

MBMBaM 25: Freak in the Bedroll

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

[theme music plays]

Justin:

Could it really be? Could it be that a week has passed already? You've lived, laughed, loved, learned, looned for seven days, and now you are back to our thrall, our loving embrace.

Griffin:

You did a bit of eating.

Justin:

Did some eating.

Griffin:

You did a bit of praying, you did some loving.

Justin:

Yeah. Did some...

Griffin:

Now a week has passed, the earth has spun on its axis seven times.

Justin:

You have a new set of problems.

Griffin:

New problems.

Travis:

And a new set of skin cells (laughs).

Griffin:

New skin cells (laughs). You shed the old ones, now it's time to shed the chains, time to shed the yoke of your burdens and put that shit right on us, Annie.

Justin:

It's funny because your skin cells today have never heard of My Brother, My Brother and Me (laughs).

Griffin:

Can you imagine?

Travis:

It's like a whole new person.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Every time you listen to MBMBaM, it's your skin's first time.

Justin:

Yeah. Your skin, your new skin may not like it.

Travis:

If so, our bad.

Justin:

Yeah. It's like the, how the new Dr. Who doesn't like Black people.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Travis:

Exactly (laughs).

Justin:

You never n- yeah, have you not seen it? It's a really-

Travis:

It's super racist.

Justin:

(laughs) It super ra-

Travis:

It got real weird.

Justin:

It's a weird direction (laughs) they're taking but I, I think it-

Travis:

(laughs) I think he actually just goes back in time to stop like, equal rights and everything. It's really weird.

Justin:

(laughs) Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. It's re- it's re-

Travis:

It's pretty inappropriate, actually.

Justin:

Yeah. But god, compelling. Whoa.

Travis:

It's so good, the writing's so good.

Justin:

The writing you can't fault (laughs).

Travis:

I like his albino companion.

Griffin:

(laughs).

Justin:

Yeah. (exaggerated British accent) He's the whitest man I could find, crikey! (laughs) Crikey? That's what they say, right? Dr. Who [crosstalk].

Griffin:

I- I'm pretty sure that's what they shay.

Travis:

And shag.

Justin:

(laughs) So let's, uh, let's help some people. This is, of course, My Brother, My Brother and Me. It's an advice show for the modern era and, and now... wisdom. Ian from Gmail writes, he says, "My brother wants to name his first born child Anakin."

Griffin:

Stop.

Justin:

No, no (laughs), no you can't stop because Ian feels compelled to tell us, "After the Star Wars character." Thank you, Ian.

Griffin:

(laughs). [crosstalk]

Travis:

Thank you so mu- oh, not Anakin Jones, the political leader.

Griffin:

I'm not... It may surprise you to learn that I'm the type of person who's never seen a Star Wars movie before. That's the... Is that the one about the missile defense system in the 1970's? (laughs)

Travis:

That is correct.

Griffin:

I'm confused. Is it a documentary?

Justin:

Yeah. "Uh, while I'm mildly amused by this, I fear it could wind up in the same vein as having the middle name Danger. What should I do to convince him otherwise, or should he learn from his own mistakes?"

Yeah, yeah. Hey, Ian? (laughs) He's not, he's not the one who has to I... it's not like (laughs)... your, your brother-

Griffin:

(laughs) oh...

Justin:

... can't just be like, well, live and learn.

Griffin:

I regret, I regret-

Travis:

Your brother will never look back 18 years from now and be like, "Man, that was a bad move. Really should have never named that kid Anakin."

Griffin:

I regret that.

Travis:

(laughs).

Griffin:

He's not gonna be the one-

Travis:

Now that my kid's been beaten to death.

Griffin:

Yeah. He's-

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Yeah.

Griffin:

... not gonna be the one that hangs himself in his closet when he's 10 years old. (laughs).

Justin:

Yeah, that, uh, that's not a good name. You could maybe use this as an opportunity to turn him onto My Brother, My Brother and Me, hit podcast. Uh, and, and we could just sorta tell him like, "Don't do that. Don't."

Travis:

Maybe Luke? Go with Luke? It's a, it's a fine, normal person name.

Justin:

Uh, yeah.

Griffin:

Jar Jar Binks, maybe?

Travis:

Jar Jar Bi-

Justin:

The problem with Anakin and Jar Jar Binks is that you are say- there is no room for equivocation. Like, it is named after the character in Star Wars.

Travis:

I-

Justin:

It's not *maybe*. It is.

Travis:

I had a friend a couple of years ago and she said my first daughter I'm gonna name Hermione. It's like, no, you don't at all-

Justin:

No.

Travis:

... want to do that. It, you never want to name your kid anything that's that recognizably nerdy. Like, this is my son, Kal-El. Sorry, Nicholas Cage. But you just wanna keep that to yourself, have that be a personal thing in your heart that you don't saddle on your poor, unborn fetus.

Justin:

Maybe Anakin can be like, a nickname and the- and-

Griffin:

No.

Justin:

And, uh, you comment yourse- no? Still not that?

Travis:

Maybe a middle name?

Griffin:

Why don't you name your son Lightsaber?

Travis:

(laughs) Ooh!

Justin:

Ooh.

Travis:

(laughs).

Griffin:

How about Podracer?

Travis:

This is my son, X-wing.

Justin:

Hi, have you met my boy, Wizard? He's Wizard. (laughs)

Griffin:

Um, oh my god, you guys. I cannot believe we didn't talk about this already.

Travis:

Wh-

Justin:

What-

Griffin:

Uh, why don't you name your son David Hasselhoff?

Justin:

Whoa!

Travis:

Huh, there it is.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

We got the Hoff-icial seal of approval from Mr. David Hasselhoff on Twitter. Uh, I think, I wanna go ahead and say we're his official source for life advice, but it's really recent (laughs). Like, we haven't been guiding every step he's made.

Griffin:

Which, I think there's-

Travis:

We're working hard now.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

There are probably a few bad decisions that we could have steered him away from. Like, the whole, the whole drunken, eating a burger on the floor with his shirt off thing.

Travis:

I do that. I do that. I ain't judging him.

