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Intro (Bob Ball):

The McElroy brothers are not experts, and their advice should never be followed. Travis insists he's a sexpert, but if there's a degree on his wall, I haven't seen it. Also, this show isn't for kids, which I mention only so the babies out there will know how cool they are for listening. What's up, you cool baby?

[theme music plays]

Justin:

Hello everybody, and welcome to My Brother, My Brother and Me, an advice show for the modern era. Griffin, it's the most wonderful time of the year, 'cause it's time to pay the piper.

Griffin:

Hmm. Do—

Justin:

Bill's come due. Chuckle Bill has come due!

Griffin:

Um, uh, you're not talking about the tax burden, the remarkable tax burden that I—

Justin:

Yeah, your ha-ha tax.

Griffin:

Okay.

Justin:

Your ha-ha tax is due.

Travis:

I'm confused. Who is Chuckle Bill?

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

See, Travis, for every chuckle that we distribute...

Travis:

Uh-huh.

Griffin:

We have to then pay to the American government 25%, based on our tax bracket. Actually—

Travis:

They get 25% of our guffaws?

Griffin:

We increased our chortles by a significant amount this year, I would say, just based on—

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

... how the show has grown. And now we have to pay back 35%.

Travis:

Wow.

Justin:

Our laughs bracket is through the roof, and this is the one time of year where we come to you and we're just like... [laughs] Open 'em up. [laughs] Open 'em up—

Travis:

Let me see them wallets.

Justin:

Open up them wallets, let me dig around in there, and when I'm done, you will know.

Travis:

This wallet—

Justin:

'Cause I'm gonna wreck—

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Your wallet.

Griffin:

What is in this wall—

Travis:

Is this a diner's club card?

Griffin:

Oh, this wallet smells awful, but the money's good.

Justin:

Oh man, it spins. It may sound like an old man's, uh, sock drawer, but it spins just right.

Travis:

On a different note, while you guys are thinking about wallets, think about why you kept that fortune cookie fortune, 'cause...

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

It's not as funny as you think it is.

Griffin:

On the subjects of wallets, I ain't trying to discrimi-hate. Let's see those purses, too.

Justin:

Ladies, pop 'em open.

Griffin:

Pop 'em open.

Justin:

Money clips.

Griffin:

Flip it upside down, shake it out, and let's just see.

Justin:

Shake it out. I'll take your, uh... [laughs] I'll take your Crystal Light powder that you mix with water.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

I don't care. I'll— I need a refreshing beverage on the go. The tax is due. It's MaxFunDrive 2012. Uh, I'm excited, because we get to record a lot of, uh, uh, extra stuff for, uh, people who keep this network going, and, uh, this is the one time of year that we ask you guys to help us keep it running.

Griffin:

I'm excited, because we are just fucking running on fumes over here. I've had—

Justin:

Wow.

Griffin:

Nothing to eat for the past four days except for saltines and—

Justin:

Poutine.

Griffin:

Saltine water, which is when I crumble up saltines into water and make like a protein slurry.

Justin:

[laughs] Ugh. With no protein. It's really not a good nutritional option. Uh, so this is the MaxFunDrive, 2012. Of course, you can go right now to maximumfun.com/donate.

Griffin:

It's— it's not maximumfun.com.

Justin:

Maximumfun.org/donate. Hi, um, it's okay, I've only been here for a year and a half, so, uh—

Travis:

Do you guys remember back when we joined the Max Fun, uh, and we were so happy and—

Justin:

Good ti— We used to be the new kid on the block last year, we were the new baby, the new face, but now we are, uh, the wizened older brother to Throwing Shade and, technically, International Waters. Um—

Travis:

I think we're adopted, guys.

Griffin:

I'm worried we might be adopted.

Travis:

Have you noticed how we don't look anything like Jesse?

Justin:

We don't— we don't dress as well or anything.

Travis:

He's very tall. We are all, I would say, stocky.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

I would say stocky is fair. Okay, let's get into some advice. We'll get back—

Griffin:

Well, let's introduce ourselves first, maybe?

Justin:

Oh, hey, fuck. I'm Justin McElroy.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

I'm your rich uncle, Justin McElroy. Feed me, Seymour. Open 'em up.

Travis:

I'm your upper middle class brother, Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I am the one percent, but on the bottom part—

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs] Griffin is the other end of the bell curve.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

[laughs] Um, this is our advice show. Uh, we'll talk more about MaxFunDrive here in a second. But, um, uh, first, let's get to some advice. First question comes into us from Confused In Calgary, who asks, "I am going to be moving to a town in the Arctic this summer and— in the Arctic. There we go. In the Arctic this summer, and I don't have enough room for all my stuff. I'm only going up there for a few months, and I have storage space lined up for everything I can't take. How should I prioritize what to bring and what to leave behind?"

Travis:

I'm gonna be honest with you, I don't think it's a good like line of goofing, but all I could think is like parkas and harpoons, and that's probably not—

Griffin:

I don't know, it might actually be racist.

Travis:

[gasps]

Justin:

A little bit, yeah.

Travis:

Oh no.

Justin:

Yeah, you might've tapped a vein there.

Griffin:

We haven't even fucked with Eskimo racism yet.

Justin:

Oh man, we're gonna get deep. This is the— this is the show to do it, too, when we're finally asking them for money.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Um—

Griffin:

Well, not them.

Justin:

No, I'm asking them specifically for money. Hey—

Travis:

Hey. Open your wallet and dip Inuit.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

[laughs] You dick.

Travis:

All right.

Justin:

Idiot. Well, hey, how about this? Don't go there.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Do you know how cold it is? Why didn't you come to us for advice when you were like, "Hey, brothers, thinking about freezing my nuts off for three months."

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

What's the scoop?

Griffin:

I— hey, brothers, I just saw a Grizzly Man followed by Into the Wild and, man, I just can't stop thinking about how I wanna go to a cold place and die.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Hey, brothers, I wanna live my very own Terra Nova with me as Robert Falcon Scott leading an I'll-fated band of explorers, uh, through to the South Pole. Oh Lord, the toe's come off in the boot.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

What c— what can I do? Please help me.

Griffin:

Extra toes, can— Can you pack extra toes?

Justin:

Pa— bring extra toes, bring your ticket home when you realize you made a dumb choice. That's the only thing you need: Extra toes and your ticket home. Uh, it's too cold up there, it's not meant for people.

Travis:

It's meant for bears.

Justin:

Native Americans built a bridge in ancient times from Asia to Alaska so they could hoof it out of there.

Travis:

Now, Jus— oh, wait, I'm sorry, Justin.

Justin:

Yes.

Travis:

You do realize they did not build that bridge, right? It was a natural—

Justin:

They built—

Travis:

Land bridge.

Justin:

They build a land bridge.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

What else were they gonna build it out of, Travis? Plexiglass? Like, of course it's a land bridge.

Griffin:

You pay with the medium that's given to you, and they had—

Justin:

Exactly.

Griffin:

A shit ton of land until we came in—

Justin:
[laughs]

Griffin:
And snatched it.

Justin:
Hey, Bill—

Griffin:
Sorry.

Justin:
Bring some of that land over here. Boy, I bet they wish they had not been so wasteful with their land as to build a bridge out of it. Had they known that we were gonna come for it so hard.

Griffin:
And, uh, I'll be the first to say it: Not a very good bridge. 'Cause where's that shit today? [laughs]

Justin:
Yeah. How'd— how's your longevity? Not good? Um, I am sorry to the Native American people for that.

Griffin:
I'm s—

Justin:
That's our bad.

Griffin:
That was fucked up. Everything—

Justin:
Yeah.

Griffin:
Everything you've said.

Justin:

Not—

Travis:

We really blew it.

Justin:

Not the jokes, but the— what we did.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

I'm sorry about that. I wouldn't do that today.

Griffin:

I'm sorry for us.

