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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?

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Griffin: I'm your sweet baby brother, Griffin McElroy. Fit check. Hey, guys, fit—

Travis: That's it, I like that.

Griffin: Fit check on the shirt, kindergarten—it says "kindergarten dude," it's got a smiley face with those cool stripe sunglasses on it.

Justin: Dang, dude—

Griffin: Guss got—

Justin: Is that ironic?

Griffin: Gus got one—fuck no, it's not ironic? It's for the love of my son, and the love of school, and the love of the game, because he got one in red. And I was like, that shirt is so goddamn cool, I gotta get one in a big boy size, and they did have one in a big boy size, and—

Travis: Nice.

Griffin: It's my new favorite piece of kit, man. It let's everybody know, I thi —I'm a—I love kindergarten.

Travis: Listen, boys, we don't normally do call-out episodes, challenge episodes, but I gotta call-out, and I know he's listening, I know he—I know he does. Mr. Aesop, I have a problem with one of your fables, real bad.

Griffin: Okay.

Travis: I was talking with my children. Griffin, Justin, what's the lesson—

Justin: This is the wind-up already.

Travis: What's the—

Griffin: The wind-up is so fucking huge—

Travis: What's the lesson?

Griffin: Did y'all ever think about how the goose in this one book had a big, thick ass? Like that's how—I'm not telling you your business, but if I were to do an Aesop fable bit—

Justin: Just say it with one of the birds has a—

Travis: Right.

Justin: Thick ass and move on.

Travis: What's the lesson of the tortoise and the hare?

Griffin: That it's okay to go slow sometimes. It's okay if you're slower than all the other kids—

Travis: Slow and steady wins the race, right?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: That's it, slow and steady wins the race. That's fuckin' bullshit! Because—

Griffin: I can't believe…

Travis: If the hare had been fast and steady—

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: He wi—there should have been a third animal competing.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: That was fast and steady. Because slow and steady does not win the race.

Griffin: I want you to, Trav… I think if you're gonna continue to bring this heat to the beginning of our show, the first thing people—

Travis: The heater, yeah.

Justin: This fucking toilet thoughts energy!

Griffin: Toilet thoughts, see, I was thinking shower—

Justin: And I didn't say shower thoughts! I didn't say shower thoughts!

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: This is the thoughts that you have when you leave your phone charging and you're like, oh, no! It's already coming—[chuckles] out. It's already coming out!

Griffin: It's already coming out of my butt, and I can't get up now because what am I gonna do with the butt mess? And yeah, no, for sure, I feel like you should have to record the show on the toilet if you're gonna do this. I feel like you should—

Travis: I just need—I need you guys to point out where I'm wrong, exactly —

Griffin: No, you're right! Trav, of course, you're-

Travis: And it doesn't need to be adre—like because this fable has stood—

Justin: So yeah, okay, in the story, the hare takes breaks frequently, because he's winning so much.

Griffin: Yeah!

Justin: Right? So his progress is fast, but he repeatedly needs to take breaks.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And he takes breaks throughout. The tortoise's pace is uninterrupted throughout the race, so he is steady.

Griffin: Steady! Steady.

Justin: And slow.

Griffin: But—

Justin: And the rabbit, or hare, is going fast intermittently.

Griffin: But napping. And lazy—

Justin: And wa—and the person who wrote it, the dead person who wrote it —[chuckles]

Travis: What?

Griffin: The dead, ancient man—

Justin: Thought that the turtle—

Travis: *What*?!

Justin: Would win all the time.

Travis: Man, it comes in threes—

Justin: They said the turtle wins all the time.

Travis: Am I right?

Griffin: Well, no, there's a st—there's a follow-up probably where the rabbit wins every other race, because he knows you can't take naps in the middle of races.

Justin: Right.

Travis: It's just a terrible lesson to teach to children.

Griffin: Don't rest.

Justin: I don't…

Travis: Of like slow and steady—it's just factually inaccurate!

Griffin: As long as you never stop. You're slow, you're slower than everyone else, is—you can't stop, you can't rest, or else you'll lose. I think maybe Aesop's done a lot of harm to the slow guys with this story.

Travis: You need to be steadier, my son, that's the problem.

Griffin: Trav, I'll be—

Travis: Yeah, you're slow, but you should be steadier.

Griffin: I need to be, I also feel like—I feel like maybe we should all hop on our phones, go to our johns. I feel like I'm having trouble hanging, Trav, if I'm being honest. Because it's like yeah—

Travis: This would be better if you were on the terlet?

Griffin: It seems like you've misinter—here's the deal, Trav, I think you thought like—

Justin: It's just a misinterpretation? [chuckles]

Griffin: I got—I'm about to crack this motherfucker wide open. But it does seem like you've forgotten some pretty core facets of the tortoise and hare story, which is that the hare was actually a lazy fuck, and he napped—

Travis: Well this is what I'm saying!

Griffin: Twice during the race.

Travis: There should have been a third—there should have been a third animal present.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: The point is that—

Travis: That is known for being fast and steady.

Justin: No, but like you—

Travis: Like a horse!

Justin: No.

Travis: Like if it had been a horse! If it had been the tortoise and the hare and the horse?

Griffin: Yeah. And then after the race the tortoise and hare can get together like, "I wish we… could have a fucking conversation without this goddamn horse showing up and being like, I'm better than both!"

Justin: I just feel like I—it's implied that like obviously faster would have been better. Like if the—[chuckles] if the tortoise had also gone fast, I think everybody agrees that that would have been ideal. They're saying if you have to choose, you go slow and steady, because that will get you there. And fast and—I think in one version of it, he mu—there should be a version of it where he's going so fast that he di—[chuckles] he dies—

Travis: [laughs]

Justin: Or runs into a branch.

Travis: His skin peels off!

Justin: Or something.

Travis: Yeah, something.

Griffin: He's impaled. Yeah.

Justin: Someth—he does need it like a ba—yeah, because he needs some sort of negative outcome—

Travis: He runs into a bird.

Justin: Because you're right, it is a race.

Travis: A bird hits him in the face.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: I'm just saying, the moral—

Justin: I mean fast and steady, obviously, Trav, that's like great, but like if you're—you don't need a story to tell you that two good things are good. Fast and steady and horny, you know what I—like fast and steady and thirsty wins the lemonade race. You know? [chuckles] It's like it doesn't make any sense.

Travis: I'm just saying the moral of the story should be slow and steady wins the race, comma—

Justin: It is. It is.

Travis: Unless there is a third option—

Griffin: A faster, steadier guy. Travis, you understand that Aesop's not going to do a ranking of all the fastest—he can't do like, okay, so—

Travis: "Hey, wuddup, fam?! It's me, Aesop—"

Griffin: Aesop Power ranking—

Travis: "And today I'm gonna do a tier list—"

Griffin: Goku! Goku versus Sonic. [laughs] Blue and turbo. If you got the Chaos Emeralds, you know it's my man Sonic gonna win the race.

Justin: Because it's about their worldview.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: If the—if the horse tried to enter, he'd be like, "Well, I'd like to get a piece of this action." And they'd be like, "Obviously, you would win. You're fast and steady. Go away!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: We're talking about two different schools of thought here.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Fast and steady is great! We'd all love to be fast and steady.

Travis: Also, a third insect with the ant and the grasshopper who knows how to store food away and loves to party, would also be great.

Griffin: Yeah! It's possible to do both things. I guess I get the point you're saying, which is that Aesop's fables basically all boil down to, you want to have fun, huh? Tough shit, dude. You're going to die if you have even a little bit of fun, and you'll lose. You'll die and lose if you stop to rest or have fun at all.

