

## **MBMBaM 790: Face 2 Face: Frogspotting**

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

[audience cheers]

**Intro (Clint):** And their advice should never be followed! Travis insists he's a... sexpert... but if there's a degree on his wall, I haven't seen it. Also, this show isn't for kids, which I mention only so the babies out there know how cool they are for listening.

[audience cheers]

**Intro (Clint):** [yells out] What's up, you cool baby?!

[audience cheers]

[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 the oldest brother, Justin McElroy!

[audience cheers]

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

**Justin:** Whoow!

[audience cheers]

**Audience:** [chants] Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

**Griffin:** Hey, what's up, Trav Nation? I'm your sweet baby brother, Griffin, 30 Under 30, media luminary, 'Built Ford Tough' McElroy!

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** And I regret to inform everyone that I've just realized my Lightning McQueen jumpsuit costume has shrunk dramatically in the wash from the last live—

**Travis:** Or you've gotten bigger and musclier.

**Griffin:** I don't think so, man!

**Justin:** Thanks to your muscles. It's possible. We're—

**Travis:** [chuckles] You didn't have it dry cleaned?

**Griffin:** I did! It's like—

**Travis:** The idea of you bringing that to a dry—

[audience laughs]

**Griffin:** It's like halfway up my calf, man, like it went up. It didn't go in, it went up.

**Travis:** Oh, no, you accidentally—you wore Henry's.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Oh, that's what it was.

**Justin:** You may have to have a costume change just like I did, Griffin.

**Griffin:** Yeah, Juice!

**Justin:** Maybe it's time for you to reevaluate.

**Griffin:** San Antonio, I hope you appreciate, Justin's rockin' a new steez, just for you!

**Justin:** Yeah! I switched—

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** I switched to the Drive cosplay, because I was informed during our last engagement, that my—

**Griffin:** Which was in Atlanta.

**Justin:** In Atlanta.

**Griffin:** Who was very mean to Justin.

**Justin:** Very mean!

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Because they said that when I took my helmet off, my Speed Racer costume made me look like I was Donald Duck bounding.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Paul, do you have an image of my costume? So, you all can be the judge of whether or not I'm a—

**Griffin:** Sorry, it's a nude photo, so we can't actually—

**Justin:** The censor, they—

**Travis:** Well, it's pantsless!

**Justin:** They censored it out.

**Griffin:** [titters] Wait...

**Justin:** Yeah, so...

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** You've lost the ascot!

**Justin:** So, this isn't very representative... but I have a red ascot.

**Griffin:** And you can actually, if you look at my jumpsuit in this picture, you can see how now it's ridin' up like—

**Justin:** It used to be bigger.

**Griffin:** Way high.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And for some reason, Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2 was on the screen. Maybe we were playing that while doing a live show?

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah, we got fuckin' bored and just had to crank out some combos! [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah... Oh, well. So—thanks, Paul. So, I changed. I had, can I just say, a wonderful day in San Antonio, Texas.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** I got up, I got up at 6:30, because I had to say goodbye to my kids, and I realized, oh my god, I'm up. But luckily, it was already 85 degrees here. [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Hell yeah. So I got out and I got a little, I rented a—you know, sometimes you can rent the little stand-up scooters?

**Griffin:** Yeah?

**Justin:** Here in San Antonio, you can rent little sit-down guys!

**Griffin:** Sit down like Vespas?!

**Justin:** Like a little sit-down Vespa you can rent, and it is hysterical to drive around the city, because you're not allowed to drive on the sidewalk, and you're also not—you can't go faster than 20 miles an hour!

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** So it's like, everywhere you're going, it's a little parade, just for you! You know? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Like they can honk, they can get mad, and you just wave like, I can't do anything other than this!

**Travis:** That is such a classic like comedy movie about just a real doofus in town who does that kind of thing like, "Oh, I'm so excited for this!" And then everybody is stuck in traffic, honking behind them. And you watch him and you're like, "What a doofus!"

**Griffin:** "Tommy Boy and his magic scooter, what a fucking goofball."

**Justin:** I definitely ended up on some roads that I should not have been on, on a little scooter! [laughs] It's like—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Just on a clover turnpike, "Oh, fuck, oh—I'm up so high, Jesus Christ!"

**Justin:** I heard truckers like, [spoofs a shortwave radio sound] "We got a baby's day out situation over here."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "This baby is just rolling free." No, but it was great. I went to Archies Coffee, and then after that, I went to Vela Coffee, because I just wanted more coffee. And then I drove the Vespa out to the Japanese tea garden. Have you all been out there?

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Holy shit!

**Travis:** It's gorgeous!

**Griffin:** I gotta say—

**Justin:** Unreal! Unreal!

**Griffin:** Your vibe just now though was not matching the vibe of the Japanese tea garden.

**Travis:** I disagree, Griffin!

**Justin:** Legitimately—

**Travis:** You didn't hear when I yelled, "Holy shit—"

**Justin:** Yeah, one of the most—

**Travis:** "This is an amazing tea garden!"

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** One of the most beautiful places I've ever been in my entire life, it was incredible. And I followed that up with something just as... majestic of a visit, to the Wonderland of the Americas.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** That's right.

**Justin:** Hey, listen, that is a singular place, guys. [chuckles] I loved it. Can I describe Wonderland of the Americas, please?

**Griffin:** Please do, yes.

**Justin:** So, we've all got dying malls. I love a dying mall as much as the next guy. Wonderland of the Americas—

**Griffin:** Our mall's—our mall's been dying since it was born! [chuckles]

**Justin:** Wonderland of the Americas has the guts to just not go down without a fight. So, you walk—you get dropped off at the most nondescript entrance possible. You then have to walk through a hallway of four of the most depressing businesses. Like literally it's like tissue replacement, sick kids' store, bone health for veterans, like it's just like the sad—it's like a haunted house, but for being sad, right?

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** And then you chuck all the way through it, and you swear to god, it must be closed. Everything's closed, right? But then you go upstairs, and it's like some of the coolest little stores and shops, and everything is fantastic! But the bottom, they should... rope it off, or something. [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** You know? Like Cask of Amontillado style, just break it off! Like we don't—

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** "We don't have a downstairs, it's just cool shops upstairs." And then a very large, I mean, an insane Burlington Coat Factory!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** It looks like it was built by fuckin' Sauron! What's wrong with you guys?!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** But I had one more trip in the Vespa. I don't know if Joe's here, but Joe almost ruined the show for everybody. Travis ran into Joe before. Joe

didn't know we were doing a show. Joe's staying at the same hotel we're staying at. And Travis told Joe like, "Hey, we're doing a show, come to the show." As I'm leaving, I don't have enough time to get to the venue. Oh, man... But guess who's still there? My Vespa is parked out front!

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** So I'm like, okay, well, I got to, to make it to the show on time.

**Griffin:** Right.

**Justin:** I gotta get the Vespa!

**Griffin:** This is how the Aerosmith roller coaster at Disney World starts, by the way.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, I gotta get the Vespa! So, I get—I get the Vespa and I'm like, all right, time to roll, time to ride out for the show.

**Travis:** I'm on the edge of my seat, Justin.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah.

**Justin:** I've got—I've got two bags that are balanced on the handles, right?

**Travis:** Yes!

**Justin:** I'm barely making it. And then Joe comes out and he's like, "Hey, I'm really excited for the show." And it's like, "Oh, cool! It's nice to meet you." And then I like kind of joke about how I'm about to ride a Vespa and I hope I live, blah-blah-blah.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** But then I realized like, as I'm about to leave, I'm holding a can of coffee that I have just opened... and I have absolutely no fucking plan.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Like, I have no plan! And Joe is—

**Travis:** So what did you do?!

**Justin:** But Joe's right there, right?

**Travis:** No!

**Justin:** Well, what I had to do, Trav, is I had to chug the entire coffee right then and there, right? [chuckles] So—

**Travis:** Wait, how is this Joe's fault?!

**Justin:** Because—

**Travis:** How is any of this Joe's fault?!

**Justin:** Because if he hadn't been there, I would have just... dumped it out, probably, you know what I mean? Like—

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** Or gone to a sewer, and dumped out in a sewer?

**Travis:** So, Joe held you accountable for your impact on the environment, and somehow, this is Joe's fault!

**Justin:** I would have recycled it.

**Travis:** As Joe's lawyer, I must object, sir!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** As you've certainly guessed from my life choices, this is an advice show.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** That's better. Thank you so much, Paul.

**Justin:** Thank you, Paul!

**Griffin:** Very demonstrative. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Much better, Paul. Thank you so much, Paul. Excellent. Much better pic. This is an advice show! And we are going to take—

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Wait, but for what era?

**Justin:** Oh, the mantra.

**Griffin:** Thank you so much.

**Justin:** We're going to take your questions that you have submitted to us, and turn them alchemy-like into wisdom, as is our purview here... on the program.

[a few audience members hoot and holler]

**Justin:** I don't know if you've listened before...

**Griffin:** [sings] You're vamping because you forgot to unlock your iPad again!

**Travis:** Is that Joe's fault too, Justin?

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** You know, it can be hard, trying to carry the entirety of the show on my shoulders. If you guys wanted to do any jokes, that would leave a little bit of padding for me to, you know, open up the document.

**Travis:** I went and got a massage today—

**Justin:** There it goes!

**Travis:** It wasn't funny. It was just nice.

**Justin:** Go off, Travis.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** I needed it, because I deal with a lot of stress when my brother can't open the doc during the show. [chuckles]

**Justin:** That's enough.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** "My brother-in-law refuses to go to Chili's with me. My husband and my sister, his wife—" It's my favorite podcast. [chuckles] "He is a very talented and creative cook at home, so I think he feels like Chili's is beneath him. How do I convince him that six-dollar margaritas and a Triple Dipper are cool, even though Chili's isn't a five-star establishment?" That's from Sister-in-law in San Antonio.

**Griffin:** Are you here?

**Sister-in-law in San Antonio:** [shrieks] Aah!

**Griffin:** Jesus Christ!

[audience laughs]

**Griffin:** I've never been scared by one of those before?

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** That's the energy of someone who has appreciated a great deal of Chili's tonight.