Justin:

He- hey-

Griffin:

Yeah, but you don't do that on video on the internet, and also [crosstalk]-

Justin:

Have you ever tried to con-

Travis:

I do, I just don't post it.

Justin:

Have you ever tried to convince a drunk person to not eat a hamburger? (laughs) Like, it's not gonna happen. (laughs) I don't care how good our show is (laughs), it's not gonna happen. "Hey, don't eat that." "Rowr, rowr, rowr."

Travis:

It's like convincing Dr. Who not to hate Black people.

Justin:

(laughs) Exactly.

Griffin:

But I-

Justin:

Stupid, racist Dr. Who.

Griffin:

All, all joking aside, I know he's a fan of the show. Uh, I mean, why else, why else would he be following us? Uh, I know he's a fan of the show and so David, just thank you for cho- goddammit, thank you for everything. Thank you for your performances on the television programs that you've been on. Thank you for Knight Rider. Thank you for bringing down the Berlin Wall single-handedly.

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

That's probably the most-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... important contribution that you've done.

Justin:

Thank you for the sh-

Travis:

I, I was talking to some friends and the first thing I did when I found out was contact everyone I've ever known in my life and say, "Hey, look at this thing I've done," but I finally put it in context of why it was so amazing, and I said if I had a time machine and I could go back in time five years and tell f- you know, five years younger Travis that in five years, he was gonna do something that David Hasselhoff not only listened to, but enjoyed, there's no way I would ever believe that. It's just the greatest thing that's ever happened to me. And I've done some pretty awesome things in my life.

Justin:

And just to reiterate, he definitely, definitely listens.

Griffin:

Definitely, 100% chance that he listens.

Justin:

There's 100%... the forecast is 100% chance of My Brother, My Brother and Me precipitation in David Hasselhoff's ear holes, definitely. Definitely no room for equivocation there.

Travis:

So, thanks Hoff.

Justin:

What was that show where he played a car, or he transformed into a car?

Griffin:

That wo- that would be, uh...

Travis:

Fight Rider?

Griffin:

Knight Ri- Knight Rider.

Justin:

Knight Rider.

Travis:

Knight Rider?

Justin:

Knight Rider.

Griffin:

Only he was the driver of the car. I- it was Mr. Feeny-

Justin:

He transf-

Griffin:

... that was the one that transformed into the car.

Justin:

Mr Feeny was like, a friend of his and he transformed into a car when things got hot, or when you would give him hot food?

Travis:

No, I think it was Mr. Feeny was a friend of his, and then was killed by a car and his soul inhabited the-

Griffin:

It got eaten by the car.

Travis:

... car that killed him. Yeah, that was it.

Justin:

Right.

Travis:

Um, it's a great show, check it out.

Griffin:

No, you're thinking of the movie Click (laughs).

Justin:

(laughs loudly) I love [crosstalk].

Griffin:

Which the Hoff gives... The Hoff gives a tremendous performance in that, in that, in the future [crosstalk].

Justin:

Yeah. Uh, so, uh, Lucas writes this... Again, Hoff, thank you. Uh, because you're definitely listening. "Uh, so I just started college and my roommates are friends of mine from high school. My problem is, I realized I'm almost nothing like them." Mm-hmm (affirmative). "I'm even kind of wondering how I became friends with them in the first place. They think things I like are stupid. They don't understand my position and opinions on things, and often call things I like gay. They often play it off by saying they're just messing around, but it's so often that I'm really getting sick of it. What do I do?" Lucas, they sound terrible, dude!

Travis:

Hey-

Justin:

They sound, like-

Travis:

This-

Justin:

... the worst.

Travis:

This is an object lesson in the difference between high school friends and college friends. Now that you, you know, have grown up a little bit and realized that you don't have anything in common with these people, that's, that's a common, common problem in that transition.

Justin:

(laughs)

Travis:

It's time to get out of that friendship.

Griffin:

I think, can we-

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... can we, I mean... maybe this stuff Lucas likes is just gay.

(all laugh)

Griffin:

Maybe, maybe dude reads like, comic books and gay shit like that. Like, maybe-

Justin:

Yeah. Are you doing a bunch of gay shit (laughs), Lucas? You didn't tell us.

Travis:

You reading anime?

Griffin:

You reading anime?

Justin:

You reading anime?

Griffin:

Lucas?

Justin:

Lucas?

Griffin:

... maybe like, just put, put away your childish things, go hit up the gym. Just go hit up the gym with your boys. Like, maybe-

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... maybe *you're* the one with the problem, not them.

Justin:

Maybe you should stop hanging full size posters of yourself having sex with men.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

(laughs).

Griffin:

Well, this is art.

Justin:

In your room, and in other people's rooms (laughs).

Travis:

Lucas, this is an (laughs) intervention. Put down the Twilight books.

Griffin:

Uh-

Travis:

Get out there and meet some ladies.

Justin:

No, the, y- guy, Lucas, these guys sound like a nightmare.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Yo- you will find other people that you like, and even if you like, even if you have to (laughs) walk the world alone like that guy in Kung Fu, like, you don't (laughs), you won't have to deal with people calling things you like gay. Nobody has the right to do that. Just-

Travis:

Now-

Justin:

... be [crosstalk].

Travis:

The other side of that coin though, is if they're your roommates, you've probably signed a lease or have a dorm with them, so what you wanna do is avoid them as much as possible. Like, no joke, just because they're your roommates, you don't *have* to hang out with them.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

Find some new friends and just try to see them as little as possible.

Justin:

You're in college, right? Dude, there's no sense in you getting bullied anymore. It's not happening. You, you... right, go hang out with other people, sleep in your room. Just muscle through it, but don't deal with these-

Justin:

... pricks. They sound like-

Griffin:

Yeah, the only reason-

Justin:

... they suck.

Griffin:

The only reason that you became friends with them in the first place is because high school is like prison, and-

Justin:

Right (laughs).

Griffin:

... if you don't get, if you don't get into a group-

Travis:

Exactly.

Griffin:

... like, you'll get stabbed on the playground or whatever.