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Here's my new guy, Turbo Horse. He can go all day, all night long, if you know what I mean. That's right, my new fables are going to be nasty. Nasty in an animal way.

Justin: Trav, you got any others? Why did I say that? [chuckles]

Travis: The only other one I can remember is the Musicians of Brennan, and I don't know what the moral is from that one, except like animals stacked on top of each other making a lot of noise is really scary, so watch out for that.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I'll tell you what I learned, the moral of this story is, this is an advice show—

Travis: Every time I do an intro like that, I know I've just bounced back the trust that my brothers have in me to let me say—

Griffin: And you know what's—

Travis: I have an idea for an intro next time.

Justin: The hard thing, the hard thing—

Griffin: I have a good idea for an intro. Yeah, I feel like sometimes you—sometimes you self-sabotage a little bit, Trav.

Travis: It's just a lot of pressure that like, because I've been on a real banger streak as far as good episodes.

Griffin: I know, man!

Travis: And I was like, it's too high, it's too high.

Griffin: You had to lessen the load by talking about a 450-year-old story that you've misinterpreted in some pretty critical ways.

Justin: Hey, can we talk about Luke Giffen?

Griffin: I don't know who that is, but I—yeah!

Justin: He's from Williamstown, West Virginia. He made it to the final match of the Pokémon Trading Card Game Junior Division World Championships. Second in the world, West Virginia's own Luke Giffen.

Griffin: Goddamn—

Justin: And it does sound like you're saying "Griffin" with a baby voice, but it's not that. It's Giffen.

Griffin: He gets smoked—he gets smoked by Wolfe Glick. Wolfe Glick's my number one, dude, he can't be beaten in the Pokémon TCG scene. He's actually probably like 36 years old now at this point. Wolfe Glick's been in the game—

Justin: Yuta Araki.

Griffin: Oh, yeah!

Justin: Yuta—

Griffin: Ah, he's good, too.

Travis: I would say in a world champion situation, especially Luke is a—is a child, he's in the junior division, coming in second is so Pokémon-coded. It's so perfect because like he's got something to chase.

Griffin: Yeah, dude!

Travis: You know what I mean? Because he—

Griffin: You think Ash won the—won the Indigo League every time he rolled up? Nope!

Travis: This is what I'm saying, that's—

Griffin: He needed that muck!

Travis: This is season one arc. You know what I mean?

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I will say this then, that means to me, America's best, Luke Giffen, West Virginia's own.

Griffin: Uh-huh.

Justin: Don't have a bit here. Just wanted to say—

Travis: Just proud.

Justin: That kicks ass. [chuckles]

Griffin: Shout out. That's great.

Justin: That kicks ass, shout out.

Travis: Now, we haven't vetted Luke! [chuckles]

Griffin: We don't know about Luke's views!

Justin: But I bet I like I get I bet I l—get along better with Luke than Brody Sampleson, or whatever the name of the kid was that won the Patriot Games, you know? [chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah, sure, man! That's a—Luke's a way better hang.

Justin: Luke's gotta be a better hang! Yeah, a little chatty. Sure! When it comes to Pokémon? Probably! But you know—

Griffin: But that's okay!

Justin: I dig it.

Griffin: So am I!

Travis: I'm saying at this point, between my nieces and nephews across various people, and like children that my children are friends with, if there's a child who wants to talk to me about Pokémon cards and I find out he placed second in the world?

Griffin: In the world—

Travis: I'm so down for that conversation!

Griffin: Well, hold on, Travis. Hold on. Okay, this is great and all, and I want to celebrate this kid, obviously, West Virginia hero. This is great. We love it. And his name sounds like my name, that's awesome. We love all that. It is the junior leagues. If any of these little munchkins rolled up to grown up Pokémon TCG, their mind could not conceive of the kind of combos that we're doing up here, that we've been cooking up in the lab, that we've been brainstorming. We would bust out shit that they would not even be able to comprehend, dude. Nasty combos.

Travis: I do think, though, Griffin, you're ignoring the mind game aspect of like a 10-year-old like coming out strong and defusing like a play you were trying to make, where you were going to go on tilt so hard so quick against this child. I do like, by the way, that they split it up, as if it was like… you know, like a weightlifting competition or a wrestling competition, of like clearly these children could not compete on the Pokémon card level of these adults.

Griffin: They just simply can't. They don't know about Sneasel and what he's capable of. Only my grown-up mind can cook up the kind of schemes I've got working—

Justin: Junior division has gotta be the harder one. Junior division's the harder one. You age out of the good one. I think you're right.

Travis: I don't think that's what any of us are saying.

Griffin: That's the opposite of what I'm saying, is that I'm saying only an adult mind can understand what Sneasel brings to the table.

Justin: I don't think you're right. I don't th—I think the children division is m—is harder, and then when you get in the adult division, it gets easier. And then it gets really hard again, because they get very old.

Griffin: They get old.

Justin: [chuckles] And they have a lot of free time.

Travis: Oh. Yeah!

Justin: So there's like a junior division, a division-division, I don't know, a division two. And then a senior division, where it gets probably the hardest.

Griffin: I gotta say, guys, I've been thinking about retirement lately. Not retiring, but how cool it will be to not have any more obligations and to just fuckin' chill.

Justin: To do—to not have to do… this.

Griffin: Really, anything—

Travis: Your difficult job?

Griffin: Except any—whatever I…

Justin: Your difficult job of—

Griffin: That's a cute bit. We do—this podcast, again, I hate that we have to keep stressing this to each other, let alone our audience, this podcast is easy. But in the 59 other things that we—it does make up a lot of—it does make up a lot of hours that we're spending doing this stuff. If I retire—

Justin: I would just love to know if I could lighten your load at all. If there's like a lot of tasks that you're be—like through the week, if I could help you out, I would love—I would—

Travis: I could be video games for you for Besties if you want?

Justin: Yeah, I'd lighten your load, if you need somebody to—

Griffin: I mean, that is a lot—you guys, again, are having a lot of fun. I have been poop-socking The Blood of Dawnwalker this week, and it's not like —

Travis: [yells out] What a sentence!

Griffin: It's not—I've been poop-socking The Blood of Dawnwalker this week, because I wanted—

Travis: See a doctor!

Justin: Poop-sock me The Blood of Dawnwalker!

Griffin: It's not hard—if I could just continue—

Justin: What has Dawnwalker been into since high school? Poop-sock me

her blood!

Griffin: I feel like if I could just continue my original thought before you guys started shitting all over our entire enterprise, our entire business that we've created together?

Justin: Is it good? Should I check it out?

Griffin: The business that we do?

Justin: No, The Blood of Dawnwalker. [laughs]

Griffin: No, yeah, it's pretty sick. It's pretty good. I like to also think our business is pretty good, but when I retire, I was thinking, what if I get healthy and then I can do world travel? Now I'm saying, what if I join the elite grandmaster circuit of the Pokémon TCG Seniors League—

Travis: I am now picturing like… you know like the old people sitting around the retirement village like playing bridge or like dominoes, right? Canasta. And now I'm picturing them doing like Magic the Gathering and Pokémon cards, and like shit—and I'm so—

Griffin: I wouldn't do it there. I wouldn't do it there. I'd be at the—I'd be in Central Park. I'd be at one of the chess tables and all the—all the guys would be like, "You gotta get out of here, man. This is just for chess." And I'll be like, "Get out a—I fought for your cun—for this country."