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Travis:** Have you been there and received amazing service, and reasonable prices?

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, great things about Chili's, just to start off with. One thing is that Chili's has the guts to sell adults tenders.

**Griffin:** I do appreciate that.

**Justin:** And do not pretend like it's something else. And they'll put a little bit of a fancy sauce in there like, "Oh, have you tried our elegant new bourbon tenders?"

**Griffin:** [titters] Mm-hm.

**Justin:** It's like, nah, nice try. I love it, though. Thank you so much.

**Travis:** Appetizer samplers.

**Griffin:** Yeah. No, they do those, though—

**Travis:** Fancy restaurants don't do that!

**Justin:** That's true, they make you order—

**Travis:** Fancy restaurants won't give you *one shrimp* in a cocktail.

**Griffin:** And another thing is, fancy restaurants will get mad at you when you get mad at them for not doing that.

**Justin:** That's true, Griffin, they get all snooty about it.

**Griffin:** Yeah. I want the pâté and the shrimp, and the hush puppies. Do 'em all!

**Travis:** All on one plate.

**Griffin:** That was a crazy restaurant I just described that had all three of those things on the menu.

**Travis:** Another thing I like about Chili's, the random shit on the wall.  
[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, that's fun.

**Justin:** That is fun.

**Griffin:** You don't have to just go to a restaurant for the food? Because sometimes you can go there for the—just for the hangs.

**Justin:** Just like a good hang.

**Griffin:** It seems like maybe the best hang at Chili's. You've got everything you need.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Like what, Griffin?

**Griffin:** Six-dollar margaritas!

**Justin:** Huge.

**Griffin:** Shit on the wall!

**Justin:** Yeah, covered.

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** That funny commercial with the barbershop quartet.

**Justin:** [sings] Baby back, baby back—

**Griffin:** That's the one!

**Justin:** Yeah! That's good.

**Griffin:** What restaurants can you go to where you have an excuse to sing barbershop quartet because of the place you're at? Not many!

**Travis:** Also, one of the few restaurants I've eaten at where I've had to have been warned by the serving staff not to touch the plate that my food was on, because it was a sizzling hot iron skillet.

**Justin:** "This will hurt you."

**Griffin:** Everything is sizzling hot!

**Travis:** They trusted me with that, though! That's a level of trust and responsibility that they gave me what amounts to a deadly weapon. [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And said, "He's gonna be fine."

**Griffin:** Or maybe they're just like really, really hardcore into Applebee's, and they are worried they're gonna get spotted.

**Justin:** [laughs] You think that's crossing the line?

**Griffin:** You know how sort of... protective of their turf those two businesses are.

**Travis:** That's why you settled on TGI Friday's, right? They're between Applebee's and Chili's.

**Griffin:** No one's ever, ever dined at a TGI Friday's.

**Justin:** Yeah, they don't exist, actually.

**Travis:** That is correct!

**Griffin:** It is a money laundering front.

**Travis:** But they'd be so happy to have you!

**Griffin:** Chili's is awesome, because when you see it out in the wild—there's like, there's a Chili's in Austin that is like the meme Chili's. And that's great and all, we can all compare it to the other great restaurants in the area that a Chili's is at, sure. But when you're at an airport? Uh-oh. Hey, wait a minute, that Chili's is lookin' pretty good right about now, isn't it? When that Chili's is the only option, next to a Panda Express and a raggedy-lookin' Subway? Hey, wait a minute, Chili's is fine dining in this moment!

**Justin:** At least chill—Chili's to go presupposes that you're just here for the food. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah.

**Justin:** You know, you don't need to hang around for the ambiance, you're just here for the food.

**Travis:** Here's a bit of like actionable advice.

**Justin:** Uh-oh?

**Travis:** Maybe try a pitch like this: "You know what will be so wild and silly tonight?"

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** "If we went to Chili's. Can you imagine?" And then you get in there—

**Griffin:** Yeah?

**Travis:** And you're like, "That food, it's pretty good, isn't it?"

**Griffin:** That's how everyone who—

**Travis:** You enjoy the ambiance.

**Griffin:** That's how everyone gets into it, man.

**Justin:** "Are you having a fun time?"

**Travis:** "Here's a gift card, Todd. It's for \$5,000."

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** Let him go—okay, before he leaves, let him fill a Ziploc baggie with spices. And butters and herbs.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin:** And one knife.

**Travis:** But just one bag.

**Justin:** Just one—okay, he could have four bags.

**Griffin:** Four bags of butter, spices, and one—and a knife.

**Justin:** Spices, fats... [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Salty, sweet.

**Justin:** Knife in a bag.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Knife in a bag, butters, salt, that's three bags—

**Travis:** If you throw some rope in there, that's like a serial killer cannibal's like set up bag.

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Please, finish the thought, King.

**Justin:** The fourth bag will be empty.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Justin:** Because that for—it's for leftovers.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** But—

**Travis:** I didn't know if you guys had stuff for that—

**Griffin:** Travis, I have no idea where our brother is going with this whole run, and I'm really—

**Justin:** It's also—you're also gonna have an induction cooktop.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** So, you're gonna arrive, and you'll—one of you will put on the Ted from Chopped voice, and it's like, okay, here's your mystery basket, it's jalapeño poppers from TGI Friday's, or wherever.

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

**Travis:** Chili's.

**Justin:** Now, bust out your spices and your butters and your knife and your empty bag for mixing.

**Griffin:** Yeah, dude.

**Justin:** That's what it's for, it's for mixing.

**Travis:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** And try to like up—we're gonna like upcycle it, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Like...

**Griffin:** So, and the—when the—

**Justin:** Boost it!

**Griffin:** When the server comes by—

**Justin:** No, they—that's the game! They can't see, because they will be hurt. [titters]

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Okay, so when the server comes by—

**Justin:** They can't see it, their feelings will be hurt.

**Griffin:** When the server comes by and sees your brother-in-law under the table, going—

**Justin:** [chuckles] They can't... [laughs]

[audience laughs]

**Travis:** And smoke starts to rise up.

**Griffin:** And then they're like, "Hey, sir, what the fuck are you doing under there? This is a Chili's." He says, "Oh, I'm gooshin' up the egg rolls in a bag to make it better!"

**Justin:** Can I just say—

**Travis:** And the server says, "God damn it! Another chop style game in our restaurant?"

**Justin:** So, this is—

**Travis:** "This is the fourth time today!"

**Justin:** I did say you can't be seen doing it. In the—in the setup, I said, they can't catch you doing it, so—

**Travis:** So, if they catch you doing it, you just say—

**Justin:** You guys are inventing the one—

**Travis:** "I'm masturbating under here, leave me alone!"

**Justin:** You're inventing the one thing that can't happen in this game, okay?

**Griffin:** Okay, fine.

**Justin:** If it does happen, it is—

**Griffin:** You're secretly cook—

**Justin:** Seen by all participants as a failure.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah. You're secretly cooking on an under-table induction cooktop! [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** And mix and mushin' bag.

**Justin:** Right. And then—

**Travis:** Uh-huh? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** There's no—there's no way you have—

**Travis:** There's another step?!

**Griffin:** There's no way you have more to this?!

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** There's more steps?

**Griffin:** There's no way, dude!

**Justin:** [titters] Everybody eats it.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** If you guys hadn't put on so much mustard, I could have just said everybody eats it, and moved on with our lives, you know?

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You guys—

**Griffin:** But again—

**Justin:** Don't always have to pull over the car—

**Griffin:** Is there—

**Justin:** For a few words.

**Griffin:** [titters] Is there a rule that the server can't see anyone eating it?

**Justin:** He absolutely can't see!

**Griffin:** The eating?

**Justin:** The eating has to—they have to see. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Okay, because—

**Justin:** Because I need them to be a little bit confused.

**Griffin:** The server's gonna come by and see you eating your hot mush. [chuckles] Your hot egg roll mush.

**Justin:** If they clock it, you lose.

**Griffin:** Okay, cool.

**Justin:** They—it can't—

**Travis:** Wait, lose what?! Win what?!

**Griffin:** The game.

**Travis:** What are the stakes?!

**Griffin:** Did you not even pay attention to the fucking question, Travis? "My brother-in-law wants to play a high-stakes secret under table Chili's—"

**Travis:** Winner takes all, no holds barred, death match!

**Justin:** Art doesn't need—art doesn't need rules.

**Griffin:** It says right here, if they catch us eating the sloppy glop, then he loses! So, fuckin' pay attention next time, dude!

**Travis:** You're right. It's my fuckin' fault.

**Justin:** Art doesn't need... "I have a favorite local coffee shop across the street from my apartment complex. Recently, one barista started a conversation asking what my plans for the day were. For some reason, maybe tired brain, I decided to over share and stated, 'Oh, I'm on my way to qualify for regionals.' They asked, 'In what?' I said, 'Oh, it's for Magic.' They proceeded to get a lot more interested and said, 'That's super cool. I love magic. What kind of magic can you do?'"

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, you guessed it, friends, "I was actually talking about going to a Magic: The Gathering event, so I just said 'cards.'"

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** You were impeccable with your word. You honored your first agreement, that is true. It was cards!

**Travis:** "I believe the record will show, I did not lie, Your Honor."

**Justin:** "I did not lie!"

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** "But I said I—they asked if I could show them a card trick, since no one was in line, but I just said, 'Sorry, but my backpack was in the trunk.'" [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Can you imagine if you had made the backpack appear right then?

**Griffin:** Hold on.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** You said that your magic was cards, and then you said your backpack was in the trunk? It's cards?!

**Griffin:** Yeah. [titters]

**Justin:** Like, why—it's cards, they're in your pocket, right?

**Travis:** They're very large cards, Justin!

**Justin:** "They're huge, novelty cards!"

**Travis:** That's the magic!

**Justin:** "I juggle them with chainsaws. It's the whole thing." Anyway, "Brothers, what kind of card tricks can I quickly learn in case they remember and ask again?" That's from I Just Want an Iced Coffee in San Antonio.

**Griffin:** Are you here?

**I Just Want an Iced Coffee:** [raises their hand]

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

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Fair enough.