Justin:

Yeah.

Travis:

So the next time they said they're just playing it off, just tell 'em, fuck off, you know what I mean? Like-

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Yeah. Just fuck-

Travis:

You don't need their explanations, just tell them to get the fuck out.

Justin:

Oh, you know what? Go back to those prison rules. Shiv one.

Travis:

Yeah!

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Justin:

Yeah, see wha- who's gay now. Have, g- you know what? Uh, uh, ha- shiv 'em and then have sex with the shivved one and say, "Yeah, you're right. This is gay. This is pretty gay, what I'm doing to you right now."

Travis:

(laughs) This is pretty fucking gay. And you're also dead.

Justin:

This is pretty gay, and you're dead (laughs). [unintelligible] dead corpse. I'm in jail now, and i- ironically, I'm in prison for that.

Griffin:

Or I'm making the best friends of my entire life.

Justin:

I'm making the best friends, we're having such a good time (laughs). They get me-

Travis:

Me, me and Tiny Love are gonna fucking kill you.

Griffin:

Hey, hey-

Justin:

Tiny Love and I are getting out and we're coming for you (laughs).

Griffin:

(laughs). I have a, a Yahoo Answer question. It was sent in by Dilbob. Thank you, Dilbob. Uh, it's from Yahoo Answers user Desmond Hume. Oh, how nice. So, as you can imagine, uh, a Yahoo Answer to a question named after the philosopher and Lost character, Desmond Hume is gonna be very, very, you know, well thought out and... Why are my ears never dirty? (laughs)

Travis:

What?

Griffin:

I'm 17 and my ears are never dirty. I never have to clean them. I try. Nothing comes out. Why? (laughs)

Travis:

Worst superpower ever.

Justin:

(laughs).

Griffin:

That was actually the first answer is, you have a supernatural power where your ears never get dirty. Rare, but extravagant, lucky.

Travis:

I like that he clarifies that he's 17.

Griffin:

Yeah, well, I mean, that's part of puberty, right? Your ears really don't start producing that man wax until, you know, 20, 21.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

God, I mean, I've-

Travis:

I'm gonna market a product called man wax.

Justin:

Wait, are you telling me that in the year 2021, my ears are going to start producing man wax? (laughs).

Griffin:

Yeah. Um-

Justin:

Like, everybody?

Griffin:

That's when we're gonna have the dyslexic apocalypse and, uh, just the wax is just gonna be flowing.

Justin:

Yeah. That's the weird part about-

Griffin:

I, a- at the same time, though-

Justin:

... the dyslexic apocalypse.

Griffin:

... I know what he's talking about. Like, there are those days where you just get a Q-tip up in there, y- and you try and, you know, get some relief, and then nothing happens. And that's a heartbreaking experience.

Travis:

I picture him like, standing at the bathroom sink, just gripping the counter and staring at himself in the mirror and saying, "Today's the day." And slowly bringing a Q-tip up to his ear, and then nothing.

Griffin:

Like, maybe that's a thing. Like, maybe that's like, pubes used to be for, for young dudes and I guess, per- periods used to be for young ladies? Like, all my friends have got their wax already.

Justin:

Yeah. When will I get the wax?

Griffin:

When will I get the wax?

Justin:

Oh, youngling, the waxening happens when you're most ready. We do not choose the time of our waxening.

Griffin:

I can't show my face at school anymore until I get some wax.

Travis:

Everyone knows how clean my ears are (laughs). They're gonna say, they're gonna say, "There's Jimmy Clean Ears." (laughs)

Justin:

The guys say, the guys say, "There's Jimmy Clean Ears." (laughs)

Travis:

When we're in the locker room, they're all poking fun at my ears and-

Griffin:

(laughs) They're all in home room just picking away at their sweet, waxy ears.

Travis:

(laughs).

Griffin:

I'm just sitting there looking like a jackass.

Justin:

Like a s- like a chump. Uh, guys-

Griffin:

Oh, I can't, I can't get any wax. I got all mine out already this morning. I save 'em in a jar. I'll show you someday. I'll bring it in, I promise.

Justin:

Yeah, it's (laughs)-

Travis:

Dear Mama, dear Mama, when will I get the wax (laughs)? Soon, my baby, soon.

Justin:

You know, you should never use Q-tips, um-

Griffin:

Don't gimme that shit. I'll use anything-

Travis:

You're poking your brain.

Griffin:

I'll use anything that-

Justin:

What?

Griffin:

... has a, a long, like-

Justin:

You should rinse your, you should rinse your ears every day with warm water.

Travis:

Is it troubling that the- uh, my left ear, when I use a Q-tip, it immediately makes me cough?

Griffin:

(laughs) yeah.

Travis:

Do you think that that's a problem?

Griffin:

Yeah, that's a, that's-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... a definite problem.

Justin:

I think you've got an impaction of some sort.

Travis:

Great.

Justin:

I, uh, I've just started this wonderful relationship with an amazing girl I met through Dungeons and Dragons tabletop group.

Travis:

Don't ever let her go.

Justin:

The problem is, I've never been in a serious relationship before. I don't know when or how to display the appropriate signs of affection... hugging, kissing, holding hands. Please-

Travis:

(laughs) Et cetera.

Justin:

Et cetera (laughs). Please help as soon as possible. Uh, uh, wha- dating and dragons, Gmail. Okay, first off, yes.

Griffin:

(laughs).

Justin:

Uh, secondly, uh, it sounds like you got the basics down (laughs).

Griffin:

It goes hug, kiss, hold a hand.

Justin:

Hol- hug-

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Hug me-

Travis:

Et cetera.

Justin:

Kissing. Hold my hand.

Griffin:

All right, listen. Let's be, let's be-

Justin:

[crosstalk] et cetera.

Griffin:

... let's be delicate here. Um-

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

... because this sounds like, you know, his first serious relationship. It sounds like he needs, he needs some advice.

Justin:

All right. Let's get-

Griffin:

Here's-

Justin:

... serious.

Griffin:

Here's what's tricky about this, dating and dragons, is it's, it differs for every relationship.