Travis: You're doing street Pokémon cards and one Pokémon cards.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: How far away are we from where you see an old guy and he was definitely in a war, so you gotta be nice to him? [chuckles] Because I feel like we're aging out—you know what I mean? Like I feel like we're aging past that.

Griffin: Way pa—oh, sure! Sure.

Justin: You know what I mean? There's like—I feel like there was like when I was growing up, you kind of had to be nice to old guys because they were probably in a war. And I feel like as I'm getting older like, I don't have to be nice to all the old guys as much anymore, but I don't know exactly how often. Appreciate the hats, guys. That actually helps me out a lot. [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: That helps me so much, dude.

Justin: [chuckles] So much.

Travis: It would help even more if we could have hats that made it clear, "I didn't serve." Right? Because they might not be wearing—

Justin: You think that would help more?

Travis: Well, they didn't—they might not be wearing the hat at the time, but they did serve. If there was like mandatory…

Griffin: Shirts.

Travis: Hats. Yeah, shirts.

Griffin: Man, I'm think—I like a shirt too, because a shirt's more, I don't know, versatile. And it can just say like, "Didn't help. Didn't help, couldn't be bothered."

Travis: There are some hats that old dudes wear that do let me know I actively don't need to respect them, which is nice.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Sure.

Travis: Those hats—

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Very clear.

Justin: I like the g—like the guys—man, we got so many guys like this around here, wearing tight T-shirts that have like very emo silhouettes of guns. You know what I mean? Like it's always like, "Cool rifle, tough company. We get the job done with guns!" [chuckles]

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: And it's like a silhouette of like a burning gun or a melting gun?

Griffin: Yeah, with like flowers coming out of it, like roses, like thorny roses?

Justin: Yeah, thorny roses, like half a flag is like burning or melting too! It's just like—and it's always like, "Tough guy, knock school. We get the money, we get out, we love it." [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah.

Justin: "Praise God."

Griffin: And they're always a—they're always a hundred years old, these guys wearing these shirts too.

Justin: [chuckles] This is an advice show. You know that. We take your questions and we turn them alchemy-like into wisdom. Here's the first one. The first. "I was recently hired for a lab position at my university. I quickly noticed that everyone in the Slack has a Muppet as their icon. When I asked about this, they said it is a lab tradition, and I must also choose one. I have only met these people once. Which Muppet will send the best impression at my new job?" And that's from Pondering Puppets in Pittsburgh.

Griffin: I mean the—let's just take Bunsen and Beaker off the table.

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Too many workplace accidents.

Travis: Also it's just two on the nose, right?

Griffin: It's too fucking obvious, man, you can't have the lab—

Travis: Like, oh, we're lab ca—yeah.

Justin: Oh, oh, yeah, well they're probably—

Travis: And I think best impression is—

Griffin: They're taken.

Travis: Is so subjective. I think more about what—and there are some obvious what each Muppet says about you kind of thing. Miss Biggie, you're a diva. You know?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Animal, you're wild and crazy, right? I would start to dig—

Griffin: Gonzo, you're a bestiality like freak. Like an absolute disgusting little freak.

Travis: Only for birds though. I don't think he's that way with all animals.

Griffin: It might just be the one chicken actually. That's a good point, Travis. Maybe that's too—maybe he doesn't subscribe to that label?

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: And what even is Gonzo?! You know? It's… obviously I feel like there's a weird kind of power dynamic difference there, because he's a bit more sort of sentient. He has the power of speech and complex thought, and the chicken appears to not have that. But maybe it's normal from Gonzo's—

Travis: She seems aware!

Griffin: Yeah, sure.

Travis: Like they'll have conversations—

Griffin: It's reciprocated absolutely, but—

Travis: She can't speak English. And there are plent—like Fozzie the bear is a bear, but nobody gets mad if like somebody was into him.

Griffin: Right.

Travis: Right? Nobody would be like, "Ah…" like, "That's bestiality."

Griffin: Yeah, that's a good point, man. Gonzo could—what is gon—Gonzo's like a little alien elephant. Maybe it's normal from his planet to have—to have a relationship with a chicken like that.

Travis: I think Rizzo is a good bet. Rizzo the Rat.

Justin: Rizzo the Rat?

Griffin: Rizzo the Rat's fucking cool, dude! Think about it, Juice.

Justin: I mean, Rizzo's cool, but like is that a new hire? At the lab? I don't know.

Travis: It's a lab rat, Justin! A lab rat!

Justin: I know—

Griffin: A lab—

Justin: But that's like it's a single—

Griffin: That's really good, Trav.

Justin: I mean it's—

Travis: He's a good friend.

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Right? Who also cracks wise, a little bit sarcastic, *loves* to eat. But like is there for you when you need him.

Griffin: Mm-hm.

Travis: He's a great sidekick, doesn't—

Griffin: Insightful! Insight—

Travis: Yes!

Griffin: Like insightful, but a good time. Rizzo the Rat's a… Rizzo the Rat's—

Justin: Rizzo's one of my favorites. He's like right after Pepe for like my favorite.

Travis: Oh! See, I like Pepe, but I—

Griffin: Pepe's fucking good.

Travis: I dislike that I think Rizzo got kind of shunted off for Pepe.

Justin: Sure, because Pepe's funnier. Can I…

Travis: Ooh.

Justin: Can I offer—

Travis: Not as good a sidekick though, Pepe. A little bit spotlight stealing.

Griffin: I mean, Rizzo was just engineered to be a good sidekick.

Justin: I want to show you a bit of a curveball here.

Griffin: Okay?

Justin: I'm going to show you guys 20 pictures of Lew Zealand.

Travis: I love Lew Zealand!

Justin: Now tell me any one of these pictures of Lew Zealand wouldn't be just primo as a Slack icon.

Griffin: Is he in the band? What's his deal?

Travis: No, he throws the fish away and it comes right back to you!

Justin: He throw—his deal is that he throws a boomerang fish. He throws the boomerang fish.

Griffin: He throws the boomerang—

Justin: He threw a fish and it come back to you! That's Lew Zealand's whole fuckin' thing, is he throws a boomerang fish and it comes back to you.

Travis: That one—the two on the far left of this thing are so good.

Griffin: That's a really strong—yeah, okay, so this is the right answer, I think this image of an absolutely manic Lew Zealand with his boomerang fish is like a pretty goddamn good profile pic, regardless of context.

Travis: It's also always my favorite thing—

Griffin: It's really, really—

Justin: I might make it my profile pic in Slack, honestly! [chuckles] It's pretty good. Here.

Griffin: It's really s—it's really sick.

Travis: They do this in both—

Justin: Download this—

Travis: Muppet Treasure Island and Muppet Christmas Carol, where they will have Muppet pre-established characters that they do not change in any way to slot into the story.

Justin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, they don't want to tweak Lew Zealand.

Travis: Yeah, they're just like, "No, this is just New Zealand. He throws the fish away and it comes right back to you." He's not a different guy in this Dickensian setting. He's Lew Zealand!

Justin: It's like they hire—he's already in the troupe, and it's like the guy who you know in the company is not that good of an actor, but they are good at building sets, so you let him like do a couple lines. That's Lew Zealand.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: He's not gonna—he's not gonna pretend to be Jiminy Cricket or whatever the fuck.

Travis: Nope!

Justin: You know? He's gonna throw a fish and it come back to you.

Travis: He's got the one thing that is impressive!

Griffin: Sure.

Travis: Right? I'd like to see anyone else throw a fish, it come right back to you.

Griffin: Yeah, not a versatile skill set.

Travis: *No*.