Justin:

Uh, I mean, obviously, the ma— whenever I go into any sort of situation where I'm not gonna have access to all my beautiful things, my baubles that I bought with the money of Max Fun listeners, I, uh— the main concern I have is entertainment.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

What if I'm bored? That's the terror that keeps me up.

Travis:

And you know what? The amazing this is about our modern age is that you can do things like the Kindle and like laptops and condense all your media and stuff into like one tiny container.

Justin:

Yeah. Uh, eh, one single G of cash, and hide it.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

In the snow where no one will come for it. Um, yeah, that would be my very first thought, like get a Kindle or a Nook or an iPad or whatever.

Griffin:

Can they get a Nanuk?

Justin:

Get a Nanuk. [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Wow. It's one of those shows, huh?

Griffin:

Uh—

Justin:

What would you guys bring? What would be the first thing you would pack if you were leaving your home to accidentally go freeze to death.

Travis:

I would—

Justin:

We're—

Travis:

Bring a hatchet and a copy of Gary Paulsen's hatchet, so I know—

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Like what to do, 'cause that kid got out A-okay.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Spoiler, he gets out all right.

Justin:

I would bring a hatchet hidden inside the book hatchet.

Griffin:

I like it. And you open it up and you get the hatchet out, you say, "Okay, what... Ah, my book's a big empty square! Fuck!"

Justin:

[laughs] Can't read this.

Travis:

I will say this, as a person who's crazy and has taken every opportunity to own knives and swords throughout my life, this would be like the time to buy a survival knife.

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

With like some flint in the handle and like a compass and shit. That'd be awesome.

Griffin:

Well, preferably, you would buy it before you go to the Arctic—

Justin:

I want an authentic— no, I want an authentic Arctic knife.

Griffin:

You're saying step off the boat, like, "Where's the knife store? Oh, fuck, nobody's here. Nobody. I'm the only one. It's the Arctic."

Justin:

Why didn't I—

Griffin:

Ah—

Justin:

Ask them— why did I ask My Brother, My Brother and Me if I should do this?

Griffin:

Pardon me, where is— Where is the local Excalibur store?

Travis:

Oh, that's— those don't exist anymore anywhere on the planet anyways. Dammit.

Justin:

By the— by the way, guys, uh, Excalibur is the name of the— the, uh— how would you even describe it?

Griffin:

A sword—

Travis:

It's a curio slash weaponry shop.

Justin:

At the Huntington Mall, you can find Excalibur, which is a store that sells glass baubles, like, I'm talking like, porcelain firemen—

Travis:

It's like glass—

Justin:

And also swords.

Travis:

Menagerie shit, like—

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Tiny crystal unicorns and...

Griffin:

Well, don't sell 'em short, 'cause they also trade in pewter.

Justin:

Yeah, right, pewter dragon.

Griffin:

Pewter figurines.

Justin:

They got that there.

Travis:

And knives, and swords and throwing knives and—

Griffin:

Nunchaku.

Travis:

Ninja stars.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Yeah. You can fully go to Excalibur if you're in Huntington, like don't miss it, because it's a bananas... like, we don't have niche stores here, because there aren't enough niches to support them, but they will combine—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Two niches, like uh, our Mexican pancake place.

Travis:

Flapjack Tanapas.

Griffin:

Flapjack Tanapas is also very real. Huntington is really into mashups this year.

Justin:

[laughs] Remix.

Griffin:

Have you guys been to the bowler rank, which is like the roller rink, only with bowling in it? So while—

Justin:

Hugely dangerous.

Griffin:

It's, uh— it's, well, but, I mean, a ship in harbor, you know?

Justin:

Griffin, how about you hit me with a Yahoo?

Griffin:

Sure. This one was sent in by Lisa Holofield. Thank you, Lisa. It is by Yahoo! Answers user EK who asks, "Is being called thick an insult or compliment? I am five foot seven and 140 pounds. This guy called me thick, saying he liked it, but all I hear from that is fat. I do have a donk large booty and—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Muscula—..."

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

"And muscular thighs, but I have no curves in my boobs and not really large hips. So is being called thick a compliment or insult?"

Travis:

I simply can't do this.

Justin:

I can't, Griffin. I'm trying to stay pozzie. I'm tryna march into positivity this—

Travis:

I've been, the entire time you were reading that question, I was trying to, in my mind, formulate a sentence in which thick could be said in a complimentary way.

Griffin:

I'm gonna go— I— you know what? I think it's complimentary. Yeah.

Travis:

Say it— say it in a— use it in a sentence.

Griffin:

Travis—

Justin:

I—

Griffin:

You're a real thick guy.

Travis:

Nope.

Griffin:

No?

Travis:

No.

Justin:

Let me try that— let me try this—

Griffin:

Well, you a—

Justin:

Travis—

Griffin:

I'm sorry.

Justin:

You kinda look like Alan Thicke.

Griffin:

Oh.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

That's pretty good, right?

Griffin:

Uh-huh. Listen, you— thick could mean that like the stuff of which you are constituted is rigid, you know?

Justin:

So you're—

Griffin:

It's like—

Justin:

Commenting on my density?

Griffin:

Yeah. You can't be— you can't be just blown over, you know? And you can't be swayed, because you're made from really—

Travis:

Hardy stock.

Griffin:

Yeah. You're viscous.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

You're— you're sturdy. Sturdy. That's good.

Griffin:

Reinforced.

Justin:

You are a reinforced person.

Griffin:

You're like a McDonald's triple thick milkshake and you're like, you get it, and you're like, ah, great, I'm really gonna enjoy this in 30 minutes.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

When it's—

Justin:

Right.

Griffin:

When it's sippable, the straw. You are like right when it comes out the window.

Justin:

I see. Fresh out the window. Um—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

I— when, uh— when you were just reading that letter, I had, uh— I sorta had this like ima— animated character in my mind that was supposed to change its appearance as you read the descriptions, 'cause I was building a mental picture.

Griffin:

Sure.

Justin:

And it just started at one and just kinda stayed there. Like, oh, okay, yeah, you look like that. That's understandable. Maybe you have other gifts?

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Maybe th— maybe these aren't the gifts you should worry about.

Travis:

Is it possible this person is a dullard and that's what the person meant? Like, you're thick.

Justin:

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh. That, yes, obviously.

Griffin:

Well, but the guy—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Said he liked it, so like—

Justin:

I like how stupid you are.

Griffin:

You're so fucking dumb and I love it. I love you for it. You do have a donk large booty, and—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I can't—

Travis:

I do love your donk large booty. What does that mean?

Justin:

I don't know. I haven't—

Travis:

That's like the— that's like the Starbucks size above venti.

Griffin:

She didn't hyphenate— she didn't—

Justin:

A donk-large mocha frap.

Griffin:

I almost wish that she had hyphenated donk large.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

As if donk was a modifier for large, and then I could—

Justin:

Right.

Griffin:

Use that term to describe other things—

Travis:

Like what?

Justin:

So is it donk large, donk medium, and donk small?

Griffin:

Or it's just donk heighten adjective, so it's like, man, I'm donk thirsty.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I don't think anything can be donk small.

Justin:

Yeah?

Travis:

No, pretty su— well, uh—

Griffin:

Except for an—

Travis:

I wish that were true. [laughs]

Justin:

That would— that would mean a lot to my marital happiness. Um—

Griffin:

Wait, why?

Justin:

What?

Griffin:

'Cause you—

Justin:

'Cause my don— 'cause my donk's small. [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

What?

Griffin:

You mean donk like pe— You can't—

Justin:

I just invented a new nomenclature for the gag.

Griffin:

So when you say donk, you're either referring to your butt or your penis?

Travis:

So if donk became penis, it changes the song Honky Tonk Badonkadonk.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

To a whole new level.

Justin:

Yeah, then it's a really weird—

Griffin:

Honky Tonk Ba-Penis Ba-Penis.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

That hit song, yes. Oh, girl. Girl, you have many strengths. You literally have a lot of, I mean, just pure leg strength, just pure—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Uh—

Travis:

I bet you're really good at like lifting things.