**Griffin:** Thank you for not scaring me. That was amazing. You may be a barn owl, sitting in the distance. That's cool, too! "I'm a barn owl who just qualified for regional at Magic: The Gathering."

**Travis:** If they ask you again, say, "Well, I qualified for regional, and now I have to save my mana points for when I perform tricks at State."

**Griffin:** And what do you think, how will they receive that sentence that you just said out loud?

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** What do you think the response to that sentence is?

**Travis:** I think if you say it with a solid enough chilling look, they'll never talk to you again.

**Griffin:** Travis is right, actually! If you say, "I can't because I'm saving up my mana points," this will not be an issue ever again.

**Travis:** The problem here is, I realized mana points is also a thing in Magic, right?

**Griffin:** Wait, hold on—

**Travis:** I meant more like I'm casting magic tricks, using my magic points.

**Justin:** Wait, but you're not—they didn't think you're an actual wizard from Final Fantasy ass magic time?

**Travis:** But they don't know how magic works, because the rules of magic say I can't tell them how I do my tricks!

**Griffin:** Did you think that the issue here was that—

**Travis:** I didn't think anything, Griffin! I was doing a fucking bit!

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** I was doing a fucking bit for our audience to enjoy, with comedy jokes! I'm a grown man! I was a national merit scholar, sir!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Here he goes.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Cards.

**Travis:** I'm trying to be funny for once!

**Griffin:** You're right. I apologize.

**Justin:** The good thing is, the hard person is done because your hands know the cards. Your hands know the weight of the cards. When you—

**Travis:** The heart of the cards.

**Justin:** When you hold a King Ice Velociraptor, or whatever, like... you know what that feels like.

**Travis:** Sorry, a what?

**Justin:** You know that just from the ink of the ice wind... guy—quests.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, man!

**Justin:** The old guy, that like you know that that card—

**Griffin:** I got a commander deck that's based around the ice wind quest guy, yeah.

[audience laughs]

**Griffin:** It tears shit up.

**Travis:** And so, is the trick, Justin, that you close your eyes and pick up a card, and tell them what it is?

**Justin:** Yeah. Like you could—you could do that if you know your deck. When you are really in tune with your deck, you don't need to look at it anymore. Like you know the cards.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** You know the cards just from like the weight and the crinkles that your uncle put in when he was—[chuckles]

**Griffin:** Whoa! Hold on!

**Justin:** He was trying to throw 'em away and you were like, "Please don't, I love those cards." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Wait, why was your uncle—

**Justin:** Because every card tells a story. Like, you know what I mean?

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Why is there—why is there mustard on the back of my Charizardidoz, or whatever?

**Griffin:** Yeah, because of my fuckin' uncle!

**Justin:** Yeah, it's—

**Travis:** My fuckin' uncle used it as a napkin again!

**Justin:** It's not all—it's not all uncle related, it could be like my best friend, Johnny, spilled ketchup on it, or whatever.

**Travis:** So there's mustard on it because Johnny spelled ketchup on it?

**Justin:** Every card tells a story.

**Travis:** A likely—whoa!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, every card tells a story.

**Griffin:** I think that anyone can learn how to do tricks of sleight of hand and subtle gestures with those cards. But not anyone can make an infinite mana loop, one-hit KO, first round knockout.

**Justin:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** Some real—so I think you can say like, okay... first of all, the coffee shop needs to be very fuckin' empty, because this is gonna take you like 45-50 minutes.

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** There's a lot of setup, and then you do have to execute the infinite loop. You make them draw all their deck, you have to draw your entire—it's a whole thing. But then when it's over, they're gonna be like, "Wow, I get it, man." [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** I would also just say, and this is not to try to like pump you up, but seriously, like that kind of success in anything, I think people actually are interested to hear about it. Like, I don't think there's going to be any judgment. I, of course, would be interested to hear about someone's Magic: The Gathering proficiency. You know, I've learned four or five card tricks. And I've tried to learn Magic: The Gathering, and I can't.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** You know what I mean? Like—

**Travis:** I think that's the magic, frankly.

**Justin:** I'm way more—

**Travis:** When a game ends—

**Justin:** Impressed by somebody who can play Magic: The Gathering!

**Travis:** When a—I've played many games of Magic: The Gathering, and when they have ended, whether I've won or lost, I have no idea why it happened.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah. I always think, I gotta get more into this game. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Most card tricks don't require you to use tokens and track health loss, and tap things. So,

**Travis:** So which one's more impressive, Griffin?

**Griffin:** Definitely Magic: The Gathering, easy. Yeah, for sure.

[a couple of audience members cheer enthusiastically]

**Travis:** Hey, try this move: "Oh, I misunderstood *you*." Now it's on them!

**Justin:** You could also do like sleight of hand with Magic: The Gathering cards. And then when you ask him later, "Was this your card?" They'll have absolutely no fuckin' clue. [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** "I think? Yeah, it had a dragon on it or something, there was fire. Something like that, yeah, for sure." [mouths the Haunted Doll Watch alarm sound]

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Sorry, this just—like this just came across my desk.

**Travis:** Yeah, it just, it came across. There was a puff of brimstone and sulfur.

**Justin:** This is just coming across my desk. I'm so sorry, guys. We do have a Haunted Doll Watch.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** First up, let's meet Holly, the pixie.

**Griffin:** Oh, no.

**Justin:** Whoow!

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** I wanted to bring some positivity this time.

**Griffin:** Okay? That's cool!

**Travis:** And I'm telling you right now, a bold like Mary Tyler Moore-esque woman in the city—

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah, she's working it.

**Travis:** Like fighting for her own, right there.

**Justin:** She— "Meet Holly! She's an enchanting spirit known as a pixie fae! She has a deep connection to... Holly—" It just doesn't say. [chuckles] "Holly encourages—" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** "Holly encourages humans to reconnect with nature, showing respect for the environment, and a deeper appreciation for the beauty that surrounds us. She loves all animals and critters, and they love her presence. She brings hot into your life."

**Travis:** Wait, what?

**Griffin:** Wait, *what*?!

**Travis:** Whoa, whoa.

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** By the way, that was cool hearing everyone say, "Wait, what?" In the exact same voice.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** "She brings hot into your life by uplifting moments with laughter and positivity."

**Griffin:** All right.

**Justin:** "She possesses a bunch of magical abilities!" This—they don't often promise this much.

**Griffin:** A bunch.

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** She has—

**Travis:** "She'll make you happy," is not often a promise made by haunted dolls.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Justin:** The first one's awesome, because her first one is animal communication, which like, prove it!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, good point!

**Travis:** That would involve like my dog being like, "This is legit." [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Once we—once we invent that helmet we put on a dog, or on us, to make that conversation possible, you think the first thing dogs are gonna say is, "Holy shit. Thank Christ you can hear me. All the dolls in this house can talk to me."

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "Holly the pixie makes it so fucking hot in here, Doug, and we're getting married."

**Justin:** "She has the ability to—she has plant growth, the ability to accelerate growth. With the roll of a D8, she can—"

**Travis:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "There's a bloom of plants, coaxing flowers to blossom and gardens to flourish. She has weather control."

**Travis:** *What?!*

**Griffin:** Whoa!

**Justin:** "She has the ability to influence subtle weather changes—"

**Travis:** Okay, now, hold on!

**Justin:** They're not over promising! Okay?

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sure.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Maybe a bit more fog than you're used to.

**Travis:** "Oh, it's 95 degrees instead of 94 degrees. Thanks, Holly!"

**Griffin:** "You did indeed bring the hot, by one degree!"

**Justin:** She also promotes natural healing. So, this—there's so much more to Holly! She's definitely one of the best I've ever encountered.

**Travis:** Then wouldn't it be supernatural healing?

**Justin:** She brings—

**Travis:** No, nothing? Okay.

**Justin:** Yeah, no, that's fair.

**Griffin:** I don't think so.

**Justin:** "She brings—" that's a very good point, Travis. "Inviting a feel to your home, and I know she'll add a touch of greatness to your life. Are you Holly's new keeper? Adopt Holly today!"

**Griffin:** Keeper sucks as a title to have, because of a thing I bought on eBay.

**Justin:** Yeah.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** So, that is Holly the pixie. Next up, next—

**Travis:** I wouldn't even call myself like my dog's keeper!

**Griffin:** Yeah—all right?

**Justin:** Next up, a haunted vessel doll, a protective spirit of a mother who lost everything.

**Travis:** Euh?

**Justin:** Hey, wait, it might get funny.

[audience laughs]

**Griffin:** The name is fun? I...

**Justin:** No, I mainly wanted to feature Marguerite. She's a devoted mother in the late 1800s, a woman who gave everything for her family. Let's see that first picture, Paul.

[audience exclaims]

**Travis:** Jesus Christ, Justin!

**Justin:** "Her life was cut short by scarlet fever, a brutal disease that took her swiftly, leaving—"

**Travis:** And I—two big [??]. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** "Leaving behind 10 children, the youngest only six months old, and the eldest 17. Even as her body failed, her soul refused to leave. The thought—"

**Travis:** Fuck!

**Justin:** "The thought of abandoning her children, of leaving them to face the world without her, was unbearable." Paul, let's see that next image, yes.

**Griffin:** Yeah, dude!

[audience exclaims and laughs]

**Justin:** I've never seen anyone do this shit, it's fucking so good.

**Griffin:** It's so good, dude!

**Justin:** Give me another one, Paul! Hit me with another one! Oh! Oh, baby!

**Travis:** No!

**Griffin:** Yeah, dude! Hey, how come she got neck wrinkles? That's fucked up!

**Travis:** Okay, this is—

**Griffin:** Hey, what's she made out of?

**Travis:** This is starting to border on montage of dead wife in movie.

**Justin:** "She remained earthbound—"

**Travis:** Kind of thing! Like...

**Justin:** "Searching for a way to continue protecting those who needed her. Eventually, her spirit found its way into—"

**Griffin:** But who's protecting me from Marguerite?!

**Justin:** Let's see a—can we see another picture of the vessel?

**Travis:** [shrieks] Aah!

**Griffin:** This one's fun!

**Travis:** "Oh, hey! You done found me under the bed. Come on in! Let me show you my secret place!"

**Justin:** "Marguerite is a fiercely protective spirit, drawn to those who need comfort. My own daughter has asked me to place her vessel under the bed at night, to keep the monsters away."