Griffin: I'll tell you what I like here, guys… Alf.

Travis: Huh.

Griffin: Think about that.

Travis: The owner and creator and puppeteer of Alf is very litigious, though, Griffin. So if you use him for your icon for Slack—

Griffin: Oh, I know. I know there's some—I learned this week that there's some—there was quite a lot of behind the scenes… just vitriol on the set of Alf. I understand the risks associated. But I mean, Alf has more, I don't know, is a more fully developed character. I think you're saying a lot more stuff with an Alf profile pic than you would with a… with really any other Muppet. Except maybe Kermit. Kermit's kind of a power play too—

Travis: *Ooh*.

Griffin: Because it's like I'm the boss of the muppe—

Travis: Too much of a power play. Yeah.

Griffin: I'm the king of the Muppets. The boss. The president.

Travis: Sweetums is good too, because it's very—it's an ambiguous kind of signal you're sending. Where I think people will read into Sweetums… whatever they want to see.

Griffin: What about the—

Justin: You do know Alf wasn't a Muppet, right? Just so we can…

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Because we'll get emails.

Griffin: What about, okay, so—[chuckles] Did you guys know that there was a me—that I was a Muppet? Did you guys know that I did a brief stint as a Muppet in the 1989 the Jim Henson—the Jim Henson show?

Justin: I didn't know that, Griffin, in the Jim Henson show, yo did—

Griffin: The Jim Henson Hour.

Justin: The Jim Henson Hour, you did a brief stint as a Muppet. I didn't know this.

Griffin: Let me just quickly, I'll just like, I'll let you guys see sort of who like —and I did like you know, the mo-cap. I was full Andy Serkis for it.

Travis: Huh.

Justin: Huh.

Travis: Now, who is this guy?

Griffin: This is Chip, from The Jim Henson Hour, and he's me. He has maybe a little bit less hair than me, but he was the IT guy at the office. And you know, I think that Chip could be a cool one.

Justin: You think that looks like you?

Griffin: Just a sort of egg-shaped sort of guy with glasses and brown hair. And he's holding up a finger as if to say like, "Um! Acsh—"

Travis: Hey, Griffin, we need to work on your self-esteem, bud.

Justin: Self-esteem and also audio instincts. Why would you pull over the podcast to look at a Muppet that people don't know and doesn't look like you? You stopped the audio broadcast to come over and look at this picture that only the three of us could see!

Griffin: Yeah, I—

Justin: [chuckles]

Travis: [laughs]

Griffin: I don't understand what the issue is.

Travis: Also zoo or f—

Justin: [yells out] It doesn't look like you! There's—people point out people that look like you literally every day!

Travis: Griffin, did you Google "cool cars" to get away from this?!

[pause]

Griffin: No…

Justin: [chortles]

Travis: I see that you pulled up cool cars in the same screen share? And Fortnite dance!

Justin: That's too funny! That's the funniest thing you've ever done, I can't —[chuckles]

Griffin: [chuckles] I don't know, guys.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Gus, my child, my young child pulled an all-nighter last night with a cough—

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: So I'll be—I'll be the first to admit I'm bringing a little bit of sleepover energy to this—to this episode. I want to apologize to Travis. I went way too hard on you about the Aesop thing. That wasn't me—

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: I'm so s—I'm so tired, man. I just remembered that there was a Muppet that looked like me, and I wanted to share it with the world, but—and you're right, it didn't make any sense. It didn't make any sense at all.

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: Zoot and Floyd are also good options.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "How do I not act jealous when someone walks up to my archaeological dig site and asks if we are finding any dinosaur bones? It's starting to get to me. Should I switch careers?" So are they—no, that's paleontology, right?

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: All right. "Digging up dinos sounds really cool, but playing in the old archaeology is pretty cool too!"

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: That's from Paleontology P-jealous in P-Michigan. I don't…

Griffin: I do.

Justin: I don't know.

Griffin: I do, I must.

Justin: I'm not sure. I'll talk to some folks…

Griffin: You guys ever think there's been a time where like some sort of ancient treasure-filled crypt just happened to be on top of like a

brontosaurus? And then they had to argue like, I'm sorry—

Travis: Who got it? Jurisdiction?

Justin: Dibs.

Griffin: Like mine is deeper. And the deeper the one—the deeper one gets the… gets the deed, gets the rights.

Travis: And this one crosses state lines, so we're gonna call in the FBI.

Griffin: Yeah. Like this is a historically famous dinosaur, and his abode, and his relics. So we—I understand—

Justin: Hey, has anything ever talked about like… I don't want to give any more ammunition to people, but like what if early, early humans were just burying the dinosaurs very deeply after they passed out of respect? You know what I mean?

Travis: Yeah! Justin, I—see, I thought you were gonna say what I was thinking, which is, what if early humans dug deep, found dinosaur bones, and then like brought them to their home, and then they died? And like one day we found like— "I don't know what to tell you guys. The dinosaur bones are in their hou…" Was there one dinosaur that was there at the same time?

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: They'd cover that up.

Griffin: They would, absolutely.

Travis: Did dinosaurs ever make tools? Did dinosaurs ever make weapons? Did dinosaurs ever paint on walls? No, they were big and they died. That's what you say, maybe not in that tone of voice or with those exact words, because that did seem very defensive and very angry, I'm realizing now as I said it

Griffin: Yeah, and you're gonna be in that headspace too. Can you guys

imagine digging in hot sand for your job, 40 hours a week? Hot sand digging, and someone comes up to you and is a dickhead? I'm not gonna have the patience required to patiently explain to them that history is cooler than dinosaurs.

Travis: They have done archaeological digs on old outhouses where like stuff got preserved in layers and layers of like waste, right? From like the 1600s and 1700s. Can't do that—you can't find old dinosaur outhouses, you know what I mean?

Justin: Yeah, that's true, I guess.

Griffin: Yeah. Good point!

Justin: Guys, I had a… a real brush with paleontology myself this weekend.

Travis: Woah.

Justin: Cooper won tickets to go to Camden Park from the summer reading program at the library. She won a bunch, so we went out there with the Hicks and the Smirles and everybody, and we went to Camden Park. And I knew this existed, but I don't think I'd ever like really taken the time to appreciate it. Just past the scrambler—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: There's a large mound.

Travis: Uh-huh.

Justin: And that mound is a Native American burial mound from the Adena culture, that dates between 1000 BC and one—or BCE, and 1CE. And it hasn't been excavated. There's signs there about like what perhaps is in this mound. It is directly situated between the scrambler and the Dippin' Dots booth.

Travis: Yeah!

Justin: And then like just between there, there is this mound, there's a—there's burial mound there. That they have, in all respect, not excavated, they have built around.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: But it is just right next to the scrambler. I mean, it couldn't be closer to the scrambler than it is currently!

Griffin: The scrambler's not affixed to the ground particularly well. Year over year, it's inching closer and closer to the mound.

Justin: That's true. Everything there is original—

Travis: It will eventually start naturally excavating the dig.

Griffin: Yeah, it will start—yeah.

Travis: And, Justin, I just want to point out, because as you mentioned about people emailing, you did leave this off saying paleontology, and…

Griffin: That is dinosaur stuff.

Travis: It's kind of exacerbating the problem.

Justin: I meant archaeology. Sorry. It's easy to get them confused when you aren't paying that close attention—

Griffin: Well it's interesting too—

Travis: That's kind of the heart of the question, though, isn't it?!

Griffin: If I was an archaeologist and I found dino-saur bones—

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: In the ground? I think I'd be stoked. Because it's like this isn't just history I found, it's turbo history!