Justin:

Power lifting, you have that going for you. Um, you're not very good at finding online forums to ask questions in, because you picked the worst one, but that— that can't stop you.

Travis:

Is—

Justin:

Don't slow down.

Griffin:

Is saying someone has lifter's legs—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

A compliment? If I call a lady sturdy, is that all right?

Justin:

That's, uh, not all right, no.

Travis:

No.

Justin:

It's not all right.

Travis:

Sturdy sounds like a phrase you use to describe a woman in the Dust Bowl.

Justin:

Oh [laughs]

Griffin:

She's a— she's a hardy woman.

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Hardy stock in her, hardy stock. I'm gonna go buy her a larder of Calico.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

She is hardy. Hey, uh, if I... [laughs] If I would a larder Calico, the only way I'm gonna do it is by the support of Max Fun listeners for MaxFunDrive. I know you guys are dying to hear about it. Let's pop it off. Griffin, give me the big pitch before we get into the specifics. Why do we do this?

Griffin:

Uh, we do it, uh... It's not just us. When you— when you support us through the MaxFunDrive, you're supporting us, you're supporting, uh, Jordan, Jesse, Go!, Judge John Hodgman, Stop Podcasting Yourself, Throwing Shade, all these great programs that are technical free on the Max Fun network, um, which are funded, I would say, only slightly by the promotions and Money Zone stuff that we do, but like almost all of it comes from, uh, listener donations, which is, um, unbelievably radical. Uh, since we joined the network last year and started, uh, getting the donations from the MaxFunDrive, we've been able to grow and do, uh, live shows and, uh, add more podcasts to the network. Um, so that is why we do it.

Justin:

We really appreciate your support. Um, here is how it works: You go to maximumfun.org/donate and you're going to have, uh, a few different options there for your donation. Our lowest level, which is just our least expensive level, it no— in no way changes how much we care about you, for, uh, making this choice, uh, is five dollars. And that's all. I mean, five dollars a month, and you can do something really great for, well, for us, and also for yourself, 'cause you're helping to support, uh, great stuff.

Travis, obviously, when someone donates, they're gonna get the gift of entertainment, they're gonna get the gift of feeling good about themselves. What else can we offer them?

Travis:

Well, uh, at some of the beginning levels, at five dollars a month, the biggest thing you get, you get bonus episodes, so you get access to content that nobody else gets to see. Uh, and you're gonna get special episodes with Jordan, Jesse, Go!, Judge John Hodgman, Stop Podcasting Yourself, My Brother, My Brother and Me, and the new one, Throwing Shade, uh, along with three riff movies where we take some of like the old, you know, educational films, and just mock them.

Griffin:

You will want to hear our bonus episode.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

It's —

Justin:

Yeah gonna be special.

Griffin:

Bonus episode has a super special guest.

Travis:

Um, at the \$10 level, uh, you'll receive Max Fun friendship bracelets, uh, along with all the content, you'll get the friendship bracelet, and it's a way to show the world that you're a friend to Max Fun.

Griffin:

It's like when you wear a carnation on a date, you'll be able to recognize rad people by— just by one glance at their wrist.

Justin:

Think of it as like a W-W-M-B-M-B-A-M-D bracelet.

Griffin:

A-J-J-Go— A-J-J-H-O—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

All—

Justin:

Keep all those characters in your head at once.

Griffin:

So these thank you gifts apply on to new monthly donors. Uh, if you're a recurring member, whom we love so very much, uh, you're still gonna get the bonus content, and if you're at the \$10 level or above, you're still gonna get the Max Fun friendship bracelet.

Griffin:

But for all of the levels that are higher, you will need to increase your monthly membership level, uh, to get those thank you gifts.

Justin:

I really like Maximum Fun. I love, uh, MBMBaM, I love, uh, Throwing Shade, the new program. I wanna— I wanna give \$20, \$35. I can do that.

Travis:

Well, let me throw this phrase out to you, Justin.

Justin:

Hit me.

Travis:

The diamond friendship circle.

Justin:

Whoa.

Griffin:

Diamonds are the best gem that there is.

Travis:

You can join the diamond friendship circle and you'll receive a shiny new stainless steel water bottle and a handy, on-the-go side, screen printed with our simple and tasteful rocket logo. You'll also get the friendship bracelet, all the content, the riff tracks.

Travis:

Let's go back to the comedy for a little while and then after that, we're gonna tell you about the \$35 level and it's really gonna take your breath away. Hah. It'll be like that, like an audible gasp.

Griffin:

You can, uh, read about all of the donation levels and gifts and everything you get, uh, for supporting us, at maximumfun.org/donate. Please go check it out. We— we really do, uh, need your help to keep growing the show and, uh, we really appreciate it.

Justin:

"What's the best way to inquire to a potential employer about a job? I'm doing everything I can think of to get this potential employer's attention and make me a valuable asset for the company in the future. How often is too often to inquire? I just do not wanna be forgotten. This particular job is something that when I— would revolutionize my life. It is something I would want to put my all into." That's from Erin in New Zealand.

Travis:

I think we were raised, uh, every time that I ever applied for a job or anything, mom and dad always encouraged me to like call—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

You know, and check and be like, "Hey, uh, so I was just following up on my application and resume and whatnot." Now that being said, eventually when I became the person that was interviewing people for jobs—

Griffin:

I hate that shit.

Travis:

Yeah, god bless it, it's so terrible, especially when they call like the next day, you're like, I haven't even thought about you in 12 hours. Give me some—

Justin:

The fact is—

Travis:

Time man.

Justin:

The fact of the matter is, you gotta make that big first impression.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

You don't get another chance. If you make the right first impression, and I'm not talking with a cold application, I'm talking about, you know, with a— with an interview or whatever, um, we— you gotta make that big first impression, 'cause if you do it right, it'll make that person, they won't be able to stop thinking about you. It'll be all they think about. They'll want you to come over and braid hair and stuff.

Griffin:

You gotta get that first impression rose, which is, of course—

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

The rose that you get on the first episode of The Bachelor—

Travis:

can't—

Griffin:

Just like before he—

Travis:

Talk about—

Griffin:

Before he like—

Travis:

The Bachelor —

Griffin:

Before he fucking like talks, this is what I love about his show. Before that dude talks to anyone on any substantial level, he gives someone a rose, like, yeah, you can stick around, just based on like how they hit him. How they— how light catches them when he first sees them. Like, ah, yeah, she'll do. She'll—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Yeah. She's great.

Justin:

Oh—

Griffin:

I love—

Travis:

Oh. She's a sturdy woman.

Griffin:

She came in on a horse. She could stay.

Justin:

[laughs] They do something similar on, uh, Flavor of Love, except Flava Flav throws a can of beans in her face.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

[laughs] It's not a classy show.

Griffin:

It's my first impression beans. Please help me be relevant.

Justin:

Bean— [laughs]

Griffin:

I'm forever slipping over that precipice.

Justin:

[laughs] That show has been on in the last five years, right?

Travis:

I think it's still being recorded, it's just not airing anymore.

Justin:

[laughs] It's just called his life now.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

That's just his day to day. Um, I mean, I think one follow-up is like, you should be able to get a pretty good vibe from it. If they're stalling you, um, then I think that, uh—

Travis:

Yeah, but I think it should be the same as like the getting a girl's number, getting a guy's number. It's like, don't call like that day or the next day, because it's probably an interview process where they're interviewing more than one person for the job. So they're probably not all taking place on the same day. So give it like four or five days.

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

Can you— why don't you watch the TV show The Pickup Artist, and then use the skills that you learn from that show on your potential—

Justin:

Right.

Griffin:

Employer?

Justin:

You know, Griffin, you joke, but as someone that's interviewed like countless people—

Griffin:

You like to be seduced.