**Travis:** I thought you were talking about Charlie and Cooper for a second.

**Justin:** No, that would be... amazing. "Marguerite seems to like this role." So, this is, to be clear, mommy's putting this doll underneath your—your

mom... the only mom you have, supposedly, is putting this haunted doll in here to protect you from the other haunted dolls.

**Travis:** Yeah, the—oh, fuck!

**Griffin:** Oh! Eh!

**Travis:** No, eh! Beh! *Bur-er-er*. Hey, this is a mother who lost everything, and her kids are definitely not in the picture anymore. I definitely want her to form some kind of strong bond with *my* daughter.

**Griffin:** Oh, yeah, man! She's chock-full of raw mom energy!

**Justin:** Yeah, one day—

**Griffin:** She's gotta get it out—

**Justin:** You'll be older and you'll get married, and James Wan's gonna have a lot of fun with that one, let me tell you. This ghost is gonna freak out, the doll's try to kill 'em. This is actually pretty good, now that I say that out loud. Paul, write that down.

**Griffin:** TM, TM.

**Justin:** *Insidious* 5 something.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Okay, I want to—

**Travis:** *Aah! Paul!*

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** She's saying goodbye! She—goodbye, Marguerite!

**Travis:** [in a deep voice] With that dump truck ass!

**Griffin:** Travis!

**Justin:** Travis...

**Travis:** That wasn't me. It was Marguerite that was speaking through me!

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Her influence grows.

**Justin:** I should mention, there is a mystery of her purple eyes. "There's an unusual purple eyes—an eerie yet beautiful anomaly."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "At times, they seem to illuminate." That's her ass, Paul. Nice.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** "When this happens, the atmosphere in the room shifts. Sometimes comforting and warm, as if a mother is near, watching over you."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Or under you! Because she's mainly a sub-bed sort of—

**Travis:** Yeah! I would say the majority of the photo shoot has happened—

**Griffin:** Under bed!

**Travis:** Under bed—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** Do you guys want to meet the best dude ever?

**Griffin:** Fuck yeah, dude! Okay.

[audience exclams]

**Justin:** Hey...

**Griffin:** Paul, no more jump scares, please.

**Justin:** No more, Paul.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Hey, let's fucking... let's meet Bouchard!

**Griffin:** Yeah!

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Let me see my son, Bouchard.

**Griffin:** [laughs] Yeah!

[audience exclams]

**Justin:** Hell yeah! Haunted vessel doll, sweet Bouchard, child—

**Griffin:** Wait a minute! Why didn't you guys like Bouchard?!

**Justin:** Hey, let me tell you—

**Travis:** What kind of jaded assholes are you?!

**Griffin:** Bouchard's great!

**Justin:** Let me tell you a little bit about Bouchard. This is Bouchard! "From the moment he came into my home, he has been nothing but a joy to be around! His energy is light and warm, like a child's laughter echoing through the house. Everyone adored him when he was alive. He grew up surrounded

by his aunts and cousins, always tagging along as the youngest of the bunch. His older cousins would take him skating, to the batting cages, and he loved every second of it. His favorite place in the world was a spot he called Bullwinkles, a place that brought him endless happiness." I'm going to skip his death.

**Travis:** Yay!

**Griffin:** [laughs] That's not—

**Travis:** Wait, does he have a pair of dice with him? [chuckles]

**Justin:** I'll get there. His parents—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] He's [??], he's shooting some craps.

**Justin:** "His parents had both passed over from overdoses when he was only two months old, so he never knew them, only stories, and not good ones. This made him frightened of crossing over, afraid of what might be waiting for him."

**Travis:** As opposed to most three- and four-year-olds who are like, "Can't fuckin' wait to kick it!"

**Justin:** Hey, you know—thank you for your faith so far, because you know how hard Bouchard has to deliver to make up for that real bummer of a beginning. So, let me tell you this. "Here, he is safe. He is calm, he is sweet and playful. He has always been a joy to us, and I know he will bring the same to his next keeper. My own children discovered that Bouchard loves offerings of Pokémons."

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** "One night, while they sat in the same room with him, he made that very clear."

**Griffin:** "Hey!" [chuckles]

**Justin:** "Because of that, he will go to his new home with the Pokémons items you see in his pictures, at my children's request—said they don't want him to be without them." So, Bouchard is being sent—hey, parents, I am always looking for great ways to get rid of my kids' shit.

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** If I thought I could also box up a bunch of their garbage with haunted dolls? This is epic, lady, good on you.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Sending away a bunch of their Pokémons cards.

**Griffin:** Also, scalpers have ravaged the Pokémons card market. So, I mean, you are... you are getting yourself quite a deal with this Bouchard doll pickup.

**Justin:** Just to clarify, though, in case you are buying Bouchard, "Items in the photos will be included with him, except the bench his vessel is sitting on. That is mine."

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Thank you for clarifying about the bench. Thank you vessel boy, taken too soon. Hey, do you have anything of Bouchard in action, Paul?

[My Buddy and Kid Sister Commercial plays]

**Travis:** Huh.

**Lyrics:** My buddy, my buddy, wherever I go, he goes. My buddy, my buddy—

**Travis:** Uh-huh.

**Lyrics:** My buddy—

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Lyrics:** My buddy and me!

**Justin:** Sweet haunted vessel boy, taken too soon, that's Bouchard!

**Griffin:** Is...

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** There was a time, when we were children, and we had a My Buddy doll, and my older brother, Justin, propped him up inside a closet so that when I opened the closet door, he seemed to spring out at me.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And I don't remember him being around much after that.

**Griffin:** No, I don't think so.

**Travis:** The doll, not Justin.

**Justin:** Yeah, I was around.

**Travis:** Justin remained.

**Griffin:** Hey, when Bouchard talked to the kids about how he wanted Pokémon cards, I'm just curious what that conversation sounded like. [chuckles] "Hey, what you got—what do you got—[chuckles] what do you guys got up there?"

**Justin:** "Give me all your Pokémon cards, or I'll haunt your sister."

**Griffin:** [chuckles] "What imaginative little monsters you've got there."

**Justin:** "If only I hadn't been killed by that stray bullet."

**Travis:** [laughs] Oh, no!

**Justin:** "Oh, no, I didn't tell you kids about that, did I? I... it was rough, but I did always want a Charizard, if you have a spare one?"

**Travis:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** I gotta learn some new Pokémons. "I love frogs, but I can never spot them in the wild. I live in a relatively damp place, so I know there are plenty of frogs around. Often other people will point out frogs to me—"

**Travis:** Mm-hm.

**Justin:** "When they see them—see that I'm taking photos of wildlife, and I'll get so excited to have the chance to take a photo of a frog. I'm haunted by all the frogs I know are out there that I didn't see, and thus couldn't take photos of. Brothers, how can I get better at spotting frogs?" That's from Frogless and Frustrated.

**Griffin:** I fuckin'... brave of you. How brave of you to finally say it. Every time I spot a frog, it feels like such an accomplishment, like, "Ha-ha, got you!"

**Travis:** Oh, but the crushing defeat of someone else spotting a frog before I do?

**Griffin:** I hate that!

**Justin:** Oh!

**Travis:** Aah!

**Justin:** When they see the frog first?

**Griffin:** Or it's just a weird rock, and now you're an asshole.

**Travis:** Or fuck, it's a toad? *Dude!*

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Sometimes I'll bring a frog with me places, so I can set it down and be like, "Frog!" And everyone get impressed with me at how good I am at spotting these.

**Travis:** Well, shit, Griffin, because that was my suggestion to fix this problem. Not forever, but just some practice frogs that you would bring with you, let loose, and then know those frogs there, know what they look and sound like.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** What their names are, and then be able to spot them with some kind of accuracy, so that you gain confidence in your frog spotting ability. The movie *Frog Spotting* is so weird with all the drugs and stuff.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, sure, sure.

**Justin:** Drugs. The hardest thing to spot is a turtle, because when you spot it, you're definitely looking at it, and you're like, "Yes." [titters]

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** "I see it." But then the turtle will continue to be there, and you definitely have to have a moment where you're like, "Okay, I get it. [chuckles] I gotta go!" Other animals, you get close to 'em and they're like, that's enough.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Justin:** Like, the moment's over, but—

**Griffin:** There's not a lot of animals beside turtle that I see, and I'm like, "I should pick you up." And then my brain's immediately like, "No, don't do that."

**Justin:** "You don't need to pick it up."

**Griffin:** But why do I have this reflex? Is it he has—

**Travis:** It football shaped.

**Griffin:** I guess he's got his own little lunch box that he carries around when—

**Travis:** I would also say, a turtle is an animal that I could spot, be excited, and it could be dead, and I'd have no idea. And I'd stare at it for like 20 minutes being like, "Nature is beautiful."

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Anytime I've ever seen a turtle in my life, I think, "Ah, buddy, you shouldn't be here. Where's—let's get you out of here, pal." And then but you don't want to touch them, because they got salmonella.

**Griffin:** Cool.

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Your wife's a doctor, so I just assume that you know what you're talking about, man.

**Travis:** It would be turtlenella—

**Justin:** Pretty safe bet. I'm also your older brother—

**Griffin:** Travis. [chuckles]

**Justin:** So, thank you for recognizing. We have other questions for you, from you, our beloved, —not for—yeah, hey, can we ask a question for you?

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Anyways, just enjoy the frogs you see. Don't worry about the ones you don't see. They don't exist if you don't see 'em.

**Griffin:** Wow, Trav.

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Justin:** Next question.

**Griffin:** Beautiful.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Also, also, thermal vision goggles.

**Justin:** Wait a minute—

**Griffin:** Wait, are frogs... [chuckles] Hold on, wait—

**Justin:** Yeah...

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Notably, that's a really bad idea.

**Griffin:** Or that's lizards?

**Travis:** Wait, cook the frogs before—

**Justin:** What?

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** You have to have a friend help you. Get a discreet friend to plant 30 toy frogs in the local woods.