Justin: Sure.

Griffin: But if I was a paleontologist and I found an old bowl or whatever I'd be like, "Fuck this! It's not a velociraptor." I think as an archaeologist you have more claim over the world of dinosaurs—

Travis: Yes.

Griffin: Than they have over yours, so you could just say dinosaurs isn't the goal today, but I'd be—it would be great to find a dinosaur. I would love to. That's history too, old lizard history.

Travis: Do you think that this ever happens to Indiana Jones?

Griffin: Yes.

Travis: That someone asked Indiana Jones like, "What's the coolest dinosaur you've ever found?"

Justin: Oh, guaranteed—

Travis: And he's like—

Justin: He's like, "Ow, sheesh—"

Travis: "I found the Holy Grail! Like I found the Ark of the Covenant?" And they're like, "But you ever found a velociraptor?" And he's like, "No…"

Justin: "No…"

Travis: "I wish."

Justin: "I mean no… I mean I haven't. You're right, I haven't. Fine. Fine."

Griffin: I like… I like ammonite. I like them videos. I don't know if you all get TikTok of people going to the beach, to the rocky shores, and digging up ammonites. That's cool.

Justin: What are ammonites?

Griffin: Aren't they the little spirally guys?

Justin: Maybe, I don't know?

Griffin: They're little spirally guys! They're old fossils and they used to be a little nautilus shells I guess, and then they turn—they just died and they get sucked up into big rocks. And people go to the beach and they crack 'em open and then they say, "Here's my…" And you hear that voice, "Here's my haul from the be—from the rocky beach." And they have all these—

Justin: Is this AI?

Griffin: It sounded like it, yeah, so probably, yeah. And then they—but the videos aren't AI, it's real, real fossils. Real, real fossils.

Justin: Oh, okay, so it's really happening. That's cool.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: I didn't even know about those, ammonite—

Travis: I'm always confused because they don't know that there's an ammonite in it until they break it open, so are they just breaking open every rock they see until they find some?

Griffin: Well they can tell, some rocks have like a shape that suggests maybe that there's ammonites in 'em. Look at these big goddamn fossils, guys.

Justin: Whoa!

Travis: That's cool.

Justin: Nice, dude. Nice! Yeah, these are really cool.

Travis: This is a good episode.

Justin: Yeah, these are cool. Yeah, a lot of visual—very visual episode—

Travis: Very visual episode.

Justin: Very visual! Can we take a break and go to the Money Zone? [chuckles]

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Sorry, is this—what is this now, Griff, is this just anime?

Griffin: This is best anime fights. [chuckles] Ranked.

Travis: *Ah*, man, I'd love to see One Punch Man versus… the du—oh my…

Griffin: Geek test! We got him.

[theme music plays]

Travis: You know what? I got big feelings for my little kitty. She's so cute. Jasmine? *Ah, s*he's a sweetheart. And so for my big feelings, for my little kitty, I'll give her Smalls food.

Justin: Aw, that's lovely, Trav.

Travis: *Yeah*.

Justin: My cats love Smalls too! Olive and Amelia eat a couple packs every day. And it's filled with really good preservative free stuff, human-grade ingredients that you might find in your fridge, and they deliver it right to you.

Travis: I wasn't talking about your cats, Justin.

Justin: Well I'm talking about everybody's cats, Trav, because everybody's cats are gonna really love switching to Smalls. In fact, 88% of cat owners

reported overall health improvements when they made this—made the switch.

Travis: Every time I talk about how much I love my little kitty Jasmine, Justin's like, "I got two cats." I fuckin' get it, man.

Justin: I'm just saying it's like a… Smalls is really great. I was trying to say good stuff about this sponsor—

Travis: But you never talk about how great my cat is?

Justin: I forgot you had a cat. But I am happy that you are getting into the cat raising thing. It is a big responsibility though, and I hope you're ready for it. [chuckles]

Griffin: Trav, you got two dogs.

Travis: I do.

Griffin: It feels like the w—it feels like the one cat is kind of an afterthought, if I'm being honest. I think we can all—

Travis: Well, I like to be well-rounded.

Griffin: Yeah, no, I know, but I think when we look at the—

Travis: I got fish too!

Griffin: Yeah, and they're great. They're like—

Justin: A whole food chain in there, a whole food web!

Griffin: Yeah. If you ever swallowed a fly, man, you'd be set up.

Justin: Done.

Travis: I'm all set.

Justin: I'm about to—I'm about to bring it home! Watch. Everybody, take your seats, buckle your seatbelts. [chuckles] Your cat's health and longevity starts with what they eat. For a limited time, because you are a MBMBaM listener, get 60% off your first order, plus free shipping and free treats for life, when you head to smalls.com/mybrother. That's 60% off your first order, plus free shipping and free treats for life when you head to smalls.com/mybrother.

Travis: Have you swallowed an increasingly large series of animals to chase the other animals, so you're looking for a very specific doctor to help you out and not ask a lot of questions? Well, have you tried Zocdoc?

Griffin: We can't promise that all of those different filters will be available in the Zocdoc search. I don't—I thinks for legal reasons, they probably couldn't have a checkbox that says "Doesn't ask a lot of questions." But basically anything else that you need, like you can search for doctors in your area that take your insurance, you can look at reviews for those doctors, and you can just book appointments right through the damn Zocdoc website.

Travis: I swallowed a bunch of nesting doll style animals and need to have them removed. Perhaps I'll die.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. There's a slider that you click and drag to showcase like, "I am at goat. I am at goat—"

Travis: Once you get to goat, it's almost too late?

Griffin: It's late-stage at that point.

Travis: Yeah!

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: Still reversible!

Griffin: Barely. Barely reversible. Zocdoc is a—is really great, I've used it a bunch here in DC to find, you know, doctors and specialists, and Zocdoc lets you search and compare all the local in-network doctors. It's free. You get to

see all the appointment openings, and you can just click to book a visit usually within 24 to 72 hours. It really is terrific. Your health matters. Taking care of yourself shouldn't be complicated. Find a book the right doctor with Zocdoc. Head to zocdoc.com/mybrother to get started. Check that appointment off your to-do list. That's zocdoc.com/mybrother.

[break]

John-Luke: Hello! I'm John-Luke Roberts and I host Sound Heap, and I'm here with Max Fun Member of the Month, Ryan Adams. Thank you so much, Ryan, for being a listener and supporter of our show, and congratulations on being this month's Member of the month.

Ryan: Hi there!

John-Luke: If you were recommending Sound Heap to a new listener, how would you entice them to the show? I'm making notes on this, by the way.

Ryan: You have all sorts of podcasts on different topics or whatever out there, and you have a lot of fictional ones. It's a podcast, but it's not really a podcast, but it's… I'm not describing it very well. [chuckles]

John-Luke: No, you're describing it almost as well as anybody could. It's a podcast, but it's not really a podcast, but it's also an infinite number of podcasts. That's what I would say.

Ryan: Yes.

John-Luke: That's how I'd put it. What would you say to other people who are considering supporting the show?

Ryan: If you like podcasts at all and you like humor, supporting Sound Heap is a good choice.

John-Luke: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Ryan: Support Maximum Fun and Sound Heap

John-Luke: That's perfect. That's absolutely perfect.

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[break]

Justin: [yodeling and sings] Munch Squad! [yodeling and sings] Munch Squad! I decided to do "Hocus Pocus" by Focus as the Much Squad intro. But rather than do one of the hard parts of "Hocus Pocus" by Focus, I did the like yodeling part.

Travis: Okay!