Justin:

I'm, uh... interview skills have so much to do with that. It's the personality, eye contact, being engaged.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

You know, like answering the questions that's asked you, being prepared. All of that, dressing the part, don't roll up in jeans and a T-shirt.

Travis:

Yeah, that's actually really important. Don't go— don't go turning in a job application if you're not dressed classy.

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

Dress like a gentleman.

Griffin:

Hmm.

Justin:

So, uh—

Travis:

But don't overdress, either. If you're going to like a retail establishment and you wear like a suit and tie, then people are gonna think you're making fun of —

Griffin:

That is the first thing they tell you on The Pickup Artist.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Dress over but not under, but not too over.

Justin:

I think it's like— it's sort of like with sales or anything, don't check in just to sort of keep yourself top of mind. Check in with an intention. Check in and say like, "I'm gonna move this process forward or die trying." So don't call and say like, "Hey, I just wanna remind you, I'm alive. I wanted to call and get this interview, let's get this set up, 'cause I know you wanna move on this with me."

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

"I know you're into this as much as I am." 'Cause if you show that kind of enthusiasm, that says like, hey, I'm— let's book this job, let's do this.

Travis:

I like it.

Justin:

this shoot.

Griffin:

You're looking thick in those jeans. Who's your friend? I'm not interested in you anymore, but now I am. You want a drink? Come here.

Justin:

Is that a direct quote from The Pickup Artist, Griffin?

Griffin:

That's actually the poster catch phrase.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs] How is that again? What is on the poster?

Griffin:

Uh, you look thick in those jeans. Who's your friend? I'm bored with you now. Now I'm not. You wanna drink? Come here. Now 8:00 o'clock on MTV.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Mystery.

Justin:

Misty, come get it.

Travis:

Pickup Artist.

Justin:

Have you seen the hat that guy wears?

Travis:

It's the best hat.

Justin:

He got it at Excalibur. It's true.

Griffin:

Do you guys wanna Yahoo?

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Uh, this Yahoo was sent in by Catherine Burgess. Thank you, Catherine. It's by Yahoo! Answers user Waldo, who asks, "Is it possible to marry someone without them knowing?"

Justin:

Oh no.

Griffin:

"Like, get them to sign a paper saying you're married without them actually being aware you're actually getting married. What if you've actually never met this person? I wanna marry Liam Payne from One Direction, but I've never actually met him before and if I ever do meet him, could I have him sign like an autograph that's actually marriage papers? How? Also, how do you cure a phobia of spoons?"

Justin:

[laughs] What?

Griffin:

Additional details.

Justin:

Wait a minute.

Griffin:

"I don't have a fear of spoons, it's Liam's phobia. Duh. I think maybe if I can help him cure this, then he'll marry me. Also, congrats on your marriage to Neil Patrick Harris, I heard he's gay now."

Travis:

What?

Justin:

Who— hold—

Travis:

Wait.

Justin:

The I don't know where to start.

Travis:

There is so much going on.

Justin:

There's so many... First off—

Travis:

Who is Liam Payne?

Justin:

It was One Direc— Is that the fucking Glee Club on Glee?

Griffin:

Oh, wait—

Travis:

No, wait, is it?

Griffin:

No. No, no, no. It's a British boy band.

Travis:

Oh, thank God.

Justin:

Oh, okay.

Travis:

Wait, is that—

Justin:

So like—

Travis:

Better?

Justin:

It's like Take That or The Beatles?

Griffin:

Or —

Travis:

These guys are the famousest and I've never heard of 'em. [laughs]

Justin:

How famous are... They can't be that famous.

Travis:

Is it spelled right or is it spelled like W-O-N D-I-R-E-Z something?

Justin:

Guys, you guys are my metric for this stuff, though. Like, I'm 31 years old. If something's huge and I haven't heard of it, I'm out.

Travis:

There's—

Justin:

I'm out the game.

Griffin:

There's five of these little creeps, and there is a Daily Mail article that the headline for which is: One Direction have 20 bodyguards each for their Dallas performance and it only lasts 45 minutes.

Justin:

That's not a very good headline, though. It—

Travis:

These fools look like they're like 12.

Griffin:

They've got 20 fucking bodyguards each.

Justin:

Th— and they all gotta learn the dances.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

That's the—

Travis:

This is ridiculous.

Justin:

This— it's a tough part. So this girl wants to marry, let's just say Davy Jones so I can wrap my mind around it.

Griffin:

Well—

Travis:

A live Davy Jones in his prime.

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

Okay.

Travis:

She wants to marry a live... that's somebody from my time period. Somebody I can relate to. Wants to marry Leif Gallagher.

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Is that the guy? Leif Garrett. [laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs] I love you, Leif Garrett.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

I love you, Leif Garrett. I'm sorry you're so bummed about spoons. I'm not crazy about 'em, either. Can we get some sporks up in here? Like—

Griffin:

I will never serve you soup, 'til death do us part.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I promise. I love you.

Travis:

Guys, you are missing the best part of this question.

Justin:

What is that?

Travis:

The vehicle, the mode, the method, which this person could take to get a signature on a marriage license.

Griffin:

You're right, you're right.

Justin:

[laughs] There— I mean —

Travis:

I need you to sign for this package.

Justin:

You could do the classic Full House like scoot up the front page on the, um, science fair form—

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

You know? And then they sign it, it's like, oop, field trip to Rome.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Like, that's a good one.

Griffin:

Come on, Comet. Bye. Ciao.

Justin:

I'm riding you out of here, Comet.

Griffin:

Um—

Justin:

I pretended, by the way, just now that Comet was a Luck Dragon. Sorry.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Ew.

Griffin:

You can't trick someone into marrying you, Baba Yaga. That's not how that shit works.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

You trickster.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

You knave.

Justin:

What sound would that person make if it worked? [laughs] Would it just be like an audible sort of whoop?

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

We're married.

Travis:

Wait, the person who's been tricked or the trickster?

Justin:

[laughs] Oh, the trickster. The person who's been tricked.

Travis:

Okay, is it— is in— into indentured servitude for the rest of his life.

Griffin:

Uh, she'd probably just yell like, "I'm your wife now." And then one of these fool's 20 bodyguards would murder her—

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Just like take the shot right there, and then he would be a very young, popular widow.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I'm the most—

Justin:

The on—

Griffin:

Famous widow that there is.

Justin:

The only way you can separate yourself from the rest of New Direction choices, the rest of their bodyguards, is by killing a fan that gets out of line.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Because people are gonna remember that kinda dedication.

Griffin:

That's why the—

Travis:

Carry one of them out.

Griffin:

You think this is the first time this has happened?

Justin:

A bodyguard killed a fan?

Travis:

No, I think it happens a lot.

Griffin:

No, I mean—

Travis:

Or you mean secret marriage?

Justin:

Oh.

Griffin:

A secret, a fan gets a secret marriage. Do you know, Justin Timberlake is like fucking Cody from Sister Wives, 'cause he's got like 20 secret wives.

Justin:

And that fool'll sign anything.

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

sign anything for you. JT, you have to stop signing things.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Why would you— why would you consent to sign a baseball card? You don't even play baseball. What are you doing?

Griffin:

Why's all these people in my house? Ah, signed it away? No, just getting punked by my good friend, Ashton Kutcher.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

That was a real episode.

Justin:

That... what?

Griffin:

That was a real episode of Punk'd.

Justin:

That he signed his— signed a fake wedding?

Griffin:

No, his— I think, uh, uh, A-Kutch, uh, just rolled up in J-Tim's house and like started like taking all his shit away, and he's like, "Sorry, man, you got repossessed." It's not— it's not really germane. Let's move on.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

No, no, Griffin, continue. How's that play out?

Travis:

By all means. [laughs]

Griffin:

He, uh— He's like, nah, don't take... that's my car. And he takes his car. And then—

Justin:

Why is he so—

Griffin:

A-Kutch comes out and is like, "I got ya. Sign this."

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

That was the name of his show on MTV, A-Kutch's I Got Ya.