**Travis:** Oh, toy frogs?

**Justin:** Have them give you a GPS—where the fuck are they gonna find 30 real frogs at?

**Travis:** At the fuckin' frog store!

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Yeah, man.

**Travis:** Read a book!

**Griffin:** Frog store, dude.

**Justin:** What, like bait frogs, that you buy to feed to bigger lizards?

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah, dude. To feed the nasty fish! [chuckles] "I'm going fishing today, but only for really fucked up, psycho fish! Who eat whole fuckin' frogs, man!"

**Justin:** [chuckles] That's my favorite section of the pet store, when there's pets that are actually food for other animals, but they don't know about it.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** Like the crickets think they are there waiting on the right child, you know?

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** "Now, I will be loved!"

**Justin:** That one open-minded kid.

**Travis:** "Oh, look at that! They gave me a lizard to eat!"

**Justin:** Maybe the—

**Travis:** "Wait a minute!"

**Griffin:** "Wait a second."

**Justin:** They're looking for a kid that needs a moral compass. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** "I got a room—this big, scaly roommate of mine! I love this guy!"

**Travis:** Hey, boys?

**Griffin:** Yeah, Trav?

**Justin:** Yeah, Trav?

**Travis:** I've got a pretty important new development to share with you guys.

**Griffin:** All right, man.

**Travis:** As both the leader of Trav Nation and—thank you.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** And the CEO of Trav Nation Company Industries—

**Griffin:** Oh, I didn't know about that?

**Travis:** Yeah. We're constantly looking to incorporate brand integration.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** And indoctrinate more people, and—

**Griffin:** Right. So all the embezzling you've been doing from our company has been for—

**Travis:** Oh my god, I'm so glad you brought that up, Griffin! Sort of. So, tonight, I have a brand-new segment called—Paul, can you pull that up? Trap Nation Industries introduces Travesties!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** It's Travis plus novelties, seeking angel investors. So, I've got three—

**Justin:** Hey, is the TM there your initials or trademark?

**Travis:** Correct.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** So—

**Justin:** It's both.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** TM, TM, TM.

**Travis:** Wait, isn't that what it always is?

**Justin:** Oh, okay.

**Travis:** Okay, I have three investment opportunities for you guys tonight.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** But much like Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, when they were selling the pictures of their baby Shiloh to the paparazzi, I am going to take your bid sight unseen.

**Griffin:** Okay?

**Travis:** And then I'll tell you what—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] What I've just bought?

**Travis:** The products are. Now, because I've embezzled so much money—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** You guys have accumulated quite a few Trav bucks.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Sure.

**Travis:** And it is, I should state, a one-way exchange, where—

**Justin:** That's so rare! With exchanges, you know?

**Travis:** [chuckles] Uh-huh!

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** Where US Dollars become Trav bucks—

**Griffin:** But they don't—but they—

**Travis:** But Trav bucks cannot go back.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** [in a deep voice] And nobody ever comes out! [titters]

**Travis:** They're like arcade tokens in that way.

**Griffin:** Yeah, sure.

**Travis:** And I'm gonna give you guys a chance to ask me some questions. The first investment opportunity is a food stuff. And now, you can ask me some yes or no questions before—

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** You give me your bid—

**Griffin:** All right.

**Travis:** In Trav bucks for the first investment opportunity.

**Justin:** Okay, would this be something that I would feature on Munch Squad?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Is it wet?

**Travis:** Yes.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Oh my god, I figured it out! [titters] No, I haven't. Hm... Is it real, like a thing that you could—could exist?

**Travis:** Yes?

**Justin:** I've never played this game before, Travis—

**Travis:** Okay!

**Justin:** I'd like to—

**Griffin:** Is it a—is it a sauce?

**Travis:** No...

**Griffin:** How can it be wet then, dude?!

**Justin:** [chuckles] Is it a liquid?

**Travis:** No—I mean...

**Justin:** Are you selling a liquid?! Just answer!

**Griffin:** Dude!

**Justin:** Oh, is it a suspension, dude?!

**Travis:** How about answer unclear!

**Justin:** Is it like oobleck, dude?!

**Travis:** I'm gonna say yes, no, answer unclear. Answer unclear.

**Griffin:** I'm gonna say the plasmoid state of whatever the—

**Travis:** A sauce—a sauce is present!

**Justin:** Okay. Is it an entree? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Travis, I need the—

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Griffin:** I need the food stuffs I invest in to fit squarely into one of the three states of matter.

**Justin:** [chuckles] Yeah, is it a plasma?

**Griffin:** And because of—and it is for that reason that I'm out.

**Travis:** Hey, Griffin, here's the problem, you actually can't. Yeah, you have to—you have to bid.

**Justin:** How do I—

**Griffin:** I have to bid?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Oh, okay.

**Justin:** So, is it a commercial product—

**Griffin:** I'm back in.

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** That you want to sell?

**Travis:** It's bidding time now, Justin. How many—

**Justin:** This is bidding time?

**Travis:** Yes. How many Trav bucks are you willing to invest?

**Justin:** How many do I have?! You maniac?

**Griffin:** 500.

**Travis:** The—yeah.

**Griffin:** 500. [titters]

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** 500 feels right to me.

**Travis:** 500,000.

**Griffin:** Hey, Juice?

**Justin:** Babe, how many—how many Trav bucks is it okay for me to spend? I know, I know they're supposed to be for the girls' college, but—[chuckles] [audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Hopefully Trav Nation University will be closed by then. [titters]  
Okay.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah, all right, thank you. 5000 Trav bucks.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** 4999 Trav bucks.

**Travis:** Okay, let's see what you've invested in... New beef Travioli!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Travis:** Kids love that it comes in a can! Parents love that it is edible! With twice the shlorp sound of the leading competitor when bored from a height! Contains absolutely zero Travis!

**Griffin:** That's great, I'm actually—

**Justin:** Wow!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Wow!

**Griffin:** I'm a... I'm—

**Travis:** Do you want to increase your bids?

**Griffin:** Fuck no, man!

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I'm actually an investor in Cup-a-Noodles, and I can't actually have competing products on store shelves. You understand.

**Travis:** I do.

**Griffin:** Also, this sounds gross.

**Justin:** I would like to reduce my bid, please, because, one—

**Travis:** Wait, you can't reduce.

**Justin:** I would like to, at this point, now that I know more, reduce, because I feel like the fact that it doesn't contain any Travis—[chuckles]

**Travis:** Well, there's an asterisk there.

**Griffin:** That is true!

**Justin:** [chuckles] Okay, yeah, you're right!

**Griffin:** Awesome.

**Travis:** Because everything has a little Travis in it.

**Justin:** Same way like—

**Travis:** The way that like dust and star stuff and shit works.

**Justin:** Last—

**Griffin:** Can we just—can we—

**Justin:** Last breath of Julius Caesar—

**Griffin:** Paul—

**Travis:** Yeah!

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Okay, our second investment opportunity... is a household good.

**Griffin:** Is it wet?

**Travis:** No.

**Justin:** Is it dry?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** Okay... Don't get all—

**Griffin:** Is it a powder?

**Travis:** No.

**Justin:** Because sticky is half wet and half dry.

**Travis:** It's a household... good, product—

**Griffin:** Is it for cleaning?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** Is it poison?

**Travis:** No.

**Justin:** Toxic?

**Travis:** No.

**Justin:** Purple?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Green?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Red?

**Justin:** Orange?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Blue?

**Justin:** Yellow?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** White?

**Justin:** Glass cleaner.

**Griffin:** Gray?

**Travis:** No—yes.

**Griffin:** Clear?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Justin:** Edible?

**Griffin:** Clear?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Gray?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** It's gray, Juice!

**Justin:** It's gray?

**Travis:** We're ready for your bids!

**Justin:** Wait, no—

**Griffin:** You can't just say—

[audience laughs]

**Travis:** I just gave you so many fucking questions!

**Justin:** There's a limit—there's a limited number of questions that information—

**Griffin:** If I knew there was a limited number of questions, I wouldn't have sang Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat—

**Justin:** [Literally??], Trav!

**Griffin:** \$5,000 on the gray thing, that's dry!

**Travis:** We don't accept dollars.

**Griffin:** 5000 Trav bucks—

**Travis:** Thank you.

**Griffin:** On the dry, gray household thing.

**Justin:** I'm gonna say \$30, because I really—

**Travis:** We don't accept dollars.

**Justin:** I'm gonna say 300,000 Trav bucks. [titters]

[audience laughs]

**Griffin:** Is that the exchange rate?

**Justin:** I just think—

**Travis:** No!

**Justin:** I did the conversion in my head—

**Travis:** It was a huge jump!

**Justin:** Sorry, I have to do the conversion in my head.

**Travis:** Okay, let's see that product! The Trav can!

**Justin:** I was right!

**Travis:** Loves to eat your garbage! No questions asked! Totally judgment-free!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** Motion-activated, real-talk action! With, "Mm, yummy trash!" And, "That's a totally normal thing to throw away!" And, "I turn trash into jokes!"

**Griffin:** That's—that one's... [laughs]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** I think it sucks that I have to be up here, and because I'm a paid professional, I'm forced to bear witness to something I would click away so fast from on Tumblr—

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Justin:** That it would make your head spin.

**Travis:** You don't want to throw trash in my mouth? Look, my mouth is the lid! My mouth opens! You throw the trash in!

**Justin:** You understand like, I've already engaged with this mentally more than I would ever in my entire life.

**Griffin:** Trav, I—

**Travis:** You see what happens, right?! My mouth opens and says, "Yummy, trash!"

**Justin:** Yeah, you got your—

**Griffin:** I'm doing one—

**Justin:** You got your laugh, right, man? You got your laugh?

**Griffin:** I'm doing one more dollar than Justin did. I love this product. I think it's funny. I think kids will like it a lot. Hey, Travis—

**Travis:** It makes complete sense!

**Griffin:** If the next one is just this on a toilet, I'm walking off the stage, dude!

**Justin:** I'm gonna do that either way, because it'll be the end of act one, but still.

**Travis:** Okay, let's go to our third and final investment opportunity. This is an online course.

**Griffin:** Is it wet? [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** It's not wet. If you miss—

**Justin:** Is it dry?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Is it taught by you?

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Okay.