Justin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Griffin:

Or sometimes you gotta have that slow crawl to the top where you start with holding hands and then, you know, awkward hug, and then a kiss and, and then, you know, a little bit of hanky-panky, um, which is-

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... the scientific term for it. And then, full on hanky-panky.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Some, some relationships-

Travis:

Then disappointing hanky-panky.

Griffin:

Relationships. Some relationships you just gotta jump right into the hanky-panky and then work your way backwards from there, Memento style.

Justin:

Like relationships with prostitutes.

Griffin:

Yes.

Justin:

Like Pretty Woman, did you see? Um, I... yeah, uh, hand holding is a good sort of all purpose thing, but it, it says to the world like, "Hey, we are dating, and this is my property." You should also announce loudly at-

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

... several intervals-

Griffin:

Mine!

Justin:

... this is my prop... My property. Eyes off. And in, in all seriousness, don't display affection at the game.

Travis:

And in, in all seriousness, don't display affection at the game.

Griffin:

Mm-mm (negative).

Travis:

Your, your friends will not appreciate that.

Griffin:

It'll tear the table apart.

Justin:

Oh, yeah, definitely.

Griffin:

The GM will kill your girlfriend off, and then you'll have this awkward situation where-

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... you know, do you leave the game?

Travis:

Here's what you're gonna want to do. When you're sitting on the couch, and it's a romantic time, uh, a loving time, if you will, you're going to make eye contact, and then you're gonna roll a perception check.

Justin:

(wheezes) Travis!

Travis:

I know.

Justin:

You made a D&D joke!

Travis:

I know, I do what I can.

Justin:

It's the little things. It's, it's, uh, y- you know, affection doesn't have to be in the, in the physical ways that everybody thinks. It's whatever feels right for you. It, it's mainly about showing that you're considerate, so you know, if you know she's had a hard day, you, uh, make dinner. If she forgot to get, uh, her retainer, you go get it for her. Um, if she needs help hanging up her cloak, that- that's another thing you can do-

Travis:

(laughs).

Justin:

... to, to help out.

Travis:

Maybe polishing her bow staff.

Griffin:

You guys are-

Justin:

Yeah, polish her bow staff.

Griffin:

You guys are making jokes, but I think that there's an angle to this question we haven't considered yet, which is girls that play Dungeons and Dragons are fucking freaks, yo.

Travis:

Freak.

Griffin:

Crazy. Crazy, yo.

Travis:

Lady in the streets, but a freak in the bed.

Griffin:

She may ask- (laughs) what?! what?

Justin:

What?!

Travis:

Don't worry about it.

Justin:

Lady in the caverns. Uh- (laughs), lady in the dungeon.

Travis:

... but a freak in the bedroll.

Justin:

(laughs loudly).

Griffin:

I'm saying, I'm saying she's probably so shy, but see, in her secret heart of hearts, you are-

Travis:

She ain't wearing anything underneath that cloak.

Griffin:

She, she is ready.

Justin:

(laughs). That chastity belt's got a-

Travis:

You need to storm her castle.

Justin:

That chastity belt's got a ripped top on it, if you know what's up (laughs). Breakaway chastity belt, more like (laughs).

Griffin:

All right, let's get-

Justin:

Okay, okay, uh-

Griffin:

... five more Dungeons and Dragons themed sexual innuendos in.

Justin:

I'm, I'm actually cached (laughs).

Griffin:

Oh, you tapped out?

Travis:

I'm all out, that was it.

Justin:

Yeah. Um, dear brothers, what is the best way to pick up... Wait, wait, hold on. Before we move on. Did, did we fully answer dating and dragons' question? It's about what you feel comfortable with.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Travis:

And here's the thing. Uh, as far as moving to new levels of signs of affection, if you wait-

Justin:

You gotta have a bit of experience first (laughs).

Travis:

I- if you wait-

Justin:

[crosstalk].

Travis:

... to be 100% sure that it's time, you will always be waiting.

Justin:

Right. That's true.

Travis:

Sometimes you just gotta sack up and you know, move forward and... roll for initiative.

Griffin:

Yeah, also she's a, she's a girl that plays Dungeons and Dragons. She's, she's ready.

Justin:

Yeah, she's DTP, she's down to party (laughs). Um, (laughs) dear brothers, what is the best way to pick up ladies at a library? I'm a college student (laughs). Okay, what... (laughs) [crosstalk]

Travis:

Well, as opposed to a homeless man. I'm glad they clarified.

Justin:

Yeah, really! (laughs) I'm a weird-

Griffin:

I just, I take my showers at the library bathroom sink and-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... uh, I been thinking about-

Justin:

I'm a creepy smell-o homeless dude and I... (laughs).

Griffin:

I think you have a couple of options. Um, you could follow her around, follow a lady around, uh, and as she picks up books, just go, "Yeah, I read that one."

Justin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Travis:

(laughs) That one's great. He dies in the end.

Griffin:

(laughs). I mean, you don't even have to have read the books. Th- I mean, you probably won't have read these books, so don't, don't follow up with, with any questions she might ask about the book. Just, you know, say every sing- I mean, every single book that she picks up, tell her that you've read it. Um, also, books are heavy, which is something you have keep in mind, which, o- offers up a couple of options. One, you just carry around a bunch of really heavy books, and it makes you look-

Justin:

Oh, okay.

Griffin:

... so, so strong *and* smart.

Travis:

Or you could offer to carry her books for her.

Justin:

What I, wha- what my jam used to be, my, my, my old game was, uh, I'd go the library and, uh, (laughs) I'd look in the section of the library where, uh, where all the books are about home remedies for penis reduction, and then just-

Travis:

(laughs)

Justin:

... just stand there with your hands on your hips just- and just keep saying, "Nothing! There's-

Griffin:

What's the, uh-

Justin:

... nothing that works!" (laughs)

Griffin:

What the Dewey decimal code for that section, do you remember?

Travis:

Uh, B-I-G.

Justin:

It- wha- hey, good...

Travis:

I don't know the Dewey Decimal System.

Griffin:

(laughs) I'm pretty sure numbers are involved.