Travis:

Sign this.

Griffin:

Sign this.

Justin:

Sign this, please. They're— they probably actually did have—

Griffin:

Sign this affidavit. Oops, we're married. Gotcha again.

Justin:

Got—

Griffin:

Sign this now.

Justin:

[laughs] Sign another thing. Why does he keep falling for it? That's my question.

Travis:

He's not very smart.

Griffin:

No. But goddamn, he can dance and act.

Justin:

Ooh. And, well, dance.

Travis:

And sing?

Justin:

And sing.

Griffin:

He's a triple—

Justin:

What can't he do? Stop signing things.

Griffin:

Stop singing shit. He can't be legally fiscally responsible.

Justin:

[laughs] That's why he's his own, um— he has lost his own power of attorney. He—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Actually cannot sign any— it's not legally binding.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Uh, if he signs it. It has to be his manager, Lou Perlman.

Griffin:

I don't—

Justin:

Um... What?

Griffin:

No, go on. You're right.

Justin:

No, trust —

Griffin:

You're— no, you're right about everything you just said.

Justin:

"Hey, guys. How do I break up with my D&D party? I'm really busy and I haven't been having much fun lately. I like my friends. My dwarf is kind of a big part of the party. But I don't have the time to play and I don't know how to end it. Please help." And that's from Badkins.

Griffin:

Hi, Badkins.

Travis:

Hi, Badkins.

Justin:

First off, Badkins, why don't you invite me to your group? I'm in Huntington, you're in Huntington. Let's do this.

Griffin:

I've— I got—

Travis:

Let's quest.

Justin:

Let's quest together. Badkins, the answer is so obvious, it's right in front of your face. It is time for your dwarf to start playing fast and loose—

Griffin:

That's... I love it.

Travis:

That's exactly what I was gonna say.

Griffin:

Live like you're dying or want to die. Is that how that—

Travis:

That's exactly—

Griffin:

Is that what that's song about?

Travis:

I use—

Justin:

Uh-huh.

Travis:

Have you seen this Jeff Bridges movie, Fearless, that's been going around lately? Uh, go, you— that's the life you're living, you're just standing on the

edge of buildings, like any time there's a dragon, you're like, "Hey, fuck you."

Justin:

Just start yelling —

Travis:

Dragon—

Justin:

I'm gonna solo it.

Griffin:

Yeah. Leeroy Jenkins—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Eat me up

Justin:

Every few minutes— every few minutes, uh, and, uh, my dwarf, uh, wakes up from his bed and wanders off into a cave—

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Bringing no armaments with—

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

No, he doesn't. No, he doesn't, Badkins. He doesn't. I ke— he doesn't do that. No, I'm pretty sure—

Griffin:

I'm pretty certain—

Justin:

He does.

Griffin:

This is what happened. Or he puts—

Justin:

Or—

Griffin:

All of his armor on, walks into the lake. Oops.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Or how about a completely like non-tragic turn where your dwarf retires from adventuring to start a life as a blacksmith and while your group continues to play in the dungeon, you're off playing a separate game of balancing the books for your blacksmithery and—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

And—

Griffin:

Trying to get—

Justin:

All right.

Griffin:

Some food on your— on your family's table.

Justin:

He's out the game. He's out. He can't do this anymore.

Griffin:

Dwarf dies of natural causes [laughs] that you'd hint at. "Uh, my dwarf's brain feels funny."

Travis:

[laughs] My dwarf smells burnt toast.

Griffin:

It's nothing to worry about for a while [laughs]

Justin:

The dwarf—

Griffin:

The left side of my dwarf's face is numb.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

This is weird.

Justin:

My dwarf has just gotten a note from the doctor, says, "It's malignant."

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

No, he didn't. He didn't do that. I'm the dungeon master. You can't just make up notes that your dwarf gets.

Griffin:

My Cleric heals you. Oh, it's... inmagicable.

Justin:

It's inmagicable. [laughs] My dwarf can't stop peeing.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Is that trouble? Do I need to see somebody for that? A magic doctor? What's that? You do not actually have doctors? That's... that's pretty scary. I guess I'm gonna die then. You gotta kill him off. If you kill him off, then he can't be around on the adventures anymore. That's pretty obvious, right?

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

But I think the bigger problem is now you can't tell people in your group to listen to our show and I don't think you really thought about the repercussions first before you did this.

Griffin:

Um, Justin, would you be up for a swaperoo? A swaperooni? He taps in—

Justin:

Okay. I will —

Griffin:

He taps out, you tap in?

Justin:

I will take over as Grizzle Thorn Beerbelly or whatever the fuck. I will be your dwarf now. I will take over for you.

Travis:

Your sickly, sickly dwarf. [laughs]

Justin:

Yes. Sickly—

Griffin:

A— oh—

Justin:

Disease—

Griffin:

He lost another tooth.

Justin:

Side—

Griffin:

Lost another tooth.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Dammit.

Justin:

Guys. I have to stop and put on my robe.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

It's not magical, it's just—

Travis:

[laughs] He's caught a chill.

Justin:

He g— I've got a chill. I have to sit down.

Travis:

Can we— can we rest please? Can we please just take a break? I'm so tired.

Justin:

Oh, the party notices that my dwarf has been having prolonged conversations with people he cares about and trying—

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

To give them things he owns. Is that— is that a problem? Um—

Griffin:

You hit for one damage again.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

What's wrong with your bones?

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

I like to roll to see if the treatment is working. Oh no.

Griffin:

Nah, critical—

Travis:

No.

Griffin:

Miss. Bye.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Critical miss? Just— will you guys just name a sword after me? Just— just—

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Keep me in your heart for a while, uh, and just —

Travis:

And wait an appropriate amount of time before you hire another dwarf please.

Justin:

Please. And now, uh, I'll do the sad Hulk walking away music. I want you guys to remember me as I was, not as I am and not as this disease will make me.

Travis:

I'm going to go—

Justin:

Uh—

Travis:

Spend some time with my clan.

Griffin:

I just had—

Justin:

Um—

Griffin:

The horrifying realization that this thing we are goofing about is something that has probably actually happened in a game of Dungeons and Dragons without— like sans goofing, like a real someone tried to work like a natural death into their storyline—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

And like had to like act it out to the point where like laying on the bed, like, "I've always loved... Ah, bye, guys."

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

"Ah, my dad's here."

Travis:

"My mom's here, I gotta go."

Justin:

[laughs] I have a date, okay? I have a date. There. I know.

Griffin:

I've been married for three years.

Justin:

[laughs] I can't do this with you fools anymore. Please remember me as I was.

Griffin:

That's it.

Justin:

And make sure that you take my jewels back to my fake in—game wife.

Travis:

And save my character sheet and cryogenically freeze my fake body.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Goddamn, I miss Dungeons and Dragons.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Me, too, man. It's good— it's a good time.

Griffin:

Can we start like a D&D podcast so I have an excuse to do this every week?

Justin:

Why don't we turn this—

Travis:

Is it something we can do over the internet?

Griffin:

I'm—

Justin:

Let's just turn this dumb show into a weekly D&D session. [laughs] We don't need to do advice anymore. Let's fucking go on a quest.

Travis:

We could do—

Justin:

That's—

Travis:

D&D advice.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

That's what our advice, we're all finished it. Hey, we should do that as a bonus episode instead of our current plan. We'll just play D&D together and make people listen to it.

Griffin:

I mean, I got—

Justin:

Um—

Griffin:

All the stuff, if we need it.

Justin:

Uh, this is getting too close to reality.

Griffin:

I want it to be on reality. I want it to be on and in it.

Justin:

Well, let's think about it. Let's not do anything too hasty. I don't wanna rush into it and then later have to fake my own death. Oh shit, fake your own death.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Die in the game—

Travis:

I love it.

Justin:

Fake your death in the game and then in like three months, smash into a window and be like—

Travis:

But smash it through your actual like friend's window.