**Justin:** It's a class.

**Travis:** Yeah? It's an online course.

**Justin:** It's a dry online course.

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

**Justin:** Okay.

**Travis:** If you can bully—if you can imagine such a thing.

**Griffin:** Do you... do you teach podcast?

**Travis:** No.

**Griffin:** Okay...

**Travis:** We already wrote a book about that.

**Griffin:** [chuckles] That's true! Shhh, don't tell them our secret, Travis!

**Travis:** That's our private book!

**Griffin:** Our private book. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Our secret diary.

**Griffin:** For friends and family only. [chuckles]

**Justin:** It's our vanity book. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I bet—I bet, that's the game, five million Trav bucks on this.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Okay. Six million.

**Griffin:** God damn it.

**Travis:** Okay, let's see it.

**Griffin:** You're so good at this game, Juice!

**Justin:** [chuckles] I know, yeah.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Let's see it, Paul! This is the Trav wife online course!

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** We'll teach you how to pick up and quickly abandon—

**Justin:** Absolutely—

**Travis:** All kinds of—

**Justin:** The worst!

**Travis:** Hobbies!

**Justin:** The worst thing I've ever seen, Travis.

**Travis:** Efficiently clean the house by hiding stuff in closets and cabinets! Please your husband the Travis way!

**Justin:** Okay, so, if you're not taking a picture of this image, if it's up to me, it'll never be seen again, so make sure you get it recorded for posterity, please. This looks like the—

**Travis:** Look for all of these things on your shelf and internet!

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** The Oak Ridge Boys finally done and fell off.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** If you have—

**Griffin:** Please—

**Travis:** If you have questions that you'd like us to answer, and you would want to come down to the mic and like talk with us about it, you can email live@mbmbam.com.

**Justin:** Try to keep it short. Try to keep it tight. Those are usually the best ones for a live setting.

**Griffin:** Yeah, the instructions should be up on the screen, but we're going to take a quick break, and we'll be back after the intermission, and we'll see you guys in a bit!

[audience cheers]

[theme music plays]

**Griffin:** Hello, my friends, this is Griffin. I'm so thankful for you this week of extraordinary gratitude. I want to tell you about our sponsors this week. We got Aura Frames on the docket. Aura Frames—this is a great time to talk about Aura Frames, because Aura Frames is a really great present, a really great gift for a lot of different sort of people categories you might have in your life.

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There's like 100 holidays that all happen basically all at once, and you know, work is so crazy right now. You gotta make sure that you're eating good stuff, and Factor is gonna help you do that. They've got chef-prepped, dietitian-approved meals that are designed to make it easy to stay on track and enjoy something comforting and delicious, no matter how hectic the season gets.

You can choose from a bunch of different meal options, premium seafood choices like salmon and shrimp at no extra cost. There's Asian-inspired meals with bold flavors, influenced by China, Thailand and more. Just on the menu this week, there's a potato leek mash and grilled chicken with roasted corn and zucchini sauté. That looks gorgeous. A smokey Gouda macaroni and shredded beef with parmesan buttered green beans. A-yum-yum! Don't mind if I do.

Everything I've gotten from Factor has been really, really great and super, super quick to get ready, and make me feel like I'm eating like a person. And that's important to me. Eat smart at [factormeals.com/brother50off](http://factormeals.com/brother50off), and use code 'Brother 50 Off' to get 50% off your first box, plus free breakfast for one year!

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As you know, every American Thanksgiving, the three of us, with our good friends, Tim and Guy, from The Worst Idea of All Time, our honorary brethren from New Zealand, get together to watch a little film called Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2. This is the, if I'm not mistaken, the tenth year that we've done it, but our eleventh watch.

And that takes us a while to kind of unpack, in the watch. There's also a pretty high concept, and I will say costly, prank style thing that happens this year, that I think really sets it apart. I'm not going to talk anymore about, you know, what the quality of the watch was this year, but if you've seen the movie or heard us talk about it before, I mean, you know what to expect.

It's the boys. We're talking PBMC2. And that comes out on Thursday, on Thanksgiving, so you can check that out. Also, Candlenights is coming up very, very soon. December 6<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be performing at the Keith Albee theater in Huntington, West Virginia, our hometown, for our annual Candlenights show.

It's been a while since we've done one in person, but we are very, very excited to be putting it back on in Huntington this year. It is going to be a sort of variety style show. Not exactly a live MBMBaM, but a lot of sort of MBMBaM segments, some Clubhouse stuff. Everyone in the fam's getting a hand on the ball, and it's going to be a good time.

And all of the proceeds from the show are going to benefit Harmony House, which is an amazing organization in our hometown of Huntington, that works to end homelessness by providing countless supportive services to people experiencing homelessness. It is a great organization, and we are really honored to be able to partner with them and help them out.

And you can help them out too by coming to the show. If you can't make it to Huntington, we're also going to be putting a video up of the—of the show on December 19<sup>th</sup>. You can get live tickets, or those video on demand tickets over at [bit.ly/candlenights2025](https://bit.ly/candlenights2025). There's also some new merch in the merch store, including some Candlenights merch, and some Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, 'Til Death Do Us Blart merch.

And that's all at [mcelroymerch.com](https://mcelroymerch.com), so go check that out also. Enjoy the rest of the live show! We will be back with a new episode next week, so keep it locked, and have a—have a great holiday, if you choose to choose to celebrate that. And we'll talk to you soon. Bye!

[break]

**Mark:** Ready to go.

**Hal:** Knock, knock.

**Mark:** Who's there?

**Hal:** We Got This.

**Mark:** With Mark and Hal?

**Hal:** Gah, you knew this one! [chuckles]

**Mark:** We can't put that out as an ad.

**Hal:** We just did! New episodes every week on [maximumfun.org](http://maximumfun.org), or wherever you get your podcasts! Now, it's hewn in rock!

**Mark:** Hewn in rock?!

**Hal:** Yeah?

**Mark:** How do you hew something in rock?

**Hal:** With a chisel.

**Mark:** There's only one Hue in rock, and it's Huey Lewis.

**Hal:** [chuckles] And the news is, We Got This with Mark and Hal is available every week on [maximumfun.org](http://maximumfun.org).

**Mark:** I walked right into that.

[both chuckle]

[break]

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[break]

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** We're gonna—we're gonna take things to you all now. We're gonna call some folks down to the microphone that we have. If we can get some house lights up a little bit, just to help with navigation.

**Travis:** You three sitting in front of it, so sorry. [titters]

**Griffin:** The guardians of the microphone! The Cerberus. Ask them their riddles.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** If you all, every once in a while, could do the hear no evil, see no evil kind of bit, I'd appreciate that.

**Travis:** We won't acknowledge it, but you could do it.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** And hey, while we're working on that, thank you to the Tobin Center here for having us.

**Griffin:** Yeah, this room is so beautiful.

**Justin:** Yeah, this is a beautiful place.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** They were showing us some of the fancy light tricks that they can do, and we told them we don't deserve any of that stuff. [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Celia:** Hi.

**Griffin:** Hi.

**Justin:** How's it going?

**Celia:** Hi. Oh, I'm Celia. Pronouns are she/they/he—any pronouns.

**Justin:** Hello.

**Griffin:** Hi, Celia.

**Justin:** How can we help?

**Griffin:** Lot of Celia heads in the audience tonight, which I'm loving.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Hard not to be. Yeah.

**Celia:** So my question is, how do I keep mascots from approaching me?

**Griffin:** Yeah, so that's—

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Chapter and verse, Celia, the question you sent to us, I am wondering what... that means.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** And my follow up is, Celia, have you found this to be a problem in the past, or are you worried that this will become a problem in the future?

**Justin:** Yeah, what's the context?

**Celia:** So, for example, you might go to a sports event. There might be like a... here in San Antonio, maybe a Spurs Coyote going into the audience and saying, "Whoow!"

[a few audience members hoot and holler]

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Celia:** Wanting to interact with you. My problem is that I never know what to do. They kind of scare me.

**Griffin:** Sure.

**Celia:** And—

**Travis:** Wait, no hold on—

**Justin:** Good instincts.

**Travis:** Celia—

**Celia:** They—

**Travis:** You're describing a hypothetical situation that might happen. Has a mascot ever approached you?

**Celia:** This has absolutely happened too many times.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Celia:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** That's—

**Justin:** I think if you get—just right down the mouth is the key.

[audience chuckles]

**Celia:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** That's where the eyes are, it's gonna—

**Justin:** Gotta look down the mouth and say, "Don't."

**Travis:** Yeah.

**Celia:** [chuckles]

[audience laughs]

**Travis:** Honestly, I was gonna say a strong, "No."

**Justin:** "Don't. Not now. Not now. Look at me, for real." Right in the mouth.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Because what you're probably looking at, Celia—right now, on stage, you're looking at three people who have done mascot work, many, many, many times. I also don't want to be there.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[audience laughs]

**Celia:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** You're right to be off put, because they, no matter how dedicated they are to the cause of the Spurs, they don't want to have an interaction, probably, unless it is contractually required.

**Justin:** What's hard is, Celia, I think if you start putting your hands up and you're like, "No, thank you. I don't want any." Then they're gonna make that a fuckin' bit—

**Griffin:** Oh, dude.

**Justin:** And it's gonna be a whole thing.

**Griffin:** Have you seen the video of the raptor from the basketball team eating the person in the crowd? Like gobble 'em? Scary... scary!

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** Yeah. For sure, man. That sounds scary. If I saw that happen, I would be pretty scared.

**Travis:** Wait, a mascot ate a person? [chuckles]

**Griffin:** I think there should be mascot—

**Travis:** No, don't leave it off! A mascot ate a person?!

**Griffin:** It's a video—it's a big—yeah, it's a raptor that—

**Travis:** You watch a lot of weird videos, Griffin! We've just covered it!

**Justin:** Is there a San Antonio mascot that everybody likes? Do you all have a favorite? Is there like a beloved?

[audience exclaims]

**Griffin:** Please, Celia.

**Justin:** Celia.

**Celia:** I did hear the Ballapeño a couple of times.

**Justin:** Ballapeño.

**Griffin:** Ballapeño?

**Travis:** That makes a lot more sense, I thought people were saying volcano at first. I didn't understand how that could be a mascot.