Justin: [sings a dramatic sting] Munch Squad! [sings a dramatic sting]

Griffin: [sings] You gotta have munch!

Travis: [sings] I guess it would be nice! If I could munch your body—

Griffin: Do that one—

Travis: No, you know what?

Griffin: Instead, Juice—

Justin: Eh! No! Listen.

Travis: You know what?

Justin: I have been talking a lot about Burger King lately, because they have been doing a lot of listening. If you'll remember—

Griffin: Oh, dude! Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, the presi—the boss of Burger King started taking people's calls. And then Burger King lost its damn mind.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: So and they just started fixing stuff, making these better. If you'll remember, they recently had—so, the big innovations to trickle down for that program so far, three different versions of their nasty long chicken sandwich, okay? The Burger King "Your Way Champion"—

Griffin: Awesome.

Justin: Who lurks in the shadows and tries to improve the experience for you. I have two stories today! The first is this, Burger King introduces latest innovation inspired by guest feedback… new chicken nuggets and sauces.

Griffin: That's a huge… we shouldn't have that much power! We shouldn't have that much sway over what you do with your business, Burger King.

Travis: It's starting to get a little desperate in a way that like—and listen, brands aren't people, and I don't care—but I am worried about Burger King —

Griffin: I'm worried about you, Burger King.

Travis: Like, hey, guys, this is a lot of "do you like me now" in a way that like—

Justin: Let me finish this episode, and you tell me if they're crazy or crazy like a fox, which is a cool crazy, if you don't know about that.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: [chuckles] If you haven't heard that. Earlier this year, they bring it up, not me, earlier this year, Burger King invited guests to share honest feedback through its listening initiative, and the brand is continuing to act on what it heard. When thousands of calls and texts made it clear that the chicken nuggets at BK weren't delivering the experience guests expected, being called "rubbery, dry—"

Griffin: Why?

Justin: And "disappointing."

Griffin: You don't have to say this shit about your shit in here.

Justin: No, I think—I feel like the CEO is reading over their shoulder like, "No, write it down, that's what they—"

Travis: "No say it."

Griffin: "Write it down."

Justin: They said it a thousand times.

Griffin: "It tastes like barf and it made me puke."

Travis: I love—

Justin: "If I had to hear it, you have to hear it."

Travis: Justin?

Justin: The rubbery, dry and disappointing.

Travis: That is a thousand percent what happened, because the previous line has such euphemistic like, "We weren't delivering on guest expectations." And then the next words are like, "Let's spell it out, they were fucking gross!" [chuckles]

Griffin: They were—

Justin: They were gross! I still say this in my sleep because I heard it so many times, rubbery, dry and disappointing. My wife took offense, actually, because I said it out loud accidentally, and I had to say, "No, dear, you don't understand… it's the nuggets."

Griffin: "It's the nugs."

Justin: "We take guest feedback seriously, and way wish—when we received thousands of texts, calls and comments telling us our nuggets needed a total overhaul, we—" Listen, this is twice now they have reinforced *thousands*!

Travis: Thousands.

Justin: [chuckles] Our culinary team—this is chef Amy Alarcon, the head chef at Burger King. "Our culinary team el—evaluated every element of the experience, from the chicken and breading, to the sauces that bring it all together. Throughout the process we invited real guests, including some of our toughest critics, kids—"

Travis: Oh?

Justin: "To taste and refine the recipe, helping us create a nugget we believe delivers the quality tasting experience they're asking for."

Travis: I understand what they're going for there, but when it comes to chicken nuggets, are kids your toughest critics? Like I—

Griffin: I mean… yeah, in a way.

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Like I would be a tough critic on a chicken nugget at like a baseline level, where it's like I don't really—I want—I don't want to eat just a small bite of chicken. I like to eat different lots of other stuff at the same—I'm not a big chicken nugget guy. If I only ate chicken nuggets, I do think my critiques would be more insightful. I mean, these look like lovely nuggets, actually.

Justin: I do want to enhance this bit right here.

Griffin: We do have a special savory sauce here.

Travis: That sauce…

Justin: New special savory sauce.

Travis: That sauce looks like wax applied to that chicken nugget?

Griffin: I'll tell you it's fucked! It's fucked because the sauce is the exact same hue as the nugget itself.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: It's very nondescript.

Griffin: So it looks like you're dipping the nugget in mushed up nugget, which is—

Travis: It looks—it looks like they've buffed all the breading off the nugget to a fine, smooth shine.

Griffin: It does look like that.

Justin: They're not doing themselves any favors with the name, which is "New Special Savory Sauce."

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: A brand-new limited time dipping sauce, combining creamy, tangy and slightly spicy flavors, with hints of barbecue seasoning, ketchup, garlic, onion and black pepper. Hey, guys?

Travis: A lot of stuff.

Justin: Just say you forgot! [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Just say you forgot—

Griffin: Say you didn't write it down!

Justin: Everything you put in it.

Griffin: You got—you literally got lost in the sauce. You made the fucking Kel Mitchell good burger juice, but you weren't—you weren't a great steward of the—

Justin: Just name it someth—for god's sake, even when KFC had the Supergirl promo, I had to eat Lobo's hot chili. Like come on! Give it—give me something.

Travis: They just listed off a bunch of like additive things, without a core thing to it.

Griffin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Travis: "Like we just put a bunch of like seasonings in a thing."

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: "We don't know, man. It's savory."

Justin: They busted these out into a bullet-pointed list. Second, honey mustard. Now get this, guys, it's a richer, creamier take on the classic, made with mustard and honey.

Travis: Uh-huh?

Justin: [chuckles] For the perfect balance of sweet and tangy flavor! Then they have to explain, and I won't put you through this, but they have to explain what buffalo sauce and sweet and sour sauce is. Like…

Travis: Huh.

Justin: You know, they just tried.

Travis: So—

Justin: Now, you might be thinking, wow, Burger King has really put

themselves in a pickle here with these new nuggets. Like this is obviously an extremely exciting promotion, but is this gonna be enough to turn the brand around? And I think the boss of Burger King, Joel Yashinsky said, "Okay, well, maybe we could do one more for you, if this isn't enough." Yes, that's right, Burger King and Toei Animation have joined forces to launch the new Dragon Ball Super menu.

Griffin: All right.

Justin: Batten down the hatches! They fix the nuggets and they're doing Dragon Ball shit!

Griffin: Yeah. I mean, you're doing me a great favor right now, Juice, because later I was gonna look at pictures of Goku and pictures of chicken nuggets, and you've—

Justin: I know, dude!

Griffin: You've got me squared away.

Justin: There's no better place to play Minecraft in the world right now than your local Burger King. There is no better place!

Travis: They committed so, so long ago to the paper crown with Burger King, that now the inclusion of it in all their promotional things is so wild and it—

Griffin: But it's cool now. The paper crown's got Dragon Ball Z—

Justin: Dude, I am driven insane—

Griffin: And Goku—

Travis: Yes.

Justin: I've been driven insane by my desire for a paper Dragon Ball Z—

Travis: Yes.

Justin: Burker King crown. It's all I can fucking—

Griffin: I mean if I could still get a line out to Joel Yashinsky, we need to make these paper crowns much larger. I've never been able to fit one of these things on my skull—

Justin: And he means never, guy, he means never.

Griffin: Never ever, ever!

Justin: Even since childhood, never.

Griffin: Cradle to the grave, can't get one of these bad boys wrapped around my circumference. So I would love, Joel, perhaps an extendable… Like I don't know, you could hand them out like small sort of slips of cardboard that you could bridge the gap maybe? Just food for thought. I know that it probably costs a mon—a lot of money to print these Dragon Ball Z crowns.