Justin:

Yeah, right. No, no, no. Yeah, absolutely. You gotta work that out with a DM first.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

You gotta say, "Listen, I'm gonna fake my own death and I want you to conspire with me." Well, I'm bumming myself out. Griffin, [laughs] uh, it—what if I love podcasts?

Griffin:

Okay.

Travis:

All right.

Justin:

Okay, and I say, "I have an extra \$35 a month that I can donate to those podcasts to help them out, help keep the funny coming," what would you give me in exchange for that?

Griffin:

Well, I would make a case that you shouldn't donate to any old podcast. You should donate to our podcast network, uh—

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

Which is Maximum Fun. Uh, we have described, uh, the five and 10 and 20 dollar levels. At \$35 a month, uh, it is the Judge John Hodgman's post-apocalyptic justice squad. Uh, for \$35 a month, you get all the stuff we talked about before, you get the stainless steel water bottle, you get the friendship bracelet, you get all the donors-only episodes, can't vouch for the quality of the rest, but ours is gonna be totally dope. Um, you also get our highly collectible, totally proprietary friendship emergency kit, which includes, uh, Max Fun playing cards, some mad libs, which is different from sad libs, uh, two bubblegum cigars, two packets of Alka-Seltzer, two temporary tattoos, headphone splitters for your friends to share media, a box of Kashi good friends breakfast cereal, best friends necklaces, and also a half bag of Tonx coffee. I'm sorry, I read that wrong. It's, uh, donk large coffee.

Justin:

Yeah. Tonx coffee. Can you tell me about Tonx, Griffin? What— what is Tonx? I'm not familiar with the brand.

Griffin:

Uh—

Justin:

I do know, I believe that's— that is a, uh, one of the wizards in Harry Potter, the lady wizard, right?

Travis:

Yep.

Griffin:

She is a—

Travis:

That lady wizard went to make some coffee.

Griffin:

She is a lady wizard and a cafetier. Um—

Justin:

Tonx is a, uh— is a coffee that gets delivered right to you, and it's fresh and delicious, right?

Travis:

And it's fresh roasted with care, so it's none of that stale stuff that like sits on the shelves at supermarkets forever. It's fresh roasted and it's —

Griffin:

And it's not that bullshit shit that like, uh, uh, you put in... It's like a little cup and you put the cup in the machine and then it makes you a bigger cup of coffee.

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

It makes —

Griffin:

And each one is like eight and a half dollars.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Tonx is like—

Justin:

Um—

Griffin:

Netflix, but instead of getting movies in the mail, you get coffee. So do it. Uh, but you get a free half bag of that, also, so it's everything you basically need to survive an Arctic expedition.

Justin:

And we would really, really, really... The support means so much to us, guys. And it helps us to do this show and keep it running and do cool stuff like live shows and everything—

Travis:

And here's the important thing, when you donate, when you commit, when you support us, make sure that you tell them you're supporting My Brother, My Brother and me.

Justin:

Even if you don't like our show and you like the other shows better, we are Baptists, so we will guilt you in a way that you will not be comfortable with

Travis:

If you don't support us with money, then we know that you don't love us.

Justin:

That's— that's facts. That's facts. That's love in our house.

Travis:

Ladies and gentlemen. We're passing the hat. It's time for you to tithe.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

10% of y— Just take your monthly salary, divide by 10, give us one of them.

Justin:

Let's move on to the third stanza—

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

Of our— of our podcast. As long as we're keeping the Baptist theme.

Travis:

Being Baptist—

Justin:

Uh—

Travis:

Is so great, they get all these jokes.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

I have recently embarked on a yearlong personal crusade to shed of a bunch of extra lbs. I've got a lot to lose, so I've broken it down into 20 pound milestones, so I have goals to plan against. And the first one's coming up soon. In general, I fit the heavyset ponytail bearded nerd stereotype, so recently had the idea, I should probably mix it up each 20 pound milestone. Cut my hair, shave my beard, start dressing a little nicer. Do you guys have any other ideas for potential me changers? Health, style, or otherwise, that's trying to rock it in Rochester.

Travis:

First of all, good on you.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Good on you, my friend.

Griffin:

I love this question so much, I could faint.

Travis:

Getting it in 20 Doz.

Griffin:

Get that—

Justin:

20 Doz—

Griffin:

Shit.

Justin:

You are getting it. Here is something that I— and I— it's an attitude thing that I actually learned from, uh— from Jesse, our podcast dad, and, uh, have tried to sort of implement it in my day to day life, it's that when you're

talking about stuff for yourself, grooming, hygiene, style, whatever, sometimes the quickest, cheapest way, the most efficient way, is not always the best, because you're sending the signal to yourself that you— that stuff for you is— is worth rushing through or is worth cheaping out on.

Um, for example, example here that I'm on board with, is the wet shave. You use a brush, you do the foam, you use a safety razor. It's great. It's how old men did it and it's how you could do it, and it's awesome, 'cause it takes a little longer, um, but it's also— it also will shave you some money in the long run. But it's a real sort of like ritualistic way of approaching it, and it's not the fastest way, um, or the easiest way, but it sends a message to yourself that, hey, I'm taking care of me, I'm worth it.

Travis:

And, you know—

Griffin:

So you're saying at every— at this next upcoming 20 pound milestone, he starts with a wet shave?

Justin:

I say start the wet shave. Do a little research that you can, looking to put this on the episode that ha— that talks about, I think the episode's just about grooming in general, but it'll tell you how to wet shave and there's a lot of resources out there about it. But, uh, get into it. It's fun.

Travis:

And also make sure, uh, I love the physical appearance and caring about all that, make sure that you're, you know, taking care of your mental self, as well, so maybe on the next milestone, you try something, you know, food or beverage related that you've never tried before, something of interest, and maybe find that you have a great palate for wine or you really—

Justin:

Hmm.

Travis:

Really like Italian food. You know, something new.

Justin:

Wait. Hold the fuck up, Travis.

Griffin:

What are you—

Justin:

Are you saying to reward yourself on this quest to lose weight, what you should get into is wine and Italian food?

Travis:

Okay, let me strike that.

Griffin:

Hmm. Ah, yeah.

Justin:

Wait a —

Griffin:

Lost 60 pounds. Time to go to the OG and gain it all back.

Travis:

What about—

Justin:

Time to carve up and slurp down —

Griffin:

I will have all the fagioli. Let me see all the fagioli that you got on your shelf, well just let me introduce myself, I'm Fatigan.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

Then can I say art?

Justin:

Yes. Not only can you say art, you should've said art—

Travis:

I'm going to—

Justin:

The first time.

Travis:

Do double back and say art.

Justin:

You can't. You can't— [laughs]

Travis:

I can't? You guys edit out your shit all the time.

Justin:

[laughs] He's right about that.

Griffin:

[laughs] Oh man, he is not wrong.

Travis:

So let's say rather than food and beverage, let's say culture.

Justin:

Okay.

Travis:

And maybe—

Justin:

Wha—

Travis:

Go to a museum or go to see a ballet or go to see a symphony, something, you know, that maybe you're not normally into and you just wanna check out and see if maybe you dig it.

Griffin:

You guys are thinking so small scale. I am— I am amazed at you. This guy is offering us a chance every 20 pounds he loses, he can totally and completely reinvent his entire persona, so much so that his friends won't recognize him. Like, you lose 20 pounds, cut your hair, shave your beard, wear sunglasses constantly, and say your name is now Roz.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Lose another 20—

Justin:

Or—

Griffin:

Pounds, maybe you go hit the tanning bed constantly and you bleach your teeth and then you change your name again to Brock.

Travis:

Or the Brock—

Griffin:

Or the—

Travis:

Or the Roz.

Griffin:

Mister the Brock.

Travis:

And then next time, you're gonna be really fit, maybe get that asshole bleached, let's see if we can't get a porn career going.

Griffin:

Lose 40 pounds, bleach that asshole, regain 20—

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Where you at now?