Travis:

[crosstalk] Dewey Decimal System.

Justin:

Dewey Decimal-

Travis:

Big penis time, I don't know. Wha- what is the Dewey Decimal System? How does that work?

Justin:

In case you were thinking of sending in a question about the Dewey Decimal System and asking our advice, I... we're not gonna be able to help you out on that one.

Travis:

This is not the place to come..

Justin:

I've been-

Travis:

If you want Library of Congress, I got that.

Justin:

Yeah, he's got that on lockdown. On L-O-C down. (laughs). Uh, I've been considering learning to play the guitar. My stepdad has a guitar, and would be able to teach me, but I'm not sure if I'd be willing to stick with the lessons and practice. Is it worth it how to learn to play the guitar for casual playing? Jelly from Gmail. Joe. Yes!

Griffin:

Absolutely.

Justin:

Absolutely. Get on that now and get ready for the... let's say, wave of female attention [crosstalk]-

Griffin:

The deluge of trim (laughs).

Justin:

No, no sir. No, we talked about it. No, no dice.

Travis:

No?

Justin:

No.

Griffin:

Up to your neck in trim!

Travis:

We, we... No, we talked about this (laughs) in the meeting. We, we covered this.

Justin:

Yeah, we, we went over this. No, uh, yeah, playing guitar is great. It's a, it's, um, I, I think... well, probably Griffin and I cou- could both be described as, as hobbyist guitar players. It's nice to have something that you just do for you and you're not, um, you're not, uh, you know, trying to make a living at. Um, just don't-

Griffin:

You think this is a hobby-

Travis:

It's a great way to impress your grandmother.

Griffin:

You think it's a hobby for me?

Justin:

Oh, is it your life? (laughs).

Griffin:

I mean, I, I would say I'm in the business of, of strumming. Um...

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Strumming *for* trim. Trim-

Travis:

No!

Justin:

No, no, no (laughs).

Griffin:

Uh (laughs)...

Griffin:

I think it's, I think it's a great idea. I think it's... I don't think the guitar's as hard to play as some people make it out to be and it's, it's nice. I mean, i- if you play other instruments especially, it's, it's particularly easy to learn. I went from, I went from piano to, to guitar and I mean, all the basics, you know, chords and stuff, that all transfers over.

Justin:

The good thing about the guitar is you can really be to a point where you can play a song-

Griffin:

Mm.

Justin:

... in your first day-

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

... and, and that's really rewarding. Like, once you're there to, to already have that sort of, instant gratification and you know, from there you can, you c- it, it's not tough to, to stick with it because it is, I mean, I, I enjoy it a lot. And again, as Griffin, um, I'm sure will point out a couple more times, uh, it is great for, for wooing women.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Justin:

The ladies, or dudes, if that's your thing.

Travis:

Um, as, as the non-guitar playing McElroy, my only advice in this situation is, um, when you do start to learn and you do learn to play the guitar, choose your moments to play it carefully.

Griffin:

Here's a great moment, too.

Travis:

Don't sit on the quad. Don't-

Griffin:

Yeah, a great moment is never.

Justin:

Yeah (laughs).

Griffin:

Don't be that douchebag who like, goes to that party-

Justin:

Don't be that guy.

Griffin:

... and sees a guitar and is like, "Oh, I got this. [singing] Your hand..."

Travis:

[crosstalk] (imitates guitar) Don't.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Travis:

[unintelligible].

Justin:

Yeah, Jo- J- Joey, just, just ask yourself, do you want to end up like Travis?

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

'Cause if not, pick it up, uh, 'cause that's the only thing that separates us from him.

Griffin:

But look out-

Travis:

Yeah, that is true. Uh, but can I also recommend maybe considering other instruments as well? The piano is great. The sousaphone, the-

Griffin:

The piano's great but it's hard to get that *trim* because, like, you can only play it when there's-

Travis:

(laughs) No!

Griffin:

... a piano nearby. A guitar-

Justin:

A guitar-

Griffin:

... is like a portable, it's like a trim gun.

Justin:

A guitar is basically a portable piano, is what we're saying (laughs).

Travis:

Or a keytar!

Justin:

A keytar, yeah. No (laughs). What?

Travis:

No?

Justin:

No, that would be a terrible choice.

Travis:

I'm trying to bring it back. Why isn't anyone getting on board with the keytar revolution?

Justin:

The important thing about the guitar, and I... Griffin did touch on it. I, I... we just can't hammer him enough. The proper time to play your guitar publicly is never (laughs).

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Justin:

Never play it.

Griffin:

You, a- you, you play it at home to get good, and then once a month, you rack up the, the courage to go play an open-mic night, and that's when you, that's when you get the attention, because that's an appropriate, acceptable venue for you to do that. They, they expect you to do that.

Justin:

And when they say, "Where's your guitar?" You have to look at them confused and say, "Oh, I was under the impression that I should never play my guitar publicly."

Griffin:

(laughs). Um, unless you're really, really good. Unless you-

Travis:

No, not even then!

Justin:

[crosstalk].

Griffin:

Just so good.

Justin:

Yeah. Nobody wants to hear it at the party, trust me. Unless everybody's drinking and there's a campfire, maybe. And even then, it's gonna be like, there'll be three guys who kinda know how to play and you'll see 'em, like, get the jitters with their hands, like-

Travis:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Justin:

... they just wanna get their hands on it and just, just drop Sweet Home. They just wanna drop Sweet Home so hard.

Griffin:

(laughs).

Travis:

And the formula that you should always keep in mind is for every one person that appreciates you playing, there are 10 people that wish you were dead, so-

Justin:

Yeah (laughs). Is that a trade-off you're willing to make?

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

It depends on who the one person is.

Griffin:

Another, another important thing that you have to keep in mind when you start playing guitar is what songs, uh, you're gonna, you're gonna choose to learn first that are gonna be like, your go-to songs, 'cause Joey, you are going to be tempted to just get on that Damien Rice train and-

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... ride it to trim town, but you can't do it. You can't do it, Joey.

Justin:

You should do... you gotta do it a couple of times a month, but no more.