**Griffin:** Is it—

**Travis:** In an actionable way.

**Griffin:** Is the Ballapeño like a ball that's also a pepper?

**Celia:** So, he's an anthropomorphic jalapeño pepper.

**Justin:** Ooh?

**Travis:** Yes.

**Griffin:** How does that treat you? If that—if that runs up on you, how does that feel, compared to—

**Justin:** [??] Ballapeño or were you not happy?

**Celia:** That's so scary. I don't want that to happen.

[audience laughs]

**Travis:** Okay, Celia, Celia, I've got you.

**Justin:** Celia, are there any less scary—out of curiosity, if a mascot had to run up on you, is there like one that you're least scared of? Where you'd be like, "Okay, not bad."

[a few audience members yell out names]

**Travis:** [yells out] We're not asking you!

**Justin:** No, it's just, in the world!

[audience laughs]

**Travis:** We were specifically asking Celia!

**Justin:** In the world! Like if you were trying not to think about one—Ghostbusters, which one would you make into a giant monster? You know what I mean? Like which one do you like?

**Celia:** Ooh... truthfully, in my heart, they all kind of freak me out. I did hear H-E-Buddy. H-E-Buddy, I guess.

**Griffin:** H-E-Buddy?

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Yeah, H-E-Buddy? Okay.

**Travis:** Celia? I've got your back here. You ready?

**Celia:** Yes.

**Travis:** They have shit peripheral vision.

**Justin:** Yeah.

[audience chuckles]

**Celia:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** That is true.

**Travis:** If you—they have like a 15-degree wide cone.

**Griffin:** Stay out the cone!

**Travis:** You move to the left or the right, they don't fuckin' know you—

**Griffin:** Slice the pie, Celia! You will not get clocked, I guarantee it.

**Justin:** Yeah. You could—

**Travis:** Shove children in front of you—[chuckles] you're safe.

**Justin:** You could duck down six inches and they'll just lose you completely.  
[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** They'll look around and go off to the next—the next row.

**Griffin:** I hope that helps, Celia.

**Justin:** Does that help you?

**Celia:** Yeah, that was perfect. Thank you.

**Griffin:** Okay, yeah, thank you.

**Justin:** Thank you so much.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** What's H—what's H-E—Griff, what's H-E-Buddy look like?

**Griffin:** H-E—what's H—can we get a picture of H-E-Buddy on the screen?

**Justin:** I gotta get into an H-E-B to get some cereal.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Oh, okay.

**Griffin:** We'll get H-E-B—

**Travis:** H-E-Buddy isn't in the house tonight—

**Griffin:** Or is he?!

**Justin:** That would be so cool.

**Griffin:** Hello.

**Sandy:** Hello!

**Griffin:** Hi!

**Sandy:** Whoa. Hi, I'm Sandy.

**Griffin:** Hi, Sandy.

**Sandy:** He/him. And my question, I'm just gonna read it, is—

**Griffin:** [chuckles] Please do.

**Sandy:** How do I explain to servers at Mexican restaurants that I might order something besides tacos when they see my Taco Time knuckle tattoos, without it being a huge let down?

**Justin:** [laughs]

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Sandy, can I tell you what I'm dying to know? Can you show me the orientation?

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Sandy:** [chuckles] Yeah. What time is it, guys?

**Travis:** Is it—is it—

[audience cheers]

**Sandy:** [laughs]

**Travis:** I'm trying to see from here, but I don't have good vision. Is it Taco Time—how is it—

**Sandy:** Taco...

**Travis:** Uh-huh?

**Sandy:** Time.

**Justin:** Time.

**Griffin:** That's usually how knuckle tattoos—it's not a usually like a rebus that people have to solve.

**Sandy:** [laughs]

**Justin:** You gotta unscramble the knuckles. "See, if I cross my fingers like this..."

**Sandy:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** All right, I thought this was a comedy—hey, guys? I'm a national merit scholar!

**Justin:** Yeah, here he goes.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** I—okay—

**Griffin:** I met—

**Justin:** [??]

**Griffin:** I don't understand—

**Justin:** The place we ordered from for dinner had the most outrageous chips I've ever eaten in my entire life. I think they're the best chips—

**Travis:** I could hear the crunch from across the room.

**Justin:** What was that place called?!

**Griffin:** It was Taco Bell.

**Justin:** Taco Bell.

**Sandy:** [laughs]

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** Rosario's?

**Griffin:** Rosario's, yeah.

**Travis:** Rosario's.

**Justin:** Rosario's, yeah.

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** They fuckin' rip.

**Justin:** So good.

**Griffin:** It was good shit.

**Travis:** When they come by, when the server comes by, you get so excited, you look at your knuckles, maybe bash 'em together for a second. And then look at your watch, and get, *uah*, so dejected.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Travis:** And say, "Not yet. I guess I'll just have fajitas."

**Sandy:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** What do you—what do you—

**Griffin:** And then you pull up your shirt. You've got "fajitas time" tattooed on your tummy!

**Sandy:** [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, get another tattoo under "taco time" that says like "4:38PM."

**Griffin:** Yes.

**Sandy:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Get a get a palm tattoo that says "not." And then you can just kind of semaphore your orders out.

**Sandy:** Sounds good.

**Griffin:** Does it sound good, Sandy?!

**Sandy:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Sandy, what's your order? If you're not gonna get tacos, what are you—what are you in the mood for usually?

**Travis:** Chicken nuggets. [chuckles]

**Sandy:** I mean, it's all good, but usually, enchiladas.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah. I have to assume, Sandy, that you do have an affinity for tacos.

**Sandy:** I do.

**Griffin:** Okay, great.

**Travis:** All right! So maybe...

**Justin:** Maybe just—

**Travis:** Buckle in and get some tacos, Sandy! [chuckles]

**Sandy:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** You made a commitment!

**Justin:** You made a commitment.

**Sandy:** That's very true. That's very true, I did.

**Justin:** Maybe you should order a side of tacos, just for the bit, you know what I mean? Like just for the gag. I think it would be such a bummer to not be able to bring you tacos. [chuckles]

**Travis:** Could you get a tiny tattoo that's a question mark after "time."

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Travis:** So after "taco time," huh?

**Griffin:** Is it?

**Travis:** *Is it?*

**Justin:** Tell 'em the owner said you could get free tacos with that tattoo, whenever you wanted. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Can you know before you go to the restaurant you don't want tacos and wear gloves instead?

**Sandy:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** Like Justin has on!

**Griffin:** Yeah. [chuckles] Justin's—

**Sandy:** I'll need to invest in some driving paraphernalia, sure.

**Griffin:** Yeah, absolutely, it's a cool look. And it's kind of the year for it, man, so...

[audience chuckles]

**Sandy:** [titters] Sounds good.

**Griffin:** Does that help?

**Sandy:** Tremendously, thank you.

**Griffin:** Thank you so much, Sandy.

**Justin:** Thank you, Sandy.

[audience cheers]

**Amelia:** Hello. I'm Amelia, she/her.

**Griffin:** Hi, Amelia.

**Amelia:** Well, I wrote in two questions.

**Griffin:** You sent in one about a gas station visitor.

**Amelia:** Yeah. The important one is—

**Justin:** [laughs]

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** One of these is a pressing issue.

**Amelia:** How do I get this gentleman to stop coming in and asking for 25 delicious dollars in gas?

[audience laughs]

**Travis:** Oh, are you okay?

**Justin:** Yeah, 25—say it again, please?

**Amelia:** Well, that's the problem, that's all he says.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** No, no, sorry, sorry—

**Justin:** No, no, one more time—

**Travis:** Amelia, it's worth saying twice.

**Justin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Amelia:** [laughs] He says—he walks in, he's very emphatic, he says, "Hello. Can I have 25 delicious dollars on pump one?"

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Yeah, in gas, he doesn't just—he's not demanding money from you.

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** "Hey! I'm the weirdest robber in history."

[audience chuckles]

**Amelia:** [chuckles] No, no-no-no, in gas, in gas.

**Travis:** Okay.

**Griffin:** Eccentric—

**Travis:** "Oh, my calling card?! I make everyone uncomfortable!"

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** "I'm an eccentric gentleman thief, with some overdue library books."

**Amelia:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** I gotta give you credit, Amelia, because the "no" would have been out of my mouth before I even had a chance to think about it. "Absolutely not, I do not have that for you, and you cannot access it. Thank you."

**Amelia:** The issue I'm—

**Justin:** "Try again tomorrow in a less weird fashion, please!"

**Amelia:** The issue is that I try to be, you know, like have good customer service, but I can't stop myself from laughing at this person—

**Travis:** Oh, Amelia!

**Amelia:** When they say the thing.

**Travis:** Amelia!

**Justin:** Amelia...

**Travis:** That's the problem! The first time that person came in, they misspoke.

**Justin:** Yeah.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** They didn't mean to say "delicious," because that's not a thing human beings say.

**Amelia:** Well, okay, no! No-no-no! He said it twice to two different people. My—

**Travis:** Did they—wait, Amelia!

**Griffin:** Wait, Amelia!

**Travis:** No, stop! Did they laugh?

**Amelia:** Okay—

**Justin:** This second person, would they have been within earshot of the first person? Like, did he know he was delivering it a second time?

**Amelia:** Absolutely, he did not. My co-worker texted me a few days earlier, and he was like, "It's crazy. This guy just came in happy for 25 delicious dollars." [chuckles] And then—

**Griffin:** Of gasoline!

**Amelia:** Of gasoline! Of—

**Travis:** Wait!

**Amelia:** In gas! And then I was like, "Ha-ha, that's funny." And I moved on with my life. And then a few days later—

**Griffin:** Were you star-struck?

**Amelia:** This guy—[chuckles] I was—

**Travis:** [yells out] "Oh! It's him!"

**Amelia:** It was a regular who had come many times before, and he's never said this before. But this time, this time, a little bit after he said it to my co-worker, now he comes in to me. And first he asks me how am I doing, and I say good. And he's like, "That's excellent news. Can I have 25 delicious dollars?"