Travis:

asshole.

Griffin:

Your friends don't know which side they're coming from.

Justin:

Lose 40 pounds of fat, regain 20 pounds of fuck muscle and get in there.

Griffin:

What is that?

Justin:

Get it— get that... fuck muscle is muscle you use—

Travis:

It's what you use to thrust.

Justin:

It's the thrusters.

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

It's your quadrilateral thruster muscles—

Griffin:

Thrusters.

Travis:

I just gotta get your thrusters going and your afterburners.

Griffin:

I learned—

Justin:

[laughs] I'm gonna take you to hyperspace.

Travis:

Try a barrel roll.

Griffin:

I've learned in sch—

Justin:

Bad news: Our shields are failing.

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Girl, girl, hmm—

Griffin:

Fire up the tachyon canons.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

[laughs] Oh. Oh man. I buy— I need some more dilithium crystals, by which I mean meth. Of course, in that case, it would be fuck meth, because it's the meth that you use for sex.

Griffin:

I learned in school that, um, every muscle's a fuck muscle or you're just not doing it right.

Travis:

[laughs] What class was that in?

Justin:

What school were you going to?

Griffin:

Health school.

Justin:

Health school, you dummy. So, um, I liked— I'm excited about this—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

This man in the —

Travis:

Man, if you want to—

Justin:

I like it.

Travis:

Keep us updated.

Griffin:

Yeah, keep us updated—

Travis:

Yeah, let us know—

Griffin:

Let us know what your current name is.

Travis:

In fact, you know what, I'm gonna lay it out there more. I'm giving this man the greatest gift, which is accountability. If you don't send us pictures of you as you continue to lose 20 pounds—

Griffin:

Fully clothed.

Travis:

And how you're reinventing, fully clothed, I can't stress this enough, then we— then you will have failed us. Y— we're giving you the gift of accountability. We need you to get fit.

Griffin:

Roz.

Travis:

And to bleach that asshole. [laughs]

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

But don't show us that one.

Justin:

Roz.

Travis:

Don't show us but you can tell us about the asshole—

Justin:

Show us that—

Travis:

And we'll trust you.

Justin:

Shit— show us a receipt for the procedure. Unless it depicts an asshole.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

[laughs]

Justin:

I don't know why it would. But, uh—

Griffin:

Uh, see—

Travis:

Is this your business card? That's disgusting.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

I've gone over his transcript, it looks like he did just spend \$80 at the Asshole Factory.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Which is, of course, where you get new assholes. Fresh off the line!

Justin:

It's actually —

Travis:

if you go to the Asshole Factory, you're just discounting all the mom and pop asshole stores, like Asshole in the Walls.

Griffin:

Hmm.

Justin:

The a— but the Asshole Factory's really nice, because they let you get to let the kids stuff 'emself and they get to pick different—

Griffin:

Oh god.

Justin:

Accessories for them—

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

This is fucking—

Justin:

assholes—

Travis:

Build an asshole.

Justin:

Build an asshole at the Asshole Factory.

Griffin:

This is—

Justin:

That's— it's, um—

Griffin:

Oh god.

Justin:

A better approach.

Travis:

Do you wanna Yahoo?

Justin:

Grif— Yeah, I do.

Griffin:

Uh, this one was sent in—

Justin:

I do.

Griffin:

By Sydney Pindle. Thank you Sydney. It's by Yahoo! Answers user Sleddog who asks, "Why won't my dad let me have any Steve Urkel objects?"

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

"I like Steve Urkel. But my dad won't let me have a shirt, a doll, anything Steve Urkel. But I want Steve Urkel stuff. What can I do to get Steve Urkel stuff?"

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Who the fuck calls him Steve Urkel? Like—

Justin:

If— if I knew where to get Steve Urkel stuff, you know what I would have more of?

Griffin:

Stevurkel stuff?

Justin:

Steve Urkel stuff, yeah. I would have it... every day, people would know me as Justin McElroy, video game writer and media gadfly, they would know me as [laughs] Justin McElroy, the guy who wears the shirt that says, "Did I do that?"

Griffin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Got any cheese?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

This is my question—

Griffin:

These are all great Steve Urkel jokes.

Justin:

[laughs] I remember a kid in elementary school who 100% did have a fully rad T-shirt that had, uh, a picture of Steve Urkel and just— that just said, "Did I do that?" He was, of course, scooting his glasses up his nose.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Oh wait, this is— I have an important question for this question asker, which is, beside—

Justin:

That's not how our show works.

Travis:

A Stevurkel doll and a Stevurkel shirt, what the fuck other Steve Urkel stuff is there?

Griffin:

And by the way, I just love the nomenclature, Steve Urkel objects.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Where can I find a Stevurkel totem?

Justin:

This belongs in a Steve Urkel museum.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Um, I actually, in elementary school, I had a T-shirt with Cody from Step by Step on it. Didn't catch on so much.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Didn't get me—

Travis:

Not—

Griffin:

As much critical acclaim as a Stevurkel shirt might have. It had Cody's hit catch phrase on it.

Justin:

Which was?

Griffin:

Uh, which was, uh, "Yeah right." He said that all the time on Step by Step.

Justin:

I did not —

Travis:

I don't remember that. I remember the episode that Steve Urkel was on.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

I'm gonna give you guys... Let's say that this per— okay, so apparently this person's never heard of eBay. I'm gonna help them out and say like, "Here's where you can get your Steve Urkel stuff," uh, uh, so here's some of the items that you can no bullshit get right now. You can get a 1991 Hasbro Steve Urkel 17 inch doll that talks, and it does say here, "Returns not accepted." [laughs]

Griffin:

I don't want this shit back in my house ever again.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

I'm tired of this doll trying to kill me at night.

Travis:

This is the person who thought the Steve Urkel movement would be bigger and they just ordered like—

Griffin:

Ah.

Travis:

Wholesale en masse boxes and boxes of Steve Urkel dolls.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Travis:

Must move.

Justin:

Oh my god. You can get right now an unopened box of Urkel-Os, the fun fruit cereal that does not contain any cheese, but does contain essential vitamins and minerals, and it is flavored like strawberry and banana from the fine people of Ralston. You can get that for a starting bid of 74.95. No takers—

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

At the moment.

Travis:

Wait. Just to clarify, did you say opened or unopened?

Griffin:

It doesn't matter, Travis.

Justin:

That is unopened.

Travis:

Okay.

Justin:

As— as—

Travis:

Now, there's also—

Griffin:

Porous as that cardboard is, you are paying \$75 to get diarrhea forever.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

There is a shirt that has, uh, a picture of Steve Urkel with like that cool sort of neon scribbling that was so big in that time period.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

It says, "No sweat, my pet."

Travis:

Oh Jesus.

Justin:

Uh, you can pick that up, um, and you can also get a WWUD shirt that says "What Would Urkel Do?" on it.

Travis:

Or—

Justin:

Okay, this is the last one, I promise: You can get the Urkel board game called Do The Urkel dance. It's just called Do the Urkel. It's a risk and roll game... [laughs] Okay, this is actually the tagline: The risk and roll game that lets you be Urkel.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Finally.

Travis:

Thank god.

Justin:

Finally. God, we were into that, huh?

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

We were deep in.

Griffin:

Can you, uh— can you real quick just eBay search, uh, Cody from Step by Step?

Justin:

[laughs] I will.

Griffin:

I bet you can actually buy the man.

Justin:

Let me see what I get with Co— No. No returns.

Griffin:

No returns?

Justin:

No.

Griffin:

Yeah? Well.

Justin:

No— no items. I'm so sorry.

Griffin:

I mean, where do you think Step by Step went wrong? Do you think it— the problem is that it just— it was Family Matters?

Justin:

Yes. I think—

Griffin:

That was their first slip up, is that America's heart, there's a family size hole in America's heart, which was, uh, profoundly filled by Family Matters. And then—

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

Step by Step came in and is like, "Hey, can we just scooch? Can we... Ah, nope?"