Travis:

(laughs).

Justin:

Uh, how would you avoid being in a wedding? (laughs). A friend of ours-

(all laugh)

Justin:

A friend of ours-

Travis:

Well, when they ask, just say no.

Justin:

It sound like you alr- yeah. A friend of ours is about to propose to his awful girlfriend (laughs). No one likes her. I suspect he doesn't (laughs) and she is rude-

Travis:

(laughs).

Justin:

And she is rude (laughs) and a supreme girly-girl. The women in our group of friends are worried this girl is gonna ask us to be her bridesmaids. We're sure our husbands, boyfriends will be groomsmen and we shou- we suspect she doesn't have other friends. This means dress shopping, wearing the dress she picks out and a nightmare bachelorette party. So how would you avoid it? Thanks. Signed, I'm so not your friend, Gmail. Okay. All right. This is gonna be hard for you, I'm so not your friend, but sometimes when things are really important to us, we got, we have to make sacrifices. And so, you're going to have to sacrifice your friendship with this guy and not go to his (laughs) wedding.

Travis:

Yep.

Justin:

You've got to come up with something better than a wedding that-

Travis:

Enlist in the army.

Justin:

Enlist in the army, anything, but- 'cau- 'cause here's the thing, like... (sighs) he's basically dead now. Like, he's dead now. You don't have him as a friend anymore 'cause he married, like, the worst person. And you don't want to spend time with her so he's, he's not around anymore. He's gone.

Travis:

Get used to saying, "Hey, do you guys remember James?"

Justin:

(laughs) Whatever happened to James? What do you mean, I was at his wedding. Oh, I was not. I was not there.

Travis:

I was not there. Was it a lovely time? No, it was awful because his girlfriend is a terrible person. Ah, great. I'm glad I didn't go.

Justin:

I'm sorry he died. What do you mean? I don't understand.

Griffin:

Um, counter point.

Justin:

Uh-oh.

Griffin:

Just go to the fucking wedding. Go to the wedding. It's like, one day out of your life.

Travis:

No, but it's not!

Justin:

No it's not! [crosstalk]

Travis:

Because he has to participate. She has to participate.

Griffin:

She has to participate, okay. But still-

Justin:

How do you avoid being *in* a wedding, not going *to* a wedding. Everybody can go *to* a wedding. Being *in* the wedding. Ugh!

Griffin:

Maybe-

Justin:

You gotta go to rehearsal.

Travis:

No, you should be in the wedding and then sabotage the fuck out of it.

Justin:

Sabotage! What? Yes, I love it. Yes. We're gonna tear this wedding apart.

Griffin:

You guys are writing a Jennifer Lopez movie and you don't even realize it.

Travis:

(laughs). Yes, I do.

Griffin:

You can't fake-

Travis:

I've been working on it for two years.

Griffin:

You can't be faking that every time they're like, hey, we're going dress shopping. Oh, I can't. Someone died. Uh, I have to go s- I have to go see their body. Or, uh (laughs), hey-

Travis:

Then don't fake it.

Griffin:

... bachelorette-

Travis:

Go on a killing spree.

Griffin:

... bachelorette party tonight. Oh, I can't. That, someone else is dead now.

Justin:

(laughs) No, well, you know, you, a- once you have the one excuse for not going to the wedding, I'm pretty sure they won't k- keep asking you to go dress shopping and stuff.

Griffin:

So, I expect someone to be dead on your wedding day. That's just-

Travis:

I'm allergic to love.

Justin:

Um-

Griffin:

I think you should be supportive.

Justin:

I think it would make me too happy to be in your wedding. I can't do it.

Griffin:

I think you should be supportive of your friend ,and I think that maybe you should get to know this, this girlfriend/future wife.

Justin:

(sighs) What if she was like, what if she's had a hard life, and that's why she's so hard, a hard exterior? Inside she's like a Tootsie Roll Pop.

Griffin:

Right?

Justin:

Inside she's- she's sweet.

Griffin:

Just break in that shell.

Justin:

Break through the candy shell.

Griffin:

To the [crosstalk]- the [crosstalk] center.

Justin:

Yeah. Griffin's right. I mean, realistically, you should just suck it up. It's not, it'll, it'll suck but you know, sometimes .. as you get older, I think bad experiences are just as valuable as good experiences as long as they stick with you. Because you know, realistically, it might suck that day, but the next day it'll be funny and you'll be glad that you still preserved that friendship, and this relationship will probably self-destruct.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Justin:

Um, so you know, preserve your-

Travis:

Say that to her on the wedding day.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

Don't do any of that. Yahoo Answers-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

I mean, Yahoo Answer, I can I drop it?

Justin:

I was about to ask you personally to drop that.

Griffin:

Uh, Chris de Pugh sent this one in. Uh-

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

Thank you Chris de Pugh. Uh, it's from Yahoo Answers user, Prashant Khapre.

Justin:

Wait.

Griffin:

(laughs).

Justin:

Hold on. My whole day is about this person's name now. Could you please read it again?

Travis:

One more time?

Griffin:

Prashant Khapre.

Travis:

Please spell the first name?

Griffin:

P-R-A-S-H-A-N-T, K-H-A-P-R-E.

Justin:

Prashant. I love it, it's- okay.

Travis:

That's awesome.

Griffin:

It's incredible. Any future question we get about baby names, Prashant.

Travis:

Prashant.

Griffin:

... Khapre.

Justin:

Prashant. Or, uh, I would also accept Kafrederick.

Griffin:

(laughs) Okay. Uh, if you do name your baby this, make sure they don't get on the internet and ask questions like, how many months dose baby girl and baby boy takes for delivery?

Justin:

(gasps loudly) (laughs)

Griffin:

Generally, on an average, how many months or weeks dose baby boy takes for delivery, and how many dose baby girl takes? And dose it differ country, continent wise?

Travis:

(laughs)

Griffin:

Whoa!

Justin:

Whoa! Prashant?

Griffin:

Are those... Additional details, are those months, weeks, counted from first day of last menses or from the ovulation?