Travis: Justin, could you… could you tell me what's in the cup there that looks like piss after a night of heavy drinking?

Justin: Yeah, Trav, I'll get there. Don't worry about it, but you're—you've got good eyes. You've seen the most refreshing part of the meal probably. Let's talk about the power pack. Burger King, I hope the same person got to write this press release as had to write the last one.

Griffin: As a rule—

Justin: Because they really got to—

Griffin: As a really little treat.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, crack the knuckles and have some fun. Burger King is bringing the cosmic energy of the anime multiverse—

Travis: Mm-hm.

Justin: Straight to your taste buds!

Travis: Yes. Have you ever wanted to know what Goku tastes like? Good news! [chuckles]

Griffin: Get you some Goku chips.

Justin: In celebration of one of the most beloved anime franchises, Dragon Ball Super, Burger King is launching—it would be wild if it was in celebration of like… Akira. Burger King is launching—

Griffin: Good pull, dude!

Travis: Yeah, man.

Griffin: Me and Trav are super proud—

Justin: Were you proud of me?

Griffin: Of that anime pull—

Travis: That was nice.

Justin: Thanks, dude.

Griffin: My man. Would have been great if you could have said like a series. Like a—

Justin: Like what?

Griffin: Like Dragon Ball Z, but Akira we will absolutely accept.

Justin: Okay, great. Burger King is launching a limited time menu, packed with bold flavors and immersive packaging, designed to delight fans of all ages. The Dragon Ball Super Power Up Pack includes a 10-piece chicken

nugget with new Super Saiyan sauce!

Travis: [yells out] Ah, yeah!

Griffin: [chuckles] Yeah!

Justin: It's a sweet, savory tangy teriyaki style sauce inspired by—

Travis: It's all in there!

Justin: It's all in there. It's all in there, the Super Saiyan sauce. It's got the —it's got the Super Saiyan sauce, they got the Dragon Ball burst lemonade! It's a refreshing mango peach lemonade, with juicy mango flavor popping boba that brings the magic of the Dragon Balls to every sip.

Griffin: I'm not sure I want BK dabbling in boba. That's all I want to say. I'm not sure that I want that—

Justin: Yeah. Boba's on the fence already, texture-wise.

Travis: It also does kind of seem like their go-to, like their direction for this —

Griffin: It's actually pronounced Goku—

Travis: Their Goku—

Griffin: With a K.

Travis: Direction for this, between the Super Saiyan sauce and the mango peach lemonade with boba was, put as much into each thing as you can.

Griffin: That's the BK way, man, maximalist.

Justin: And then I feel bad for the person because then they had to describe a medium fry, which is just a medium fry. Classic French fry—

Travis: Have you ever seen a small fry and a large fry and thought, "I wish

they had a baby."

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: Well, here you go. Hey, Griff, will you read this part? Becuse like I'm afraid I'm not gonna get it right—

Griffin: Sure, sure.

Justin: And I don't want people to make fun of me.

Griffin: Yeah, absolutely. Here we go. Dragon Ball Super figurine, one of six exclusive character figurines including Goku, Super Saiyan God Super Saiyan Goku.

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: Vejidah…. just kidding. Vegeta, Super Saiyan God Super Saiyan Vegeta.

Justin: [laughs]

Griffin: Piccolo and Beerus.

Justin: I'm not laughing at the fact that these are anime names, because of course they are. I'm laughing that someone had to like check the sheet eight times like, "Okay hold on it's…"

Griffin: Super Saiyan God Super Saiyan Goku?

Justin: Because they will fucking… "Bethany, listen to me. If you write it wrong, they're gonna rip us apart."

Griffin: "They're gonna absolutely fucking kill us."

Justin: "You will pra—you will wish for death, Bethany. You have to write Super Saiyan God Super Saiyan Goku, please." [chuckles]

Griffin: It sounds like—

Justin: And don't forget Beerus!

Griffin: [chuckles] Super saiyan God Super Saiyan goo-koo sounds—Goku sounds like a… an SAT like analogy question. Super Saiyan God is to Super Saiyan Goku…

Justin: Kids can join the adventure too. Don't worry, kids, you're not left out of the Dragon Ball C Super Power Up pack with Super Saiyan sauce. Kids can join in too, a Dragon Ball Super themed King Jr. Meal arrives at participating restaurants nationwide, giving younger fans the opportunity to power up their play. Each meal includes a choice of hamburger, cheeseburger, four piece, six-piece chicken nugget, plus a side drink and themed crown, and one of six figurines. While supplies last.

Travis: The same figurines?

Justin: I hope that they're worse figurines, because these—

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: My meal has an adult collectible. I hope it's not a toy, a simple child's toy. [chuckles]

Griffin: I didn't realize this wasn't a kids meal. I didn't realize this Dragon Ball Super Power Up Pack was an adult meal. I apologize.

Justin: You can tell by how excited you were to buy and eat it, Griffin. [chuckles] It was an adult meal—

Griffin: I just want a crown, dude! I just want the crown. And I'll have to make some modifica—I'll have to punch holes in the sides of the crown so I can still wear my headphones while wearing the Dragon Ball Z Super crown. But it's all I really want. I guess I would like a little Super Saiyan God Super Saiyan Goku figurine I could put back here next to Frisch's Big Boy.

Travis: I know it's too late now because they're already out and in stores,

but next time you partner with Dragon Ball Super, if you could make the Goku position in such a way, the figurine, that he's holding my next nugget for me, offering it to me. It's like, "Here you go, brother." Like that would be just ideal for me, if it looked like he had my back with my next nugget ready to go.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Yeah, he was like lifting one up into your—that would be cool if it was like—it might be a little nugget resting stand. You don't know. He might be able to hold a nugget. You could probably spear one on his little arm.

Griffin: If the—I'm curious about how far Joel is willing to go with this "we're listening" sort of initiative, because if we encouraged all our fans to reach out and say we actually love the anime meal, more please, if they will then continue to turn out—like Burger King becomes the new destination for like anime merchandise. They have a new Neon Genesis Evangelion sort of combo pack.

Travis: One Punch Man, give me a my hero—

Justin: It's interesting to me—

Travis: Macadamia cookies, you know?

Griffin: Oh man, that's good, Trav. God that's good.

Justin: I think that the—it's interesting because they don't mention the listing initiative in this press release. So it's like—

Travis: "When it comes to your opinions on Dragon Ball Super, we're actually not listening!?

Griffin: "Not interested. With this—"

Justin: Well, no! I think it did. No. This is a hundred percent what happened though. I think that Joel Yashinsky's like, "Listen, this is gonna sound crazy to you guys, but we need to do two things immediately. After we—and na—

after we appoint an enchanted food guardian who will watch over the meals, we have two orders of business. The nuggets are fucking dirt!"

Griffin: [chuckles]

Justin: "The nuggets are trash and they love Goku! I swear to god, guys, fix the nuggets and put Goku on the box, and we'll be *rolling* in it!"

Travis: "I had… I had to make a special filter for the emails, guys."

Justin: Yeah.

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: "You didn't hire me to tell you to make like better burgers. I'm telling you, fix the nuggets and create an enchanted guardian of the food, and put Goku on everything!"

Travis: Is the enchanted guardian—

Justin: Because it's not timed to an event!

Griffin: No.

