faster than my fear of dead bugs. Live bugs are fine! I love those guys."

**Justin:** [chortles]

[crowd laughs and 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]

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