Travis:

Oh, and then to be fair—

Griffin:

Oh—

Justin:

Cody did leave about two or three seasons in and was replaced by Flash, who was on just massive amounts of speed.

Travis:

The— I think the problem was it was like the Brady Bunch, except where you wanted to have sex with too many of the girls, and it got pretty emotional —

Griffin:

Unlike the Brady Bunch? I don't understand.

Justin:

Unlike the Bra— uh, yeah. Sorry. Plus you know what the other problem was? It was confusing to try to remember—

Griffin:

Who was with which—

Justin:

Which one's—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Who was with which family. It wasn't that cle—... Brady Bunch had it right.

Travis:

After a while, they'd started like I guess like morph into one solid family unit, and I hated it. I wanted them to stay on separate sides and continue to dislike each other forever and ever.

Griffin:

You were looking for like a Game of Thrones style family battle.

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Uh, do you think, uh, that there's a separate side series to the Brady Bunch that features the two parents that they divorce, just living cold, lonely lives—

Travis:

Mm-hmm.

Justin:

Where they never see their children ever?

Travis:

Here's the story, about a guy named Jeff, and a lady—

Justin:

That's—

Travis:

Named Mary. They never mate and then they died.

Justin:

[laughs]

Travis:

So alone. They never heard from their kids again, 'cause their kids have new brothers and sisters.

Justin:

Their kids never mention them. They seem to have forgotten them.

Travis:

[laughs]

Justin:

Or that they ever even existed at all. So Jeff and Mary live lives of desperation, renting movies at the Red Box. [laughs]

Travis:

And that's the way they became depressed.

Justin:

And forgotten. Dead and forgotten. They are dust now. And their memories evaporated. It's like they never were born.

Travis:

[laughs]

Griffin:

Damn, it's dumb.

Justin:

Oh man. That's a tough life they led.

Travis:

We sure do have a good time here on My Brother, My Brother and Me.

Griffin:

Well, let's get serious.

Justin:

Let's get serious [laughs]

Griffin:

Every year—

Travis:

Hey guys, we've had a lot of laughs today.

Griffin:

Every year, Jaleel White dies a little bit more. Just tryna get that come back.

Travis:

We really need your money so that we can go on eBay and buy some more Stevurkel stuff.

Justin:

Well, other than Dancing With the Stars, which is where he is right now, right this second, will Jaleel White ever be on another hit television program?

Travis:

The Bachelor.

Justin:

You know, the madness that would ensue if he were to roll up on... I don't, uh—

Travis:

Literally anything.

Justin:

I don't... like what would be the show? Where would he have to... It would have to be Big Bang Theory, right?

Griffin:

No.

Justin:

Like he would have to roll up on Big Bang Theory—

Travis:

As—

Justin:

As Steve—

Travis:

As Steve Urkel.

Griffin:

No, I don't want—

Justin:

As a professor at the... oh my god, I would lose my mind. Not that I would see it, but I would presumably see it later on YouTube or something.

Travis:

I will also accept a community guest spot.

Griffin:

I'm say— I want—

Justin:

—

Griffin:

Him to explore his dramatic roots and I want him to like maybe hop on, uh, Southland, as like I'm Detective Humphries. Everybody else is like, "No, you're definitely not."

Guys, we've had a lot of fun. Uh, just, we're about to wrap up the show, but just real quick, uh, the last few gift levels. If you— if you donate \$50 a month to our MaxFunDrive to help support the show and keep us afloat and a-growing, uh, \$50 a month, you are a member of the Thorn Family Blondie Brigade. You will get all the stuff, the John Hodgman friendship emergency kit, the water bottle, the friendship bracelet, all the donors-only episodes.

You will also get, uh, a batch— a homemade batch, I should say, of, uh, Jesse and Theresa Thorn's signature blondies. They will FedEx these blondies to your door. I hear they use special preservative chemicals in it to make sure the blondies don't get riddled with mailworms.

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

You are gonna love eating these with your mouth. So sweet, so savory, from famous people. You're gonna love 'em. I guarantee it. That's the \$50 a month.

\$100 a month, you're a member of Jesse's Golden Eagles. You get an invitation to the Max Fun dinner, which is a thing we do every June before, uh, Max Fun Con starts, uh, where you get to just eat dinner with, uh, us and with, uh, John Hodgman and Jesse and Jordan and—

Travis:

Oh, we don't know who will be—

Griffin:

We don't know—

Travis:

We can't promise—

Griffin:

We can't promise who'll be there. But—

Travis:

Last time, we got— me and Griffin had dinner with John Hodgman and Chuck Bryant from Stuff You Should Know and it was great.

Griffin:

It was totally rad.

Travis:

Neal Pollack was there. It was bananas, actually.

Griffin:

Um, so you get that, you get the blondies, you get the friendship kit, the water bottle, the friendship bracelet, and the episodes, and if you really want to keep us lined with piles of sweet cocoa, uh, you can donate 200 a month and join Jordan's Platinum Angels. You get all the stuff, the invitation to the dinner, uh, all that stuff, and free registration to next year's Max Fun Con, uh, which is Maximum Fun's annual convention that, uh, we are going to be at this year in, uh— in June. So, uh, just go to maximumfun.org/donate and just look over the levels, reach into your heart, uh, grab the love that you have for us that's in there, and then pull it out and then put it on your computer screen, smear—

Travis:

And—

Griffin:

It on it.

Travis:

And, guys, do us a favor. Um, when— after you listen to this episode, go on Twitter and let us know when you donate, 'cause we like to know that you're supporting us and make—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Your friends—

Griffin:

You can—

Travis:

Feel guilty. And you can—

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Be superior over everyone else that has not donated.

Justin:

That's the big thing, like just use that MaxFunDrive hashtag, just be like, "Hey, listen fools. I donated." Then bully— start bullying other people into it, 'cause ye— that's the whole point of feeling superior, I thought.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm. Don't get on— Don't get on Twitter, though, and use that hashtag and talk about how we're big corpo sellouts, 'cause we—

Justin:

[laughs]

Griffin:

We really only do this once a year and, um, the— the return really is overwhelming and, uh— and we just— we love you guys so much.

Justin:

Thank you John Roderick of The Long Winters for letting us use their song, It's a Departure, off the album Putting the Days to Bed. You can go grab that. Thank you to everybody tweeting about the show and sending us

questions and everything. We love you very much and we appreciate all that. And, um, if you wanna send us a question, it's MBMBAM@maximumfun.org and we will try to answer it, or you can send us Yahoo there or what have you. Griffin.

Griffin:

This final Yahoo! Answer was sent in by Mark Turetski. Thanks, Mark. It's by Yahoo! Answers user Corrin Piper Chefinch.

Justin:

Mm-hmm.

Griffin:

Fuck. Who asks, "Is it normal for a woman to arrive on a date dressed as a clown?"

Justin:

[laughs] I'm Justin McElroy.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin:

This has been My Brother, My Brother and Me, kiss your dad square on the lips.

[theme music plays]

Daven:

I listen to actually every show on Max Fun. You could say relentless positivity, um, that's probably a good way of putting it. They're always looking at things in the way I'd like the world to be looked at. Hi, I'm Daven.

Lindsay:

And I'm Lindsay.

Daven:

And we donate to maximumfun.org.

Lindsay:

Probably My Brother, My Brother and Me was the first full episode I listened to.

Daven:

Yeah. MBMBaM was a pretty great way to start her off, because those McElroys are charming.

Lindsay:

Listen to people be friends. Best thing. I'm super excited about Throwing Shade and it's so funny and it's so charming.

Daven:

Yeah, honestly, I feel like every year, Max Fun adds new shows, and every year I step up my donation to make sure that more shows can join.

Lindsay:

Yeah, I think it's really easy to support people who make fantastic things.

Daven:

I get a ridiculous amount of entertainment from Max Fun every month and it doesn't cost me a lot.

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