Justin:

This person is widely vacillating between being a scientist and being a stupid person.

Griffin:

(laughs). Um-

Justin:

Right? It's like, uh, what's-

Travis:

She's cobbled together knowledge from pamphlets she's read.

Justin:

Yeah. She just saying things that's she's heard, like a child. She's like a child. Or he, I don't know, Prashant?

Griffin:

Prashant is a, uh-

Justin:

A- I can't get too mad at Prashant, though.

Griffin:

I think it's a lady. I don't know.

Travis:

To answer your question, Prashant, what happens is, so there's a gestation period and then the fetus crawls into the mother's pouch-

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Travis:

... and finishes its development-

Griffin:

Yes.

Travis:

... um, and then is born with a full knowledge of the world.

Griffin:

But, but that's not what this question is asking. Let's, let's break out the flow chart and figure this out. In America, in North America, the continent of North America, it takes a baby boy 40 weeks to develop, right? A baby girl takes around 36, 37 weeks. Um, because-

Travis:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Griffin:

... because women develop faster than men. That's science. Uh, and south of the Equator, we'll say South America, um-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... it, it's a little bit faster. It's about 25 weeks for boys, and about 20 weeks for girls. Uh, Antarctica-

Travis:

But that's 'cause of all the coke.

Griffin:

Yeah. An- Antarctica it's like, fuck, like, a few days.

Justin:

Oh, really?

Griffin:

Yeah, yeah. Um, for, for boys. Girls is pretty much instantaneous which is (laughs), I- I'm not gonna lie, uh, it's, it's rough on the women's bodies down there in Antarctica.

Travis:

And also on the men's psyche.

Griffin:

Yeah (laughs). Whoa... oh no, what have I done?

Travis:

(laughs) And, baby.

Griffin:

Let- do you wanna do another Yahoo Answer question? I feel like we didn't get that much traction off the last one.

Travis:

Yeah, do it.

Griffin:

Uh, this, uh, Yahoo Answers question was sent in by Chris de Pugh.

Justin:

Wow.

Griffin:

It's, uh-

Justin:

He's crushing it.

Griffin:

It's from X-X Erica, X-X cute.

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

Who-

Justin:

So, it's a man. A thir- 30 year-old man.

Griffin:

Uh, who asks... (clears throat) how to be sexy when you're in eighth grade.

Travis:

Huh?

Justin:

Whoa.

Griffin:

I wanna be se-

Travis:

Oh, no.

Griffin:

I wanna be sexy and I need a man, anyone. Anyone?

Travis:

(laughs)

Griffin:

I think a more appropriate question is, how can I *not* be sexy when I'm in eighth grade, right?

Justin:

Yeah. How can I stop finding eighth graders (laughs) sexy?

Travis:

I am so bothered right now.

Griffin:

Um-

Travis:

Oh, Jesus.

Griffin:

Um, just get into Mommy's Cosmos-

Travis:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... uh, the magazine, not the beverage, although, although either one, right?

Justin:

Yeah, what's up?

Griffin:

And, uh, just dress like, y- any girl that you see in the book.

Justin:

Yeah. Any girl.

Travis:

God...

Justin:

And the, um, the- when you show more skin, that makes men happier. It makes them-

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Justin:

... think you're nice, I guess. To put it-

Travis:

And make sure to tell everyone that you will accept anyone.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Justin:

Any man.

Griffin:

Anyone!

Justin:

And on the internet, make sure on the internet you say you will accept any man, and you need a man, and you're in eighth grade.

Travis:

There's nothing men love more than the sweet smell of desperation.

Griffin:

Oh, god.

Justin:

Pre-teen desperation.

Travis:

(laughs).

Justin:

Someone who's-

Travis:

I'm afraid of dying alone!

Justin:

...beaten down by life before they've had a chance to live.

Griffin:

(laughs).

Justin:

That's what I like. Yum.

Griffin:

I mean, I, I c- I understand. Like, it gets hard sometimes. I mean, The Wiggles got canceled. I mean, what are you supposed to do now? What are

you supposed to watch? Justin Bieber's dating that one, that one... that *bitch*.

Justin:

I'm not looking for Mr. Right.

Griffin:

You took my Bieber away.

Justin:

I'm (laughs) looking for Captain Feathersword.

Travis:

(laughs)

Griffin:

Um-

Justin:

Literally that actor. He could (snorts) holler at me.

Griffin:

I, uh, this... I'm afraid like, Chris Hanson's gonna kick in my door pretty-

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

... pretty soon.

Justin:

Yeah, at any moment. I got, I got a question from, uh, (laughs) from Mary, uh, via, via Gmail. Um, she says, I'm a student at Dartmouth College. Our official mascot is The Big Green. With your bountiful wit and charm, might you d- be able to devise a mascot that is, at least, slightly more domineering than a color swatch? Mary, I been thinking about this a lot and what I would, I would like to suggest is that you, uh, uh, get a mascot who is named after a notable graduate of Dartmouth. We, uh, that s- it sounds logical enough, right?

Travis:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Justin:

What if... let me suggest this. What about the Fightin' Rachel Dratches?

Travis:

(laughs)

Griffin:

(laughs) Okay, so-

Justin:

Okay.

Griffin:

... just, just to clear this up, you did some pre-pro for this question, correct?

Justin:

A little, a touch of pre-pro. Uh, might I suggest (laughs), uh, the Fightin' Alison Fanellis, best known for her work as Ellen on Pete & Pete (laughs).

Travis:

Please tell me that's the full, that's the full mascot name?

Justin:

That is the full mascot! Everybody'll be like, '(chanting) All right. Let's go, Fightin' Alison Fanellis Best Known for her Work as Ellen on Pete & Pete." (laughs)."

Travis:

See, I, I like to think of what the costume for the mascot's gonna be and I really like the Fightin' Racists (laughs).

Justin:

The Fightin' Racists?

Travis:

Yeah.

Justin:

Oh, the, so they look, they dress like Dr. Who?

Travis:

Yeah. (laughs)

Justin:

They show up in a Tardis!

Griffin:

What, what struck me-

Travis:

And then just come out... and hate Black people.