Justin: It's not timed to—

Griffin: It's a celebration of Dragon Ball—

Justin: It's a celebration of the anime Super Dragon Ball. [chuckles]

Travis: Is the enchanted guardian of the food responsible for getting me a different Goku collectible if I already have the Super Saiyan Super God—

Justin: Trav—

Travis: Super Saiyan—

Justin: The idea that someone on Earth—

Griffin: I think they'll h—I think they should have to.

Justin: Yeah. The Your Way Champion should have to care deeply about which figurine you got, and how disappointed you are.

Griffin: Yeah. My crown doesn't fit. I was told this was a meal for adults, Your Way Champion, My Way Champion. Make this crown fit my head, now.

Justin: Make this crown fit my brother's head.

Griffin: Stretch it.

Travis: Joel, I'm gonna give you this one too for free. We are listening and we hear what you're Saiyan. Here's a go-k—

Griffin: That's cool.

Travis: And then you can like lead into it that way, if you want to rewrite the—

Griffin: What if Joel… what if Joel learned about Dragon Ball from these emails? And now he's like a dyed-in-the-wool like absolute Dragon Ball fiend. He can't get enough of these guys, he sh—he rolled up to the next board meeting and was like, "Do you guys know about—"

Justin: [chuckles] It's all he talked about.

Griffin: "Do you know about Goku and his son, Son Goku? You guys are gonna lose your fucking minds when you see—when they get mad, guys, their—"

Justin: [chuckles] He comes in each meeting after discovering new levels of power that they have increased to like, "Guys, I know I said that they couldn't get any more powerful in the last meeting, but I watched a few more episodes and this is gonna fucking trip you out, but there's a Super Saiyan one too."

Travis: Yeah. "His hair, you guys aren't gonna believe this, I know I described him as having black hair, it goes like electric yellow?"

Griffin: Yeah. "And then if he's super pissed off, blue. We gotta make this the front man for our entire business. I propose we change the name from Burger King to Burger Goku. And we need—and I've already done this, and we've already started sending the new signs out to all the franchises—"

Justin: There, do you guys realize—

Griffin: "So get on board."

Justin: That there is a world in which—like you joked about this having an impact, but there's a world in which this does so well that Burger King just becomes like the anime nuggets. [chuckles]

Travis: Yeah.

Griffin: That's what I'm saying, dude! Yes, absolutely!

Justin: Like the number one, like if you want anime nuggets, the Hot Topic of the… of the fast-food world.

Travis: "Guys, it's me, Joel. Just finished the series. Is it too late to make a nugget meal with over 9,000 nuggets in it?"

Griffin: [laughs]

Justin: [laughs] "Hey, guys! Check this out! Check this out! [yells out] Over 9,000! I got to it! You guys heard that?"

Travis: "Where are you going? You quit?"

Justin: "Come back."

Travis: "You all quit?!"

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Guys, I don't think I can come in today… Goku fucking died." [chuckles]

Justin: [chuckles]

Griffin: "Goku fucking died, and now he's an angel in heaven, and he has to find his way back, and I don't think he's gonna be able to do it. He's at the end of like a big, long road, and the road is also a snake. And… Goku fucking died! I can't take your calls today—hey, what do you want? Oh, the burgers are too hot? Sorry, I can't, Goku fucking died—"

Justin: "Wait, are—you aren't in the Dragon Ball, but—oh, you are. Okay, so listen, don't spoil anything, but like—" [chuckles]

Griffin: "But like…"

Travis: "Does it turn out okay?!"

Griffin: "I got to the part Goku died and like there's no way, right?"

Justin: "Ain't no way!"

Travis: "Ah, don't spoil it! Don't spoil it!"

Justin: "No, no, the nuggets! I know, I know, I know, I know!"

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah!

Griffin: "I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know!"

Justin: Yeah, "There's a ga—there's gonna be an enchanted guardian."

Travis: Yeah, yeah—

Justin: Yeah.

Travis: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Justin: "To look over you. Watch out for you like Goku does. Goku watches out for all of us now, I don't want you to be sad anymore, little friend. I'm gonna fix this for everybody." [chuckles]

Griffin: "I hope I get to meet Goku one day."
"What?"
"What?"
"What?!"

Travis: "They made a live-action version, I can't wait to watch that!"

Griffin: "Oh! I can't wait to see that—"

Justin: [laughs]

Travis: "I bet it's so accurate!"

Griffin: "They just record the actual Goku, huh? For that one? What?"

Justin: "They follow around like Keeping Up With the Kardashians!" [chuckles] I bet they have trouble—

Travis: Yeah, on the—On The Goku!

Justin: Keeping up with is busy life!

Travis: On The Goku?

Griffin: On The Goku is the name of that Bravo reality show, Travis, yes, absolutely.

Justin: Thank you for listening to our podcast. It's called My Brother, My Brother and Me. It's an advice show for the modren era. Even if we don't get to a ton of questions, we still helped. I feel like we did that first Muppet one so good, we kind of earned—

Griffin: Took a flyer thing.

Justin: The coasting.

Travis: Yeah.

Justin: You know what I mean? Lew Zealand. [blows a raspberry]

Travis: Lew Zealand.

Justin: Done

Griffin: Yeah.

Travis: We've got a bunch of new merch over in the merch store, the Amnesty bandana, Cryptonomica sticker designed by Rachel Calderon-Navarro. And 10% of all merch proceeds this month will also be donated to the Midwest Food Banks Disaster Relief Fund, which brings together donors, volunteers and a network of over two… I gotta think, 2,400 non-profit—

Justin: 9,000!

Travis: Over 2,400 non-private partners to deliver food and support to communities across the country!

Griffin: We're doing a Besties live on Broadway, October 9th at Town Hall in New York City. And you can get your tickets now at bit.ly/bestiesonbroadway. We've never done a live Besties before, but it's gonna be a ton of fun, and I hope that you will consider joining us because I'm very much looking forward to it.

Travis: Also, thank you to Montaigne.

Griffin: Oh yeah.

Travis: Who's just doing a bunch of kick-ass live shows.

Griffin: Yeah!

Travis: Make sure you check those out.

Griffin: Saw a review of one of the live shows, sounded like a ton of fun. And Montaigne played the "My Life Is Better With You" song. And I would love to—I'd love to s—Montaigne, I would love to see you in concert, and that—it would be so sick. But I don't know if you're—if a Stateside tour is coming anytime, so maybe I gotta get across the pond… Several ponds.

Justin: Several p—the big—

Griffin: There's a couple ponds I would have to go over.

Justin: The big 'ol pond, they call it. The lower pond.

Griffin: The lower pond!

Travis: The lower pond.

Justin: I haven't found anything for a little bit, and I have—

Griffin: Yeah, what you got?

Justin: I got these… the six pack of eartips that I don't need. I got the—I hate these, right? Because you get these and it's like I found the two that fit. And then the rest of 'em don't. Like what…

Griffin: Yeah.

Justin: Okay. Thanks for nothing, I guess. So I'm gonna throw it.

Travis: Justin, no look over your shoulder, I'll give you a hundred points if you hit the big boy.

Griffin: If you can hit the Frisch's Big Boy. It's ki—it's a little small, so I want there to be some challenge associated with it. Hard as you can though.

[pause]

Travis: *Oah*.

Justin: *Ah*!

Griffin: Oh my god, it was so close, dude!

Justin: Did you see?!

Travis: So close!

Griffin: So close, dude.

Justin: *Eergh*!

Travis: *Ah*!

Justin: My name is Justin McElroy.

Travis: I'm Travis McElroy!

Griffin: I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin: This has been My Brother, My Brother and Me. Kiss your dad square on the lips. *Ergh*!

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

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