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Hey, Amelia? Listen. This is gonna sound like a joke, and I get that. But weird things happen.

**Justin:** Maybe it's an angel.

**Travis:** How, on a scale from one to 10, how strongly did the feeling hit you of, maybe this person has been taken over by an alien, and they're learning how to talk like a human being?

**Justin:** Or ghost.

**Griffin:** Maybe they are—

**Travis:** I'm asking Amelie to give me an honest answer.

**Amelia:** Well... no, I thought he was human, because I have come to expect this from our customers. I didn't know...

[audience laughs]

**Amelia:** [chuckles] I actually, I do know—

**Travis:** Wait! What the fuck does that mean?!

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** I don't know, I—hey, Amelia? Here's my thing from now on. You know who deserves good customer service? Good customers.

**Amelia:** That's true.

[audience laughs and cheers]

**Travis:** And that's what Chili's offers you!

**Griffin:** Yeah.

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Amelia, have you ever—and this is a—I think I know the answer to this question, but have you ever seen him eating money?

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Or eating gasoline?

**Amelia:** I don't know, I watched him leave. Nothing weird happened after that. I just saw—I guess he thinks it's a normal thing to do.

**Griffin:** He doesn't—he doesn't shove the pump into an exhaust port in his chest?

**Amelia:** [chuckles] No.

**Travis:** Or just keep walking, you realize he doesn't have a car.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** And suddenly, he's rising off the ground?

**Amelia:** Well, the thing about that is that I kind of over-emphasize the amount he asks for. Usually, it's two to three dollars.

**Justin:** Two to three delicious dollars!

**Travis:** Okay, no, wait! Hold on, Amelia!

**Amelia:** It's a pickup—it's a pickup truck. Two to three dollars, every time.  
[chuckles]

**Travis:** How often does he come in?

**Justin:** Yeah, is this a kink?

**Amelia:** Yeah, every single day.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Amelia:** But he's never said this before! This is a one-time thing.

**Griffin:** Yeah, this is new stuff. This is killer new material.

**Justin:** He's been trying to work up the nerve, that's why he buys so little every day.

**Amelia:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** He promises himself he's gonna say it.

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Amelia, I think every other person in this room is sitting here... secretly jealous of you. This is a wonderful human encounter to have so regularly.

**Justin:** Yeah! Really... does that help?

**Amelia:** Not at all, but I appreciate it.

**Griffin:** [laughs]

**Justin:** Thank you, Amelia.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** Right on.

**Griffin:** We have one more. Yes, hello.

**Justin:** Hello, my friend.

**Bennett:** Hi! My name is Bennett.

**Travis:** Hi, Bennett.

**Griffin:** Hi, Bennett.

**Bennett:** So yeah, the other day, I was thinking about the fact that my family has like a weird thing with three letter names, like dad, Bob, Mom, Jan, brother, Lee, uncle, Jim and Kay.

**Justin:** Okay.

**Bennett:** So on and so forth—

**Griffin:** That was tough to follow.

**Justin:** Yeah, but we get it.

**Bennett:** The point, it's a lot!

**Griffin:** I thought you were saying you have a dad named Dad. That I was like, whoa, cool!

**Bennett:** No. [laughs] But yeah, and then I thought—I was thinking about Lee's name, and it's like, oh, shit, I have no idea how to spell Lee's middle name. [chuckles]

**Travis:** This is—sorry, this is your brother?

**Bennett:** Yes, my younger brother, Lee. I'm 30 and he's 28, so it's—I can't go—

**Justin:** And you don't know how to spell your younger brother's name?

**Bennett:** Yeah. Like, Lee, obviously, like that one's pretty simple.

**Justin:** Lee is a slam dunk.

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

**Justin:** I think we're all pretty good on Lee.

**Travis:** There's no wrong answer to this.

**Bennett:** Yeah.

**Travis:** What is Lee's middle name?

**Bennett:** McMillan.

**Griffin:** Yeah. Hey! Fuckin' yeah, man, I get it!

**Bennett:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Wild, wild—

**Justin:** McMillan.

**Griffin:** Middle name!

**Bennett:** Yeah. And I was trying to think about it, and it's like, ooh... I feel like when I was little, I used to say McMelon. Like, was that actually it—

**Griffin:** That's cute!

**Bennett:** And I'm gaslighting myself now, like to what it actually is?

**Travis:** Is he—

**Justin:** Is Lee here tonight?

**Bennett:** No...

**Travis:** Oh, okay. That's what I wanted to know, too! That was a huge—

**Bennett:** No...

**Justin:** I know.

**Travis:** That was gonna be a big—

**Bennett:** I'm safe too, because he doesn't like listen to MBMBaM or anything.

**Travis:** All right, fuck him!

**Bennett:** [chuckles]

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** You walk up to him and say, "Hey, Lee, you think you're so fucking great? You don't want to listen to the show? How do you even spell your middle name?"

**Griffin:** "Guess what, Lee? I know two of your three names now!"

**Bennett:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** "I have power over you!"

[audience chuckles]

**Griffin:** Hey, can I say something, Bennett?

**Bennett:** Sure.

**Griffin:** Absolutely, crabsolutely, do not say your last name at that microphone.

[audience chuckles]

**Justin:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** If you care—you haven't said your middle name yet, but if you care about your brother, Lee, you will not say your surname on that microphone.

**Bennett:** Trick question, Bennett is my middle name, that's what I go by.

**Griffin:** Gah...

**Bennett:** [laughs]

**Griffin:** Get me again.

**Travis:** Is your first name McMillan?

**Bennett:** No. [laughs]

**Justin:** Hey, go to your—go to your brother and say, "Hey, right now, I bet you can't write my middle name properly."

**Bennett:** Yeah. [laughs]

**Justin:** Because there could be like three Ns in there for all I know.

**Bennett:** People get it wrong—

**Travis:** How many Ts?

**Bennett:** All the time.

**Griffin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Bennett:** It's two Es, two Ns, two Ts. The only thing that's by itself is the B.

**Travis:** But one B?

**Bennett:** Yes.

**Travis:** That's the trick! I would have written it Bbennett.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Bennett:** [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Oh, man, I mean, this is a tough one. Getting someone to write their middle name down sounds like how you like trick Rumpelstiltskin into killing himself or something.

[audience chuckles]

**Travis:** Can I tell you something? With no context, I tried to explain the story of Rumpelstiltskin to my daughters the other day.

**Griffin:** Fuckin' wild—

**Travis:** At no step were they having any part of it! [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Yeah, no way.

**Travis:** They were like, "Wait, and the king thought what?! And he said what to her?! And then she did what?! And he had a spoon?!"

**Griffin:** Yeah.

**Travis:** And I was like, "Yeah, listen, there's no part of this that makes any goddamn sense."

**Justin:** So, Bennett, does that help?

**Bennett:** I mean, it's essentially just don't ask, but sure. [chuckles]

**Griffin:** No, don't—you can—you can—

**Travis:** "Hey! Someday, your brother will die!" [chuckles]

**Griffin:** Travis!

**Justin:** No, no, no, hold on—shut up! Now listen—

**Bennett:** Wait! No! No!

**Justin:** No, no!

**Bennett:** That's the worst scenario, because it's like, what do you want to put on his gravestone?

**Justin:** Right, but like, ah, man...

**Griffin:** Just what you see—

**Bennett:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** *Grrr*, scribble.

**Bennett:** Yes! Yes! [chuckles]

**Justin:** Get it like a fancy script, so you can't really tell, you know?

**Travis:** Or a real aged stone—

**Griffin:** You know—

**Travis:** Where like, "This has been here since the 1800s."

**Griffin:** You don't have to wait for him to pass to get his gravestone. Our dad's already got one, which is so cool for us to go and see from time to time.

**Bennett:** [chuckles]

**Justin:** Yeah.

**Griffin:** Get it now! Get that middle name on there. You're in the clear. Does that help, Bennett?

**Bennett:** Sure. [chuckles]

[audience cheers]

**Griffin:** Thank you so much, Bennett.

**Justin:** Thank you, Bennett. Glad we could help you so much. No one disagrees that we helped.

**Griffin:** And thank you so much, San Antonio, for coming to our live show tonight.

**Justin:** What an incredible town.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** 'Ey!

**Justin:** I loved it.

**Griffin:** You all have been fuckin' amazing.

**Justin:** I love this!

**Griffin:** We have, of course, some more posters for sale out in the lobby, they were designed by John Barlow. I am fuckin' wild about this poster, and you can get one for yourself! We also, I believe, still have some challenge coins for the Paul Sabourin Memorial Canned Food Drive for sale out in the lobby, which go to benefit the San Antonio Food Bank.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Also, tomorrow, we're doing Adventure Zone, and then My Brother, My Brother and Me in Austin. And Griffin's driving there tonight, and we're driving there tomorrow, so I know it's drivable.

**Justin:** Come on.

**Griffin:** [chuckles]

**Travis:** I know you all could be there. We also want to say thank you to Paul and Amanda and Rachel and Clint—

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** Our dad, for helping us with the show tonight. Thank you to the Tobin Center, wonderful to be here—

**Justin:** And thanks, y'all, for coming to our show. We really, really appreciate you.

**Griffin:** Yeah, seriously.

**Justin:** It's very cool of you.

**Griffin:** You all have been absolutely rambunctious and fun.

[audience cheers]

**Justin:** I hope you had fun. I hope you liked it.

**Travis:** We had a great time!

**Justin:** I had a good time!

**Griffin:** I had a kick-ass time. And I want to thank Montaigne for the use of our theme song, My Life Is Better With You, it's a bop.

[audience cheers]

**Travis:** And I want to thank that cursor for being my shining star.

**Griffin:** Now, I genuinely do not think it's a cursor, Trav.

**Justin:** We have to cut it every time, because there's no continuity. Hey, we've been asking you for your fears that you want to be faster than, in the year of our lord, 20-thunder-drive. What is our fear for this episode, Griff?

**Griffin:** This final fear, to leave us off, "This year, I vow to be faster than my fear that Dennis Rodman will show up unannounced and throw money at me again."

[audience laughs]

**Justin:** My name is Justin McElroy. [chuckles]

**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!

[audience cheers]

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

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