Griffin:

What struck me, uh, when I read this question. The, the idea that landed in my mind instantly, how about the Dartmouth Fancy Lads?

Travis:

(laughs).

Justin:

Oh, just like little gentlemen?

Griffin:

Just like a little foppish gentleman with like, a sailor's scarf and, uh, a beret. Uh, and very short shorts with knee-high stockings. And maybe a little bit of makeup. Maybe just a little makeup on his face.

Justin:

Uh, what about-

Travis:

I love it.

Justin:

What about the Fightin' Shonda Rhimes, screenwriter, director and producer for Grey's Anatomy?

Griffin:

Yeah, Shonda. That's a good one, too.

Justin:

Shonda Rhimes. Her costume could just be a woman having sex with television and destroying it.

Griffin:

(laughs).

Justin:

Just fucking it up for everybody (laughs).

Griffin:

Oh, shit.

Justin:

Oh god. What about the Battlin' Aisha Tylers? (laughs).

Griffin:

See... now I've got a Wikipedia Dartmouth College, so I can get in on all the fun that you're having right now.

Justin:

I've used 'em up, I'm sorry, it's cached.

Griffin:

Oh, no.

Travis:

I don't know, I don't know where she went to college, but the Fightin' Angela Lansburys, I think-

Justin:

Yep.

Travis:

... is just really intimidating and at the same time, uh, just a beautiful symbol.

Griffin:

I have to imagine that she went to college somewhere European.

Griffin:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Justin:

You think something like- like (mumbles unintelligibly) University or something. Something fancy. I wanna hear Griffin's last question, but, uh, before we, we, uh, move on to that, I did want to tell you that you've been listening to My Brother, My Brother and Me. It's a, an advice show for the modern era. Uh, if you want to ask us a question, you can do so on MBMBaM.com. All the, the different methods are there. Um, you can also

buy our app, uh, the... My Brother, My Brother and Me Appspexperience. Um, get it on iTunes and, uh, and, uh, you c- uh, w- methods to ask us questions are there. If you want to buy, uh, clothing for My Brother, My Brother and Me, there are some very few, uh, uh, t-shirts still in the store. Um, we are going to be restocking very soon. Um, the mediums on the logo shirt are sold out. The larges on the logo shirt are sold out.

Um, I mean they're, times are, it's tight times over there, so if you want something, go over there and get it. Um, uh, the Hey Jeffrey shirt we probably won't be, uh, doing another version of, the logo shirt. Um, we will probably do it in a different color. So, uh, if you got any requests, we got a Facebook thread up that you can go weigh in on, and you should join the My Brother, My Brother and Me appreciation group, too, um, 'cause it's a group of really nice people. Um, uh, what else am I forgetting? Thanks again to the Hoff.

Griffin:

Thank you so much, Hoff.

Justin:

Um, thanks Hoff. Um-

Griffin:

Thanks to everybody who's, uh, who's been holding parties. Uh-

Justin:

Yes. Yes.

Griffin:

We didn't, I don't think I got an invite to the latest [[Mondlock?]] but I'm sure that the, the Mondlock party is still rolling, as is the Nugent. Um...

Travis:

My favorite stories we've gotten are the people who have accidental listening parties. Just 'cause I like the image of the moment of like, looking around and going, "Wait. I have, like, 10 people here. Lis- this is a party. Oh, my goodness."

Justin:

Um, the... yeah, uh, we have an alpha and... no, actually we have a prime-

Travis:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Justin:

... and a beta (laughs)-

Travis:

Yup.

Justin:

... uh, uh, uh, listening fan club, so if you want to be *tres*, if you want to be the, the triple, uh, get in touch with us and let us know who's gonna be at the party. Uh, we will record something for you, a personal greeting for your party. The only thing you have to do is, uh, take some pictures afterwards and let us see them.

Griffin:

We, uh, we had a newcomer from... in the form of Michael Sinodas, uh, that, that had a listening party last week. I don't know if this is going to be a perpetual thing, though. He's got to prove himself if he wants that, if he wants that delta status.

Justin:

Yeah. Or no, he would be triple. I mean, he got in there.

Griffin:

Yeah.

Justin:

Yeah. Um, so thank you again, as always. Like, we, we can't thank you enough. Thank you for rating the show on iTunes and reviewing the show on iTunes and telling your friends about it and, and, uh, and everything. We, it, it means a lot to us.

Griffin:

I want to thank... let's see. Uh, let's do some shoutouts. Modest Madison, always-

Justin:

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Griffin:

... turning out the, the recommendations, thank you. Thank you, uh, Stackmasters.

Justin:

Yeah.

Griffin:

And, uh, oh, oh... thank you, uh, JD Short, who, uh, reminded me last night that, uh, we had to do the show. Uh, I was in a, I was in a drunken fugue state after watching the Reds lose the playoffs and I, I had forgotten completely to get the question list together, and he reminded me to record the show, so thank you, thank you-

Justin:

(laughs).

Griffin:

... JD Short.

Justin:

Uh, also our bro- our buddy Brentalfloss spied somebody at New York Comic Con walking around with an MBMBaM shirt.

Griffin:

Oh, really?

Travis:

Yay!

Justin:

Yes.

Griffin:

That's awesome.

Justin:

Yeah. And there was a guy right behind him in a surgical mask (laughs). So it's a pretty great picture. If that was you, holler. Let us know, we'll be your friend forever. Okay. Griffin, give us the, the final question that, question we'll ponder and think on for the remainder of the week.

Griffin:

Uh, okay. This question was sent in by this week's platinum question submitter, submi- submissioner, submariner, Chris de Pugh.

Justin:

Wow, hat trick.

Griffin:

Hat trick from the, from the CDP. Uh, it's from Yahoo Answers user, Searbear who asks, my goldfish are very quiet? (laughs)

Justin:

(laughs) I'm Justin McElroy.

Travis:

I'm Travis McElroy.

Griffin:

I'm Griffin McElroy.

Justin:

It's been My Brother, My Brother and Me. Kiss your dad square on the lips.

[music plays]